



The New Club Times

February 13th 2026

Music Group

Ian McPherson writes:



We had a great turn out of eleven members and some great music from Chicory Tip to JJ Cale and Kermit's nephew Robin to Frank Zappa at our meeting on February 12th on the subject of Relations. I think it was one of the best sessions we've ever had.

The next one is **Thursday March 12th** at 10.00 in the Library. It's race week so traffic may be building up even that early. The subject is **WEATHER**. Maybe Whether, possibly reign, maybe son etc.

New members are always welcome. You don't have to offer any suggestions, just come and listen to the music and the chat. Members have even been known to sing along on occasion.

For more information email ianmcperson@fastmail.com

House Notes

Marilyn Burn writes:

After a quiet January and early February, events at the Club are back with a bang. And what a bang! On Wednesday we had the **Alex Voysey Blues Trio** playing, and they were truly amazing. I have never listened to Blues music before, and I enjoyed it from the safe distance of the bar, but aficionados tell me that it was a revelation, and that Alex's playing is world class – so much so that a number of members asked me how I managed to book them. We are hoping to book them again for our hog roast at the cricket this year, when given decent weather they will be playing outside on the lawns. ***I hope to be able to tell you more about our plans for the cricket in the next couple of weeks.***



And then last night 74 of us heard a spellbinding talk by Stephen Cole on China. My spine is still recovering from all the chills that ran up and down it. He painted a fascinating but terrifying picture of the future, and I should think by the end of his talk, and the Q&A that followed, every single person in the audience was hoping that the British planning system would defeat the plans for the new Chinese embassy. Even by the standards of the talks, we have enjoyed over the past couple of years, this talk was outstanding, and we are very grateful indeed to Stephen for coming to give it. I know that as soon as bookings open for his talk on Water on July 24th – wait for it! – it will be full, and those of you who have not yet tried to book on the new website will be grimly practising to make sure you don't miss out.

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



I have told you all about this before, so I'll just say that the decorations will be amazing, the food will be wonderful (come hungry) and the company both decorative and friendly. There are only a few places left, and if you would like to come please **write to me soonest at housenewclub@gmail.com** to bag one or two of them. Ian is planning some terrific Chinese music to be playing in the bar and coffee room before dinner so come early if you want to.

Comfort Food: Pie and Mash Tuesday February 24th 6 for 6.30 Members £20 Guests £25

The last club supper in February, and consoling food to distract you from the constant rain. Carl is famous for his pies, and this will be a warm and convivial evening. A lot of you have already booked, but there are still some places, so if you would like to come please look on the website, or just click on this link <https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/club-supper-comfort-food/> Sadly I shall be in the foothills of the Atlas Mountains for a week (weather today: 26C 11 hours sun – just saying), but Mario has kindly agreed to host the evening for me, and you all know what fun Mario brings to anything he does, so you should all have a wonderful evening.

TGIF: Thank God it's Friday Friday February 27th 5.30 onwards £12.50



Join Rob Wright and his snooker players after their tournament for a casual and informal drink (all drinks £1 off, a couple of cocktails on offer) with light finger food, all for £12.50. So those of you who asked for some informal evenings to meet new friends at the bar and catch up with old ones, this is your chance. **No better way to kick off the weekend. Book at <https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/tgif-thank-god-its-friday/>**

Sam Young in Cabaret: Wednesday March 4th Cabaret 6-7.30 Drinks 7.30 Dinner 8pm Black tie Members £60 Guests £65



This will be one of the best evenings of the year at the Club. For any new members who haven't seen or heard Sam, he is remarkably fine, and we are lucky to get him. I doubt I shall be so lucky next year. He is giving us a cabaret evening with a varied programme of opera, operetta and Gilbert and Sullivan. I am surprised that there are still places available, but there are, so I strongly recommend you to book up now. This is an evening the success of which I can guarantee. **Book at <https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/sam-young-in-cabaret/> or of course just go on the website and book up.**

Saturday Brunch: don't forget we have brunch **every Saturday from 10-3**. You only need to sign up on the board if there are 4 or more of you.



Next week I'll tell you all about the plans for **race week at the club**.

Generally: I will be putting **lists up for events** so you can see who is coming, but do not attempt to sign up that way please!

Help with the website: if anyone is still having problems, please will you write and let me know and I will pass on the problems to the website people. And I will be in the club on **Monday from 10.30-12** to help anyone struggling. Just come in and see me and I'll try to sort it out. Don't leave me sitting there alone, Billy no mates, and then tell me later you've got difficulties!

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

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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/Link
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/
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 Theme: <i>Weather</i>	Ian McPherson ianmcperson@fastmail.com
Wednesday 18 th March	10.15am	Memoir Group	Mario Malt mario@malts.co.uk

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Friday 20 th March	12.30pm for 1pm	Ladies' Lunch Two Courses with Coffee & Petit Fours £25 (Guests £30)	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
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

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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
Friday 1 st May	5pm	**Quiz Night £10 includes Bar meal	Ian McPherson ianmcpherson@fastmail.com
Tuesday 12 th May	6pm	Club Italiano Conversation Meet in the Bar then go to Library	Paulette Faulkner clubitaliano24@gmail.com
Thursday 14 th May	10am	**Music Group	Ian McPherson ianmcpherson@fastmail.com
Wednesday 20 th May	10.15am	**Memoir Group	Mario Malt mario@malts.co.uk
Thursday 28 th May	3.30pm	**Chess Group	Mario Malt mario@malts.co.uk
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