



Dave Little, our Newsletter Editor, on the Orient Express in Leith!

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We are always open to suggestions on possible content for future newsletters.

We also welcome comments on the current edition.

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Christmas Special - Beetles, Sprouts, Haggis & Dim Sum

Just a short Newsletter to let you know what is planned for Xmas and the first part of 2022 ("COVID permitting" - the new "Touch wood"!)). As we won't be producing an Events' Card, pin this Newsletter to your notice board instead.

BEETLE!!

Our November event was our annual Beetle Drive held in the Kings Manor Hotel – I am always surprised at the competitive edge that kicks in with the start of each game and also the excitement with which each game winner exclaims BEETLE!!!!!!

Anyway, we had a roomful of folk who firstly enjoyed the competitive part of the afternoon and then calmed down for the twenty portions of fish & chips that were about to be served.

Everyone left with the feeling that it was an extremely enjoyable afternoon.



Looking Forward

It's CHRISTMAAAS!!!!!! Friday 10th December at 1.15 for 1.30 p.m. at the Kings Manor Hotel in Edinburgh is the time and place for our annual Christmas lunch. As always, there will be an excellent value festive treat, with superb company and amusing banter. Our menu will be Option 2 on the attachment below – with the amendment for our Group that the £24.95 per person has been reduced to £22 and no deposit is required – just pay on the day (cash or card). The Hotel looks after us very well! If you are not one of the twenty five who have already booked, why not get in touch? It would be lovely to see you there.

Looking Even Further Ahead

As a result of some venues not yet being prepared to accept bookings for next year, the Committee has decided not to prepare a programme card as we have done in the past, but rather simply advertise the booked events to our local members. So, here they are and please make a note in your 2022 diary and let the Secretary know – now or nearer the date - which you would like to attend. We would love to have your company! PTO

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Non refundable £10.00 per person deposit due to guarantee the booking.

Final numbers with Pre-order 1 week prior with balance payment. Amendments accepted up to 5 days before date of booking.

Cancellation on the day will not be refunded.

Large Party Festive Menu

Available for groups of 13 +
Available 1 to 30 December ex 25, 26

Let it Snow

Option 1

£21.95 per person

Starters

Carrot & Coriander Soup VE

Trio of Melon with a raspberry sorbet VE

Mains

Traditional Turkey with all the trimmings
Beef Bourguignon topped with puff pastry served with a creamy chive mash

Desserts

Traditional Christmas Pudding with Brandy Sauce V
Selection of Ice Creams with a chocolate sauce V

Freshly Brewed Coffee with mints

Option 2

£24.95 per person

Starters

Sweet Potato and Basil Soup VE

Poached Salmon & Lime Pate with dressed leaves and crisp bread

Beetroot & Goats Cheese topped with fresh Rocket

Mains

Traditional Turkey with all the trimmings

Fillet of Oven Baked Salmon with a dill, mussel and white wine sauce

Butternut Squash, Cauliflower & Kale Wellington served with a spiced tomato sauce and seasonal vegetables and potatoes

Desserts

Dark Chocolate Orange Cheesecake with whipped cream and winter berries

Baileys Bread & Butter Pudding with vanilla custard V

Traditional Christmas Pudding with brandy sauce V

Freshly Brewed Coffee with Mints

Looking Even Further Ahead (cont.)

- Thursday 10 February: Chinese Dinner in the Imperial Palace Restaurant, 36 Inglis Green Road, Edinburgh at 7.00 p.m. Join us for a return to one of our favourite eating experiences. A taste of authentic Chinese fare, specialists in Dim Sum, Cantonese and Szechuan cuisine. Spacious, exotic Chinese surroundings in a friendly atmosphere.
- Wednesday 16 March: Our Group's Annual General Meeting in the Kings Manor Hotel, Edinburgh, Treetops Suite at 7.00 p.m. The fairly short business will be followed by tea/coffee and biscuits, then onto a talk from a speaker from Napiers, Herbalists.
- Wednesday 13 April: Visit to the Royal College of Physicians, 9 Queen Street, Edinburgh at 2.00 p.m. See the beautiful façade of the College, its Great Hall and the New Sibbald Library and lots more and hear the history of the training standards of Physicians in Scotland.
- Tuesday 17 May: Visit and guided tour of Newhailes House, Musselburgh (two tours - 2.00 p.m. and 3 p.m.). Non-NT members £10. See and hear the amazing survival story of this National Trust Palladian House, the home of the Dalrymple family until 1997. Experience a 17th century home in authentic condition. Excellent food and tea in the on-site café.
- Wednesday 15 June: Visit and guided tour of Glenkinchie Distillery and visitor Centre, Pencaitland, at 1.30 p.m. Cost £13. Hear the history of this famous Victorian distillery, the Lowland Home of Johnnie Walker, recently transformed and re-designed. Might be a wee sample available too!