

INNER WHEEL CLUB OF BARNSTAPLE NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2024

Hello again!. Here we are in the middle of the month once more, and time for the next Newsletter. After the summer holidays everything is starting up again, including our regular Inner Wheel events and the Barnstaple Fair taking place this week with some lovely weather to greet it. In addition the Carnival is returning after a gap of several years, so a lot going on in Barnstaple at the moment! I was in town yesterday morning and was amazed how busy it was everywhere!

Club News

Our monthly club meeting was on 3rd September and it was a pleasure to induct new member Valerie Orchard into the club, as well as welcoming guests Norma King, Wendy Mugridge and Julie Turner. Julie was a stalwart of the recently closed Bideford club and we very much hope she will transfer to Barnstaple. During club business there was particular mention of President Sue's tea with special thanks to Tina Williams for hosting the event at her home, and to all who contributed food. £190 was raised which will go towards the expenses of our 80th birthday tea at Filleigh.

Maureen Jeacock, our Treasurer reported that the accounts up to 30th June had been examined and passed as correct by Paul Petrides, and reminded us that our subscriptions of £55 were due. After lunch we had a highly entertaining talk by retired teacher Gary Reed who used to be Headmaster at Swimbridge Primary School. He was inspired to be a teacher after reading the Miss Read Village School books as a child, and went on to say that



Sue with Valerie Orchard



Audrey speaking with Gary after his talk

'teachers are like gardeners' and their role was a unique multi-tasking one, and that 'the influence of a good teacher can never be erased'. Some of his key principles were that children should enjoy school, their safety should be ensured, and that they should be taught the importance of caring for others. He then went on to describe a series of incidents such as mistaken identity on his part of several visitors, getting locked out of his room, etc, but also the difficult time when he had to tell the pupils that one of their class mates had died. He was quite clearly an inspiring teacher that I could have listened to for much longer, and at the end of his talk Pam H gave him our vote of thanks.



Two weeks after this four of us went to the Waie Inn with the intention of meeting informally with members of other District clubs, but unfortunately no one else turned up! However, it was a very nice day and we had a pleasant lunch with lots of chat. We did decide, however, that this particular event had run its course as there did not appear to be much enthusiasm for it, and we just might have been in Barnstaple!. (Sue White was there as well).

Future Club Events

There's a lot happening in October, starting with our next club meeting on Tuesday 1st October, and we're hoping to start meetings a bit earlier at 11.45 for 12.15 as there is a lot of business to cover, and we need to finish at 3pm. Our guest speaker will be Gilly Walden together with a group of pupils from Park School who will be talking about a forthcoming visit to Kira Farm in Uganda, which is supported by the Amigos charity and where young Ugandans are sponsored to spend a year learning skills which they can take back to their communities. Many of you know how valuable the work of the charity is, and will remember that we have sponsored two young women in the past, so I'm sure the presentation at our meeting will be inspiring. The pupils need to be self-funding for the trip so the committee has agreed to give £50 towards their expenses and they will also be selling hand-made items to add to their funds.

We shall also be inducting a new member, Wendy Mugridge into the club.

Next, on Friday 4th October, a group are meeting at Sue Thomas' house to fill Christmas Shoe Boxes for the CR2EE charity to go to Eastern Europe – do let Sue know if you would like to help with this. Meanwhile, could you bring any items for the boxes or any filled boxes to the Club Meeting. Also, have you seen the recent list of suggested items? There are some differences from last year – *everything needs to be new, and no liquids are permitted* I've enclosed the list below in case you haven't seen it:

IMPORTANT – all items must be new to certify the boxes, otherwise the load is rejected & turned away at the CUSTOMS. So please, nothing "USED".

"USED" toys, clothing etc can be parceled separately and sent – BUT NOT IN THE XMAS BOXES

IDEAS / SUGGESTIONS for SHOE BOX ITEMS

TOOTHBRUSH & TOOTH PASTE
 SOAP BAR & FLANNELS
 PKTS TISSUE / small BRUSH & COMB
 WOOLLY HAT / GLOVES / MITTENS / SCARVES
 SOCKS / UNDERWEAR / NIGHTWEAR
 DOLL
 TOY CAR
 CUDDLY TOY
 TENNIS BALL
 SKIPPING ROPE

NEW LEGO / BRICKS
 TAPESTRY / EMBROIDERY / CRAFT KITS
 PENS / PENCILS / CRAYONS
 COLOURING BOOKS / NOTE & EXERCISE BOOKS /
 PLAIN PAPER
 ACTIVITY BOOKS & STICKER BOOKS
 ERAZERS / PENCIL SHARPENERS
 PENCIL CASES

PACKETS of SWEETS & CHOCOLATES are allowed as confirmed 10/9/2024 **NO LIQUIDS or LOTIONS ALLOWED (eg hand lotion)**

Next is Sue's Coffee morning at her home on Tuesday 15th October at 10.30, with a bring and buy table rather than books this time, and a raffle. Then there is the District Autumn meeting and lunch at the Waie Inn, Zeal Monachorum on Tuesday 29th October, 10.30 for 11am, followed by lunch at 1pm, and as usual we will arrange car shares. Please sign up for this and pay for the lunch at the club meeting. I think the cost is £17 or £17.50 plus £2 on the day for any teas or coffees. Do try and join us for this.

Finally, we'll meet at Sue's again on Wednesday 30th October at 10.30am to make Christmas Cards.


Inner Wheel Club of Barnstaple


FUN QUIZ EVENING WITH RAFFLE
 on Tuesday 12th November, 7 for 7.30pm at
 Barnstaple United Services Bowling Club EX31 1JH
 (by Barnstaple Town Football Club)
 Tickets £5 (There will be a bar but bring your own nibbles.)
 Teams of up to 6


Sightsavers Together we can make a difference
 and stop more children going blind
 from avoidable causes.
 Contact Sue Thomas on 07974 714419



Looking a bit further ahead, I hope as many of you as possible can come to our Annual Quiz on Tuesday 12th November, 7 for 7.30pm at the United Services Bowls Club, teams of six and guests welcome, so get your thinking caps on! A change from last year just decided by the committee is to ask you to bring your own picnic meal with you.

Other Club Activities

President Sue and Pam Harman attended the Barnstaple Town Council's traditional Fair Opening Proclamation on September 18th, and the following day quite a few club members attended Barnstaple Rotary's Fair Lunch. Special guests included Barnstaple Mayor Janet Coates, Lawrence 'Nipper' Appleton of the Showmen's Guild, Robert Kefford, Chief of Barnstaple Fair and Rotary District Governor Tony Williams and our own Vice-President Sue S representing Sue T who was unable to attend. After an excellent lunch there were speeches by the Mayor and Nipper Appleton with my husband Brian giving the vote of thanks. At the very end of proceedings, Mr Appleton gave a donation to Rotary and then produced two enormous toy stuffed dogs for the club to use as they wished!



Left – the with dogs! Right – Judith Domleo and daughter Laura enjoying the sun during a break before the speeches

The two Rotary clubs also have quizzes coming up to which we will be welcome – Rotary Link on Friday 18th October at the Barnstaple Social Club on St George’s Road and I think Sue T will be taking names for this at our next club meeting. Again, this is bring your own supper. Then Barnstaple Rotary have theirs on Thursday October 31st, with an early start 5.50 for 6.15 for supper first. I’m not sure of the venue yet though, so further details to come.

International Service Officer – Pam H has reminded us that this year’s District International charity is Mary’s meals which provides meals to children in some of the poorest areas of the world where hunger might otherwise impair their ability to learn, and for this Pam asks us to donate any foreign coins or notes that are no longer needed and out of date UK currency. Funds raised at our 80th birthday celebration next February, which will double as the International Rally, will also be for this charity.

Pam is also collecting used stamps which will go to Oxfam, and ring pulls from tin cans.

Community Service – we continue to collect food and certain household items for the Freedom Centre, and Sue W has passed on their thanks for our donations. I haven’t had a new list of required items so please keep using the one issued previously.

The Pilton reading scheme has just started again for the autumn term, and I think Mike Warner of Barnstaple Link Rotary would still like to hear from anyone else who might be interested in taking part.

Other – We continue to look after the Inner Wheel Garden, and Pat B still has her Monday morning Zoom keep fit sessions – please speak to her if you’d like to join in.



I’m afraid there has been so much to talk about this month I don’t have much space left, but below there is a lovely picture from Pat M of Irsha Street in Appledore.



BY ALL THESE
lovely tokens
SEPTEMBER
days are here,
WITH SUMMER'S BEST
of weather
AND AUTUMN'S
best of cheer.



helen hunt jackson

Two jokes to finish:

‘Don’t worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you’ –
Winston Churchill

The cardiologist’s diet – ‘If it tastes good spit it out’

A letter to ‘The Telegraph: this time about the joys of modern technology SIR - I was reading emails on my new mobile phone, which is packed with a daunting array of features I know nothing of and will never use, when a dog jumped up.

I said to the dog, ‘You are being rather a pest’, and the phone said, ‘I am sorry about that. I will do better next time’. *Tim Nicholson*

Sat Nav trouble: ‘It finally happened. I got the GPS lady so confused, she said, “In one quarter of a mile, make a legal stop and ask directions”’ –
Edward Philips



See you all again soon! Bridget