



# Inner Wheel Club of High Wycombe

Spring Newsletter 2022

How quickly three years has flown by since my first newsletter as your club correspondent. I took on the role thinking it was just for one year, then soon discovered it was a three year term. I had never done a newsletter before so with the help of my son and several sessions later I managed to learn how to use publisher. I am still no way proficient but now can manage to produce a fairly decent newsletter.

I have enjoyed writing about the many events our club has put on over the last three years. At times it has been difficult to find enough material to write about especially during lockdown but with a little lateral thinking I hopefully have managed to keep you all entertained and informed.

This will be my last newsletter before I hand over the reins to Wendy Mallen as I move onto an even more challenging role as your club secretary. I wish Wendy every success as she embarks on her new role.

by Frances Burt  
Club correspondent

## Incoming President

Rosemary Jordan

I was born and educated in County Durham, graduating from Hope University, Liverpool in Maths and Chemistry. I am married with three children. We have lived in High Wycombe for over 30 years.

I have taught in various parts of the country originally as a secondary school Maths and Science teacher. Our move to the South East coincided with the introduction of the National Curriculum and I found myself drafted in to teach and organise schemes of work in science in two primary schools in Marlow and eventually became a class teacher and lead in several areas of the curriculum in one of them. My final sixteen years in teaching found me as Head of Years 7 and 8 at Godstowe Preparatory School in High Wycombe which I thoroughly enjoyed before retiring early which coincided happily with the arrival of our first grandchild.

My time in retirement is taken up enjoying the company and care of our grandchildren, we now have four, our children and their partners, our garden, the Book Group that I help to organise, following Liverpool Football

Club and the England Rugby team, Art Society, skiing which we have learned to do since retiring and of course, Inner Wheel.

I joined the Inner Wheel Club of High Wycombe immediately upon retiring eight years ago and it wasn't long before I was Treasurer which lasted for four years. Currently, I am in my first year as District 9 Treasurer.

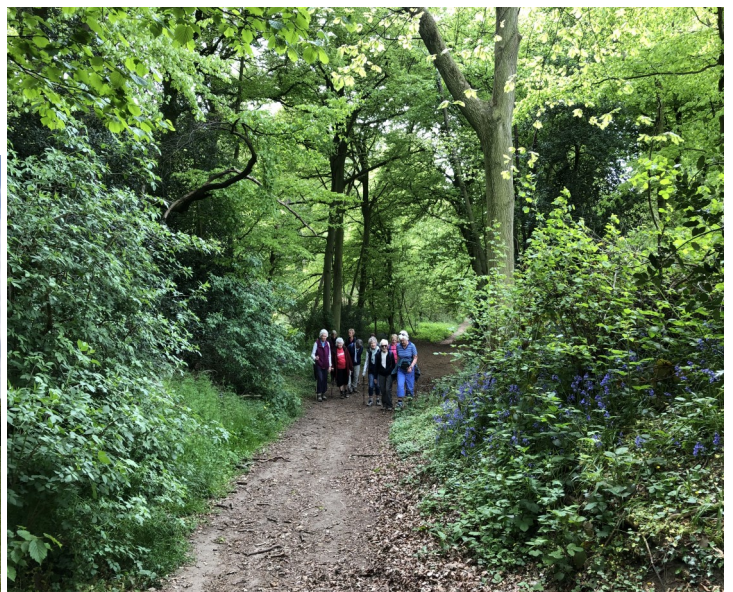
Reassuringly for me, ours is a club full of kind, happy and welcoming women many of whom have held this office and whom I know will support and guide me as we come out of these unprecedented times together.



By Rosemary Jordan

## Sponsored Walk in Lane End for stroke Association.

Eleven members set off from Lane End car park for a 3 mile walk through the woods and fields on the edge of the village. It turned into a warm and sunny spring morning and our route took us through the churchyard of Holy Trinity Church where the Service of Friendship was held prior to the District Rally last October. We then entered a lovely area of woodland carpeted with bluebells, passed the handsome herd of Guernsey cows at Lacey's Farm and on to fabulous views from Hanover Hill towards Fingest and Frieth. We returned to Lane End across undulating fields and alongside the well-tended village allotments. Back at the Grouse and Ale we were joined by further members for a well-earned lunch and liquid refreshments. A very sociable event enjoyed by all and with £100 raised for the Stroke Association, our Association President's charity of the year.



## High Wycombe 76th Charter Lunch

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> May we held our 76th Charter Lunch. We were very pleased to welcome guests from other clubs, Jennie Evans District Chairman, Les Hubbard President from Rotary club of High Wycombe, and other guest. Candles of friendship were lit by : the past by Barbara Hubbard, the present by Liz Norris and the future by Rosemary Jordan. Greetings from the rotary club was given by Les Hubbard. The 76th anniversary cake which was made by Sue Creed and iced by Liz Norris was then cut by District Chairman Jennie Evans.

After a delicious lunch we were treated to a talk by our speaker John Democratis, who gave a very interesting and informative talk about the history of Spode pottery and his passion for Spode following his many years as a trustee to the Spode museum.

This was followed by our raffle which raised £225 for our charities.



## Joyce Merritt

Most of you will remember Joyce Merritt who until recently was a long standing member of our club. She is now in Ridley Court Nursing Home and is doing very well. Her daughter has sent a couple of photos of her.



## Stitch & Sew

Seven members of our club enjoyed a stitch and sew morning kindly hosted by Marigold Tilly. Blankets were sewn together and old stamps cut out. The finished blankets go to either Hope & Aid or Hamlin Fistula UK depending on their size. The morning was enhanced by delicious home made cakes and refreshments.



## Bangers and Mash

Sixteen members of Inner Wheel Club of High Wycombe descended on Jennie Evans home in anticipation of a sausage and mash lunch. Earlier in the week the sun had been shining but on Wednesday the rain poured down and it was grey and overcast. A perfect day for sausage and mash!

We were welcomed into Jennie's home warmly as members helped themselves to a glass of wine, proscoco or a soft drink and found seats at one of the two tables beautifully laid on crisp, white tablecloths. Lunch was delicious; we enjoyed sausages accompanied by mash, petits pois and red cabbage served with an onion gravy.

This generous main course was followed by slices of rich fruit cake, made by Sue and iced by Liz, chocolates and ice cream with tea or coffee. All plates were cleared away empty!

President Liz proved a very able assistant to Jennie as they worked together to provide such a feast.

Jennie not only provided the venue, lunch and drink most generously but had assembled a fruit basket as a raffle prize. Everyone contributed to the raffle which raised £42 and was won by Pat York.

After an afternoon of friendly chat and warm laughter everyone left to return home feeling well fed and happy.

Jennie's sausage and mash lunch raised £217 in total for our club's charities including donations from two members who were unable to attend.

A delicious way to spend a miserable, wet May afternoon.

### By Rosemary Jordan



## District Inner Wheel Day

On Thursday district nine held an inner wheel day at Benson. Thankfully it was a nice sunny day and most of the guest did a three walk along the Thames pathway. Those who didn't want to do the walk took part in a quiz hosted by Kate Williamson. There were two rounds, one geography round about towns and the other a jubilee quiz. High Wycombe had the smallest team consisting of two , Janet Pearson and myself, however this did not stop us as we came first.

We then all enjoyed a delicious lunch of chicken and salmon salad, followed by strawberries and cream.

After lunch there was a very entertaining flower demonstration and four beautiful flower displays were created. These then became our raffle prizes and £200 was raised for Jennies chosen charity, Mind.

The day ended with tea and delicious home made cakes.

By Frances Burt



## Message from District Chairman

### *Thank you*

As my year draws to a close, it is difficult to believe that it is a year since Elaine Morris handed to me, the District chain of office. We were still under covid restrictions; therefore, the handover took place on a lovely sunny day in my garden with the District AGM and Handover meetings taking place on Zoom.

I can remember on that day, thinking what am I doing agreeing to be District Chairman but what an honour and pleasure it has been. I have thoroughly enjoyed visiting the Clubs in our District where I witnessed how Clubs function in different ways but the warmth of the welcome was exactly the same. 'Friendship' at it best.

One of the highlights of my year was my Rally held at Lane End Conference Centre. Judy Taylor past member of our Club and now Member at Large, officiated at the service. Using different plants and flowers from her garden, Judy showed us, how together, no matter how different we are, we can work as a successful team. We were delighted that our Association President, Betty Roberts was in attendance.

I very much appreciated the funds raised during my year for my chosen charities Mind Buckinghamshire and Mind Oxfordshire. It will go along way to helping those in need of their services.

*I couldn't have done it without you.*

I cannot thank President Liz and members of our club for their incredible support throughout this year. Liz, your invaluable support, especially with the planning of the Pre-Rally Tea and Rally and on the day, was truly appreciated.

Thank you very much members of the Inner Wheel Club if High Wycombe.

*Jennie*



District 9 Rally 2021/2022

District 9 Chairman, Jennie Evans 2021/2022

Association President, Betty Roberts

President Inner Wheel Club of High Wycombe, Liz Norris

(14<sup>th</sup> October 2021)