## The Whitsters Club

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# WHITSTERS NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2016

May I begin by wishing you a Happy and Prosperous New Year

## Events in 2016

## MONDAY FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup> 2016

Our first luncheon for the year will be held on Monday February 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Holiday Inn Mayfair. The meeting will commence with the Annual General Meeting prior to the lunch.

Please do try and attend and let us have your views on the future activities of the Club.

I am very pleased that Gillian Farrar, Club Member and Campaign and Communications Lead at the TSA, has agreed to speak on the current and future activities at the Association. This should prove very interesting and we look forward to a lively discussion.

Reservation forms will be circulated in the near future.

## MONDAY JUNE 20th

I am very pleased to advise you that through the good offices of Committee Member John Shonfeld, we have as our speaker, Sir Michael Hodgkinson, who is Non Executive Deputy Chairman of TUI AG.

He began his career with the Ford Motor Company and became Managing Director of Land Rover for five years. He then became Chief Executive of Grand Metropolitan's European Food Division followed by spells as Chief Executive or Director at BAA plc, Royal Mail and was Chairman of the Post Office from May 2004 until September 2007. This was followed by becoming a Director of the Bank

of Ireland until 2006 then as Non Executive Director of Transport for London and Crossrail until 2012

He is currently Chairman of Keolis (UK) Limited and also a non Executive Director of Keolis/Go Ahead.

This is likely to be a very popular event and will be held at venue in St Katherine's Dock and I will forward further details as soon as they are available

We also have lunches booked for **Monday** September 26<sup>th</sup> and Monday November 28<sup>th</sup>

We are in the process of obtaining Speakers for these events and through Committee Contacts have in mind someone involved in Victorian Music Hall and a Member of Parliament who has just completed his first year as an MP. The September meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn and the November Meeting at another venue.

### **YOUR VIEWS**

The Committee is most anxious to receive your views and you will have your opportunity to mention these at the AGM. Please do speak to a Committee Member if you have any thoughts on future activities of the Club or other matters which you feel would be helpful.

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS

Please find attached separately a Subscription Renewal Form for 2016. The Subscription remains at £25 and it would be very helpful if you could make your remittance as soon as possible. If you pay by Internet Banking, please advise me that you have made the payment.

I do hope you will continue to support the club as the Industry has for the last 92 years!