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## A Christmas Message from the President

The season of goodwill and cheer is fast approaching and I would like to warmly invite all members to join with your Committee to celebrate the forthcoming events.

We have reached the milestone of 40 years this year and celebrated with several functions, the key ones being the Members Gala Nite in July and the 40th Anniversary Dance with the Gypsies in September. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many members who have assisted the Club in running all the functions and of course the excellent Committee members for their hard work.

Let us embrace the true meaning of Christmas by forgetting our differences, renewing friendships, sharing our joy with those who are unable to enjoy Christmas and making peace with each other. In the words of Morihei Uyeshiba "*Peace originates with the flow of things—its heart is like the movement of the wind and waves. The way is like the veins that circulate the blood through our bodies, following the natural flow of the life force. If you are separated in the slightest from that divine essence, you are far off the path.*"

The Committee joins me in wishing all the members a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. May 2011 be full of Peace and Joy.

Warm Regards

Andy

Let There Be Peace on Earth



## CHRISTMAS

C is for the Christ Child and the child in all of us  
H is for the Heart of God, in whom we place our trust  
R is for our Redeemer, who is finished with his chore  
I is for Isaiah, who had told it all before  
S is for the heavenly Child the lowly Shepherds came to see  
T is for the Three wise men, who were wise beyond degree  
M is for the Manger, the simple manger where He lay  
A is for the Angels who were standing by that day  
S is for the Star that shone that night and still shines today

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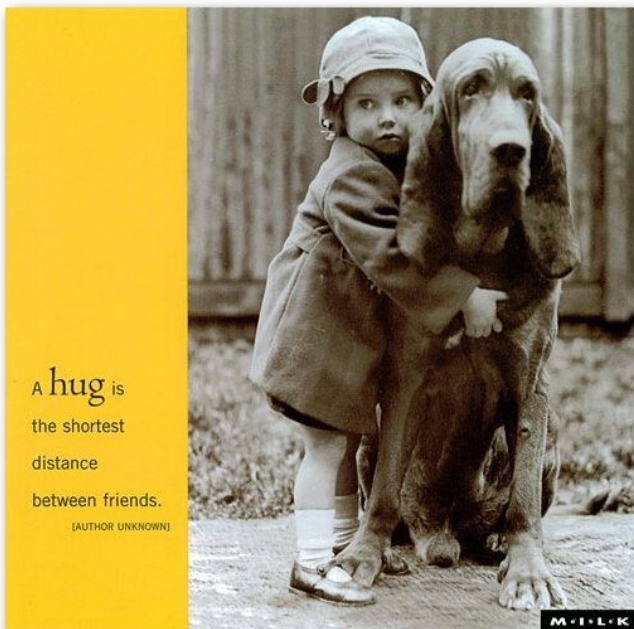
## CLUB CHATTER



### WEDDING IN THE CHAPEL

On Sunday 31 Oct 2010, Damien Bartholomeusz (son of Fred & Olivia) married Sharon Simmons (daughter of Hugh & Winitia) at 2.30 pm in the Chapel of the Royal Brisbane Hospital. The celebrant was Father James O'Donoghue. The Bridegroom and 5 groomsmen were in the chapel and in walked the 5 bridesmaids looking stunning in five different coloured dresses and behind them pushed by 2 nurses came Sharon laid out in a bed in an absolutely beautiful wedding dress looking like a princess. There was'nt a dry eye in the Chapel.

After a very nice marriage service we were all asked to gather at the front door where the wedding planner had organised to release some butterflies. Back in the cafe of the hospital (which was closed for business as it was Sunday) a very nice banquet was set out for the guests to enjoy. After some speeches and other ceremonies Sharon was taken back to her hospital bed. It was a beautiful but very sad wedding. The entire wedding was organised within a period of 24 hours



A hug is  
the shortest  
distance  
between friends.  
(AUTHOR UNKNOWN)

You can't help  
getting older,  
but you don't have  
to get old.  
(GEORGE BURNS)



### Look To This Day

Look to this day;  
For it is life, the very life of life  
In its brief course  
Lie all the verities and realities of your existence.  
The bliss of growth, The glory of action,  
The splendour of achievement,  
Are but experiences of time.

For yesterday is but a dream  
And tomorrow is only a vision;  
But today well lived makes  
Every yesterday a dream of happiness  
And every tomorrow a vision of hope.  
Look well, therefore, to this day!  
Such is the salutation to the ever-new dawn!

**Kalidasa**

## REPORT ON HAVE A CHAT — 2ND OCTOBER 2010

We had another successful "Have a Chat" on 2<sup>nd</sup> October with about 65 people attending. It was great to see so many of our older members and the not so old members also attending.

We had cake, biscuits, cheese and savouries for morning tea. An excellent meal with flavours of "Exotic Asia" was provided for lunch by Rena & Jeremy Henderling. Of course there was non-stop chatting going on in between. Thank you to Sidney Shedden and his awesome helper Becky Misso for conducting some exciting games of the ever popular Bingo.

We also had tasty sweets, cakes, savouries, chutneys and also plants for sale. It was busier than the Boxing Day Sales and the food was snapped up in record time. A big thank you to all who attended the Have a Chat, supported the Raffle and helped in many ways to make this event a success. Hope to see you all at many of the functions in December.

**Preethi Weerasinghe**



## REPORT ON DANCE PARTY — 9TH OCTOBER 2010

The dance party held on 9 October 2010 had a good attendance once again. The night kicked off with a demonstration dance performed by the Rollers from the Carina Leagues Club. It was then time for the members & guests to show off their repertoire of moves & after about half an hour warm up on the dance floor it was time to get the competition started. After much deliberation the finalists were chosen for the Waltz & Jive/Rock n Roll competitions to be held later in the evening.

A very tasty, all you can eat buffet was dished out by Peter Hapuarachchi and many were treated to seconds as well.

During dinner the Waltz final was held & once again it was Deanna & Karol Misso who won this dance. The Jive/Rock n Roll final took place next. The competition was very close & finally the judges awarded the first prize to Shirley & Mark D'Mello.

After dinner the dancing got off with a long slow session followed by some old popular numbers provided by our very own DJ darkntall1. Everyone was on the dance floor having a good time. The raffle was conducted to raise money to buy new sound equipment for the Club and we are proud to say that we sold enough tickets to cover the cost of the equipment.

The night ended with the Baila competition which was won by the very popular couple Lorraine & Herby Tucker. Their demonstration dance kept the crowd enthralled.

A big thank you to all those who took part in the competition in good spirits and to all the judges who had a most difficult task in picking the winners.

**Dance Sub Committee**



## PHOTOS FROM DANCE PARTY





## EVENTS IN DECEMBER/JANUARY

**Golden Years Christmas Party**  
**Saturday 4th December 2010**  
**Ithaca Bowls Club, Redhill**



**Children's Christmas Party**  
**Saturday 18th December 2010**  
**Ithaca Bowls Club, Redhill**

**Christmas Carols**  
**Saturday 18th December 2010**  
**Ithaca Bowls Club, Redhill**



**New Year's Eve Dance**  
**Friday 31st December 2010**  
**Ithaca Bowls Club, Redhill**

The Management Committee would like to wish you and your family a blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year.

We thank you for your support and hope to see you at many of the Functions in December and January.



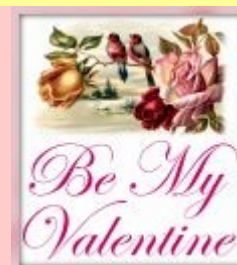
# 2011



**Have a Chat 1**  
**Early Feb 2011 (date to be advised)**  
**Ithaca Bowls Club, Redhill**  
Enquiries please contact Romaine on 3397 1641  
or Anoma on 0404 488 145



**Valentines Dance**  
**Saturday 19th February, 2011**  
**Ithaca Bowls Club, Redhill**  
More details in next Newsletter



## Once Upon a Christmas.....

**Once Upon a Time. . . .long, long before there were movies, television, radios, or even books. . . . there were storytellers! The holidays are the perfect time to rekindle this tradition of storytelling. The season for holiday customs, breathtaking light displays, jubilant caroling, and snow flurries in colder areas. Capture this holiday spirit by truly understating the history that makes it what it is today.**

The idea to celebrate Christmas on December 25 originated in the 4th century. The Catholic Church wanted to eclipse the festivities of a rival pagan religion that threatened Christianity's existence. The Romans celebrated the birthday of their sun god, Mithras during this time of year. Although it was not popular, or even proper, to celebrate people's birthdays in those times, church leaders decided that in order to compete with the pagan celebration they would themselves order a festival in celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Although the actual season of Jesus' birth is thought to be in the spring. The date of December 25 was chosen as the official birthday celebration as Christ's Mass so that it would compete head on with the rival pagan celebration.

### **Santa Claus**

The origin of Santa Claus begins in the 4th century with Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, an area in present day Turkey. By all accounts St. Nicholas was a generous man, particularly devoted to children. After his death around 340 A.D. he was buried in Myra, but in 1087 Italian sailors purportedly stole his remains and removed them to Bari, Italy, greatly increasing St. Nicholas' popularity throughout Europe. His kindness and reputation for generosity gave rise to claims that he could perform miracles and devotion to him increased.

After the Reformation, Euro-

pean followers of St. Nicholas dwindled, but the legend was kept alive in Holland where the Dutch spelling of his name Sint Nikolaas was eventually transformed to Sinterklaas. Dutch children would leave their wooden shoes by the fireplace, and Sinterklaas would reward good children by placing treats in their shoes. Dutch colonists brought this tradition with them to America in the 17th century and here the Anglican name of Santa Claus emerged.

### **Christmas Tree**

In 16th-century Germany fir trees were decorated, both indoors and out, with apples, roses, gilded candies, and coloured paper. In the Middle Ages, a popular religious play depicted the story of Adam and Eve's expulsion from the Garden of Eden. A fir tree hung with apples was used to symbolise the Garden of Eden -- the Paradise Tree.

It is held that Protestant reformer Martin Luther first adorned trees with light. While coming home one December evening, the beauty of the stars shining through the branches of a fir inspired him to recreate the effect by placing candles on the branches of a small fir tree inside his home. The Christmas Tree was brought to England by Queen Victoria's husband, Prince Albert from his native Germany.

### **Wreaths**

The wreaths were created in the same way the Christmas trees were created. For some it symbolises the strength of life overcoming the forces of winter. Back in ancient Rome, people used decorative wreaths as a sign of victory. Some believe that this is where the hanging of wreaths on doors came from. The origins of the Advent wreath are found in the folk practices of the pre-Christian Germanic people who, during the cold December darkness of Eastern Europe, gathered wreaths of evergreen and lighted fires as signs of hope in a coming spring and renewed

light. Christians kept these popular traditions alive, and by the 16th century Catholics and Protestants throughout Germany used these symbols to celebrate their Advent hope in Christ. Traditionally, the wreath is made of four candles in a circle of evergreens with a fifth candle in the middle.

### **Mistletoe**

Two hundred years before the birth of Christ, the Druids used mistletoe to celebrate the coming of winter. They would gather this evergreen plant that is parasitic upon other trees and used it to decorate their homes. They believed the plant had special healing powers for everything from female infertility to poison ingestion. Scandinavians also thought of mistletoe as a plant of peace and harmony. They associated mistletoe with their goddess of love, Frigga. The custom of kissing under the mistletoe probably derived from this belief. The early church banned the use of mistletoe in Christmas celebrations because of its pagan origins. Instead, church fathers suggested the use of holly as an appropriate substitute for Christmas greenery.

### **Poinsettias**

Poinsettias are native to Mexico. They were named after America's first ambassador to Mexico, Joel Poinsett. He brought the plants to America in 1828. The Mexicans in the eighteenth century thought the plants were symbolic of the Star of Bethlehem. Thus the Poinsettia became associated with the Christmas season. The actual flower of the poinsettia is small and yellow. But surrounding the flower are large, bright red leaves, often mistaken for petals.

### **Santa Claus' reindeer**

Santa Claus' reindeer are a team of reindeer which pull his sleigh and help him deliver Christmas gifts. According to Kris Kringle (Miracle on 34th Street), they only fly on Christmas Eve.

The names of the original eight

reindeer are taken from the 1823 poem A Visit from St. Nicholas, which led to the popularity of reindeer as Christmas symbols. The poem reads in part:

**Now Dasher! Now Dancer!  
Now, Prancer and Vixen!  
On, Comet! On, Cupid! On,  
Donner and Blitzen!  
To the top of the porch! To the top of the wall!  
Now dash away! Dash away!  
Dash away all!**

Over time, two another reindeer has been added: Rudolph a well-known name due to the popular Christmas song Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.

### **A Christmas carol**

The tradition of Christmas carols hails back as far as the thirteenth century, although carols were originally communal songs sung during celebrations like harvest tide as well as Christmas. It was only later that carols were sung in church, and to be specifically associated with Christmas. An urban legend states that they were named after a little girl named Carol Poles who disappeared in 1888 in the Whitechapel district of London. According to the legend, the little girl was reported missing around Christmas and many people went searching for her at night. Due to fears concerning Jack the Ripper, the group would sing Christmas carols upon knocking in order to declare their good intentions.

### **Yule log cake**

A Yule log is a large log which is burned in the hearth as a part of traditional Yule or Christmas celebrations in some cultures. The origins of the Yule Log can be traced back to the Midwinter festivals in which the Norsemen indulged...nights filled with feasting, 'drinking Yule' and watching the fire leap around the log burning in the home hearth. The expression 'Yule log' has also come to refer to log-shaped Christmas cakes, also known as 'chocolate logs'.



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