

Secretarys Report.

This is a report of our Club's activities over the period - 1st. March 2018 - 28th. Feb. 2019.

Firstly, we welcome all new members who have joined in the past year. We hope you enjoy being a member of the Club.

It was a difficult start to the year as we had just lost our Chairman of 30 years, Seamus Toal. He had passed away in Jan. the previous month. His wife Mary who had been our Secretary was voted in as Chairperson at the A.G.M.

On Tuesday 13th. March, 6 of our members attended a meeting of the Pensioners Parliament in Newtownabbey Council offices. It was an information day for all voluntary groups within the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough.

We had our usual fortnightly meetings in Gortgill Hall and on Saturday 30th June, 53 out of the Club went on our annual day trip. This year our destination was Bangor, where we had a meal in and afterwards basked in a heatwave along the promenade.

After our summer break we returned to Gortgill on Monday 3rd. Sept. glad to be back at the Club after being away for 2 months.

At the end of October we held our Halloween party with some members dressing in all sorts of costumes for the occasion.

Everyone had a very enjoyable evening.

On Monday 10th December we held the Christmas Dinner Dance in the Elk Complex. Friends and family of some members also attended.

with a total of 75 people being present.

As always, every prize for our Christmas Raffle was donated by Club members and we sincerely thank them for their generosity.

After the Christmas break we returned to the Club on 11th Jan. On our next night, 2 weeks later, Drumraymond A.O.H. hosted their annual party for us with a very tasty supper and entertainment afterwards. Everyone had a great evening and we thank their committee very much for their commitment to us in holding this event every year.

At the end of January 2019, we lost one of our long-standing members, John Doyle. He had been ill for some time before he passed away. He was a great supporter of our Club, bringing in funds from Sponsored Walks & ticket selling for Drows the Club held on several occasions. We extend to his family our deepest sympathy from the Committee & members of the Club.

I finish my report by thanking all those who helped in any way over the past year: our voluntary bus drivers, anyone who made sandwiches or baked for us. All those who brought in items for all the Raffles. To the ladies who come in and keep the hall clean and decorate it for special occasions. To Andy who opens and closes the hall and has it heated for us coming in and of course to all our music suppliers who keep us entertained all year, we once again thank you all.

This is my Report