



Inner Wheel District 129
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District Executive Committee

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Welcome from District Chairman Hilary -in Covid Disguise!!!



Hi Ladies,
Some time has passed since I have been in touch.

No doubt you have been keeping well and safe and making the best of our current ongoing situation by adjusting and adapting to a new kind of routine, by keeping safe and caring for yourselves and others who are less fortunate or isolated.

I have had Zoom meetings with a few club members and was delighted to learn of all their news and see their faces.

It was the first time for some members to see each other because of the Virus but they were delighted to share ways and ideas of how they had been coping with the lockdown.

I have been amazed at the numerous ways that members had raised money for Charities, had Virtual Socials within Social Distancing with small numbers, and enjoyed themselves despite the current situation.

It was comforting to know that all clubs had kept in touch with all their members, especially those who lived alone or were shielding, in whatever ways they could, either using Face Time, letters, or simply phoning, which is always nice to hear someone's voice.

Personally, I have arranged Cream Teas at local restaurants with a small number of our club members which gave me an opportunity to meet them socially and have fun.

I have also joined in with our Membership Officer on the first occasion of her walk, which we all enjoyed and ended up in a tea house and shared in some well deserved refreshments, all within Social Distancing.

I have also continued to keep in touch with members who live on their own and who are unwell and contributed to local and other Charities who desperately need our support.

The DEC have had Zoom meetings and we have been very busy dealing with various club matters, including those from Association during this time, which keeps our Organisation evolving.

We have sadly had the resignation of our Member of Council, Denise Bacon, who has given many years of service to our District and the DEC.

We wish her the best in the future.

We have also had the disbandment of one of our clubs, the Isles of Scilly, who will be greatly missed.

It is always sad when clubs can no longer remain open because of extreme circumstances.

My grateful thanks for all the hard work and dedication they have given over many years to Inner Wheel and I wish them all the best and am delighted that 3 have become 'members at large' and will stay as part of the Inner Wheel family

I wish to thank you for all your Support, Friendship, Love and hard work, all done unselfishly in helping others, and keeping up the Objectives of Inner Wheel by helping others during these unprecedented times.

Keep Safe and Well and be Happy.

Yours In Inner Wheel Friendship.

HILARY GENES

Treasurer Vanessa: The Covid19 lockdown forced Michael to stay at home and in the end, I succumbed to a pond!

The weather was extremely kind to us and within days, without proper research, the hole was dug. 2.5 meters long, 2 meters wide and 0.5 meter deep.

Fortunately, a 'kindly neighbour' had just demolished a beautiful, ancient Cornish hedge, leaving us open to the wind and losing our privacy, which gave us somewhere to tip the contents of the hole. He wasn't in the hole at the time! Hey Ho! You can't have it all ways.

When the liner was in, the water came next, then the filter and the pump.

Our first trip out was to the Garden Centre. Nerve racking, but we obeyed all the rules and were soon home again with water plants galore.

The task was complete when I finished giving the gnomes a revamp.

Now each day, no matter the weather, we sit and watch the water trickling, the diving beetles, diving, the water skaters, skating and listen to the bees buzzing.

Our greatest thrill was the visit of our first Dragon Fly as he darted from leaf to leaf.

Just as with many charities, Children's Hospice South West needs all the help it can get at the moment. The children with life-limiting conditions and their families still need supporting.

The first ever Virtual Rainbow Run was organised in July. 'Just 5K', we thought. 'We're walking every day at the moment and our children and grandchildren are fit and healthy.'

We coloured in our rainbow strips, pinned them to our tee-shirts and set off. Yet again, blessed with perfect weather and accompanied by our daughter Catherine we were soon home again.



A message from Denise, past Member of Council

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP

Dear Friends, Ladies, Members,

I would like to thank all those kind friends who have sent messages, cards, emails and letters wishing me well, and to reassure you all that John and I are in good health - apart from the usual aches and pains of old age and the limitations of Covid 19.

I am very sad to be leaving Inner Wheel and I am missing you all already. When I became a Charter Member of Tavistock Club in 1989 I was so proud and pleased to become part of the Association and I have tried to uphold the values of friendship and service for the 31 years of my membership. We all worked hard together and had fun and friendship helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

When I was persuaded to join the District Executive Committee in 2006 I was nervous, but I was swiftly put at ease by the lovely Ladies then in office. I really enjoyed my first time as District Chairman as I visited the Clubs and met the Members many of whom

I now think of as good friends. My second year as District Chairman was no less enjoyable but being second time around it was different. I enjoyed being District Treasurer with all that is involved handling money, in fact I enjoyed all my time on the D.E.C.

I enjoyed the Conferences, I only missed one, and Assemblies, I went to them all and District Meetings, I only missed two in all those years, but I enjoyed them because I felt I was amongst friends.

I have always believed that Inner Wheel is Ladies working together as friends to help others less fortunate than themselves, and with that in mind I would like to say to you all, be kind to each other. You are all equal members. Some volunteer to hold an extra office which binds the District together and they try to do their best. Do not criticise, unless knowing you can do better, you are willing to volunteer yourself. Volunteers are really needed now as when this extraordinary period finally comes to an end there will be many new ways of working and many changes to be made.

I wish you all good health, good fortune and much love,
Denise

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News from the Clubs

Bude:

We are keeping in touch to a certain extent and have been exchanging pictures of our gardens which have all been looking lovely. We do miss our meetings (especially



our social mid month lunches). As far as the newspaper reports I did get an interim one printed just as a way of making people aware of what was happening but otherwise there is “nothing to tell” sadly.

Gill Brooks, Bude CC

Helston / Lizard: We have been having our Zoom meetings monthly with a two week catchup meeting in-between for a chat and friendship get together which has been appreciated by all.

Liskeard & Looe: We are a club of 30, with many of our members having to "shield" during this pandemic and continuing to do so. We have continued with zoom committee and group meetings and have had two attempts at organising socially distanced meetings, the first was cancelled due to the weather and the 2nd as the "rule of six" came in.

We organised a photographic competition in Aid of Cornwall Air Ambulance and are now in the process of putting a calendar together, A4 which drops to A3. The calendar will cost £5, with most of the profits going to the Air Ambulance. With this in mind, If other clubs would consider a bulk order, then we are happy for them to contact us with a view to reducing the cost of the calendar so that they can make some money for their own club charities.

We are hoping to get more speakers in our group meetings starting this Tuesday 22nd September, with a speaker from "Medical Detection Dogs". We continue to work together, contact our members regularly and posting minutes and information to those who do not have internet access. Many of our members have managed to safely get together during the summer in their gardens for morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea.

The photo shows the Photographic Competition Committee, choosing the type of calendar to be produced with the winning photos. The members in the photo, left to right are: Gail Udy, Bridgette North (Current President) and Ruth Roach (Current Vice President).



Bridgette North
President 2020-21
Liskeard & Looe Inner Wheel

Perranzabuloe: Like all Clubs, all meetings organised and arranged for the last six months have had to be cancelled. However, we have kept in touch with each other through phone calls, and social-distancing walks and visits. Vanessa Hughes has organised three Zoom meetings, where we met on screen, with varying results. Those of us who can join in the meetings. One of our Zoom meetings was for a charity National Cream Tea Day - I can't think how this can be a national as cream teas are Devon and Cornwall specialities! Anyway, our President Dot suggested it, so some of us came on screen with our own scones, jam and cream (cream on top of course!), and a cup of tea. She suggested that we wear hats! Only three did, but it was an enjoyable occasion, and those taking part put £5 in an envelope to give to our Treasurer some time, and others made a donation by bank transfer. All in aid of Cornwall Wildlife Trust, our President's charity. We also tried to have our AGM, not very successfully, but we agreed that our officers should carry on for another year.

Plymouth: Our new President, Christine Carder has been very busy making masks, about 400 so far, with all donations to the Dame Hannah Rogers Trust, her chosen charity for the year.

Like so many others, we have not met officially for 6 months but are all in touch with each other by phone and text offering support and friendship, and also to recently retired members, who have greatly appreciated the contact. We have also been meeting in 2s and 3s in gardens or the local market garden 'in a socially distant manner'. We have recently held a garden Exec meeting where we decided that this year we really cannot commit to fund-raising, the main aim this year is supporting each other with friendship ready to go again as soon as we can.

Margaret Bloomfield

CC Sept 2020

Redruth: Members are keeping in touch mainly telephoning each other.

6 members, including President Sandy Collington, had a very enjoyable pasty lunch in the lovely garden of Secretary Sandra Rees.



Another pasty lunch is planned for six members when weather permits.
Margaret Bryant, CC Redruth

St Austell: St Austell Inner Wheel decided to follow the district and to keep officers in place for two years. Our President Yvette Flux has sent out monthly newsletters to club members and held several Zoom meetings. President Yvette has made provisional plans for several fundraisers later in the year that will hopefully be able to go ahead.

Over the summer our club made some donations of food and toiletries to our local food bank. We are all looking forward to resuming our meetings and we have two prospective members waiting eagerly to be inducted when our meetings are able to resume.

Janice Jerome
Club Correspondent, St Austell

Tavistock: President Sue handed over the baton to Jan Beveridge by way of a virtual zoom meeting at the end of June. Jan spoke about her involvement with Inner Wheel, and how her mother had been a founder member of the Tavistock Club, as well as its second President.

Jan told us about her charity for the year, Rethink Mental Illness and how she was trying to think of different ways to raise money during the lockdown. As a House of Colour consultant, Jan knows many people and persuaded one of her colleagues to give a talk on how to find the perfect fit for a pair of jeans for a donation to her charity. This zoom interactive talk was very well attended, by members of the club, District and friends, and we all came away with the knowledge of how to find the right fit, colour and style on an individual basis. Jan has more talks planned and invitations will be published on the District website.

We are looking forward to some semblance of normality returning and hope we can have a socially distanced afternoon tea in the not too distant future.

Sue Lake

CC Sept 2020

Truro: A small gathering of Inner Wheel took place to mark the hand-over of the Chain of Office to the new President for the year 2020 to 2021. The first photograph shows the out-going President Anita Bryce (on the right) with the new President Marjorie Edwards. The ceremony took place on a glorious summer's day in the new President's garden. In normal times all members of the Club would have been present to wish the new President 'good luck' but due to the Covid restrictions only a small gathering was permitted. However, those present enjoyed a lovely tea with cakes and Club Members are looking forward to many interesting activities this year. A round of suitably distanced small meetings, (with tea and cakes) are taking place this month with collections for the Club's charity Macmillan. With all those teas with cakes, a sponsored slim may be next on the agenda!

The latest news from the Inner Wheel Club of Truro is truly amazing! This week a long standing member of the club was awarded a certificate for her service. Margaret Purser has been at the fore-front of serving the Community and the Club for fifty years. She was president of the Club in 2002 and has organised and assisted at countless fund- raising charity events and her friendship is highly valued by members. The certificate was presented to Margaret at a small garden party held at the home of the new Inner Wheel President Marjorie Edwards.



Maureen Woodhouse CC Truro Sept 2020

And finally:

I would like to thank the Club Correspondents, Club Presidents and Secretaries who have kindly sent along news of their recent activities in these very strange times. Some of these reports are also up on the website already but I know that not everyone checks in on that. It would seem that we are not going to be meeting up in person for a while yet, so we will still be zooming around the District and phoning each other, now more than ever the Friendship is so important. Those of us with access to the internet have probably progressed more in confidence in and usage of social media in the last 6 months than in the previous 6 years!!

Wendy is keeping the website up to date, please make sure that you send club news to webmaster@innerwheelsw.org and they will be posted promptly, and also remember to keep checking in to www.innerwheelsw.org, sharing ideas and activities.

Yours in friendship

Liz Williams

District Editor