



The New Club Times

May 1st 2026

House Notes

Marilyn Burn writes:

Simple Club Supper: another very happy evening at the Club, with over 40 enjoying Carl's cooking and the company of their friends.

Another Evening at Ronnie Scott's: Wednesday May 6

Jazz 6-7.45 Dinner 8pm Members £50 Guests £60



I am seriously concerned about the future of our special evenings unless they receive more support. I have noticed that members are signing up for events significantly later than in the past, and not only is this bad for my heart, but it is also making things tricky for Carl ordering food. He tells me he must order the salmon on Monday, and at present we only have 24 signed up. The minimum viable number is 36, and we limit it to 40 so everyone can get into the hall to see and listen. **So please sign up this weekend, either on the board or by writing to me at housenewclub@gmail.com or on the website.**

As usual on jazz nights we will be putting small tables and chairs round the hall, and on the landing above, so you can take your drinks in and wander about as you like.

For those of you who don't like fish, just say and you will be provided with an alternative, either vegetarian if that is your choice, or carnivorous if you are a meat eater.

And Carl has selected a terrific meal from one of Ronnie Scott's menus:

WILD MUSHROOM & TRUFFLE TART WITH PICKLED MUSTARD SEEDS

HERB CRUSTED SALMON, with Jerusalem artichoke, sea herbs

RHUBARB & CUSTARD TRIFLE

Big Space Cancer Charity Lecture Supper

"Transforming Cancer Care" by Dr Sam Guglani

Friday May 8th Lecture 5.30 Drinks 6.30 Dinner 7pm Members £27.50 Guests £35

This event is also worrying me at the moment. We have 22 signed up for this event, at which Dr Guglani (Consultant oncologist in Cheltenham where he specialises in lung and brain cancers and chairs the hospital's ethics committee. He is the director and founder of Medicine Unboxed, an events project that aims to engage public and health professionals in exploring medicine, life and mortality through the arts and humanities) is giving up his Friday evening to talk to us, unpaid, about his and the charity's vision of how cancer care can be transformed for all of us in Cheltenham.



“The Big Space Cancer Appeal aims to transform cancer care at Cheltenham General Hospital by creating a modern, spacious, patient-centred cancer centre. The new facility will offer larger, light-filled consulting rooms, private spaces for difficult conversations, calm areas for families, better waiting and recovery spaces, and dedicated zones for research and innovation. This major redevelopment replaces facilities that

are now over 25 years old and no longer meet the needs of today’s cancer patients and staff.

So far, the appeal has raised £9.7 million, thanks to community support and major donations—including a £2 million gift from The Summerfield Charitable Trust—bringing the campaign more than halfway to its £17.5 million target. Construction of the first phase is expected to begin within the next year, subject to planning approval (hot off the press – planning permission was granted last week). More info is available from our website here: [The Big Space Cancer Appeal – Help us transform cancer care in Gloucestershire](#)”

As you know, the club is partnering with this tremendously worthwhile local charity for 3 years in the hope that we can help them to achieve their goals while understanding better ourselves the ins and outs of cancer treatment and care in Cheltenham.

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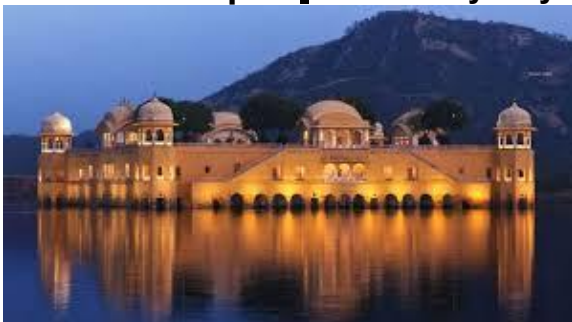
MELON, PARMA HAM & FIGS

SEA BASS WITH OLIVE CRUSHED POTATOES, BUTTERED SPINACH AND SAUCE VIERGE

SAUTERNES CRÈME CARAMEL WITH ARMAGNAC PRUNE CONFIT, TUILLE BISCUIT

Please sign up on the board or write to me at housenewclub@gmail.com or book on the website.

Dinner in Jaipur: Wednesday May 13 6.30 for 7pm Members £27.50 Guests £35



Rajasthani cuisine has evolved to serve the requirements of the royal Rajput families and the Mughal princes. The Mughals came from Central Asia, round Uzbekistan, and while they brought some of the culture around their food with them, they were also determined to impress their Indian subjects with the subtlety and magnificence of their cuisine.

The key dish in Rajasthani cuisine is probably Laal Maas, a special lamb curry, prepared for the Rajput royal families during their hunts, and it is prepared in yoghurt with spices. It’s a long time since we have devoted a Club supper to the cooking of Rajasthan, so come along and enjoy it with all the trimmings Carl so enjoys making and we so enjoy eating.

BAJRA METHI PURI (Fragrant bread)
KHICHDI (Classic Indian dhal)

LAAL MAAS (Lamb curry Rajasthani style)
LAUKI KOFTA (Gourd dumplings)
BOONDI RAITA (Yogurt dip)
AAM KI LAUNJI (Sweet & spicy mango)

GHEVAR (Fried sweet cake)
BADAM HALWA (Ground almond dip)

If you would like to come to this, please write to me at housenewclub@gmail.com or sign up on the board or book your places at the website by clicking the link: <https://thenewclub.co.uk/event/dinner-in-jaipur>

Elgar: 'The Life of a Divided Personality' Speaker: Christopher Morley
Friday May 22 Lecture 5.30 Drinks 6.45 Members £37.50 Guests £45



Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934) was a self-taught English composer from Worcestershire, who rose from the most modest background as the son of a piano tuner and shopkeeper in Worcester. Through his own efforts and the constant encouragements of his wife Alice, he became arguably Britain's most famous composer. His wife Alice not only supported his work but was extremely understanding about his affairs. I don't know about you, but her behaviour sounds very different from what mine would have been in a similar situation, so I shall be fascinated to know how he got away with it. He was made a baronet and awarded the Order of Merit and many other honours.

The talk will examine his complex personality and insecurities and his deeply disturbed personality and how they are reflected in his music. Speaker: Christopher Morley, the well-known music critic until recently of the Birmingham Post, BBC broadcaster and author, with a special interest in Elgar. He has lectured extensively on the subject and has a unique understanding of Elgar's personality and work.

EARL GREY CURED SALMON

Pickled lemon and celery salad, horseradish cream, pumpernickel bread

BRAISED PORK COLLAR WITH CRACKLING

Rosemary dauphinoise potatoes, baked celeriac and remoulade, apple compote, mustard jus and fried sage

CLASSIC CRÈME BRULÉE

Shortbread biscuit

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Sunday Lunch at the Club

Sunday May 17 12.30, 12.45 AND 1PM Members and Guests £26



I told you all about this in my email earlier this week, so I won't repeat it all. Initially at least it will be bookings only, and limited to 50, so no walk ins I'm afraid.

1pm is now FULL, and there are a total of 9 places left for 12.30 or 12.45, as you prefer.

If you would like to come to this, *please write to me at housenewclub@gmail.com or sign up on the board. WHEN YOU BOOK, PLEASE ADD 12.30. or 12.45 TO YOUR NAME if you are writing to me.*

Bring friends and family over 12, and if they're old enough to come they are old enough to eat an adult menu, so no children's menu. And no children's portions or prices: most teenagers will eat theirs and yours as well. BUT notice that we are charging the same for guests as for members, to encourage you to bring them all along.

**SIRLOIN OF BEEF WITH A BRAISED BRISKET FILLED YORKSHIRE PUDDING
HORSERADISH SAUCE & PAN JUICES**

OR

**HALF-A-ROASTED FREE-RANGE CHICKEN WITH GARLIC & HERBS
PIGS IN BLANKETS & BREAD SAUCE**

both with

**ROASTED ROOTS, SPRING GREENS, CAULIFLOWER CHEESE
ROAST & CREAMED POTATOES**

**CRÈME BRULEE WITH POACHED YORKSHIRE RHUBARB
SHORTBREAD BISCUIT**

OR

**CHOCOLATE ROULADE WITH KIRCHE-SOAKED CHERRIES
BELGIAN CHOCOLATE SAUCE**

OR

CHEESE PLATE

Pilates at the Club:



new members often enquire whether there are any spaces on either Tuesday morning at 9.45 with Sam or Thursday morning at 10.15 with Lucy, and until recently the answer has been no. But there are a few places available on both mornings with these excellent instructors, both of whom come here from their studios especially to teach our members **Chair Pilates**. So no struggling on the floor with mats: all very civilised and fun. It's all about **S T R E T C H I N G** and helping with balance, which must be good for you. And it's only £7 a session for the first session and then £35 for 5 sessions in advance. Give 24 hours notice and you can cancel a session free of charge.

Since they are both early sessions there's always plenty of parking, and afterwards everyone relaxes and chats over coffee. And I'm told there's always cake on someone's birthday, although what that has to do with stretching is unclear to me. *Please **don't write to me, just text or ring Sam on 07884 333723 or Lucy on 07958 316186***

Are You a Clay Pigeon Hotshot?

Stephen Hodge writes:



The New Club Cheltenham have been officially invited to enter a team at the inaugural Thistle Trophy competition which will be held under the management of The New Club Edinburgh on **Friday 11th September 2026** at Cluny Activities, Cluny Court, Kirkaldy, KY2 6QJ.

Guns are asked to arrive at Cluny Clays for 1pm so that all guns can have the opportunity to enjoy dinner, which the New Club Edinburgh will host from 7pm. The dress code for dinner is jacket and tie, and accommodation is available at the New Club Edinburgh.

If club members would like to enter a team in this year's competition, please indicate your interest **by Tuesday 12th May**.

You can email me at reciprocalclubs@thenewclub.co.uk or phone 07768 304478 for a booking form and further details.

Golf Competition Reminder

Mario Malt writes:



Heads up lady and gentlemen golfers, the Club Golf Competition is being played on **Friday July 17th at the Sherdons Golf Centre**.

You can look forward to short practice on the driving range (a tub of 25 balls is included), a social 9-hole round of golf, followed by bacon baps, tea and coffee, all for the very modest sum of £22 per person.

We will be using Stableford scoring, so no matter your handicap, you are in with a chance of winning a prize! As is customary, we will all converge on the Club at 5:30pm for a cordial get together, drinks, bar food, and prize giving.

Yes, it's eleven weeks away, but if like me, you like to plan ahead, mark the date in your diaries. **FRIDAY 17th JULY**.

Email me (mario@malts.co.uk) and I'll sign you in, or sign up on the notice board from 4th May, when the flyer will be up.

Wine Appreciation Group

Mike Dearden Writes:



The Wine Group will meet on the evening of Wednesday 20th May in the Library when we shall be tasting a range of unusual wines - unusual grapes, unusual countries and unusual production methods. The tasting will be led by Ranulf Middleton of D'Arcy Wines, the Club's main wine supplier.

If you would like to join us, please log your interest with Mike Dearden (mike@thedeardens.co.uk)

New Club Ramblers

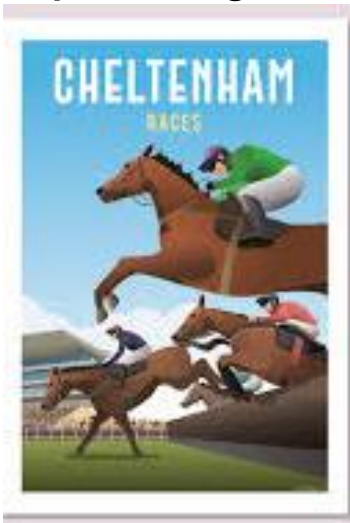


Last call for anyone interested in joining the ramble around Northleach on May 6th. Lunch at the Sherborne Arms afterwards.

Please contact Mike Dearden for information
[\(\[mike@thedeardens.co.uk\]\(mailto:mike@thedeardens.co.uk\)\)](mailto:mike@thedeardens.co.uk)

Cheltenham Racing Dates 2026/27

Stephen Hodge writes:



Dates of all Cheltenham race meetings for 2026/27 season are now available.
Booking details will be published in July for our club table in The Cotswold Club.

Friday 23 - Sat 24th October - The William Hill Showcase
Friday 13 - Sun 15th November (3 days) - The November Meeting
Friday 11 - Sat 12th December - The Christmas Meeting
Friday 1st January 2027 - New Years Day Racing
Saturday 30th January 2027 - Festival Trials Day
Tuesday 10th - Friday 19th March (4 days) - The Cheltenham Festival
Wednesday 14th - 13th April 2027 - The April Meeting
Friday 30th April 2027 - The Race night

If any new members have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting me on stephengahodge@hotmail.com.

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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
Wednesday 6 th May	10am	New Club Ramble Northleach Lunch at Sherborne Arms	Mike Dearden mike@thedeadens.co.uk
Wednesday 6 th May	Jazz 6pm -7.45pm Dinner 8pm	An Evening at Ronnie Scott's Members £50 (Guests £60)	https://thenewclub.co.uk/another-evening-at-ronnie-scotts/ or housenewclub@gmail.com
Friday 8 th May	Talk 6pm Drinks 7pm Dinner 7.30pm	Big Space Cancer Appeal Dinner Talk by Oncology Consultant Sam Guglani £27 (Guests £35)	Marilyn Burn housenewclub@gmail.com
Monday 11 th May	10am – 5.30pm	Visit to Chevanage House and Tetbury £60 (includes coach)	Jane Moyle jane@janemoyle.co.uk
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 Film – <i>Oh Brother Where Art Thou?</i>	Ian McPherson ianmcperson@fastmail.com
Sunday 17 th May	12.30, 12.45 or 1pm	**Club Sunday Lunch £26	Marilyn Burn housenewclub@gmail.com
Tuesday 19 th May	6pm	**Perfect Pasta Supper £22 (Guests £30)	Marilyn Burn housenewclub@gmail.com
Wednesday 20 th May	10.15am	Memoir Group	Mario Malt mario@malts.co.uk
Wednesday 20 th May	6pm	**Wine Appreciation Group	Mike Dearden mike@thedeadens.co.uk
Friday 22 nd May	5.30pm	Lecture Supper <i>Elgar: The Life of a Divided Personality</i> by Christopher Morley £37.50 (Guests £45.50)	Marilyn Burn housenewclub@gmail.com

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Wednesday 27 th May	6pm onwards	Gin & Canapes in the Club Garden Gin tasting with <i>Gin in a Tin</i> a new Cotswold Gin company £30 (Guests £40)	Marilyn Burn housenewclub@gmail.com
Thursday 28 th May	3.30pm	Chess Group	Mario Malt mario@malts.co.uk
Monday 1 st June	11am	Book Group <i>The Summer Book</i> by Tove Janson	Tom Potter gtpotter@btinternet.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 5 th June	5pm	Quiz Night £12.50 includes Bar meal	Ian McPherson ianmcperson@fastmail.com
Wednesday 10 th June	TBC	Angie Kirkpatrick on Wine Followed by Dinner £TBC	Marilyn Burn housenewclub@gmail.com
Thursday 11 th June	10am	Music Group	Ian McPherson ianmcperson@fastmail.com
Friday 12 th June	2.30pm	Ladies Afternoon Tea with Julie Kent, MBE	Felicity Davies felicityjdavies@icloud.com
Wednesday 17 th June	5pm – 7pm	Secret Garden Party with jazz, fizz and canapés! £30	Jane Moyle jane@janemoyle.co.uk
Tuesday 23 rd June	TBC	**A Classical Recital by Hannah Davey £TBC	Marilyn Burn housenewclub@gmail.com
Friday 26 th June	5.30pm	**Lecture Supper <i>The Auctioneer's Lot</i> by Philip Serrell £37.50 (Guests £45.50)	Marilyn Burn housenewclub@gmail.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
Wednesday 15 th July	TBC	**An Evening in the Caribbean Jamani Steelpan £TBC	Marilyn Burn housenewclub@gmail.com

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Friday 17 th July	TBC	Golf Competition Sherdons Golf Course	Mario Malt mario@malts.co.uk
Friday 24 th July	5.30pm	**Lecture Supper <i>Water, Water Everywhere</i> By Stephen Cole £37.50 (Guests £45.50)	Marilyn Burn housenewclub@gmail.com
8 th – 23 rd August	TBC	**Cricket Festival	Marilyn Burn housenewclub@gmail.com
Friday 4 th September	5.30pm	**Lecture Supper <i>Secret Cheltenham</i> By David Elder £37.50 (Guests £45.50)	Marilyn Burn housenewclub@gmail.com
Thursday 10 th September	TBC	**Tea Party in the Secret Garden £TBC	Jane Moyle jane@janemoyle.co.uk
Friday 11 th September	1pm	**Thistle Clay Pigeon Competition Cluny Clays Kirkcaldy	Stephen Hodge reciprocalclubs@thenewclub.co.uk
Wednesday 16 th September	TBC	**An Evening of Magic with Graham Jolley £TBC	Marilyn Burn housenewclub@gmail.com
Tuesday 15 th September	12.30pm for 1pm	Four Clubs Lunch Cardiff and County Club Bus available for transport	Stephen Hodge reciprocalclubs@thenewclub.co.uk
Friday 25 th September	5.30pm	**Lecture Supper <i>Being Lord Chancellor</i> By Alex Chalk KC £37.50 (Guests £45.50)	Marilyn Burn housenewclub@gmail.com
Wednesday 30 th September	TBC	**Choir Supper with Autumn Songs £TBC	Marilyn Burn housenewclub@gmail.com
Friday 30 th October	TBC	Founders' Dinner	Marilyn Burn housenewclub@gmail.com