

## **BBC Club Prospero Society and Retired Members**

Dear Member,

I know, shock and horror we are asking for your Christmas Lunch choices! What happened to our Summer, I suspect your umbrella had as much use as mine. We did have a fabulous day at Regents Park Theatre which happened to be a very hot day. Thank you to one of our attendees who had the forethought to bring sunscreen and share it.

It's a bumper newsletter this time as we have added a late September event as well as advance notice for a January event which we need to book shortly. There are still plenty of spaces for the previously advertised Wimbledon trip in October and also another chance to apply for the Sir John Soane Museum trip as this had to be cancelled in July.

**REPLIES TO POSTAL AND EMAIL APPLICATIONS WILL BE SENT OUT ON MONDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER AT THE EARLIEST.**

Please **do apply** but don't expect a reply before then as this is the first date that Gayner and I can get together to process the applications. After this date applications will be processed regularly.

A big thank you to the committee for their suggested events, to the volunteer coordinators (we need more) and of course Gayner for making it all happen.

Have a great Autumn and I hope to see you at one of the forth coming events.

Carol Elliott

Chairman, BBC Club Prospero Society.

BBC Club post is rather erratic as it gets redirected while we wait for our new office home address. Therefore, if you can, please email me your application request so I can save you a place even if you prefer to post a cheque. No need to use the application form if you prefer not to. A quick reminder, Some events do not require payment until quite close to the day so if no money has been handed over then a refund is possible. However increasingly now, payment is required at the time of booking so no refund is allowable as Prospero cannot be expected to incur a loss for nonattendance. If such an event does have a waiting list then the ticket can be reallocated. Booking deadlines are often payment deadlines. If an event doesn't have a deadline then availability can be found on the website:

<https://www.bbcclub.com/clubs/connect/prospero>



# Kings Observatory

Old Deer Park, Richmond Surrey

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023**  
**1.45pm**

After a sold out trip last year we are delighted to offer this again. The King’s Observatory was commissioned in 1769 by King George III. Its arcadian setting in about 7 acres must be one of the most beautiful in the London area. The telescope cupola is the oldest of its kind in the world. Housing among other things mathematical and scientific instruments, the building is only open to the public for about 6 weeks a year.

**Prospero Members £10.00 per person**

**Club members and Guests £12.50 per person**

**Very Limited availability, priority for Prospero members.**

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**Application for Kings Observatory**

Name.....

Phone no:-.....e-mail.....

Prospero Member @ £10..... Member and Guests @£12.50.....

Total Amount £.....

Please email the application details to [BBC.Club@bbc.co.uk](mailto:BBC.Club@bbc.co.uk) (no need to use the form here if it is easier not to) and make a bank transfer to **BBC Club Sports & Leisure Ltd**, account number **01443319** Sort Code **30-00 02** using **KINGS** as the reference **OR** write a cheque for the full amount to **BBC Club Sports & Leisure Ltd**. Alternatively if you don’t have email, post a cheque with the application and any guest name(s) to Gayner Leach, BBC Club, BC2 B3 Broadcast Centre, 201 Wood Lane, London W12 7TP. Please include an SAE for full details of the trip or returned cheque if fully booked.



# Wimbledon – Lawn Tennis Museum and Private Group Tour

Church Rd, Wimbledon, London SW19 5AE

Behind-the-scenes tour of the Grounds led by a Blue Badge Guide, you'll see the facilities used, learn how Wimbledon's distinctive grass is cared for and how the site has changed and improved each year. Experience the history and traditions of The Championships at Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Museum. Get up close to the famous trophies, feel the fabrics of tennis fashions from the Victorian period, test your skills on the Batak wall and learn about how The Championships has developed since 1877.

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023 12.30pm**

**Prospero Members £20.50 Club members and Guests £24.00**

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### Application for Wimbledon Museum and Tour

Name.....

Phone no:-.....e-mail.....

Prospero Member@ £20.50 ..... guests@ £24.00..... Total Amount £.....

Please email the application details to [BBC.Club@bbc.co.uk](mailto:BBC.Club@bbc.co.uk) (no need to use the form here if it is easier not to) and make a bank transfer to **BBC Club Sports & Leisure Ltd**, account number **01443319** Sort Code **30-00 02** using TENNIS as the reference **OR** write a cheque for the full amount to **BBC Club Sports & Leisure Ltd**. Alternatively if you don't have email, post a cheque with the application and any guest name(s) to Gayner Leach, BBC Club, BC2 B3 Broadcast Centre, 201 Wood Lane, London W12 7TP. Please include an SAE for full details of the trip or returned cheque if fully booked.



## Sir John Soane House

Discover the extraordinary house and museum of Sir John Soane, one of the greatest English architects, who built and lived in it two centuries ago. The museum has been kept as it was at the time of his death in 1837, and displays his vast collection of antiquities, furniture, sculptures, architectural models and paintings.

13 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3BP.

The trip comprises an introductory talk and museum visit.

**Friday 20th October 2023 2.00pm**

Prospero Members £7 per person

Club members and Guests £8 per person

**A Coordinator is needed for this trip. Please indicate if you are willing to act as such.**

20 spaces available, see the website for availability

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### Sir John Soane Museum

Name.....

Phone no:-..... e-mail.....

Prospero Member @ £7 ..... Club Member/guest @ £8.....

Total Amount £.....

Please email the application details to [BBC.Club@bbc.co.uk](mailto:BBC.Club@bbc.co.uk) (no need to use the form here if it is easier not to) and make a bank transfer to **BBC Club Sports & Leisure Ltd**, account number **01443319** Sort Code **30-00 02** using SOANE as the reference **OR** write a cheque for the full amount to **BBC Club Sports & Leisure Ltd**.

Alternatively if you don't have email, post a cheque with the application and any guest name(s) to Gayner Leach, BBC Club, BC2 B3 Broadcast Centre, 201 Wood Lane, London W12 7TP. Please include an SAE for full details of the trip or returned cheque if fully booked.



## **Lunch at The Palm Court followed by the Bow Street Police Museum**

Enjoy a 3 course meal at the Palm Court restaurant in Covent Garden before being escorted by your coordinator Carol to the Bow Street Police Museum just a few minutes away. The museum tells the story of the early Bow Street Patrols and Runners, London's first official law enforcement service, and the Metropolitan Police officers who walked the streets of Covent Garden in their footsteps. Located on the site of the 1881 Bow Street Magistrates' Court and Police Station, the Museum is filled with rich stories of investigations, arrests and justice being served. From the earliest watchmen who tackled crime with nothing more than a lantern and a staff, to the modern Magistrates presiding over cases of international renown.

**Friday 10th November 2023 12.00 noon**

**Prospero Members £21.00 per person**

**Club members and Guests £24.50 per person**

**Meals must be pre-ordered. Please choose your 3 courses from the menu below and include them with you application.**

**STARTERS**

Summer Garden soup VG

Baked wedge of brie in filo pastry with cranberry chutney V

Citrus marinated salmon, celeriac remoulade, capers, dill oil (£2.50 supplement)

Chicken liver parfait, red onion chutney and toasted country bread

**MAIN COURSE**

Wild Mushroom Risotto, Reggio cheese, truffle oil V

Beef Bourguignon, bacon lardons, button mushrooms, baby onions and mashed potatoes (£2.50 supplement)

Market Fish of The Day, crushed new potatoes, warm tartare sauce

Grilled Chicken Paillard, wild rocket, artichoke, preserved lemon, Reggio cheese salad

**DESSERT**

Classic Creme Brulee • Valrhona chocolate tart with vanilla ice cream • Selection of ice creams • Selection of sorbets VG

**Drinks and Gratuities not included**

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**Lunch and Bow Street Police Museum**

Name.....

Phone no:-..... e-mail.....

Prospero Member @ £21.00 ..... Club Member/guest @ £24.50.....

Total Amount £.....

Please email the application details **with your lunch choices and any guest name(s)** to [BBC.Club@bbc.co.uk](mailto:BBC.Club@bbc.co.uk) (no need to use the form here if it is easier not to) and make a bank transfer to **BBC Club Sports & Leisure Ltd**, account number **01443319** Sort Code **30-00 02** using POLICE as the reference **OR** write a cheque for the full amount to **BBC Club Sports & Leisure Ltd**. Alternatively if you don't have email, post a cheque with the application and any guest name(s) to Gayner Leach, BBC Club, BC2 B3 Broadcast Centre, 201 Wood Lane, London W12 7TP. Please include an SAE for full details of the trip or returned cheque if fully booked. **DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE PAYMENT FOR ANY SUPPLEMENTS ON YOUR ORDER!**



## Behind the Scenes Tour

Go behind the scenes at the National Archives in Kew, including the repositories and the reading rooms. It also includes a small display of documents en route. Lasting about 75 minutes the tour does involve walking or standing most of the time. There will be an opportunity to stay with the group for lunch after the tour (at addition cost). This is hoped to be at The Maid Of Honour Tea Room, however a booking cannot be made this far in advance so if not a suitable alternative will be found ahead of time by the coordinator.

## Wednesday 22nd November 2023 11.15am

Prospero Members £10 per person

Club members and Guests £12 per person

limited spaces available, see the website for availability

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### National Archives Tour

Name.....

Phone no:-..... e-mail.....

Prospero Member @ £10 ..... Club Member/guest @ £12.....

Total Amount £.....

Please email the application details to [BBC.Club@bbc.co.uk](mailto:BBC.Club@bbc.co.uk) (no need to use the form here if it is easier not to) and make a bank transfer to **BBC Club Sports & Leisure Ltd**, account number **01443319** Sort Code **30-00 02** using ARCHIVE as the reference **OR** write a cheque for the full amount to **BBC Club Sports & Leisure Ltd**. Alternatively if you don't have email, post a cheque with the application and any guest name(s) to Gayner Leach, BBC Club, BC2 B3 Broadcast Centre, 201 Wood Lane, London W12 7TP. Please include an SAE for full details of the trip or returned cheque if fully booked.



**Christmas Lunch at BBC Club W1, Wogan**  
**House**  
**Gildea St, London, W1**

**The last Christmas lunch at this location, let's make in memorable!  
Every effort will be made for everyone to sit together and enjoy the  
festivities.**

**Monday 4th December 12.30pm**

**Prospero Members £27.00    Members /Guests £32.00**

Please note, Drinks are NOT included,  
Don't forget to select your 3 course choices from the list overleaf and include them with the  
application.

**Booking Deadline November 27<sup>th</sup>**

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**Application for BBC Club W1 Christmas Lunch.**

Name.....

Phone no:-.....e-mail.....

Prospero Member @ £27 ..... Club Member/guest @£32.....

**Total Amount £.....**

Please make a bank transfer to **BBC Club Sports & Leisure Ltd**, account number **01443319** Sort Code **30-00 02** using CHRISTMAS as the reference and also email the application details **with your lunch choices and any guest name(s)** to [BBC.Club@bbc.co.uk](mailto:BBC.Club@bbc.co.uk) OR write a cheque for the full amount to **BBC Club Sports & Leisure Ltd** and post it to Gayner Leach, BBC Club, BC2 B3 Broadcast Centre, 201 Wood Lane, London W12 7TP. Please include your email address for confirmation letter and if you are unsuccessful your cheque will be destroyed.  
Alternatively please include an SAE marked for full details of the trip or returned cheque if fully booked





## **STARTER**

### **Butternut Squash & Sweet Potato soup (VE)**

with petit pain & butter (butter NOT vegetarian)

### **King Prawn & Avocado Salad**

with Marie Rose sauce, baby gem lettuce & crostini

### **Chicken Liver & Brandy Parfait**

with caramelized red onion chutney and mini toast

## **MAIN COURSE**

### **Roast Turkey**

served with roasted potatoes, honey glazed parsnips, seasonal vegetable medley,  
pigs in blankets, classic stuffing, cranberry sauce and thyme jus

### **Wild Mushroom Risotto (V)**

topped with pecorino cheese

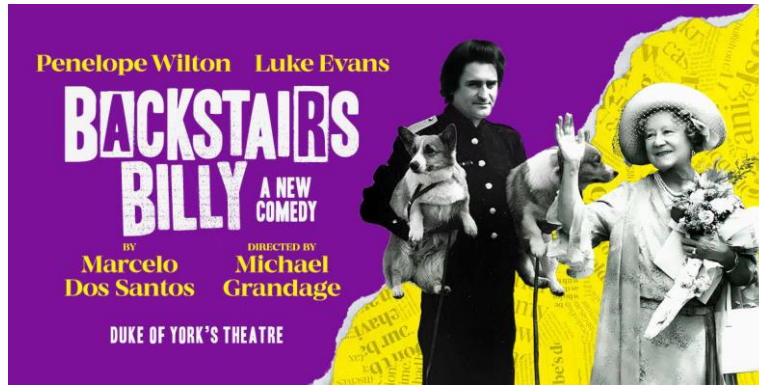
## **DESSERT**

### **Christmas pudding served with warm brandy sauce**

### **Blackcurrant and Prosecco cheesecake (GF)**

with vanilla Chantilly cream, mixed berries & raspberry coulis

### **Fresh fruit salad with cream (V)**



**Duke of York's Theatre**  
 St Martin's Lane, London, WC2N 4BG

1979, Inside Clarence House, The Queen Mother's receptions are in full swing and the champagne is flowing. Guiding the proceedings is William 'Billy' Tallon, holder of the royal corgis and Her Majesty's loyal servant. Outside, strikes are bringing the country to its knees and Britain is on the verge of changing seismically under Margaret Thatcher. These two worlds are about to collide with dizzying consequences.....

**Wednesday 24th January 2024 2.30pm**

Seats reserved Stalls rows N and O

**Prospero Members £36.50 Club members and Guests £42.50**

Booking Deadline 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023

**Application for Backstairs Billy**

Name.....

Phone no:-.....e-mail.....

Prospero Member @ £36.50..... Member and Guests  
 @£42.50.....

Total Amount £.....

Please make a bank transfer to **BBC Club Sports & Leisure Ltd**, account number **01443319** Sort Code **30-00 02** using BILLY as the reference and also email the application details to [BBC.Club@bbc.co.uk](mailto:BBC.Club@bbc.co.uk) **OR** write a cheque for the full amount to **BBC Club Sports & Leisure Ltd** and post it **with the application and any guest name(s)** to Gayner Leach, BBC Club, BC2 B3 Broadcast Centre, 201 Wood Lane, London W12 7TP. Please include your email address for confirmation letter and if you are unsuccessful your cheque will be destroyed. Alternatively please include an SAE marked for full details of the trip or returned cheque if fully booked