

Cyprus Tour March 2023

Twass Monday morn Twentyfirst of March

By Seven we were on our way

But first to pick up Maggie and Billy

As we're off on our Bowls Clubs Holiday

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Twere nose to tail on the one two seven

Then switched outut stagnant one thirty

After twenty mins saw reason fut delay

A big wagon now pulled outut dirty

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We sped along no more delays

Arriving at M and G very soony

Checked in our bags then made our way

For breakfast at pub Weatherspoony

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We caught the train to Terminal twelve

And patiently joined in the queue

Then quickly had to stand aside

As our two in their wheelchairs flew through

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Alas our flight to Paphos Airport

Had suffered a thirty mins delay

With a coach waiting there to take us

Tut Athena Beach where we'd stay

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The morning brief from Ann Allman

Was clear and straight to the point

Our members were asked if all was clear

Or their rooms did they disappoint

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Some raised their hands and spoke to her
She would take it up with the gaffer
Two in our group were very displeased
To the point it was no laughing matter

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On Tuesday then at our roll up
Some dress on Rink Nine was unclassy
Requests to wear all whites fut match
Twas flouted by the Goughs, Pearce and Andrassy

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"Off with their heads " I heard someone say
But the punishment should fit the crime
So we'll leave it tut Tour Organiser
How much they'll be subject tut fine

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On Wednesday this was our Free Day
To do just as we liked
Pilates, Mini Golf, or Shuffle board
And many into Pafos they hiked

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Thursday was our first match day
Where team from Henfield we'd play soon
We're free to do owt in the morning
As the match will be played after noon

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The sun shone bright as we assembled there
But first a team photo of Group
The Cards were swapped and battles began
And off to our rinks we did troop

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Both teams had winners on some of the Rinks
And all games had finished by Four
Then all retired to the Nectar Bar
To learn of the match final score

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Ian had added up the game totals
That differed to Henfields account
So on double checking the scorecards
Elaine H and himself shared th'amount

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Twer Friday now and an earlier start
We're going to Ormodos ont bus
It came approximately twenty mins late
But this dint cause much of a fuss

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A pretty little village in the Troodos
We stayed for just over an hour (oover)
Then descended back in to a valley
The Aphrodite Club next on our tour

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Their Club had only got Four Rinks
With a surface of artificial green
Twas located within a housing estate
Expats made up most of their team

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On arrival we sat down for buffet lunch
And then the Bowls battle began
But quickly became clear from the scoreboards
Our Rinks were soon over ran

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After nine ends we were down in the doldrums
Some played like they were only beginners
But a late rally over the last nine
Meant on three of the Rinks we were winners

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So overall they'd beaten us bad
Not by inches or feet, but by yards
Applauds for Lesley P and Team A.N.Other
Our winners ont fundraising scratchcards

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The Captains gave their thanks to all
At Four Fifty we're well on our way
Arriving at th'otel an hour later
Thanks Brian for arranging this day

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Saturday was the Hotels Competition Day
Three teams from our Club in the mix
Captains Billy, Trevor, and Elaine H
Hoping to score the maximum Six

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Gladly one of teams achieved this
Whilst tuthers they finished on Two
So Billy's team there in the play-off
He'll do the best he could do

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His first bowl down was a ditcher
His opponents bowl went out of the Rink
A second chance then for our Captain
Let's hope that our hearts do not sink

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The slim and youthful Scots lad
Had landed his wood 'bout a yard
But Captain, despite his best effort
Found that bowl to beat was too hard

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So second place they had to settle for
Their exuberance they could not hide
They posed for a static team photo
Then jumped down the kids waterslide

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On Sunday morning with an early start
Six Rinks were planned with Coral Bay
But they only had enough for two rinks
So guests from the Hotel asked to play

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One half of the Rinks were in sunshine
The other was dark and quite cool
But the bowlings being enjoyed by everyone
Except when those wicks are so cruel

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The Bowlers retired to the Nectar Bar
Where our opponents we were able to treat
The Captains then read out the scorecards
Once again we had suffered defeat

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So here we are in the Evilina Bar
We're meeting as a group fut last time
So get your wallets and purses out
In case you've been guilty of a crime

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Sometimes things have gone smoothly
And sometimes the easy were hard
So big thanks to our Tour Organiser
You know him, his names "Brian Gillard"

Noah Ludson