



The New Club Times

January 30th 2026

House Notes

Marilyn Burn writes:

Burns Night Supper: As Carl is still recovering (and I know we all wish him well – he is hoping to be back in harness next week, looking very trim after his enforced diet), Sean presented the haggis to everyone, to the skirl of the pipes. Then Colin Campbell made the famous Address to the Haggis and cut into it with his sgian-dubh. We all had a splendidly Scottish meal, after which Colin told us a little about Robert Burns and gave us his Toast to the Lassies.



I am astonished that a man who had at least 12 children by 4 different women, to only one of whom he was married, and whose last baby was born on the day of his funeral, didn't have more to do with his time than write long poems to sheep's' offal, but there it is. Annabell replied on behalf of the Lassies, who then toasted the Laddies. They were both tremendous, and I am very grateful to them.

**Lunch in the Cotswolds: Wednesday February 4 Lunch 12.30 for 1
£25 Guests £30**



The list is up on the board, but not many of you have signed up. This is a wonderful lunch, entirely local (Donnington beer; Double Gloucester; Tewksbury mustard; Bibury trout) – don't you like top quality English food? JD Vance came thousands of miles for a meal just like this, and it's how our beloved Prime Minister is hoping to lure President Xi over here too. Even now he is telling him about

Tewksbury mustard.

How can he resist? How can you resist? **Write to me at housenewclub@gmail.com or sign up on the board.**

Cheese and Ale

Bubbling double Gloucester flavoured with Tewksbury mustard and Donnington's finest beer, served over a thick slice of toast with a green salad

Pan Fried Fillet of Bibury Trout

With grilled baby leeks, vermouth butter and new potatoes

Sticky Toffee Pudding

With warm butterscotch sauce and vanilla ice cream

Alex Voysey Blues Trio: Wednesday February 11

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



I have told you all about Alex and his trio, and they will give us our first musical evening of the year, and our first ever Blues evening. It will be an informal occasion, no serried ranks of chairs, wander in and out with a drink and enjoy the evening.

And of course, Carl has created a menu from the home of the Blues:

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

As you would expect, this is filling up fast, and we are strictly limited to 52 to ensure that you can all get into the hall (or the landing or the stairs) to see and hear them. **So email me on housenewclub@gmail.com to reserve your place.**

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

Lecture 5.30 Drinks 6.45 Dinner 7.15 £35 Guests £40

This is not only full, it is overflowing. I am expecting the usual number of cancellations, and I have overbooked to allow for them, but if you all turn up there will be a second table for 6 or 8 in the bar!

IT Help: every Tuesday in February, Georgia will be **in the boardroom or the library (check on arrival)** from 2-4pm to help you with your problems. Come along with anything IT or photography related (she has a PhD in photography – who knew?) 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. The first date, this Tuesday is full: 2pm Anne-Marie Cole; 2.30 Isabel Clark; 3pm Tony Liverton; 3.30 Sally Dimmer. But only one person has yet booked February 10th, **and I have a confession to make. I have lost my note of who wanted a session on Feb 10th, so please get in touch and remind me. Sorry.**

Anyone else who wants to book any Tuesday in February please get in touch on housenewclub@gmail.com

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



I very much hope that Mario will come as Dr Fu Manchu, the diabolical criminal mastermind, whom he strikingly resembles. This is always one of the best evenings of the year at the club. 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. I suspect this is Carl's favourite night at the club, and certainly

he always pushes the boat out. Look at his menu for this special evening:

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**

If you would like to come, please email me at housewclub@gmail.com

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

Will February never end? This is traditional comfort food – the pie and mash we all remember from our childhoods, only better, much, much better!

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 from Tuesday next week when the website will be live by pressing this link: <https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/club-supper-comfort-food/>

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

4 Clubs Lunch 2nd June

Please note that the 4 Clubs lunch is on Tuesday 2nd June and NOT 4th June as previously stated.

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
Monday 2 nd February	11am	Book Group <i>The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society</i> by Mary Ann Shaffer & Anne Barrows	Tom Potter gtpotter@btinternet.com
Monday 2 nd February	10am	Art Club	Sally Perkins sallyeperkins@btinternet.com
Tuesday 3 rd February	2-4pm	Techie Help Slots Fully Booked £25 for 30 mins	Marilyn Burn housenewclub@gmail.com
Tuesday 3 rd February	6pm	Club Italiano Conversation Meet in the Bar then go to Library	Paulette Faulkner clubitaliano24@gmail.com
Wednesday 4 th February	12.30pm for 1pm	Lunch in the Cotswolds £25 (Guests £30)	Marilyn Burn housenewclub@gmail.com
Friday 6 th February	11.30am	Introductory Snooker Session	Rob Wright rob.wright47@hotmail.co.uk
Friday 6 th February	5pm	Quiz Night £10 includes Bar meal	Ian McPherson ianmcperson@fastmail.com
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

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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/ (weblink will be active next week)
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
Monday 2 nd March	11am	**Book Group <i>Cider with Rosie</i> by Laurie Lee	Tom Potter gtpotter@btinternet.com
Wednesday 4 th March	TBC	**Sam Young in Cabaret Black Tie £60 (Guests £65)	<i>Weblink to be confirmed</i>
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	Felicity Davies felicityjdavies@icloud.com
Tuesday 24 th March	TBC	**Club Lunch Followed by: Cygnet Jazz Duo Lunch £25 (Guests £30), Jazz £15, Both £35 (Guests £40)	<i>Weblink to be confirmed</i>
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)	<i>Weblink to be confirmed</i>
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

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Wednesday 15 th – Thursday 16 th April	All Day	The April Meeting	Stephen Hodge stephenghodge@hotmail.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)	<i>Weblink to be confirmed</i>
Tuesday 21 st April	TBC	**St George's Day Supper An Evening of Englishness	<i>Weblink to be confirmed</i>
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)	<i>Weblink to be confirmed</i>
Friday 1 st May	5pm onwards	Race Night Featuring Hunter Chase Racing	Stephen Hodge stephenghodge@hotmail.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