

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

Dear Member,

The last newsletter of the year and boy has the weather changed. Rugs around the knees already!

We had a great visit to Biggin Hill, thank you Helen for the idea and organising it. It was quite the experience sat with a coffee watching the private executive jets taking off and landing and that was before the lunch and the tour.

We have another great selection of events for you, there is something for everyone. We love to have feedback on the favourites and certainly if there is somewhere you wish to go or an experience, please let us know. The Bank of England on this selection is by special request. I know we did it a little while ago and my recollection is that it was amazing. The lunch is always good at Browns.

The Christmas lunch is upon us again and it is disappointing that the BBC Club is unable to hold this event. Thank you to Charles for the Christmas Lunch venue and research.

Thank you to all the organisers, the co-ordinators, the volunteers and a huge thank you to Gayner and the BBC Club for their continued support and hard work. We would not have a group if it was not for Gayner's imagination, research and enthusiasm.

Merry Christmas, keep safe and warm and I hope to see you at some of the events. Please remember to volunteer to coordinate NO COORDINATOR, NO TRIP!

Carol Elliott

Chairman, BBC Club, Prospero Society.

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 26<sup>th</sup> September.**

Anything received after this date will get a reply from 7<sup>th</sup> October and applications will be processed regularly after this date.

*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>*



**Foundling  
Museum**

**40 Brunswick Square, London WC1N 1AZ**

## **Guided Tour**

The knowledgeable and friendly guides will take you on a journey, telling the moving story of the Foundling Hospital, the UK's first children's charity and first public art gallery.

Learn about the Museum's many treasured objects and discover the stories behind the displays.

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

# **Wednesday 16th October 2024 11.30am**

**Prospero Members £13.50 per person**

**Club members and Guests £16 per person**

**limited spaces available, see the website for availability**

**Application for Foundling Museum.**

Name.....

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

Prospero Member @ £13.50 ..... Club Member/guest @ £16.....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 FOUND 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 2, Zone A BBC Broadcasting House, Portland Place, London W1A 1AA. Please include an SAE for full details of the trip or returned cheque if fully booked



## **Bank of England, Past & Present Presentation and 3 course lunch at Browns Restaurant.**

Bank of England Threadneedle Street London EC2R 8AH

Discover the story of the Bank of England through fascinating historical objects and works of art. The collection contains tens of thousands of items and spans over 1,500 years of history. It includes archaeology, banknotes, coins, artworks, sculpture, decorative art and social history. Followed by a three course lunch. The menu will be sent to applicants to choose before the event.

### **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 12 noon**

**Prospero Members £23.95 per person Members and Guests £27.60 per person**

**Check website for availability**

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

#### **Application for Bank of England.**

Name.....

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

Prospero Member @ £23.95 ..... Club Member/guest @ £27.60.....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 ENGLAND 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 2, Zone A BBC Broadcasting House, Portland Place, London W1A 1AA. Please include an SAE for full details of the trip or returned cheque if fully booked.



1 – 5 York Gate, Marylebone Road, London NW1 5HT

**Museum and Performance tour with musical demonstrations from Academy students in both the piano and string galleries (1hr 30 mins)**

THE ACADEMY MUSEUM’S COLLECTIONS OF INSTRUMENTS, ART, PHOTOGRAPHY, MANUSCRIPTS AND SCORES OFFER VALUABLE INSIGHTS INTO THE CREATIVE PROCESSES OF GREAT MUSICIANS. Items on display include stringed instruments by Stradivari and the Amati family, historic keyboards by Broadwood, Pleyel and Erard, as well as scores and memorabilia that belonged to significant figures from the world of music.

**Thursday November 7<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 11.30am**

LIMITED SPACES. Prospero members get priority booking and BBC Club will be making a charity donation so it’s the same fee for all.

**Prospero Members, Club members and Guests £10**

**Check website for availability**

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**Application for Royal Academy of Music**

Name.....

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

Number @ £10..... 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 ROYAL 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.



## A Day at Southwark Cathedral - Tour and Walk

Explore Southwark Cathedral and the surrounding environment with experts. In the morning, explore the Cathedral, uncovering its long and varied history. Discover connections with London’s hospitals, the theatre land of Shakespeare’s day and the Bishops who held power over the area with a Cathedral guide. (approx. 60 minutes). Then either join your coordinator for lunch in the Cathedral Café (at own expense) or perhaps venture to nearby Borough Market with its plethora of choices before meeting up again at 2pm for a Bankside Walk of approx. 90 minutes. The walk includes a palace ruin, the site of the famous Clink prison, St Mary Overy Dock, and the many sites associated with Shakespeare.

## Tuesday 12th November 2024 11.30 am

**Prospero Members £15.00 per person                      Club Members and Guests  
£18.00 per person**

Limited Spaces, check the website for availability

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

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**Southwark Cathedral**

Name.....

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

Prospero Member @ £15 ..... Club Member/guest @ £18.....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 SOUTHWAR(K) 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 2, Zone A 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 be at The Clachan Pub. A different location but not too far, just off Regents Street in Kingly Street. 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 3rd December 12.30pm

Prospero Members **£35.50**      Members /Guests **£41.50**

Please note, Drinks and gratuities 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 this link <https://www.smartchef.co.uk/brands/nicholsons>

**Booking Deadline November 15<sup>th</sup>**

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**Application for Prospero Society Christmas Lunch.**

Name.....

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

Prospero Member @ £35.50 ..... Club Member/guest @£41.50.....

**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.

## TO START

### KING PRAWN & SMOKED SALMON COCKTAIL

King prawns with Marie Rose sauce on a bed of lettuce, topped with smoked Scottish salmon. With farmhouse bread and butter.

### SPICED PARSNIP & SWEET POTATO SOUP (V)

Topped with root vegetable crisps. Served with rustic bread and butter.  
*Vegan alternative available.*

### SHALLOT & CAMEMBERT TART TATIN (V)

With a side salad, dressed with balsamic glaze\*.  
*Vegan alternative available.*

### CHICKEN LIVER & BRANDY PÂTÉ\*

Chicken liver and brandy pâté with an apple & date chutney. With toasted rustic bread.



## THE MAIN EVENT

### SLOW COOKED PORK BELLY

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

### WALNUT & ALMOND NUT ROAST (VE)

Root vegetable, cranberry & nut roast with glazed roast carrots & parsnips, sprouts and oven-roasted potatoes. Served with a rich gravy.

### GRILLED FILLETS OF SEABASS\*

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

### HAND-CARVED BREAST OF TURKEY

With bacon & chestnut stuffing, Cumberland sausage pigs-in-blankets, roast carrots and sprouts, glazed parsnips, roast potatoes and a rich gravy.

### 8OZ CHARGRILLED SIRLOIN STEAK (+ £5)

21-day-aged Sirloin steak with vine cherry tomatoes, watercress and chunky chips. With your choice of Béarnaise\*, craft ale mushroom & bacon\* or peppercorn\* sauce.



## TO FINISH

### CHRISTMAS PUDDING\* (V)

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

### RICH DARK CHOCOLATE TRUFFLE TORTE (V)

With salted caramel sauce & whipped cream.

### BRAMLEY APPLE & BLACKBERRY CRUMBLE (V)

With a creamy custard. *Vegan alternative available.*

### ZESTY LEMON TART

With berry coulis and freshly whipped cream.

### NICHOLSON'S CHEESE BOARD (V) (+ £5)

Taw Valley mature Cheddar, Cropwell Bishop Stilton and soft Camembert, served with celery and an apple & date chutney.

**COFFEE & MINI MINCE PIE (V) (+ £4)**