



Corstorphine Public Hall

## FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN NEWSLETTER, FEBRUARY 2016



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**6<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

Race night  
Grosvenor Maybury Edinburgh



**13<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

Sponsored bungee jump at Pitlochry  
(see over for more)



### Corstorphine Festival May/June 2016

Parade - Corstorphine through The  
Ages - Sat 28th May - route and times  
to be arranged.



Busking by local schools  
and organisations 30/05  
- 4/06.

Family Ceilidh - Fri or Sat evening  
Tricky Ricky Family Magic Show -  
Tuesday 31st May Corstorphine  
Parish Church Hall 6.00pm.  
Contact Caroline at  
[cyc.centre@gmail.com](mailto:cyc.centre@gmail.com) if you  
would like to organise an event  
during the Festival week.

Please see overleaf or the CPH  
website for background information  
about the Public hall, the fire and the  
rebuild.



### FUNDRAISING APPEAL LAUNCH, 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016

The CPH Rebuild fundraising appeal was officially launched on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> January at an event in Corstorphine.

The event began on a cold, bright morning, outside the Public Hall in Kirk Loan with short speeches of welcome by the Lord Provost, Donald Wilson, and the Old Parish Church minister, Moira McDonald. A piper then led the way round to the warmth of Corstorphine Bowling Club, where seats and refreshments were provided.



David Sutherland, treasurer of the Public Hall Company, spoke about the background to the fundraising

campaign. Although the Public Hall Company already have £1 million in the bank from the insurance payout and other sources, the plan is to build for the next 100 years, and in order to achieve this the company, now a registered charity, will need a further £700,000 to get the building back up and running, with possible further fundraising required after that to make the new building even more special.

Moira McDonald commented on this ambition, comparing it to the wishes of the original members of the Public Hall Company back in 1892 to pass on a lasting legacy to the local community.

Tommy McLean, chair of the fundraising committee, talked about the way the hall would be used in future, reminding people not just of the variety of groups who had used it in the past, but that CYCC in its current premises at the Hub has now offered facilities to various new groups who need a meeting place. CYCC also runs a charity shop at the Hub, which has already raised a substantial sum in aid of the Public Hall rebuild.

Councillor Frank Ross spoke of the place of the Hall in the local community and the various ways people could contribute to the appeal, both financially and in kind.

Thanks to the Corstorphine Rotary Club and to the Corstorphine Pram Shop for their very kind donations, and to individual donors to the rebuilding fund.

A choir from Fox Covert Primary School then sang a selection of well-known Scottish songs, ending with the quirky 'Three Crows'.

It was encouraging to see so many people showing an interest in the project, from those who are currently involved in various aspects of it to those who have been involved in the past. **More volunteers are always welcome, whether to help at one-off events or to serve on particular sub-committees.**



For further information about the rebuild appeal see:

<http://www.corstorphinepublichall.org.uk/>

Correspondence, donations, requests for information may also be directed to Corstorphine Public Hall, c/o Corstorphine Hub, 191 St John's Road, EH12 7SL.



The CPH building is in the Corstorphine Conservation Area, and began life as a Public Hall in 1892. The library extension, funded by Andrew Carnegie, was added in 1903. This section, separately owned since the 1930's, was unfortunately where the fire started. The 3 Principal Shareholders of the Company are, The Corstorphine Literary and Geographical Society, Corstorphine Bowling Club and The Masonic Lodge – St John's Corstorphine [788] – many of whose members were involved in the original construction. All these organisations and CYCC are heavily involved in the fundraising for the rebuilding project.

The founding body was originally set up in 1891 as a Limited Company, to establish a community hall funded by public subscription; it has always owned the building. Although effectively operating as a charity it has never been registered as such, and as the current shareholders do not wish to benefit from their shareholding the company has now received confirmation from the Charity Regulator it has been granted charitable status (SC046009). In recent years the Corstorphine Youth and Community Association have leased it from them and operated the CYC Centre. The two organisations are cooperating in working towards rebuilding the Corstorphine Public Hall.

## CORSTORPHINE PUBLIC HALL REBUILD PROJECT FUNDING APPEAL

### More about forthcoming events:

#### **Race Night 6<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

Tickets for this event at the Grosvenor Maybury are currently sold out, but if there is further interest we may be able to organise another race night. We hope everyone will enjoy the evening. This is just the start of a programme of events which are part of the CPH Rebuild fundraising campaign.

#### **Please support this Sponsored bungee jump 13<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

<https://mydonate.bt.com/events/cphrebuildbungee/283770#> tells the full story and gives you the chance to support this extreme act of bravery!

"We are doing a bungee jump off the Killiecrankie bridge at Pitlochry on Sat 13th Feb 2016 to raise money to help rebuild the Corstorphine Public Hall where some of our service users and their families used to attend.

As support workers in the care industry we see how people in the community are affected by not being able to attend here now and would like to help! We work for independent living services and also have 3 friends willing to jump. Our names are Lana Sneddon, Caroline Wright, Helen Guilar, Stephanie Little, Anne-Louise Wood, Kim Farrel and Sara West."

#### **WHY NOT HOLD YOUR OWN SPONSORED EVENT?**

Please let us know of any sponsored events you are planning or would like to run so that we can publicise them.

#### **Corstorphine Festival week**

A local festival is being planned by the Rebuild Committee for the week leading up to the next Corstorphine Fair in June 2016. Please contact Caroline at [cyc.centre@gmail.com](mailto:cyc.centre@gmail.com) if you would like to organise an event during the week.

#### **FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN**

On our website: <http://www.corstorphinepublichall.org.uk/>  
From Corstorphine Public Hall, c/o Corstorphine Hub, 191 St John's Road, EH12 7SL.

On Facebook (Corstorphine Public Hall Rebuild):

<https://www.facebook.com/CorstorphinePublicHallRebuild/>

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