

**AFTERNOON TEA TO CELEBRATE NANCY CHISHOLM'S 70 YEARS AS A
MEMBER OF**

PRESTWICK ST NICHOLAS GOLF CLUB

FRIDAY 6TH JULY 2018

Good afternoon, Ladies and a special welcome to Nancy as we celebrate her 70th year as a member of this wonderful club. As one who has only been a member for one tenth of your time, I can only imagine the events, the people and the changes you have seen here. In fact your guests today, Nancy, are much more qualified than I to talk about your life at St Nicholas and, of course, your wider and highly significant service to golf in general. So... I hope, as the afternoon progresses, that the ladies will share some of their memories.

What I and many newer members did witness last week during the Seniors Open was the absolute joy that so many of the players expressed when they discovered you here to support them. It was lovely to see you renew old acquaintances and share experiences from a lifetime in the world of golf.

During that lifetime, since you were a junior here, you have:

1. Been Club Champion 10 times
2. Been Ladies Club Captain
3. Been Greenlees Captain
4. Represented the Club in National events, with Betty Singleton and Louise Crooks
5. Were Captain of the Ayrshire County, then the President and now the Hon. Life President of Ayrshire Ladies County Golf Association. What an honour!

That might be more than enough achievements for anyone in a normal lifetime, but not for Nancy: her influence, skills and knowledge were sought at National Level too – she served as President of the SLGA and Chairman (and Hon. Vice President) of the LGU. This led to her becoming a Royal & Ancient rules official at events such as The Curtis Cups.

So.... With this incredible, and by no means exhaustive, list of achievements....and the fact that there's barely a piece of silverware in those cabinets that doesn't bear Nancy's name.....it's no wonder that we have gathered today to celebrate with her.

Grant informs me that the last time you had a celebration here was for your Golden Wedding Anniversary. He also informs me that Andy Murray was so happy for you that day, he went straight on to Centre Court and won Wimbledon!!

But, as we all know, it is not only this Club that has noticed the huge contribution to golf made by Nancy.....

On the 15th October 2009, Bill and their daughters, Lindsey and Susan, travelled to Buckingham Palace to see The Queen award Nancy an MBE for her services to golf. What a fitting reward for all your hard work!

Your membership here, Nancy, has bestowed an honour on this Club and for our small part, we hope you enjoy this afternoon of friendship and we wish you and Bill many more happy years together.