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ESTATE IMPROVEMENTS

Children's Play Park Transformation



After some months of preparation by our head gardener and his team, the new children's play equipment, which was supplied by Sutcliffe Play Scotland, was installed in the summer and has proved a great success amongst the children of our club members and guests. The play area had a complete renovation including a new climbing frame and slide unit, swings with basket swing and new play bark to spruce it up and of course ensure the safety of our little adventurers.

MEMBERSHIP REWARDS

We have been delighted to see so many of our members finally celebrating the milestone events that had to be postponed from 2020 and 2021, whether it was a wedding, an anniversary or a birthday.

As our team worked hard to fulfil these commitments, we recognised that it was difficult on some occasions for other members to reserve a table or book a room when these events were taking place, but we thank you for patience as we begin to move towards a better pace of business in 2023. With this in mind, we have made some positive membership changes for the year ahead:

- ◆ increased discounts for our club members on all our accommodation
- ◆ increased visitor tariffs for non-members on all our accommodation
- ◆ key dates reserved in the diary without functions to allow us to focus entirely on delivering the day to day member business such as bar food and drink
- ◆ reserved weekend dates in the diary throughout the year to offer dinner, bed & breakfast packages for members and guests of members (not functions)

STAFF UPDATE

Jasna Coffey joined the Conference & Events Office, while Sally King is on maternity leave. Jasna is the first point of contact for all your membership queries and will be responsible for the processing of renewals next year, prior to Sally's return in May 2023.

Head Chef Bill was joined in his kitchen this year by Sous Chef Phil. Those of you who have dined with us recently will agree that he is a superb addition.

Many of you will have seen Gordon, our new Driver/Handyperson around the house. He has settled in extremely well, proving himself a great asset and support to the operational team.

Most recently, General Manager David Upton appointed two new Assistant Hospitality Operations Managers to his team, Kirsty Douglas and Mark McCowat. Both have a great wealth of experience over many years working front of house at Ross Priory.

OUR WEB PAGE

www.strath.ac.uk/rosspriory

We're on Facebook



www.Facebook.com/RossPriory

Menu Collection Revamp

Earlier this year, we introduced our Menu Collection 2022. This new collection is applicable to any group of over 16 adults, perhaps a family celebration, a social gathering or a conference dinner. This includes chef's selection of mouth-watering dishes and special recommendations.

Please note that our chef's table d'hôte menu is available for parties of up to no more than 24 maximum.

For more details, please take a look at our web pages [Lunches, Dinners and Functions](#)



SANTA'S GROTTTO

We were absolutely delighted to welcome Santa back to Ross Priory this year, after a prolonged absence as a result of the pandemic and the health risks.

On Saturday 10th December 2022, Santa and Essi Elf greeted 49 children, all the family and friends of our club members.

It was a wonderful occasion, as we have come to expect, full of fun and laughter and Christmas cheer! Once again, the array of jumpers and festive outfits didn't disappoint.



ESTATE MAINTENANCE

Stonework Repairs

In June 2022, essential work was instructed by the University to repair the pointing of all the stonework at the main front steps.

Then again in November 2022, the University instructed essential maintenance work to the stone of the walls of the main house itself, descaling & repointing with finial replacements plus work to the cast iron downpipes which were beginning to rust.

In both instances, the trades had to work around the business taking place in the house and we thank all colleagues involved for their support and cooperation.



Watersports, Boating & Angling

A group of members within this section have acquired a vehicle to assist with towing and launching.



As this section is run on a voluntary basis, there is now a new designated email address for all matters relating to boating, angling and anything else which comes under the umbrella of watersports.

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