



“QUAY NOTES” - Christmas 2006

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

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Follow up from the AGM:

Satellite Dishes and Antenna - Keep Merchants Landing Looking Good

Merchants Landing is in a Conservation Area and some of the properties are Listed. This means that this is a designated area. Before buying or installing antennas and dishes you would be well advised to check if you need Planning Permission or Listed Building Consent.

If you live in a Listed Building and want to install dishes or antenna on that building you generally need to apply for Listed Building Consent for any antenna that affects the character or appearance of a Listed Building or its setting.

If you live in a designated area, that is the Conservation Area, the antennae should not be installed on a chimney, a wall or a roof slope which faces onto or is visible from a road, public footpath, and is unseen from the front of the house/flats.

Remember that you are responsible for applying for Planning Permission, and getting that approval before you install an antenna or dish. Positioning of this equipment is important too. This needs to be inconspicuous, and located wherever it will not be seen by neighbours or the general public. There is always the possibility of a local authority sending you an Enforcement Notice demanding that you move the antenna.

For more guidance contact the Bristol City Council, Planning Department : Telephone No. 0117 922 3097 or get hold of a copy of the Householder's Planning Guide for the Installation of Antennas and Satellite Dishes published by the Deputy Prime Minister – Produce Code Reference 05 PD 03533.

Margaret Cartledge

Neighbourhood Watch

Reminder. Remove all items of any value from your car or visitors car. Leave your glove box lid open. No mobile phones or phone holders in the vehicle.

At Christmas suggest you do not leave any packaging or boxes on display by your dustbin that have contained desirable items. These boxes may focus a potential intruder to your property.

If you are going out, or away for a while, suggest that you leave your radio on. (Radio 4 or any talking prgm) will do. This action could put intruders off. Some casual intruders do listen at the letterbox for sounds of activity. Make sure the place where you live looks occupied to the passing intruder, particularly at night. Make sure your lighting timer switches are working.

Report any untaxed vehicle Tel 0800 032 5202 - Police vehicle crime Tel 0845 7234 999 -

If you contact the Police non-emergency Tel 0845 456 7000 or Emergency Tel 999 please state that the call must be tagged Neighbourhood watch Cabot area.

Scam - If you have a card put through door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) stating they were unable to deliver a parcel and that you need to contact them on 0906 6611911 (Prem rate No) If you call the number you will hear a recorded message and you will already have been billed £15 for the phone call. If you do receive a card with these details, please contact the Royal Mail Fraud on 0207 239 6655 or ICSTIS (The premium rate service regulator) a www.icstis.org.uk or your local Trading Stds office. I think this one has been around before.

Handy information For best petrol and diesel prices in your area try this site.

www.petrolprices.com

Have you ever locked your remote ignition key in your car? If you have a mobile phone, and you happen to lock your key in your vehicle and you have a spare key at home, this is what to do. Using your mbl phone, telephone the mbl telephone number of the person who has the spare remote ign key. With the line still open, hold your phone about a foot away from your locked vehicle and have the other person at home press their unlock button on their key close to the voice end of their phone. Your car will unlock. Distance no object.

John Bates - DEC 06



Burns Night Supper

Wednesday 24th January 2007 at 7.30pm on board the “John Sebastian”

Tickets £6.50 to include a wonderful Burns Night supper and entertainment. (Drink can be purchased from the Bar. You will be invited to bring a little food. More details later.)

Tickets are very limited so get in early or risk missing the event of the year! Contact Mary or Anthony at No 5 Merchants Quay for your ticket.

Marchioness Building Planning Application.

The application to build on the Marchioness site has been rejected. However the applicant has leave to appeal.

One of the key issues considered by the Council Officers in reaching their decision was the impact that the proposal might have had on the Light Rail Transit scheme which would still seem to be a future possibility. We thought that this scheme had been put very much on the 'back-burner', but obviously not

Contractors vehicles.

If you have a contractor working on your house, please make sure that they leave a note in the windscreen stating where they are working. There have been too many occasions when residents have been inconvenienced by thoughtless parking.

Quay Notes

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A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR NEIGHBOURS



Gordon's Bristol Bites

New Cut Construction

In 1807 a traveller, surname of Malcolm, passed along what is now lower Guinea Street and crossed the line of the New Cut, then under construction. This is an excerpt from his description of the works. It is apparent that even at that time manual labour was being replaced by steam power.

An unpleasant lane leads from the (Gibb) ferry to the verge of the new canal. As I passed this, a labourer advanced, and requested that I would return, as a person had at that instant fired the train of a ball of gunpowder, by means of which the workmen loosen the otherwise immovable rocks of the site. In an instant the explosion occurred, and I saw a thousand splinters of various sizes hurled into the air, that as instantaneously fell, in a dangerous shower, in a circle probably 400 feet in diameter.

The shock had not only rifted the rock immediately surrounding the powder, but immense fragments were removed from their beds, where wedges were driven into them, and they are thus reduced small enough to be raised with cranes by four men, into the carts which are conveyed up the sides of the banks on stages, by operation of steam-engines erected on the verge of the canal, that turn several wheels, and those two others, with chains of vast length and strength round them, which by their revolutions lower empty, and raise the filled carts attached to the chains.

A temporary bridge, erected with the stone and intended mortar, crossed the canal at that time; but the fierce red of the sand in the latter ruined the appearance of the work. Iron bridges are, however to be exclusively preferred.

Advertising signs.

In response to the item in the last Quay Notes concerning the practice of companies leaving advertising boards on the outer railings of a house after completing the works, the following was received:

"I think IT ALL DEPENDS. Clearly if the advertising refers to the construction of a brothel which is scheduled to open in 12 months time, then I would reckon our fellow residents would not recognise any benefit, directly not indirectly, from such a message. Nor would I.

But if the import of the message were to suggest that (despite the immediate economics) a resident is investing "greenly", then surely we can allow that message to be pondered by other equally fortunate (in financial terms) and considerate residents. If a few weeks' visual sensitivity of the few is the price paid to achieve just one more conversion to a greener world, I think it is a price gladly to be suffered."

Others have said that it lowers the tone of the area. With whom do you agree? Let us know!



City and County of Bristol Anagrams

Answers to 5 Merchants Quay before end of 2006. First correct answer out of the box WILL receive a prize! Go for it even if you can't get them all!

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| SOCKET FROST
HILL AND BORN
DRAWN ODD HUM
SEMI-ALLIED
FINE BULGINESS, SPIN DOCTOR
HELL ! DAFT NARCOTIC
LULL IS BIG WIND
HEAD WREST
RECTIFY FARM SLED
GENE CELL OGRE
SQUARER FAKIRS
HAIRS THEREOF
NUCLEIC HOTHOUSE
SELECT ANGER
SMART, NEAT JOBS
PALE STEMMED
TERRIBLY CARNAL
CLEAN, DUMB BRAINS
UP, SADIST GUARANTEES
SINISTER RATBAG
THAT WET HEM
STUN SOBER VIRILITY
BOLD, HOT, PRIME TROPHIES
WORTHY TAPE
HELL NOT TO CLASH | LOCALIZATIONS - LORD ROBS EGG
ON THIS SMART ALECK
WIN MODERN DEBTS
ERECT SNORT
I AM THE SLUMMIER TOAD
TO BOAT CREW
LIBERALISATION - PORN NOR TIT ART
CELIBATE BOSS
TOM LARKED
CAB WHELKS
I HIT CLAMSHELLS
OH ! STAGNATE
CHEAP, DRAB, OMNIPRESENT DOG
CALL IT SHORTBREAD
ON ARBITRARILY, OR FLIMSY
ON A SHORTCUT
IS WHOLE DOG
TO FIND CLOWN
CHEMIST'S STRAPS
INOFFENSIVELY UNTESTED WARTHOG
PERVERT - CONCISE SATIRIST
OR MOTIVATES CHOIR
ROBBED RIG LIST
TREE WORTH A WET
THE OLD GREED |
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