

**December
2023**

number 63 newsletter



Ann Garvie, Chair

Welcome to our December newsletter. It is wonderful to be able to wish you all a merry end of the year and give you a sense of 2023 at number 63.

The occupancy level at Hotel 63 at the end of November was 80% and December at present is at 64 percent. You will see further statistics in the Hotel 63 Update section.

We are continuing to address the issue of replacing and renewing the areas of the building and the fixtures and fittings as they arise and look forward to being able to implement a planned approach to the needs of this Grade II listed property in the New Year. This will need to be funded and our focus going forward will be on raising the necessary cash for this.

Christmas is the time of the year when you treat yourself, but above all you treat others. Do think of Hotel 63 on your next visit to London. It is a great place to stay, meet friends, or hold a meeting or event.

Best wishes to you all. I am sending you season's greetings and here's to a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Yours,
Ann

Hotel 63 update

In November, Booking.com gave us 88 reservations with 177 room nights, the website 50 reservations with 112 room nights and direct bookings by phone 75 reservations, 119 bed nights. An overview of accommodation occupancy for 2023...

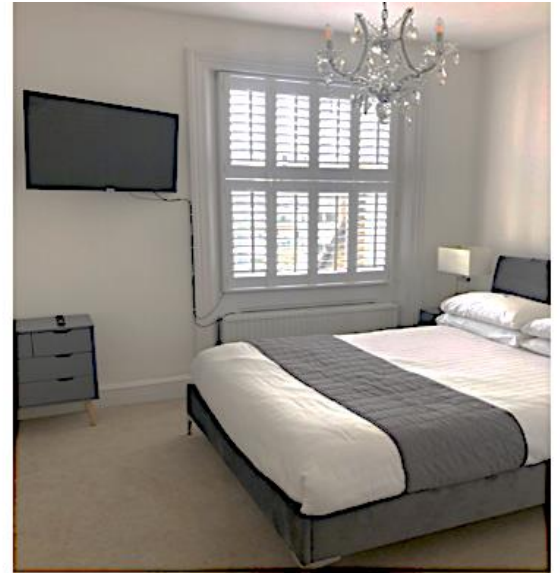
JANUARY	37%
FEBRUARY	61%
MARCH	65%
APRIL	86%
MAY	87%
JUNE	93%
JULY	86%
AUGUST	66%
SEPTEMBER	87%
OCTOBER	79%
NOVEMBER	80%
DECEMBER	64%



Hotel 63 on Bayswater Road

The suite gave us only four reservations for 8 nights. Here is a reminder of what the suite offers.... It is on the fourth floor and is £300.00 per night when you book directly. As you see there is a bedroom with a double bed, a living room and a bathroom with a shower. You will be pleased to know that the lift does reach the 4th floor, too.

Open
24/7



500 Club update



*Pat Dale, 500 Club
Administrator*

500 Club was started by Anne Hudson in 1994. The idea was to raise funds for ongoing support towards the maintenance of the "63" club.

Your support is needed more than before. There may be many new members who can be made aware of our Hotel 63 and this way of supporting its continuation. You, a Club, a Region or any non - non-Soroptimist can buy a number, it costs £12 for the year and there is no limit to how many numbers you can have. The draw takes place on the last Friday of each month and two numbers get £50. 50% of all contributions help with the continuing maintenance, 45% is issued as prize money and 5% is for administration costs. See the form to complete on the next page.

In friendship
Pat Dale



Number 63 (Sorooptimist) Limited 500 Club

I wish to subscribe for number(s) in the **500 Club** for 12 monthly draws

- ☐ Paying by BACs for **£12 per number reference 500 and your surname**
Number 63 (Sorooptimist) Ltd 500 Club
- ☐ by enclosing a cheque for **£12 per number payable to Number 63 (Sorooptimist) Ltd 500 Club**
- ☐ by Standing Order at **£12 per number to be renewed annually**

Name.....

Address..... email.....

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Phone Number..... Club..... Region.....

GDPR Please confirm that you are happy for me to keep your records for the sole purpose of 500 Club.

Please tick, highlight or circle how to contact you - I consent to be contacted by email/phone/post

Payment by Standing Order

Please accept my Payment for the Number 63 (Sorooptimist) Ltd 500 Club to be paid by Standing Order until cancelled by me in writing.

Please pay the sum of £..... annually to: -

Nat West Bank PLC Account name: Number 63 (Sorooptimist) Ltd 500 Club

**52 Fawcett Street
Sunderland
Tyne & Wear
SR1 1SB**

**Account number: 36354015
Sort code: 55-61-11**

Name of Account Holder.....

ToBank

Ref No.....(leave blank)

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Home Address.....

Bank Address.....

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Signature.....

Account Number.....

Start Date.....until further notice.

Please return the entire form to: -

Pat Dale, 187 Addington Road, South Croydon, CR2 8LN

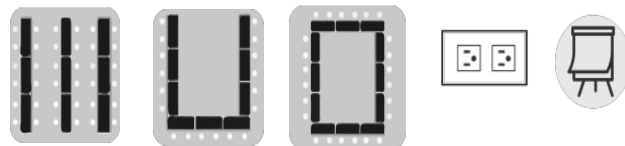
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Hire number 63 Hotel for meetings and events.

We have two meeting rooms for hire for meetings, events, or conferences for **business** or **personal** use.



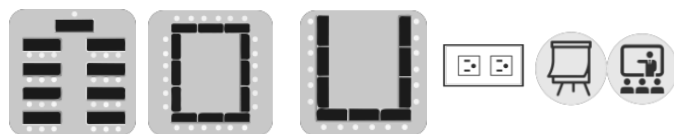
1. Dining room, which is available after 10.30 am, and can be used for up to 14 board room style or 16 cabaret style.



Dining Room layout and facilities



2. Large meeting room can accommodate up to 30 people theatre style, 24 cabaret style and up to 16 board room style. The room has full Wi-Fi, an interactive whiteboard (laptop provided, a data projector and a flip chart).



Large Meeting Room layout and facilities

Meeting Room Hire Charges:

- ⌚ Per hour: £60.00
- ⌚ Half Day up to 4 hours: £200.00
- ⌚ 5 Hours: £240.00
- ⌚ 6 Hours: £265.00
- ⌚ Full Day up to 8 hours: £350.00

Refreshments All prices are per person and inclusive of VAT. Food needs to be ordered and paid for 7 days in advance of the booking. Final numbers can be confirmed up to 7 working days prior.

- Coffee & Tea with Biscuits £4.00 per person. (Served twice only)
- Fruit Juice (10 people) £9.00
- Pastry Stop Danish pastries plus tea or coffee £8.00 per person.
- Cake Breaks Selection of cakes plus tea or coffee £10.00 per person.
- Selection of Fresh Sandwiches £12.00 per person

Please make us aware of any food allergies or special dietary requirements.

We can provide allergen information about ingredients on request.

Booking - contact us at info@hotel63.co.uk or call 0207 723 8575.

December Events in London

(taken from Visit London website www.visitlondon.com)



Covent Garden at Christmas. © Brendan Bell. Image courtesy of Covent Garden.

Feel the capital's festive spirit all month long during **Christmas in London**. See fantastic light displays, watch a seasonal performance and go ice skating at outdoor rinks at famous landmarks throughout December. **1-31 Dec**

Chanukah Menorah in Trafalgar Square

Visit Trafalgar Square during London's annual **Chanukah Menorah** celebration to add a touch of sparkle to your winter plans. The special Jewish festival of lights is commemorated with the lighting of a new lamp on the giant menorah each day. **7-14 Dec**

Christmas Eve

Finish your Christmas shopping and catch a pantomime on **Christmas Eve** in London. Invite friends and family along for a festive lights tour, book tickets for a musical or enjoy carols at a cathedral.

24 Dec



Christmas Day



Tower Bridge in the Snow on Christmas Day © Robert Bye / Unsplash. Image courtesy of Robert Bye / Unsplash.

Savour the quiet of the capital by exploring London on **Christmas Day**. Watch the Peter Pan Cup swim in Hyde Park, before tucking into Christmas dinner at a festive pub. **25 Dec**

New Year's Eve

Say goodbye to 2023 by celebrating **New Year's Eve** in London. Meet with friends for a big night out, catch a year-end theatre show or live music performance, or take an [NYE cruise on the River Thames](#) with views of the fireworks. **31 Dec**



New Year's Eve in London. Image courtesy of Shutterstock.

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New Year's Eve fireworks



Say goodbye to the year with a brilliant fireworks display on New Year's Eve in London. Image courtesy of Shutterstock. 31 Dec

Unmissable January events

January is one of the best months to visit. The January sales are on, so you can shop at some of London's top shopping destinations for less. London's attractions are quieter than usual this month, so it's a great time to enjoy a stroll around a museum and avoid queues at popular London attractions.



A marching band dressed in yellow and blue walk through confetti at the New Year's Day Parade

1. **Watch the spectacular New Year's Day Parade:** Cheer on the marching brass bands, colourful performers and elaborate floats. **1 Jan.**
2. **Explore Warner Bros. Studio Tour - The Making of Harry Potter:** See the Harry Potter film studios that bring it to life through authentic sets, interactive special effects displays, and much more.
3. **Enjoy fairground fun at Winter Wonderland in Hyde Park:** Ride the carousel or brave the loops of the rollercoasters. **Until 1 Jan**
4. **Cheer on runners at the Serpentine New Year's Day Races:** Head to Hyde Park for the New Year's Day 10K Race or 3K Fun Run. **1 Jan**
5. **Celebrate British music and culture at the New Year's Day Proms:** Kick off 2024 with fantastic performances from talented artists at Barbican Hall. **1 Jan**
6. **Discover top music acts at the UK Americana Music Week 2024:** Attend this exciting conference, awards show and music festival that introduces Americana (roots, blues, folk and alt-country music) talent from around the world. **22-25 Jan**
7. **Catch John Primer at the January Blues Festival:** Camden welcomes the Chicago Living Legend, and special guest, for a night of spectacular blues performances. **17 Jan**
8. **Watch the latest works in film at the London Short Film Festival:** Be moved by short stories captured on screen. **19-28 Jan**
9. **Celebrate the Year of the Dragon in 2024:** Join the **Chinese New Year celebrations** in London, in previous years you could enjoy an annual parade, live performances and festivals.

Theatre shows in London



10. **Journey through China's 5,000 years of divinely inspired culture at Shen Yun 2024:** Experience profound wisdom from dynasties past and ethnic traditions through classical dance, authentic costumes and an enchanting live Orchestra. **26 Jan-4 Feb**
11. **Don't miss Guys and Dolls at the Bridge Theatre:** The popular musical fable of Broadway comes to London with more songs, laughs and romance than any show ever written.
12. **Be moved by the haunting story of innocence and betrayal at Giselle at the London Coliseum:** This enthralling production promises some of ballet's most dramatic performances.

Exhibitions in London

13. **Journey across seven continents at the BBC Earth Experience:** Marvel at epic footage from the award-winning Seven Worlds, One Planet, narrated by the legendary Sir David Attenborough.
14. **Delve into the life of the King of Rock n' Roll at Direct from Graceland: Elvis Presley:** See more than 400 artifacts from the late great singer and movie star.
15. **Celebrate 100 years of magic a Disney 100: The Exhibition at ExCel London:** Immerse yourself in the world of Disney and explore more than 250 rarely-seen costumes, props and Disney memorabilia.



16. **Delve into the career of the world's most talked about artist at The Art of Banksy:** See iconic pieces such as Girl with Balloon, Flower Thrower, Rude Copper, and many more.
17. **See the latest exhibition at The Queen's Gallery at Buckingham Palace:** Explore Holbein at the Tudor Court, a unique collection of drawings, paintings and miniatures. **Until 14 Apr**
18. **Don't miss Beguiling Beni: Safflower Red in Japanese Fashion at the Victoria and Albert Museum:** Discover the use of this vibrant, versatile material in Japanese fashion. **Until Mar**
19. **See the Fans Hals exhibition at the National Gallery:** Four hundred years since the paintings were first created, learn all about the works of this gifted artist. **Until 24 Jan**
20. **Discover the works of British artist Sarah Lucas at Tate Britain:** A unique exhibition that explores what makes us human by using ordinary objects in unexpected ways. **Until 26 Feb**
21. **Explore Capturing the Moment at Tate Modern:** Journey through 100 years of painting and photography from 39 different artists. **Until 28 Apr**
22. **Catch a planetarium show at the Royal Observatory Greenwich:** Explore our planets, solar system and beyond as it unfolds right before your eyes.