



The Luncheon Club for Senior Gasheads & Friends

October 2017

Hello everyone!

Here we go, the very first Blue Diamond Club Newsletter. Lots to tell you. Lots to look forward to. So, in no particular order, let's start with

Our Christmas Luncheon

When? - Thursday 7 December

Where? - Same as last time - Poplar Insulation Suite, Memorial Stadium

Kick-off? - 12 noon for 12.30 pm - so don't be late!

What's on the menu?

What else could it be but a lovely warming Vegetable Soup, Christmas Turkey with all the trimmings, Christmas Pud and Mince Pies, plus your usual Coffee and Mints, and not forgetting the Christmas Crackers. Please email rogerbrinsford@bristolrovers.co.uk for details of the vegetarian option.

Who's speaking?

We are delighted to welcome BRFC Chairman, Steve Hamer who is a humorous raconteur, with a huge repertoire of footballing stories from down the years, to entertain everyone.

Backing him up will be BRFC Commercial Director, Tom Gorrington, who is going to introduce himself to you all and outline what he has in store for BRFC.

But, before all that and to blow the starting whistle, it will give us great pleasure to welcome Rev Tony Roake, Rector of Christ Church, Nailsea, a personal guest of Andrew Baker, to say Grace.

What else is happening?

We've got a super raffle with some smashing prizes and we want you to finish up by exercising your vocal chords with some well-known traditional Christmas carols.

But this is where we need your help, please

Is there anyone out there, either you or someone you know, with keyboards and who is also a competent pianist? We will even stand them lunch. Please let Roger Brinsford know on rogerbrinsford@bristolrovers.co.uk

How much is the Christmas Luncheon?

Just £20 for a lovely traditional Christmas dinner

The Bristol Rovers Blue Diamond Club (BRBDC) is an independent non-profit-making organisation run by elected volunteers. It aims to foster the spirit of Fellowship and Goodwill among retired Supporters of Bristol Rovers Football Club and their friends and to promote social activities for them such as luncheons
Full details can be found at www.brbdc.org.uk

How do I book?

Easy-peasy - you can book from the comfort of your own home. Just pay your money straight into our Blue Diamond Club bank account.

Our Bank details are -

Sort code = 30-84-75, Account = 54242268, Account Name = Blue Diamond Club

In the Reference box, please add your surname together with your first name, if space allows, so we know who the money's from

We regret that, as a fledging organisation, we are unable to run to credit card facilities. If you have a problem, please contact rogerbrinsford@bristolrovers.co.uk

Bookings close on Thursday 30 November

Can I reserve a table?

Glad you asked. So that you can sit with your friends, you are very welcome to book tables for 10-12 guests. Please email Roger Brinsford rogerbrinsford@bristolrovers.co.uk with the names of all those on your table but only do so once you know they have all paid.

Breaking News! Website is up-and-running

Special thanks to Martin Bull, who has got our website up and running. Have a look - www.brdbc.org.uk Obviously the site is in an embryonic stage and we shall develop it as we go along. Feel free to let us have your suggestions as to what you would like to see. We'll include photos from our lunches, so if you see Mike Tremlin going around the tables with his camera, give him a smile!

Raffle proceeds

The Committee will donate part of the raffle proceeds from each Luncheon to a specific Rovers-related cause. Out of the September lunch, we made a donation to the Bristol Rovers Community Trust so that they could take their "Extra Time" group out for a trip, a project for which the Trust do not receive external funding.

From the Christmas Raffle, we are going to provide the Match-day Medical Staff with refreshment facilities. This was brought to our attention by one of our Members who had need of their services during the Blackpool Match and was grateful for their excellent response.

What can we look forward to?

We are delighted to announce that our speaker for our March Luncheon is none other than Radio Bristol sporting stalwart and Gas legend, Geoff Twentyman, and in September 2018, the ebullient and one-and-only Bobby Gould will be along to entertain us.

Who's on the Committee?

Just a quick who's who of the Committee for your information. Roger Brinsford is Chair with Mo Bell as Secretary and Alan Cavill holding the purse strings. Mike Tremlin, Andrew Baker and Richard Pullin are the remaining Committee Members. In particular, this latter trio has made an enthusiastic contribution already sourcing some varied and excellent raffle prizes for this Christmas Luncheon for which our thanks.

Get crack(er)ing!

Book your place at our Christmas Luncheon right away. Don't delay!