



# The New Club Times

May 8<sup>th</sup> 2026

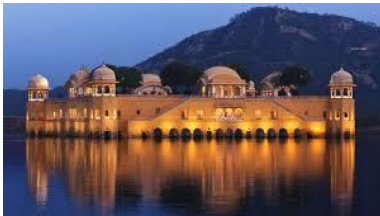
## House Notes

Marilyn Burn writes:

**Another Evening at Ronnie Scott's:** although there were not as many people as I was hoping, the thirty-one of us who were there had a great evening with Dom Franks and an extremely talented keyboard player, together with a fine singer. I had a number of comments afterwards about how lucky we were to get such a talented trio.

## 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](mailto:housenewclub@gmail.com) or sign up on the board by Monday night.*

## Sunday Lunch at the Club: Sunday May 17 12.30, 12.45 AND 1PM

Members and Guests £26



This is now completely full, so if you are suffering from FOMO, you can book the next one on **Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup>** by *writing to me at [housenewclub@gmail.com](mailto:housenewclub@gmail.com) to book your places. Remember to tell me whether you want to come at 12.30, 12.45 or 1pm.*

**Perfect Pasta: Tuesday May 19 6 for 6.30 Members £22 Guests £30**



One of our inexpensive but delicious club suppers – much cheaper to bring guests here for dinner, and probably cheaper than preparing all this at home. Come along and introduce your friends to the club at a bargain price.

**ROSEMARY FOCCACCIA WITH BALSAMIC DIPPING OIL  
ANTI PASTA PLATTER**

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**BEEF SHIN LASAGNE WITH ROCKET & LAMBS LEAF SALAD**

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**TIRAMISU**

**Elgar: The Life of a Divided Personality Speaker: Christopher Morley**

**Friday May 22 Lecture 5.30 Drinks 6.45 Members £37.50 Guests £45**



We all know the music of Elgar, but how many of us know anything much about the man who created it? 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. He was, and probably still is, Britain's best-known composer worldwide.

His genius was recognised in his lifetime, and he was made a baronet and awarded the Order of Merit and many other honours. But he was far from the conventional Victorian he appeared to be. The talk will examine his complex personality and insecurities and his deeply disturbed personality and how they are reflected in his music. His wife, Alice, who was many steps above him on the social ladder, not only constantly encouraged him and believed in him, but accepted and perhaps encouraged his numerous female admirers, one of whom inspired the Enigma.

**Christopher Morley**, the speaker and well-known music critic until recently of the Birmingham Post, BBC broadcaster and author, has a special interest in Elgar and has spoken internationally about his music.

***There are still places available, so write to me at [housenewclub@gmail.com](mailto:housenewclub@gmail.com) or sign up on the board.***

**Gin, Jazz and Canapes in the Garden: Wednesday May 27 6pm onwards  
Members £30 Guests £40**



This is new: a gin tasting evening! We went to a tasting of the Cotswold Gin in a Tin varieties and were blown away by them. So I arranged for them to bring 7 of their amazing gins to taste, as well as a non-alcoholic gin for the drivers among you. All the gins will be behind the bar, so when you have decided which you would like to try in a G&T first, Lyn and Ryan will be noting your preferences, and we will keep the two or three which are most popular for a three month trial. We will then take the most popular and badge it as our Club Gin (I have seen a mock up – it looks terrific) and you can drink it at the club and buy it for gifts.

Carl will be making canapés to complement the flavours of the gins, so you can enjoy a fun and sophisticated evening with or without jazz and indoors or in the garden.



Many of you will know the **Utrillo Jazz Trio** from the Jazz Festival and from their appearances at the Ivy. They consist of a pianist, a double bass and a drummer, and they focus on original arrangements of classic tunes, blending blues, swing and 20<sup>th</sup> century classical harmonies. They will be playing, probably in the hall, so you can wander in and sit and listen when you feel like it, or just eat Carl's delicious canapes and chat to your friends.

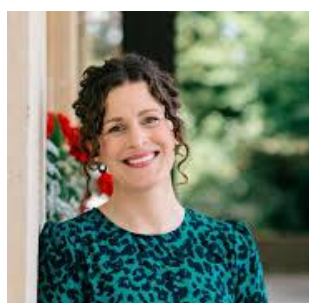
For those of you who want to make a night of it, **Carl will be serving bowls of pasta and accompaniments from 8.15pm for £15!**

### Lots to look forward to in June! Dates for your diary:



In addition to our usual club suppers, we have two special events to look forward to. **Our very own Angie Kirkpatrick, who has a degree in wine, is going to host a fascinating evening of wine pairing on June 10.** Angie will unravel for us the mysteries of how one selects wine to complement a particular dish. Very unusually she started by selecting the wines and then has discussed with Carl and me a menu that will show them off, and even more interestingly, will show how differently they taste with different food, but delicious with all of it.

Simon Duffy took me and Jane to the Hurlingham Club in London (he was Chairman there until earlier this year) on Thursday. Hurlingham has 14,000 members, a waiting list which closed when it reached 50 years waiting, a joining fee £6,564, single annual membership of £2,188, 250 full time staff and a further 150 part time, and an annual income £35m -so very comparable with the New Club. The idea was for us to see what tips we could pick up on running the club and making it even more fun for all of us. We learned a lot (primarily that life is easier with an annual income of £35m) and one of the comparisons was that they also offer a wine pairing dinner (for £130 rather than the £55 we are charging), but they were extremely interested in Angie's approach and are considering it for their next offering.



The other special event is a **classical recital by Hannah Davey**, a beautiful soprano who you may have heard at Tewkesbury Abbey or singing a brilliant Messiah earlier this year. Many of you will certainly have heard her singing jazz with Dom Franks at the club. She has put together a really superb program of largely classical music for us on **Tuesday the 23rd of June**. Again, I will give more information next week but in advance by **writing to me at [housenewclub@gmail.com](mailto:housenewclub@gmail.com)**

And we have a great fun lecture supper: **Philip Serrell, the TV auctioneer on Bargain Hunt and Flog It!** and who conducts our auctions on Founders' Day, is going to give a wry and amusing account of *An Auctioneer's Lot* on **June 26<sup>th</sup>**. **You can book in advance by writing to me at [housenewclub@gmail.com](mailto:housenewclub@gmail.com)**

**Booking on the website.** A team of volunteers from the club have been testing the new booking system to destruction and having done their best to break it they now tell me it is very simple to use and ready to go. So for booking events for June onwards we will be using that. One of the innovations you will like is that it basically imitates the signing up on the board system, so that you easily see who else is going. **Anyway, I am determined that this time there will be no hitches, so look out for more information on it all during the week.**

## New Club Lottery



April Draw winners were as follows:

£25	Margaret Edge	£25	Simon Cook
£50	Nick Slader	£75	Andrew Simon

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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
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	10am – 5.30pm	<b>Visit to Chevanage House and Tetbury</b> £60 (includes coach)	Jane Moyle <a href="mailto:jane@janemoyle.co.uk">jane@janemoyle.co.uk</a>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	11am	<b>Book Group</b> <i>Elizabeth is Missing</i> by Emma Healey	Tom Potter <a href="mailto:gtpotter@btinternet.com">gtpotter@btinternet.com</a>
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	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 14 <sup>th</sup> May	10am	<b>Music Group</b> Film – <i>Oh Brother Where Art Thou?</i>	Ian McPherson <a href="mailto:ianmcperson@fastmail.com">ianmcperson@fastmail.com</a>
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	12.30, 12.45 or 1pm	<b>Club Sunday Lunch</b> £26	Marilyn Burn <a href="mailto:housenewclub@gmail.com">housenewclub@gmail.com</a>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	6pm	<b>Perfect Pasta Supper</b> £22 (Guests £30)	Marilyn Burn <a href="mailto:housenewclub@gmail.com">housenewclub@gmail.com</a>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	10.15am	<b>Memoir Group</b>	Mario Malt <a href="mailto:mario@malts.co.uk">mario@malts.co.uk</a>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	6pm	<b>Wine Appreciation Group</b>	Mike Dearden <a href="mailto:mike@thedeadens.co.uk">mike@thedeadens.co.uk</a>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	5.30pm	<b>Lecture Supper</b> <i>Elgar: The Life of a Divided Personality</i> by Christopher Morley £37.50 (Guests £45.50)	Marilyn Burn <a href="mailto:housenewclub@gmail.com">housenewclub@gmail.com</a>
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	6pm onwards	<b>Gin &amp; Canapes in the Club Garden</b> Gin tasting with <i>Gin in a Tin</i> a new Cotswold Gin company £30 (Guests £40)	Marilyn Burn <a href="mailto:housenewclub@gmail.com">housenewclub@gmail.com</a>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	2.30pm	<b>Chess Group</b>	Mario Malt <a href="mailto:mario@malts.co.uk">mario@malts.co.uk</a>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	11am	<b>Book Group</b> <i>The Summer Book</i> by Tove Janson	Tom Potter <a href="mailto:gtpotter@btinternet.com">gtpotter@btinternet.com</a>
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	12.30pm for 1pm	<b>Hosting 4 Clubs Lunch</b> Speaker: Cornelius Lysaght: <i>“My life and Characters on The Turf”</i> £45 (to include aperitifs and wine on table)	Stephen Hodge <a href="mailto:reciprocalclubs@thenewclub.co.uk">reciprocalclubs@thenewclub.co.uk</a>

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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>
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	TBC	<b>Angie Kirkpatrick on Wine</b> Followed by Dinner £TBC	Marilyn Burn <a href="mailto:housenewclub@gmail.com">housenewclub@gmail.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	2.30pm	<b>Ladies Afternoon Tea</b> with Julie Kent, MBE	Felicity Davies <a href="mailto:felicityjdavies@icloud.com">felicityjdavies@icloud.com</a>
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	12.30, 12.45 or 1pm	<b>**Club Sunday Lunch</b> £26	Marilyn Burn <a href="mailto:housenewclub@gmail.com">housenewclub@gmail.com</a>
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	5pm – 7pm	<b>Secret Garden Party with jazz, fizz and canapés!</b> £30	Jane Moyle <a href="mailto:jane@janemoyle.co.uk">jane@janemoyle.co.uk</a>
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	TBC	<b>A Classical Recital by Hannah Davey</b> £TBC	Marilyn Burn <a href="mailto:housenewclub@gmail.com">housenewclub@gmail.com</a>
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	2.30pm	<b>Chess Group</b>	Mario Malt <a href="mailto:mario@malts.co.uk">mario@malts.co.uk</a>
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	5.30pm	<b>Lecture Supper</b> <i>The Auctioneer's Lot</i> by Philip Serrell £37.50 (Guests £45.50)	Marilyn Burn <a href="mailto:housenewclub@gmail.com">housenewclub@gmail.com</a>
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	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>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	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> July	10am	<b>**Music Group</b>	Ian McPherson <a href="mailto:ianmcperson@fastmail.com">ianmcperson@fastmail.com</a>
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	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> July	TBC	<b>An Evening in the Caribbean</b> Jamani Steelpan £TBC	Marilyn Burn <a href="mailto:housenewclub@gmail.com">housenewclub@gmail.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>
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	2.30pm	<b>**Chess Group</b>	Mario Malt <a href="mailto:mario@malts.co.uk">mario@malts.co.uk</a>

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