The 1818 Society British Chapter

The Association of World Bank Group Alumni

18 November 2026

REUNION AND CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Date: Saturday 5 December 2026

Venue: The Kingsley Thistle Holborn Hotel
36-37 Bloomsbury Way, Holborn, London, WC1A 2SD
Tel: 0207 523 5059 - from overseas + (44) (0)207 523 059

The Kingsley Thistle Holborn Hotel is located a few minute's walk from Holborn Underground station. Alternatively, there are many buses along Southampton Row with stops close to Holborn Station. From Holborn station, walk along Southampton Row, turning into Vernon Place which becomes Bloomsbury Way. The Hotel is on the right a short distance along Bloomsbury Way.

Time: Reception: 12 noon - 1.00 pm in the Kingsley Bar.
Lunch: 1.00 - 3.00 pm in the Kingsley Two Brasserie Restaurant.

Cost: **£80** per person, including pre-lunch reception followed by lunch in the Kingsley Two Brasserie Restaurant.
***Drinks during lunch to be purchased and paid for by participants at table*.**

Booking: Please complete and return the attached booking form to David Potten, noting mode of payment by Bank Transfer, Cheque or Cash on the day.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR BOOKING FORM, NOTING PAYMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Rooms: Participants wishing to stay overnight at the Kingsley Thistle Holborn Hotel will be required to make their own bookings direct with the Hotel. There are also several other popular hotels in the Holborn area of London offering a wide range of prices to suit.

NOTE: We have held a number of very successful Christmas events at the Thistle Hotel Holborn in the past and are delighted to be returning there. Your support of such functions is important and, if the number of participants declines, the Board will review whether the event should continue. With the repeat inclusion of seasonal festive appeal, we hope very much that you will decide to participate again (or indeed for the first time) and meet with friends and colleagues. First-timers and/or those alone can be assured of a warm welcome and introduction to many members of similar interests and experience.

David Potten, Chair

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BOOKING FORM

ANNUAL WINTER REUNION AND CHRISTMAS LUNCH

12 noon to 3.00pm, Saturday 5 December, 2026

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Tel: 020 7523 5059 - from overseas + (44) (0)207 523 5059

Name of Member:

Name of Spouse/Partner:

Name(s) of Guest(s): ……

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Telephone Contact No:

Reception and lunch: No: @ £80.00 per head - Total: £00.00

Please indicate how you wish to pay and total amount:

a) **Bank transfer for £**...80.. to **"1818 Society"**
√ BACS HSBC Sort Code is 40-11-58 / Account No. 40281271
made payable to 1818 FOLLOWED BY YOUR SURNAME - which is essential for correct payment.

b) **Cash or cheque £** ..... on the day.

Please select courses from the Menu below and indicate vegetarian or other special dietary needs.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM AS POSSIBLE BY EMAIL (Preferred) OR TO:

David Potten
Chair
The 1818 Society British Chapter
157 Wellesley Avenue South
NORWICH
NR1 4AD

Please direct any queries regarding this event to:
E-mail: davidpotten@compuserve.com
Telephone: From overseas: + (44) (0) 773366 4270.

KINGSLEY THISTLE HOLBORN HOTEL, LONDON
2026 CHRISTMAS MENU
Please select your choice for each course.

Starters

Oak Smoked Salmon NGCI
Roast candy beetroot, sour cream & chives, Pickled fennel, caper crisps.

Chicken & Ham Hock Terrine
Piccallili, cornichons, winter leaf & cress salad, sourdough crostini.

Goat's Cheese, Caramelised Red Onion & Truffle Arancini V
Charred radicchio, basil pesto, Italian hard cheese.

Parsnip Soup NGCI, VG
Spiced potato croutons, garden peas, fresh chives, herb oil.

Mains

Roast Turkey & Seasonal Trimmings NGCI on request
Roast potatoes, pigs in blankets, sage & onion stuffing, Honey roast parsnips, butter braised carrots, Brussels sprouts, chestnuts, cranberry sauce, turkey jus.

Beetroot Wellington VG
Roast potatoes, sage & onion stuffing, honey roast parsnips, carrots, Brussels sprouts, cranberry sauce, savoury vegetable jus.

Slow-Braised Feather Blade of Hereford Beef NGCI
Lardons of bacon, glazed onions & button mushrooms, white truffle potato cake, sautéed spinach, red wine jus.

Roast Cod Loin NGCI
Shellfish bisque, clams, mussels, tiger prawns, parsley mash, charred green onions, red peppers, curly kale.

Chargrilled Corn-Fed Chicken Supreme NGCI
Romesco sauce, charred green onions, sprouting broccoli & red peppers, chicken jus, white truffle potato cake.

Desserts

Panettone Bread & Butter Pudding V
Spiced custard and Christmas pudding ice cream.

Santa's Hat V
Chocolate mousse, raspberry gel, coconut sable.

Gingerbread Cheesecake
Gingerbread crumbs and orange candy.

Chocolate & Cherry Dome VG, NGCI
Dark chocolate shell, chocolate mousse, cherries.

British Artisan Cheeseboard
Quince jelly, celery, sourdough.
(£5pp supplement).

NB. Menu subject to change due to product availability.
V indicates suitable for Vegetarians. **VG** indicates suitable for Vegans.
NGCI indicates No Gluten-Containing Ingredients. **N** indicates Nuts.