London Press Club

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I (full name, block capitals) _____wish to become a member of the London Press Club and, if elected, agree to be bound by the Memorandum, Articles of Association and Bye Laws of the club.

Class of membership applied for: **Ordinary**, **Group** (please specify group, e.g. NUJ_____), **Overseas**, **Student**, **Associate**, **Retired** (please circle your preference)

Private address: _____

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_____ Postcode _____

Occupation: _____

Business address: _____

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_____ Postcode _____

Business tel/fax/e-mail: _____

Private tel/fax/e-mail: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

The above candidate is personally known to us and we believe him/her to be a suitable person to be elected to the London Press Club. We are members of the club.

Proposer: _____*(block capitals)* Signature: _____

Seconder: _____*(block capitals)* Signature: _____

NOTES: *A cheque/standing order form should accompany the application. Subscription rates (including VAT) are:* **Ordinary £69.00, Group £46.00, Overseas £40.25, Student £34.50, Associate £178.25, Retired £34.50.** *All London Press Club subscriptions become renewable on October 1 each year. If an applicant is* ***not*** *elected his/her cheque will be returned.*

THE LONDON PRESS CLUB

THE LONDON PRESS CLUB can trace its origins back to 28 October 1882 when George Augustus Sala, a prominent journalist, illustrator and cartoonist of his day, presided over the inaugural dinner at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. Over the years the Club has been situated in many parts of London, all associated with the press, and we moved into our new premises in the St Bride Institute, Fleet Street, in the spring of 2000. Since then we have gone from strength to strength.

A founder member of the European Federation of Press Clubs, the London Press Club played a leading role in the launch of the International Association of Press Clubs and Foreign Correspondents' Centres in Dubai in 2000. As a result Club members have access to 60 Press Clubs worldwide including Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Russia, Spain, Switzerland, Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Dubai, Japan, USA and many others. We also have reciprocal visiting arrangements in London with the Foreign Press Association (Carlton House Terrace) which has bar and dining facilities. In addition, the St Bride Institute itself is home to the famous St Bride Printing Library, the St Bride Printing Museum and the Bridewell Theatre.

Social functions, lectures, exhibitions and outings are organised throughout the year. Highlights amongst these are the Christmas lunch (held at such venues as the Garrick Club and the Athenaeum Club), regular monthly drinks evenings in the Johnson Bar of Ye Old Cheshire Cheese in Fleet Street and the Summer and New Year parties. Other events have included exhibitions - such as 'A Century of Front Pages', 'The Top 100 20th Century British Cartoonists', '60 Years of Royal Front Pages' (attended by Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh), '300 Years of Fleet Street' (attended by Prince Charles) – and visits to the London Eye, Lord's Cricket Ground, the British Library, the Farnborough Air Show, the National Newspaper Archives and the offices of the *Daily Telegraph*.

In addition the Club administers the highly prestigious annual London Press Club Awards Luncheon (sponsored by British Gas), featuring such famous awards as Scoop of the Year, the Edgar Wallace Award for Fine Writing, Business Journalist of the Year, Broadcasting Journalist of the Year, Consumer Affairs Journalist of the Year, and Daily and Sunday Newspaper of the Year. Guests of honour at these awards have included Prime Minister Tony Blair - who in 2001 chose the occasion to announce to the world that he had begun to wear reading glasses, thereby giving the Club itself a worldwide scoop! – Lord Robertson (head of NATO), Home Secretary David Blunkett, Liberal Democrate Leader Nick Clegg and Conservative Party Leaders Michael Howard and David Cameron.

The Club also has an interactive website and produces a glossy quarterly magazine *Press News*, filled with news and views of the world of the press and other media - together with reports of all our functions - which is sent free to all members. And members of the Press Club can join the Commonwealth Club at a large discount.

There are various levels of membership and amongst our corporate members are such household names as Camelot, Ladbrokes, Rolls-Royce, Deloitte & Touche, Trinity Mirror, City of London, Federation of Small Businesses, BAE Systems, Barclays, BNFL, the Agricultural Biotechnology Council and British Gas (Centrica plc). Individual members come from a wide spectrum of the media including national and regional journalists, newspaper and magazine editors, broadcasters, cartoonists, photographers, PR consultants, cultural attachés of foreign embassies, press historians and academics, syndication agencies, and many others – and retired and student members are also welcome.

Founded 1882

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