

CBC NEWS

Dear member: Welcome to the latest edition of the CBC News.

You stayed and made her heart fly

Ladies' Captain Ann has asked me to pass on the following note of thanks:

"Dear John, Bill, David, John and Ricky. Thank you so much for the wonderful 'Rhythm of the Heart' night at the club, you did us proud, it was was fabulous. Also, many thanks to all who performed with the group, to the committee girls for all their help and to Jimmy and Angus who did a sterling job keeping the bar going. My thanks also to Pat Clark for the delicious sandwiches which we enjoyed during the interval and all those who kindly donated raffle prizes. Finally, to everyone who came to the night for helping to make it such a success".

The "Chancers" would also like to thank everyone for coming along to help us raise funds for the Lady Captain's charity. A total of £740 was realised. People who attended the evening will also be aware that Jenni Morrison has donated a magnificent quilt that she is currently working on, to be raffled at the end of the year. The proceeds for this will also go to the BHF.

Wine tasting evening?

I must admit I am a wine enthusiast - the more wine I drink the more enthusiastic I get. But if you will be joining me and the many others attending our "wine tasting" evening on Saturday 25th Nov you should perhaps be aware that all is not as it seems. Do not get too mellow with your Merlot or you may Pinot more. It is not only the Orient Express that leads someone to a dead end. Perhaps you will need a well-trained eye to spot the wine with (a) body. Pop along and join us. It will be a corker!

Seniors' Xmas Lunch

In the last news I gave details of the payment arrangements for the Seniors' Xmas lunch. You can of course pay a member of the Seniors' committee at any time, but please note that the last official payment date is Mon 27th Nov from 7.30 pm.

Ladies' end of season dinner - a report from Ladies' Captain Ann

"On Thursday 14th November the Ladies held their annual end of season dinner at the club. It was a wonderful evening, attended by almost 100o/o of ladies members and friends. The caterers, Peter and David, provided us with a great meal with lots of choice to suit everyone (I think). We had a first class barman, namely Jim, and two professional and beautifully turned out wine waiters, Bill and Richard, who kept our glasses full all evening. A quiz (provided by Laura) kept everyone 'thinking' during our meal followed by a raffle and a very funny act by '3 Brides - Jean, Mary and Vicki'. Thank you everyone who helped to make this dinner first class".

Dust busters

Roving reporter Gentleman Jim tells me that the "dust busters" Stewart Mason and Dave Stewart have been at it again, when they cleaned and shampooed the corridor carpets. As I understand it, they have not finished yet as they intend to be back again in the spring, when the benches are put out on the green This time it will be the locker rooms carpet that get a shampoo and set.

CBC Bridge

The CBC bridge club will close for the festive season after our games on 12th Dec and recommence on Tue 9th Jan 2018. The bridge players have shown their gratitude for the use of CBC premises by donating £250 to club funds.

Social events make a difference

Jim Connor has advised the committee that this year's bar takings are better than last year despite the boost last year from the 125th anniversary celebrations. He is in no doubt that the regular social evenings and use of the club by CBC members for private events are the main factors behind the increase. Jim thanked Marcia and the social committee for their hard work and also thanked CBC members for supporting these events and for bringing friends and family along to help us enjoy our social activities.

Our festive bar opening times

Gentleman Jim has also asked me to remind you that the festive season is perhaps a really good time for you to enjoy some Christmas spirit with your friendly volunteer bar-person at CBC. There are some cracking beers and spirits to feast your mince pies on and any amount of nuts to chew or chat with. Come out of the rain dear, leave your sleigh outside and you'll tide away many a happy hour giving comfort and joy to the ringing of coins in the till right up to the bells and beyond. Festive bar times are as follows:

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

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

Welcome to new members: A very warm welcome to Brian Curlewis who has just joined the CBC family.

Significant birthdays: Many happy returns to Ally Gibson and Bob Page who celebrate a significant birthday this month.

Christmas message from Jimmy Vaughan

Jimmy has decided not to give any Xmas cards to CBC friends this year. As an alternative he is donating £20 to Ann Douglas's charity. He hopes no one will be offended and that some follow his lead.

Committee Members wanted

All members old or new, are reminded that love them or hate them "The Committee" are required to keep things moving along, why not join them and provide your ideas to assist the club to move forward in 2018 and beyond. Add your name to the nominations list in the clubhouse and get involved, following the AGM on 7th February 2018.

Dates for the diary:

Murder mystery
Christmas cabaret

Sat 25th Nov 7 for 7.30 pm – Edinburgh Theatre Arts
Sat 16th Dec 7 for 7.30 pm – Diane Fields, Top class

personality vocalist – list up in the bar area this weekend

Seniors Christmas Lunch Mon 18th Dec from 12pm – last day for payment, 27 Nov.

Hogmanay social evening Sun 31 Dec - 12 noon through to 2am Mon 1st 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.

John MacPhail Editor