

Spring in the Club's step!

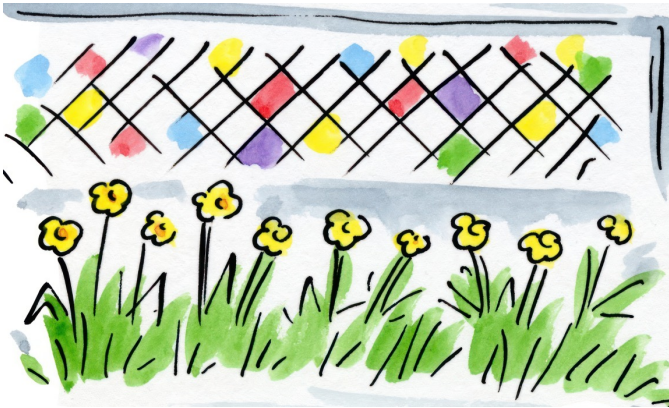


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Welcome to the latest edition of our new *Spotlight* magazine, a companion to our popular podcast of the same name.

There's a definite spring in our step with stories on Club news and features, events, behind the scenes, profiles and what's happening in the local arts and theatre scene.

You can listen to the full series on [Spotify](#) and [Apple Podcasts](#). Our thanks to Club member and award-winning producer/broadcaster Jonathan Levy for creating great podcasts that capture the mood perfectly. Read all about the stories featured in the latest episode below. Show business is blooming!



Signature cocktail is a contemporary classic that's a big hit with Ivy Club members

Twinkle twinkle Piano Bar star

It was great to mingle with new members at a special social reception in January, writes *Spotlight* presenter Jonathan Levy. I enquired about our guests' signature cocktail preferences. They included the likes of the Negroni and extra dry gin martinis. Both are favourites with me but by far the most popular was the Twinkle: a beautiful blend of vodka, elderflower, a dash of soda-water topped up with champagne. Reputedly, one of the biggest fans of the Club's Twinkle is super-star model Kate Moss!

"I had to sample a Twinkle and the Piano Bar team didn't disappoint"

Jonathan Levy



In the latest *Spotlight* podcast new members told us why they had joined: “Cultural and fun, unpretentious... We love the jazz... A match made in heaven... Always fun people and the food’s great... Really good events, great for breakfast meetings, already seems like a good choice... Quality whisky, excellent food and new friends... Everyone’s very friendly... The guys on reception are excellent.” Dip into more comments on the podcast.

Burns Night addresses the Haggis

Celebrating Robbie Burns in The Ivy Club is a traditional favourite in January. *Revels in Hand* performers presented the full ceremony while guests could dine on a selection of dishes including haggis, neeps and tatties, with The Singleton single malt Scotch whisky to hand.



Ollie Phillips is a great sport!

The former England Rugby 7s captain, Ollie Phillips has been a member of The Ivy Club for almost 4 years. He chaired the recent Sports Quiz with a host of sports celebrity team leaders to raise funds for the “My Name’s Doddie” motor neurone disease charity.



He’s sailed the world as an ambassador for Great Britain, set a Guinness World Record on the North Pole, broke two world records on Everest, cycled across America, swam the English channel and has just returned from rowing the Atlantic. Listen to the latest podcast to discover more – it’s the first feature after the introduction.

Catch the latest features on the Spotlight podcast: New Year 2026



Ageing Disgracefully! The second event on this popular theme hosted in The Loft by member Jo Dalton explored ‘midlife and thriving’. Her panel for the evening included actress and comedienne Helen Lederer; Longevity and human optimisation specialist Dr Ash Kapoor, founder of the Levitas Group; and an entrepreneur liberating singles and couples every day - Emma Sayle, the founder and CEO of Killing Kittens. *(28 minutes into the podcast)*



Menu magic: restaurant manager Leah Alice McDermott introduces the new Drawing Room menu...some very mouthwatering dishes from sea bass sashimi to braised veal meat balls (pictured), fillet of cod and a Thai red curry with roasted duck! *(2-parts: 14 and 23 minutes into the podcast)*



The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry: At Theatre Royal Haymarket until mid-April. Interviews with press event host Gaby Roslin, actor Mark Addy (Harold Fry), Mike Rosenberg - Passenger who wrote all the songs for the musical, writer Rachel Joyce, Noah Mullins, making his West End debut in the role of the Balladeer. Plus, opening night cast, production team, audience and reviewer reactions. *(Final feature 38 minutes into the podcast)*

Coming up in our Easter edition at the beginning of April – a bumper crop of stories spanning events on everything from new book releases to a hands-on diamond masterclass. We have words with member and broadcaster Nick Ferrari, look ahead to a new season for The Ivy Cricket Club, talk to Noj Barker about his art on display at the Club and turn the spotlight on a West-End show:

