

Back after a break

Hello, the Arts Quarter! The newsletter had a little rest over Christmas and then before the association's Annual General Meeting, but it's back and bursting with news for you. Not least the new roles decided at that AGM as well as plenty of 'hello's' for the new year.

As always this newsletter is for everyone, so if this is the year that you want to get more involved with your community, if you have a bit of news or intrigue for the newsletter, or fancy doing a little writing or reporting – please get in touch. It can be very rewarding!

AGM Round-up!

The association held its AGM on the 2nd of February at Café Delight on Perry Road and was well attended by a mixture of traders and residents.

The main aim of the AGM is to catch up on progress made during the year. It is also when people are elected to new roles. You may have read about the different roles and processes for nominating at the AGM in the notices emailed to you, or posted through your door.

The main discussion centred on outstanding planning issues; the Treasurer's report – which happily conveyed a healthy bank balance for the association thanks to continuing subscriptions and the Artisan Market; the Chair's report, which detailed the achievements of the association during the last year, including the revamped website

and many new events for the area. For a full copy of the minutes, please contact the association Secretary.

Next Meeting

NOTICEBOARD

Announcements



The next general meeting for the area is on the **2nd March at 6pm at The Ship** and will last around an hour.

A lil' something to click those fingers to

Choose your side: the Sharks and the Jets will be making an appearance in the Bristol Amateur Operatic Society's production of West Side Story in March, featuring of of the CSAQ's own: Jon Hayes of Colston Yard. Don your bandana and dance your way to **The Victoria Rooms. Clifton.**

West Side Story runs from Tuesday 23rd to Saturday 27th of March.



Calling all traders!

According to sources, customers like to pick this newsletter up for a quick gander whilst they wait for a sandwich, or for something lovely to be wrapped and bagged. Thusly, please leave it hanging around your counter or noticeboards. Customers well-versed in the affairs of the area are a boon for us all!

Insert yourself here:

Have an announcement to make that you want the world (well, the CSAQ catchment area) to hear? Send it our way and perhaps we can accommodate! Email: studio@wearechesapeake.org

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Market Plans

Despite the success of the first three Artisan Markets in 2009, the awful weather that plagued them couldn't be ignored and so it has been decided to run them from - hopefully the more clement months of - April though to September, with a special market for Christmas. The first market in April, continuing with the first Saturday in the month theme, helpfully falls on Easter weekend so that we can make it extra festive and gets lots of people to the area and participating in the community.

New Arts Trail



Sarah Bustamante and friends are looking to start organising work for the next show, which explores the photographic medium. If you have work you would like to display as part of the next show in May to June 2010, please send three jpeg's to: thestepsartstrail@gmail.com.

They are looking for work that explores all aspects of photography, is

creative and pushes the boundaries. It is hoped that the show will be part of the Bristol Festival of Photography.

Equally if you have a window space in the arts quarter that you would like to donate as a gallery space please get in touch.

HELLO SIGOODBYE

It's a big rollover month so here goes:

HELLO TO: Yoga Studio at 10 Park Row, Ground Force re-employment charity at Ropemaker Court on Lower Park Row, Café Oophaga at 16 Trenchard Street, Odd and Eden photography studio at 17 Christmas Steps, WOT clothing and trainers in the basement of Harry Blades and Angry Daves at 3 Christmas Steps, Munch Munch café at the bottom of Christmas Steps, Alioli café at Upper Maudlin Street. *Welcome all!*

It's **GOODBYE** and the very best of luck for the future to Cafe Zest formerly at the bottom of the Christmas Steps, Flamingos café on Upper Maudlin Street, Mouse to Minx boutique at 7 Christmas Steps and Ripe gifts and homeware on Perry Road.

WHO'S WHQ

In an obscene show of vanity, this time around I've decided to introduce myself as new co-Chair and newsletter mitherer, so you can put a guilty pleasure to the name **Jayne Marshall**.

*Please introduce yourself: who are you and what is your background?

My name is Jayne Marshall, I am originally from Coventry but came to Bristol to study in 1998 and forgot to go home. I studied English at UWE and then went onto do an MA in Literature, after that I still didn't know what to do with myself so fell into an IT job until I met Brett in 2006 and we egged each other on to open a shop.

*Are you a trader, resident or both?

I am a trader, but unfortunately not a resident, although I would love to live here as well as work.

*What are the name, location and nature of your business?

My shop is called SHOP it is at 19 Christmas Steps and it is a Vintage Lounge and Arts Venue. We recently became a non-profit, so that we sell vintage goods in order to fund community arts events.

*How long have you and/or your business been in the area?

Nearly three and a half years, unbelievably - didn't think we would last a year!

*Why did you choose this area to locate your business/live?

Because it has long had a reputation for independent arts-led trading.

*Do you have anything you would like to say to other residents and traders?

Thank you for making me co-Chair with Daniel, I will try and do my very best for the community and I hope together we can make it a good year for the area.

*Please name a guilty pleasure! **Excessive sleeping.**

Next General Meeting at The Ship Inn, 10 Lower Park Row on Tuesday 2nd March at 6pm followed by a festive social gathering from 7pm. Be there!