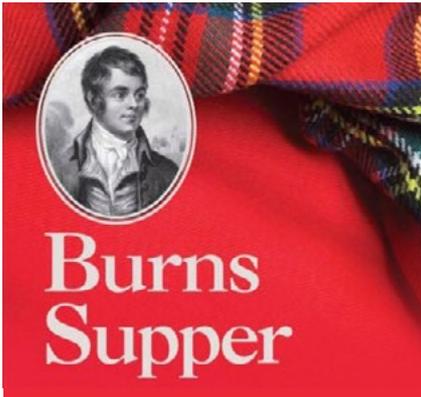


Burns Night



This year the Burns night has been diarised for Friday 1st February. The Committee hope this date will allow those enjoying a dry January and heading North to Scotland to attend their family or Clan event to join Members and their guests in the Club as well. As per tradition the Club will be bedecked in family tartans and guests will be welcomed by pipers before enjoying a sumptuous Bill O'Fayre fit for the bard. The fayre at the dinner is always very memorable, the five-course traditional supper featuring the now "wild and rare" Haggis washed down with a tumbler of two of Whisky. Charles Elliott has kindly agreed to deliver the Immortal Memory. Charles will focus on Scotland's foremost bard's literary genius, his politics, his highs and lows, his human frailty and most importantly his nationalism, taking examples from his works as reference. A popular event Members are requested to book their places for themselves and guests as soon as possible. Please contact Angela, ensuring you detail any dietary requirements.

Savings Found at the Christmas **PROPERTY EVENT**

The Club was fortunate to have Nigel Holmes (FCA CTA) Senior Tax Specialist at Catax to round off what has been a fantastic year of property lunches on Tuesday 11th December. Nigel's discussed how to claim Research & Development Tax Relief.

Nigel qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1994 and as a Chartered Tax Adviser in 1998, with a focus on helping businesses claim Research & Development tax relief. With over 17 years' experience, Nigel advises both individuals and companies to uncover significant tax relief and tax refunds from their work. He was nominated for Tolley's Taxation 'Tax Writer of the Year Award' in 2017 and posts regularly through Catax's internal blog, 'Tax Talk', to educate and advise anyone thinking of claiming Research & Development Tax relief, as well as providing content for external sources.



A Witty New Year

The History Circle start the new year with comedy; its first event being held on Thursday 15th January. The address by Toby Hadoke is entitled "A recent History of Manchester Comedy". Toby has a superb pedigree with over 2 decades performing across the UK's Clubs and pub comedy scene as well as appearing on national TV and Radio. He is a Chortle Award Winner, Sony Nominee and BBC Audio Awards Finalist.

This is sure to be an interesting address and lunch, Members are asked to book in with Angela to reserve their places.



Media Lunch *a Vision of the Future*

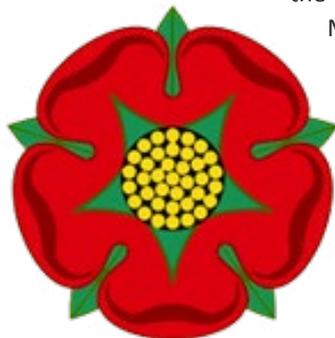


The December event took place on Wednesday 12th December, with speaker Tom Cheesewright founder of Book of the Future addressing Members and Guests. Tom is one of the UK's leading futurist speakers, commentators and consultants on technology. A keynote speaker at many tech events and a commentator on TV, Tom helps people and organisations see, share and respond to what a vision of the technology future looks like. Members enjoyed a great lunch which had a festive touch.

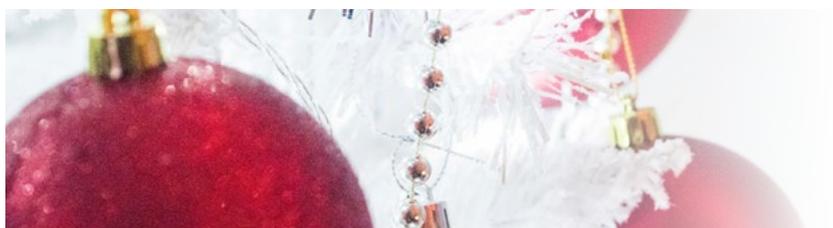
Lancashire Day

A good crowd of Club and LCCC Red Rose Members gathered on the 27th November to celebrate Lancashire Day. The speaker, Philip Walsh, Chairman of Friends of Real Lancashire outlined the history of the society and the principals it was founded. He then started on the main topic of his address, his walk around the complete palatine boundary of the county of Lancashire. After a brief Q&A

Members settled down to a menu created by Head Chef Steven Wright. Attendees feasted on local favourites such as Bury Black Pudding and Lancashire lamb and Manchester tart. Following the meal, Anthony Rimmer read the Lancashire Proclamation and Philip Walsh presented a letter from Buckingham Palace congratulating the society on the lunch. A thoroughly splendid event, all attendees agreed to meet again at the Club in a year's time in 2019.



THE FRIENDS OF
Real Lancashire



Club's Christmas Lunches *Still Time to Book*



Many of you have enjoyed one of the Members and Guests Christmas lunches in the Club over the last week. Of course, the climax of the Club's social calendar is the Members only event on Friday 21st, after which the Club closes.

At the Members only lunch attendees will be offered a choice of hand carved turkey and honey roasted ham followed by a traditional festive desert and cheeses from the trolley.

In addition to the traditional lunch, there will be a ladies only Christmas lunch on Wednesday 19th; the menu for this event features bejewelled fish and gourmet chocolate orange. There is still time and availability to attend both events.

To book please contact the Club.

Festive Cheer...



I'm sure there will be a few crackers revealed by Tony at the last tasting of the year. A great series of events have seen the group be introduced to Wines from across the world by Tony Seymour. This event, on Thursday 20th December, is a celebration of this very successful year. Tony will introduce his favourite Wines from this year's Club tastings, these will be paired with dishes from Head Chef Steven Wright. Regular attendees to the wine tastings know how good this event will be and it will deliver a fantastic climax for 2018.

Numbers will be limited so please book on with Angela to reserve your places.

The Club Lounge



More and more Members are enjoying the new lounge on the 3rd floor, whether for a quiet read of a newspaper, private meeting or a coffee or glass of wine in-front of the fire. The Voice activated chatbot, called Computer, allows Members to enjoy a vast range of music and the large screen and keyboard delivers swift access to the internet. In addition, the Nespresso machine allows Members to swiftly rehydrate and relax in comfort and style with one of the finest views of the city.

Carol Service

The Club's carol service took place at St Ann's church on Tuesday 4th December and for many it signalled the start of the festive season of events. The Club is fortunate that it is the only organisation granted a private Carol Service at the Church. Several of the Members read lessons, including 2 Members of the Committee, before all returned post service to the Club for a delightful light supper and warming drink.



Specials

Please look out for weekly and seasonal specials introduced by head Chef Steven

Associates Lunch

Look out for the Associates lunch which is held on the 4th Tuesday of the Month, there is no need to pre-order or book; attendees make their selections from the Club Menu.

More Than Just a Club

The St James's Club is an ideal venue for business events, seminars, product launches, meetings or private/ family celebrations.

For more details of what the Club can offer contact Angela.



A Fantastic Welcome!

A record number of Members attended the new Members dinner on Wednesday 28th November. The attendees enjoyed a champagne reception before Howard Spargo the Chairman welcomed all Members new and old as well as friends and guests to the Club. Attendees enjoyed a potted history of the Club, superb food and paired wine before fantastic conversation over the cheese and port.



Date	Event	Time	Organisers
17 Dec	Retired Members	12.30 for 1.00pm	Dr John Allen and Robert Jewell
18 Dec	Associate Members Lunch	12.30 for 1.00pm	Mrs Sue Allen
19 Dec	Ladies Christmas Lunch	12.30 for 1.00pm	Mrs Tracey Booth
20 Dec	Wine Tasting	6:30 for 7:00pm	Tony Seymour and Rowan Stone
21 Dec	Members Christmas Lunch	12.30 for 1.00pm	***CLUB CLOSSES FOR CHRISTMAS***
7 Jan	Retired Members	12.30 for 1.00pm	Dr John Allen and Robert Jewell
15 Jan	Property Lunch	12.30 for 1.00pm	Jamie Shepherd, Chris Wright and Rowan Stone Guest Speaker: TBC
15 Jan	History Circle	12.30 for 1.00pm	Ian Baynham, Guest Speaker: Toby Hadoke A Recent History of Manchester Comedy
22 Jan	Associate Members Lunch	12.30 for 1.00pm	Mrs Sue Allen
23 Jan	Media Lunch	12.30 for 1.00pm	Rowan Stone, Guest Speaker: TBC
25 Jan	Retired Members	12.30 for 1.00pm	John Allen and Robert Jewell
1 Feb	Burns Supper	7.00 for 7:30pm	The Committee



New Members

The committee is very happy to welcome new Members, Mr SJM Pitman, Mr S Bishop & Mrs A Hannam.



The Committee, Management
and Staff wish all of its
Members a Merry Christmas
and a happy New Year

Merry
Christmas



The Club closes on
January 21st and reopens
on Wednesday 2nd of
January 2019



Don't forget to follow the Club on Twitter!



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