



The New Club Times

May 15th 2026

What a Picture!



Many of us enjoyed the sunshine during the recent Jazz Festival and strolling through the park before performances was a joy, and you may have bumped into many fellow New Club members whilst doing so. However, we all know that an encounter with Jane Moyle often results in her whipping out her phone and before you know it, she has taken a photograph of you.

Here's Lyn and Carl captured on camera whilst enjoying their time at the Jazz Festival. What a lovely picture!

House Notes

Marilyn Burn writes:

The booking website: we are in the last stages of testing this, and it will go live next Friday. In the meantime, our web designers have closed our existing online booking system to prevent the two systems clashing or overlapping ***so please don't try to book online this week.***

Dinner in Jaipur: lots of us, including quite a few guests, had a superb dinner in Jaipur. Carl always enjoys our Indian evenings, and as usual he pulled out all the stops.

Sunday Lunch at the Club: 12.30, 12.45 AND 1PM Members and Guests £26



Our first Sunday lunch at the Club, and it is completely full. Lyn is putting out tables for small groups in the coffee room and in the bar, and there will be room for bigger groups in the dining room. The house table will be the Club Table: do feel free to join anyone sitting there. This is a club, so please be clubbable. As in London clubs, if you're on your own, just go and sit next to whoever is already sitting there, and you may make a new friend!

If you are suffering from FOMO, you can book the next one on **Sunday June 14th** by **writing to me at 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

Mario has kindly agreed to host this for me in my absence as I am away for a few days celebrating my birthday. It goes without saying that I'd rather be with you than enjoying myself in York, but there it is.

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



I shall be back on Thursday so as not to miss this fascinating talk. If you haven't yet booked, you can do so *by writing to me at* housenewclub@gmail.com or by signing up on the board.

Ian has kindly agreed to play half an hour of Elgar's music before the talk, so that we are all suitably uplifted and in the right frame of mind to learn more about this most English of composers.

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



Our gin-tasting evening is going to be a blast. 7 delicious, flavoured gins and a non-alcoholic one mean that I suggest you come by taxi! I hope that we shall be enjoying the gin in the garden, but the whole ground floor of the club will be given over to a constant round of pleasure. **The Utrillo Jazz Trio** will be playing in the hall, where there will be small tables and chairs for you to sit and listen, or you can drink with your friends in the bar or coffee room.

I've already explained that we are going to have the gins which have been most popular behind the bar for a few months, and from those we will choose one to have as our badged club gin. I would be particularly grateful for those of you who like non-alcoholic drinks to give me your opinion of the non-alcoholic gin, please.

We are sending Ryan off for three days' training in London at the end of May to learn cocktail making. Part of the idea of him going is to be able to make a selection of delicious mocktails as well as cocktails, so that those who don't drink need not feel second-class citizens.

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.

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 an additional £15!



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Lots to look forward to in June! Dates for your diary (Never say I don't do anything for you....)

On **June 2nd**, Stephen Hodge is arranging the **Four Clubs Lunch**, which on this occasion is held at the club, so there will be no other bar lunches that day. Stephen tells me it is fully booked, so we will have a chance to show off our very superior club to the members of the clubs in Bath, Bristol and Cardiff. They are all very hospitable when we go there, so I'm in no doubt we shall have a very pleasant and convivial lunch.

An Evening of Wine Pairing with Angie Kirkpatrick:

Wednesday June 10 7 for 7.30pm

Members £55 Guests £65 to include all the wines.

This evening is strictly limited to 50, being the maximum we can get into the dining room. Angie will start off by talking about the concept and principles of wine pairing, and she will then unravel for us the mysteries of how one selects wine to complement a particular dish. Very unusually she started preparing for the evening by selecting the wines and then discussed with Carl and me a menu that will show them off. Even more interestingly she will show how differently they taste with different food.

Between each course, Angie will talk to us about the wine that we are about to taste and how it relates to the food that we are drinking it with. Angie brought along the wines for Carl and me to taste, and they were very special. But my having already priced the evening, Angie told me that the superb red wine she had chosen was not, in her view, sufficiently remarkable, and she has now selected another vastly more expensive wine for our delectation. I had already told some of you the price, so I am sticking with it. Just thank Angie!

We are having 2 small starters, a main course and two small desserts.

**CUP OF VICHYSOISE SOUP
CEVICHE OF SCALLOPS WITH LIGHT CHILLI DRESSING**

LAMB TAJINE WITH JEWELLED COUS COUS

TART TATIN WITH A SIDE OF GORGONZOLA ICE CREAM

As you would expect, the evening is filling up fast. So, if you would like to come, please **write to me at housewclub@gmail.com** And provided you are quick enough, I will add you to the list!

A Gorgeous Garden Party in the Secret Garden: Wednesday June 17th 5-7pm

Members £33 Guests £40



I know that for many of you this is the high spot of the Summer, and last year we were very oversubscribed. It is perhaps an exaggeration to say that Jane *offers* to open her garden to the Club, but it is at least accurate to say that she agrees to my suggestion that she should. This year the price was that I had to grow from seed 40 sweet peas, 36 cosmos and a variety of other flowers and then plant them out, but what the hell. It's worth it for this lovely occasion, and for the afternoon tea we enjoy there in early September (this year Friday September 11th).

This year Ryan will recently have returned from his 3 day cocktail making course in London, so we are going to enjoy a welcome cocktail which he is going to invent specially for the occasion, and then for the rest of the afternoon he and Lyn will be serving cocktails, iced rosé, prosecco and Carl's amazing canapés, while Dom and Alex will be playing your requests.



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.** By next week I shall have her programme to give you, **but you can book in advance by writing to me at housenewclub@gmail.com**

Benvenuti a tutti!

Mario Malt writes:

Perfect Pasta Supper

Marilyn is away next Tuesday and has invited me to host the evening. In view of my background, I was delighted to say yes, and thought I would give it a "Mario" touch, to complement Carl's delicious cooking. So expect background Italian music in the bar, and a table game, giving you a chance to win a bottle of Italian wine to share at your table. All that, at the modest price of £22pp. It's what in Italian would call "un grande affare"

Sign up on the notice board or email me and I'll do it for you:

email mario@malts.co.uk

Reciprocal Clubs

Stephen Hodge writes:

As part of the celebrations marking the 200th Anniversary of The Western Club, Glasgow our members are invited to attend a Civic Reception hosted by the Lord Provost of Glasgow. This special occasion will commemorate two centuries of The Western Club's history, heritage, and contribution to civic and social life in Glasgow, The reception will take place on Wednesday 3rd June 2026 at 6.00pm in Glasgow City Chambers.

If any members wish to attend, please contact me, Stephen Hodge, on reciprocalclubs@thenewclub.co.uk

Wine Tasting

Mike Dearden writes:

There are still a couple of spaces for the tasting next Wednesday. If you would like to join us in sampling some unusual wines, **please contact me on mike@thedeadens.co.uk to secure your place.**

Music Group



On Thursday, the Music Group got together and watched a fabulous film "Oh Brother, where art thou?" with plenty of blues music and the odd bit of gospel and country thrown in. Note that, the date of the next Music Group has changed. **It is now Thursday 18th June.** The theme is Food & Drink.

New members always welcome.

Email Ian McPherson on ianmcpherson@fastmail.com

New Club Lottery



May's winners were as follows:

£25	Sue Malt	£25	Marilyn Burn
£50	Geraldine Dargavel	£75	Sally Perkins

Editor's Apology

Readers who attended the Big Space Charity Supper last week are asked to accept my apologies if you came expecting the talk to start at 6pm rather than 5.30pm. It appears that, whilst I got the timings correct in the main news text, they were incorrect on the calendar. If this resulted in you arriving a little late, please accept my apologies.

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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
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
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	2.30pm	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: <i>"My life and Characters on The Turf"</i> £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 £55 (Guests £65) includes all wine	Marilyn Burn housenewclub@gmail.com
Friday 12 th June	2.30pm	Ladies Afternoon Tea with Julie Kent, MBE	Felicity Davies felicityjdavies@icloud.com
Sunday 14 th June	12.30, 12.45 or 1pm	**Club Sunday Lunch £26	Marilyn Burn housenewclub@gmail.com

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Wednesday 17 th June	5pm – 7pm	Secret Garden Party with jazz, fizz and canapés! £33 (Guests £40)	Jane Moyle jane@janemoyle.co.uk
Thursday 18 th June	10am	**Music Group Theme: <i>Food & Drink</i>	Ian McPherson ianmcperson@fastmail.com
Tuesday 23 rd June	TBC	A Classical Recital by Hannah Davey £TBC	Marilyn Burn housenewclub@gmail.com
Thursday 25 th June	2.30pm	Chess Group	Mario Malt mario@malts.co.uk
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
Friday 3 rd July	5pm	**Quiz Night £12.50 includes Bar meal	Ian McPherson ianmcperson@fastmail.com
Thursday 9 th July	10am	**Music Group	Ian McPherson ianmcperson@fastmail.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
Friday 17 th July	All Day	Golf Competition Sherdons Golf Course 5.30pm Trophy Presentation at New Club	Mario Malt mario@malts.co.uk
Thursday 23 rd July	2.30pm	**Chess Group	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

Date	Time	Event	Organiser/Contact/Link
Friday 11th 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 23 rd October	5.30pm	**Lecture Supper <i>Royal Scandals</i> By Sir Alistair MacDuff £37.50 (Guests £45.50)	Marilyn Burn housenewclub@gmail.com
Friday 30 th October	TBC	Founders' Dinner	Marilyn Burn housenewclub@gmail.com