

# Reciprocal Clubs

Two members share their experiences from recent stays at clubs across the Atlantic

## The Cumberland Club

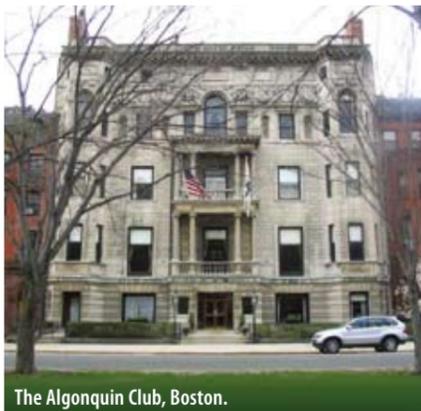
This club has no accommodation but reciprocal members enjoy a significant discount at the nearby Portland Harbour Hotel. The dining facilities, club house and food are first class and the welcome was very warm.  
116 High Street, Portland,  
Maine 04101. Tel: 001 207 773 6402.  
www.cumberlandclub.org

## The Algonquin Club

This club, centrally located, has bedrooms, a restaurant, a bar and a business centre. It is housed in an elegant building about 100 years old. Reciprocal members are offered a very friendly reception. The food is good but visitors should request a quiet bedroom away from the club kitchens. Car parking is slightly remote from the club and expensive.  
217 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston,  
Massachusetts 02116. Tel: 001 617 266 2400. www.algonquinclub.com

## The Missouri Athletic Club

This large and splendid club has bedrooms, a restaurant, a café and a bar.



The Algonquin Club, Boston.



The Cumberland Club, Portland.

It is absolutely first class and provides great value. A swimming pool and gym are also available. The food is excellent and I enjoyed one of the best steaks I have ever eaten. The club facilities are very reasonably priced and parking at a fair rate is available in the club's adjacent car park.  
405 Washington Avenue, St Louis,  
Missouri 63102. Tel: 001 314 231 7220.  
www.mac-stl.org  
Bob Porter

## The Union League of Philadelphia

I recently stayed at the Union League in Philadelphia for my goddaughter's wedding. Most of the guests had chosen a hotel down the street and were envious of my accommodation, which was much nicer for a similar price. However, the general public can book rooms at the Union League and

it is more like a hotel than a club. I gather several American clubs have gone down this route for financial reasons. The club is only two blocks away from City Hall and near to the main railway station. Taxis are cheap and parking is \$30 for 24 hours. Jackets and shirts with collars are required. The club is vast, with a choice of restaurants and bars. My bedroom was large and well appointed. An excellent breakfast was included in the room price.  
140 South Broad Street, Philadelphia,  
Pennsylvania 19102. Tel: 001 215 563 6500 www.unionleague.org  
Noelle L'Hommedieu

*A letter of introduction is required at each of the four clubs and you must also produce your Club membership card on arrival. The clubs all operate a dress code.*

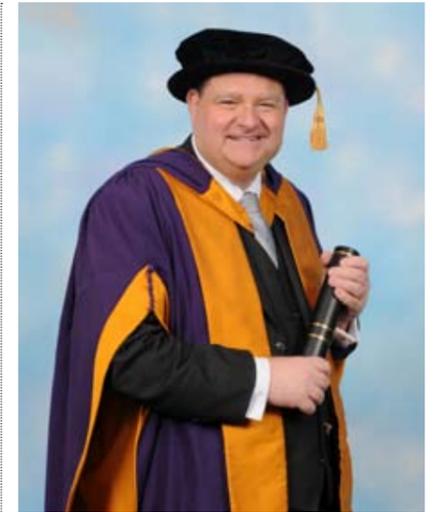
# Club Secretary receives an Honorary Doctorate

The Club Secretary, Alistair Telfer, is known for his modesty about his achievements outside the Club. It was only by chance that I discovered, a few days in advance of the event, that the University of West London, formerly Thames Valley University, was about to confer on him an Honorary Doctorate at a ceremony held in November 2010. The degree was conferred by the Vice Chancellor. After initial resistance he reluctantly consented to details of the award being publicised in *Club News*. The University is in the process of changing its name to the University of West London and the degree ceremony was one of its

first acts using the new name.

Alistair has a long connection with the University. He graduated in 1986 with a Higher National Diploma in Hospitality Management, obtained a Post Graduate Diploma in 1991 and was awarded an MBA in 1993.

He was a Governor of the University from 2000 to 2010, Chairman of the Audit and Risk Committee from 2006 to 2009 and a member of the Governance and Nominations Committee from 2005 to 2010. He joined the Alumni Board in 2008 and is still an active member. He has been closely involved in giving advice on the development of the University's School of Hospitality and Tourism.



On behalf of the Club I warmly congratulate Alistair on this well-deserved award. I am sure that it will give great pleasure to members and that many of those who know him personally will wish to add their individual congratulations when they next meet him.

*Christopher Jordan*

## THE CLUBHOUSE FACADE

Approximately seventeen coats of paint were removed from the facade before it was repainted this Summer.

