



# The New Club Times

November 28<sup>th</sup> 2025

## The November Quiz Night

Ian McPherson writes:



Twenty-eight quizzers assembled for the usual fun and slightly chaotic last quiz of the year on Friday 21st. The usual team got the highest score but had their prize seized from under their noses to be given to the two teams drawing in second place as they had won too many times. A small power play on my part.

There will be no quiz in December and in 2026 the quiz will routinely be held on the **First Friday** of the month. We will reconvene on **Friday January 9th, 2026**, as the Club is closed on the first Friday.

*The timetable for the year, together with the timetable for the Music Group, can be found at the end of the NCT (cut out and keep!).*

## House Notes

Marilyn Burn writes:

**An Evening at the Opera:** so many of you have said to me that this was one of the best ever evenings at the club that I am repeating it here. Somehow everything was right, and the singers were magnificent.

As one aficionado said afterwards "All the best bits with none of the dross"!

*A really splendid evening.*

**Club Christmas Supper: Wednesday December 3rd 6.30 for 7 £40 Guests £45**



This will be our last "normal" club supper of the year. Come and enjoy yourselves with your friends before it all becomes frenetic.

**Classic Prawn Cocktail with Bloody Mary Mayonnaise**

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**Hand Carved Roast Turkey with all the trimmings**

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**Poached Pears with Red Wine, Ginger and Star Anise and Clotted Cream**

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**Cheese and fruit**

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**Coffee and Mince Pies**

Please write to me at [housenewclub@gmail.com](mailto:housenewclub@gmail.com) or sign up on the board.

**Dark Nights Club Christmas Lunch: Wednesday December 10<sup>th</sup> 12.30 for 1pm  
£32.50 Guests £37.50**



Members have been telling me that these lunches are a great chance to come out in the light, meet your friends and get home in time for crumpets (if you've room).

It will be a lovely, relaxed occasion **so write to me at [housenewclub@gmail.com](mailto:housenewclub@gmail.com), or sign up on the board.**

**Duo of Melon & Exotic Fruits, Lemon Sorbet, Crystallised Ginger Syrup**

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**Escalope of Salmon, Dill Crumb, Crayfish & Lemon Creamed Gnocchi, Buttered Spinach**

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**Coffee and Mince Pies**

**The Choir at Christmas and Black-tie dinner: Friday December 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Choir 6.15- 7pm, drinks 7pm, dinner 7.30**

**Choir £45, Non choir £55, Guests £60**

We are full to bursting for this splendid evening, for which Christina is attaching the list. You will see that there are 85 (85!) on it, as I have overbooked, sure in the knowledge that there will be cancellations. The cut off number is 80.



**Please will you check the list** and make sure you are on it if you want to be and tell me if you don't want to be. Free cancellations for this will be up to December 8<sup>th</sup> as it requires so much planning for so many.

Some people told me that they particularly enjoyed being in the **coffee room** for Founders' Dinner as it was quiet and intimate: **please let me know** if you would like to be in there on tables for 6. Also please let me know if there is **anyone you particularly want to sit with**. I can't guarantee it, but I'll try. **Write to me at [housenewclub@gmail.com](mailto:housenewclub@gmail.com)**

The menu looks very special:

**Canapes in the Bar**

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**Beetroot and Gin Cured Smoked Salmon, Pickled Watermelon,  
Clementine and Honey Vinaigrette, Dill Rye Bread**

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**Confit of Duck with Mulled Wine Jus, Pancetta,  
Cavolo Nero, Heirloom Carrots and Duchesse Potatoes**

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**Double Chocolate Truffle Mousse Enhanced with Whisky and Coffee Liqueur**

**New Year's Eve: Dinner 7.30 for 8, Discotheque 10pm, Carriages 12.30**

**£65 Guests £70** We're having a party! We're seeing out the old year and seeing in the new year in style, with a fabulous feast, followed by a disco in the hall (or just a gossip with your friends). Ian is arranging the disco, which is a huge relief as when Mario told me they were spending New Year with the family this year I began to get palpitations. He is going to leave paper on each table so ask for your favourite New Year music and Ian will do his best to play it.



I told Carl that my favourite course at one of my favourite restaurants in London, Bellamy's, is their iced lobster souffle. Bellamy's chef and front of house are the old Annabel's staff, who left when it was taken over by the appalling Richard Caring, and they took some of the menu favourites from there with them, including the iced lobster souffle. I was delighted to find it again but discovered that the chef had invented it and refused to reveal the recipe. When I told Carl, it put him on his mettle, and he has decided to replicate it for us on NYE. So the wonderful menu is:

**Iced Lobster Souffle with Melba Toast**

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**Kir Royal Sorbet**

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**Whole Roast Fillet of Beef with a Claret Jus, a Fricasse of Wild Mushrooms, Smoked Pancetta, Garlic and Thyme Fondant Potatoes, Honeyed Heritage Carrots and Parsnips and Buttered Cavalo Nero**

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**Caramelised Oranges with Cardamom, Grand Marnier Cream and Toasted Meringues**

Write to me at [housenewclub@gmail.com](mailto:housenewclub@gmail.com) to book.

**Saturday Brunches:** Remember: *no Saturday brunches in December.*



The staff are working flat out including Mondays in December, and they must have time to sleep and relax (so they tell me).

***But starting again on January 10<sup>th</sup>.***

**Christmas Decorations:** I hope you agree that the Club looks wonderfully festive. And that is due to the ***flower ladies***, who came in on Friday and decorated the staircase in particular so beautifully (***Felicity*** made all the new bows), and particularly to ***Mario and Sue***, who laboured long and hard with the wall hangings and the lights.



***Thank you all very much indeed.***

## Membership Matters

Patrick Brooke writes:



Members rushed to settle their subscriptions for 2025/26, after my last plea. It was pleasing to see the flurry of payments and we are down now to only 3 unpaid subscriptions.

For those that have paid, your car park pass is in the collection box between the bar and dining room and I should be grateful if you would pick up your pass and display it prominently on your car windscreen.

I have noticed cars parked still with the old 2024/25 blue pass. It doesn't necessarily mean that valid members have parked at the Club as there has been a significant churn in membership this time. It makes life for the staff just that little bit harder when they are managing the spaces for legitimate members' use.

*So please pick up the new passes and display them. Thank you.*

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## Events Calendar

**Note: For all events, please sign up in The Club or ring/email the organiser**  
 (\*\* denotes newly added events)

Date	Time	Event	Organiser/Contact
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	11am	<b>Book Group</b> Pre-Christmas Quiz and lunch	Tom Potter <a href="mailto:gtpotter@btinternet.com">gtpotter@btinternet.com</a>
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	6pm	<b>Club Italiano Conversation</b> Meet in the Bar then go to Library	Paulette Faulkner <a href="mailto:clubitaliano24@gmail.com">clubitaliano24@gmail.com</a>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	6.30pm for 7pm	<b>Christmas Club Supper</b> £40 (Guests £45)	Marilyn Burn <a href="mailto:housenewclub@gmail.com">housenewclub@gmail.com</a>
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	11.45 for 12pm	<b>Ladies' Lunch</b> £30	Felicity Davies <a href="mailto:felicityjdavies@icloud.com">felicityjdavies@icloud.com</a>
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	12.30pm for 1pm	<b>Christmas Club Lunch</b> £32.50 (Guests £37.50)	Marilyn Burn <a href="mailto:housenewclub@gmail.com">housenewclub@gmail.com</a>
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	<b>Music Group</b> Theme: <i>Humour in Music</i> Followed by Bar snacks £5	Ian McPherson <a href="mailto:ianmcperson@fastmail.com">ianmcperson@fastmail.com</a>
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> / Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	All Day	<b>The Christmas Meeting</b> Racing at Prestbury Park	Stephen Hodge <a href="mailto:stephenghodge@hotmail.com">stephenghodge@hotmail.com</a>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Choir 6.15- 7pm Drinks 7- 7.30pm Dinner 7.30pm	<b>Black Tie Christmas Dinner</b> With Choir Concert £55 (Choir £45 Guests £60)	Marilyn Burn <a href="mailto:housenewclub@gmail.com">housenewclub@gmail.com</a>
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> December	7.30pm for 8pm	<b>New Year's Eve Dinner</b> £65 (Guests £70)	Marilyn Burn <a href="mailto:housenewclub@gmail.com">housenewclub@gmail.com</a>
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	All day	<b>The New Year Meeting</b> Racing at Prestbury Park	Stephen Hodge <a href="mailto:stephenghodge@hotmail.com">stephenghodge@hotmail.com</a>
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	10am	<b>Music Group</b>	Ian McPherson <a href="mailto:ianmcperson@fastmail.com">ianmcperson@fastmail.com</a>
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	5pm	<b>Quiz Night</b> £10 includes Bar meal	Ian McPherson <a href="mailto:ianmcperson@fastmail.com">ianmcperson@fastmail.com</a>
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	11am	<b>Book Group</b> <i>Precipice</i> by Robert Harris	Tom Potter <a href="mailto:gtpotter@btinternet.com">gtpotter@btinternet.com</a>
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	6pm	<b>Club Italiano Conversation</b> Meet in the Bar then go to Library	Paulette Faulkner <a href="mailto:clubitaliano24@gmail.com">clubitaliano24@gmail.com</a>
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	6pm	<b>Club Italiano Conversation</b> Meet in the Bar then go to Library	Paulette Faulkner <a href="mailto:clubitaliano24@gmail.com">clubitaliano24@gmail.com</a>
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	5pm	<b>**Quiz Night</b> £10 includes Bar meal	Ian McPherson <a href="mailto:ianmcperson@fastmail.com">ianmcperson@fastmail.com</a>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	10am	<b>**Music Group</b>	Ian McPherson <a href="mailto:ianmcperson@fastmail.com">ianmcperson@fastmail.com</a>

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Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	12.30	<b>Four Clubs Lunch</b> Bath	Stephen Hodge <a href="mailto:reciprocalclubs@thenewclub.co.uk">reciprocalclubs@thenewclub.co.uk</a>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	All Day	<b>Racing at Cheltenham Festival</b>	Stephen Hodge <a href="mailto:stephengahodge@hotmail.com">stephengahodge@hotmail.com</a>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	All Day	<b>The April Meeting</b>	Stephen Hodge <a href="mailto:stephengahodge@hotmail.com">stephengahodge@hotmail.com</a>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	5pm onwards	<b>Race Night</b> Featuring Hunter Chase Racing	Stephen Hodge <a href="mailto:stephengahodge@hotmail.com">stephengahodge@hotmail.com</a>
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	TBC	<b>Founders' Dinner</b>	Marilyn Burn <a href="mailto:housenewclub@gmail.com">housenewclub@gmail.com</a>

# NEW CLUB FIRST FRIDAY QUIZ DATES IN 2026

(Note irregularities in January & April)

Date	Quizmaster	Comments
Friday January 9 <sup>th</sup>	Ian	Club closed on the 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Friday February 6 <sup>th</sup>	Ian	
Friday March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Ian	
Thursday April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ian	Thursday NOT Friday
Friday May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Angie	
Friday June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Angie	
Friday July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Angie	
Friday August 7 <sup>th</sup>	Angie	
Friday September 4 <sup>th</sup>	Angie	
Friday October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ian	
Friday November 6 <sup>th</sup>	Ian	

## MUSIC GROUP MEETINGS 2026

Month	Date
January	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>
February	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>
March	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>
April	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>
May	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>
June	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>
July	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>
August	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>
September	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>
October	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>
November	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>