

quay notes

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COMMUNITY PLANS TO RECONNECT REDCLIFFE

Over the past five years The Redcliffe Neighbourhood Development Forum has been formulating a Neighbourhood Development Plan (The Plan) which sets out the community's vision for how Redcliffe should develop. The Plan aims to reunite North and South Redcliffe through a clear set of community priorities and policies such as:

Affordable Family Homes ■ 40% affordable homes
■ 50% of homes to be family sized.

Community infrastructure ■ Ground floor dedicated to uses that benefit the community including independent shops, crèches, health services, artist workshops etc ■ Smaller divided plots to encourage diversity and community-led housing.

A new network of safe and accessible spaces ■ An attractive and safe linear park along Redcliffe Hill
■ A fitting setting for St Mary Redcliffe Church ■ Refurbish the Quakers Burial Ground & Chatterton's Gardens ■ Improve landscaping by including good design, street furniture, planting, water and lighting.

Living Heritage ■ Create a fitting setting for St Mary Redcliffe ■ Reduce the impact of traffic.

A better balance ■ Make the most of Redcliffe's city centre location next to the main train station ■ Reduction in the width of Redcliffe Way carriageway ■ Improve cycling and walking routes.

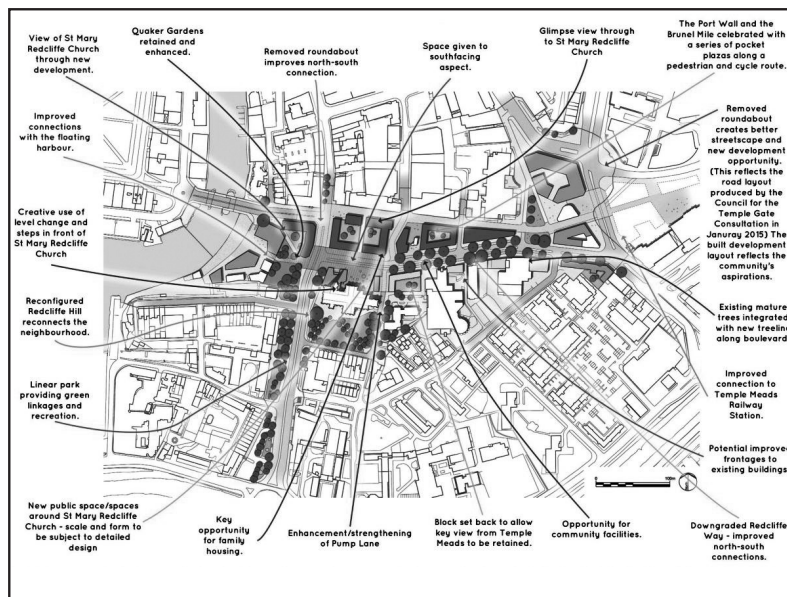
Support business & residents ■ Create facilities that make Redcliffe an attractive place to live and work including high-quality public and green space.

For further details visit www.redcliffeforum.org.uk

Going, going, gone!

The Cabot Cruising Club held their annual auction on Sat 12th November. The Commodore (Peter Halliday) took the opportunity to invite the residents of Merchants Landing. This created a nice cross-section of attendees who in turn brought along an interesting array of items to go under the hammer. The evening was a great success with everything being sold. Many donations from the sold items were given to the club. The 10% commission collected on each sale plus some of the sold item donations, generated a total return of £600 for the club.

Finally a big thank you to Paul Morris and Frank Pring who stole the show by making every sale so much fun. A very enjoyable evening was had by all. ■



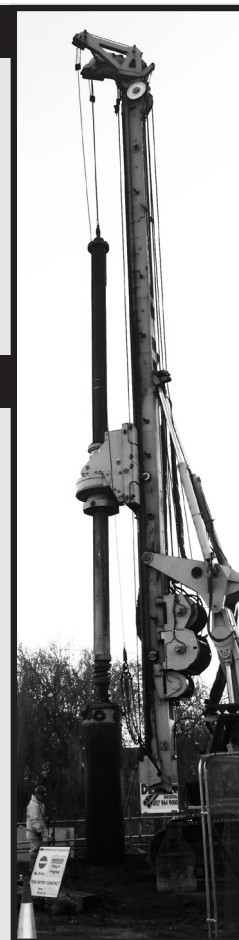
Now that's what I call a drill!

The new Metrobus bridge outside the Louisiana pub is progressing well. Having spoken to a few of the workmen I was informed that all the major support structures should be complete by the end of the January. The main span is then due to be lifted into place by the end of February which will enable the finished bridge to open to traffic before the end of March. ■

Prince Street bridge update

According to Councillor Mark Wright this is his news on the future of Prince Street bridge.

"An 'advisory' motion was brought before the Full Council in November regarding worries that it might be closed to cars when the repair works on it are finally completed. I have always opposed closing the bridge to cars because it is a critical access to Spike Island, which has only a couple of roads in and out, and I had already received assurances from the Cabinet councillor for Transport that it would remain open. I spoke for the Lib Dem group in favour of allowing cars to continue using the bridge, and in the end the Council voted 50 to 8 to do so, with just a few Green Party councillors voting against. We have been told that the repairs still won't be done until 'early in the new year'." ■





Santa cycle fun

Dust off your Santa outfit and be one of the first to cycle the new South Bristol Link before it opens to traffic. Why not join the fun and enjoy this traffic-free ride on Sunday 18th December? Registration is from 10am for an 11am start from the Gatehouse Centre in Bishopsworth and goes for 4.5km into North Somerset. Cyclists can then continue on for an additional 1km along the Festival Way cycle path into Ashton Court for a mince pie, a hot or soft drink and carols sung by a Welsh male-voice choir. Pre-register for this event now at:

betterbybike.info/santacycleride

ML(A)Ltd NEWS

Just a quick update ahead of the next ML(A)L meeting on the 19th December. John Brentnall, Gaenor Cashman, Roy Demery and Niki Thomas were all reappointed as Directors at the AGM in October and Mike Gaynor was also appointed replacing Mike Thorne.

Bristol Parking Services have now taken over the parking enforcement, so there are now regular patrols on the development. Please ensure that your permit is clearly displayed when using the parking spaces to avoid ticketing.

The next Director's meeting is on the 19th Dec. If any shareholder would like to add items to the agenda contact Roger Bryan at Bristol Leasehold Management or one of the Directors. ■

'TIS THE SEASON TO BE SINGING

It's that time of year again and if you'd like to get into the Christmas spirit why not put the 15th December in your diary? Come along and enjoy an evening of Carol singing with the Cabot Cruising Club on board their club house the John Sebastian Lightship in Bathurst Basin.

It's always a brilliant night and it wouldn't be complete without mulled wine and mince pies.

Take a look at their Facebook page or log on to their website for more information:

www.cabotcruisingclub.co.uk ■

**Subscriptions
for the
Merchants Landing
Resident's Association
are due on
1st January 2017.**

Payments
(£10 per household)
please to the Treasurer,
Shirly Stark at 8 Wapping Road.
THANK YOU.

WHAT'S ON?

15 DECEMBER
Carol singing onboard the John Sebastian
organised by the Cabot Cruising Club.

18 DECEMBER
Santa family bike ride.

18 FEBRUARY
BBC Studios tour.

SAVE THE DATE! 2 SEPTEMBER
Resident's boat trip.

RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION UPDATE



BBC Studio Tour

MLRA have booked a tour of the BBC BRISTOL STUDIOS on 18th February 2017. You'll hear how television and radio programmes are made and visitors will also have the chance to see the Points West and Radio Bristol studios. You might also like to visit the rooftop garden where the Points West weather forecast is broadcast. You will get an insight into many of your favourite programmes including Antiques Roadshow, Countryfile, The Food Programme and Flog It! as well as the Natural History Unit's programmes like Springwatch. Tickets are £9.25 adults, £8.50 concessions and are limited, further details will be available in the new year but to register your interest please email Joi.Demery@btinternet.com

Bathurst Basin/Ebenezer update

Chris Walsh attended a planning meeting regarding the O & M Sheds on 30th November. The last one was postponed for the developers to come up with a new plan which would not displace the Ebenezer. Apparently the Chair of the Planning Committee announced that the Council Property Services Dept was going to evict the Ebenezer, something he was not happy about.

Jan Walsh had an email from Councillor Paul Smith to say that they were still planning to relocate the Ebenezer to Bathurst Basin, which was causing even more distress and misery to the owner of the Ebenezer.

It is unclear what more can be done, but Jan continues to try to find out what is happening and will keep us all updated. ■

The Merchants Landing Residents Association Committee:

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Here's a chap who's clearly making the most of Christmas.
He certainly made me smile.

SPOTTED ON THE CENTRE, MON DEC 5th