



“QUAY NOTES” - June 2008

(News, views and information for residents of Merchants Landing) www.mlra.co.uk

OUR NEXT EVENT!! At our last committee meeting, we agreed to support a local charity set up to dramatically improve the healthcare in the beautiful island of Zanzibar. You can look at the website on www.makunduchi.com. The important thing is that because we are in very close contact, we know that every penny is spent directly on ‘the project’. In order to support this, we plan to hold a...

‘CHARITY AUCTION’

Our Charity auction will take place on Wed. 18th June at 7.30 pm. on the JS.

The doctors involved will do a short presentation on the project, and their work, and are shortly to depart to work in Zanzibar. Some ‘lots’ are already pledged, including donations such as:-

- **Sunday Lunch@ ‘The Louisiana’ for 2**
- **Reflexology session**
- **Organic Dinner for 4**
- **Evening Cruise on the ‘Bessie Grace’**
- **Complete house Window Clean**

HAVE YOU GOT SOMETHING YOU COULD OFFER ? CAN YOU OFFER A SERVICE THAT WOULD FETCH A GOOD BID AT AUCTION?? TELL THE EDITORS - rackhams@talktalk.net

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

We will also be holding a pig-roast in the marquee in the amenities area on Saturday 30th August 2008, and Giovanni from the Louisiana has kindly agreed to do the roast. Tickets will be available at £6.50 each from 1st August 2008. Some games will be organised, ie boules, but if you have a favourite, bring it along. Friends and families are invited. Drinks will be on a BYO basis. It will be great!! So – meet you there!

WAPPING WHARF UPDATE

Demolition work is under way, as you will have noticed. Umberslade is committed to going ahead with the infrastructure / street works contract, so that serviced plots will be ready to develop when housing conditions improve – but there is now likely to be a delay in the start of construction of individual buildings on the site.

The new museum development progresses reasonably quietly. We have just received revised details for exhaust flues to extend beyond the roof line. Details can be reviewed against application No. 07/04471/FB in the Planning Dept.

Again, thanks to Jane Miller for the update

GORDON’S BRISTOL BITES

Admiral Sir William Penn

William Penn was born in Bristol in 1621. He became a career naval officer commanding as “General at Sea” the English fleet which captured Jamaica from the Spanish in 1655. He was the hero of the naval victory at the Battle of Lowestoft against the Dutch in 1665. He lent substantial sums of money to King Charles II.

The Admiral’s son, also William was expelled from Christ Church Oxford for religious non-conformity. He became a member of the Society of Friends (the Quakers) and met their founder, George Fox in Bristol on latter’s return from America.

King Charles II discharged his debt to the Admiral via his son William by a grant of extensive territory in North America for the development of a Quaker colony there. William Penn wanted to call this territory “New Wales” or “Sylvania” (Latin for “woodlands”) but the King insisted on his old supporter’s name being included, hence “Pennsylvania”.

The Admiral is buried in St Mary Redcliffe church where there is a fine memorial to him that includes his Coat of Arms and naval pennants. Your correspondent, in his previous incarnation as a Blue Badge Tourist Guide, was once standing outside of the North Porch of St Mary Redcliffe describing all this to a group of American Tourists and concluded his little presentation with the words “You will find his Arms mounted on the North wall of the Nave” and hearing the wonderful reply with a strong American accent “So what did they do with his legs?”

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Merchants Landing Area security

Several residents have suggested that security would be improved if known 'hiding places' where thieves have been found hiding and searching through handbags etc. could be eliminated. Previously there was a hot spot near 'smokers alley', by the signpost and shown in the first photograph. The wall was lowered from about 6 feet (the standard height around Merchants Landing), to what you see in the picture. Behind the cars you can see the standard 6-foot wall height.



The first proposed reduction is to the wall near the herb garden bed and the walkway around Byzantine Court.

The second proposed reduction has more serious hiding spaces and is between the amenity area and the garages to Bathurst Parade. The alleyway behind the shrub on the left in the picture below, shown in the picture to the right is a hot spot. The shrubbery on the right of picture 3 has recently been cleared pending the planting of 'less thief friendly replanting'.



Comments about these suggestions will be welcomed and should be addressed to the Secretary or Directors of the Amenities Company as soon as possible.

Review of Local Planning Developments Discussed at Recent Redcliffe Futures Meetings

Redcliffe Wharf Beach. The situation has not changed. There will **not** be a beach this year. Redcliffe Futures are pressing BCC hard to reinstate a beach for next season which could be in a different location. A sponsor is needed to drive the project forward but nobody has been identified yet.

Redcliffe Wharf - Westmark(the developers) are in discussion with the BCC case officer (Nigel Butler) putting forward a view that Building F (to be built on the site of the existing boatyard) should not be changed in the way that emerged from the public consultations. Redcliffe Futures have declared that the design for building F is not acceptable and will be opposed strongly if it remains unchanged. Car parking plans adjacent to Building F have also received much criticism from the public. The Planning Application is on line at <http://e2edocs.bristol-city.gov.uk/WAM/findCaseFile.do?appName=planning&appNumber=07/05719/F>

Bristol General Hospital. A first meeting took place with Barton Willmore on 26th March 2008 which dealt mainly with Heritage matters. UBHT now looking at planning procedures with BCC planning department. UBHT have appointed a marketing consultant for the BGH site.

If you have any questions relating to the various developments taking place across Bathurst Basin in Redcliffe, contact **John Ashford** on 921 3495, at 3 Merchants Quay, or email john.ashford3@btopenworld.com

Quay Notes

Next edition will be out on 1st September 2008. Contributions to Mary and Anthony @ 5 Merchants Quay or preferably to rackhams@talktalk.net