



# THE END OF AN ERA

It is with great regret that we have to announce that the good old Roffen Club will be closing its doors for the last time on the 1st April 2018.

Until that time we will be serving our members and clients just as we have done since 1986. In the next four months we will hold lots of parties and give you all lots of ways to remember The Roffen and all the fun and comradeship it has given to everyone over the last 32 years.

The club has been for sale since May and was being marketed as a 'going concern' with the aim that it would continue to run along the current lines. The successful purchasers, Cavendish Education, looked hard at a variety of plans which could have retained the Health Club and Function Rooms. Sadly the issues proved insurmountable and so just a short while ago the final decision was taken that the club would have to close its doors at the beginning of April 2018. We have some four months left to enjoy The Roffen!

Brian & Sara and all our staff hope that our loyal members will remain with us until then. We will all be here until the last party, the Health Club will be here until the last day, the Function Rooms will be hosting weddings and parties until the very end of March. There will also be lots of parties and lots of special offers to thank everyone for their years of support.

## **A MONTHS FREE MEMBERSHIP FOR ALL OUR MEMBERS!!**

To reassure everyone that this will be an open and generous end to a great local institution we have already contacted all our function clients who had events booked post-closure and refunded their deposits. In early January we will be refunding all membership fees paid in advance for every day after 28th February 2018 thus giving everyone the last month FREE. We will not claim any Direct Debits past 28th February giving everyone on monthly payments the last month FREE as well. We are also going to put on a whole list of amazing parties for our members and we are going to create some really special offers for the last couple of months to encourage everyone to celebrate their own form of 'farewell' in the club.

### **Come and have dinner, come to the parties, enjoy your FREE month in the Health Club.**

It is very sad that The Roffen is finally closing - especially as there were potential buyers in the wings who were considering whether they could take the club forward in its current form. BUT, the reality is that due to the competition in the health club sector locally we have been unable to increase our membership fees since 2009. That alone has made business much more difficult. The unrelenting pressure of so many low cost health clubs, so many different wedding venues, so many restaurants and the non-stop rise in overheads does make one wonder what the future would have held for any new owners. In any event the club being taken over by Trinity School, who do such a good job with their children and young adults, will solve their needs for more space and give them much needed sports facilities. The club lives on, just with a younger membership, as it returns to its roots of once again being a school.

## RESTAURANT & BISTRO

LUNCH 12 - 2.30 DINNER 6 - 9.30

### WINE & DINE - £25

Enjoy up to three courses - with unlimited house wine

Please tell your Server you would like this offer. Whole tables only. Wine & Dine

#### STARTERS

SOUP OF THE DAY - Choice of Traditional Tomato Soup with Garlic & Herb Croutons, OR please ask about our homemade soup of the day - 4.95

DEEP FRIED CAMEBERT - with frisse lettuce, cranberry & orange jam - 5.50

PEAR & WALNUT SALAD - tossed with rocket & roquefort cheese - 5.50

ARNOLD BENNET SMOKED HADDOCK OMELETTE - served with hollandaise sauce - 6.50

SESAME BUTTERFLY TIGER PRAWNS - with pak choi, bean shoots, sweet chilli relish - 6.95

DUCK & PORK PATE - with a toasted croute and roasted tomato country chutney - 5.95

#### MAINS

ROAST TURKEY - chipolata & bacon, cranberry and orange stuffing, roast potatoes and vegetables - 10.50

CONFIT DUCK LEG - with roasted root vegetables & apricot stuffing - 13.00

PAN ROASTED COD LOIN - wrapped in smoked bacon & dill, served with bubble & squeak - 14.00

PAN SEARED PORK MEDALLIONS - honey & ginger glazed parsnips, rosemary roasted potatoes - 14.00

ROAST BREAST OF CHICKEN - in a pearl barley & leek broth with mini herb dumplings - 12.95

ROASTED VEGETABLE STRUDEL (V) - with rich vegetarian gravy - 8.95

8oz SIRLOIN STEAK - hand cut chips, saute green beans & red onions - 15.95 (£2 surcharge on wine & dine)

BEER BATTER HADDOCK & CHIPS - tartare sauce, pea & mint puree, hand cut chips. 12.50

KENTISH KORKER SAUSAGES - with whole grain mustard mash & onion rings 8.95

BLACKENED FILLET OF SALMON - crushed new potatoes & wilted spinach 10.00

GOURMET CHARGRILLED BEEF BURGER - slow cooked pulled beef in a BBQ sauce & hand cut chips 10.50

#### SIDE ORDERS - £3.00

Fresh Cooked Chunky Chips - Steamed Vegetables - Garden Salad - Saute Green Beans and Red onion, Buttered Kale - Wilted Spinach - Creamed Potato Mash

#### DESSERTS

OLD SCHOOL PUDDING - Choice of Traditional Christmas Pudding with Brandy Cream OR please ask what delightful old fashioned pudding we have today 5.50

MINCEMEAT STRUDEL - with vanilla custard - 5.95

BRANDY SNAP MILLE FEUILLE - layers of brandy snap with lashings of orange & mandarin cream - 6.00

STRAWBERRY CREME BRULE - with triple chocolate shortbread - 6.50

CHOCOLATE FUDGE CAKE - with Christmas pudding ice cream - 5.50

FRESH FRUIT SALAD - seasonal fruits & berries with fresh cream 4.95

A SELECTION OF BRITISH ARTISAN CHEESES - grapes, roasted tomato chutney 6.95

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Still taking bookings for Christmas NEW MENU in January

# WINE & DINE

Lunch & Dinner in the Restaurant with **UNLIMITED** wine £25.00pp OFFER VALID MON-SAT



On any day Monday - Saturday enjoy up to three courses from our main menu

**for just £25!!!**

and we treat you to **unlimited wine** (a glass of house red, white or rose wine) with your meal.

OFFER TERMS  
LUNCH AND DINNER MONDAY - SATURDAY  
SERVED IN RESTAURANT AND BISTRO  
TELL YOUR WAITRESS YOU WANT THE OFFER  
YOUR WHOLE TABLE MUST TAKE THE OFFER

## 'END OF AN ERA' OFFER

### Our amazing £25 deal WINE & DINE

gets even better from January to March  
**BOOK A TABLE OF SIX OR MORE**  
and enjoy three courses of top quality  
food plus your wine for just

**£20 A HEAD!!!**

You will absolutely not get a better  
opportunity to enjoy lunch or dinner  
anywhere in Kent for that price!

**SEE OUT THE ROFFEN IN STYLE!**

## BUSINESS CLUB LUNCH

Wednesdays once a month - Friendly and informal. Contact Ian on [ian.martin@misonline.com](mailto:ian.martin@misonline.com)  
Next Lunch is the Christmas Extravaganza on Wednesday 20 December

## COMING SOON

### THE CLUB 32nd BIRTHDAY PARTY - SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY

Definitely put that date in your diary!!! We have THE CHOOS playing live and it will be enormous!  
We will offer tickets to all our members first this time - guests will be welcome but only after members have their tickets.

PLUS - More than our normal party selection to really see winter off with a bang!!

**JANUARY COMEDY NIGHT - SWING NIGHT - SOUL NIGHT - FEBRUARY COMEDY NIGHT  
THE LAST, LAST, LAST, BIG QUIZ NIGHT and lots, lots more to come.**

### SATURDAY 31st MARCH - THE 'END OF AN ERA' PARTY

Another one for your diary - this will be massive! Members Only. Limited to 400

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
**2018**  
THE HOTTEST PARTIES THE COOLEST VENUES THE BIGGEST NIGHT

**SATURDAY 31st DECEMBER**  
**THE ROFFEN CLUB**  
THE ROFFEN CLUB - ROFFEN SUITE - VENUE BAR

Complimentary Bubbly on arrival  
Free drinks voucher for everyone in Fancy dress

Disco playing in The Venue all night  
'Sold on Soul' playing live 9-12.30  
Free party hats & poppers at midnight

Running Buffet Dinner 8.30-10.30  
Cooked Breakfast 1.00-2.00  
Discounted Wine and Champers all night

**DRESS - Fancy dress or smart and glamorous**

**TICKETS - £24.50 members, £28.50 guests**  
Get a group together to celebrate in style!!!

**THIS IS WITHOUT DOUBT**  
**THE BEST NYE PARTY IN TOWN**

## END OF AN ERA PARTIES

Starting in January we are going to throw some members-only parties and dinners to thank you all for your amazing loyalty over all these years.

### WE ARE WORKING ON THE PROGRAMME

We hope to host a dinner for everyone who has been a member longer than 20 years. A similar event for everyone who has been with the club over 10 years, and a party for everyone who has been a member for over 5 years, and then parties for our more recent members. All the details to follow.....

### THROW YOUR OWN PARTIES!

#### £50 behind the bar - 20% off food

The Venue Bar and The Roffen Suite will be open and running until the very last day so why not get a group of friends together, or celebrate something from years ago, like a wedding or anniversary held here.

**No Room Hire, £50 cash behind the bar and 20% off food for any member throwing a party in January, February or March.**

(parties need at least 40 guests)

## END OF AN ERA FAQ's

### ANSWERS TO YOUR PERFECTLY REASONABLE QUESTIONS

**WHY DID YOU SELL?** Brian is 67 and has run the club since he was 31. Sara is now the M.D. The problem is that if anything happened to either partner neither would want to run the club alone. Time passes and we had to look to the future and retirement and so we obviously had to sell at some time.

**WHY DID THE CLUB NOT CONTINUE?** We had two interested parties who were looking at taking over but in the end neither made an offer. It would have been amazing if the club could just have continued but any new owner would have had to deal with the vastly increased competition in both health clubs and wedding venues plus ever rising costs and who knows how that would have turned out?

**WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THE AMAZING CLUB STAFF?** All of the club staff will receive full redundancy pay from us when we close and then some of our staff will hopefully be employed by the new owners - you can't run a building like this without great people working alongside you.

**WILL WE NOTICE ANY CHANGES BETWEEN NOW AND APRIL?** No is the short answer. We will be open until the very last day. The club will then be thoroughly cleaned and handed over to the new owners in immaculate condition, still fully equipped as it is now. You should see no change at all in our service, decor, food or staffing. We will go out with heads high and leaving a good name and lots of amazing memories of the 37 years since The Roffen first opened back in 1981.

**WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE BUILDING?** That is up to the new owners. The original plan was to keep running the Health Club and Function Rooms for the foreseeable future but sadly that plan met with too many difficulties and so having purchased the club it is now for the new owners to decide the best way to go for the future.

**HOW DO WE CLAIM OUR MONTHS FREE MEMBERSHIP?** **Do nothing is the answer.** We will automatically stop claiming any Direct Debits beyond 28th February and if you paid up front then you will get a cheque in early January for every day you paid for beyond the 28th February - so everyone gets the whole of March completely FREE!!! All classes will continue, nothing will change, we will be here as normal until the last day.

**ARE YOU STILL BOOKING FUNCTIONS?** **YES** - and you get a great deal as well. **END OF AN ERA OFFER** - Any party you book for 40+ guests you get £50 behind the bar and 20% off all the food you order (and remember for the Venue Bar you don't even have to order food!). Organise a get-together at a great price.

**AND ARE YOU TAKING ON NEW MEMBERS?** - **YES** - Tell your friends that we are now going to offer all our memberships at a fixed up front price through to the end of March. **THREE MONTHS FOR TWO** - It starts now at £90 for a Gold, £60 for a Silver and £10 for Social. Get fit for Spring!!!

# FREE MEMBERSHIP FOR ALL OUR MEMBERS

As promised we are going to give every one of our loyal members a month FREE as a big 'thank you' before we close.

The club will operate exactly as normal until we close our doors on Saturday 31st March. Nothing will change, the bars and restaurant will be open and hosting lots of special offers (more details in the January Newsletter), the Roffen Suite will be throwing some great parties including a members only farewell extravaganza on Saturday 31st March, and the Health Club and all the classes will continue until we close.

## MEMBERSHIP FEE REFUNDS

In January we will be posting out refund cheques to everyone who has paid in full. Those refund cheques will be accurate to the day and refund any money you have paid for membership beyond the 28th February 2018. **All of March will be FREE of charge.** For those on Direct Debit we will only claim your monthly payments due until exactly the 28th February 2018. On that date we will delete all your bank details.

## NEW MEMBERS - YOUR FRIENDS CAN STILL ENJOY 3 MONTHS FOR 2.

In the meantime anyone wishing to join from now for January, February and March can still enjoy membership until the end of March by paying a fixed sum of £90 for GOLD, £60 for SILVER, and £10 for SOCIAL. No point missing out on a quick bit of keep fit for the Spring!!! They can benefit from this offer from right now - so why not make it an early Christmas present for someone close by buying one in advance.

**ENJOY THE 'END OF AN ERA' AT THE ROFFEN - SEE US OUT IN STYLE**

## CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFERS

### "JINGLE ALL THE WAY"

Package 1, Full Body Exfoliation, Massage & Delightful Facial

**£65** Usual Price £75

### "WINTER WONDERLAND"

Package 2, Relaxing Body Wrap, Express Facial, Free Head Massage

**£70** Usual Price £80

**Gift Vouchers Available**

**Call Penny 07825157654**

*T&C 50% deposit is required at the time of booking*

# BRING A FRIEND FOR FREE

## EVERY FRIDAY

IN DECEMBER & JANUARY

Bring a friend as a Guest to use the Health Club and join the Classes.

### HAVE FUN IN THE CLUB

Let them have a free trial with you.

If they join for the last three months at the special END OF AN ERA prices above you get a FREE bottle of PROSECCO to enjoy at the bar!

## CLASSES

All classes will continue as normal

**NO CHANGES**

Just keep on enjoying then as you always have.

### WEIGHT WATCHERS

Weight Watchers will continue for the time being and they will contact their members in due course.

### BEAUTY CLINIC

Penny will continue to serve all her loyal customers and her latest offer is shown here - enjoy Christmas with Penny.