



NEWSLETTER

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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

I must admit that sometime things go wrong as you will see in Sections 4.1 and 4.2.

Otherwise, the newsletter contains the usual topics.

Graham Bicknell

The 316 Club News Editor

(newsletter@316club.org.uk).

1.0 NOTES from the Club's Meeting held on Thursday 7th August 2025 at The Highwayman

1.1 Introduction

Tony Machell, the Chairman, welcomed Members and their partners to this August Lunch Meeting.

There were no comments on the minutes of the previous meeting.

Karen Lapping, a new member, was welcomed to her first 316 meeting.

Tony Hall was approaching his 80th birthday and very generously offered a glass of wine to all those present. He said that he was surprised to realise that he had been a member of the 316 Club for almost the same length of time as he had worked for the Company, that is 28 years. Tony had been treasurer for many of those years and has arranged 50 trips for the Club; they are always meticulously organised which normally includes at least one recce and countless 'phone calls and emails. Glasses were raised to wish Tony a very happy birthday and to thank him for his tireless support of the Club.

Janet Peach and Frank Everest's birthdays were on the day of the meeting, and Barry Tremlett's birthday would be on Saturday, so it was very much a day of birthday celebrations.

1.2 Apologies

Apologies had been received from John Page, John Lythgoe, Pat O'Connor, Martin and Norma Thaw, Ron Reece, Mark Simpkin, Dave Tappin and Ray Kerr.

1.3 Finance (Tony Hall)

Tony was present but he had nothing to report nor were there any questions.

1.4 Club Membership (Ann Reis)

1.4.1 General

Ann advised that the current membership stood at 127.

1.5 Web Site (John Page)

John was not present but had provided an update on progress with the new website:

"The first draft of the new website was approved by the Committee and our new website developer is now working hard on generating the fully populated site. All the information he requires to do this has been provided and we expect the next draft to be available for review by the Committee in September."

1.6 Walks Group (Bob Whaley)

Bob reported that there had been two walks since the last club meeting:

- 19th June - This walk was led by Tony King from The Green Man, Frog End, Shepreth. There were 16 people on this 5.7 mile walk on a hot dry day.
- 17th July - This walk was led by Brenda Stamper from the Rising Sun, Halls Green. There were 17 people on this 5.1 mile walk on a warm day.

The walks for the following two months are:

- 21st August - This walk will be led by Tony Hall from The Bull, Whitwell. The route is about 5.5 miles (with shorter version available) but does include some hill climbing. The pub requires us to submit our **food orders by 13th August**.
- 18th September - This walk will be led by John and Sandra Page from the Jolly Waggoner, Ardeley. The walk will be 5.1 miles (with a shorter version of 3.6 miles) and is on mainly flat terrain. The pub requires us to submit our food orders some days before the walk.

Bob has the calendar for the 2026 walks and needs **walk leaders**, please do volunteer!

1.7 Photographic Competition 2024 (Barry Tremlett)

The Subject for the 2025 Competition is "On the Wild Side" which would include everything which could be considered "wild" from parties, through animals, plants, swimming, and certainly more.

Post meeting notes - same rules as previous years.

A reminder regarding the rules for the photographic competition.

- *Title of competition is "On the Wild Side".*
- *Entries should be 6"x4" portrait or landscape.*
- *Maximum of 3 entries per member.*
- *The following is required for all entries: -*
 - *Member's name*
 - *Title of photograph*
 - *Member's personal rating of their own photographs e.g., 1st, 2nd, 3rd.*
 - *Dependent on the overall number of photographs submitted the second and third would be included using your ratings.*

- *Entries now need to be submitted using one of the following options: -*
 - *By hand to Barry at any lunchtime meeting up to October.*
 - *Posted to Barry up to end of November.*
 - *Electronic copies are acceptable by email up to end of November, with the provisos that colour balance will be as Barry's printer decides and that Barry will decide on any cropping, if necessary.*

1.8 Investment Section (Frank Everest)

Frank reported: Things have been looking up for the members of the Investment section at last. We're showing paper profits on our portfolio of about £23,000 and still no member is showing a loss on their investments in the club despite liquidating a significant chunk of our funds to pay out £25,000 to two of our members since the last meeting.

We plan usually to be fully invested and recently our AIM investments have at last outperformed our FTSE investments. We have a total of just over £160,000 invested, and we have about £2,000 subscriptions and dividends in the bank. That total is only around £1,000 less than was reported two months ago, so it's been a very good couple of months. The club is outperforming the return on investments in the best-paying deposit account!

If those acronyms (AIM and FTSE) don't mean much to you, it's definitely time to consider joining the Investment Section, which exists to improve its members' understanding of finance and the Stock Market, and to make a profit on our investments.

Contact me, Richard Smith, the Treasurer, or Roger Harriss, our Secretary, if you'd like to come to one of our monthly meetings in Letchworth to see if it's of interest to you.

Inheritance Tax: Not something that the Investment section normally discusses, but Frank had recently realised a twist in the tax implications for bequests made within the last seven years of one's life. These bequests attract full Inheritance Tax for four years and then taper to zero after seven years. The surprising point is that it is the **recipient** that is liable for the tax if the donor dies within seven years of the gift, not the Estate, unless special circumstances apply.

1.9 Pensions (Roger Dixie)

Roger was not present but will, as always, help members with any problems.

Many members had received a booklet explaining how to become a Pensions Representative.

1.10 Other Business

None.

1.11 Minutes

All of Section 1 has been extracted from minutes prepared for the Newsletter by Simon Harrison with inputs from the Committee 7th August 2025.

Information on events has been extracted from the minutes and merged into Events Sections 2 and 3.

2 FUTURE EVENTS

The following is just a summary.

Much more details on forthcoming events are contained in Barry Monk's Forthcoming Events Sheets, copied at the end of this Newsletter.

Tuesdays, 2nd September, 7th October and 4th November – Coffee and chat, Dunelm, Stevenage (Janet Peach),

Monday 8th September – Bure Valley Railway & Norfolk Broads Paddle Boat (Tony Hall).

Tuesday 16th September – Cambridge, Guided Tour of the Scott Polar Museum plus:

Option a) Guided Tour of Kings College Chapel in afternoon or b) As you wish (Simon & Georgette Harrison)

Tuesday 21st October - Chairman's Lunch Broadway Hotel, Letchworth, menu is available within the forthcoming events (Tony Machell).

Thursday 27th November - Thursford Christmas Spectacular - Matinee with lunch at Fakenham Racecourse (Tony Hall).

Tuesday 9th December - Club Christmas Lunch at Redcoats (Barry Monk).

Other Activities:

Golf at the Letchworth Par 3 Pitch and Putt in Willian Way. Tony Hall, John Page and Simon Harrison play on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 0930 and would welcome some company. No kit or experience needed, and only £9 a round, plus coffee and cake afterwards.

Suggestions for further Events always welcomed.

3 RECENT EVENTS

Monday 9th June - Hidden London & Regents Canal (Tony Machell).

Saturday 16th July - Trip to Welwyn Roman Baths and The Mill at Hatfield (Tony Hall).

3.1 Hidden London (article provided by Bob Whaley)

After an early start from Tesco, Baldock and a tour of the usual North Hertfordshire towns collecting people, Martin our bus driver took us to the City of London and stopped on New Change where we met up with our Blue Badge Guide, Tim. We walked to the Undercroft of St Paul's Cathedral for a coffee or tea and then walked through Temple Bar into Paternoster Square, where Tim gave us a talk on some of the features of the square. From there, we walked to the ruins of Christ Church Greyfriars (ruined in the Blitz on 29th December 1940) where four Queens were buried including, Isabella of France.

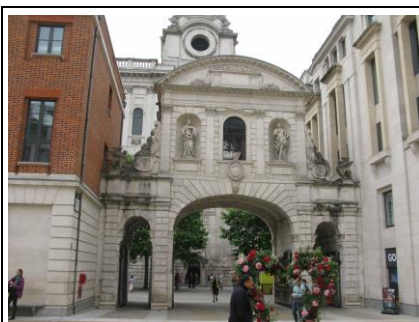
We then headed past the King Edward Building that used to be a London Post Office with a really long counter serving the City 24 hours a day and into Postman's Park, where Tim gave us a talk on the Watts Memorial To Heroic Self-Sacrifice and some of the people commemorated on the memorial.

From there, we strolled to St Bartholemew's Church where Tim gave us a talk on the Tudor Gatehouse and the church. Then, we were let loose to find our own lunch in the cafes and pubs in the environs of Smithfield Meat Market.

After lunch, we got back on the coach to go to Little Venice. Because the traffic was light in the centre of London, we had a tour along some of the major shopping streets of the West End including Regent Street.

From Little Venice, we boarded Perseus, a narrow boat for a cruise along Regents Canal to Camden Lock. While on the boat we had a commentary on some of the other boats on the canal and the houses visible from the canal. After disembarking, food and shopping was on the menu.

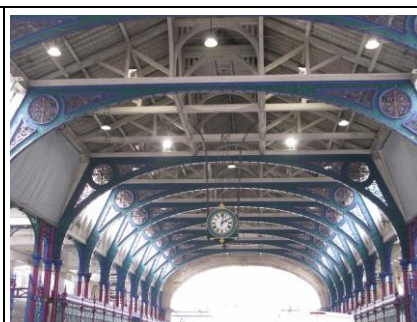
On the way back to Hertfordshire, Martin took us on a tour of some of the more notable streets of north London.



Temple Bar



Memorial to Heroic Self-Sacrifice



Grand Avenue, Smithfield

3.2 Visit to Welwyn Roman Baths (article provided by Keith Stroud)



Seventeen intrepid souls braved the heavy rain and scary driving conditions around the roundabout(s) complex to access the Roman baths 9m below the A1(M) at Welwyn. A short walk from the car park, led us down the sloping corrugated steel access tunnel down to the main chamber where we were greeted by two very helpful members of the Welwyn Archaeological Society who gave us a thorough description of the baths and events leading up to the present day and the history of the site.

The bathhouse is a scheduled monument and part of the Dicket Wood Roman Villa complex built in the 3rd Century.

The rather unusual discovery was made by Tony Rook in 1960, a local archaeologist who also founded the Welwyn Archaeological Society. His perseverance and exploratory digs on the site, at the time a part of the Sherrardswood School playing fields complex, led to the excavations which revealed a bath house complex within a larger villa. The bath house is preserved under the motorway embankment within an impressive and ingenious corrugated steel vault which surrounded and

covered the bath house during A1M additions in 1974. The Villa dates from the early third century and fell out of use by the mid fourth century.

The Bathhouse is now managed and supported by the Welwyn Archaeological Society. It is interesting to note that a bath house facility of this size (modest, for a small villa, farmhouse and family or travel stop or hotel) would have needed a continuous supply of coppiced firewood from a 20-acre field, to maintain bathhouse operation.

The baths feature three key rooms: -

The unheated frigidarium

The warm tepidarium and

The hot Caldarium

A sophisticated hypocaust system provided under floor and wall heating.

Romans of the time would progress through the rooms using olive oil and a curved tool called a 'strigil' for cleansing the body in the hot room before rinsing off alternatively in hot and cold plunge pools.

The use of Roman bathhouses was a social ritual and prevalent throughout the Roman world. Although time consuming it was important to wealthy and ordinary individuals alike in combining relaxing and conversation with business and political discussion.

There is a very comprehensive range of information available, along with visual aids and videos, and samples of Roman habits, social engineering, and bathhouse life at the museum.

Although this was a short visit, about one and a quarter hours, this was an interesting subject with strong links to Roman Britain around and about St. Albans and for some may deserve more time. exceptionally interesting and could be worth visiting again either with the 316 Club or as individuals at a later date.

Lunch at the red line on Digswell Hill was also a pleasant experience for the Club get together after the visit.!

Many thanks to Tony Hall for arranging the visit for us which we know took considerable time and perseverance to set up. Thanks also to the staff at the Roman bathhouse who were also busy setting up a large public exhibition for the 26th and 27th July.

4 THIS and THAT

4.1 Email article from Tom Byrne

Hi,

I was a little disappointed that VE Day has been and gone without a mention in the newsletter. I think we could have generated a lot of memories from some of our older members, but I guess too late now! As I mentioned in my article, the street parties: rare treats like Jelly Blancmange Junket (yuk), mock cream, games, races, etc. Then walking to school, proudly carrying our gas-masks and prior to VE day sitting with the late Spud (John Adams) on Bournemouth cliff top, watching our Spitfires chasing the German Bombers away. The 316 club recently arranged what I believe was a brilliant holiday in Bournemouth and also visited Poole with some lovely pictures. I remember both Boscombe and Bournemouth piers with the middles blown out, so any invading force could not use them for landing on. Poole (now posher than Bournemouth) was a slum area with tenement blocks and the dock area not a safe place to visit. Sandbanks with a grot cafe was almost deserted so a good place to go to avoid the summer crowds... how things have changed!

I have special memories as an avid cricket fan and player, I went to Dean Park in Bournemouth to watch Hants v Yorks (Bournemouth was in Hampshire then), mainly to see the Great Len Hutton. Yorkshire had a young fast bowler then named Fred Trueman, what a character! However, back to Sir Len Hutton: he strides to the crease, takes guard, then in comes a young Hampshire Bowler Adrian Heath... bails go flying, Hutton out for a duck, not to worry another innings to follow later... result?... The same Hutton bowled Heath for a duck .

As a young apprentice at Vickers Armstrongs, at Hurn Airport making the Vickers Viscount (alongside Spud), I spent 6 months of my training in the Flight Shed. Up in the air most days, sometimes several flights doing circuits and bumps, or going to Wisley or Weybridge to pick up spares. But the main thing was meeting and talking to the pilots during test flights. Our main task was either changing electrical loads or humping sandbags around (doing centre of gravity checks) however, the reason for this memory is the pilots. With test pilots of the 50s being like pop-stars today: so Bill, Brian, Jock, Mike and others thanks for the memories. Oh, that's Cairns, Trubshaw, Bryce, Lithgow and some others.

We lived in very special times; no poverty then, just lots of people with no money getting by. With many very special people returning home from war, easy to pick out those with no legs or in invalid carriages, but none talked of their experiences or acts of bravery. So, I guess we lived with some very special people around us. This reminds me of my first stint in Oman on the IADS contract. Marconi Radar were putting in the long-range radar systems that picked up potential invaders prior to the Rapier System. Having the targets in range, Marconi radar cabins were situated on airfields. At Thumrait, they had a man called Wilf: Wilf swept the floor, made tea and coffee and if equipment was delivered to the airfield on the regular 111 flight, Wilf would set off to fetch it - not always an easy task, however, Wilf was always successful. Wilf, who I guess was close to retirement, had a

fairly large scar or burn mark on one side of his face, but I digress. Many years later, in the Daily Telegraph Obituaries, a half page was devoted to Wing Commander Wilf Sizer DFC, a spitfire and Hurricane Pilot who was shot down several times. On one occasion having crossed a canal and two rivers, realised that he had not got his parachute so, (as he had told his men always to bring theirs back) returned to the crash site to retrieve his. In his autobiography, Raymond Baxter said Wilf had saved his life at least twice and he would follow that man anywhere. What a hero, what a man, but never ever spoke of it. Wilf it was a pleasure to spend time with, you just wish he had told us the stories: you were a true true Hero Wilf.

Just a few ideas as to tell how lucky we are, or were, to have been born when we were.

Tom Byrne

4.2 Missing article (Newsletter Editor)

On receiving Tom's email above, I have tried to establish why his original email regarding VE Day article was not published in the previous newsletter, and so far, I cannot give a reason. When I receive an article I normal save it straight away in a folder I generate for that issue of the newsletter. To date I have not located the article within my email inbox or newsletter folder. I cannot rule out human error, that is whilst tidying up my email inbox and spam folder I delete the message.

I was keen to put this short note in the newsletter to show that I take this type of issue seriously.

4.3 Muse Letter August 2025 (provided by Brenda Farmer)

Have You Heard, the Government is on their Summer Recess?

There is Nobody there at their Parliamentary Address,

Will we notice the Difference, that not One person is Here?

Let's look back at the Great Things they've achieved this Past Year.....

Mmmmmmm.....I'm Thinking hard, **but** I Can't Think of a Lot.....

"We won't Raise Taxes", But when in Power, they Abruptly Forgot!

National Insurance went Up, Heating Allowance was Taken,

Immigration is Up More, the Seniors and the Weak are Forsaken,

The Doctors want more Money, the NHS is Still Tumbling,

School Buildings, like our Savings, are slowly, slowly Crumbling.

So.....Not many Great Things have brought us any Joy,

All the Promises!, Promises!, It has been a Great Ploy.

But, **it** is Not All Doom & Gloom, Halloween is on its Way!

The Shops tell us so, with their Many Goods on Display.

Pumpkins and Ghosts, Witches & Skulls on the Shelves,

Next Week, there'll be Christmas Tinsel, Santa and Elves.

In the Stores, the Seasons arrive Much Earlier each Year,

It's to Make Us Look Forward, to Feel Hope and Good Cheer.

So...It's 'Boo' to the Government, You Won't Knock Us Back,

As We are Fun Loving Retirees, We are the Best of the Pack!

5 DATES OF LUNCH TIME MEETINGS FOR REMAINDER of 2025

The Club meetings are held on the first Thursday of even months, the next being on 2nd October. Club members' partners are encouraged to attend.

Remaining date for 2025 4th December.

Date of Issue: 15th August 2025

316 CLUB FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2025

Please note that if you intend parking at Tesco Baldock for any of our trips below you are advised to use the rear car park which is not subject to the 3 hour time limit.

Due to Lloyds Bank now charging us for all non-Electronic Bank Transfers, the club has decided to make a charge of 50p for any cheque or cash transaction. This charge will apply to all trip payments and subs payments and should be included when payment is made. "The Out and About" sheet noted below has been updated to reflect this change."

*Please note that the Forthcoming Events sheets are added to the 316 Club website "Forthcoming Events & Payments" webpage, which can be found after logging in to the Members Area. (See 'Out and About" sheet *{Iss dated 6th April 2025}* for Rules and Conditions of participation, and the 'Additional Info' sheet for further event specific details.)*

Date	Event	Organiser	Timings	Cost/hd	Comments
If we are travelling by coach and you need wheelchair accessibility please talk to the trip organiser as soon as possible.					
Tuesdays 2 nd Sep, 7 th Oct, 4 th Nov	Coffee & Chat for any members of the Club together with husbands / wives / partners	Janet Peach 07854 102956	Arrive 10:30am - 11:00am	Self - pay	Venue – We return to Dunelm in Stevenage. <i>Please don't forget to let Janet know by previous Sunday if you hope to go as she has to reserve tables.</i>
Mon 8 th Sep	Richmonds - Bure Valley Railway & Norfolk Broads	Tony Hall 07977 537570	Depart Stevenage 08:05am Depart Baldock 08:25am	£50	See Additional Info. 10 tickets booked and allocated.
Tue 16 th Sep	Cambridge, Guided Tour of the Scott Polar Museum plus: Option a) Guided Tour of Kings College Chapel in afternoon Option b) as you wish - at your cost!	Simon & Georgette Harrison 07757 218690	10:00am at Fitzwilliam Museum Café See Add Info	Option a) £42 Option b) £15	Self Drive to Trumpington Park & Ride. <i>Now pretty much full (thank you) with the ability to squeeze possibly another couple if you're quick.</i> See Add Info

Tue 21 st Oct	Chairman's Lunch Broadway Hotel, Letchworth	Tony Machell 07837 724769	12:00 for 12:30pm	£36 £45.50	£36 for 2 courses; £45.50 for 3 courses. See Add Info. Menu choices to our Chairman (chairman@316club.org.uk) by 22nd Sept A number have paid for this event but have yet to send their menu choices – please check that's not you!
Thu 27 th Nov	Richmonds – Thursford Matinee with meal	Tony Hall 07977 537570	Depart Stevenage 08:00am Depart Baldock 08:50am	£96	See Additional Info. Deposit paid for 15 allocated tickets.
Tue 9 th Dec	Club Christmas Lunch at Redcoats	Barry Monk 07712 044532	12:00 noon arrival	TBA	Booking made - a date for your diary - not to be missed!

The 316 Walks Programme (Please note “Out and About” sheet which clarifies issues over dogs joining the walk.)

If you are not a “regular” walker it would be advisable to register your interest with Bob Whaley (walks@316club.org.uk) to ensure you have up-to-date information but most of the information is on the website www.316club.org.uk

*Following agreement at the Club Meeting on Thursday 6th October 2022 this will now be sent to all members for whom we have an email address; normally the week before our regular Club Meeting. **It will continue to be posted on the website (see above).***

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Note: The ‘316 CLUB’ WALK'S PROGRAMME. More information in Section 1.6

316 CLUB FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2025 - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

BOOKINGS SHOULD PREFERABLY BE MADE BY TRANSFERRING THE CORRECT AMOUNT TO THE CLUB'S BANK ACCOUNT: Account Name: 316 Club, Sort Code: 30-98-08, Account No: 02189812. Please ensure you state the name of the event as the reference and the number of people going. **The price noted on the above sheet is for electronic transfer.** Should you need to pay by cheque, or any other non-electronic means then, due to Lloyds Bank now charging us for all non-Electronic Bank Transfers, **the club has decided to make a charge of 50p for any cheque or cash transaction.** This charge will apply to all trip payments and subs payments and should be included at the time of payment. Cheques should be made payable to "316 Club" (NOT Tony Hall) and sent to The 316 Club, 57 Brandles Road, Letchworth, Herts. SG6 2JA. *Please ensure you write the name(s) of event(s) covered and the number of people going on the back of the cheque.*

Tues 2nd Sep (plus other dates) Coffee & Chat for Members with husbands / wives / partners

Returning after its summer break, this venture is led by Janet Peach and is for the any members of the Club, together with husbands / wives / partners, to meet over coffee for a chat. The venue is at Dunelm Coffee Shop in Stevenage. Janet suggests arrival between 10:30am and 11:00am. Any questions, please contact Janet **and please let her know by previous Sunday if you intend to go**

Mon 8th Sep –Richmonds Trip “Bure Valley Railway & Norfolk Broads Paddle Boat”

Enjoy a one way trip from Aylsham to Wroxham onboard the Bure Valley Railway Steam Train, **have time at leisure for lunch in Wroxham** before enjoying an afternoon Norfolk Broads cruise on board the Mississippi Paddle Boat.

Experience a nostalgic trip by steam on Norfolk's longest narrow gauge railway which runs between the historic market town of Aylsham and bustling town of Wroxham, at the heart of the Norfolk Broads. The 9 mile one-way trip runs through the pretty Bure Valley countryside following the meandering River Bure through meadowland and ancient pasture. Along the line are wayside halts serving the picturesque Broadland villages of Brampton, Buxton and Coltishall. The Southern Comfort is a double-deck paddle boat purpose built for the Broads. The boat is a luxury river cruiser which runs from the beautiful village of Horning, along the River Bure through the village and out to Ranworth Broad and back, passing lovely old thatched houses, windmills and Norfolk reed beds. Throughout the trip there is an excellent commentary and continual pointing out of all the water birds around at the time. There is the ever present bustle of river traffic with cruisers, yachts and the occasional wherry. **Return: Baldock – 19:50, Stevenage – 20:10**

Tue 16th Sep – Guided Tour of Scott Polar Museum and Kings College Chapel / something else in the pm.

With self – drive to Trumpington Park & Ride, the plan is to meet at Fitzwilliam Museum Café around 10am for coffee and then 10min walk to Scott Polar Museum for guided tour at 11am. Following a finely balanced show of hands at our June Club Meeting it has been decided to offer two options: Option a) following lunch (venue undecided but could be Fitzwilliam Museum Café) we will walk to Kings College Chapel for another guided tour lasting about 60 mins (tour price and entry included). Option b) Members can walk to the Botanic Gardens or do anything else they wish (at their cost) before returning to the Park & Ride and making their way home.

Tue 21st Oct - Chairman's Lunch – The Broadway Hotel & Carvery, Broadway, Letchworth Garden City SG6 3NZ

Following the success of last year's event a return visit to the Broadway Hotel has been booked. The venue has ample car parking, step free access and facilities for the disabled. Menu choices ([see below](#)), along with any allergy information and seating requests, to our Chairman please (chairman@316club.org.uk) by 22nd September.

CHAIRMAN'S LUNCH MENU 2025

£36 per person 2-courses; £45.50 per person 3-courses

(Tip included)

Starters

S1 -Wild mushroom soup, warm focaccia, salted butter (v)

S2 -Classic tomato & basil bruschetta (v)

S3 -Lemon & chilli chicken skewers, homemade tzatziki dip

Main Courses

M1- Parma ham wrapped chicken supreme, dauphinoise potatoes,
red wine & caramelised silver skin onion jus, seasonal vegetables

M2 -Braised short rib of beef, mashed potatoes, gremolata, red wine jus, seasonal vegetables

M3 -Oven baked salmon fillet, white wine & dill sauce, baked baby potatoes, seasonal
vegetables

M4 -Aubergine & Red Lentil Moussaka with red peppers, tomatoes, vegan cheese, served with
tender-stem broccoli (v)

Desserts

D1 -Honeycomb crunch cheesecake, clotted cream ice cream

D2 -Warm chocolate fudge brownie, honeycomb ice-cream, macaron

D3 -Crème brûlée, shortbread biscuit

Tea or Coffee & mint

Thu 27th Nov - Richmonds trip "Thursford Christmas Spectacular - Matinee with lunch at Fakenham Racecourse."

The Thursford Christmas Spectacular is the biggest and most exciting Christmas show of all time in Britain. Come and experience the popular blend of Christmas entertainment, with dazzling dancers, beautiful costumes, Christmas songs, carols, including outstanding music and singing from a cast of over one hundred. Each show is a pageant of spectacle and colour – the music a seamless transition from an up-beat dance routine to a choral rendition of a Christmas carol, a show which would not be out of place in any of London's West End theatres. **Return: Baldock – 20:20, Stevenage 21:00.**

Tue 9th Dec - Christmas Lunch at "The Farmhouse at Redcoats"

A date for your diaries! Following another excellent occasion in 2024 a booking has been made for a return visit to this lovely venue.

The '316 CLUB' WALK'S PROGRAMME

See note on previous sheet.

Please note "Out and About" sheet dated 6th April 2025 which includes a note about "Assistance Dogs" being allowed.

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