



# The New Club Times

March 6th 2026

## Racing News

Stephen Hodge writes:

### "Yes Indeed"



Fellow members Helen and Steve Sugden have a horse entered in the Festival this week.

The horse "**Yes Indeed**" has had two wins last season and was then given a well-deserved summer break. He's come back as keen as ever and is full of himself and working well on the gallops, having had wind surgery since his previous run.

He ran a cracking race at Kempton on 2<sup>nd</sup> February when he finished less than 2 lengths behind the Skelton trained horse Madara, who is favourite in the Sun Racing Plate at the Festival on Wednesday.

### **Watch on ITV for either:**

**Tuesday 16:40** Sun Racing Plate Handicap Chase (Premier Handicap) (GBB Race)

or

**Wednesday 16:40** Debenhams Johnny Henderson Grand Annual Challenge Cup Handicap Chase (Premier Handicap) (GBB Race)

## What Happens to Racehorses when they retire?



I am often asked this question, and the answer is that they find homes with families enjoying life, hunting and team chasing ...a new life away from racing.

Here is Jeremy Lewis's retired racehorse "**King Arise**", who won two races and had three seconds last season, now enjoying life in Herefordshire on one of his spa days!!!

## House Notes

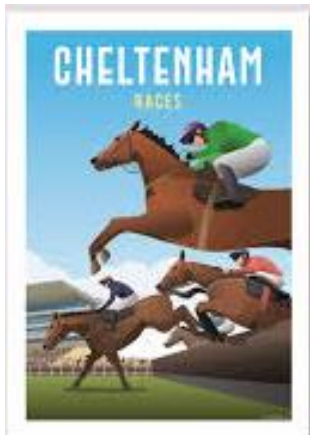
Marilyn Burn writes:

### Sam Young in Cabaret

Sam's wonderful performance was treated to rapturous applause, and it was certainly well earned. The first half was pure opera of the highest quality, and the second half was a mixture of Gilbert and Sullivan and great songs from the musicals (*Oh, what a beautiful morning!* and *Some Enchanted Evening* were specially well received). And then a really perfect dinner. We were spoiled.

I have already written to Sam in the hope I can pre-empt La Scala, to book him for next March. Well, a girl can hope, can't she?

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



It's going to be a busy and convivial race week at the Club. Every day there will be quite a few of us gathering in the coffee room, glued to the box, and with expert commentary from one of our horsey members while we work our way through Carl's racing hamper buffet and tea. We will have a sweepstake each day (thank you Sally Perkins for arranging this) so if you would like to add a little fun to the proceedings, please bring £10 in cash. The first race is at 13.20 and the last at 17.20, so roll up any time from 12.30ish, get your drinks, maybe get lunch, and most important, get in the mood!

***The people who have signed up so far are:***

**TUESDAY 10**

Fran Duncan-Skingle (Lunch and tea)  
Sally Dimmer (Lunch)  
Jean Hopley (Lunch and tea)  
Lesley Christmas (Lunch and tea)  
Kath Dunbar (Lunch and tea)  
Lesley Whittal (Lunch and tea)  
Jane Neale (Lunch and tea)  
Denis Woulfe (from 2pm)  
Marilyn Burn (Lunch and tea)  
Marilyn Gough (Lunch)  
Marilyn Gough Guest (lunch)  
Jane Moyle (Lunch and tea)

**WEDNESDAY 11**

Sally Perkins (Lunch)  
Lynn Norman (Lunch)  
Sally Dimmer (Lunch)  
Jeremy Winter (Lunch and tea)  
Judy Singleton (Lunch)  
Tony Singleton (Lunch)  
Marilyn Burn (Tea)  
Pamela Vella (Lunch)  
David Vella (Lunch and tea)

**THURSDAY 12**

Sally Perkins (Lunch)  
Sally Dimmer (Lunch)  
Roger Nadin (Lunch)  
Anne O'Shea (Lunch)  
Pam Vella (Lunch)  
David Vella (Lunch and tea)  
Jeremy Winter (Lunch and tea)  
Sandra Bishop (Lunch)  
John Bishop (Lunch)  
Marilyn Burn (Lunch)

**FRIDAY 13**

Frank Smith (Lunch)  
Margit Margusson (Lunch)  
Richard Nicholson (Lunch and tea)  
Sally Dimmer (Lunch)  
Pattie Parkes (Lunch)  
Paulette Faulkener (Lunch)  
Jeremy Winter (Lunch and tea)  
Diana Cronk (Lunch)  
Marian Venn (Lunch)  
Roberta Rastrick (Guest Lunch)  
Jane Moyle (Lunch)  
Marilyn Burn (Lunch)

***Write to me asap at [housenewclub@gmail.com](mailto:housenewclub@gmail.com) if you would like to come along, and let me know which day and whether you want lunch or tea or both.***

## St Patrick's Day Supper: March 17<sup>th</sup> 6 for 6.30 Members £25 Guests £30



The bar will be awash with Guinness, and of course our special St Patrick's Day supper is totally authentic as Lyn is Irish and makes sure the kitchen keeps up to the mark. One of the dishes is her family recipe. She is trying to bring in some leprechauns for the evening to keep us all amused, but since Brexit it's become really difficult what with all the paperwork, and getting visas for them is nigh on impossible, so we may be disappointed. Come along and practise your blarney with or without leprechauns.

*If you would like to come to this, book by going to the Members Area, Future events on the website or click on this link <https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/st-patricks-day-dinner/>*

## Lunch in Naples – followed by The Cygnets: Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup>

Drinks 12.30 Lunch 1pm Jazz 2-3.30pm Lunch £20 Jazz £20

Both (marked as Duo on website booking) £35

This should be a really fun occasion. We start off with Lunch in Naples, which is of course the culinary centre of the south of Italy and whose food has been derived from the wonderful volcanic soil in that part of the world. As always Carl has come up with an amazing, authentic menu, and for only £20 too:

**Pane Cafone**

**Peperoncini del Fiume**

**Salsiccia e Firielli  
(Sausages Naples style)**

**Spaghetti Puttanesca**

**Migliaccio**

**(Semolina and ricotta cake with limoncello and sultanas)**

Then straight after lunch the **Cygnets Jazz Duo**, who many of you will have heard play at the Jazz Festival and in Montpellier Gardens, will be entertaining us in the hall. They are two enormously talented women, one of whom really swings her sax and also sings and plays other instruments, and the second of whom is a pianist. Mario urged me to try them because they are so good, and since then others of you have told me good things about them. You can come to lunch, or to the jazz, or to both (if you would like to come to both that's marked on the website booking as duo). **Do come to both**: this is the last club lunch of the season as the nights are drawing out and soon the clocks will go forward. This is a chance for all of you who prefer your entertainment earlier in the day to come and have a great lunch and afternoon, and for bridge players it finishes in time to get to the game upstairs.



*If you would like to come to this, book by going to the Members Area, Future events on the website or click on this link: <https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/dark-nights-club...with-the-cygnets/>*

## Lecture Supper: Garden Hunting in China by Timothy Walker

Lecture 5.30 Drinks 6.45 Dinner 7.15 Members £35 Guests £40

Timothy Walker, who was for many years the Hortus Praefectus of Oxford Botanical Gardens and the Harcourt Arboretum, is talking about a 5000 mile trip he took on behalf of the Oxford Botanical Gardens across China, meeting some fascinating Chinese gardeners, seeing where many of our garden favourites originated and still grow wild (wisteria, winter-flowering jasmine, camellias, hydrangeas, rosa chinensis, magnolias, wintersweet, paeonies, and of course chrysanthemums), and studying the wonders of Chinese botanical gardens in a huge variety of terrain.



He is an engaging speaker with a fascinating topic and comes very highly recommended.

**It has been put to me that a third Chinese club supper in 7**

**weeks is one too many**, and as you know I am a pushover, so I have been persuaded, and our menu has changed to something more familiar but equally delicious:

**Duck liver parfait  
Sweet and sour pear, toasted brioche**

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**Fillet of Sea Bass with Roasted Fennel & Confit Tomatoes  
Shallot and caper butter sauce  
Pommes Suisse**

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**Accident in the Potting Shed  
Gingerbread, chocolate crumb, caramel ice cream**

*If you would like to come to this, book by going to the Members Area, Future events on the website or click on this link: <https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/lecture-supper-g...r-timothy-walker/> Lecture suppers are always popular, so I suggest you sign up soon.*

## Mahjong, Gardening and Investment Club

Differing fortunes in respect of these. There is enough interest to get **mahjong** off the ground, so I will write to all those who wrote in to me suggesting the next step. If you would like to be added, write to me saying so at [housenewclub@gmail.com](mailto:housenewclub@gmail.com).

**Gardening:** a couple of people wrote in, but I know there are more of you interested. There will be a rota for those looking after our little garden at the back of the club, so it will only be an hour or two every few weeks. **Please write to me at [housenewclub@gmail.com](mailto:housenewclub@gmail.com) and let me know if you are interested.** It is depressing to have to pay a gardener when there is so much gardening talent at the club, and you will get a great buzz when we all admire it in the summer.

**Investment Club:** I'm afraid there was very little enthusiasm for this, so for now at least I am kicking it into the long grass (which we shall soon have quite a lot of if I don't get more volunteers for the gardening club).

## Calling all Cat Lovers

Caroline Warley writes:



*Please can you help?*

My cat, Rushiran, needs a new home as I am not allowed to have her in my flat. She is 18 and may need a litter tray and / or cat flap and she is a lovely, sweet cat. I really need to find her a new home.

*If anyone can help, please contact me on [carolinewarley@gmail.com](mailto:carolinewarley@gmail.com)*

*Thank you*

***Scroll down for Events Calendar***

## 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 10 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	All Day	<b>Racing at Cheltenham Festival</b>	Stephen Hodge <a href="mailto:stephenghodge@hotmail.com">stephenghodge@hotmail.com</a>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	From 12.30pm	<b>Race Week Menu</b> Buffet Lunch £20 Afternoon Tea £20 All Day £35	Marilyn Burn <a href="mailto:housenewclub@gmail.com">housenewclub@gmail.com</a>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	10am	<b>Music Group</b> Theme: <i>Weather</i>	Ian McPherson <a href="mailto:ianmcperson@fastmail.com">ianmcperson@fastmail.com</a>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	10am	<b>Art Group</b>	Sally Perkins <a href="mailto:sallyperkins@btinternet.com">sallyperkins@btinternet.com</a>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	6pm for 6.30pm	<b>St Patrick's Day Supper</b> £25 (Guests £30)	<a href="https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/st-patricks-day-dinner/">https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/st-patricks-day-dinner/</a>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	10.15am	<b>Memoir Group</b>	Mario Malt <a href="mailto:mario@malts.co.uk">mario@malts.co.uk</a>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	12.30pm for 1pm	<b>Ladies' Lunch</b> Two Courses with Coffee & Petit Fours £25 (Guests £30)	Felicity Davies <a href="mailto:felicityjdavies@icloud.com">felicityjdavies@icloud.com</a>
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Drinks 12.30pm Lunch 1pm Jazz 2pm - 3.30pm	<b>Club Lunch</b> <b>Followed by:</b> <b>Cygnets Jazz Duo</b> Lunch £20 (Guests £25), Jazz £20, Both £35 (Guests £40)	<a href="https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/dark-nights-club...with-the-cygnets/">https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/dark-nights-club...with-the-cygnets/</a>
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	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>
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30pm	<b>Chess Group</b>	Mario Malt <a href="mailto:mario@malts.co.uk">mario@malts.co.uk</a>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	5.30pm	<b>Lecture Supper</b> <i>Garden Hunting in China</i> Lecturer: Timothy Walker £35 (Guests £40)	<a href="https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/lecture-supper-g...y-timothy-walker/">https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/lecture-supper-g...y-timothy-walker/</a>
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	10am	<b>Art Group</b>	Sally Perkins <a href="mailto:sallyperkins@btinternet.com">sallyperkins@btinternet.com</a>
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	5pm	<b>Quiz Night</b> £12.50 includes Bar meal	Ian McPherson <a href="mailto:ianmcperson@fastmail.com">ianmcperson@fastmail.com</a>

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Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	10am	<b>Music Group</b>	Ian McPherson <a href="mailto:ianmcperson@fastmail.com">ianmcperson@fastmail.com</a>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	10am	<b>Art Group</b>	Sally Perkins <a href="mailto:sallyeperkins@btinternet.com">sallyeperkins@btinternet.com</a>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	11am	<b>**Book Group</b> <i>Tulip Fever</i> by Deborah Moggach	Tom Potter <a href="mailto:gtpotter@btinternet.com">gtpotter@btinternet.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:stephenghodge@hotmail.com">stephenghodge@hotmail.com</a>
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	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>
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Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	TBC	<b>An Evening of Opera</b> Black Tie £75 (Guests £80)	<a href="https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/an-evening-of-opera/">https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/an-evening-of-opera/</a>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	TBC	<b>St George's Day Supper</b> <b>An Evening of Englishness</b>	<a href="https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/st-georges-day-a...n-of-englishness/">https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/st-georges-day-a...n-of-englishness/</a>
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	11am	<b>Art Appreciation</b>	Mike Phillips <a href="mailto:mikep3143@icloud.com">mikep3143@icloud.com</a>
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	3.30pm	<b>Chess Group</b>	Mario Malt <a href="mailto:mario@malts.co.uk">mario@malts.co.uk</a>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	5.30pm	<b>Lecture Supper</b> <i>General "Pug" Ismay, Soldier, Statesman and Diplomat</i> Lecturer: Lt General Sir John Kiszely, KCB, MC, DL £35 (Guests £40)	<a href="https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/lecture-supper-g...szeley-kcb-mc-dl/">https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/lecture-supper-g...szeley-kcb-mc-dl/</a>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	10am	<b>**Art Group</b>	Sally Perkins <a href="mailto:sallyeperkins@btinternet.com">sallyeperkins@btinternet.com</a>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	5pm onwards	<b>Race Night</b> Featuring Hunter Chase Racing	Stephen Hodge <a href="mailto:stephenghodge@hotmail.com">stephenghodge@hotmail.com</a>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	5pm	<b>Quiz Night</b> £12.50 includes Bar meal	Ian McPherson <a href="mailto:ianmcperson@fastmail.com">ianmcperson@fastmail.com</a>

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Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	3.30pm	<b>Chess Group</b>	Mario Malt <a href="mailto:mario@malts.co.uk">mario@malts.co.uk</a>
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	12.30pm for 1pm	<b>Hosting 4 Clubs Lunch</b> Speaker: Cornelius Lysaght: "My life and Characters on The Turf" £45 (to include aperitifs and wine on table)	Stephen Hodge <a href="mailto:reciprocalclubs@thenewclub.co.uk">reciprocalclubs@thenewclub.co.uk</a>
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	5pm	<b>**Quiz Night</b> £12.50 includes Bar meal	Ian McPherson <a href="mailto:ianmcperson@fastmail.com">ianmcperson@fastmail.com</a>
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	10am	<b>**Music Group</b>	Ian McPherson <a href="mailto:ianmcperson@fastmail.com">ianmcperson@fastmail.com</a>
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	TBC	<b>**Ladies Afternoon Tea</b>	Felicity Davies <a href="mailto:felicityjdavies@icloud.com">felicityjdavies@icloud.com</a>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	TBC	<b>Golf Competition</b> Sherdons Golf Course	Mario Malt <a href="mailto:mario@malts.co.uk">mario@malts.co.uk</a>
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	TBC	<b>Founders' Dinner</b>	Marilyn Burn <a href="mailto:housenewclub@gmail.com">housenewclub@gmail.com</a>