

The Salon
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August - December 2022



Mr Hobbs Gin

AN EVENING SUMMER BOAT TRIP

WEDNESDAY 25TH AUGUST - SALON EVENING

MR HOBBS OF HENLEY GIN

Join us for a summer's evening trip along the River Thames on board the Hibernia with welcome cocktails from Mr Hobbs of Henley Gin.

Mr Hobbs Gin was created by Johnny and Suzy Hobbs, after discovering Henley business archives which pointed to the rumours that their ancestor, Harry Hobbs, had been distilling his own gin as far back as 1870 and was often seen in his punt around 11am enjoying his home-distilled gin.



Giles English

BREMONT CO-FOUNDER

WEDNESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER - SALON EVENING

AN EVENING WITH BREMONT

Join us for an evening at Bremont's manufacturing and technology centre in Henley-on-Thames for an exclusive tour with Giles English, Bremont Co-Founder.

Bremont was founded in 2002 by brothers Nick and Giles English, inspired by their love of flying historic aircraft. Twenty years on, Bremont is an award-winning, globally renowned brand crafting beautiful, limited-edition watches.

Their manufacturing centre has strong eco-credentials, with a living roof and recycled air heating system. Their watches are sought after for their durability and are seen as a truly sustainable luxury product which lasts a lifetime.

After a welcome reception, guests will enjoy an overview from Giles English and a tour of the facility, including the on-site showroom.



Simon Leadsford

CHIEF BUSINESS OFFICER AND PUBLISHING
DIRECTOR, CONDÉ NAST TRAVELLER

MONDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER - SALON BREAKFAST

THE SMART TRAVELLER – RE-THINKING THE FUTURE OF LUXURY TRAVEL

Simon Leadsford is Chief Business Officer Travel & Lifestyle Condé Nast Britain and the Publishing Director of Condé Nast Traveller, Tatler and Vanity Fair. He has been with Condé Nast for the past 20 years, first joining as an associate publisher on House & Garden, then becoming Publisher to Brides before taking his current role.

Originally launched in the United States in 1987, Condé Nast Traveller is a market-leading monthly travel magazine, and today there are nine different international editions. With its motto of “Truth in Travel”, the publication provides enlightening content on a wide range of topics, including destinations, hotels, food and beverage, airlines as well as fashion, cars, digital and grooming. Launched in the UK in 1997, it is the ultimate luxury travel brand, and today the publication’s influence extends to multiple platforms including website, social media, books, events and the printed magazine.



Hollandridge Group

SARAH PERCY-DAVIS AND ALEX HAMMERSLEY

WEDNESDAY 5TH OCTOBER - SALON EVENING

COLLECTING AND INVESTING IN ART - PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

With decades of experience in the art world, Sarah Percy-Davis and Alex Hammersley have brought together contacts and artists amassed during their long-standing careers. They work across the private and business sectors to commission both established and emerging artists, sourcing art works and curating art collections.

Over the years Sarah and Alex have built up an extensive database of paintings, photography, sculpture and drawings by artists from around the world - a valuable resource allowing for 'selections' of artists to be collated to fit specific briefs.

Sarah and Alex will be exploring how collecting and investing in art has changed over the years, reviewing some of the art which has fetched the highest prices at auction and discussing the new trends emerging such as NFTs.



Oliver Cook

OLYMPIC & WORLD CHAMPION ROWER

WEDNESDAY 19TH OCTOBER - SALON BREAKFAST

MEETING WITH TRIUMPH AND DISASTER – LEARNING TO TREAT THOSE TWO IMPOSTERS THE SAME

Oliver Cook is a Tokyo Olympian, World and European Champion. Ollie spent nine years in the Great Britain Rowing Team in which time he competed at the Tokyo Olympics, won the European Championships, the Oxford Cambridge Boat Race and the World Championships.

Ollie also spent many years as the team spare and will reflect on his journey from not always being selected, to navigating Covid and the postponement of the Games to racing at the Olympics and ultimately a race that didn't go to plan. Ollie will talk about the lessons he has learnt that have created success for him and the many insights he has developed along the way.



Lord Carnarvon

HIGHCLERE CASTLE GIN

WEDNESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER - SALON EVENING

AN EVENING WITH HIGHCLERE CASTLE GIN

Join us for an evening of history and gin cocktails with Lord Carnarvon, whose family has lived at Highclere Castle since 1679, when gin first came to England's shores.

Highclere Castle Gin was launched in 2019 with a mission to produce the finest gin in the world. The super-premium gin was crafted to celebrate Highclere's reputation for entertaining to the highest standards through the centuries. Highclere has played host to many of the world's foremost statesmen, scientists, celebrities and artists where the evening always begins with gin cocktails dating back to the 1920's.

Today, Highclere Castle Gin is inspired by botanicals hand chosen from the castle's herb gardens, originally planted in the ninth century by the Bishops of Winchester. With a delicate balance of juniper, lime flower, orange peel and a touch of lavender, it is the true essence of Highclere's ancient estate.



John Howell OBE MP

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER - SALON BREAKFAST

DIPLOMACY ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE

John Howell OBE MP is the Member of Parliament for the Henley Constituency being elected in 2008. He is currently the Leader of the UK Delegation to the Council of Europe and a Vice President of the Council. Since being elected in 2008 John has held a number of roles including as Prime Minister's Trade Envoy to Nigeria through which he gained a different perspective on international work. John is also a Vice-Chairman of Conservative Friends of Israel and a Trustee of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust.

Prior to entering Parliament John's business career has spanned a range of activities. Having studied prehistoric archaeology at Edinburgh and then at Oxford, where he gained his doctorate, John went on to become a tax inspector with the Inland Revenue. He later became a partner in Ernst & Young where he advised major companies. Whilst with Ernst & Young John was appointed to the UK Trade and Investment International Advisory Panel and played an influential role in work to move central and eastern Europe towards democracy and market economies. This included leading UK business delegations to G7 meetings. It was for this work that John was awarded the OBE in 2000.



Alasdair Haynes

FOUNDER & CEO, AQUIS

THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER - SALON BREAKFAST

THE MAKING OF THE UK'S CHALLENGER STOCK EXCHANGE - GETTING CAPITAL TO UK GROWTH COMPANIES

Alasdair is the founder and CEO of Aquis Exchange PLC. Aquis Exchange is a challenger stock exchange group, which operates 3 divisions: the Aquis Exchange pan-European cash equities trading businesses, the primary UK stock market Aquis Stock Exchange and Aquis Technologies which develops/licenses exchange software to third parties.

In addition to running Aquis, Alasdair is the Chairman of the CityUK's new business council, and he also sits on the FCA's Practitioners' Panel. Prior to establishing Aquis, Alasdair was CEO of Chi-X Europe (now Cboe) and before that CEO of ITG International (now Virtu).

Alasdair began his 30 plus-year career in the City with Morgan Grenfell and has held senior positions at a number of investment banks, including HSBC and UBS.



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