# Membership at the Union Club



# Where I belong...

A BEAUTIFUL LISTED TOWN HOUSE IN THE HEART OF LONDON. A FAMILY OF LIKE MINDED PEOPLE. A PRIVATE MEMBERS' CLUB OF UNIQUE CHARACTER AND CHARM, WITH A MAGICAL AMBIENCE THAT CAN BE FOUND NOWHERE ELSE.

50 GREEK STREET, WID 4EQ
MONDAY 9AM 'TIL 5PM
TUESDAY - FRIDAY 9AM 'TIL MIDNIGHT

The Union Club offers a warm, welcoming bohemian backdrop to your time in town. We are located in a n (almost) 300 year-old Georgian town house decorated with French street lights, modern and antique furniture and an eclectic and wittily-curated art collection, right at the beating heart of 'Old Soho'

The Union is a Soho institution one that can be your West End retreat; understated, stylish, and really rather special.

We have been providing a unique and charming setting for dining, drinking, meeting, mingling, working (when one must!), weddings & events since 1993.

The Union has a small (but most loyal) membership base. We chose to grow very slowly, and by this means continue to evolve into an excellent establishment that is fully able to serve all of our members' needs.

With careful care and attention, we can do this while continuing to maintain a low profile and peaceful ambience as befits a private members club.

# "Union - Keep on Cooking. Still great after all these years" Paul Smith

## Food & Drink

## Cuisine

Our menu is at once traditional and modern, comforting and contemporary, but above all, delicious and unpretentious. Our Executive Chef Frans de West has done stints at West End stalwarts such as Randall & Aubin and Joe Allen, and is proudly carrying the mantle left for him by Carolyn Dawson, who led the kitchens here at the Club for 29 years.

Everything is made fresh on premise; our team roll our own pasta and produce all our own cakes, tarts, pies and puddings every morning.

The quality of our ingredients is our highest priority. We use trusted suppliers who bring us the best meats, fish and vegetables – all delivered daily to our front door.

Come preserve season and - despite her retirement - there will still be jars of Carolyn's award-winning jams and marmalades available for members.

### Wine

Our wine list changes regularly, with an emphasis on the esoteric and good value. For us, wine appreciation is about enjoying what is in the glass and varies depending on whether we are relaxing on a summer's eve on our sunny terrace or sitting down to a robust roast beef on a winter day.

The main thing is that wine shouldn't be pretentious or scary - it's fun.

Our experienced buyers (Pete and Iain) can be called upon to offer common-sense advice, and our wait staff swot up on their WSET wine knowledge behind the scenes so that they can make user-friendly recommendations.

We love our wine here at the Union and are more than happy to de-mystify it for you. Just ask!



## Club Clubs

#### **BACKGAMMON CLUB**

Our Backgammon Club meet for social and tutorial evenings and play in the London Club league under the Leadership of Union Chairman, Tim. Competition is fierce, but all are welcome to try their hand.

#### THE WRITING SALON

The Writing Salon seeks to dissect genre and narrative, explore fiction and non-fiction, and dive into storytelling through a mixture of theory and practical exercises. Its social and engaged membership will make you feel energised about writing. Some members have no previous writing experience – others write regularly for stage, page and screen. Whatever your level, you'll get a warm welcome.

#### THE WINE CLUB

Our wine club meets occasionally for wine dinners and tastings. Members of the wine society also enjoy early bird notifications of interesting and unusual new wines coming to the Club.

"I have always loved the
Union since it was a wee'er
club than it is now, an oasis
in busy Soho"
Ewan McGregor

#### MEMBERS' LUNCHES

On the last Friday of every month we host a Members' Lunch for members who wish to meet each other over some of our delicious food and drink. Surprising connections are made & fun is had.



## Reciprocal Clubs

MEMBERSHIP OF THE
UNION CLUB ALSO
ENTITLES YOU TO
ACCESS TO A RANGE OF
HANDPICKED CLUBS IN
THE UK...
AND WORLDWIDE

Vout-O-Reenees (Whitechapel)
The Norfolk Club (Norwich)
Ventnor Arts Club (Isle of Wight)
The Square Club (Bristol)
The Scottish Arts Club (Edinburgh)
The Glasgow Art Club (Glasgow)

The United Arts Club (Dublin) Arti et Amicitiae (Amsterdam) We\_Are (Paris) Kjarval (Reykavik) The Montauk Club (New York) The Players Club (New York) Pershing (Austin, Texas) The Fitler Club (Philadelphia) The Battery Club (San Francisco) The Providence Arts Club (Rhode Island) Boundary (Portland) Common House (Chattanooga, Richmond & Charlottesville) The Vancouver Club (Vancouver) The Foreign Correspondents' Club, (Hong Kong)

"You don't really know anything until you've found a good club and can be there on your own, find your time there." Bonnie Greer



## **Our Spaces**

#### THE BAR

The hub of the Club and everyone's favourite spot to while away an afternoon over a lazy lunch. Home to cosy nooks and crannies to hide away in, plenty of Union Club memorabilia, and a cosy open fire on chilly days.

#### THE DINING ROOM

A room of great elegance where members may dine in style. We can also host member's sit-down events for up to 50 guests or up to 60 standing. Light and airy with a wonderful collection of 20th century lights and chandeliers, this beautifully curated room is where Georgian heritage meets the contemporary.

#### THE STUDIO

Our dedicated daytime workspace with sofas, coffee tables, loads of plugs and wifi, it's a very good inbetween if you want to get out of the house, but not necessarily into the office. We like to call it work from (your home away from) home.

## THE CHANNING WILLIAMS & WRITERS' ROOMS

The Channing Williams and Writers' Rooms can be hired privately by members for meetings (or private dining) for up to 20 people. They are quirky and stylish with the Channing having traditional Georgian style, while the Writers Room shows off a more industrial air.

#### THE BELLVILLE

Our smallest room is named in memory of one of our oldest and most fondly missed members - Hercules Bellville, an old school film producer who worked with Kubrick and Bertolucci (after travelling around Spain with Hemingway.) The Bellville is just perfect for tiny meetings, or for interviews, script reads, auditions - or just a quiet afternoon kip

#### THE ROOF TERRACE

A private garden oasis. We all love to hang out up here and let the summer drift by - sipping ice cold rosé from fabulous frozen glasses. The perfect summer retreat for a quiet lunch or drinks on a hot summer night.



## **Member Perks**

ALTHOUGH WE LIKE TO
THINK THE UNION
STANDS FOR ITSELF, WE
ARE HAPPY TO OFFER
MEMBERS A HANDFUL
OF SPECIAL OFFERS
FROM SOME CLOSE
FRIENDS TO SWEETEN
THE DEAL...

Complimentary membership of Alfie's jazz bar - a high-end members' only jazz bar that takes over our Studio by night.

Complimentary membership of The Piano Bar Soho.

Complimentary membership of the Garden Cinema in Covent Garden.

Preferential room rates at Hazlitt's Hotel (Soho) and Mimi's (Soho)

30% off all cut and colour services at Vidal Sassoon Academy Soho

Discounted subscription to SOMM TV - a streaming service for food and wine content.



## Alfie's

#### ALFIE'S AT THE UNION

With a studio grand piano, a stage ready for the stars, and state-of-the-art sound by Roland, Alfie's is a pinnacle of Soho's night scene. Discover London's top jazz talent, from the producers at Soho Live Studios who run a celebrated label and the Soho Jazz Festival.

Programme highlights include the weekly Alfie's Jazz Jam, a showcase of emerging talents and established stars, and The Night Train, a latenight cocktail and music affair every weekend.

#### ALFIE'S JAZZ JAM

Every Thursday, the definitive hotspot for Jazz Cats. A compelling mix of breakthrough acts introducing themselves to the studios house band.

#### **NIGHT TRAIN**

Soho's distinguished weekend ritual returns. Late cocktails, live tunes. From 10:30pm till late every Friday and Saturday.

#### WHO IS ALFIE?

George Hudson, Soho's impresario and Alfie's human, says, "Alfie's not just any cat; he's embraced the Soho culture and whenever any of our stars pop by to film or record he can't help but get involved. You can check out some encounters on his Instagram @sohojazzcat, when Stephen Fry was in, he fully understood it was about time he had his own bar! This new club is Alfie's legacy, a place where the past and present of jazz collide, and we can't wait to show you what we've got lined up."

#### **OPENING HOURS**

THURSDAY
6PM - Midnight (last entry 10:30pm)

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 6PM - 1AM (last entry 11:30pm)

(soon to be open Tuesday through to Saturday)



# **Membership options**

Individual

£800 per annum (£100 joining fee)

Concession

£590 per annum (£50 joining fee)
For those who are **Under 35 years** at date of application or **live more than 50 miles away from the Club.** 

**Joint** 

£1200 per annum (£100 joining fee per couple)

For couples or family members

Corporate

£590 per annum per member (£50 joining fee per member) Based on a minimum of three members from same company

All fees are inclusive of VAT.

"I'd soonion, be in the Union, than any place I know." Terry Jones



## LIKE WHAT YOU'VE SEEN? WELL TRUST US, THE CLUB IS EVEN BETTER IN PERSON.

Fancy dropping by for a tour and a cuppa, or even making a reservation to try out our fare for yourself?

Be our guest.

Just email membership@unionclub.co.uk

The Union Club - much loved by members.

Perhaps you might too ....?

