



CLUB CONNEXION

APRIL 2002

THE NEWSLETTER FOR RETURNING MEMBERS OF THE 16 CLUB

THE DOUBLE 16 BOOKED FOR JUNE 1ST

As our great celebration approaches it is excellent news to know that all the arrangements are in place and that the list of men who have paid their deposits increases, daily.

Deposits, with firm commitment to attend, have been given by; R Rosset, P. Beavis, N Bolton, P Allison, W Blincoe, L Egham, C Darnell, M Manson, R Fonow, R Jopling, E Jopling, R Holland, J Kenny-Levick and C Williams.

As a maximum of 32 places have been allocated for Returners it is vital that, if you have not already, that you secure your place at this once in a lifetime event. We are quite serious here when we say that deposits of £20 must be paid before May 7th. Believe us when we say that no deposit by then and the booking can't be taken. (There is a limit on this imposed by the Caterers) So, please complete the enclosed form and send it back as soon as possible.

NB.16 Club ties must be worn by everybody dining. If you do not have a tie then please contact Peter Allison to obtain a replacement.

Just to whet your appetites here is the menu;

Warm Smoked Salmon
on a bed of seasonal Salad with Dill Dressing



Pot Roasted Quail with a Wild Rice
& Apricot Stuffing



Craquant Noisette



Cheese Board



Coffee & Petit Four

Sherry wine will be served in the Senior Combination Room as Pre Prandial Refreshment.

Dinner will be served in Old Hall under the joint Chairmanship of The Club Chairman and The RMO

A seating plan will be posted for the main course. After the main course there will then be an interlude when Gentleman are to withdraw to The Quad to partake of either Sparking water or Champagne. A new seating plan will be posted for dessert.

A choice of wines, appropriate to the course, will be served throughout the dinner and of course PORT will be provided in largesse for speeches and The Jokemaster.

Finally, Brandy and cigars will be served in the Senior Combination Room (Smoking is not allowed in Old Hall)

Estimated cost of the dinner - £40



PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME FOR THE RETURNERS' WEEKEND

FRIDAY, MAY 31st

Evening Welcome by The 16 Club in SU Bar
Accommodation available in College Rooms
(Must be booked, in advance, see enclosed mailing)

SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST

11am Charabanc outing to the beach departs
(All welcome). Includes The Club v. Returners' Beach Cricket Match.
3pm Return from the beach
4 pm The Great Meeting after which gentlemen retire to dress for dinner
6pm The Unveiling of the gift ceremony followed by The Double 16 Photograph in front of OB
7 pm Sherry Wine served in The Senior Combination Room
8 pm Grace and Dinner in Old Hall
10pm Choral Singing in The Senior Combination Room
Midnight: 'Walk The Pipe' The Final Challenge.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND

8am Chapel
Departure

CELEBRATION FLAG

As part of the 175th celebration a flag was commissioned to fly from Frankie's Tower. It was white with the 1822 logo and had 175 years, or something similar, printed on it. It also used the obscure orange colour recently adopted by those who purport to understand such things. Unfortunately, from a distance it looked like a white flag of surrender and attracted almost universal disapprobation.

Most unhappily on the night of the second termly dinner of the Club, 15th March, there were extremely strong winds and it seems to have blown away in the gales.

THE FINAL MUSTER

Our Lord Registrar is making valiant attempts to discover any lost 16 Club men and to see if they wish to join us at The Double 16. Please note the enclosed mailing and give him every assistance.

THE RETURNERS' WEBSITE

If you have not visited this recently, can I recommend it to you the glories of our very own website? This is managed by Stuart Tilley and has played an invaluable part in providing a means of communication. The discussion on our future is particularly interesting. Visit: www.the-16-club.fsnet.co.uk

NEWS OF THE CLUB

In preparation for the Double 16 The Club has enjoyed a brilliant year. Starting off in the early Autumn with an exhausting away day held deep in the Cambrian hills organised by the most excellent Mr. Alexander Hartwell (R.M) with mementoes presented by Colonel Christopher Darnell (M.B.E., R.M) The Chairman at the dinner later that term, Mr. Ben Rogers, ensured the maintenance of the high degree of dignity and sobriety for which the Club sets the standard. It is pleasing that Mr. Mog Ward emulates the sartorial elegance of his father (Mr Peter Ward, R.M.) by embedding in his features items of jewellery complementing a highly individualised haircut.

In the Lent term Mr. Maxwell Heinrich, lately of South Africa, has ensured a high measure of new membership and organised two dinners. There is a slight-and confidential-reference to the second elsewhere in this Connexion. The Club has been assisted throughout by Mr. Jonathon (sic. His father couldn't spell) Evans as Treasurer who has ensured accuracy by utilising The Returners' Bank account as envisaged in the Codex.

Mr. Matthew Burns (P.C-Parish not Privy-Council) in his capacity as Chaplain's Assistant, has organised Masses with special intention for the success of May Day for which he is responsible.

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