

To Beefsteak, Boodle's, Brook's, Buck's, White's, to the Bath & Racquets Club, the East India Club, the Flyfisher's Club, the Savage Club, the Savile Club, the Travellers Club, Turf, and Portland and others:

As we celebrate the Garrick Club's decision to move out of the dark ages and finally admit female members, we remind other elite all-male clubs that their sexist membership policies raise similar questions of power, class privilege and discrimination. Many of your members include royals, Peers, former prime ministers, MPs, senior members of the judiciary, barristers, actors, and other influential men. To have *only* male power concentrated in a club that excludes half of the population is the very embodiment of anti-women.

We do acknowledge that no two clubs are alike in the particulars of their discrimination, instead offering women an absurd collection of exceptions no longer quaint but merely patronising: Bath & Racquets now permits women to watch (not participate in) an all-male squash game from the safety of the gallery (NB: phones are banned, as are women); women are fine at Travellers, so long as they do not enter the smoking room and cocktail bar (among the justifications given for this policy by male members: "hen parties would appear and shrill voices be heard" - heaven forbid a woman's voice is heard); Mayfair's Savile Club laudably amended its 150-year-old 'men-only' rule to allow a transgender woman to retain her membership of the club while continuing to exclude all other women; younger attractive women are graciously allowed to attend "nieces' night" at Buck's so long as they entertain the elderly gentlemen; and then there's the East India Club which was founded by and for those who built a legacy on the horrors of colonialism.

We, the undersigned, remain convinced that it is time to end gender-based exclusion and move towards a future where your clubs reflect the equality and inclusivity that define a just society. Barring women does not add exclusivity to your club - it is simply sexist.

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