



# Club News

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## Speaker Lunch



The Club is honoured to have as Guest Speaker, the Rt Hon. Esther McVey MP, and Secretary of State for Work and Pensions. Esther will talk about her background and how she ended up in politics, and the challenges of running the Government Department with the greatest spend as it is going through a major transformation change; this will be followed by a brief Q&A and a 3-course lunch.

Esther is a businesswoman, broadcaster and the current Member of Parliament for Tatton and Secretary of State for Work and Pensions. Originally from Liverpool, Esther trained as a lawyer before working as a producer and broadcaster for the BBC, after which she established her own business and was nominated for Woman of the Year

both in Cheshire and Merseyside. In 2010 she became the first and only Conservative MP on Merseyside since 1997, and from 2012 to 2015 she joined the Government, becoming Minister for Employment and was made a Privy Counsellor. In 2017 she was elected as the MP for Tatton, and was the former Deputy Chief whip, before being promoted to Secretary of State for DWP.

*This event scheduled for Friday 7th September is likely to be a very popular event, so Members are advised to book their places with Angela.*

## AGM

Considering it was the school holiday season and it was hot it was a pleasant and reassuring surprise to see so many members at the 2018 AGM. The finer details of financial figures, resolutions and considerations been sent to every Member, so they can be studied at leisure. Rodney Lambert, on behalf of the Members thanked the outgoing chairman, Grahame Elliott for all his hard work, commitment, support and guidance which had ensured the Club had survived the recent difficult years. This critical work is the solid foundation which will allow the Club to now grow and develop. The President also thanked Dr John Allen who was stepping down from the honorary Secretary role.

The new Chairman, Howard Spargo and Secretary Rowan Stone then presented to the Members their future vision for the Club.

All Members then enjoyed a supper where debate and discussion continued for some time. In all a very successful, informative and rewarding evening.

## A First for the Club

On Wednesday 5th September the Club will hold its first media lunch. It is hoped—like the Property lunch—that they will become a regular occurrence on the social calendar. The idea of these addresses is to bring to the Club established names from the growing digital and media technology industry. It is hoped they will give Members and their guests an insight into developments and innovations in the industry. Nik Maguire is addressing the Club on Wednesday 5th September on the topic of “Media and the Next Generation Internet; Blockchain”.



Nik started his career with Cisco systems through the dot-com boom across the USA and Europe before setting up several SMS and digital marketing businesses. For the last decade Nik has been involved in Mobile Marketing, having created and developed Mobile strategies for the likes of Nectar, O2, Chelsea FC & Pizza Express. Currently he is developing his ‘Mad About Manchester’ and runs a consultancy.

The Club is very keen to make a success of this event with a couple very interesting speakers already lined-up, so members are encouraged to bring colleagues and friends. The nature of this industry means that the dress code is relaxed for this event. For more details please contact Angela.

## A Word in Your Ear



As mentioned at the AGM the Club wishes to make more use of social media platforms, not only connect members but promote events. Whether it's Instagram, WhatsApp, Twitter or LinkedIn the social media channel is an important communication tool in today's business and social community. IT allows individuals and groups to find out what's

happening and who's doing what in a secure and cost-efficient manner. An example of this is the use of WhatsApp, all members of the committee are linked together in a group. This allows them to send messages in a real time, safe encrypted way to one another to organise meetings and make comments.

These platforms are driven by a continual supply of quality content (stories, pictures, advice, anecdotes) so it is important that as many Members sign up as possible to ensure.

The committee is aware that some members are cautious of these social media platforms and so is writing a strict policy on its use so that individual Members privacy is protected at all times.

*If you would like to create your own group or sign up to the St James's Club social group please contact the Club for more details.*

## Saving, Not Spending a Penny

Phil Thompson very kindly agreed to speak at the August Property Lunch—which is a notoriously difficult month due to holidays—but over 40 booked on and listened to him speak about security for landlords of commercial and residential property.

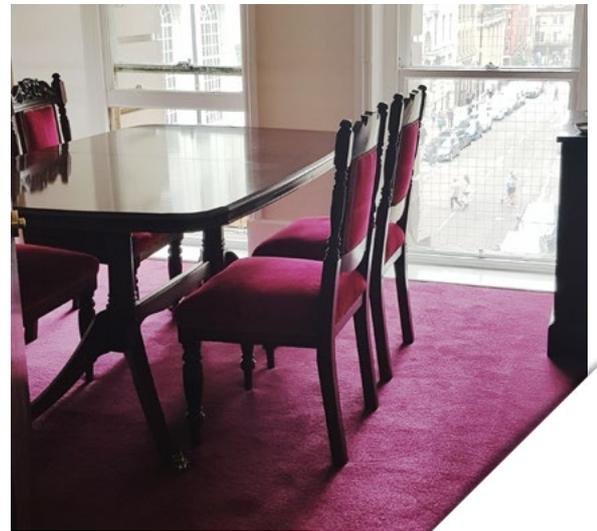


The event on Tuesday 11th September features Matthew Bird of Expert Water Ltd who will address the Club Members and Guests on how to save money on their water bills. Expert Water are brokers for all the major UK water Suppliers and can handle all aspects of switching. They provide a complete water services solution covering all aspects of water and drainage. Using their own bespoke software "E-water" they can produce reports on everything from usage to sustainability ensuring their clients only pay for what they use.



## A Room With a View

Many Members use the Club for lunches and perhaps social meet ups, some use it to entertain colleagues and clients. The Club though is a superb venue for private events. Whether a family celebration or a business meeting the Club offers a superb range of facilities which can cater from two people to 80 delegates. As well as the existing three suites the meeting room behind the bar has now been extensively redecorated and fitted out with furniture. It is ideal for meetings of up to four people and commands a beautiful view down Kings Street. Members are free to use this room on a first come basis, if though you would like to secure it for a specific date it can be pre-booked for a small room hire charge.



## 2's Company... But Now it's a Crowd

Record numbers booked onto the Couples lunch. Whether it was the good-looking menu or change in weather conditions it was fantastic to see so many enjoy the Club; long may it continue. The attendees enjoyed a glass of fizz on arrival before a superb 3 course lunch including a main course of duck.





## 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.

## Announcements

Member Rory Dillon is happy to announce the birth of his first son Danny Michael Dillion, the Club, Committee and Members wish him and his wife all the best.

## New Members

The Club is very pleased to welcome new Members: Alex Fan Wai-Ho, Alex Khan, Mr Iain Peter O'Hare, Mr Thomas Lees, Miss Sophie Beverley Halpin, Mr Andrew Harry Donald Towle, Mr Steven Swientozeilskyj, Mr James Kerr, Mr William Downie, Mr Christopher Bedford, Mr Adrian Michael Murphy, Mr Nicholas James Ogden, Mr Torgeir Hoff, Mr Jonathan Lowther, Mrs Alexandra Juliet Morris, Dr James Rochford, Carlos Real.

In addition, there are 2 new Associate Members: Mrs Carol Ann Bolton and Mrs Jennifer Atkinson.

## Diary - August / September

Date	Event	Time	Organisers
28 Aug	Associate Members Lunch	12:30 for 1:00pm	Mrs Sue Allen
30 Aug	Wine Tasting	6:30 for 7:00pm	Tony Seymour & Korhan Tezcan
3 Sept	Retired Members Lunch	12:30 for 1:00pm	Dr John Allen & Robert Jewell
5 Sept	Media Lunch	12:30 for 1:00pm	Rowan Stone / Guest Speaker: Nik Maguire
7 Sept	Speakers Lunch	12:30 for 1:00pm	Grahame Elliott / Guest Speaker: Esther McVey MP
11 Sept	Property Lunch	12:30 for 1:00pm	Jamie Shepherd, Chris Wright & Rowan Stone Guest Speaker: Matthew Bird - Expert Water Ltd
12 Sept	Life Members Lunch	12:30 for 1:00pm	Peter Wainwright
17 Sept	Retired Members Lunch	12:30 for 1:00pm	Dr John Allen & Robert Jewell
19 Sept	Business Matters Lunch	12:30 for 1:00pm	Rowan Stone
20 Sept	Musical Evening	6:30pm for 7:00pm	Dr Phil Fyans / Artist: The Magic Beans
25 Sept	Associate Members Lunch	12:30 for 1:00pm	Mrs Sue Allen
27 Sept	Wine Tasting	6:30pm for 7:00pm	Tony Seymour & Korhan Tezcan
27 Sept	Family Dinner	7:00 for 7:30pm	Jamie Shepherd & Grahame Elliott



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