



The Bugle, Issue number 4, Autumn 2023

Dear Member,

Welcome to the Autumn issue of *The Bugle*.

In this newsletter we celebrate a great success for our Club Gin, look at some of the Club events from the last quarter, including a Literary Lunch and the Club Annual General Meeting and, in the Club History section, we revisit a fascinating episode from 1911 indirectly involving Lord Kitchener.

Although October is already upon us, still I'm reluctant to raise the subject of Christmas so early. However, I'd just like to make an early mention of the upcoming CUC Staff Christmas Fund, which is our chance to show our thanks to Hasita and his excellent team for all the work they do to look after us throughout the year.

We continue to maintain the essential structure and format of *The Bugle*, which we hope is now starting to look more familiar to you. Inevitably this leads to some repetition of key points, such as Club opening times, and certain items under Housekeeping. We hope you can continue to excuse this repetition and simply skip these paragraphs.

As always, your thoughts, ideas, and feedback would be very welcome, and can help shape future publications of this newsletter. Are there any topics you would like to see covered? Are there any areas of club information you feel *The Bugle* could include? Together with the committee, I'd be happy to consider any constructive suggestions. And as a further reminder, we would also be pleased to consider any contributions from you, should there be anything you'd like to share with other members through this newsletter.

With best wishes,

Paul Knight (Editor)

Clubhouse News



Club Gin

We are extremely proud to announce that the City University Club Gin was awarded the bronze prize for London Dry Gin in the International Wine and Spirit Competition.



The IWSC is among the world's largest and most influential spirits awards, with over 50 years of experience, and adjudicated by world-renowned judges.

The 2023 Spring issue of The Bugle included an article on the Club Gin but, as a reminder of its background, the gin is produced exclusively for the City University Club by Hawkridge Distillers, based in Newbury, who are known for producing premium British made sprits using organic botanicals sourced locally to Berkshire. The tasting notes describe the gin as having “a warm juniper forward that gives way to a fresh citrus heart and delicate floral notes, all smoothed with honey.” The ABV is 40%.

It is available for sale to members by the bottle, priced at £48, and would make an excellent gift. Just ask any of the staff who would be pleased to arrange a bottle for you.



Literary Lunch - Thursday 5 October 2023



Member, and literary publicist in America, Lauren Cerand returned to host a discussion of past Club member Evelyn Waugh's only historical novel, *Helena*, said to be his favourite and least appreciated in its time. I was unable to attend but am grateful that another member is currently writing a short article on this event, which will be included in the next issue of *The Bugle*. The Club hopes to host further literary events, so please look out for these in future events.

Club Opening Times

The Club is open for lunch between 12:00 and 16:00, Tuesday to Friday. It is closed on Monday, but continues to be open for dinner on Thursdays, and the younger member evenings at the end of each month continue to be well supported.

Do keep in mind that the Club can also serve breakfast, but please try and drop us a line before you come so that Hasita can expect you and prepare for your visit.

However, please don't forget that 42 Crutched Friars also offers members a fantastic space for private events, which you are able to hire the Club any day of the week, whether for breakfast, lunch or dinner. With the Festive Season not far off, please keep your Club in mind as a venue for these celebrations, especially the office parties. It is always a great way to introduce your Club to friends, showcasing the excellent food, wine, service and fellowship available.

For any enquiries, please contact Hasita by phone on 020 7167 6682, or via email at the following address: secretary@cityuniversityclub.co.uk

Annual General Meeting

This was held at 2.30 on Wednesday 11th of October at 42 Crutched Friars and was well attended.



The Chairman presented the Club's financial position, was able to address several questions raised by members present and received several suggestions for consideration. Thanks was extended to Hasita and his team for all their work, and the club committee was recognised for its contribution.

Thanks also to those who were able to attend but, if you were unable to get along, and would like to see the accounts, kindly contact Hasita, who would be happy to send the details to you.



Club Table

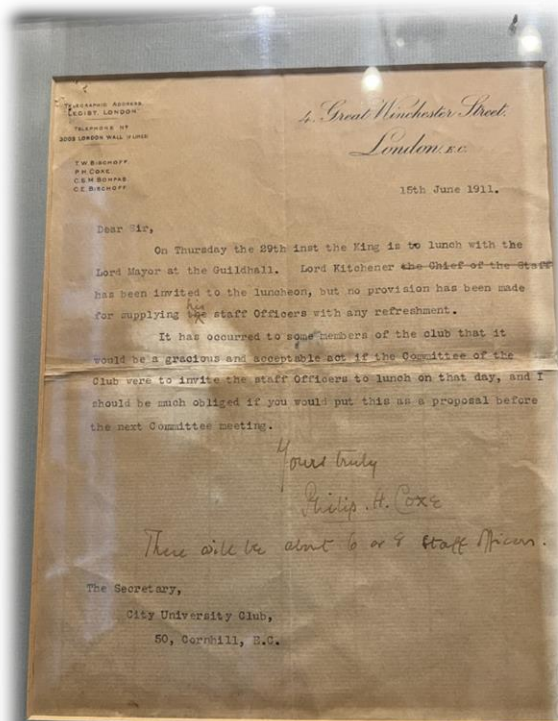
The Dining Room continues to maintain the tradition of a Club Table, which is always available to all members, whether lunching alone or with others. I use it frequently when visiting the Club so please feel free to join the Club Table where you can meet and enjoy the company of fellow members (including Club House members and Reciprocal members who are alone). The Club dish is available on the Club Table only.

Leonardo's Hotel

Hasita has managed to extend the hotel offer that has been in place with Leonardo's Hotels for members to secure a 15% discount on the best available rate for bookings at Tower Hill and City Hotel. Please quote the discount code CUC2024.



Club History – 29th June 1911, when Lord Kitchener's Staff Officers came for lunch.



In this edition we look at a small but fascinating story, which is told in the correspondence displayed in the cabinet located on the stair wall of the club between the bar and the dining room. I admit that, although I had seen these letters over the years, in the Smoking Room at 50 Cornhill, and now at Crutched Friars, I had not properly taken the time to read them until recently, when they were drawn to my attention by Andrew Gammon, and to whom I'm grateful.

While I have prepared a typescript of the correspondence below, as the originals are not always so easy to read, I will let the letters tell their own tale. In these days of emails and other electronic forms of communication, it is refreshing to see handwritten correspondence, including corrections, crossings out, and some wonderful use of language. More details of several of the personnel involved may be found on the internet, which I think adds more colour and helps bring the

event further to life.

I hope you enjoy reading this article and, if you've not already done so, do look out for the originals when you're next at the club.

4, Great Winchester Street, London, E.C.
15th June 1911

Dear Sir,

On Thursday the 29th inst the King is to lunch with the Lord Mayor at the Guildhall. Lord Kitchener the Chief of the Staff has been invited to the luncheon, but no provision has been made to supply his staff officers with any refreshment.

It has occurred to some members of the club that it would be a gracious and acceptable act if the Committee of the Club were to invite the staff officers to lunch on that day, and I should be much obliged if you would put this as a proposal before the next Committee meeting.

Yours truly,

Philip H. Coxe

There will be about 6 or 8 staff Officers.

The Secretary,
City University Club,
50, Cornhill, E.C.

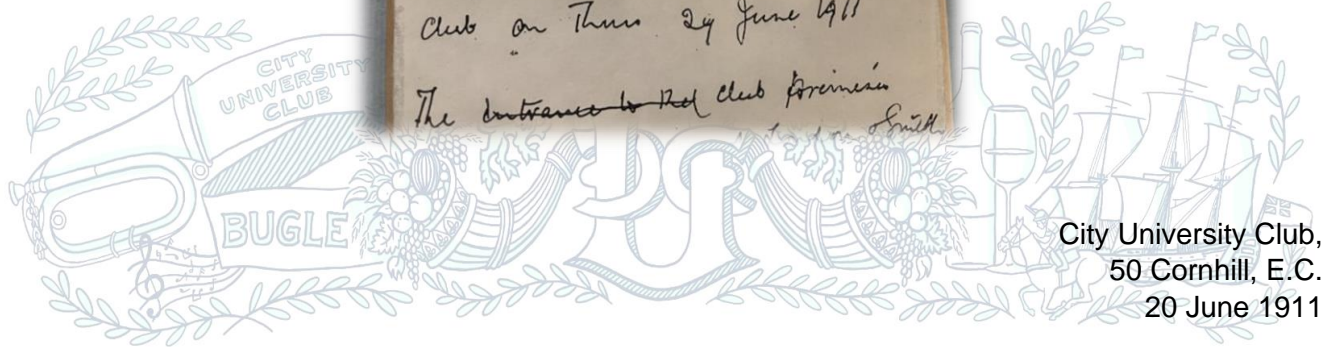
CITY UNIVERSITY CLUB.
SILVER CHAMBERS.
50 CORNHILL, E. C.

20 June 1911

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at luncheon at 50 & the
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City University Club,
50 Cornhill, E.C.
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TELEPHONE 1905 VICTORIA.

No. 22

22, BELGRAVE SQUARE, S.W.

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| Capt. Fitzgerald | 1 |
| Learmonth | 2 |
| Lascelles | 3 |
| Lord Brooke | 4 |
| Wood | 5 |
| Spencer | 6 |
| Palmer | 7 |
| Grenfell | 8 |
| Spackman | 9 |
| Gwyer | 10 |
| Self (Gibbs) | 11 |

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22, Belgrave Square, S.W.
Monday

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Yours,

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June 21st

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Horse Guards,
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Dear Sir

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Yours faithfully
Evelyn Gibbs.
Captain



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Yours faithfully,

Evelyn Gibbs, Captain

22 Portman Square.
W. 1.
8th July 1911.

To the Secretary
The City University Club.

Dear Sir:

I have been asked by the
Officers on Lord Kitchener's Staff
to forward to you this cigarette
box, which we hope you will
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so kindly extended to us.

To Members of the City University
Club on June 29th

Yours truly
Nigel L. Learmonth
15th Hussars



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Yours truly,

Nigel L. Learmonth,

Capt. 15th Hussars.

Housekeeping and Regular Reminders

Club Rules – these have been reviewed and updated by Alasdair Shaikh and we should be able to publish the revised Club Rules in the near future.

Dress Code – Just a reminder that should you wish to use only the bar, business area, or any room other than the principal dining rooms on the 1st floor, then the dress code is more relaxed. A jacket and tie are not expected for men, although a collared shirt is required (no t-shirts, polo shirts, trainers, shorts or jeans, please). However, smart dress is still required if you intend to use the dining room, including jacket and tie for men and smart attire for ladies.

Club Communications and Social Media – Another reminder of the Club Website (<https://www.cityuniversityclub.co.uk/>), which is regularly maintained and kept up to date with Club news and information. If you haven't done so already, please do visit the website. Additionally, the Club continues to improve its social media presence, with pages on Facebook and LinkedIn, and now Instagram. The Communications and Social Media sub-committee is chaired by Nick Johnson.

Business Area – Please remember that the Club provides a business area on the 3rd floor at Crutched Friars, available for the use of all members. The room offers high-speed internet connection and is a quiet, comfortable and relaxed working space area plus, as already mentioned, requires a less formal dress code.

Reciprocal Clubs – Please remember the importance of our reciprocal club arrangements and how essential it is that we maintain and promote the high standards of the CUC whenever visiting another club. We enjoy excellent reciprocal agreements, available to us not only in London but around the world and, as CUC members, we have a duty to be gracious and respectful whenever representing our Club.

We regret to tell you that the Savile Club has withdrawn its reciprocal arrangement with the CUC. We understand we were not the only club to experience this but was part of a wider decision taken by the committee at the Savile.

Some of our reciprocal clubs require a letter of introduction from the CUC, which Hasita is happy to provide. Alternatively, the other club may simply accept the CUC membership card as evidence. It is worth checking with the reciprocal club before your visit. If you don't already have one, please at the club for a CUC membership card and, if required, Hasita would be happy to provide you with a separate letter of introduction.

The Committee

We now have a full committee panel with a range of skills and interests, who are actively engaged in representing the Club and enhancing its interests. The Club is here for all its members, so the Committee would always welcome any feedback and suggestions.



The CUC Committee currently consists of the following Members:

Charles Williams (Chair)

Laurence Nicolas (Chair of the CUC Young Members)

Hasita Senanayake (Club Secretary)

Carl Brumpton

Antony Calvert (Chair of the Fabric Fund sub-committee)

Edward Fane

Colin Ferguson

Andrew Gammon

Prof Stephen Gilmore

A Hodgson

Nick Johnson (Chair of the Communications Sub-Committee)

Paul Knight (Editor of The Bugle)

Ben Ridley | Alasdair Shaikh | Gina Youens

Margarita Zhang | Grace Zhu

Forthcoming Events

The Club events for the next few months are detailed below, which we hope will be of interest to you.

When you plan to visit the Club for any of these events, it would be helpful if you could please try to book well in advance, so that Hasita and his staff can plan ahead. You are, however, always welcome to drop in any time at short notice, and Hasita and his team will always make you welcome.

Wednesday 18th October – CUC Pie Lunch

Tuesday 24th October – Trafalgar Black Tie Dinner

Thursday 26th October – Younger Member Dinner

Wednesday 1st November – Austrian Hungarian Wine Dinner

Wednesday 15th November – Game Lunch

Thursday 30th November – St Andrew's Day Lunch

