



CLUB NEWS

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Looking Forward to 2022

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Happy New Year and let's hope this is a better one. The current climate makes it easy to focus on the negatives and there so many surrounding the pandemic, but our social calendar gives our members a lot to look forward to in 2022.

In the first few months we have the perennial favourites; The Burns Supper, St George's Lunch and St Patrick's Day events. Along with these we have the business events such as Property, Media & Tech and the popular social events like Wine Tasting, Jazz, Whisky tasting and the formal events such as the Chairman's and New Members Dinners. We have scheduled a couple of cultural events; a Middle Eastern and Caribbean themed evening, a Sporting Dinner, Ladies Champagne Evening and a Young Members Cocktail Reception. But only with the help of you—our members—can the Club hope to run such a fantastic social events programme. Each event needs to be carefully planned and organised to ensure its success, whether its locating speciality ingredients for the menu, décor, speakers,

musicians, or entertainers. This all takes a lot of time and effort, and the committee are always looking for Members to offer assistance or perhaps organise their own unique event; any help is always very much appreciated.

One of the major concerns for people venturing out is safety, especially to crowded locations. The Club offers one of the safest dining environments in Manchester. Unlike many bars and restaurants who do not know who is frequenting their establishment the Club keeps a record of all attendees ensuring it is one of the safest.

We hope life returns to some normality as soon as possible but in the meantime the Club's Management and Staff are doing their utmost to make your home in the city as safe as possible.



THE BURNS SUPPER



Anybody has attended the Club's Burns Supper will tell you that this event certainly lifts the spirits in what is usually a cold and wet month. Burns Suppers are organised around the Globe in commemorating Scotland's foremost poet. This year the Supper takes place on **Friday 21st January**.

A traditional bagpiper welcomes Members and their Guests to this joyous event. With toasts of Whisky celebrating the Haggis and their Guests, a fantastic feast of Scottish fayre is enjoyed by all. Members and their Guests then settle down to the address commending the legend that is Robbie Burns and his remarkable life and works.

A very popular event, Members are encouraged to invite friends and colleagues to join in the celebration; one that certainly should not be missed.

TAKE A JOURNEY WITH TONY

Down the Rhine

January can be a tough month, with some Members choosing it to abstain from alcohol, but this event is one reason to reconsider that option and perhaps having a “cheat day”.

After our tour around the New World at the end of 2021, Tony takes us back to the Old World with a visit to Germany. It is believed that viticulture was brought to the German regions by Romans in around 70AD. A Roman garrison town was situated on the banks of the river Mosel, and they started planting vines to produce wine for their own consumption.

There are 13 major wine regions in Germany and most of them are located in the western part of the country. They include; Ahr, Baden, Franconia, Hewssische, Bergstrasse, Mittelrhein, Mosel, Nahe, Pfalz, Rheingau, Rheinhessen, Saale-Unstrut, Saxony and Wurttemberg. Each has its own history and their collective histories make up the history of German wine.

Tony has worked closely with head Chef Steven to carefully pair each wine with a regional delicacy delivering a genuine German culinary experience. This event allows Members to get to know one another in a fun and informal environment and offers a great opportunity to bring along friends and colleagues. The event takes place on **Thursday 27th** so please reserve your places with Luke Fletcher at info@stjc.org.uk.



THE YOUNG MEMBER'S COCKTAIL RECEPTION

Following the end of dry January, the Club's newest group—the Young Members—host their first event. Young Members will enjoy a welcoming cocktail and selection of canapés in the Bridgewater Lounge before descending on the Flight Club to play a few fun rounds of darts. Attendees are asked to bring a guest, someone new to the Club, who they think would enjoy the benefits of Membership. It is hoped this will be the start of a series of events including visits to some of our reciprocal Clubs.



One of Manchester's Finest Private Dining Facilities

For those wishing to celebrate a family event or hold a private business meeting or lunch the Club offers one of the most private and safest environments in the city. Very few, if any Manchester venues can offer their guests the superb facilities, service, and location that the St James's Club Membership enjoy. So, whether you are entertaining clients, colleagues, friends, family, or fellow Members the Club can bring groups together in a convivial and private environment that will certainly enhance you and your guests dining experience. The Club's staff has vast experience in the organisation of private events. GM Michael Naylor and Head Chef Steven Wright can help with the arrangements, whether you wish to offer your guests a buffet, set luncheon or dinner or a special and unique menu. It has been a tough year so why not indulge yourself and host a lunch or dinner in your Club for your business or family and friends; **it is one of your privileges.**

The Couple's Lunch

On **Monday 14th February**, Members of two of the long-standing sub-groups of the Club—The Club's Associate Members and the Retired Members—will join forces to share a one-off informal get together; The Couple's Lunch. This event is not limited to just these groups, it's totally inclusive and all Members and their guests are very welcome to attend. To mark the occasion all attendees will be greeted with a glass of champagne and what better way to commence a lunch on Valentine's Day. Please feel welcome to join us for a happy and relaxed meal together. Email Luke on info@stjc.org.uk to let the Club know if you wish to attend and to assist us in planning catering.



Its not too late to pay into the staff fund. Please send a cheque to the Club
FAO Lynn Barker or email Lynn at accounts@stjc.org.uk

Please note Membership Subscriptions are due for 2022. If you need a
reminder of your category or payment amount, please email Lynn on
accounts@stjc.org.uk

Members Information

I am pleased to announce that fellow Member Michael N.G. Evans has been recognised in the Queen's New Year Honours list 2021. Michael has been awarded an MBE in recognition of his outstanding charity work. I am sure we would all like to congratulate him on this honour.

With deepest regrets the Club sadly announces the recent death of Member, Brigadier Tony Crawford CBE, our thoughts are with his family.

The Committee are delighted to have elected to Membership John Rubin, Iyad Sughayer, Dr Yvonne D'souza, Aleksandr Mednikov, Kirill Buyakly, Marc Wenzlawski, Michael Jenkins, Soukaina Timouma, Peter Briggs, John Howarth, James Cooper, David Davenport-Jenkins and associate Dr Sunsil D'souza

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SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Lunching every day
12.30-2pm

Evening & Private Dining

Can be made by arrangement
of the Manager

JANUARY

The Burns Supper

Friday 21st
7pm

Retired Members Lunch

Monday 24th
12.30-1pm

Associate Members Lunch

Tuesday 25th
12.30-1pm

The Wine Tasting

Thursday 27th
7pm

FEBRUARY

Whisky Tasting

Thursday 3rd
7pm

Retired Members Lunch

Monday 7th
12.30-1pm

Property Lunch

Tuesday 8th
12.30-1pm

New Members Dinner

Wednesday 9th
7pm

Young Members Cocktail Reception

Friday 11th
6pm

Ladies Champagne Afternoon

Saturday 12th
4-7pm

Couples Lunch

Monday 14th
12.30-1pm



Don't forget to follow the Club on Twitter or join the WhatsApp Social Group!

