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I am sure you will all join me in sending our heartfelt sympathies to Pete Murray and his family during this very sad time. Marlene was a good friend to this club, raising a lot of money with her crafts, especially at the Syston Carnival, the coffee morning raffles and the Xmas hampers. She will be surely missed.

Many congratulations to Pauline, Jan and all members of the Art-group and helpers for all their hard work setting up the recent art exhibition. It clearly showed we have a huge talent within our ranks. I understand that a lot of interest was shown in recruiting new members to this group, which can only be good for our Club.

Onwards and upwards Pauline!

Jenny Dewick

Marlene Murray sadly passed away on Tuesday 30th October 2018.

Our condolences go to all the family.

Marlene has always been a presence at our club, consistently raising funds for us.

She used to do the Raffle every Coffee Morning. Through her skill at cross stitch she created wonderful pictures that were sold to raise money. She always enjoyed doing the Carnival where her crafts and jigsaws were prominent. She was the one who started the Christmas Hamper.

Her gentle generous presence will be greatly missed by us all

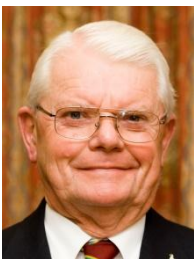


On behalf of my family and myself I would like to thank everyone for their messages of condolence following the death of my wife Marlene, who passed away on Tuesday 30th October. Marlene passed away the day after our 58th wedding anniversary.

Although she didn't get out much during the past 18 months I know she loved to support the bowls club during the carnival day and by donating the sales of her beloved cross stitch pictures to whatever fund the club wanted. Once again thank you all.

Marlene's funeral will take place on Friday 16th November 12.30 at Loughborough Crematorium, in lieu of flowers donations to Rainbows Children's Hospice.

Pete Murray



Welfare Report ' November Syston Green

It is with much sadness I have to report the death of Marlene, wife of Peter Murray. Marlene died in the early hours of Tuesday 30th October having been in hospital for a relatively short time following a massive heart attack. Marlene had not been well for some time, but did much to support the club behind scenes and members will no doubt remember the handicrafts she produced, particularly the magnificent cross-stitch plaques, the sale of which contributed towards club funds.

All our thoughts are with Peter at this sad and difficult time.

Long standing member Don Creasey suffered dizziness spells recently and after calling on the paramedics finished up in hospital where he was fitted with a pacemaker. Speaking to Don on the phone after his discharge from hospital, he sounded very cheerful and full of the joys of spring!

Myles Care tells me that his wife "Mu" is still in Glenfield hospital awaiting transfer to Loughborough for convalescence and rehabilitation.

I spoke to Janet Lowe on the telephone recently and as expected she was her usual cheery self, now progressing well from her latest stages of treatment but, awaiting full recovery of her immune system before being able to mingle with the world at large. Janet is now planning to take a holiday in the Lake District early next year.

It was also good to see Alan and Jean Ward circulating at the recent Art Club exhibition (which I thought was absolutely magnificent in terms of presentation and high standard of the large number of exhibits). Jean has recently completed a course of treatment and is feeling much better.

ROB (Wilbourn)

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Gardening with Chris Dodge

Things to do in November

As gardening becomes increasingly difficult outdoors, make the most of those fine days that do occur to tidy beds and borders, and protect any vulnerable plants against the colder weather that will inevitably come.

Unlike deciduous trees and shrubs, which lose little water during the winter because they have no leaves through which to transpire, evergreens continue to lose moisture right through the winter. Drying winter winds can increase the rate at which water is lost from leaves. This does not matter much with well established plants, but newly planted evergreens will not have produced enough roots through which to replace moisture. A simple wind brake of polythene, netting or sacking may be enough to save a newly planted evergreen. Protect any plants in your garden that you think may need it with sacking, all you need to do is to make a wigwam of canes, and cover the structure with the sacking securing it at top and bottom with good strong string.

Similarly with containers, plants in containers are much more vulnerable than those in the ground. If you can't put them in a porch, greenhouse or conservatory for the winter, you can protect them in other ways. Smaller pots can be berried, leaving the foliage above the soil and tie straw, bracken or sacking around them. Pots that are too large and heavy you can cover the hole thing, pot and plant in the same way and material.

Tidy your rose beds by picking up and burning any fallen leaves from around your roses, then loosen the soil to keep down weeds. This is more than just a cosmetic job as many rose diseases, such as black spot, can over winter on fallen leaves and debris. Destroy the now to reduce the extent of any attack next year. Check the ties on standard roses as these are vulnerable in winter winds. Make sure climbing roses are tied in, and that existing ties are not too tight, if necessary remove the old tie and use a new one.

Look after your rock garden. If you have one. The majority of rock plants are very hardy. They will succumb, though, to a covering of leaves that keep out the light and create conditions that encourage fungus diseases and pests. Slugs and snails, which love to hide beneath leaf litter and other debris, will soon munch their way through a small rock plant. To keep losses to a minimum, take a few minutes to remove fallen autumn leaves from the plants and from surrounding areas. If necessary, top up the stone chippings around vulnerable plants to deter the slugs and ensure that water drains freely away. Leaves are best removed by hand, as rakes are not effective among the rocks and you may actually uproot the plants.

When the weather is particularly dull as well as cold and wet, there is always the temptation to turn your back on the garden and to content yourself with the delights of successes from the year just past, but as temperatures dip, garden wildlife needs a little help. So think about planting some bird friendly shrubs, as you know now is a good time to plant trees and shrubs. Look in to your Notcutts book for shrubs that will

help wild life, page 306 gives a list of such shrubs.

Of course the planting of these will not feed the birds this year, so you can make some fat cakes for the birds now or go and get bird feeders and hang them in the garden, preferably where you can see them so that you can enjoy watching the birds feed.

Art Exhibition on 2nd and 3rd November 2018.

The event produced a steady flow of visitors to our club. There was a pleasant ambiance as they enjoyed the exhibition and refreshments provided.

Thank you to the Art Group, Leonora Bennison, Edna Loder and Kate Williams for contributing their work for the exhibition. Thank you to Pete Murray for allowing us to show some of Marlene's work.

The Art Group: Jackie Clarke, Julie and Michael Faver, Pat and Ron Lilley, Maureen Page and Marilyn Wood also contributed cakes and prizes for the tombola but most importantly their time throughout to make the event a success. I am very proud of what you have all achieved.

Thank you to all you others who contributed cakes and prizes, to Kate Toon and Dave Hudson for covering the bar, to Ken Renshaw for taking time to prepare the bar, to the men who helped move the tables and chairs and also to Jan Holmes who helped me sort out the food put up posters and who contributed her time throughout.

Finally, thank you to all those who came and supported the event.

We sold £303 of artwork and we made a total of £390.05 for club funds.

Pauline Wright

Other contributors of Artwork: Gillian Stubbs, Ann Head and Michael Flanagan.

WOW

Did you see it?

Did you go to the clubhouse on Friday or Saturday last, did you see the art exhibition?

I don't know about you but I was blown away! The talent, the expertise, the genius, the artistic brilliance, I didn't realise that so many members in this club had some much know-how and mastery of the pencil and the brush.

Congratulations to you all, my hat comes off to you, obvious extra felicitations to Pauline for your obvious, much in evidence leadership and ability to bring out the some times hidden talents of your group.

You are great ambassadors for this wonderful club of ours. I compliment you all, keep up the excellent work.

George Dodge.

What a super surprise it was, having visited the art exhibition at Syston Bowls Club on the 2nd of November, we felt we should write a few words to say how delighted we were to see painting of such quality. There were many different styles on display but all of them were of the highest standard. Well done Pauline for passing on your expertise, and also to all of your pupils for the amazing artwork that was displayed.

Jane and Geoff Ellis

We were equally impressed with the fabulous collection of art and craft work on display. Such talented people. Well done everyone. Congratulations to you all on a successful exhibition.

Derek and Sue Renshaw



The Club's close Season social programme was launched on Saturday 20th October with a re-creation of the classic TV programme "Call My Bluff". Picture shows the panel of "experts" - Norma Grimes, George Dodge, Colin Grimes (in the Chair), Fiona Henry and Brian King, each of whom tried to persuade the packed audience that their definitions of words such as ventripotent, xerography, yakow, ramiferous, lamboy and opisometer were to be believed. They had varying degrees of success while a great deal of laughter was created by some of the more outrageous definitions offered.

The next programme in the series is scheduled for Saturday 17th November and will take the form of a "Dog Racing Night" to be presented by Derek Renshaw. Donations of raffle prizes will be welcomed.

Please remember that these winter events are not restricted to Club Members. Please encourage family and friends to come along but please take care to use the notices in the clubhouse to book in advance to help us to plan seating and have accurate numbers for catering (chilli con carne or curry in November). A £5 cover charge is payable on the night.

Colin Grimes

We are grateful for the active support of our entire growing list of Patrons, especially those regularly featured in this

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Financial Matters

Feeling the squeeze

The Bank of Mum and Dad continues to play a major role in the housing market, but thousands of over-55s are feeling financially vulnerable as a result.

Parents and grandparents across the UK are digging deep into their pension pots to support loved ones, balancing the ambitions of young relatives with their own retirement goals. Consequently, over a quarter of those aged between 55 and 64 are accepting a lower standard of living, according to a new study by Legal & General and the Centre for Economics and Business Research (The research was compiled using original survey data as well as existing data sources relating to transaction levels. The survey work was carried out by YouGov and Censuswide. For the borrowers the total sample size was 1,002 adults. Fieldwork was undertaken between 5th - 11th April 2018. For the lenders, total sample size was 2,010 adults. Fieldwork was undertaken between 22nd February – 6th March 2018).

The study shows that more than 50,000 property transactions this year will be funded by parents cashing in their pension pots to provide a lump sum for a deposit, and nearly 23,000 supported by retirees using their annuity income.

The Bank of Mum and Dad is even using equity release to help the housing needs of younger family members. Nearly 44,000 housing transactions have been partly or wholly supported by equity release this year, while a fifth of parents lending cash for their kids' deposit have downsized their own home to do it.

The Bank of Mum and Dad are expected to be the equivalent of a £5.7 billion mortgage lender this year, responsible for more than one in four UK housing transactions.

The study found that one in ten parents and grandparents said they felt less financially secure as a result of providing financial assistance to loved ones, and 4% have actually postponed their retirement so that they are able to fund the loans.

Worryingly, the research also found that more than three-quarters did not speak to a professional adviser or even seek information online before offering help.

“This generation is helping family or friends onto the housing ladder, but they don’t necessarily have the wealth to do so without impacting their own retirement plans, and they should get advice to make sure this won’t leave them short of funds,” says Chris Knight, CEO, Legal & General Retail Retirement.

“It means getting people thinking about retirement income earlier, helping them build their retirement plan and laying out all the options available to them. If we can do this, we can help people to be this generous without leaving themselves short – helping their family onto the property ladder, but also ensuring they have the best retirement they can,” says Knight.

Helping hands

While dipping into your savings may seem tempting, there are other ways to help a child onto the housing ladder. For instance, relatives may be able to apply for a joint mortgage with a child, or ring-fence invested capital in an account which can help to reduce the child’s monthly mortgage repayments. As such, benefactors can stay invested and continue to plan for their own future, while providing mortgage assistance to their young relative.

Property wealth has the potential to be a transformative force for so many young people. But with so many pitfalls to avoid and finer tax issues to consider, it’s always a good idea to take financial advice. That way, you can ensure that you can help loved ones without putting your own financial security and retirement comfort at risk.

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(The home on which the mortgage is secured may be repossessed if repayments are not maintained).

Forthcoming Social Events

- **17th November – Dog Racing Night**
Food- Chicken Curry or Chilli Con Carne & Rice
- **15th December - Christmas Party**
- **5th January – New Year Party**
- **2nd February - Beetle Drive**
- **9th March – Karaoke**

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Jan has kindly set up the Christmas hamper this year. Please put your contributions in and let's make this a bumper year. There is also a second prize with a separate box for wine.

Thanks Jan



Andrew Savage, Dick Crouch, Ian Hyman and Ken Palmer



BONUS BALL



Lucky Winners for October/Nov are: Josie Hubbard (38) – Roy Wood (49) – Rolf Meyer
Sue Renshaw (53)

Congratulations to the winners!!!

The Next Coffee Morning is on Saturday 8th December 2018

Message from the Editor

Thanks to everyone for their contributions to this edition.

Please continue to provide me with regular updates of club activities, by email, as Word document.

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Please let me have items for the December edition by Monday 26th November 2018

Thanks Sue

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