

## MARY MONCUR M.B.E.



One of the founding members of Corstorphine Trust, Mary really helped to build our strength in the early days. She worked in local branches of the Royal Bank for thirty years during which time she recruited many customers and friends. As our Treasurer she always had her subscription book at the ready. Mary was not of this electronic age and kept meticulous hand-written membership records and account books. Preferring the personal contact, she was not impressed when members began setting up standing orders rather than crossing her palm with cash. When the time came to retire as Treasurer, she and the redoubtable Rena Cowper gave me little choice but to take over the office from her.

Mary was not only prominent in the Trust but when her father retired from organising Remembrance Services on behalf of the British Legion and the responsibility passed to The Corstorphine Trust, she picked up the baton. Only ill-health caused her to have to pass that responsibility on to the Trust.

The Friends of Corstorphine Hospital also benefited for many years from her drive and enthusiasm for local causes and for service to charities she was awarded the M.B.E. Although Mary was not one to boast about her activities, I know that she was proud that others had recognised her efforts.

Latterly spinal problems hampered her mobility and in recent years she became reclusive but continued as our Honorary Vice President to be ready with advice and counsel when asked.

We have lost a true Corstorphineite and friend.

Ian Anderson

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## GALLERY ART CLUB

Those talented members of the Gallery Art Club are holding their annual exhibition, 8<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> April in the Old Parish Church, High Street Hall, an event worth finding some time to visit. Come along, browse and enjoy tea and coffee, as well as tasty home-bakes available. There will be a children's drawing corner for younger guests. Make it a date for your diary and give them your support.

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## SUNDAY CONCERTS

We are now halfway through our Sunday afternoon concert series in the Heritage Centre and are now looking forward to three more exciting recitals between now and April. First up on 17<sup>th</sup> February we have tenor Kenneth Reid with Derek Clark piano while Hannah Foster and Iain Clarke give a flute and piano recital on 17<sup>th</sup> March.



The final concert of the season takes place on 21<sup>st</sup> April, when we welcome the Genovia Bassoon Quartet. At the time of writing, tickets are still available for all these events, so please contact Douglas Ramsay to avoid disappointment.

Douglas Ramsay