



Friends of Corstorphine Hill

February 2002

Farewell to Ranger Iain Mitchell

In January, we said "goodbye" to Iain Mitchell, our local City of Edinburgh Council Ranger for a number of years. Iain was instrumental in the setting up of the *Friends* and was a stalwart supporter. We wish him all the very best in his new job in Aberdeen.

Corstorphine Fair

A reminder for your diary - Saturday the **1st of June** is the date of this year's Corstorphine Fair. The *Friends* will again have a stall. At the last Fair, the combination of providing information about the *Friends* and selling plants was well supported but we want to do even better this time. So, if you can raise any plants to sell or would like to be involved in any way in preparations or on the day of the Fair, we would welcome your help. Please contact Margie Dobson, telephone 466 0216.

The Tower

During the week of the Fair, the *Friends* will be opening the Tower. If you can help with stewarding for a couple of hours during that week or on one of our now regular summer Sunday afternoon openings, please contact Willma Carroll, telephone 312 1385.

Membership renewals

It's that time of year again - renewal of your *Friends of Corstorphine Hill* membership.

The fee is £1 per member per year.

Donations are also always very welcome!

Please return names and money to a member of the committee (see overleaf) or by post to the Chairman: E. Price, 25 Corstorphine Hill Avenue, Edinburgh EH12 6LF.

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Talks

The winter programme of talks is well underway.

All of the talks take place at **7.30 p.m.** in Queen Margaret University College Lecture Theatre B.

Thursday 21st February 2002

Archaeology in Edinburgh

Dr Graham Ritchie (formerly of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland).

Many prehistoric and early historic archaeological remains have been discovered within what is now the City of Edinburgh, from Bronze Age burials to a Roman fort at Cramond. Medieval and more recent remains have also been discovered in the course of recent excavations. Focusing on the area of Corstorphine Hill, early maps, aerial photographs and other resources of the National Monuments Record of Scotland will be explored.

Thursday 21st March 2002

Earthquakes detected from Edinburgh

Dr David Booth (British Geological Survey).

From their offices in Edinburgh, seismologists detect earthquakes, explosions and seismic events throughout the world. Parts of Scotland are amongst the most seismically active in the UK and small earthquakes have occurred in the Midlothian area. How safe is Corstorphine Hill? Find out at this talk.

Thursday 25th April 2002

AGM and Work of the Botany Group

Photographs, paintings, new plant lists and a new leaflet - some of the results of the activities of the *Friends'* Botany Group - will be on show.

For further information about any of the talks, contact David McAdam, telephone 539 1060.

Contacts for return of membership forms or to discuss matters related to the *Friends* or Corstorphine Hill - the current *Friends* committee:

Chairman	Eddie Price	25 Corstorphine Hill Avenue	539 1088
Treasurer	Leslie Foggie	9 Strachan Gardens	312 6554
Secretary	Lesley Castell	10 Hillpark Brae	336 4283
	Fiona Campbell	6 Barony Terrace	538 1488
	Willma Carroll	7 Drum Brae Drive	317 1385
	John Crombie	5 Southbank, Easter Park Drive	312 7360
	Margie Dobson	23 Drum Brae Drive	466 0216
	Win Golder	65/5 Rannoch Road	339 7528
	Les Hutcheon	17 Caroline Terrace	334 3832
	David McAdam	39 Clermiston Road	539 1060
	Ed McLennan	84 Drum Brae Park	539 0836
	Os Wallace	22 Clerwood Place	334 3343
Co-opted	Hilary Maxfield	12 Devon Place	337 1981

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Volunteers

We are keen to involve you in our activities - please let us know if you can help with

Tower opening rota
newsletter delivery
walled garden practical work
other (what interests you?)

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Telephone.....

E-mail.....