



*Whitehouse & Grange
Bowling Club
1872~2022*





Preface

While we celebrate our Jubilee Year, we should remember with gratitude the foresight and enthusiasm of the Founders of Whitehouse and Grange Bowling Club for the legacy they have bequeathed in providing 150 years of fun and companionship in the delightful surroundings which so greatly add to our pleasure. We should also be grateful for the many stalwart members who have administered the Club's affairs so diligently throughout these years.

Plans are under way to hold three jubilee matches, one for just ourselves, the others with invitees from clubs with which we have played friendlies during the past half century. They will be on Saturday afternoons in May, June and July and will comprise mixed rinks.

I very much hope that all our members will take part in and thoroughly enjoy the special season which lies ahead of us.

Michael Marshall
Hon President



History

On the 5th January 1872 a small group of businessmen from the Marchmont and Grange area met with the express purpose of forming a bowling club. The name was agreed and five of their number were charged with finding a site for Whitehouse and Grange Bowling Club.



Thanks to the generosity of Mr George Harrison, (later to become Sir George, the Lord Provost of Edinburgh) the newly formed Club Committee succeeded in purchasing from him, for less than half the cost of their other eligible site, his entire rights in the feu in Hope Terrace including boundary walls, drains, roads etc. The 2-rink bowling green used by the Harrison family to the south of the $\frac{3}{4}$ acre area was prepared for play immediately.

As the laying of the new green was proceeding at a cost of £200, the Clubhouse was being erected at a cost of £173. One hundred redeemable shares were Issued at £5 each, the last of which were redeemed in 1952.

A limit of 75 members was imposed and the Entry money and Annual Subscription were fixed at one guinea. The first President of the Club was Mr William Clapperton who was the proprietor of a Cabinet and Furnisher Business in Princes Street. His enthusiasm was the major driving force in the speedy formation of the Club, despite the completion of the new green being

delayed by the laying of the section of tramway along Hope Terrace and Clinton Road. It was opened for play on Friday 23rd May 1873. Later that year at the closing meeting, some members proposed that the two-rink green be utilised as a curling pond. As a result, a Curling Club was formed which continued until 1912.

Enthusiasm for the game steadily grew. According to the 1903 edition of 'Edinburgh Bowling Annual' there were around 100 clubs in the City, a 300% increase in ten years. By 1911, such were the demands of a full and vigorous membership it became necessary to extend the Clubhouse by adding a second storey. The extension, which incorporated in the frontal elevation the two gables, was completed in less than five months in time for the opening of the 1912 season.



Opening of new clubhouse in May 1912

In 1925 a southward extension to the bowling green was completed, accommodating an extra rink with the green playing E/W but with rinks 45 yards long proving unpopular, a reduction to the present 40x42 was readily passed in 1954. Since that time, rinks number 1 in both directions have been lifted and re-laid and artificial banking has been installed, replacing the excellent grass banks which, however, required much time-consuming and laborious effort to maintain them to an aesthetic standard.

During the two World Wars, due to rationing and shortage of petrol, certain restrictions were placed on weekend 'friendly' matches. On the cessation of hostilities, many of these games were resurrected but in more recent years the number of these 'friendlies' has dwindled due to a fall in clubs' memberships generally coupled with an increased number of competitive fixtures in the calendar.

With the Centenary celebrations on the horizon a body of members were campaigning for the installation of a bar and for the right to admit Associate Lady Members, and in 1969 they achieved their aim on both counts. The cost of the work to site the bar to the righthand side of the door as you enter the Clubhouse along with the long overdue project to install central heating was £3500 necessitating a substantial levy. The Ladies' Section was given a fine start by its energetic first President Mrs Kitty Matheson and by an immediate success in the Scottish Women's Bowling Association Pairs, won by Mrs Betty Smith and Mrs Margaret Wilson in 1970.



When structural alterations were required to comply with fire safety regulations, the opportunity was taken to move the bar to the opposite end of the Clubhouse. This was expertly accomplished by Dugald MacCallum ably assisted by Tom Jameson in 2001.

For over a century, lockers were situated around the walls inside the Clubhouse. Jim Fleming, President in 1976 and father of the International Rugby Union referee of the same name, gathered support for the erection of a 'Bowls House' with separate facilities for ladies and gentlemen, the former being remodelled in 2009 (the facilities that is; not the ladies). All lockers deemed serviceable were re-sited in the new bowls house (which was disparaged at the time as being far too large) these being augmented by the generous gift of 36 new lockers by Dryden Brown in 1985.

Following upon the report of a sub-committee set up in the year previously, the Annual General Meeting of 1985 recommended the introduction of a Junior Section, its members enjoying restricted playing times for a nominal annual subscription. The Club was fortunate to recruit a dozen members, mainly boys of around twelve years old, from James Gillespie's School. Their standard of bowling increased year on year and competition to stimulate interest was provided by membership of the Edinburgh Junior Bowling League and by Adult/Junior Pairs competitions which were a feature of these times. One of our earliest recruits was Steven Kirk who has amply fulfilled his early promise and is still in our ranks. Sometime after the boys became 'over age' an

unsuccessful attempt was made to replenish the Junior Section. More recently, three boys played regularly on Sunday mornings, one of whom, John Wright, has since become a talented member.

In 1998 ladies became full members of the Club. In 2017 Rhona Stephen was the first lady to be elected Club President. In future the intention is to alternate the Presidency annually between a lady and a gentleman.

Over the years the Club has been conspicuous in all aspects of bowling in the City and beyond. Eight internationalists have been selected over the years to represent Scotland, in addition to Dr John Orr, to skip the Scottish Rink in the British Empire Games of 1930 in Hamilton, Ontario and Morgan Moffat, lead in the rink for the Commonwealth Games of 1974 in Christchurch, New Zealand, both men returning with Bronze Medals. Several members have been elected to high office in the administration of Bowls at National and Local levels, none more so than the aforementioned Dr Orr who became President and later Honorary President of the Edinburgh and Leith Ex Presidents' Association, and President of the Scottish Bowling Association, the game's governing body, in 1942, its Jubilee Year.

Bowls is a sport where true sportsmanship prevails and whilst the object is to win, the purpose of the game is to enjoy oneself, whether one plays competitively or simply for exercise and companionship. Whitehouse and Grange has provided all these in abundant measure for one hundred and fifty years.

A Handful of 'Personalities'



Tom Blackburn, OBE., 'The Major', President of the Club in 1928 and 1929 and Honorary President from 1956 won the Club Championship twice and followed his second triumph in 1938 by winning the Tait Trophy despite his First World War disability. A towering figure, jovial and welcomed everywhere, he carried on a voluminous correspondence in copper-plate handwriting. He would address the haggis at Club Burns Suppers. In the full and certain

knowledge of perhaps a quarter of the poem, he would ad-lib with confidence and gusto before sitting down to tumultuous applause. Sadly, he was not to see the Centenary celebrations, leaving this world on Boxing Day 1971.



Kenny Mackintosh, Club President in 1970, was a blacksmith, a powerful man with a voice to match. He was a staunch Scottish Nationalist with a compelling dislike of Mrs Thatcher and all her ilk. When he was in full flow on that particular subject it was wise to run for cover. But there was a seldom seen side to him. On spotting a despondent looking old Harold sitting alone in the bar one

day and finding that Harold's son, who lived far into England (mortal enemy!) was far from well, Kenny bundled him into his big car, drove him home, supervised the packing of a small case, telephoned ahead, and drove him the five-hour journey to his

son's home, before turning his car and motoring back to Edinburgh. Only on Harold's return with his son's health much improved, was it learned what Kenny had done for his fellow member.



Ernie Inkster. There can be little doubt that Ernie was better at dominoes than he was at bowls, that's not to say he was as good with the tiles as he professed to be.

Ernie much enjoyed the conviviality of the après bowls scene with his circle of friends. He was of small stature with straight hair which lent an uncanny realism to his impromptu party piece. Smearing some cigarette ash on his upper lip he would spring to his feet, his right arm

stiffly raised at 45 degrees, and with a bold 'siege heil' would deliver an impersonation of the Fuhrer so realistic it was positively frightening.

John McDowall, a jovial happy-go-lucky individual was both custodian and bar convenor for a number of years. In the latter capacity he regularly introduced 'Special offers' on stock whose sales were inclined to be sluggish. In neither capacity he would run a book or sweep on the result of the men's Championship final. He had two married children, one who lived in Australia and the other in Canada. On his retirement in the early 1990's John and his wife decided to live near one of them but couldn't decide which. The toss of a coin settled the matter, and our loss became Tasmania's gain.



Morgan Moffat. Arguably the most talented bowler to have been a member of Whitehouse (1970-1974), Morgan Moffat joined the Club on moving to Edinburgh from the village of Law in South Lanarkshire at the behest of his employer, now Scottish Gas. He won our Men's Club Championship thrice and was both an Indoor and Outdoor Scottish Internationalist all throughout his time with us. He was selected to play for Scotland in the 1974 Commonwealth Games in Christchurch where he won a bronze medal playing lead in the rink. Liking the way of life and the opportunities New Zealand offered he settled there with his family soon afterwards. Morgan's prowess was quickly recognised in his adopted Country for which he was chosen to play in both the Commonwealth Games of Brisbane in 1982, where he added to his tally of medals, and the Games four years later in Edinburgh. He was instrumental in having his team based at Whitehouse for practice, giving the Club the opportunity to favour him with Honorary Membership. Sadly, Morgan died of heart failure in Christchurch on the 13th March 1992 aged only forty-nine. It is not widely known that the format by which our Invitation Triples and Fours are conducted was introduced to Whitehouse and consequently to a wide area in the East of Scotland by Morgan Moffat.



*presented to the Club by
Morgan Moffat - South Brighton Bowling Club, Christchurch, New Zealand*

MULTIPLE CHAMPIONS (4 or MORE)

Ladies

<i>Ivy Moir</i>	1979	1983	1984	1985	
<i>Gill Brown</i>	2012	2013	2015	2016	
<i>Dorothy Tait</i>	2007	2009	2010	2011	2017
	2018	2019			
<i>Betty Calder</i>	13 wins between 1986 and 2014 Inc.				

Gentlemen

<i>J. M Somerville</i>	1891	1894	1900	1903	
<i>Daniel Tudhope</i>	1907	1909	1915	1916	
<i>Mark Hall</i>	1936	1948	1950	1956	
<i>Rev Wm Stevenson*</i>	1942	1952	1953	1955	
<i>Steven Kirk</i>	1996	2004	2016	2019	
<i>Ross Maguire</i>	2000	2001	2013	2021	
<i>George Sneddon</i>	1913	1919	1920	1921	1922
<i>Alex McIntosh</i>	1957	1958	1959	1960	1962
<i>Malcolm Weir</i>	12 wins between 1997 and 2020 Inc.				
<i>Michael Marshall</i>	13 wins between 1975 and 1994 Inc.				

**author of the book “Bowls For All”*



Ladies Section 1969–1997

The ladies Section of Associate Members was founded in 1969 and in 1998 the Club adopted equal status. In September 16th 1969, the first recorded ladies committee meeting was convened and in 1970 the first friendly games were arranged against Dean, Lutton Place and Craigmillar Park (*home*) and Merchiston, Brunstane and Braid (*away*).



Ladies Section 1972

Mrs A.M. Mckerrow, Mrs C. Matheson, Mrs C.M. Irving, Mrs E.W. MacKintosh, Mrs I. moir, Mrs L. Nisbet, Mrs M.G. Chalmers, Mrs A.M. law

Mrs M. McNeill, Mrs M.B. Nicholson, Mrs J.B. Kerr, Mrs F.M. Wilson, Mrs W.M. Mckay, Mrs L.R. levie, Mrs E.L. Allan Mrs M. Boyle, Mrs E.M. Wilson

Mrs J.T. McKnight, Mrs H. Bruce, Mrs A.Halloran (VP) Mrs J.P. martin (President) Mrs C.M. Adamson, Mrs E.M.Smith, Mrs M. Smith

‘Interesting guidelines ‘for Lady Associate Members were formulated in 1969 and a handwritten journal of Social History kept from 1969 to 1990 when the ladies celebrated their 21st Birthday in July 1990.

GUIDING PRINCIPALS FOR LADY ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

1. Ladies will be permitted to play every afternoon till 5.30 p.m. with the exception of Saturday.
Note: On certain afternoons when representative matched are being played, the green will not be available for ladies, but these occasions will be rare and due notice will be posted on the Notice Board.
2. Ladies will be permitted to play on Saturday evenings either among themselves or with gentlemen members.
3. Lady Associate members will have no part in the administration of the Club and must abide by all decisions of the Club Committee.
4. They will have the privilege of introducing a visitor occasionally for a game in accordance with the rules of the Club.
5. Lady Associate Members can form a committee of their own with Office-bearers and join the S.W.B.A. and other associations.
6. If and when they join such an Association mentioned in (5) above, due intimation must be made to the Honorary Secretary of the Club before joining.
7. They will be permitted to play matches with other ladies ‘Clubs, but on these occasions when four rinks may be required due application must be made to the Honorary Secretary.
8. Lady Associate Members will be allowed all Clubhouse facilities during their hours of play.
9. The Committee reserve the right to add to or alter the above rules at any time.

J.H. MARTIN
Hon. Secretary

Example of Ladies hand written

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EST 16th THE FIRST RECORDED MEETING of LADIES' SECTION was held in the CLUB HOUSE at 7pm for the purpose of ADOPTING a CONSTITUTION and ELECTING OFFICERS. 20 LADIES attended ~ 17 of whom are still very active members.

JANET MCKNIGHT; IVY MOIR; RITA NICHOLSON; MOLLY NISBET in the CHAIR was Mrs. MATHESON with 3 Gentlemen from the GENTLEMEN'S CLUB ~ Mrs. M.A. CLARK, V. Mrs. J. ROBERTSON and Sec. J. P. MARTIN.

The CONSTITUTION was AGREED and OFFICE BEARERS ELECTED.

The FIRST PRES. Mrs. C. MATHESON elected for 3 YEARS with 2 OFFICE BEARERS.

2 YEARS with 2 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Affiliations was made for MEMBERSHIP:- S.W.B.A.; E.S.W.B.A. and E.W.B.A.

1970 - SUBSCRIPTION. £3.10.

Office Bearers and Committee RECEIVED their BADGES Today Good.

£11.36

FOUR SKIPS (line) and CLUB COMPETITIONS were INAUGURATED. ~ 2 RINKS.

CHAMPIONSHIP: PAIRS: TWO BOWL and HANDICAP. POINTS DAY was started,

ENTRY FEE at 1/- and GREENKEEPER'S GRATUITY at 1/6 per member.

The FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held on 10 MARCH at 7 PM, 1970.

The FIRST FRIENDLY GAMES were started with: DEAN: LUTTON PLACE: CRAIGMYLAR (H)

MERCHISTON: BRUNSTANE: and BRAID (A)

JEAN JOHNSTON SKIPPED the TRIPLES and JANET MCKNIGHT on first in S.W.B.A

JEAN JOHNSTON played in EAST/WEST but the OUTSTANDING EVENT of 1970

was the WINNING of the SCOTTISH PAIRS by Mrs. BETTY SMITH and Mrs. MPT. WILSON and by BARBARA ROBERTSON in the early stages.

The GENTLEMEN'S COMMITTEE decided "THE ROSE BOWL" for CHAMPIONSHIP Mrs. DRYSDALE (widow of former President) gave "DRYSDALE CUP" for PAIRS. Mrs. M. SMITH gave a "TROPHY" for TWO BOWLS.

A HOSTESS WHIST DRIVE was commenced to RAISE FUNDS.

CASH IN HAND

£30: 6p.

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Whitehouse and Grange ~ Ladies

1969

The first recorded meeting of the Ladies Section was held on the 16th Sep. 1969 in the Clubhouse at 7:00pm. The purpose of the meeting was to adopt a Constitution and to elect Officers.

Twenty ladies attended. Janet McKnight, Ivy Moir, Rita Nicholson, Molly Nisbet and in the chair was Mrs Matheson with three members of the Gentlemen's Club, President M. A. Clark, V-P J. Robertson, and Secretary J.P. Martin.

The Constitution agreed, and Office Bearers elected. The first President Mrs C Matheson elected for three years along with her Office Bearers and two years with her Committee Members. Application made for membership to the S.W.B.A., E.S.W.B.A. and E.W.B.A.

1970

Subscription - £3.10

Office Bearers and Committee received their badges. Total Cost £11.36.

Four Skips (limit) and Club Competitions were inaugurated. Championship, Pairs, Two Bowl and Handicap. Points Day was started. The first Annual General Meeting was held on the 10th March at 7:00pm 1970. The first Friendly Games were started with Dean, Lutton Place, Craigmillar (H) and Merchiston, Brunstane and Braid (A).

Jean Johnston skipped the Triples with Janet McKnight as first in S.W.B.A.

Jean Johnston played in East/West, but the **outstanding event of 1970 was the winning of the Scottish Pairs by Mrs Betty Smith and Mrs Margaret Wilson aided by Barbara Robertson in the early stages.**

The Gentlemen's Committee donated 'The Rose Bowl' for Championship. Mrs Drysdale (widow of the former President) gave the 'Drysdale Cup' for Pairs and Mrs M Smith gave a 'Trophy' for the Two Bowl. A hostess Whist Drive was commenced to raise funds. Cash in Hand ~ £30-6p

1971

First Hostess Whist Drive

First Dinner Dance at the 'The Merlin' ticket £1.30 each.

1972

Whitehouse & Grange Centenary Year 1872-1972. Sub £4

Further rink given to ladies at 2.45pm. 3 Rinks

Ladies suggest Fund-Raising Mixed Match and Coffee Morning.

Mixed Match turned down ~ Coffee Morning accepted.

Photo taken of the ladies in Centenary Year. Presentation of a Teak Seat by the ladies ~ Centenary Gift. Cash in Hand ~ £72.78p

1973 ~ Subscription £4. 50

Friendly Match with Forfar Ladies organised by Mrs Boyle (yearly). Each lady who played at Forfar was presented with an outsize 'Forfar Bridie'

Championship Board gifted by Mr T. Brown

Commencement of Hat Night Sat. 5th May.

Dinner Dance at 'The Merlin'. Ticket £1.40 each.

Cash in Hand ~ £125.98.

1974

An Honours Board gifted by Mr T Brown.

First mention of alterations to cramped kitchen and proposals.

Ladies' contribution to Plumbing but 'No New Cooker' £20

Minimal Alterations carried out. Cash in Hand ~ £115.25

1975

Posh China Bought

First mention of Tea Duties

Plumbing carried out.

1976

Skips increased to six

General Spring cleaning of Clubhouse undertaken by ladies.

Regular mixed Saturday night game.

Ladies served Tea and Biscuits for Men's Day ~ 32 players.

Bring and Buy Sale for Club Development ~ Sum raised £136.

Stalls: Bakery, Bric a Brac, and Plants.

Ladies awarded a 'Special Ladies Fund'

Cost of Opening and Closing Day to be met by Club.

4 ladies went on 'Canadian Tour' Jean Johnston, Alice McKerrow,

Mgt. Wilson and Mgt. Boyle.

1977

Bring and Buy sale and raised £250 towards New Bowls House.

Bought Past President's badge.

Request turned down for 3 Rinks every day. i.e., Mon – Fri however we have permission to start 2:30pm not 2:45pm.

Three rinks would be available Tues/Fri for Ties 10:30 am –1:00pm.

Edinburgh Silver Jubilee Game ???? by The City Chambers.

First game to be played at 'Whitehouse' 12th July 1977.

Ladies given choice of carpeting for the New Clubhouse.

Honorarium granted to Treasurer and Secretary Retta Bruce.

Cash in Hand ~ £108.37. Special Fund ~ £289.50.

1978

Opening Day of New Bowls House

Ladies contributed £250 towards the new carpeting.

Increase of Lady Members to 40 requested.

Cash in Hand ~ £97.51, Special Fund ~ £314.40

1979

Canadian Lady Visitors – Lunch given

Ladies request turned down. Restricted to 35 Members.

First Ladies Day 9th June 1979.

Hostess Whist Drive discontinued. Sale of Work raised £340.82.

1980

Jean Johnston donated Salver for Handicap Competition.

It was to no longer be known as 'President's Handicap.'

President to give 'Opening Day' Prize.

Vice President to give Closing Day Prize.

End of Ladies direct contribution to the Club.

Ladies withdraw 'Sale of Work' and Gentlemen take over '*FETE*'.

First Ladies Dinner held and Presentation of Prizes.

1981

First Club 'Mixed Pairs' with Trophy. A permanent Annual Event.

Irish Tourists visit.

Ladies asked to be responsible for Cake, Bric a Brac, Plants etc. stalls and assist with coffee.

Ladies Dinner held at the "Bell Inn"

First request by the ladies to have the Toilets Improved.

Cash in General Fund. £144.30.

1982

Rules and Bylaws of the Club were Consolidated in book form.

Ladies Toilet still unsatisfactory.

New tablecloths required and forks gifted.
Forfar Game discontinued.
Score Card Holders bought with Funds.
Ladies Day Book commenced.
Ladies Dinner held at 'Kildonnan Lodge'
First time 'Closing Day clashes with Milton Street indoor.

1983

New Curtains provided for upstairs. Kitchen alteration suggested.
Forming of '100 Club'.
S.W.B.A. Golden Anniversary – Church Service at St Giles Cathedral.
Dinner at George Hotel.

1984

Mrs Retta Bruce made an Hon. Member.
Election of first 'Social Committee Convenor', Ivy Moir.
First 'Mini-Meeting or Half Yearly Meeting inaugurated. (1st Wednesday in August). A new cooker was requested.

1985

Subscription-£24.
Mrs Margaret Beggs donated Autumn Trophy. Originated as American Pairs Tournament now known as 'The September Quaich'.
Mr & Mrs Bill Muir painted and re-floored the kitchen.
Parkside Ladies Club asked for a Friendly Match.
New 'Second-hand' cooker installed. Cost halved with Gentlemen.
AGM henceforth to be held 1st Sunday in March.
Half Yearly meeting to be held on 1st Wednesday in August.
Townswomen's Guild had use of green (Donated £50.)
Investment Account-£500, Current Account-£100.

1986

Ladies request a room of their own.
Ladies bought Number Discs.
Entry Forms for Competitions sent out with AGM notices.
Still no alterations to Kitchen.
Ladies Dinner held in 'Club House'
Commonwealth Games. Visit New Zealand Team & courtesy of Green.

1987

New Club Area requested for ladies ~ i.e., Porta Cabin.
Purchase of White Club Sweaters.

1988

Inauguration of the 'Edinburgh League' to be played on Tuesdays.

First Aid Kit bought.

Training of Umpires introduced.

Dinner at the 'Merlin' £12.50 each person.

World Bowls 1992. Levy of £1 from each member.

Inauguration of a 'September Quaich Competition' with the Cup being gifted by Margaret Begg.

Current Account £77.93, Deposit Account £563.41

1989

Friendly Game with 'Brunstane' abandoned.

Saturday Triples to be played in the afternoons during September.

September 'Quaich' opened to Invitation, temporarily.

'Ladies Championship Day' an official tea prepared by the Committee.

Inauguration of 'Honorary President' Jean Johnston ~ Past President, Club Champion, and Founder Member.

Visit of 'South Ockenden' London Club

New Teapots and cosies gifted by Beth McDonald.

Toilets painted and refurbished by President and Vice-President (Ladies).

Membership increased to 40 Ladies with NEW members to be jointly interviewed.

League Badges issued.

Annual Dinner held in 'The Merlin'

1990

21st Birthday Year.

Betty Calder appointed League Vice President (Post President Champion).

Inauguration of Ladies 'Invitation Pairs'

Inauguration of Match Selection Committee.

Four Club 'Mixed Matches' played.

Birthday Buffet Luncheon arranged for Ladies Section. (40 Guests)

Mrs M J Wilson winner of Scottish Pairs and Past President attended.

A corner of the Upstairs Club Room was gifted to the ladies for their use and the greatest innovation of all was an agreement to refurbish the Kitchen area. This was carried out by Alastair McDonald and aided and abetted by Jim Potter. The ladies agreed to contribute the cost of tiling the flooring and installing a fridge. The latter gifted by Ivy Moir.

The kitchen was completed by the 1991 AGM ~ 17 years since first recommended. Membership increased to 45 and further Rinks allowed to Ladies plus extended playing time. The 'September Quaich' was played as a Club Event. Annual Dinner was held in 'The Merlin'.



Ladies Silver Jubilee 1994



Ladies 21st Birthday 1990

In 2016, the first Lady President was appointed and in 2019, the ladies celebrated their Golden Jubilee in style with Lunch at the Bruntsfield Hotel.

Ladies Golden Jubilee Lunch at Bruntsfield Hotel 2019



*Ladies Bowling
Holiday
Cyprus 2019*



On the 23rd of February 2022, guests from the Grange Association, Marchmont & Sciennes Community Council and St Giles Marchmont Church joined Club members on a wet and windy afternoon to watch President Gill Brown and Honorary President Mike Marshall plant two trees to mark the start of our 150th Jubilee Celebration and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. They were ably assisted by six pupils from Sciennes Primary School and expertly guided by Jo and Trish from Radicle Gardens who provided the trees. The trees planted were Acer Palmatum and Cercis Canadensis (Forest Pansy).



What else happened in 1872

Of course, the most important event in 1872 was the founding of Whitehouse & Grange Bowling Club but what else happened in 1872. Just a short distance away there was a match played out between the United South of England and the Gentlemen of Edinburgh, organised by Carlton Cricket Club. This marked Dr. W. G Grace's first match in Scotland (scored only 25 runs), with over 3,000 paying spectators. No doubt some founder W&G club members attended? Meanwhile, the Grange Cricket Club moved to Raeburn Place The club named themselves Grange after the area where they started playing in 1832 a little further east to the current Carlton ground.

Edinburgh and Glasgow first met under the then 20-a-side rugby rules. The first-ever soccer international between Scotland and England ended 0-0. In the inaugural FA cup tournament, Wanderers in the semi- final took on Queen's Park who, due to a combination of walkovers and byes, had reached this stage without actually playing a match. After being held to a 0-0 draw, Queens Park could not afford to make the trip from Glasgow to London for the replay and withdrew sending Wanderers into the final Cremorne won the Derby, Casse Tete won the Grand National. Tom Morris won The Open at Prestwick. Cambridge won the boat race. Rangers Football Club was founded playing their first match against the now defunct Callander.

Queen Victoria was on the throne and unveiled the Albert Memorial in memory of Prince Albert . William Gladstone was the Prime Minister. James Ulysses Grant was president of the USA. Victoria Woodhull became the first woman nominated for President of the United States, although she was a year too young to qualify and did not appear on the ballot.

Yellowstone the world's first National Park opened Licensing Act established licences for public houses and limits to drinking hours. Notable births included Bertrand Russell, (philosopher, mathematician), Heath Robinson (inventor) and Ralph Vaughan Williams (composer). Greyfriars Bobby, faithful Scottish terrier died with the monument being erected a year later.

The first edition Chamber's English Dictionary was published by Edinburgh based William and Robert Chambers. Phileas Fogg started his "fictional" Round the World in Eighty Days journey from the Reform Club. Charles Darwin's study "The Expression of the Emotions in Man and Animals" was published along with Thomas Hardy's anonymous romantic novel "Under the Greenwood Tree".

In a display of the bold commercial acumen of the Victorian Age, The Scotsman was the first British newspaper to run special early-morning, high-speed trains to deliver its papers from Edinburgh to Glasgow.

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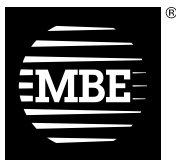


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