



Club News

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Property Lunches

Two arrive virtually at once...like Buses

With many members choosing to visit either MIPIN or take a chance on the slopes the March property lunch took place late on in the month. A vocal and knowledgeable audience listened to Hamid Ghafoor Partner of BDO Risk and Advisory Services team across the North of England which includes a mixed portfolio of NFP and commercial clients. Hamid took Members and their Guests through the latest Government White paper highlighting the important changes.

The next event is scheduled for Tuesday 11th April and is already filling up fast, with two speakers from Trafford Housing Trust. Trafford Housing Trust is an independent, proactive housing company to supply and manage quality affordable homes. Deborah Elgar, Head of Social Enterprise, will speak about the Social Enterprise operation and the social value that the Trust delivers. Paul Westhead, Head of New Business Development, will address the issues of the wider Trafford Housing Trust Model.



This will be a very popular event, if you would like to book onto this event please contact Angela.



A Double on St Patricks' Day



Well over 100 members and their guests attended this year's St Patricks day Celebratory week. As always Tony Bennett and John Kennedy did a superb job of organising the first event on Friday 10th where attendees were treated to an array of Whiskey, Oysters, Traditional Fayre and Music with the bonus of the live screening of the Six nations rugby match between Wales and Ireland.

On the following Friday, actually St Patricks Day, the Club held its second celebratory lunch. The chefs had created a superb 3 course traditional Irish lunch which Members fully enjoyed with a glass or two of whiskey and Guinness.

Members Easter Lunch

As is starting to become a tradition the Club holds a Members luncheon on Maundy Thursday which this year falls on the 13th April. This event offers Members a chance to get together with friends, old and new pre-Easter and enjoy a superb Lunch of Roast Lamb or Salmon and the Chefs Homemade Black Forrest Gateau. For every Member that attends Tracey Booth and Rowan Stone have pledged to donate an Easter Egg to a local children's charity.



Business Matters *The Professionals Forum*

Wednesday 5th April see's the 2nd professional forum. All attendees enjoyed last month event the topic being the effect of Donald Trump on the UK business community. As would be expected this controversial topic created some lively debate, insights and opinions. This month the group will discuss all things staff orientated, the title being "Staffing problems common to business Managers and Owners". Members and their Guests can enjoy a fantastic buffet while debating the staffing issues affecting them and their businesses whilst discussing possible solutions. The small intimate nature of the event allows attendees to engage with other business professionals who may have different backgrounds, skill sets and beliefs. **For more information and to book on please contact Angela.**

The New Meeting Room

The Club Manager Korhan has been busy updating and improving the facilities in the Club. Last month the reception and bar in The Clarendon were completed; this month sees the finishing touches being put to the new meeting room. The room is located behind the bar at the end of the Members dining room.

The room improves the Club's business offering. The wall mounted 42" Smart TV will allow Members to have meetings and show digital presentations to groups of up to 6 people, whilst enjoying the fantastic view of King Street.

If Members would like to use the room they will need to Contact Angela to make a reservation.

There'll always be an England

Already 50 members have put their names forward for the St George's day celebratory lunch on Friday 2st April. Chris Wright and Jamie Shepherd host this extremely popular luncheon where fellow Member and guest speaker Charles Elliott will celebrate "The life and contribution of Winston Spencer Churchill. Charles enjoys honouring one of England's finest gentlemen; "keeping his character, contribution and foresight fresh and alive in our minds is of upmost importance." .So highly thought of is Winston is that in a recent Telegraph readers poll that he beat Saint George into second place to find the England's Ultimate hero.

Following the address Members will enjoy a traditional 4 course English luncheon and be entertained by chanteuse Lucy Hope. Lucy will lead Members and their guests in a number of patriotic songs and anthems.



As places are now limited you are recommended to contact Angela urgently to secure a place.

The Value of Social Media

I'm sure that our Members are aware of the value of social media in communication and business. The Club currently operates on 4 digital platforms including: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn. Helen Gardner has kindly volunteered to manage the content of these platforms she asks Members to LIKE, FOLLOW, SHARE and INTERACT with all the St James's Club social media accounts; this will help generate interest, content, value and exposure. Below you will find the "handles" below for you to find them, and some handy hints on how to use them properly.



Facebook: Type @SJCManchester into the Facebook search box. Click the **LIKE** button for the PAGE so that future posts show up on your news feed. If you see an article from the SJC page pop up on your feed click **LIKE** and also **SHARE** this to your own page so other people can see it. **Note:** we have an old Facebook account which we don't use anymore so be sure to **LIKE the new account!**



Twitter: Type @theSJClub into the search area. **FOLLOW** the account, and **LIKE** and **RETWEET** any tweets that you see. If you are at the club, send a tweet and include @theSJClub - it's better to add a picture too!



Instagram: Search for @stjamesclub and **FOLLOW**. When you are at the club, or out and about in Manchester, please take a photo and email it to **helen@npplittings.co.uk** so she can upload the picture.



LinkedIn: Search The St. James's Club Manchester and **request to join**. Please use this forum to discuss events, check who's going to events, and post your own comments and ideas for the club.

New Members Dinner



The next new Members dinner will take place on Friday 7th April. A fine turnout of new Members their proposers and seconders is expected and the Club committee would welcome the support of the existing Membership at the event. The event represents a superb opportunity to properly welcome these new members to the Club and introduce them to the benefits of Membership.

It is a black-tie event with a superb 4 course dinner especially prepared by head Chef Steven. If Members would like to attend please contact Angela.

Any Member who books a table of 4 or more for lunch in the Club within seven days of their Birthday will receive a bottle of fizz to help kick off the celebrations.

Please contact the Club Manager Korhan for more details.



A Welcome to New Members

The Club is very happy to welcome 5 new associate members. They are Mrs Susan Allen, Mrs Margaret Courtney, Mrs Margaret Hutt, Mrs Barbara Baynham and Dr Susan Hilton.

Diary - March /April

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Time</i> | <i>Event</i> | <i>Contact</i> |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 07 Apr | Evening | Drinks & Canapes | Committee |
| 07 Apr | Dinner | New Members Dinner | Committee |
| 11 Apr | Lunch | Property Lunch | J Shepherd/C Wright |
| 12 Apr | Lunch | Couples Lunch | Dr J Allen |
| 13 Apr | Lunch | Easter Lunch | R. Stone/T. Booth |
| 19 Apr | Evening | Curry Supper Club | R. Stone |
| 20 Apr | Lunch | History Circle | I. Baynham |
| 21 Apr | Lunch | St George's Day | J Shepherd/C Wright |
| 24 Apr | Lunch | Retired Members Lunch | Dr J Allen/R Jewell |



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