



The New Club Times

March 27th, 2026

New Club Ramblers

Pete Chadwick writes:



Now that the weather seems to be getting a little more clement, it's time we started off the Rambling season for this year. Our first outing will be the Snowhill circuit with its wonderful views over the Vale of Evesham, followed by lunch in the Snowhill Arms. If you would like to join us on **Tuesday 14th April**, setting off at 10.30am, **please let me know at my email address, pete@thechads.org.**

House Notes

Marilyn Burn writes:

Last Dark Nights Lunch: many of you will be aware of the catastrophe that befell the sax player from Cygnet Duo on the day before she was due to play for us. In an "ouch" moment, she fractured three fingers using a circular saw. Lucky not to lose them. So we had no music, but Mario very kindly and cleverly put together an entertaining true or false game for ten minutes at the end of an excellent Lunch in Naples. The Duo assure me they will be back when Di's fingers have been fully restored – not for some months, I fear.

Don't forget, you can now book events on the website, or by writing to me at housenewclub@gmail.com, or by signing up on the board.

A lot to look forward to in April, and a very varied month for events. Thank the Lord, next week is April and we are kicking off with:

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



A real Spring menu for the beginning of the real Spring. The clocks will have gone forward, so the evenings will be lighter. Many of you will be better cooks than me, but I must admit that my heart fails me at the thought of even trying to cook a warm soft centred crispy Duck Scotch egg, never mind pairing it with asparagus and hollandaise sauce.

That's about 2 hours of work right there – so I shall leave it to Carl but enjoy what will be one of the great first courses of the year.

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

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

Chocolate Hot Cross Bun Pudding with Custard

If you would like to come to this, book by signing up on the board, or writing to me at housenewclub@gmail.com or going to the Members Area, Future events on the website or click on this link: <https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/easter-club-supper/>

Wonderful, Wonderful Copenhagen: Dinner in Denmark

Wednesday April 8 Drinks 6.30 Dinner 7pm Members £25 Guests £30



Denmark is having a moment with its food, so Carl has devised a special Danish menu for us. Personally I'd come just for the home made gravadlax, but there's a lot else to enjoy too.

HOME MADE GRAVADLAX, with Cucumber Salad, Rye Bread and Cowberry Sauce

KOTTBULLAR

(Danish meat balls with braised red cabbage)

BRAENDENDE KEARLIGHED

(“Burning Love”: mashed potatoes with bacon and onions)

RISALAMANDE

(Danish rice pudding with whipped cream, toasted almonds and cherry sauce)

TRAESTAMMER

(“Danish Tree Logs”: Rum Truffles with Marzipan and Chocolate)

If you would like to come to this, book by writing to me at housenewclub@gmail.com or going to the Members Area, Future events on the website or click on this link: <https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/wonderful-wonderful-copenhagen/>

An Evening of Opera: Wednesday April 15

Drinks from 5.30 Opera 6-7.30pm Dinner 7.45 Black tie £75 Guests £80



This is one of the Club's stellar events of the year. Maria is excited by the singers she has been able to put together for this special evening; I have a piano tuner coming in to tune up so that it's perfect, and the hall will be filled with the sound of music. Come along and bring a guest – it's a great introduction to the Club.

And of course, Carl has devised a delicious menu to complement it, with the first of this year's asparagus from the Wye Valley.

SEARED WYE VALLEY ASPARAGUS, with Cotswold Honey, Feta Whip and Bacon Crumb

ROAST COD, with Peas and a Potato & Zucchini Foam Bisque

ROSEMARY CHEESECAKE, with a coconut digestive crumb and Pomegranate

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A Celebration of Englishness with the Choir: Tuesday April 21

Choir 6-6.45pm Drinks 6.45 Dinner 7.15

Choir: £25 Non-Choir £35 Guests £40



Tonight we will forget what is going on in the rest of the world, if indeed it is still going on, and put to one side all the problems in this country, and let our chests swell with pride when we remember that we are English and have consequently won first prize in the lottery of life. Our gardens are beginning to come into their loveliness, and the Choir are going to sing a selection

of songs to remind us of the beauty of the countryside and how very lucky we really are.

And then our hearts will be lifted further by joining in a rousing end to the concert by singing our hearts out to "Jerusalem". After that we shall enjoy a quintessentially English meal, and then 15 minutes of Elgar and Vaughan Williams.

All foreigners, including Scots, Welsh and Irish, are extremely welcome!

Potted Port & Stilton Pate with Melba Toast

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**Slow Braised Brisket of Beef in a Bonemarrow & Onion Gravy,
With Yorkshire Puddings**

Roasted Vegetables, Smoked Shallots, Buttered Greens, Creamed Potato

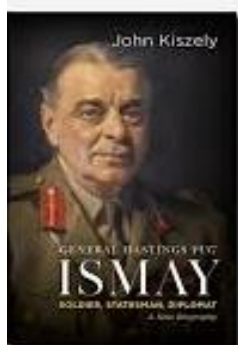
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Eton Mess

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Lecture Supper: General 'Pug' Ismay, Soldier, Statesman and Diplomat by Lt General Sir John Kiszely KCB, MC, DL

Friday April 24 Lecture 5.30 Drinks 6.45 Dinner 7.15 Members £35
Guests £40



This is our military history lecture supper.

Curiously, "Pug" Ismay, one of the most celebrated names in the forties, fifties and sixties, has been almost forgotten. But he was Churchill's Chief of Staff throughout the War, and ultimately one of his honorary pallbearers. After the war, he was instrumental in public events from the independence of India and Pakistan to the establishment of Nato, of which he was the first Secretary-General. And he was local, retiring to Wormington, Broadway.

We are extremely lucky to have secured **Lt General Sir John Kiszely** as our speaker. His operational service included Northern Ireland, The Falklands, Bosnia and Iraq. He was awarded the MC for an action during the Battle of Mount Tumbledown during the Falklands War, where he led an attack in close quarter battle against determined resistance through the Argentine position, which drove them from the summit. He was Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff. He has written an authoritative biography of "Pug" Ismay, and is now an historian, author and associate Fellow at the Changing Character of War Centre at Pembroke College, Oxford. He combines the courage and dash of a man who has seen extreme action with a scholarly mind and an ability to hold the room when he speaks.

And Carl has devised a brilliantly apposite menu:

CRÈME SOLFERINO
1859 battle of Solferino

A soup consisting of a leek & potato soup with a tomato. The potato represents the snow-covered battlefield, and the splash of tomato represents the blood of the wounded soldiers. Garnished with rounds of carrot and potato that represent the cannon balls

SAUTEED BREAST OF CHICKEN MARENGO
Celebrating the Napoleonic victory of June 1800

Sauce of mushrooms, cream & garlic, finished with tomatoes, eggs and crayfish. Apparently, these were all items foraged by the chefs in the nearby woods.

PRUSSIAN BOULETS

Cannonball pastries, reflecting the bombardment of Paris
Little round choux buns filled with vanilla pastry cream and covered in a warm chocolate & hazelnut sauce

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The Library: Freddie Gick, one of our newer members, has a number of books he would like to donate to the library. But on examination the library is full of books no-one will ever look at (List of Certified Accountants 1952 springs readily to mind) and which need to be thrown away, or in some cases given to anyone who wants them. He is willing to help sort the library and turn it into one from which members might actually like to read a book, a novel thought, and to organise some volunteers. ***This will make the Club a better and more attractive space: please volunteer to help by writing to me at housenewclub@gmail.com or direct to Freddie at freddiegick@gmail.com***

Feeling Crafty?

Chris Phillips writes:



I am thinking of setting up a **Craft group**. For instance, knitting (chunky knitwear trending at the moment - see Hope Macaulay) crochet, embroidery, canvas work, patchwork etc. If you are interested, please contact me on Christinaphillips2@me.com to discuss further.

AGM

Don't forget the Club's AGM takes place on Tuesday April 7th at 6.30pm.

Snookered!

Snooker players should note that the snooker tablecloth is being re-covered **on Monday 30th March** and so the snooker room will be out of action all day.

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 30 th March	10am	Art Group	Sally Perkins sallyeperkins@btinternet.com
Wednesday 1 st April	6.30pm for 7pm	Easter Club Supper £25 (Guests £30)	https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/easter-club-supper/ or housenewclub@gmail.com
Thursday 2 nd April	5pm	Quiz Night £12.50 includes Bar meal	Ian McPherson ianmcperson@fastmail.com
Tuesday 7 th April	6.30pm	**AGM	secretary@thenewclub.co.uk
Wednesday 8 th April	6.30pm for 7pm	Dinner in Copenhagen £25 (Guests £30)	https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/wonderful-wonderful-copenhagen/ or housenewclub@gmail.com
Thursday 9 th April	10am	Music Group Theme: <i>My Current Favourite Three Tracks</i>	Ian McPherson ianmcperson@fastmail.com
Monday 13 th April	10am	Art Group	Sally Perkins sallyeperkins@btinternet.com
Monday 13 th April	11am	Book Group <i>Tulip Fever</i> by Deborah Moggach	Tom Potter gtpotter@btinternet.com
Tuesday 14 th April	10.30am	**New Club Ramble Snowhill circuit followed by lunch at the Snowhill Arms	Pete Chadwick pete@thechads.org
Tuesday 14 th April	6pm	Club Italiano Conversation Meet in the Bar then go to Library	Paulette Faulkner clubitaliano24@gmail.com
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	Opera 6-7.30pm Dinner 7.45pm	An Evening of Opera Black Tie £75 (Guests £80)	https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/an-evening-of-opera/ or housenewclub@gmail.com

Date	Time	Event	Organiser/Contact/Link
Tuesday 21 st April	Choir 6pm-6.45pm Drinks 6.45pm Dinner 7.15pm	St George's Day Supper An Evening of Englishness Choir £25 Non-choir £35 (Guests £40)	https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/st-georges-day-a...n-of-englishness/ or housenewclub@gmail.com
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 Kiszey, KCB, MC, DL £35 (Guests £40)	https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/lecture-supper-g...szeley-kcb-mc-dl/ or housenewclub@gmail.com
Monday 27 th April	10am	Art Group	Sally Perkins sallyeperkins@btinternet.com
Wednesday 29 th May	6.30pm for 7pm	**Club Supper Menu of old favourites £25 (Guests £30)	https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/club-supper/ or housenewclub@gmail.com
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 ianmcperson@fastmail.com
Wednesday 6 th May	Jazz 6pm -7.45pm Dinner 8pm	**An Evening at Ronnie Scott's Members £50 (Guests £60)	https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/another-evening-at-ronnie-scotts/ or housenewclub@gmail.com
Monday 11 th May	11am	**Book Group <i>Elizabeth is Missing</i> by Emma Healey	Tom Potter gtpotter@btinternet.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 ianmcperson@fastmail.com
Wednesday 20 th May	10.15am	Memoir Group	Mario Malt mario@malts.co.uk

Date	Time	Event	Organiser/Contact/Link
Thursday 28th 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 5 th June	5pm	Quiz Night £12.50 includes Bar meal	Ian McPherson ianmcperson@fastmail.com
Thursday 11 th June	10am	Music Group	Ian McPherson ianmcperson@fastmail.com
Friday 12 th June	TBC	Ladies Afternoon Tea	Felicity Davies felicityjdavies@icloud.com
Tuesday 30 th June	6pm	**Club Italiano Conversation Meet in the Bar then go to Library	Paulette Faulkner clubitaliano24@gmail.com
Tuesday 14 th July	6pm	**Club Italiano Conversation Meet in the Bar then go to Library	Paulette Faulkner clubitaliano24@gmail.com
Friday 17 th July	TBC	Golf Competition Sherdons Golf Course	Mario Malt mario@malts.co.uk
Friday 30 th October	TBC	Founders' Dinner	Marilyn Burn housenewclub@gmail.com