

We Band of Brothers...



The Club was very honoured to have the Commanding officer of the 2nd Battalion, The Mercian Regiment Lieutenant Colonel BM Wilde MBE as its guest speaker at the St Georges' Day lunch. Hosts Jamie Shepherd and Chris Wright very kindly again hosted the event. The event started with a superb 4 course lunch; after the main course of traditional roast beef members and guest were addressed by the Lieutenant Colonel. He Colonel spoke about the current situation facing the British Army and how this affected his the city's own the 2nd Mercian battalion which is based in Chester. He explained how and where members of his battalion had been serving, its overall remit in the British Army and the short and medium term requirements. He explained how the army is taken from the community and here to serve its requirements home and abroad and how he hoped greater and more visible links could be forged.

As the cheese boards arrived, members and guests were then treated to a surprise. Captain JDF Carley, RN brilliantly recited Henry V the "St Crispin Day Speech" (Henry V, in Act IV Scene iii 18–67 which was rapturously received. This though was not the end of the festivities as Lucy rose to sing. Lucy is well known to some members; she is a top quality chanteuse and provides superb entertainment every time she performs. As is now a tradition she led the Members and guest in renditions of Land of Hope and Glory and a Jerusalem, which were a splendid conclusion to the Clubs event although not a finish to the day.

A Certain Favourite

The Club's General Manager Anthony Alderson has arranged a superb package for Members of The St James's Club to enjoy a day out at Chester Racecourse on Boodles Ladies Day (Thursday 5th May). Bringing style and elegance to the May Festival, the fashion

stakes are raised for Boodles Ladies Day, the pinnacle of the social calendar. Spot a celebrity or two while enjoying another afternoon of top class racing action, the highlight, The Huxley Stakes and the Chester Vase.

Chester is officially the oldest racecourse still in use in England and it is also thought to be one of the shortest tracks at 1 mile 1 furlong; this makes it ideal for short striding horses. Members and their guests are expected to arrive at the Club for 10am, with a Champagne breakfast being served at 10.30am. The party will be taken to the course by executive coach where they can enjoy a drink as they travel to the course. Upon arrival Members and their Guests will have access to the County stand, paddock with its ideally located champagne tent. The coach will pick up the party and return to Manchester following the final race.

If you would like to join the party please contact Angela, the cost for the package is £90.



A Double Celebration

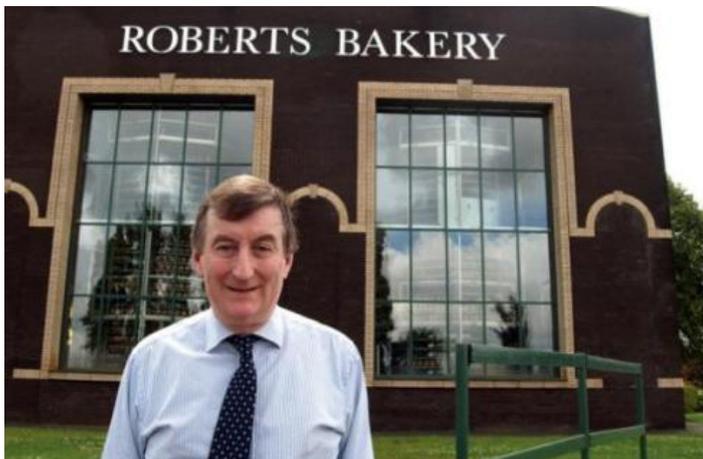
The Club had two reasons to celebrate, not only its founding but the Queens 90th birthday. It was therefore an honour for the Club to welcome The Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester Mr. Warren J. Smith KStJ JP DLitt LLD himself an honorary member to address the members and their guests at the Founders day black tie dinner.

Canon Arundel said grace and offered a prayer for the Queen on her birthday. The Clubs manager and head chef then presented a fantastic 5 course dinner, each course paired with wine. After the cheese course arrived and the port had been passed around the table Members and guest were introduced to their speaker by the chairman.

The Lord-Lieutenant spoke about the Queens dedication to duty, about her fantastic memory and attention to detail which he had been lucky enough to experience first hand in his role as her representative. He detailed how she has helped change the public perception of the monarchy and clarified its role in modern British society and how she will continue to lead the nation. The Club Chairman thanked the Lord-Lieutenant for his very interesting and insightful address on behalf of the members and their guests before inviting everyone to withdraw to the bar for a nightcap before departure.



Using Your Loaf: Entrepreneurs Dinner



On the evening of Wednesday 11th May, Mike Roberts of Frank Roberts & Sons the Cheshire based Bakery will address the Club. Mike is a director and shareholder in the business, a fourth generation family business baking bread in Cheshire for over 125 years. He is also the Regional Chairman for the Institute for Family Business, a lobby group based in London.

The business grew from humble beginnings as a grocery store in Northwich it now supplies 3.5 million loaves to customers across the country every week. Mike will talk about how long term planning enables the family business to thrive in today's modern world and give insights into what the future holds for closely held businesses such as Frank Roberts & Sons.

Mike's address will be followed by Q & A, a 3 course dinner will follow. This is an informal dinner and members are invited to bring guests. This is the first of several planned entrepreneurial events and will prove very popular, so if Members are planning on attending they are strongly advised to contact Angela.

Sold

Last month's Property lunch sold out and this month's event is already proving very popular. The event scheduled for Tuesday 10th May is almost certain to sell out and hosts Jamie Shepherd and Chris Wright have secured another top speaker in Grant Anderson from Hill Dickinson to address Members and Guests. Grant was brought into Hill Dickinson, Manchester to lead the planning team. He is a senior planning and environmental lawyer, and has advised developers, landowners and public sector clients on a range of planning projects in areas including retail, housing, infrastructure and regeneration.

A flyer with more detail will follow in the next few days but Members and Property Lunch Guests are advised to reserve places in advance.

Doubling Up

Following the great success of the first event in January a further Couples Event has been organised for Tuesday 17th May. The event allows members to invite their "significant other" for a superb informal lunch in the Members dining room. After a welcoming chilled glass of Fizz attendees will enjoy a menu featuring grilled smoked Pollock, Chicken Roulade stuffed with black pudding mouse and a vanilla Crème brûlée finished off with coffee and mints.

Members who would like to attend are asked to book in with Angela

Announcements

The Club is very sad to announce the death of Life Member Mr RMG (Michael) Carter of Bowdon.
For more details regarding the funeral on Thursday 5th May please contact the Club.

A Welcome to New Members

*Mr Asad Hussain, Mr Ioannis Karakitsios,
Mr Christopher John Bibby,
Mr John Paul Taylor, Mr Paul Pratt*

Diary of upcoming events

May 2016

Wednesday 4th

Professional Business Networking Lunch
12:30 for 13:00pm
Organiser: Rowan Stone

Thursday 5th

Chester Races
10am arrival – All day event
Organiser: Anthony Alderson

Friday 6th

Committee Drinks & Canapés Evening
5:00-6:30pm
Organiser: Committee

Monday 9th

Retired Members Lunch
12:30 for 13:00pm
Organisers: Prof John Allen and Robert Jewell

Tuesday 10th

Property Lunch
12:30 for 13:00pm
Guest Speaker: Grant Anderson from Hill Dickinson
Organisers: Jamie Shepherd, Rowan Stone and Chris Wright

Wednesday 11th

Speakers Dinner (Entrepreneurial) Reception
6:15-6:30pm
Guest Speaker: Mike Roberts – Director and Shareholder
in Frank Roberts & Sons
Organisers: Charles Hadfield and HH Christopher Tetlow

Friday 13th

Ladies & Gentlemen's Gourmet Dinner
7:00 for 7:30pm
Organisers: Rodney Lambert and HH Christopher Tetlow

Tuesday 17th

Couples Lunch
12:30 for 13:00pm
Organisers: Prof John Allen and Robert Jewell

Wednesday 18th

Curry Supper Club
6:30 for 7:00pm
Organiser: Rowan Stone

Thursday 19th

History Circle
12 noon for 12.30pm
Guest Speaker: John Alker
Organiser: John Buckley

Monday 23rd

Retired Members Lunch
12:30 for 13:00pm
Organisers: Prof John Allen and Robert Jewell

Wednesday 25th

Octave Club Lunch
12:30 for 13:00pm
Organiser: John Wheelwright

Thursday 26th

Wine Appreciation Society
6.30 for 7:00pm
Organisers: John Buckley and Anthony Alderson

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