



## **CBC NEWS**

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**Dear member:** Welcome to the latest edition of the CBC News. The editorial staff wish you and yours a very happy Christmas and all the best for 2018. For those of you who are a little under the weather at this time, we wish you a speedy recovery.

### **AGM**

Once again we are preparing for our AGM and looking forward to the 2018/19 bowling season. This means of course that we must select a committee of dedicated volunteers who will do their best to keep our club running and developing. We have seen a lot of new members join the club in recent years and if you fall into that category, please consider how you want your club to develop and what you can do to take it forward. Nominations for our committee are now being sought from all members. If you think you can help, you will find the list in the main entrance hall. Failing that, if you know someone you would like to represent you on the committee, please encourage them to put their names down.

### **So Here It Is, Merry Christmas**

Well, who could complain about our class act this year at the Christmas Cabaret? Our wee club was packed to the gunnels and Diane Fields was indeed a top class vocalist so there was no shortage of compliments from our audience. I, myself, personally was a wee bit disappointed that I did not get my traditional sight for sore eyes, in the shape of Capt Pickard doing his Polish dance routine. However, when Donald McLaren sallied forth on his sleigh to the strains of Jingle Bells, I found my Christmas spirit again. Of course I should not have been concerned. We had not boldly gone very far into our Seniors' lunch when Capt Pickard rose to the occasion. Our very own Poledark took to the floor and my Christmas at CBC was complete. I am also delighted to say that the fleet of ambulances the seniors' committee had thoughtfully requested on standby were not needed this year. We all made it home under our own steam – or perhaps I should say, steaming!

### **Covered for all eventualities**

Whoever did the seating arrangements for the seniors' lunch was adept at contingency planning. Our table was obviously the veterans' table. We had an ex member of the army Pay Corps who would see us okay in any financial crisis, two squaddies from the Black Watch and the Queens Own Highlanders who may be useful in the event of war and an ex RAMC paramedic to deal with any injuries. Fortunately the closest we got to war was the stories we swapped. However, it was touch and go at one point when we discovered that our Pay Corps veteran had stopped the pay of one of the squaddies who found himself doing a short spell in the military prison – aye, I was in good company.

## **New Year, New Year**

So good they named it twice. If you feel like some company to bring in the bells come and join the crowd at CBC. As ever, the bar will be open from 12 mid-day but instead of closing at our usual time the bar will continue dispensing festive spirit and a wide range of other tipples through to 2am in 2018. I know there are a fair number of people who intend to take advantage of the friendliest, cheapest and best bar in town, so round up your friends and family and come and join them.

**Our festive bar opening times:** Gentleman Jim has also asked me to remind you that the festive bar times are as follows:

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| Friday 22 Dec     | 5pm to 11pm    | Saturday 23 Dec   | 12noon to 11pm |
| Sunday 24 Dec     | 12noon to 5pm  | Monday 25 Dec     | Bar closed     |
| Tuesday 26 Dec    | Bar closed     | Wednesday 27 Dec  | 7pm to 11pm    |
| Thursday 28 Dec   | Bar closed     | Friday 29 Dec     | 5pm to 11pm    |
| Saturday 30 Dec   | 12noon to 11pm | Sunday 31 Dec     | 12noon to 2am  |
| Monday 1 Jan 2018 | Bar closed     | Tuesday 2 January | Bar closed     |
| Wednesday 3 Jan   | 7pm to 11pm    |                   |                |

## **Scottish night – the Gathering, 27 Jan 2018**

CBC members will be delighted to know that the attendance list for our Scottish gathering will shortly be up in the bar area. Proceedings will start at 7.30 sharp. The cost will be £5 per ticket to cover the hire of the sound system and provide some Scottish fare to line our stomachs during the interval. Bill and the boys “The Chancers” are busy putting together your entertainment for the evening but they would welcome any in-house talent that is willing to step up and help out. If you can sing a song, tell a story, crack a joke, read a poem, do a jig or anything else Scotland related please have a word with Bill. Failing that, gather your friends, kith and kin and join the gatherin'.

**Significant birthdays:** Many happy returns to Kenny Orr who is celebrating a significant birthday this month.

**Situation vacant:** I have thoroughly enjoyed giving vent to my warped sense of humour through the auspices of CBC news since it started in 2011 and I know that Gentleman Jim enjoyed his editorship in 2016. I am now heading off for some sunshine and Grandpaship. That means there will be a situation vacant at the CBC news studios. Can you help please? If you like the idea of a monthly newsletter and you would like to take the opportunity to take it forward please have a word with me or any of the committee. In the meantime, many thanks to everyone who has helped with news items over the past years and for everyone's support and suggestions.

## **Dates for the diary:**

**Hogmanay social evening** Sun 31 Dec - 12 noon through to 2am Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2018.  
Bring your family and friends, a bite to eat and your tipple of choice too see out the old year and welcome in the new.

**Scottish Night** Sat 27 Jan – 7 for 7.30. The Chancers

**AGM** Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Feb – 7 pm

***John MacPhail, Editor***