



# The New Club Times

March 13th 2026

## Happy Hour and ...

## OOOH.....AAAH

### Rob Wright writes:

These were the noises heard in abundance at the **Quarterly Mixed Snooker Competition**. Admittedly, most of the ooh's and aah's were for near misses, whilst some of the more fortunate shots (when balls of various colours did drop into pockets), met with deservedly enthusiastic applause. It has to be said that, besides uncovering certain players natural snooker prowess, there were gasps of amazement and uproarious laughter when unbelievably lucky shots scored points. The shot of the day in this context saw Alan Williams skilfully miss the red ball we all thought he was aiming at, sending his cue ball to the other end of the table, hitting the cushion and returning to neatly pocket an unsuspecting nearby red!

**Best individual score** was down to **Denis Woulfe**, who managed a break into double figures (just!). The new handicap system, devised and applied by the one-man handicap committee and approved by the same one-man Competition Umpire, ensured the desired result, it could have been anyone's game.



The final and very popular results were:

**Best Lady's trophy: Angie Kirkpatrick**

**Overall Third place:** The formidable husband wife team, **Angie and Tom Kirkpatrick**

**Second place:** The gentlemen ringers, **Ian McPherson and Denis Woulfe**

**First Place:** The wild card couple,

**Caroline Warley and Keith Arkle.**

There followed HAPPY HOUR in the bar, a light meal and drinks (special prices with all drinks discounted), and of course, prize giving. A fun afternoon and early evening, to be repeated and not to be missed!



**Footnote:** I am reliably informed that several ladies are interested in learning the oohs and aahs of snooker and I am willing to give an introduction to the game date tbc depending on uptake. ***I will put a sign-up notice on the Club Board - put your name down if interested [rob.wright47@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rob.wright47@hotmail.co.uk)***

## House Notes

**Marilyn Burn writes:**

**Race week:** I am writing this on Thursday night, so we still have Gold Cup Day to come, but so far, the week has been a roaring success. We have had 14-17 people each day, and it has been the greatest fun. Carl's buffets and teas have been amazing, the sweepstakes have been an inspired idea of Sally Perkins, and altogether a big improvement on sitting at home watching – and a great deal easier than fighting through the crowds at the race course (not of course if you go to our table there at the Cotswold Club because Stephen Hodge very kindly and efficiently takes on the burden).



**St Patrick's Day Dinner: Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup> 6 for 6.30pm**

**Members £25 Guests £30**



Every year we pretend to be Irish, just for the night, and enjoy a thoroughly Irish meal, partly inspired by Lyn's family recipes. There are usually people putting on execrable cod Irish accents, but it goes with the territory, and we forgive them (Lyn may not, but that's a different story). There will be lots of Guinness, some of it non-alcoholic, which seems to me to be a contradiction in terms, but apparently we sell a lot of it, and it's said to be very good.

Enclosed alongside this NCT is a list of those attending, which is rather more than the list I put up on the board earlier. 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/>

***If you think you should be on the list and aren't, write to me at [housenewclub@gmail.com](mailto:housenewclub@gmail.com)***

If you are having trouble booking this on the website, please just write to me, preferably this weekend, at [housenewclub@gmail.com](mailto:housenewclub@gmail.com) and tell me so and I will add you to the list until we have finally ironed out the glitches.

### **DUBLIN BAY PRAWNS & MUSSELS WITH WILD GARLIC AND WHITE WINE**

Served with home-made soda bread

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### **BACON AND CABBAGE WITH LYN'S FAMOUS POTATO STUFFING**

A large bacon joint is slowly boiled then thickly sliced and served over buttered cabbage with a creamy parsley sauce, and creamy mashed potato with spring onions and herbs

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### **BAILEYS IRISH CREAM TRIFLES**

Whisky soaked chocolate & Guinness cake topped with Bailey's cream

## 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

Come along and enjoy an authentic (and very cheap) Italian lunch, light but delicious, before jazz in the

**Pane Cafone**

**Peperoncini del Fiume**

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

**Spaghetti Puttanesca**

**Migliaccio**

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



The jazz will be relaxed, and in the hall with chairs and tables dotted around a la Ronnie Scott's so you can move about, sit down and have a drink, and come in and out. **Do come along:** I'd like to know how much you enjoy them, so I know whether to book them for one of the evenings during the cricket, or maybe for one of our summer Garden Parties.

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/> If you would just like to come to the lunch, book that; if you would like to come just to the jazz, book that; and if you would like to come to both book the Duo places.

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## 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 – and the menu is delectable too.

I am surprised that this is not fully booked, as our lecture suppers always are, and I suspect it is because of problems some of you are having booking on the website. 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/>

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**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**

**Easter Club Supper: Wednesday April 1 Drinks 6.30 Dinner 7pm  
Members £25 Guests £30**



*"In green underwood and cover  
Blossom by blossom the Spring begins"*

I always think of these lines now Spring has finally got the hang of it. The clocks have gone forward, I have turned the heater off in the greenhouse, Spring has sprung and Easter is nearly upon us. We are celebrating all these things with a hop, skip and a jump (except for Jane, who has been forbidden from hopping, skipping or jumping given her propensity to damage bits of herself and spray blood everywhere) and a special Spring menu from Carl.

**Warm soft centred Crispy Duck Scotch Egg, with asparagus & hollandaise sauce**

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**Slow Roasted Shoulder of Lamb, with Spring Greens, Roasted Roots and Boulangère Potatoes**

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**Chocolate Hot Cross Bun Pudding with Custard**

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## 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*

## 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 16 <sup>th</sup> March	10am	<b>Art Group</b>	Sally Perkins <a href="mailto:sallyeperkins@btinternet.com">sallyeperkins@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:sallyeperkins@btinternet.com">sallyeperkins@btinternet.com</a>
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	6.30pm for 7pm	<b>**Easter Club Supper</b> £25 (Guests £30)	<a href="https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/easter-club-supper/">https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/easter-club-supper/</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>
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	10am	<b>Music Group</b> Theme: <i>My Current Favourite three tracks</i>	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>

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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>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	10.15am	<b>Memoir Group</b>	Mario Malt <a href="mailto:mario@malts.co.uk">mario@malts.co.uk</a>
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:sallyperkins@btinternet.com">sallyperkins@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:ianmcpherson@fastmail.com">ianmcpherson@fastmail.com</a>
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	10am	<b>Music Group</b>	Ian McPherson <a href="mailto:ianmcpherson@fastmail.com">ianmcpherson@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>