

# Clifton Club News



The Clifton Club  
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ISSUE 22 - BICENTENARY CELEBRATIONS



## Chairman's Welcome



Fellow Members, welcome to this edition of our Club's Newsletter. We are now half way through our Bicentenary Celebrations and much has happened.

Most noteworthy was HRH Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex's visit to the Club in March. It was my privilege to host this historic event and to have HRH formally unveil our Bicentenary Stained Glass Window, before showing great interest in the Clubs' Exhibition of our incredible history. He kindly accepted our invitation to become an Honorary Member and I do hope he will visit us again.

The Members Bicentenary Party launched the Club's celebrations. There was a great turnout and our youngest Member, Lucky Dube, kindly unveiled the Club's Bicentenary Stained Glass Window to Members, which Lindsay Telling had brilliantly created. Tim Mussared's excellent exhibition of the Club's historical artefacts was very well received and we also screened the Club's Bicentenary Film for the first time. A brilliant evening, which was well planned by Simon Fuller and his Event's Committee and expertly executed by Amy and her team. If you haven't yet signed the Bicentenary Book and collected your Commemorative Gift to mark our Bicentenary Year, please do so from The Club Office. My personal thanks to all who have helped.

The recent AGM marked the end of my first year as Chairman, I am delighted that the Members voted Mike Beesley onto the Board and that he has also

accepted the Board's request to become the Deputy Chairman. I look forward to working with Mike over the next 12 months by providing a smooth handover for the 2019 AGM.

I am grateful to Maggie Garland for standing as a Director for a 5th Year to continue her important role in helping with all the compliance issues the Club faces. We also said farewell to Simon Fuller and we are all so grateful for his 5 years on the Board. No doubt he will enjoy himself on the backbenches i.e. in the bar!

May 2018 saw the retirement of Sonia as our Membership Secretary. She will obviously be missed and we wish her well. We have been very lucky to add Jonathan as a full time addition to our team as Membership and Marketing Manager, please pop in and say hello.

I have had a very busy 12 months but it's been very rewarding to see our Club thrive, whilst watching the smiles on the faces of the Members. The aim a year ago, after the Bicentenary Events, was to have a Club that was healthy and fit for purpose for the next 50 years. I hope you agree we are making some good progress towards achieving that goal.

Lastly, please note we continue to support our chosen Bicentenary Charity, Brandon Trust. We have run for it, held auctions for it and have even baked for it! Can I please urge you to support this as much as you can? Delphine Barnes and her team have put in an admirable effort and they deserve our full support if we are to achieve our fundraising target.  
**Jerry Barnes, Chairman.**

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## Opening Times

### Office

Monday - Friday: 9.30am - 5.00pm

### Members Club

Monday - Friday: 9.30am - 10.00pm

Saturday: 4.00pm - 10.00pm

Sunday: 4.00pm - 8.30pm

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## Royal Visit

The Clifton Club was delighted to host a visit from HRH, Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex on March 6th 2018.



## THE BIO

Upon arrival to the Club, HRH Prince Edward, was greeted by honorary Member, Lord Lieutenant Peaches Golding and introduced to The High Sheriff of Bristol Mr Anthony Brown and The Lord Mayor of Bristol Mrs Lesley Alexander. Also greeting The Earl were Miss Amy Edwards, The Club's General Manager and Mr Jerry Barnes, Club Chairman who escorted His Royal Highness to meet many Members of the Club.

The Chairman then introduced The Prince to the Club's Bicentenary Exhibition, hosted by Club Archivist Mr Tim Mussared. The Clubs' exhibition included original artefacts from the Bristol City Records Office that date back to 1815 and photos of The Club throughout the ages.

Whilst in the Snooker Room, The

Earl met Mrs Bonnie Dean, Chair of trustees from Brandon Trust, The Earl couldn't resist playing a few shots with Alexander Warman, a young person who has benefited from the Summer Camps organised by Izzy Clarke of Brandon Trust. The Earl is passionate about causes which provide opportunities for disadvantaged people and was impressed with Brandon Trust's mission to increase people's ability to 'Live Free' by helping to support them to achieve their own ambitions. The fundraising efforts of The Club and its Members will be looking to provide two Summer Camps for Brandon Trust within 2019.

A luncheon designed for the Earl's visit by Executive Chef Philip Clench was served in The Dining

Room before His Royal Highness unveiled The Club's Stained Glass Window to commemorate our 200th year. The window was commissioned by local artist and Club Member Lindsay Telling of Waterfront Glass and depicts The Clubs' crest and bicentenary dates. The Earl was also kind enough to sign the Visitors Book and thanked the Members and guests for their hospitality. Before leaving he took a moment to speak with and thank the staff for their service.

Club Chairman, Jerry Barnes said: "It is a great honour to have welcomed His Royal Highness The Earl of Wessex to The Clifton Club to officially launch our 200th anniversary celebrations. He took a real interest in our history and charitable work and you could only be inspired by that."





## Members Party

The Bicentenary Celebrations were launched on 8th March when 120 Members gathered at the Club for drinks and canapés. The Bicentenary Exhibition was showcased in the Centenary Room for Members to see historical artefacts and photographs of The Club. A huge thank you to Tim Mussared, Club Archivist, for creating this spectacular journey through time. A commemorative window was unveiled to Members by the Club's youngest member Lucky Dube and creator Lindsay Telling. Club Chairman Jerry Barnes concluded the evening with a few words to toast the Clubs success and to launch its Bicentennial Celebrations.

Brandon Trust exists to enable children, young people and adults with learning disabilities and autism to live life in the way they choose.

Community projects run by the charity offer people a chance to learn new skills, be creative, productive and importantly, to have the opportunity to undertake paid work or volunteering. This fantastic cause, which The Clifton Club is proud to fundraise on behalf of, provides high-quality, individualised support that focuses on enabling people to achieve their dreams and truly live free.

**Brandon**  
Live free  
the learning disability charity

So Far The Clifton Club Has Raised

**£3,999**

# CENTENARY SO FAR

## The Great Bristol 10k Runners

Congratulations to Chris Mair, Emma Davidson, Sarah Davidson, Amy Edwards, Delphine Barnes and Club Chairman Jerry Barnes who completed The Great Bristol 10k on Sunday 13th May in aid of the Brandon Trust, raising over £2000. Thank you to those members who showed their support by contributing to this wonderful cause. If you would like to make a donation please visit [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/theciftonclub200](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/theciftonclub200).



## Bicentenary Gift

To commemorate the Bicentenary Year, The Club will be providing all Members with a complimentary Gift, which can be collected from the Club Office at your convenience. In line with the gift, The Club is aiming to mark this historic achievement by asking Members to sign our Bicentenary Book, which we hope will capture the Membership of 2018.





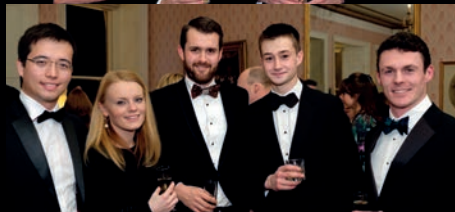
**ST GEORGES DAY**



**100 CLUB DINNER**



**BURNS NIGHT**



## Calendar Of Events

### July 2018

FRIDAY 6TH

Garden Party Soiree

WEDNESDAY 11TH

Ladies Lunch

### August 2018

WEDNESDAY 8TH

Ladies Lunch

### September 2018

SUNDAY 2ND

Bicentenary Sunday Lunch

WEDNESDAY 12TH

Ladies Lunch

WEDNESDAY 19TH

Celebrity Sports Dinner

FRIDAY 28TH

Quiz Night

## Trophy Cabinet

### WINNERS

Snooker Tournament  
**Mark Incledon**

The Burgess Cup Golf  
Tournament  
**Martin Griffiths**

Backgammon Tournament  
**Stephen Allpress**

## Celebrity Sports Dinner

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September the Club will welcome guest speaker, Geoff 'Dusty' Miller: England Test Cricketer, Test Selector & Sporting Speaker of the Year.

With a Rugby Q & A from:

**Stuart Barnes**  
Bristol, Bath, England,  
British Lions & Sky Sports

**Stephen Jones**  
Chief Rugby Correspondent  
of The Sunday Times

**Ed Morrison OBE**  
1995 Rugby World Cup  
Final Referee

The evening's speakers, and the Port have been generously sponsored by a Clifton Club Member.

**Ticket Price £80.00, tables of 8 can be booked, first come first served. All profits from the evening will go to Brandon Trust.**