

Churchill Club Chronical

The Churchill Club Inc. 259 Riddel Rd. Glendowie

May 2000

50 Years Ago.....



A Brief History of the Club and a Word from our Patron

Originated in 1949 with the 4 original local members viz. Bryan Kingston, Phil Wyman, Bob Tapper and Alf Bevenge, for the purpose of meeting locally after work. Most having to travel from the city to Glendowie by bus.

One room at the Glendowie night club, now the Catholic church in Riddel Rd., was hired tuesday evenings for 10 shillings a night. After approximately six months, a rent rise of One pound was considered prohibitive and Alf Bevenge kindly offered the use of his boat shed at his home in Riddel Rd.

By this time the membership had risen to about 12 and within approximately 18 months reached 40. For obvious reasons a move became essential. Again Alf Bevenge came to the rescue (probably requiring his shed and disparing of the noise) and purchased one of two sections on the corner of Riddel and Glendowie Rd. **Approximate price 300 pounds.**

This money was eventually paid back to Alf and in due course building was commenced, financed by 5 pound debentures and probably a mortgage. Many debentures were not redeemed and this in turn assisted the club with furnishings etc.

In the early stages Club activities included many Community Projects also providing initial venue accomodation for Glendowie Boating club, Glendowie Tennis club, Glendowie/St Heliers Scout group. All of which now have their own Club rooms. Plunket mothers had full use of the club amenities for their entire existance.

Christmas Parties and outdoor functions firstly for The Knox Home (originally Mt Wellington) and more recently St. Andrews Home & Hospital.

Assisting with the removal of a house from Karaka Bay to Pakuranga after the big Karaka Bay land slip.
Photo on the wall at the bar

Many a working bee, among others cleaning up, glass and rubbish on St. Heliers, Karaka and Glendowie Beaches.

The Churchill club was and still is to my knowledge unique, although now a member of CHARTERED CLUBS, in that the formation was only as a social venue for residents, financed by members and not eligible for grants from Council, Government or any other source.

49 out of 50

I am thankful to have been an active member of this club for the greater part of its 50 years and I congratulate the past and present officers, firstly for their foresight in forming the club and secondly for the high standards which the club has maintained through out. There is no doubt, that the future success is assured and that we as members will continue to enjoy each others company in pleasant surroundings well into the future.

Des Kirtland
Club Patron

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GEORGE !!!!!!!!!!!



Congratulations to our oldest and most loyal supporter of raffles on a Friday night. Best wishes from all of us and enjoy your **92nd Birthday**.

President's Report

It gives me great pleasure as president of this club to break with tradition and extend a warm welcome to all club members and their partners to the club's 50th celebrations on Charter Night 16th May, and also to the new committee

John Bardsley	Vice President
Ray Francis	Secretary
George Peterson	
Rex Schuker	
Graham Everson	
Eraine Moore	

As was decided at the **AGM**, a sub-committee headed by Vic Gill is to investigate the constitution and management of the club, and put forward any recommendations at special General Meeting before 31 August 2000.

The club is also to set a microphone system in place.

Fortunately thanks to Graham the fish are not leaving.

I look forward to seeing you all on Charter Night, **come and enjoy a great evening**, regards,

Keith Detman
President.

Charter Night

To celebrate the club gaining its chartered licence (very significant in the days when the eastern suburb was dry) the club, once a year on a Tuesday, gives something back to its members, this year on the 16 May 2000.

To celebrate 50 years the club this year breaks with tradition and Members and their partners are invited for a night of fun, raffles and prizes and a band for a bit of a knees up. Grahame Lowe is our guest speaker and food by Simply Delicious.

Raffles

A beer fridge has kindly been provided by Fenchurch Liquor to be raffled off on charter night.

A members only raffle drawn on Friday nights is also to be instituted. Financial members have to be on the premises at the time of the draw.

On the social side of things

The Presidents night went with a swing and the food was simply delicious.

24 June Mid winter Christmas Dinner with a Traditional 3 course dinner and cabaret act.

Beer Fest in October

New Members

Welcome to Dave Wallace who has lived in the area for years and is known to a few of us. Anything to do with curtain rods Dave is your man. Also to John Callaghan who enjoys his cricket and could be a handy person to have when cricket day comes along. The only thing is he shouts for the team across the ditch. Welcome lads and enjoy the Club.

Sport

The sports have finally wound their way to the finals with Pool finalists D. Kirtland & N Gray, Snooker Semifinalists G. Taylor & C. Bagnal, D. Harris & N. Stone. Darts Final G. Mole & D. Harris.

Subscriptions

It is that time of the year again and subs are now due and remember the discount for early payment.

The Editors Say

The Churchill Club over the years has gone from a boat shed to what we have today, from once a month ladies night to ladies on the committee, from voluntary members to paid bar staff, from IOU on bits of paper to EFTPOS, bar being shifted, store rooms moved, floors levelled and roof being raised and it does not stop there. Next is the development of the garden area. The club has provided fun and convivial friendships and comradeship through the years. More is the pity that these comfortable rooms are not used by more members.

and now for a bit of Goss

**Bill Devine was seen in the club having a few.*

**That Table has not done so well with the raffles lately, Gwen and George walked off with the big one.*

**and the two latest arrivals were seen sleeping next to each other on a table one Saturday afternoon.*

**not only can he draw pretty pictures, play a mean game of pool, but can run as well. Congrats to G. Ashdown for completing the Rotorua*

Marathon.

**Anybody seen the blond with her tongue hanging out and spots in odd places. She is trying to kick the habit*

**Our number cruncher is off to the U.S of A for a bit of crunching and R & R.*

**Congrats to Jim for becoming a life member.*