

Welcome to our second quarterly newsletter.

The Ladies Committee is the major fund raiser for our chosen Charity and for the Club and through our programme of events raise monies to contribute to both. We look forward to welcoming you at our events - please put the dates in your diary!

In April our **Formal Ladies Lunch** was attended by 67 ladies who enjoyed listening to Sue Riches describe her trek across the Arctic . She, along with her daughter Victoria, was part of a record breaking all woman relay team to the North Pole. Her description of finding herself in the frozen Arctic water after falling through the ice, sent shivers through many of the ladies. Describing how one “went to the loo” in a frozen desert brought smiles and laughter “you must not leave anything behind” was her advice. Her book “Frigid Women” is a very interesting read and is available on Amazon. We raised over £400 from our raffle and table flower arrangements, so a big “Thank You” to all those who donated prizes and produced the floral arrangements.

The monies raised at this event helps our chosen charity, **Hearing Dogs for Deaf People**, for which we have already raised £700 towards a target of £5000 needed to sponsor a dog. You will find collection boxes in the Club where you can make donations at any time.

Funds raised by the Committee also help the Club purchase those “extra items”. So far this year we have been able to purchase 18 new bedroom lights, blinds for the bedrooms, paid for the delivery of two replacement sofas for the Splash Room and made a major contribution towards the replacement of the old worn out carpets on the stairs and in the corridors near the bedrooms.

Planning for our events for the remainder of this year and also the coming year is well underway. We have the **Athena Lunch** on Friday 3rd July, Friday 4th September and another on Friday 4th December, the **Macmillan Coffee Morning** on Friday 25th September and the second of our **Formal Lunches** (speaker Neil Stewart) on Thursday 15th October. Not forgetting the **Bridge Drive** on Thursday 12th November and our **Christmas Fayre** on Saturday 7th November.

The **Christmas Fayre** is by far our largest annual fund raiser and this year we already have 39 stalls/tables booked, thanks to the hard work of Anne Middleton. Sponsorship is essential and still needed to support this major event so if you feel you or your company are able to provide some sponsorship then please do not hesitate to contact us.

One new event is a **Ladies Evening** on September 11th. This is still very much in the planning stage but please keep an eye out for further details as we are sure you would not want to miss it.

The Committee has been working hard to raise the profile of our work that seems sometimes to be invisible to members. As well as this **Quarterly Newsletter** and notices on the boards, there is now a Ladies Committee page on the club website under the ‘Ashore’ tab setting out our role, our programme and the poster that highlights the next event. We hope that this will keep you up to date with our forthcoming events and what we have been doing.

We need YOU!

In November of this year the committee will be losing 3 of its members as their 3 year term of office comes to an end and we will be needing to replace them. We are always keen to hear from anyone who might be interested in standing for election for the committee or even just helping at events. Remember the work of the Committee contributes directly to much needed charity funds and improvements in our Club.

Please don't be shy, new Committee members bring new ideas and thoughts that can only benefit the Club, you might be the one with that “brainwave” idea. Please feel free to approach any of the committee members, who will be only too happy to answer your questions.

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The Ladies Committee bought 18 new lamps for the bedrooms.



Look out for the Collection boxes around the Club.



The Club Secretary shows off our new stair and corridor carpets.



The two new sofas in the Splash Room.