BBC Club Prospero Society and Retired Members

Dear Member,

The following events cover November and of course, the Christmas lunch and a treat for January. We will be back with the quarterly events next year.

I have had good feedback on recent events and was pleased to see that some, at the time of booking, were oversubscribed. Gayner always tries to accommodate everyone, booking extra tickets and additional tours where possible and necessary. Prospero members always get preference.

I went to the Oxford event and had a great day out. Thank you to Julia Marsh for the idea and leading it, all went well. It was good to be outside London for a change. It was well attended and gives us the option of more events outside London.

Wrap up well for the winter and I look forward to seeing you at some of the forthcoming events. Remember to offer to coordinate if you can. It is an easy task, ticking a name off a list, couldn't be easier but we need you to put yourself forward for the task. Thank you if you have, we need you.

Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Carol Elliott

Chairman, BBC Club, Prospero Society

We are trying something different in November, a double event with a break in the middle (why not grab some lunch?) where you can choose to go to one, the other or both! It is really important that you let us know if you are attending the FREE event even though there is no payment to The Prospero Society, so the coordinator is aware.

All applications for events are left for a week to allow Prospero Society members to get priority booking.

REPLIES TO POSTAL AND EMAIL APPLICATIONS WILL BE SENT OUT ON 21st October.

Applications received after this date will be processed regularly. Availability can be found on the Website: https://www.bbcclub.com/clubs/connect/prospero

PLEASE NOTE! BBC Club Hub's new office address. 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



Regent Street Cinema is where UK cinema began. In 1896 the Lumière brothers debuted their Cinématographe machine for a paying audience. They didn't know it then, but that night, an industry was born and Regent Street Cinema became a landmark venue for the UK film industry: the birthplace of British cinema, if you will. Enjoy a backstage tour of this iconic Art Deco cinema, a special recital on the original 1936 Compton Organ - it is one of the last few working organs of its kind in the country! Followed by a classic screening of 'All that Heaven Allows' starring Rock Hudson and Jane Wyman.

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

Monday 3rd November 2025 11.30am (Film starts 1pm)

Prospero Members and guests £6.00 per person			
Application for Regent's Street Cinema Tour and Screening.			
Name			
Phone no:	e-mail		
Prospero Members and Guests @ £6		Total Amount £	

Please email the application details to 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 CINEMA 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 Hub, Floor 6, Zone D BBC Broadcasting House, Portland Place, London W1A 1AA. Please include an SAE for full details of the trip or returned cheque if fully booked

We have two events, 5 – 10 minutes' walk between them on:

Wednesday 12th November 2025

You can do one or the other – or both!* Route included in your confirmation.

*Your application needs to specify what you are attending as each event has a different coordinator and it is not fair to keep them waiting for someone not turning up!

At 11.30am:



The Cartoon Museum is located at 63 Wells Street, 5 minutes' walk from Oxford Circus underground station.

The Cartoon Museum is dedicated to preserving the best of British cartoons, caricatures, comics and animation. We champion cartoon and comic art, highlighting its value to culture and society. Our museum houses a collection of over 6000 original cartoons and comics, and a library of over 8000 comics and books, documenting the history of British comics from the 18th century to the present day. This trip consists of tea and biscuits, an introductory talk and tour of the Museum.

Prospero Members £13.50 Members /Guests £16.00

Then at 2pm:



The Fitzrovia Chapel is an enchanting jewel of Byzantine inspired architecture located in the heart of the Fitzrovia community. As the former chapel of the Middlesex Hospital, it is a place of meaning, memory and sanctuary for many. This visit includes an exhibition: CHILDREN OF ALBION BY BEN EDGE.

Please make a charity dor	nation direct at the Chapel.			
Application for Cartoon Museum/ Fitzrovia Chapel and Exhibition				
Name				
Phone no:	e-mail			
Prospero Members and Guests @ £6	Total Amount £			

Please email the application details specifying which event(S) you are applying for to BBC.Club@bbc.co.uk (no need to use the form here if it is easier not to). If you are applying for the Cartoon museum, make a bank transfer to BBC Club Sports & Leisure Ltd, account number 01443319 Sort Code 30-00 02 using CARTOON 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 Hub, Floor 6, Zone D BBC Broadcasting House, Portland Place, London W1A 1AA. Please include an SAE for full details of the trip or returned cheque if fully booked



Prospero Society Christmas Lunch

This year the Prospero Christmas lunch will again be at The Clachan Pub, just off Regent's Street in Kingly Street. Behind Liberty's. We have reserved a private room for lunch just for us! Please find the menu below, there is a lot of choice and great value for Central London. We hope to see as many of you as possible there!

Tuesday 2nd December 12.30pm

Prospero Members £39.50 Members /Guests £49

Please note, this year the service charge is included in the price but Drinks are NOT included, Don't forget to select your 3 course choices from the list overleaf and include them together with any supplementary payments with the application.

PLEASE NOTE: to check allergen info please see the festive menu tabs on the link available from early November on the Nicholson's website.

Booking Deadline November 15 th <u>Application for Prospero Society Christmas Lunch.</u>		
Phone no:	.e-mail	
Prospero Member @ £39.50	Club Member/guest @£49	
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 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.

TO START

KING PRAWN & SMOKED SALMON COCKTAIL*

King prawns and Scottish smoked salmon with little gem lettuce and Bloody Mary sauce. With toasted ciabatta.

CHICKEN LIVER & BRANDY PÂTÉ

Chicken liver and brandy pâté with Hedgerow chutney. With toasted ciabatta.

SPICED PARSNIP & SWEET POTATO SOUP (V)

Topped with root vegetable crisps. With toasted ciabatta and butter. *Vegan alternative available*.

SHALLOT & CAMEMBERT TART TATIN* (V)

With a side salad, dressed with balsamic glaze.

Vegan alternative available.

THE MAIN EVENT

HAND-CARVED BREAST OF TURKEY*

With sage & onion stuffing, Cumberland sausage pigs-in-blankets, roast carrots and sprouts, glazed parsnips, roast potatoes, spiced red cabbage and a rich gravy.

8OZ CHARGRILLED SIRLOIN STEAK (+£5)

21-day-aged sirloin steak with watercress and chunky chips. With your choice of peppercorn*, bone marrow béarnaise, or chimichurri sauce (in Scotland, whisky sauce replaces chimichurri)

FESTIVE NUT ROAST* (VE)

Walnut, almond & hazelnut roast with glazed roast carrots & parsnips, sprouts, spiced red cabbage and roast potatoes. Served with an onion gravy.

PAN-ROASTED SALMON FILLET*

In a king prawns & lobster fumet bouillabaisse sauce. Served on crispy crushed baby potatoes with long-stem broccoli.

SLOW-COOKED PORK BELLY

With bubble & squeak mash, roasted apple, long-stem broccoli, crackling and a rich gravy.

TO FINISH

CHRISTMAS PUDDING (V)

Traditional Christmas pudding with sultanas soaked in dark rum, orange peel and festive spices. With a rich brandy sauce.

DARK CHOCOLATE TRUFFLE TORTE (V)

With salted caramel sauce & whipped cream.

APPLE & CINNAMON CRUMBLE PIE (VE)

With a mixed berry coulis and indulgent custard.

ZESTY LEMON TART (V)

With a mixed berry coulis and freshly whipped cream.

NICHOLSON'S CHEESE BOARD (V) (+£5)

Taw Valley mature Cheddar, Long Clawson Stilton and soft Camembert. Served with celery, grapes and a hedgerow chutney.

COFFEE & MINI MINCE PIE (V) (+ £4)



Gielgud Theatre, Shaftsbury Avenue, London W1D 6AR

Dress Circle rows E and F, accessible through a side door for minimal stairs. This rate was not available for a matinee sadly. The performance is 2 hours 40 mins (approx.) including interval so out by 9.45ish.

Wednesday 21st January 2026 7.00pm

Prospero Members £46.75 per person. Club Members and Guests £55.00 per person

Booking Deadline November 7th

A Coordinator is needed for this trip	 Please indicate if you are willing to act as such 	
Oliver! The Musical		
Name E-mail	Phone no:	
Prospero Member @ £46.75	Club Member/guest @ £55.00	

Please email the application details to 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 OLIVER 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 Hub, Floor 6, Zone D BBC Broadcasting House, Portland Place, London W1A 1AA. Please include an SAE for full details of the trip or returned cheque if fully booked.