



## **“QUAY NOTES” - September 2005**

*(News, views and information for residents of Merchants Landing)*

### **Your Committee Members**

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### **Gordon's Bristol Bites** **Floating Harbour 1969**

Towards the end of the 1960's it was clear that Bristol's ancient harbour was too small to be economically viable. It was to close commercially. The question was "What to do with it?".

A serious proposal came from the City Council in 1969 that "to permit freedom for replanning" navigation rights should be extinguished through the harbour between Cumberland Basin and Totterdown Lock and also from Totterdown Lock to Netham Lock on the Feeder canal.

Waterways most appropriate for reclaiming and of least potential for value as waterways were listed as:

- a) the whole of the Feeder canal
- b) the Floating Harbour between St Philip's Bridge & the Feeder
- c) half the section between Cumberland Basin & St Augustine's Reach. This last area amounted to some 24 acres of which about half would be "reclaimed".

It was proposed to retain a waterway through the city for small craft of a size suitable to traverse the Kennet & Avon Canal. A minimum draught of 3½ft was suggested. Clearly the council saw this as an opportunity to provide more land in the centre of Bristol for buildings, roads and car parks.

Plans were put on view to the public. Needless to say opposition to the proposals was vociferous and the plans never materialised. It just goes to show that, at least in 1969 public opposition to development proposals had the desired effect.

### ***Results of the Captions Competition.***

*The winning entry, and it has to be admitted, the only entry, was from Clive and Margaret. They suggested a choice of two captions, and to save me having to decide, here they both are. Thank you Clive and Margaret, it was nice to have a response.*

### **Seagull places small deposit on new harbourside development**



### **Seagull claims squatters rights**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October** – a date for your diary.

**Not only the Amenities company AGM, but ALSO Gordon Faulkner will be giving one of his talks. Don't miss it!**

## Some helpful hints from Janet Wilkinson of 6 Wapping Road

Firstly, we had a problem with a couple of our metal framed windows where the springs had broken - by luck the company who came out to fix them also have the contract for maintenance of the windows for the office blocks on Merchants Landing and therefore had the right springs in stock. They were very prompt and helpful and I thought that others on Merchants Landing might be interested in the details. They are:

D W R Services  
Dion: 07788 587294 or Andy: 07788 587269

We also had a problem when our garage door got stuck in the 'open' position - the company who came to fix it was both a reasonable price and, more importantly, with us within about 90 minutes of the problem happening. The details for this are:

Up and Over Garage Door Repairs 0117 961 6165

Finally, a request. We have rearranged some of the kitchen units in our house and are currently looking for some additional wall units to fill in a space - we would be very interested in talking to anyone who is replacing their original oak Merchants Landing kitchen about us buying some/all of their kitchen units if they would like to contact us at any point. Our number is 0117 925 9707.

### **RUBBISH RULES.**

The City Council have brought in new rules for the handling of our waste. The principal change is that now they will only empty one bin per household.

Please be good neighbours and don't leave extra bags in communal areas. Sometimes the bin men take them - other times they don't. And if they're left lying around for any period of time bin bags tend to get ripped open by the gulls, cats and foxes, which is unpleasant for everybody. If you have rubbish which can't be recycled, and which won't fit into your bin, you can take it to the Household Waste Recycling Centre at Folly Lane, St Philip's (off Days Road).

### **MLRA Committee meeting**

28<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm at 5MQ.  
If you have any items for the meeting, please let a committee member know.

### **MLRA Treasurer and Secretary.**

We have a new Treasurer, Shirley Stark, and a new Secretary, Mary Rackham.

Welcome Shirley and Mary to your new jobs!

**Planning for Redcliffe – Do you want a four storey block of flats on the south side of Bathurst Basin??**

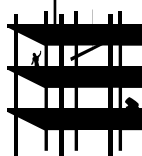
**There will be a meeting with Cabot Cruising Club on Wednesday 7th September at 7.30pm on board the John Sebastian (the light ship) to discuss this proposed development.**

### **Coming events**

**03-04/09/05 Bristol International Festival of Kites at Ashton Court**

Thanks to Peter for the above.

Peter Brooks, Bristol Harbour Homes, 2 Trin Mills, Bristol, BS1 4RJ



### **Quay Notes**

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