



## **Inner Wheel District 129 Christmas Newsletter 2022**

### **District Executive Committee 2022/23**

Acting Chairmen	PDCs Fran Tregaskes & Val Pascoe
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman	Beatrice Dyer
Member of Council	PDC Fran Tregaskes
Secretary	Angie Tamblyn
Treasurer	PDC Fran Tregaskes
Assistant Treasurer	Christine Rogers
International Service	PDC Val Pascoe
Membership Officer	Bridgette North
District Editor	Liz Williams
Webmaster	Wendy Wallis

As you can see Fran's name appears on the list several times, please consider joining the DEC and giving her a rest!!!

## District 129 Rally at Lanhydrock Hotel, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022



All members were warmly welcomed on arrival by the ladies of Truro IW who were our hosts for the day. Tea, coffee and homemade biscuits were in plentiful supply and there was plenty of friendly catching up in the reception area. The staff were very helpful when it came to setting up the 'photography corner' and also took a photo for their Facebook page, all publicity warmly welcomed!!

Beatrice Dyer excelled in her role as MC, and after Vanessa Hughes led us in the Inner Wheel prayer and the Grace we all settled down to a delicious lunch which everyone enjoyed.

Joint DC and Member of Council Fran raised our first loyal toast to The King, followed by Marjorie gathering up some of the members of the waiting staff to receive a vote of thanks.

After a 15 minute break for tea, coffee and comfort breaks Joint DC Val gave the official welcome to association President Karen Davies, who then introduced herself to us.

Karen told us to be proud of and actively promote Inner Wheel, we have been the world's best kept secret long enough. We must adapt to the world we find ourselves in while maintaining the important links to our past. Every member is important and Service, along with Friendship, is the essence of Inner Wheel.

Karen explained that her late husband worked for the Wales Air Ambulance, which is why the Air Ambulances are her chosen charity, we are very welcome to support our own organisations in Devon & Cornwall but if we also wanted to sponsor her in her plant to dance for 2 hours every day of her Presidency she would be delighted.

Karen is determined that the Blackpool conference will go ahead, registration is open now and also to register an interest in the Convention in Manchester in 2024.

Karen finished by telling us how the tradition of presenting a red rose for friendship started with a Danish club in the 1960s and presented our 2 District Chairmen Fran and Val with a rose each.

Fran gave the vote of thanks, and Karen was presented with a Cornwall Air Ambulance bag of treats from Devon and Cornwall.

The meeting closed in the usual solemn manor that we have come to expect from Val with a rendition of a poem about middle aged ladies!!

Past District Chairmen



Club Presidents



The D E C



Getting ready for the delicious meal





## News from the Clubs

### Helston / Lizard

The ladies of Helston / Lizard club were delighted to support the local Rotary Club at the Old Folks Party. There was sherry on arrival, and a wonderful spread which all disappeared, the band played and Santa popped in for a quick visit too. It was lovely to be able to host the event again this year after 2 years off



For a full report and more photos please check the District web site

### **Perranzabuloe:**

Once a month we meet for our 'Knit and Natter' afternoon. We knit for various charities, making 'fidget' sleeves for dementia sufferers; 'fish and chip' tunics and caps for new-borns in countries where the mothers have nothing to wrap their new babies in except newspapers; scarves etc. for the homeless, and so on. However, we mostly natter - knitting is not very prominent at these get-togethers. We now meet in Marsha's lovely garden (weather permitting) or indoors, and she provides delicious home-made cakes and tea or coffee. In July we were joined by Eleanor Wingrove, who recently moved from Cornwall, and was encouraged by one of our members, Helen, to contact her local Inner Wheel Club. She subsequently was admitted to Solihull I.W. Eleanor was visiting Helen, so came to our Knit and Natter afternoon, and was welcomed by all members present.

Members at the Knit and Natter afternoon, hosted by Marsha (back left), with guest Eleanor (third from left, standing).



On 2nd October 2022, Perranzabuloe Inner Wheel invited everyone and anyone to a breakfast/brunch at St. Michael's Church Hall in Perranporth, in aid of St. Petroc's Society (homeless) and Sowenna (young people's mental health). Entry was free, but donations were asked for and gratefully received. This was the brainwave of President Mary, who wanted to do something constructive to help her chosen charities.

Mary and joint President Beryl worked tirelessly, along with other members. Their husbands/partners and families helped to collect, set up and deliver delicious breakfasts to the many folk who attended. There was a raffle, and a bag and scarf/shawl stall (many lovely bags donated by Dot's sister-in-law). Vanessa's stall, selling wares made from can ring-pulls by people in the Philippines, which had to be seen to be believed, was in aid of the Purple Community.

Whilst everyone was setting up in various parts of the hall and kitchen, it was pouring with rain, but by the time it was all ready, as if by appointment, out came the sun and in came the visitors, curious to see what was on offer for breakfast. The choice was very generous and consisted of: porridge, croissants, butter, compote (home made) and yogurt. Then there was a table service of cooked breakfast - scrambled eggs, bacon, tomatoes and beans, all with toast. Unlimited tea and coffee were also enjoyed. Our delightful waitresses, Marsha and Abby, were working very hard to keep up with demand, as were the kitchen staff run by Trevor and Linda and her fabulous family.

The bags and scarves sold very well too, and everyone was very generous with buying raffle tickets from Helen.

In three and a half hours we made approximately £1,400 for the charities - an amazing amount in such a short time. I'm sure they will be delighted.

We would like to give a massive thank you to everyone who generously donated anything at all, however large or small, including the use of the hall, to make it such a successful event. There was a lovely, happy atmosphere in the hall and customers and workers alike all enjoyed the fun morning.

## **Roborough:**

**As always a good turnout for the District Rally**



For more details and some lovely photos please check out the Roborough Club newsletter which you can see on the website.

At our first meeting of the year our speaker was Stephanie Houseman from Cornwall Library Information Services. Stephanie is a specialist officer and is also daughter of one of our members Ann Neal.

Around thirty libraries in Cornwall have become devolved and offer a range of services such as music groups and children's education groups. There is a high turnover of books with newer and popular books being shared throughout Cornwall.

The vote of thanks was given by President Val Pascoe.

This year President Val has also focused on the friendship side of Inner Wheel and has organised several social events such as meeting for Coffee at various locations and day trips out together. These occasions are being greatly enjoyed by members and are something that will be set to continue in the future.



On the International front, our International Officer Alison White had some interesting news about the Book Bus. This is a travelling mini library in Zambia aimed at primary school aged children. We will be collecting suitable books from January to March and a fundraising Coffee Morning is also planned.



Our first charity fundraising event was the Annual Harvest Auction in October. We were joined by our husbands and partners making it a lively and fun evening with the proceeds going to our charity account.



*Photo of Harvest Auction Table*

Following on from this our annual Christmas bring and buy held during the November meeting proved to be a success too. Also this year we are able to hold our Christmas Tombola at Par Garden Centre and this will help swell the funds in our charity account.

## **Saltash:**

Saltash Inner Wheel Club held a very successful Xmas Afternoon Tea in the Saltash Ashtorre Centre with nearly 40 people attending. Several members from other clubs and representatives from Children's Hospice Southwest attended with all monies raised going to C.H.S.W.

The sales table was packed with Xmas gifts, a lot handmade by members. Father Christmas made an appearance which thrilled the youngsters and there was a draw with 2 lovely hampers as prizes and a host of smaller gifts.

There was a real festive atmosphere with plenty of chatter and laughter.

A total of £500 was raised.



We have also taken part in the annual decorating of a Xmas tree at the local St Nicholas and Faith Church.

Our tree has a gold and blue theme, many of the baubles made by members and also hanging pendants with the names of all the charities we help support.

The church is full of trees representing many organisations and is a lovely sight to behold and anyone can visit.



## Tavistock:

In September President Jan arranged a visit to Alder Valley vineyard, near Lifton, followed by a delicious lunch for members and their husbands which several attended and enjoyed very much.



7 of us attended the District Rally at Lanhydrock which we all enjoyed, we are now looking forward to helping Rotary with their Christmas Collections in town



**Truro:** Truro Club hosted the District Rally with welcoming smiles all day!



The ladies of the Inner Wheel Club of Truro celebrated the Club's 78<sup>th</sup> Birthday with a lunch at Epiphany House, Truro, on Tuesday November 22nd. This was the first return to the normal Birthday celebration since Covid and the ladies were pleased to welcome guests, partners, friends and members of neighbouring Inner Wheel Clubs. Forty three people braved the inclement weather for a lovely meal and excellent company. After lunch the group enjoyed an interesting talk by Phil Boddy and Keith Collings about the Falmouth Cruise Ship Ambassadors. The organization has been in existence since 2006 and greets the many cruise ships that arrive in Falmouth each year. It is believed to be one of very few such groups in the ports visited by cruise ships and members of the team assist visitors who wish to explore independently during their time in Falmouth. At the end of proceedings President Yvonne Allkins presented IW member Rita Temblett with a plant as the day was also her ninetieth birthday.



President Yvonne greeting guests



President Yvonne presenting Rita with her birthday gift

