



The New Club Times

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Bath Four Clubs Lunch

Stephen Hodge writes:



A group of sixteen members ventured out, via a door-to-door bus service, to enjoy the hospitality of The Bath and Country Club's annual 4 clubs lunch. We were unaware that Queen Camilla was also "in town" to view the Dame Zandra Rhodes exhibition at The Holburne Museum, this generating a little traffic congestion on leaving the city!

Members were equally spread over six tables celebrating stories with our fellow members and those from Clifton, Bristol and Cardiff.



The lunch ended with Michael Rowe lecturing the assembled diners on "Renovating Georgian Bath after the second world war". We learned that 417 people were killed and over 19,000 buildings were affected, of which 1,100 were seriously damaged or destroyed, including 218 of architectural or historic interest. The renovation included repairing and replacing the original plinth stones and reinstating new railings to match what would have been in place



originally before they were removed for the war effort in the early 1940's - just as we are witnessing in our own Imperial Square.

We will be hosting a Four Clubs lunch on **Tuesday 2nd of June** when the speaker will be Cornelius Lysaght who was the BBC's horse racing correspondent from 2001 until 2020. With a career spanning decades, Lysaght's distinctive voice and engaging storytelling have captivated audiences, bringing the excitement of horse racing to life for fans around the globe. - **See Events Calendar for details.**

House Notes

Marilyn Burn writes:

Chinese New Year: I think this was the best Chinese New Year I have been to at the club. The atmosphere was terrific, the food was splendid, and Mario did the full Monty and turned up looking like quite a threatening version of Fu Manchu (when the moustache stayed on). Lots of you wore Chinese style jackets and dresses and the whole evening was a great success.

The Website: most of the glitches have been ironed out now, and it is a lot faster. Most people can now get on and book successfully, **but please continue to bear with us while the last problems are ironed out.** If you can't get on because it won't accept your email or password, please just let me know and that is usually resolved very quickly. The glitch which automatically cancelled your events without you intending to do so has been sorted. Within the next day or so you will see the names of those for whom you have booked as well as just the number of tickets in My Events, and you will be able to cancel an individual space if you need to do so when you have booked a number of spaces. We are waiting for this all to bed in before we move on to taking money on the site, but for those of you wanting to do so, that too will come.

Comfort Food: Pie and Mash Tuesday February 24th 6 for 6.30

Members £20 Guests £25



Carl's pie will warm the cockles of your heart, and Mario is hosting the evening as I shall be playing bridge in the foothills of the Atlas Mountains. I shall be thinking of you all ...possibly.

This is a great value, very English supper, so if you haven't booked you can do so by going on to Future Events in the Members Area of the website, or just click on <https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/club-supper-comfort-food/>

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



Join Rob Wright and his snooker champions (and the non champions – on this occasion) for an informal drink and finger food in the bar and coffee room. All drinks are £1 off, there will be bin end bargains, and an espresso martini and a virgin espresso at special prices. Come along for an hour or two and enjoy yourselves informally. **Book your places at** <https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/tgif-thank-god-its-friday/>



Sam Young in Cabaret: Wednesday March 4th Cabaret 6 – 7.30pm, drinks 7.30, dinner 8pm Black tie Members £60 Guests £65



The website gremlins have chosen this as their special target. I was appalled to hear from several people that it was saying there were no places left, when there certainly were and are. **This will be one of the highlights of the year, an evening of opera, operetta and Gilbert and Sullivan with a young singer of the highest quality and with a tremendous personality, so please try booking again and this time you will certainly succeed.** Sam Young is one of that rare breed of whom I think "When he's famous, I'll be able to say I saw him on his way up". **Book a place via the website or direct on** <https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/sam-young-in-cabaret/> And there's a fantastic menu, too, as befits a black-tie dinner:

ENDIVE “WALDORF” SALAD

Fresh pear, toasted pecans, pancetta, classic Waldorf dressing, pecorino

FILLET OF BEEF

With pommes puree, garlic butter king prawn tail, bordelaise sauce, salad de haricots vert

KUMEL AND BLOOD ORANGE SORBET

TARTE FINE

Caramelised apples, vanilla ice cream, toffee sauce

Race week: March 10th – 13th In the coffee room from 12.30ish
Buffet lunch £20 Tea £20 All day (lunch and tea) £35



As you know, we won't be having a club supper this week because of the crowds – but last year we held some very successful and friendly afternoons watching the races on the TV with one of our club experts and enjoying Carl's special racing hampers and afternoon teas. This year we have slightly changed the lunch and tea offerings: we will be having a lunch buffet and a tea, so you can stay all afternoon or come in for half the time. We shall have some informal system set up so you can bet if you want to.

**A Selection of Home-Made Quiches,
Artisan Sausage Rolls,
Delectable Scotch Eggs,**

Hand Carved Cold Cuts from The Larder.

Freshly Poached Salmon & Shellfish

A Daily Rotating Salad Bar

Local & Continental Cheeses

Warm Rolls & Accompaniments

Tempting Sweet Delights

Tea & Coffee

I'm not booking this on the website, so please write to me telling me what you would like and what day or days you would like it. Personally I shall be there every day and I have no doubt that Gold Cup Day will be extremely popular, **so please write to me soonest and let me know at housenewclub@gmail.com**

St Patrick's Day Dinner: Tuesday March 17th 6 for 6.30 £25 Guests £30



We can't let this pass without a special dinner in honour of all that blarney. We're moving it to a Tuesday so we hold it on the very night that all over Ireland people will be passing out, and moving it to 6pm so there's more time for Guinness. And a very Irish menu, with Lyn's special family recipe for part of the main course. ***This will go onto the website for booking this weekend: sorry it isn't up there now, but I will do it before I go on holiday.***

DUBLIN BAY PRAWNS & MUSSELS WITH WILD GARLIC AND WHITE WINE

The holy trinity in one dish, served out of their shells in a fragrant broth
Served with home-made soda bread

BACON AND CABBAGE WITH LYN'S FAMOUS POTATO STUFFING

According to Ireland's food board, bacon & cabbage is Ireland's most popular dinner. A large bacon joint is slowly boiled then thickly sliced and served over buttered cabbage with a creamy parsley sauce.
Champ again is one of the main potato dishes. Creamy mashed potato mixed with spring onions and herbs, and a family recipe of Lyn's

BAILEYS IRISH CREAM TRIFLES

Whisky soaked chocolate & Guinness cake topped with baileys cream

New Groups

Mahjong: several people have expressed an interest in playing this. If you would like to play, or to learn, ***please write to me at housenewclub@gmail.com*** and I will put you all in touch with each other.

Gardening Group: I'm looking for volunteers to help in the little garden at the back. It's gentle gardening, and we will have a rota so you would only be called upon for a couple of hours every few weeks, and it will be a sociable afternoon with like minded volunteers.
Please let me know if you are willing to help out at housenewclub@gmail.com

Investment Club: several people have expressed an interest in an investment club. We must have lots of members who know about stocks and shares, ***so get in touch with me at housenewclub@gmail.com if you are interested.***

I shall be away next Friday, so any House Notes will be slim (as I certainly won't be after a week's holiday).

Bar Lunches

Don't forget that the Club serves Bar Lunches Tuesday to Friday with a choice of hot and cold dishes and a daily special. Dishes change each week – Menu on the Bar.

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 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 £12.50 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
Tuesday 10 th – Friday 13 th March	From 12.30pm	**Race Week Menu Buffet Lunch £20 Afternoon Tea £20 All Day £35	Marilyn Burn housenewclub@gmail.com
Thursday 12 th March	10am	Music Group Theme: <i>Weather</i>	Ian McPherson ianmcperson@fastmail.com
Tuesday 17 th March	6pm for 6.30pm	**St Patrick's Day Dinner £25 (Guests £30)	TBC
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 £25 (Guests £30)	Felicity Davies felicityjdavies@icloud.com

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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 £12.50 includes Bar meal	Ian McPherson ianmcperson@fastmail.com
Thursday 9 th April	10am	Music Group	Ian McPherson ianmcperson@fastmail.com
Monday 13 th April	11am	**Book Group <i>Tulip Fever</i> by Deborah Moggach	Tom Potter gtpotter@btinternet.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 £12.50 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