



Welcome and Greetings from Katharine Butcher the District Chairman for the Inner Wheel year 2022-2023.



It is a privilege to be your District Chairman for 2022-2023 and I like to think that I am following in my grandmother's footsteps who was Association President in 1968.

I came to Brighton in 1989 to study at what is now Brighton University but in those days was Brighton Polytechnic. To supplement my income, I got a job at The Body Shop, and I will always be grateful for the opportunities it gave me. One of those moments was the time given to volunteer in the local community so I used to go and offer makeovers to young teenagers and older adults in hospitals, community centres and hostels. I also gave talks about The Body Shop to community groups as well as helping with the homeless.

Fast forward thirty years and, after stints at my local schools on the Parents and Teachers Association and as a governor, I joined Inner Wheel in 2014 as an obvious choice for being able to offer service and meet new people. Soon after I became Hove's Club President and am now Club Correspondent. Along the way I became District Editor and now I'm your District Chairman.

Through Inner Wheel I have made many friends both in my own Club and more recently at District. Inner Wheel contributes to many good causes both at home and abroad but the thing it offers all of us is friendship – something which I treasure.

The Body Shop has also played a huge part in my life as I met my husband there and we now have two children, aged 20 and 17. The founder of The Body Shop, Dame Anita Roddick, formed a charity called *Children on the Edge* in 1990 in response to the Romanian Orphanage Crisis, which I have chosen as my charity for this year.



Dame Anita Roddick in Romania

Since then, *Children on the Edge* has grown and developed and is now a child rights organisation created to support the world's most marginalised children, living in some of the toughest situations. They envision a world in which every child thrives regardless of

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To promote true friendship • To encourage the ideals of personal service • To foster international understanding

their geography, ethnicity, gender, or caste. They work to create conditions in which every marginalised child can flourish and thrive no matter where they live and irrespective of the challenging circumstances they face.

They place children at the heart of everything they do by working hand-in-hand with local communities to restore hope, dignity, and justice; and actively to involve everyone in creating transformation.

The International Inner Wheel Theme for this year is '**Strong Women, Stronger World**' with a focus on health, education, opportunity and empowerment.

Enjoy your Inner Wheel.

The new District Executive for 2022-2023 will be:



Front Row: Ann Chase
(District Treasurer)
Back Row: (from left to right)
Pat O Keefe (District Secretary)
Jennifer Pierce (Membership and
Development Officer)
Gail Elhinn (1st Vice Chairman)
Gill Staerck (District Editor)
Katharine Butcher (District Chairman)
Lois Driscoll (Member of Council)
and Kay Young (International Service
Chairman)

Introducing the new members of the District Executive:

Lois Driscoll

I can't actually remember when I joined the Inner Wheel Club of Bookham & Horsley, probably in the early 2000s. After a couple of years I became Club President and on my first meeting I was joined by District Chairman Gill Nightingale. Gill was charming but I found it very scary as a relative newbie. It was also my first meeting of the new Inner Wheel year, and the year that Phyl Fennelly, one of our Club members, was Association President.

Phyl invited me to attend a couple of dinners at the annual conference and I felt very privileged to be there. In 2011/12 I was District Chairman and had a wonderful year meeting all the Club members, our District had 25 Clubs then. It was also the year of the Istanbul Convention and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year which gave us all an extra day's holiday. This enabled me to hold the District Rally at St. Teresa's School in Effingham, on a very wet day. but wonderful nonetheless.



In 2016 I was Member of Council which I thoroughly enjoyed and it has come around again for 2022. I have had such a wonderful journey in Inner Wheel meeting the most amazing and talented ladies and it's so sad that numbers are falling so rapidly.

We now have a new year, a new District Chairman and a wonderful year to look forward to. Katharine I hope you enjoy your journey as much as I have and I'm delighted to be one of your Committee members. Now that Covid cases are falling Terry and I are looking forward to travelling again.

Gail Elhinn



I joined Inner Wheel in 2002 to fulfil a promise which I had made to join once I had retired from teaching. After 29 years as a teacher, I was in dire need of something to keep me busy and being a member of Inner Wheel has certainly done that. I have been Lewes Inner Wheel Club President twice, District Editor, Second and First Vice-District Chairman, District Chairman, Member of Council, Membership Officer and am about to serve as Club Secretary for the third time.

Being a member of Inner Wheel has given me the great honour of serving alongside some of the most remarkable women whom I have ever met. I have also received the gift of friendship.

Many charities are reliant on the efforts of Inner Wheel members and it is important to me to help to sustain this modern women's organisation. Many of us may be the wrong side of thirty but we have reached a point in our lives when we have the time to put our energies to good use.

I undertake the role as First Vice District Chairman with the determination to support incoming District Chairman Katharine Butcher in all her endeavours and as a lesson to members that if they do not volunteer for office, they are doomed to enduring a volley of 'feather dusters'.

District Rally

Dean's Place Alfriston

The day dawned grey and wet, but fortunately the rain had mostly stopped when we set off for St Andrew's Church, Alfriston, for the Service of Dedication. The Service was conducted by The Reverend Mary Sitwell, and the Inner Wheel Choir was conducted by Cuckfield & Lindfield's Wendy Sawyers, with Judith Miller at the organ. The choir sang beautifully, with lovely voices soaring above the congregation in descants to the hymns, which were well known so that the congregation could happily join in.

Association President Betty Roberts and District 25 Chairman Jennifer Pierce began the Service by lighting the Candle of Friendship. Reverend Mary Sitwell's sermon on *The Samaritan Woman at the Well of Sychar* was well chosen and well-received and, before the end of the Service, the Choir sang *The Celtic Blessing* and *Go now in peace to send us on our way*,



which did indeed send us peacefully on our way to Dean's Place Hotel for photos and refreshments before the District Rally lunch. This time was great for chatting with friends from other Clubs in the District. For District Executive Committee members 'looking after' District Chairmen, this interval was also an opportunity to get to know their companions. Group and single photographs of Club and District Executive members were taken, with a lot of fun and laughter.

Before lunch, Seaford Club member Dawn Hatley said Grace, then we sat down to a choice of Roasted Chicken Breast or a Vegetarian Tagine, with Pannacotta or Toffee Apple Crumble Tart to follow – all delicious. After coffee, Member of Council and Past District Chairman Aileen Hargreaves proposed the Loyal Toast - given that the District Rally fell on the day after four days celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, this was even more enthusiastically drunk.

Then we had various speeches. Firstly District Chairman Jennifer Pierce welcomed us all and introduced the Guests. Then Jennifer and Association President Betty Roberts lit the Friendship Candle. After this District Secretary and Past District Chairman Pat O'Keefe did the Roll Call of Clubs with members attending the Rally. Then Past District Chairman, Seaford Club member Sue Barrett, welcomed all present and regaled us with amusing tales of the area being rife with smuggling a few centuries ago, though she hastened to add that, as far as she knew, this wasn't the case nowadays!

Sue Barrett was followed by Greetings from Pat Sanford, Chairman of District 12 and Jennie Blake, Chairman of District 14, both of whom spoke about their District's activities. Then it was the turn of Rotary Governor Roger Stent of Rotary District 1145 to speak.

After reminding us that the number of his Rotary District could be remembered by thinking about the time 11.45, he went on to speak about Rotary's aid to the Ukrainians in their struggle to maintain their independence against Russia's invasion.



Betty Roberts, President of the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in GB&I and a member of the Inner Wheel Club of Braintree and Bocking, District 24, told about her travels with 'Teddy' and regretted that he had been inadvertently left behind when packing for this District Rally. District Chairman Jennifer then made a presentation to Betty, and First Vice Chairman Katharine Butcher gave the Vote of Thanks. She mentioned that she guessed that Teddy was actually at the Palace taking Afternoon Tea with HM the Queen and Paddington Bear, which caused a lot of amusement.

Finally Immediate Past District Chairman Chris Barrett offered a Vote of Thanks to our District Chairman Jennifer, who then gave her closing remarks and offered the Final Toast of the day to International Inner Wheel. After this the District Rally ended, having been much enjoyed by all present.



Speaker's Corner

Here's what our Clubs have been up to:

CHICHESTER INNER WHEEL CLUB

We were pleased to welcome back most of our members since lockdown - things are certainly feeling more normal. Our small coffee groups have continued, where we have longer to speak to other members apart from at the meetings. These are proving very popular.



In March our speaker was David Standing, who was head gardener at Gilbert White's house at Selborne since 1979. Gilbert White was a celebrated naturalist, and his book *The Natural History of Selborne* has been in print since 1789. David's job was to restore the garden to its original design.



We were delighted to welcome members from four neighbouring Clubs for 'Colours and textures of Spring' a floristry demonstration by a local florist, Jane Walker. After tea and cake some lucky members left with arrangements that were raffled.

Our A.G.M was held at our last meeting, as our President retires after two years of dedicated service; she is hosting tea parties for members to thank us for our continued Inner Wheel friendship. It is the members who should be thanking her for keeping us all together over lockdown and more.

Zena Macdonald Club Correspondent

CUCKFIELD & LINDFIELD INNER WHEEL CLUB

Initially I was concerned that the Club hadn't much news for the last three months, but we have been quite busy. The April meeting was our 37th Birthday; as we are quite a big Club we had two celebration cakes, provided by members Val Baillet and Angie Craik. Guest Speaker Peter Thompson's talk was titled, 'You are the Jury', an entertaining and amusing account of his job as a solicitor and barrister.

Traditionally May is the month we have an Out Meeting, which found us visiting a local garden described by *Sussex Life* as a 'Garden where Plants Star'. A one acre garden created

over the past twenty years by Sue and John Stockwell which is part of the National Garden Scheme, but on May 4th we were lucky enough to have the garden to ourselves. The weather was good, the garden was beautiful, tea and cake were delicious, but best of all was the opportunity for 25 of us to enjoy each other's company. We have enjoyed taking part in the District Skittles and reached the dizzy heights of the final, losing to a worthy Guildford Club.



From left to right: Julia Vokes and Deborah Ruse.

Eleven members attended the District Meeting and all played their part in providing the Ploughman's Lunch. Saturday the 4th of June was Lindfield Village Day and it was just lovely to see it back to its old form full of people enjoying the activities and a wide variety of stalls, one of which was ours.

Sally Mackenzie had been very busy with her sewing machine when our movements were restricted. She produced many items ranging from peg bags to aprons, all in pretty fabrics. Other items offered for sale were intricate beaded jewellery made by Dorothy Bolding, plus scarves and costume jewellery that members had donated. It was a successful afternoon with the proceeds going to President Ann Berkovitch's chosen charity, St Peter and St James Hospice.

Ten members, seven of whom were members of the District Choir including the choir leader Wendy Sawyers, enjoyed a lovely day at the Rally. So not such a quiet few months after all.

Eileen Sawyer Club Correspondent

DORKING INNER WHEEL CLUB

We are now enjoying a return to normality for the final few months of President Linda Stagg's year which will hopefully provide her with some very happy memories.

Our February meeting was held at Dorking Golf Club where we were served with an excellent lunch followed by the most delectable desserts that even the most disciplined of us could not resist. Our speaker, a representative from *Médecins Sans Frontières*, gave an interesting and informative talk on the work they undertook and how they operated. We were happy to make a further donation to the organization, making our total for the year £1030.00, a drop in the ocean as sadly their work is ongoing, but truly appreciated.

In March we held our meeting at The Olive Tree, a restaurant in a local garden nursery, which kindly set aside a room for our sole use. The servery food was good and meant that we could order individually to suit our needs. Brenda, our Gardening Guru, had organised a raffle of some of her plants, but in view of the location, decided it prudent for the winners to collect their prizes from the back of her car in a quiet corner of the carpark!

Later in the month Elizabeth and I attended the District Meeting in Ashington. While numbers were somewhat depleted it was good to catch up with friends from other Clubs and also to unload two years' worth of bottle tops, ring-pulls etc!

It was back to the Golf Club for our April meeting where Cathy Wood from Surrey Young Carers gave an insight into the help and support they provide for young people who are regularly caring for parents/siblings with infirmities, thus ensuring they have time to themselves to pursue their own dreams and aspirations.



In May we celebrated our Club's 65th Anniversary at The Olive Tree. This time it was an afternoon Cream Tea affair. Most of us leaving with 'doggy boxes' filled with delicate sandwiches and delicious cakes but I doubt whether anyone's dog got even a sniff. We also held a fund-raising Quiz and Lunch on the 20th which was extremely well supported; the raffle organised by Wendy raised nearly £300.00 but we have yet to finalise the total sum raised which hopefully will exceed £1000.00.



Our June AGM was held at President Linda's home. Originally planned to take place in a marquee in her beautiful garden, this was swiftly relocated to

her dining room due to a sudden change in the weather on the day. The final meeting for President Linda's year will be in July when she hands over the Chain of Office to incoming President Sue Willis. Weather permitting, this will be in Linda's Garden.

Judy Jones Club Correspondent

GODALMING INNER WHEEL CLUB

The Club held a much enjoyed Quiz Evening in March, in aid of Shooting Star Children's Hospice and other Inner Wheel charities. It was principally organised by the Reid family, with Ploughman's Suppers provided by Club members, and a Raffle. It was held

at Godalming Masonic Hall where alcoholic and other drinks are supplied at very modest prices - so, lots of people present and a fun evening, with a large sum raised for our charities.

In April, Paul Farthing, CEO of Shooting Star Children's Hospice, attended our Club Lunch meeting. The Children's Hospice was planned and built 20 years ago to provide care for children with life limiting illnesses. It also offers respite care and supports families through the loss of a child. Mr Farthing emphasised that the Hospice can't do the work without supporting fundraisers as they now have to raise £4 out of every £5 spent.

In May we held a 'Ritz-style' Afternoon Tea jointly with Godalming Rotary members to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and had an illustrated talk about Trees by an extremely knowledgeable Trustee of Winkworth Arboretum. This was very appropriate, as it happened, because the proceeds from the Tea and the Raffle are destined to provide trees for the Queen's Green Canopy.

In May also Club members visited the NT's Woolbeding Gardens, near Midhurst. The Gardens were, as we'd seen before, spectacularly beautiful and we were also able to see the unusually-designed new greenhouse opening to give fresh air to the plants inside.



In June we had no speaker as we were holding our AGM as well as our Club lunch with all



the usual business, all of which left little time for the Jubilee Quiz that we'd planned - never mind, it's now destined for our Club's Christmas lunch!

In July Janet Baker, currently Joint President with Gill Staerck, will take on the sole role as President, with Susan Knowles as Vice President. Because we're now a smallish Club, Susan and IPP Gill will also share the role of Secretary - multi-tasking *par excellence* - we hope!

Gill Staerck Club correspondent

INNER WHEEL CLUB OF GUILDFORD



In early March we had our long awaited visit from our District Chair Jennifer Pierce who wore her striking blue and gold hat made by the members of her Club at Seaford. She was accompanied by Elaine Day (Secretary of Seaford IW Club). Jennifer gave a talk about Medical Detection Dogs, her charity for the year. In

response to questions she gave us an insight of her life as a ice skater. We then had a lovely afternoon tea of sandwiches and assortment of cakes which our Club members had made.

March also saw us play our second round of the District Skittles match against Farnham Club. We found ourselves going forward to the final to play Cuckfield & Lindfield. On the 15th May, to our team's amazement, we won the competition and were awarded The Trophy at the District Meeting on the 23rd of May.



Terence Patrick, President of Guildford Rotary Club with his wife President Angela Patrick of Inner Wheel Guildford



Guildford presented with the District Skittles Cup



To Nirmala's delight she won the raffle on the day

At our April meeting we welcomed guest Nirmala Raphael (*above right*), District International Service Officer from Sri Lanka District 322. Gifts, including The Friendship Bauble and a banner from District 322, were exchanged.

The Rotary Club of Guildford held their 100th Anniversary Dinner at the County Club, High Street, Guildford. The three Guildford Rotary Clubs and Guildford Inner Wheel Club had invitations. It was a wonderful evening, with a 3 course meal and bubbly for the toast. The Mayor with other dignitaries attended the dinner.

On 15th May the Club supported Guildford District Rotary Club's annual 10K charity walk by manning a refreshment marquee for use by participants, providing teas, coffees and cakes to help them on their way. All proceeds are going into our charity fund.

Marion Flanders Club Correspondent

HOVE INNER WHEEL CLUB

I think the word that I would use to sum up our Club this year is 'Celebration'. There has been much to celebrate: We have had several members mark their diamond wedding anniversaries visiting the church where they were married and spending time with family drinking champagne and eating canapes.



We are also thrilled that the Inner Wheel year has got off to a great start and that Club and District Meetings are back on. More of us from the Club are attending District Meetings and to bring some cheer to the table, Mary bought her brightly coloured wine glasses.



We also enjoyed 'Christmas' and were really glad that many of our members could join us for our Christmas lunch.

We're delighted that other Clubs have invited us to afternoon teas and flower arrangement demonstrations...it feels like we're getting back to a 'new normal'.



We raised some money for our local Stroke Ward and we were very excited to welcome Mark who is the manager of the Ward and Lynsey who is the speech and language therapist for the Ward (opposite page - top left). They talked about how and why strokes happen and what we can be doing to prevent them. They also talked about how they help stroke patients in their rehabilitation.



We gave them a cheque for £200 which was raised at a coffee morning we held last year. They are using this money to buy mobile phone stands that clip onto the beds so that stroke patients can facetime their family.

The picture (above right) was taken at the Sussex Yacht Club which was a lovely venue – we are currently on the look out for a new home and we had thought that this place would be ideal as there is parking and a private room for us. Watch this space!



So because we are homeless, one of our meetings took place at a member's house and we thought that it would be a good idea to fundraise for the Ukraine. We ate Ukrainian food...chicken kiev, dill potatoes, green beans with lemon, and carrots. We then watched a slideshow of the top tourist sites in Kyiv and Lviv (fingers crossed that they all still exist when the war is over). Thanks must go to Edith and Salah for all the effort that they put into hosting the evening.

Last but not least we must mention the District Rally. Such a lovely day at Dean's Place in Alfriston. It is lovely to see everyone dressed up. The food was delicious and the day was enjoyed by everyone.

Katharine Butcher Club Correspondent

INNER WHEEL CLUB OF LEWES

The Inner Wheel Club of Lewes welcomed Jennifer Pierce, the District Chairman, and her companion to our March meeting, which we all enjoyed. At the District Meeting on March 16 we prepared the Ploughman's Lunch for those attending the meeting. We also had a Cake Stall at that meeting – there are lots of cake makers amongst us!



In April we'd hoped to be holding a Fashion Show at The Shoe Gallery in Lewes but at the last minute this fell apart with one of the major displays not able to join us. This was disappointing as we'd have been able to raise a good additional sum for our President's Charity, which this year as last is Farmers Community Network. Farmers tend to lead a solitary existence which is not good for their mental health. We had a cake stall again at the District AGM.

In late April several of us went to Pashley Manor in Ticehurst to see the tulips. The displays were amazing with many different colours. Our International Officer will hold a Coffee Morning in June in aid of her Charity which is Project Zambia.

Sue Tompsett Club Correspondent

MIDHURST & PETWORTH INNER WHEEL CLUB



Here's a photo of our new President Chris Barrett with her Vice President Hilary Mitten (top left).

After a rather quiet start to our Inner Wheel year, when our activities were limited to Zoom coffee mornings and meetings, it was refreshing to gather together in person when Spring arrived.



In March we held a coffee morning at President Alison's home to raise funds for our local and National Ukraine appeal. Later in the month we had a really lovely presentation from Joanna Craig, a young lady who set up and runs Midhurst Flower Farm. After researching the cut flower market in the UK and discovering that 90% of flowers were imported, she started a seasonal, organically grown, enterprise based on a

third of an acre plot near Midhurst. She now has a regular stall in the Market Square, as well as providing flowers for small, personal weddings and events.

In April there was a bluebell walk where members and their canine friends were invited to join together for a beautiful walk through the bluebell woods adjacent to Cowdray Park Golf Course. We finished at a local hostelry for lunch, and made donations to the Stroke Association.

Our plant sale and coffee morning in May was the culmination of months of nurturing and cossetting seedlings and cuttings, and fortunately there was little frost to hinder our efforts. Proceeds from the sale went to the Jaipur Limb Charity which we have continued to support.

The final major activity of the Inner Wheel year was a Quiz in aid of the Macmillan Palliative Care unit in Midhurst. Over 80 people attended, enjoying a brain teasing evening with a ploughman's supper, and a bar ably run by our Rotary partners.

Mary Sexton Club Correspondent

INNER WHEEL CLUB OF SEAFORD

INNER WHEEL DAY

On 10 January 1924 thanks to the initiative of a group of women who met at the Turkish Baths in Manchester, one of the most important volunteering organisations in the world was inaugurated. Since 1924 Inner Wheel has been tirelessly working to support needy human beings, mainly girls, young and elderly women.

10th January is a special day to members of Inner Wheel and is celebrated in many different ways by Clubs and members around the world with the main intention of bringing Inner Wheel into the public eye. Margarett Golding was the founder of the first meeting in Manchester and achieved so much in promoting Inner Wheel in the 1920s and 30s when all she had was a telephone and 'slow' mail.

Inner Wheel was formed to help women reach gender equality and to fill the gap through true friendship, encouraging the ideals of personal service and fostering international understanding. In 2022 Inner Wheel attempts to use every modern method of communication in 104 countries to attract new members and to try and make the world a safer and better place by preventing poverty, promoting the awareness of diseases, providing skills training, clean water and safeguarding the environment.

Seaford Inner Wheel celebrated Inner Wheel Day on 26th January by gathering together at the home of Past President Andrea Butti for a coffee morning. During the morning, as an expression of personal service, members provide 186 items of toiletries which were donated to the Seahaven Storehouse.

DONATION TO ST WILFRID'S HOSPICE

At the February meeting members of Seaford Inner Wheel warmly welcomed Sarah Marsh, Community Fund Raiser from St Wilfrid's Hospice. Sarah gave an entertaining and informative address explaining how fund-raising activities had changed during Covid and emphasised some of the positive benefits. Joint President Eileen Lynch presented Sarah with a cheque for £1,000 that had been raised and donated by members of Seaford Inner Wheel Club.

MAY 2022

Members were delighted to welcome Geraldine Gleeson, as a new member of the Inner Wheel Club of Seaford, at their monthly lunch time meeting in April at Seaford Golf Club. A new activity for Club Members is a monthly book club which is enjoyed by a number of members. The book club is held in members' homes.

District Chairman Jennifer Pierce held a coffee morning at her home in April which was appreciated by all attending. Leonardslee Gardens have been described as 'The finest Woodland Gardens in England'. Members of Inner Wheel visited Leonardslee on 7th May to appreciate the displays of Rhododendrons, Azaleas, Camellias, Magnolias, Bluebells and the beautiful ornamental rock garden.

Joint Presidents Eileen Lynch and Patricia Haswell and members of Seaford Inner Wheel and District Chairman Jennifer hosted an 'Inter Club Tea' on 5 May when representatives from other Inner Wheel Clubs in the District travelled to Seaford to enjoy a delicious tea and friendship at Seaford Golf Club. Club members welcomed the Presidents of Seaford Rotary and Martello Rotary Clubs to this event.

MAY FOR JUNE

Joint Presidents Eileen Lynch and Patricia Haswell hosted a District Inter Club Tea at Seaford Golf Club on 5 May. Graham Tubb gave a very interesting talk on his career in musical theatres. President of Seaford Rotary, Mike Ogilvie, attended the event along with representatives from six Inner Wheel Clubs.



Photo L-R – June Wakefield (Treasurer), Elaine Day (Secretary), Eileen Lynch (Joint President), Graham Tubb (speaker that afternoon), Patricia Haswell (Joint President), Jennifer Pierce (District 25 Chairman) and President Mike Ogilvie, Seaford Rotary.



A number of blue and yellow ribbon corsages have been sewn by some of IW Crafty Ladies – the colours both of Inner Wheel and Ukraine. They will initially be worn by members attending the forthcoming IW District Rally and then sold at a garden party organised by our International Chairman, Rosemary Carlisle, and hosted by Andrea Butti to raise funds for Ukrainian refugees.

DISTRICT RALLY LUNCHEON

Members of the Inner Wheel Club of Seaford were delighted to support District Chairman Jennifer Pierce at the Inner Wheel District 25 Rally Luncheon on 6 June at Dean's Place Hotel, Alfriston. The Rally commenced with a Service of Dedication at Saint Andrew's Church led by The Reverend Mary Sitwell and the Inner Wheel District 25 Choir led the singing, conducted by Wendy Sawyers and accompanied by Judith Miller.

Following a delicious lunch District Chairman Jennifer Pierce welcomed the guests followed by the Lighting of the Friendship Candle by Association President Betty. A welcome to the Rally was given by Past District Chairman Sue Barrett – Member of Inner Wheel Club

of Seaford. Greetings were brought to District Chairman Jennifer from the Chairmen of Districts 12 and 14, Rotarian Roger Stent – Governor, Rotary District 1145 and Rtn. Ann Reed – Vice President Seaford Rotary Club. A very interesting address was given by Betty Roberts, President of the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in Great Britain and Ireland.

ANDREA'S TEA PARTY

A 'tea party' on a beautiful sunny June afternoon was enjoyed by members of the Inner Wheel Club of Seaford. The attractive garden of Inner Wheel Past President Andrea Butti accommodated a variety of fund raising stalls including jigsaws, books, unwanted presents, plants, cakes and a raffle. Scrumptious cakes and a cream tea were enjoyed by all attending and the event was



well supported by neighbours and friends of Inner Wheel members. £800 was raised in total with £400 being donated to Seaford 4 Ukraine and £400 being donated to DEC.

Ann Reed Club Correspondent

District Chairman Jennifer's Charity

Medical Detection Dogs



In November at the District Meeting, we had two great speakers from District Chairman Jennifer Pierce's charity, Medical Detection Dogs. So far we have raised over £1,000...for Medical Detection Dogs and Jennifer will be giving them this money later on this year.

IT'S NEVER EASY TO SAY GOODBYE.

Vanda Messer



Vanda Messer (professional name Jay) was a woman of huge energy and drive, seemingly unafraid of any new challenge, whether intellectual or physical. She graduated in Pharmacy from Kings College London in 1975 and worked in a number of roles over her career, including as a science teacher when her daughter was small.

She then worked in the Pharmaceutical Industry, with an emphasis on regulatory compliance, and as a director of a number of companies. She was also involved in a number of charitable organisations. Her many enthusiasms included lacemaking, singing, opera, bridge, walking, painting and narrow boats.

Vanda joined the Inner Wheel Club of Guildford in 2015 and was a very active member of the Club, full of ideas to liven the Club. She was President in 2017/18 and Joint President in 2018/19. She was District 25 Treasurer in 2020/21, until illness forced her to resign. During her Presidential year, she had New Members meetings, formed our book club, started craft and chat afternoons and instigated an active social programme.

A highlight of the social programme was a tour that she arranged of the partially constructed Grange Park Opera House at West Horsley Place, guided by its founder Wasfi Kani. Vanda also enjoyed the District Skittles matches and sang in the District 25 choir. Before Covid19, she was actively pursuing the idea of twinning our Club with Antibes. She facilitated our early Zoom meetings during the COVID pandemic, and participated in meetings whenever she could even when in hospital.

Vanda was delighted when her first grandson was born and had been looking forward to grandmother duties when her illness finally overwhelmed her. We will miss her energy, her ideas and her smile.



Dates for your Diary

2022-2023

2022

Thursday 28th July

District Assembly and District Meeting at Ashington Community Hall 11.30am

Peer Group meetings 12.15pm.
Bring your own lunch.

District Meeting 1.30pm

Thursday 20th October

International Rally - Ashington Community Hall
Doors open for set up of sales table 11.30am
Lunch followed by speaker 1.00pm

Thursday 17th November

District meeting - Ashington Community Hall 12.00pm
District Chairman's charity speaker from Children on the Edge
Lunch (*Provided by The Inner Wheel Club of Hove*) 12.30pm
Meeting 1.30pm

2023

Thursday 16th March

District Meeting – Ashington 12.00pm
Lunch 12.30pm
District Meeting start 1.30pm

Association of Great Britain and Ireland Conference in Blackpool 27/28/29th March

Monday 18th May

AGM and District Meeting - Ashington Community Hall.
Opens 12.00pm
Lunch 12.30pm
Meeting starts 1.30pm.

Friday 16th June

District Rally

Out and about in the District

2022-2023

District Barn Dance – *more details to follow*

Centenary Ball – *March 2024!*



Inner Wheel Club of Guildford



“BOLLYWOOD DANCE AS A MEANS TO FITNESS”

2.30pm on Tuesday 20th September 2022

Normandy Village Hall, Glazier Lane, GU3 3DD

The Inner Wheel Club of Guildford would be delighted if you could join us for afternoon tea. We will be entertained by Annabel Brash who will tell us all about Bollywood Dance and demonstrate how Bollywood Dance can be used as an aid to fitness. You can even have a go if you want to!

£10 per person. Friends and Partners are very welcome to join us.

Please reserve your places by emailing sheila.danson@gmail.com or call 07887 925081.

Closing date of 9th September 2022. Payment can be made by BACS or cheque. Bank or address details will be given in response to your email.

All proceeds to our charity Oakleaf



The charity's aim is to transform the lives and futures of adults managing their mental ill-health and help them secure the skills, confidence and training needed to return to the workplace.

Artwork by our IW member Tapti Das

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