



The New Club Times

February 6th 2026

Monthly Quiz

Ian McPherson writes:



A new high of thirty-two members assembled in teams of four on the evening of the 6th of February. The usual sixty general knowledge questions were followed by ten music questions in which the excerpts had been speeded up, slowed down and even reversed. Sean provided a grand meal of brisket in Yorkshire puddings with an array of vegetables which all went down very well. The winning team was the **Hot Shots**.

I was a little disappointed that there were so few new members but maybe the closure of the list early contributed to that. If you don't have a team, I can find one for you, hopefully, but you must sign up before midday on March 5th.

The next quiz will be on **Friday March 6th at 5pm** sharp. If needed, we will decamp to the dining room as the bar and coffee room are pretty much at their maximum with 32. I'm afraid that the new Club computer booking system can't cope with the sign-up so there will be sheets in the office corridor as usual. And more of them.

Any questions to me, ianmcpherson@fastmail.com

House Notes

Marilyn Burn writes:

The Website. Hallelujah! It's up and running. Well, possibly walking at the moment, but it will be getting faster and faster as the teething problems are eliminated. Please be patient with it while we are getting everything sorted out. **PLEASE** will you all try going on the website and booking events if you have not done so already, because at the moment I have a firm grip on the website developers and they will sort out any glitches, but inevitably as we get further away from the launch date they will start working on other things. So, I would like to have all problems reported to me over the weekend, please, so I can pass them all on, on Monday morning. **It's at www.thenewclub.co.uk**

But having said that, most people have not encountered any problems, and those that have been encountered have been sorted out quickly. I am going to update all the events so that you no longer need to enter the email of anyone but the person booking.

You will see that all the events for February after the Chinese New Year (for which I am still taking bookings by email) are on the website, together with the special suppers and a lunch for March and April. I shall add an event every week so the standard club suppers will start to appear for March and April. At the end of February, I shall put up the special events for May, at the end of March for June etc. So you will always have 3 months of events to book. In the public area you will see lots of info etc. about the club, and some photos of past events, but there are more photos of all of you in the members area. Jane suggests you all have a look at yourselves and see why she spends half every event going round getting you to smile for the camera. You all look very distinguished.

I have included another copy of the website instructions with the NCT this week for those of you who couldn't find it. If you can, print it out and keep it, but I promise you it is very simple. And there are a couple of videos you can watch if you find it easier to learn that way.

I strongly suggest that after you have logged in successfully, you go into the section headed *Welcome to your Account* and change your password to something you can easily remember and other people can't guess.

Carl: Carl is back with us and if not fighting fit exactly, is on much better form. And we want to congratulate him on a considerable achievement: the kitchen has been given a 5-star hygiene rating again! So unlike at Ynyshir, in the news this week, you can eat Michelin star quality food coming out of a perfectly clean kitchen. Well done, Carl and his team!

Lunch in the Cotswolds: the meal and atmosphere were terrific, but there weren't many of us there. The purpose of an experiment is to test a hypothesis. In this case I wanted to know how many people would come to Club lunches during the winter, and the answer is that in spite of people asking for it, it has not been a success. The last one is next month, followed by jazz with the Cygnets, but I won't repeat it next year unless next month is a huge success. If it is, I shall know that lunches need after lunch speakers or entertainment of some sort. Heigh ho.

Alex Voysey Blues Trio: Wednesday February 11

Drinks 5.30 Music 6-7.30pm Dinner 7.45pm £60 Guests £65



Alex Voysey's manager has contacted me to tell me that Alex has been nominated for Best Contemporary Artist for the second year running in the UK Blues Federation Awards, and that they are looking forward very much to meeting you all and giving you the very best of the Blues. It's a relaxed evening, come in and out with drinks, sit in the hall or on the landing or on the stairs, and there are about 7 places remaining, so if

you'd like to come **write to me at housenewclub@gmail.com** or sign up on the board. I'll be making a table plan for this evening so look out for it.

Tuna Tostada with avocado, lime, ginger, sesame and jalapeno

Flat Iron Chicken, Smoked Onions, Charred Sweetcorn, Skin on Fries, Mojo Verde

Chocolate and Lime Cheesecake

Lecture Supper: China, Speaker: Stephen Cole Friday February 13th

Lecture 5.30 Drinks 6.45 Dinner 7.15 £35 Guests £40

It's sods law. Every event has cancellations, so I have followed the airline habit of overbooking and there is not one cancellation so far. So there will be at least one and probably two tables in the bar. **Let me know if you would like to go on the reserve list for this event at housenewclub@gmail.com**

IT Help: Georgia helped 4 of you from 2-4pm on Tuesday, and her reception was very positive. She will be here again on Tuesday, 2-4pm, in the boardroom or the library or maybe the Founders Room (please check on arrival). Come along with anything IT or photography related (she has a PhD in photography – who knew there was such a thing?) for 30 minutes for £25. If your problem is longer, or you want other things, you can arrange her to visit you for a morning or afternoon when you have your 30-minute session with her, and her rate for a long session is £30 hour.

This Tuesday only the Bishops have booked so far, for 2pm, so please get in touch if you would like to book her for 2.30, 3 or 3.30. There is no point in her coming the following weeks unless she is booked, so will anyone else who wants to book any Tuesday in February **please get in touch on housenewclub@gmail.com**.
Please pay by BACS reference name/IT.

Wednesday February 18th Chinese New Year 6.30 for 7 £35 Guests £40



Mario is searching high and low he tells me (or at least, on Amazon) for a Fu Manchu outfit, but maybe this is how Peter Mandelson or Andrew Thingummy (or possibly Keir Starmer) is escaping the country because Mario tells me they have sold out. But I know Mario, and he will not be beaten.

This is always one of the best evenings of the year at the club, which will be decorated to transport you straight to Shanghai. Lots of us nod in the direction of Chinese costume, sometimes a jacket or a hat, but it's far from compulsory and many simply look as elegant as usual. Carl loves Chinese New Year, and this menu is totally different from the menu after Stephen Cole's talk. There are still some places left, **so write to me at housenewclub@gmail.com to book your place.**

Chicken and Sweetcorn Soup

Sesame Prawn Toasts

Firecracker Wings

Duck Spring Rolls

Crispy Seaweed

Beef in Oyster Sauce

King Prawns & Scallops with Spring Onion & Ginger

Guangzhou Sweet & Sour Duck

Egg Fried Rice

Chow Mein Noodles

Tray of Togetherness

Chinese Tea

Fortune Cookies

Comfort Food Supper Tuesday February 24 6 for 6.30 £20 Guests £25



I'm sure this will be very popular, and indeed quite a few people have booked it on the website already. You all know Carl's pies of old, so we are continuing a long tradition of comfort eating while the weather is so unendingly miserable.

Carl's Famous Traditional Minced Beef Pie and Mash with traditional liquor or gravy

Fruit Crumble with Custard

If you would like to come, please sign up by pressing this link: <https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/club-supper-comfort-food/>

TGIF: Thank God it's Friday! Friday February 27th 5.30 Members and Guests £12.50



Rob Wright is organising a snooker competition on the afternoon of the 27th, after which the contestants will repair to the bar for a convivial session with Carl's delicious finger food. He invites you to come along and join in the fun. Some of you have asked for an informal get together at the club, and this is it! Admittedly you will have to cope with lots of crowing or alternatively, and worse, lots of false modesty, but you can hack it. And not only will there be a party atmosphere, but to encourage it, and to rejoice at finally seeing the end of February, **all drinks will be £1 off. Ryan is going to make his famous**

espresso martinis (also reduced for the evening to £9) and a virgin espresso (£8). And there will be bin ends at very attractive prices.

Rob will let me know the names and numbers for the snooker players, but for the rest of us the event can be booked on the website <https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/tgif-thank-god-its-friday/>

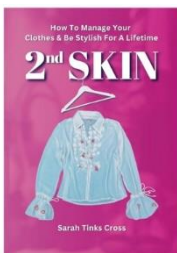
Sam Young in Cabaret Wednesday March 4th Cabaret 6pm-7.30pm Drinks 7.30pm Dinner 8pm



Sam Young, the exceptional young baritone from Longborough Opera, is giving us an evening of **opera, operetta and Gilbert and Sullivan**. You all know how good he is, and fortunately (or unfortunately for us) others are discovering, so I'm getting him while I can. He is making his debut at Garsington this year as the Marchese d'Obigny in La Traviata, and covering the Notary in Der Rosenkavalier. Come along and enjoy a glorious evening of music. **You can book on the website or at**

<https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/sam-young-in-cabaret>

Ladies Lunch Friday 20th March 12.30 for 1pm



We are delighted that Sarah Cross has agreed to come and give us a presentation after lunch. Sarah is a Cheltenham based Stylist, Seamstress and Author. Her website is www.myvos.co.uk

We will have to limit this event to 50 **so please email felicityjdavies@icloud.com to be added to the list.**

This event will not be bookable on the website.

Fire Precautions

Sally Dimmer writes:

To comply with Fire Regulations, we will be testing the fire alarm weekly. Testing will take place every Tuesday starting on **Tuesday 10th February** in the morning.

DO NOT EVACUATE THE BUILDING.

There will be a notice in the front hall to remind you.



From time to time, we need to practice a drill. You will **not** be given notice of the date but there will be a drill before the end of February. **When the alarm sounds immediately leave the building by the nearest exit; do not stop to collect belongings. Go to the assembly point in the car park.**

Lyn will be at the assembly point; staff will check all rooms are empty. Lyn will tell you when the drill is completed and you can return to the building.

Thank you for your cooperation, it is important we are all aware of what to do in the event there is a fire in the building.

The Buddy Initiative

Jane Moyle writes:



We've welcomed 40 new members in a year – a remarkable achievement that we should celebrate. To help them settle in, the Committee has launched a 'Buddy Initiative'. Existing members who'd like to meet some fascinating newcomers are encouraged to participate. You would initially be introduced via email with this then leading to a mutual coffee morning at the club where you can show them around, share the 'dos' and 'don'ts' and hopefully attend an evening event together. You could tell them all about the day-time groups they might like to join - there are 18 different groups now! You could also introduce them to your friends or anyone else they'd like to meet. Ultimately, we want them to feel at home and become full members after their introductory period.

Some of you have already volunteered to be buddies, but we need many more, due to the increase in new members. Please offer your services. It's a short commitment and you'll meet some truly interesting people – we especially need some married couples, but single members of both sexes are of course more than welcome too.

Please volunteer and email Jane Moyle at: jane@janemoyle.co.uk. Thank you!

Can You Help?



Having recently moved house, parking for a small car is now desperately needed by one of our New Club members.

Please can you help a member in need?

If you have an empty garage or driveway or an unused parking space, please contact **Caroline Warley on 07546 702534 or email**

carolinewarley@gmail.com

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/Link |
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| Tuesday 10 th February | 2-4pm | Techie Help Slots Booking Required £25 for 30 mins | Marilyn Burn housenewclub@gmail.com |
| Wednesday 11 th February | Drinks 5.30 Music 6 - 7.30pm Dinner 7.45pm | Alex Voysey Blues Trio £60 (Guests £65) | Marilyn Burn housenewclub@gmail.com |
| Thursday 12 th February | 10am | Music Group Theme: <i>Relations</i> | Ian McPherson ianmcperson@fastmail.com |
| Friday 13 th February | 5.30pm | Lecture Supper <i>China</i> Lecturer: Stephen Cole £35 (Guests £40) | Marilyn Burn housenewclub@gmail.com |
| Tuesday 17 th February | Bus 11 am Lunch 12.30 for 1pm | Four Clubs Lunch Bath <i>Renovating Georgian Bath</i> Michael Rowe | Stephen Hodge reciprocalclubs@thenewclub.co.uk |
| Tuesday 17 th February | 2-4pm | Techie Help Slots Booking Required £25 for 30 mins | Marilyn Burn housenewclub@gmail.com |
| Wednesday 18 th February | 10.15am | Memoir Group | Mario Malt mario@malts.co.uk |
| Wednesday 18 th February | 6.30pm for 7pm | Chinese New Year £35 (Guests £40) | Marilyn Burn housenewclub@gmail.com |
| Tuesday 24 th February | 2-4pm | Techie Help Slots Booking Required £25 for 30 mins | Marilyn Burn housenewclub@gmail.com |
| Tuesday 24 th February | 6pm for 6.30pm | Comfort Food Supper £20 (Guests £25) | https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/club-supper-comfort-food/ |
| Thursday 26 th February | 3.30pm | Chess Group | Mario Malt mario@malts.co.uk |
| Friday 27 th February | 2.30pm | Snooker Competition | Rob Wright rob.wright47@hotmail.co.uk |
| Friday 27 th February | 5.30pm | **TGIF Drinks Bar food and discounted drinks Members and Guests £12.50 | https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/tgif-thank-god-its-friday/ |

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| Monday 2 nd March | 11am | Book Group <i>Cider with Rosie</i> by Laurie Lee | Tom Potter gtpotter@btinternet.com |
| Wednesday 4 th March | Cabaret 6-7.30pm Drinks 7.30pm Dinner 8pm | Sam Young in Cabaret Black Tie £60 (Guests £65) | https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/sam-young-in-cabaret/ |
| Friday 6 th March | 5pm | Quiz Night £10 includes Bar meal | Ian McPherson ianmcperson@fastmail.com |
| Tuesday 10 th – Friday 13 th March | All Day | Racing at Cheltenham Festival | Stephen Hodge stephenghodge@hotmail.com |
| Thursday 12 th March | 10am | Music Group | Ian McPherson ianmcperson@fastmail.com |
| Wednesday 18 th March | 10.15am | Memoir Group | Mario Malt mario@malts.co.uk |
| Friday 20 th March | 12.30pm for 1pm | **Ladies' Lunch Two Courses with Coffee & Petit Fours Price TBC | Felicity Davies felicityjdavies@icloud.com |
| Tuesday 24 th March | TBC | Club Lunch Followed by: Cygnets Jazz Duo Lunch £25 (Guests £30), Jazz £15, Both £35 (Guests £40) | https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/dark-nights-club...with-the-cygnets/ |
| Thursday 24 th March | 6pm | **Club Italiano Conversation Meet in the Bar then go to Library | Paulette Faulkner clubitaliano24@gmail.com |
| Thursday 26 th March | 3.30pm | Chess Group | Mario Malt mario@malts.co.uk |
| Friday 27 th March | 5.30pm | Lecture Supper <i>Garden Hunting in China</i> Lecturer: Timothy Walker £35 (Guests £40) | https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/lecture-supper-g...y-timothy-walker/ |
| Thursday 2 nd April | 5pm | Quiz Night £10 includes Bar meal | Ian McPherson ianmcperson@fastmail.com |
| Thursday 9 th April | 10am | Music Group | Ian McPherson ianmcperson@fastmail.com |
| Wednesday 15 th – Thursday 16 th April | All Day | The April Meeting | Stephen Hodge stephenghodge@hotmail.com |
| Tuesday 14 th April | 6pm | **Club Italiano Conversation Meet in the Bar then go to Library | Paulette Faulkner clubitaliano24@gmail.com |
| Wednesday 15 th April | 10.15am | Memoir Group | Mario Malt mario@malts.co.uk |

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| Wednesday 15 th April | TBC | An Evening of Opera Black Tie £75 (Guests £80) | https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/an-evening-of-opera/ |
| Tuesday 21 st April | TBC | St George's Day Supper An Evening of Englishness | https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/st-georges-day-a...n-of-englishness/ |
| Wednesday 22 nd April | 11am | Art Appreciation | Mike Phillips mikep3143@icloud.com |
| Thursday 23 rd April | 3.30pm | Chess Group | Mario Malt mario@malts.co.uk |
| Friday 24 th April | 5.30pm | Lecture Supper <i>General "Pug" Ismay, Soldier, Statesman and Diplomat</i> Lecturer: Lt General Sir John Kiszely, KCB, MC, DL £35 (Guests £40) | https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/lecture-supper-g...szeley-kcb-mc-dl/ |
| Friday 1 st May | 5pm onwards | Race Night Featuring Hunter Chase Racing | Stephen Hodge stephenghodge@hotmail.com |
| Tuesday 12 th May | 6pm | **Club Italiano Conversation Meet in the Bar then go to Library | Paulette Faulkner clubitaliano24@gmail.com |
| Tuesday 2 nd June | 12.30pm for 1pm | Hosting 4 Clubs Lunch Speaker: Cornelius Lysaght: "My life and Characters on The Turf" £45 (to include aperitifs and wine on table) | Stephen Hodge reciprocalclubs@thenewclub.co.uk |
| Friday 30 th October | TBC | Founders' Dinner | Marilyn Burn housenewclub@gmail.com |