

Welcome to the Club's 2015 Winter newsletter. We have continued to enjoy a robust summer and autumn in respect to our year on year trading position, and bookings for Christmas are vibrant. Our social programme has proven to be very popular indeed, in particular the Friday BBQ's and Wednesday Comedy Nights. Highlights of forthcoming events can be found below and details are over leaf, which takes us through to June 2016; its never too late to start planning for next Summer....

Our on-going refurbishment programme has also continued a pace; after years of effort and expenditure you will see your Club having been tastefully modernised to further enhance your comfort and enjoyment. So if you haven't visited us for a while please make sure you do, and there is no better time to pop along now if you have come for some festive shopping, a theatre trip, or business meeting. Our prime location means you are merely minutes away from everything in central London.

Our location not only means we are in 'the thick of it' for officialdom and your entertainment but also the movies! Daniel Craig enjoyed a pint of Guinness at the Club while filming the latest Bond instalment *Spectre*, you will see much of our immediate area being featured in it. Blink and you may miss us, but the Club is also featured in other movies including *The Ipcress File*, *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*; and *28 Weeks Later*. If you know of any others please do let me know, I am **intrigued** as to what else we have been caught up in over the last 60 years. This also flows onto a further request. Next year will see The Queen's 90th birthday celebrations and as our Patron, the Palace has approached the Club for stories or memorabilia about her involvement. Other than how we were founded we have no such corporate knowledge, therefore a kind plea for anyone with more information to write to me please.

Highlights of our social programme:

- **Comedy nights** –the last Wednesday of every month throughout 2016.
- **Quiz nights** - held every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month starting at 7pm, big cash prizes!
- **Wine Tasting evenings** - last Tuesday of every month throughout 2016; tickets are £15 each
- **Globe Theatre and Tate Modern Tour** –Monday 29th February, £29 each
- **Hampton Court Tour** – Saturday 16th April, £36 each
- **Evening Guided Walking Tours** – Saturday 19th March and Saturday 14th May, £19 each with dinner
- **Beating Retreat** – Wednesday and Thursday 8th and 9th June – get in early, even I missed out on this one - £36 each, premium seating with pre-show dinner.
 - **Take note** – The Queen's 90th birthday celebrations commence with a Thanksgiving Service at St Paul's on 10th June; a 'Special' Trooping of the Colour on the 11th and a Patron's Lunch and massive Street Party on The Mall on the 12th.
 - Look out for further information on our refreshed website (www.civilserviceclub.org.uk), and don't forget to subscribe to receive e-bulletins, special offers and last minute deals; register to gain access to member's login area. Do use the exact details as printed on your membership card in order to complete login. Any problems please email: office@civilserviceclub.org.uk

Finally, a big thank you to all the staff and management for their hard work this year, we are always in a better place due to your efforts. And ultimately, without your continued support we would not be where we are today. Have a good Christmas and New Year

Martin Klaassen
Honorary Secretary