

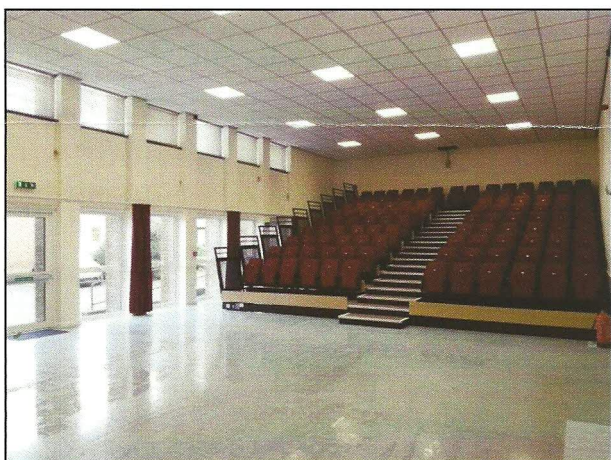
## CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

A Good New Year to each of you, wishing you a fun and fulfilling time ahead.

Sadly, I must begin by recording the passing of several long-serving members - Mary Moncur, Ron Green, George Delday and Sheila Irving. They were all great supporters of the work of the Trust and shall be missed.

The single project that consumed so much of my time and that of our officers during 2018 was the creation of the Astoria Centre at 18 Kirk Loan in preparation for the arrival of the restored cinema organ. As I write, the bulk of the instrument is being installed in the organ chamber. I had hoped that the organ would be played at our A.G.M. but one or two components are not quite ready. Members will be able to view what is there, but we will need to wait a few more weeks to hear the first note.

However, there are many regular activities which are 'ready to go' including classical and folk concerts in the Dower House. The History Group continues a full monthly programme of speakers and there is no longer a waiting list to join this activity.



We are delighted to be welcoming some new user groups to both the Heritage and Astoria Centres where the diaries are filling up. However, if you are planning a family event there are still opportunities for members to hire either venue.

Finally, may I thank the many volunteers who organise and run all our activities. We are always open to new assistants who I am sure would be welcomed enthusiastically.

Ian Anderson, Chairman

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## RON GREEN

One of the Trusts most loyal and long serving members, Ron Green, passed away on the 7<sup>th</sup> December. Ron was a valued member of the Executive Committee for many years, serving as House Convener, making sure the Heritage Centre was always in good order.

Ron was also a fine artist and musician, producing ink drawings of Corstorphine which sold as greetings cards. As a pianist, he delighted audiences on a Saturday morning with his popular medleys. He will be sadly missed by us all.

Douglas Ramsay

