

# CBC News

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**Dear Member,**

Due to a shortage of news of late I have merged October in with part of November and will probably do the same next month.

It was very sad to hear of the passing of Audrey Orr. Although a recent member of the Club, Audrey was well known by many in the Club as a neighbour and member of the Ladies Probus. She always had a smile for everyone and even when she advised us some months ago that her illness was terminal she bore that news with great dignity. A lovely lady.

I think all of the Ladies have fully recovered from their Bowling tour to Torremolinos at the beginning of October. I have been told that it was a week of laughs from the moment they met at the Airport until their return a week later. That's what it's all about – good company, good fun and a wee game of bowls every day. Unfortunately, the bowls complex has now closed down as the Hotel is being redeveloped and there doesn't seem to be a bowling green included in the plans, so I guess the Ladies will be looking for a new resort in two years time. Organiser, Pat Calder has also decided to hand over the reins to someone else and on behalf of all the Ladies, thanks for all your work, Pat.

October 15<sup>th</sup> saw what, in my opinion, was the best entertainment we have had in the Club for many a year. Not the best singer we have had but with no backing music other than his own guitar, Andy Chung played and sang for over 3 hours on what was a great night. He must come back.

October 15<sup>th</sup> was also the third anniversary of the Public Hall fire when the Bowling Club had a lucky escape. A great deal of effort has gone in to getting the necessary funds to re-build the Hall and although still short of money to fully finance the Project, the first phase in clearing the area should start later this month.

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> saw our annual prize giving and a good crowd was on hand to congratulate all the finalists who were present (I think Bernie Callaghan part funded his forthcoming holiday in New Zealand with his winnings!). It was also good to see a number of members picking up silverware for the first time.

Before the prize giving a cheque for £1,250 was presented to Gordon Swann, Chairman, of the Friends of Corstorphine Hill, being the total raised during our 125 year celebrations. In thanking the Club for its generosity, Gordon highlighted the work done by the volunteers, from keeping paths clear, to planting, organising walks etc. They are always looking for volunteers and membership is as little as £1. ( see [www.corstorphinehill.org.uk](http://www.corstorphinehill.org.uk) )

After another successful quiz night run by Kenny Orr on the 5<sup>th</sup> November, our next organised night is Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Some members have told me they were reluctant to put their name down as they thought it was just a Gin Tasting night. It is not. It is a Disco Night with the opportunity to try one of our new Gins included in the ticket price. If your partner doesn't like Gin then I'm sure you can have his/hers also. The bar will be operating as normal. The Disco comes recommended by the Lady Bowlers who were at a party at London Road Foundry to celebrate their Ladies winning the League. So come along, have a dance or just enjoy the music while having a drink and a chat.

As mentioned last month, the Club (and the bar) needs your support throughout the year. Come along on your own, as a couple, with a group of friends or why not even have a family party night at the Club. Remember each member can sign in 10 guests and if you wish a bigger party, contact David Sutherland to check the club availability. The more people who pop in the better the atmosphere is. The Ladies are gearing up for their Annual Dinner on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November for what is always a very enjoyable night. In addition to the "handsome" bar staff and waiters on duty there is always a crazy cabaret and I'm sure Tuesday will be no different. Have a great night Ladies.

Around the Green a tremendous amount of work has been done and the green is in great condition. Gordon Munro has been using his new tining machine and Scott Powrie (our green keeper) is still cutting the grass and applying treatments. All they need now is some frost to kill the bugs. Gordon has also recently taken delivery of a new steel cabinet to store all the chemicals we use. It has to be so sealed that it does not leak if there is any chemical spill. More expense and another Health & Safety rule. What next, they'll be cancelling an official firework display because of the slightest breeze.

When Gordon was tidying up the hut to make way for the new cabinet, he came across an old set of bowls presented to a George Amos in 1904. You may have heard that name before but can't see his name on the Honours Board. In fact he was Treasurer of the Club from 1909 to 1934 and was made the Club's first honorary life member in 1932. Gordon has polished up the 2 bowls and are well worth going on display.

Within the Club, Bill Cumming has identified a number of items which require to be looked at over the next few years in order to maintain the high standards of refurbishment we currently have. This includes improvements to Sound and Television systems within the Club, the path around the perimeter of the green where the tar is breaking up, chairs and tables within the Club Lounge, floor tiles in the Gents toilet and the flat roof. These and others will be ongoing projects over the next few years and are always subject to having the money. This is why we require your continued support and the main source of funds is through the bar.

And now a couple of stories which highlights why I think this a great club to be a member of.

When Jimmy Vaughan had a Heart Attack 7 months ago and stopped smoking, Ian Murdoch told him he would give him £100 if he was still a non smoker on the first of November. Jimmy not only took up this offer but agreed to match it. Last week Ian came into the Club and duly handed over £100 and Jimmy will now be donating £200 to a local charity.

Marcus Forbes was so impressed by the work of our Ladies, particularly as regards to catering for the Friendlies and our 125 Year celebrations that he wanted to make a donation to them to show his appreciation. As a result, the Ladies have renewed all of the cups, saucers and side plates. What wonderful gestures from the three gentlemen.

You may remember I asked if anyone wished to join the Corstorphine Community Centre and for a volunteer to lay a wreath on behalf of the Club at the Remembrance Service in Kirk Loan on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 11am. No one took up the offer to join the former but I am pleased to advise that Ellen Hay will lay a wreath on behalf of the Club. Lodge St John will be using the Club after the service to serve Tea & Coffee to which all members are invited, The bar will also be open as normal.

October's 100 Club winner is Brian Howe. If you would like to join the "100 Club" please contact Kenny Logan or John McPhail. It costs £24 for the year, half of the money goes to the Club and the winner each month receives approx. £120 (depending on how many in the 100 Club)

I don't normally mention the sick list for fear of missing someone or offending others but I hope you will forgive me if this month I give Theresa Blair and Alister Paterson our best wishes and hope for a speedy recovery.

The Senior's Xmas Lunch is on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December and the Seniors Committee would be obliged if all money (£17) was paid by 28<sup>th</sup> November at the latest. Raffle donations also welcome.

### **On the Social Scene-**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Disco (drink & mixer included in ticket)

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Cabaret.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January – Burns Supper.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March – **Country Style** - see John McPhail or Bill Cumming.

**Congratulations** - go to Mary Birnie & Pat Reid who have significant birthdays this month.

I'm always looking for articles or little stories to tell so please drop me a note anytime.

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