

SENIOR MEMBER FORUM MEETING

Thursday 27th November 2025 at 11am in the Polo Room

Forum: Marc Newey, David Blackburn, Sarah Owens, Anne Wilkinson, Patricia Jamal, Jane Peel and Penny Egan

In attendance: Debora Drago and Nikki Clark (Minutes)

Apologies: Richard Storer, Stuart Reeks, Simon Baker, Dan Lott, Cheng Yoe, Sarah Smith, Helen Bolt and Matt Fidler

1. Welcome

Marc welcomed the Forum; apologies were noted.

MN stated that Cheng Yoe has resigned from the forum, so we will need to find a replacement, he asked the Forum if they were happy to stay with six members or to increase the number.

It was agreed we would look for two additional members to join the Forum.

2. Review minutes from meeting held on 20th July

MN went through the actions of the last meeting.

APR25/03: MN asked for SMF to give priority days and times for Chair Pilates to Ricky via email so this can be set up and sent out in a targeted form – In Progress.

AP25/09: Recycling of tennis balls to be advertised – Complete

Had a temporary issue with the recycling company but now resolved. Balls can be dropped off at reception.

JUL25/01: DD to book screen for the Piazza again next year – Complete

The screen is booked from 13th May – 27th July 2026

JUL25/03: PJ to speak to Health Club Staff to see who the speakers will be and liaise with the events team so a meeting room can be booked, and the event can be advertised – Complete

The event was very popular, it was decided to put three on a year, starting with one in January. **Action NOV25/01 – NC to co-ordinate**

JULL25/07: MN to speak to Paul Lindsay about the possibility of non-tennis members to be allowed to try the taster pickleball sessions. Complete

The minutes were approved.

3. Health Club Update

The senior Learn to Lift class is very popular with both sessions fully booked. The sessions are on a Thursday 11:00 & 14:30. With 6 members in each class and the scheme is 3 weeks long.

Sophia is now on maternity leave so Nicole has taken on the responsibility to deliver the senior learn to lift classes.

We had some requests to introduce a weekly weights class specifically for Seniors.

Action NOV25/02: RA looking into this currently.

Sue Wilson (Swim Co-ordinator) is looking into an adult learn to swim program. This will be for all adults with the separate classes for beginners and more confident swimmers.

Aqua continues to be popular. We have had a few cover instructors recently with mixed feedback. This was due to the regular instructors being away. All feedback is passed onto Lucy who will remove the un-popular instructors from covering going forward

We trialled a sound bath class last Sunday 17:00. We had 13 attendees who enjoyed the class and it's something we are looking to include into our program. Due to the instructor cost it needs to be a paid class and potentially once a month to begin with. Sunday late afternoon seems to be a good time with studio and instructor availability.

The outdoor pool is open now from 7:00-16:00. This will remain until January when we review occupancy and like previous years in January reduce the time to 7:00 to 14:00

4. Food and Beverage

The forum commented on how pleased they are with the outcome of the refurbishment.

MN announced that the Club had won the Refurbishment of the year award at the annual Club awards. This will be mentioned in the next Recorder.

SO commented on how cold the terrace is and could something be done about the gaps in the floor. AW said it is for health & safety / fire regulations that the terrace is designed in this way. Planning permission was only granted if it remained a terrace with a slatted floor and a canopy. Insulating the terrace required a different permission and a great deal more cost.

MN said that additional free-standing heaters were being purchased & blankets are available.

DD reported the F&B had been busy since the opening of the bar and the terrace. All snagging from the refurbishment should be completed by Monday 1st December.

DB congratulated the F&B team and asked DD to pass on to all concerned

JP asked if the salad bar in the café could be refreshed, needs different salads, something more interesting, maybe changed weekly. All agreed.

Action NOV25/03 Debora to discuss with Kevin

PJ asked if the staff could have tablets to take orders rather than having to write down and transfer to the till and then members could pay without having to go back to the till.

Action NOV25/04 MN agreed and asked Debora to purchase and introduce tablets

5. Racquets Update

Pickleball

Continues to be popular throughout the Thursday sessions. We are currently running the following sessions: -

- Two tiers of Ladies' morning
- Drill Sessions
- Intro to pickleball
- Club night

Members prefer to play pickleball onsite rather than at the Bank of England, so we have added a Friday roll-up session.

From 10m – 5pm on Fridays the court will be bookable for anyone wishing to play an organised pickleball game, and during this time the courts cannot be used for tennis

Tennis

Ladies' Morning (Thursday, 9.30am, ITC)

This session is still running but attendance has been low, with only 3-5 players turning up. There is a suggestion to turn into a monthly roll up to increase participation and create a more social atmosphere.

PJ also commented on the lack of attendees to these sessions.

DB suggested it may be a good time to change things if they are not working, or no interest

Action NOV25/05: Decision by DL to be made regarding Thursday morning tennis sessions

Air Halls

Both air halls are up and fully operational. The inflation unit for courts 12-14 has been replaced and the inflation unit for courts 7-10 is scheduled for replacement later this year.

Racquets Club Night – Christmas special

This will take place on Thursday 11th December from 6.30pm – 8pm where all members can enjoy all racquet sports followed by a social in the bar

Pro-Am Event

Friday 19th December we will host a member tennis pro-am, where members will play against professional players. This will include Joe Salisbury and World no 1 Lloyd Glasspool. Members will be encouraged to come and watch

125 Tennis Events

1. CTC Tennis Event

Matches against other international clubs that are over 100 years old. Age groups and dates are still to be confirmed but possibly focusing on September. This will be advertised through the CTC and circulated to clubs

2. Club Champs Exhibition Match

We will host an exhibition match on 11th June 2026 on the grass courts featuring top players including:

- Lloyd Glasspool & Julian Cash (current Wimbledon doubles champions)
- Joe Salisbury (multiple Grand Slam champion)
- Liam Broady (career high No.93 singles)
- Henery Patten (current Australian open men's double champion)
- Arthur Fery (GB Davis Cup player)
- Alistair Gray (Men's 1st team)
- Olivia Gadecki (current Australian open mixed doubles champion)

3. 125 Racquets Night

A celebration evening with music, BBQ and multisport play

4. 125 Liveball Event

A 90-minute Liveball session involving 125 players across 17 courts

5. Member/Guest Event

Members will be able to invite guests for a double's tournament or fun social event

Padel

The over 65's Pay & Play session which is on a Friday morning at 11am is still popular with around 8 players attending each week.

Plans for the new five padel courts on courts 4 to 6 have now been submitted for pre-planning discussions.

6. 125 Celebrations

MN – Planning is well underway for the '125' celebrations next year. The calendar of events is on the website and will be kept up to date.

Summary of event dates below -

| DATE | EVENT | SECTION |
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| Friday 10th April | Mixed Golf Pro Am | Golf |
| Saturday 11th April | Ladies' Centenary Gold Cup | Golf |
| Saturday 18th April | Association and Golf Croquet Competition | Croquet |
| Sunday 19th April | Association and Golf Croquet Competition | Croquet |
| Monday 20th April | Internal Pairs Competition | Bridge |
| Wednesday 22nd April | 125 Duplicate Invitation Tournament | Bridge |
| Saturday 25th April | Swim Gala - Juniors | Health Club |
| Friday 8th May | Croquet vs Bridge | Croquet / Bridge |

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| Friday 8th May | Squash Club Finals Night | Squash |
| Monday 11th - Friday 15th May | A week of matches - dinner 15th May | Squash |
| Thursday 14th May | Choir Concert | Ladies' Choir |
| Saturday 16th May | Swim Gala with external clubs | Health Club |
| Tuesday 26th May | Ladies' Captain's Day | Golf |
| Wednesday 27th May | Men's Senior Competition | Golf |
| Saturday 30th May | Mixed Invitation Day | Golf |
| Sunday 31st May | Family Fourball | Golf |
| Wednesday 3rd June | Friends' Invitation Day | Golf |
| Saturday 6th June | Men's Captains' Day | Golf |
| Sunday 7th June | Festival of Golf Finale - mixed competition | Golf |
| Sunday 7th June | Member and Guest Event | Tennis |
| Wednesday 10th June | 125' Rackets Club Night | Tennis |
| Thursday 11th June | Exhibition Match from 3pm | Tennis |
| Thursday 18th June | Summer Garden Party | Art Group |
| Friday 12th June | Hickory Golf Competition | Golf |
| Wednesday 17th June | Swim Gala - Adults | Health Club |
| Thursday 18th June | Summer Garden Party | Art Group |
| Friday 19th June | Zia Mahmood Event | Bridge |
| Saturday 20th June | Tennis Club Championships | Tennis |
| Saturday 27th June | Summer Party ~ 7pm to midnight | Club |
| Sunday 28th June | Family Day ~ 2pm to 6pm | Club |
| Thursday 23rd July | MacRobertson Shield Opening ceremony | Croquet |
| Friday 24th - Tuesday 28th July | MacRobertson Shield Matches | Croquet |
| Tuesday 28th July | Centenary Dinner | Croquet |
| Sunday 18th October | Swiss Teams | Bridge |

A selection of merchandise will be available from the Pro-shop as Christmas gifts and then available all year.

The club has also designed a few other items.

The rose will arrive in June/July subject to weather, some will be planted in the gardens, and the rest will be available for members to purchase.

The events will conclude on the weekend of 27th & 28th June 2026:

1. Summer Party on Saturday 27th June for up to 600 members. The price will be £125.00 per person and will include an arrival drink, food and entertainment including a band until Midnight.
2. Family Day on Sunday 28th July from 2pm – 6pm with an afternoon tea style menu

PJ- asked if we had thought of hosting a barn dance. **Action NOV25/06: NC to investigate and perhaps arrange in the marquee next year**

AOB

DB bought up the parking situation and that cars are getting bigger and out growing the spaces. It was suggested that SUVs be asked to park in the overflow but were unsure how we would police this.

Action NOV25/07 – MN to speak to Rosslyn Park to see if they will install additional electric charging points and to do a study for some wider bays.

SO – very successful exhibition and dinner this year. Classes are getting more demand, and the art group would like additional space. MN did say that as part of the Masterplan 2035 there is a plan to join the two squash buildings and this would create a larger space on the 1st floor.

SO- Also said Patsie had been amazing for all her hard work in organising the set-ups and refreshments for classes plus all the additional meetings, reception and dinners.

DB bought up about the Club Foundation and that it was good way to engage with the community. PE said that she and AW were writing a paper on how we are engaging with the community and what opportunities there are moving forward. To be circulated once complete

JP raise the question about the age of children in the bar as she had been asked to do so by some of the membership. There is a feeling that the Bar should be dedicated to adults and over 16-year-olds only, as there are a lot of other spaces that already accommodate everyone. MN said the board had extended the trial period until June next year, so see how things settle down are a year of it being open.

The forum agreed they thought we should survey Members now to gain opinion rather than wait for a year. **Action NOV25/08 MN will take idea to House Committee and the Board**

Date of next Meeting

Thursday 16th April 2026

ACTION SUMMARY

| NO. | ACTION | BY |
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| APR25/03 | MN asked for SMF to give priority days and times for Chair Pilates to Ricky via email so this can be set up and sent out in a targeted form – In Progress. | MN |
| APR25/07 | Rehab Hydro to be readvertised and linked up with PSM so they can also promote. HB to speak to Adam at PSM. | HB |
| APR25/12 | Club Foundation details to be shared with the Forum once this has been established – In Progress. | AW/PE |
| JUL25/02 | RA to liaise with Ricky on when the Chair Pilates class could be run and set up. | RA |
| JUL25/04 | SR to speak to Florence from PSM to do another nutrition talk in the afternoon. | SR |
| JUL25/05 | RA to speak to the instructors about the new Spin Classes timings. | RA |
| NOV25/01 | Repeat 'Fitness for the Future' event – Plan 3 for next year starting on January | NC |
| NOV25/02 | Looking into offering weekly weight classes for seniors only | RA |
| NOV25/03 | Refresh the salad bar menu in the Club cafe | DD |
| NOV25/04 | Use tablets to take food orders on terrace – Tablets to be purchased and introduced | DD |
| NOV25/05 | Decision to be made regarding Thursday morning ladies' tennis session – keep or reduce number | DL |
| NOV25/06 | Investigate and organise a bar dance (possibly to utilise the marquee) | NC |
| NOV25/07 | Speak to Rosslyn Park about installing charging points | MN |
| NOV25/08 | Survey of members to be done sooner rather than later regarding The age limit in the bar. MN o speak to the house committee & board | MN |