

cc Robert Butler  
She Goodchild ✓

Prime Minister

MONDAY LUNCHESES

We spoke informally about this recently, when I proposed to you that the present format of our regular Monday lunches for Cabinet colleagues might be varied a bit.

The variations I suggest are that the cycle of four lunches every (parliamentary sitting) month should be a follows:-

1. No lunch on first Monday of the month - more time for you in the flat;
2. Second Monday: normal Cabinet colleagues format, but varied to include one or two selected senior Ministers of State; ✓
3. Third Monday: a lunch for selected non-governmental friends and supporters (eg. Ralph Harris, Peter Bauer, Hugh Thomas, Alfred Sherman [John Redwood & other Policy Unit Staff?]) etc., mixed in with one or two selected Conservative back-benchers *Ministers* (eg. Michael Howard, Anthony Kershaw, Cranley Onslow). Or you might prefer not to have the backbench MPs on such an occasion. If so would you like them on some other occasion in the month?
4. Fourth Monday: repeat Cabinet colleagues as in (2).

Would you like to comment - and add any names that spring to mind for "outside friends" as in para (3)?

*Michael Alison*

*MA*

MICHAEL ALISON

25.4.85

Prime Minister

MONDAY LUNCHES

I attach an earlier minute which I put into your Box about this.

The lunch scheduled for Monday 17th June is the first of the occasional lunches in which you have agreed that some non-Governmental friends and supporters should be included in. I propose the following for the first of these lunches:-

- X Lord Bauer
- Lord Hugh Thomas
- Lord Ralph Harris
- Michael Howard MP
- X Mr George Urban
- Mr Bill Deedes

*Can Willie W come as well - and someone from the Treasury & the F.O.*

With yourself (and myself) that would make a table of eight. As a reserve list I suggest:-

- ✓ Professor Brian Griffiths
- Mr Simon Webley
- Canon Edward Norman
- Rabbi Sir Emmanuel Jakobovits

*We need about 12 chairs*

Would you care to comment on these lists?

Would you like to have a Government Minister included, or the Chief Whip? *Yes - see above*

Would you prefer to have one or more of the Reserve List for the first lunch instead of those I have suggested?

*MA* *None M.P.s. How about Frank Higg Peter Horden and Tony Kershaw.*

MICHAEL ALISON

8.5.85

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Sue Goodchild

MONDAY LUNCHES

I set out below the form for forthcoming Monday lunches:-

13th May - Lunch for colleagues ✓  
20th May - Lunch for 'outsiders' (Buffer lunch here)  
3rd June - FREE Committee Eh(F)  
10th June - Lunch for colleagues ✓  
17th June - Lunch for 'outsiders' ✓  
24th June - Lunch for colleagues ✓  
1st July - FREE  
8th July - Lunch for colleagues x MOD  
15th July - Lunch for 'outsiders' Nothing  
22nd July - Lunch for colleagues  
29th July - FREE

With regard to the note which you sent me, I would therefore suggest that those invited for Monday 3rd June should be invited for Monday 13th May; those invited for Monday 17th June should be invited for Monday 10th June; those invited for Monday 29th July should be invited to lunch on either 13th May, 10th June, 24th June, 8th July or 22nd July if they have not been included in another lunch or as and when spaces occur.

If you still have spaces for Monday 13th May, after inviting John Moore and Malcolm Rifkind, please let me know.

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Sue Goodchild

MONDAY LUNCHES

We spoke about the note I sent you, and I have noted the changes to the list of dates which you mentioned.

The first lunch for "outsiders" is now to take place on Monday, 17th June.

Michael has minuted the Prime Minister about this, and the names for inclusion in the guest list are as follows:-

Lord Hugh Thomas  
Lord Ralph Harris  
Michael Howard MP  
Mr Bill Deedes  
Professor Brian Griffiths

+ Lord Whitelaw  
Malcolm Rifkind  
John Moore

Peter Hordern MP  
Sir Anthony Kershaw MP

+ Michael Alison

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MR. ALISON

Lunches for Colleagues

I attach a list of Ministers who have been invited to the various Colleagues' lunches in May, June and July.

I should be grateful for your advice on which ones I should cancel bearing in mind your minute of 25 April to the Prime Minister.

Sue Goodchild

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30 April 1985

LUNCHEES FOR COLLEAGUES

✓ Monday, 13 May

Rt. Hon. Tom King, MP

↻ C Monday, 3 June ~~Monday, 3 June~~ sw. to 13?

Rt. Hon. Norman Fowler, MP

Rt. Hon. Norman Tebbit, MP

Rt. Hon. Douglas Hurd, MP

✓ Monday, 10 June

Rt. Hon. Peter Rees, MP

Rt. Hon. Nicholas Edwards, MP

C Monday, 17 June sw. to 10?

Rt. Hon. Lord Hailsham of St. Marylebone

Rt. Hon. Peter Walker

✓ Monday, 24 June

Rt. Hon. Nigel Lawson, MP

Rt. Hon. Leon Brittan, MP

✓ Monday, 22 July

Rt. Hon. George Younger, MP

Rt. Hon. Peter Rees, MP

Rt. Hon. Lord Young of Graffham.

?Rt. Hon. Michael Heseltine, MP Reserve

C Monday, 29 July

Rt. Hon. Nigel Lawson, MP

Rt. Hon. Michael Jopling, MP

Rt. Hon. Lord Gowrie

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8.5.85

1. PM
2. MA
3. Bauer
4. Thomas
5. Harris
6. ~~Griffiths~~ M. Howard
7. ? Urban
8. ? Deedes

Res Prof Griffiths  
Simon Webley  
Edward Norman  
Jacobowitz