

A Look Back, The Clarendon Club



It was said that the best way to appreciate The Clarendon Club was to stand in the window of the turret in the dining room and look out over Manchester. The Clarendon Club was founded in 1868 and was situated in what was originally the Duke of Bridgewater's town house that overlooked St Peter's square at the corner of Mosley street and Dickinson street.

The Clarendon appeared from the ashes of the Bridgewater Club which had been formed in 1857.

"A Club of the age and standing of the Clarendon should naturally be strong on tradition"

And as expected the Clarendon was just that. The Club closely guarded its political freedom and independence and was innovative, it being one of the first Private Members Club's to extend its hospitality to ladies; a special ladies room having been set apart for their convenience. One of the notable effects of this invitation was that the Clarendon Club had taken on a new lease of evening activity. Where other clubs are deserted once the luncheon period had passed, it catered for those Members who bring their wives or friends to town for the theatre and who would otherwise have to dine at one of the public hotels or restaurants. Some of these Members may have been served by the Club's head waiter, Timothy Bogitt, affectionately known to Members as "James" who amazingly put in over half a century of service!

Speaker's Lunch

On Thursday 22nd September the current Chairman of Booths Supermarket Edwin J Booth will address the Club. Edwin represents the fifth generation of the family that has operated Booths since 1847. Described by The Telegraph as "the Waitrose of the North" the company employs over 3000 staff in 28 stores across five Northern counties; the stores vary in size from 18,000sq2 to 25,000sq2. Booths attempt to compete on quality as opposed to just price. It has been developed on the motto:

"To sell the best quality goods in shops staffed by first class assistants".

Edwin was appointed the first Chairman of Lancashire Enterprise Partnership following its establishment in 2011. He has worked with the Lancashire universities in the areas of leadership and business change programmes. In addition he is Vice-Chairman of the Harris Charity which was co-founded by his forebear Edwin Henry Booth and also acts as a trustee of the Prince's Countryside Fund. He was an HRH The Prince Of Wales Business Ambassador for the North West in 2005 and a finalist

for the Ernst & Young Master Entrepreneur of the Year (North). The address will be followed by a Q&A and 3 course lunch. *This lunchtime event has been very eagerly anticipated by Members and is expected to sell so please contact Angela to book your place.*



Annual AGM and Supper

The annual AGM will take place on Wednesday 6th September. A good many Members have already confirmed their attendance but it would be good to see younger and New Members at the event. It is not only a great opportunity to meet the Committee and Officers but to ask questions relating to the running and facilities that the Club offers and offer suggestions relating to improvements or additions. Following the AGM there will be a Supper; *please contact the Club to confirm your attendance and Supper reservation.*

AGM

If time is tight at lunchtime - try the express menu?

To help those in a hurry at lunchtime the Club will again be operating an express food service from September. This will allow Members and their guests to be in and out of the Club within half an hour. The Express menu will include a selection of sandwiches including BLT, NY Pastrami, Prawn Marie Rose, Brie and Roasted Pepper on a range of breads and brioches; all of these will be served with side salad or chunky chips. In addition there will be a hot dish such as Chilli, as well as the soup of the day. For more details of the service please ask at the bar.



The Seventies Party



This is a new and exciting event to appear on the Club's Social Calendar. Quite simply it is a celebration of all things 70s from Blue Nun, pineapple and cheese on sticks, Blackforrest Gateau to Abba, glam rock and the Carpenters. The only rule is that all attendees dress in 70's style clothes and be ready to strut their stuff on the dance floor. There will be a DJ, singer, Babysham reception and a classic 70s themed 3 course dinner.

For more information contact Angela.

Ladies Afternoon Tea

On Thursday 15th September Mrs Naira Majid and Miss Sarah Withington are hosting an afternoon tea in the Club. Guests will enjoy a chilled glass of champagne and treated to a sumptuous selection of sandwiches, scones, cakes and pastries. The latest range of Jewellery from Stella and Dot will be on display for ladies to try on and if they desire purchase. This event has proved very popular in the past and Angela has already taken a good number of bookings from Lady Members and guests. *So if you would like to attend please contact the Club.*



Revamp

Members who have been in the Club during August will have seen a number of changes. Anthony and his team have been very busy not only redecorating (repainting and wallpapering) the Club but positioning a range of new furniture in the Reception, Members dining room and walkways. This is an ongoing process and is part of the continued improvement of the Club's facilities.

Private Events

Over the last month members have hired the Club for a number of private events; this has included a Wedding Anniversary, birthday, business seminar and working breakfast. The Club is an ideal venue for a range of events for small intimate dinners to Weddings and Christmas parties. This year's Christmas menu will soon be available and the Club will be taking bookings for November and December for those wishing to book parties or lunches for themselves, clients and/or staff.

For more details of the menu and availability please contact the General Manager Anthony Aulderson at events@stjc.org.uk



Diary of upcoming events

September

Friday 2nd

Committee Dinner
7:00 for 7:30pm
Organisers: The Committee

Monday 5th

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

Wednesday 7th

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

Wednesday 7th

AGM & Supper
6:15pm
Organiser: The Committee

Tuesday 13th

Property Lunch
12:30 for 13:00pm
Guest Speaker: TBC
Organisers: Jamie Shepherd, Rowan Stone and Chris Wright

Wednesday 14th

Life Members Lunch
12:30 for 13:00pm
Organisers: Peter Wainwright

Thursday 15th

Ladies Afternoon Tea
2:30-5:00pm
Organisers: Nasira Majid & Sarah Withington

Monday 19th

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

Wednesday 21st

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

Thursday 22nd

Speakers Lunch
12.30 for 13:00pm
Guest Speaker: Edwin J Booth DL
Organiser: Charles Hadfield

Friday 23rd

70s Night Party
7:00 for 7:30pm
Organiser: Rowan Stone

Thursday 29th

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

Friday 30th

Family Dinner
7:00 for 7:30pm
Organiser: Grahame Elliott & Jamie Shepherd



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