



CHIT CHAT

News of the Inner Wheel Club of Cirencester

JULY 2018

Judy's Jottings

This is my first report to you as President of the Inner Wheel Club of Cirencester! it is my honour and pleasure to be your President for 2018-19 and I am hoping we will have a year filled with fun, friendship and fellowship.

I am sure you will join with me in thanking Nic very much for 2 very enjoyable Inner Wheel years. How does she find time to work full-time and to fit in all the things she does? Thank you, Nic, and good luck in your new house in Swindon!

You will have received (or will shortly receive!) the handbook for the year, giving details of all our meetings, member's details etc. A most useful little book and many thanks to Chris Tovey for compiling and printing it for us. Thank you, Chris! You are an excellent honorary Inner Wheel member!

As well as providing an enjoyable programme for existing members, my aims for the year are to increase our membership and to improve our relations with Rotary. With this in mind, I have already met up with Rotary President Jim Beaman and we are inviting Rotary members and partners to join us when we visit the Butterfly Garden in September. As for new members, I still feel that word of mouth is the best advert for us, so do encourage anyone who shows any interest to come along and see what we are all about! It would be great if we could build our numbers up to 30 again!

The Inner Wheel year has started already with the Summer Rally at Bristol. Association President Ann Acaster and District Chairman Gill Scott both spoke well and I'm sure we will have a good year under their leadership. Next is the District Assembly where I will learn what is expected of me as your President!

I hope you can join us at our extra meeting - the Summer Party at the RAU on Wednesday, July 25th and Afternoon Tea at my house on Wednesday, 22nd August. We are having a wonderful, summer but it's too hot for me and I, like my lawn, am hoping it will cool down and we have some rain!

Whatever you do over the summer, I hope you enjoy it and look forward to seeing you soon. Yours in Inner Wheel friendship.

President Judy

Outing to Butterfly Garden at Dundry Nursery

After Beryl and I visited in May and an inspiring talk at Rotary this month, I have arranged for us to visit the Butterfly Garden on Tuesday, 11th September at 10.30am. We will go in cars, leaving Cirencester about 10am. I have invited Rotarians and their wives to join us and our non-Rotarian husbands are most welcome too. Please let me know by 1st September at the latest and we can arrange car-sharing. There is no charge, but I am suggesting a voluntary donation of £5. I know you will be inspired and overwhelmed by all that Chris Evans has created.

President Judy

FANTASTIC FUNDRAISING EFFORT, WELL DONE TO ALL!

President Nic presented a substantial cheque to one of the staff at the Open-Air Swimming Pool just before she retired as President which were the proceeds from the soup kitchen. This was her chosen charity for her Presidential year



BOTTLES AND HELPERS NEEDED FOR STRATTON SHOW ON BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY, 27TH AUGUST

Thank you for all the bottles you have generously donated so far. We have about 50 but would like twice as many! We particularly need beer, wine and spirits! We also need members to help on the day. Please let me know if you can spare an hour. Thank you! The money we raise will go to District Chairman Gill Scott's chosen charity, supporting people with Amyloidosis. You will probably never have heard of this condition, but Gill's husband died from it and I'm sure she will tell us all about it when she visits our club in September!

AFTERNOON TEA AT PRESIDENT JUDY'S HOUSE, WEDNESDAY, 22ND AUGUST 2.30 - 4.30PM

Please join me for an informal Afternoon Tea at my house on 22nd August. I would appreciate it if you could let me know if you are able to come so that I can make sure I have enough chairs and cups! We will be outside if this lovely weather continues, but not if it is too hot!



**WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS TO
OUR NEWEST MEMBER!**

President Nic welcomed our newest member into the club Maria Hickox. Maria has already shown her great commitment to the club and helped us to victory at our annual skittles match against Rotary.

Conference in Cardiff

Monday, 8th April - Thursday, 11th April 2019

So far, four of us are going to Conference (President Judy, Nic, Beryl & Maria). Would anyone else like to join us? We are going by train and staying at the Jury's Inn. I can guarantee you will enjoy it!

Thank you for all your contributions to International Charities

I would like to thank you very much for all the hand-knitted items, spectacles, stamps, bottle tops etc that you have donated during my two years as International Service Organiser. We have knitted & crocheted poppies, filled shoe boxes, borrowed books and DVDs and generously supported Medical & Scientific Aid for Vietnam, Laos & Cambodia, 500 Miles and Bridge2Aid. I know you will continue to knit and collect items for Nic as she takes over the role of International Service Organiser. Thank you! **Judy**

District 10 Summer Rally



These beautiful flowers made a most welcome entrance as we arrived to sign in for the District 10 Summer Rally on 11th July, at BAWA Health Care & Leisure Centre, Filton, hosted by the Clevedon ladies.

Our president Judy kindly did the driving and took Nic, Maria and Audrey for the day out. It was a splendid day all round, a good location and an excellent lunch, and we enjoyed the friendship of all the other ladies there.

The day started with a welcome speech and introductions of the top table guests. The retiring District Chairman Pat Dazeley duly handed over the chain of office to our new District Chairman, Gill Scott. Greetings were read out from the various districts, and then we enjoyed our excellent lunch.

After lunch and the loyal toast, we started with an introduction by Gill Scott of the present officers, followed by greetings from the Rotary District Governor, Joan Goldsmith. Then Ann Acaster, our Association President, gave her Address, followed by a vote of thanks given by a member of Council, Sherry Phillips. There was the presentation to Ann Acaster by Gill Scott, a gift and a contribution to her charity, which helps sick and disabled children through music. The final speech was given by Ann Fox, President of the Inner Wheel at Clevedon. A wonderful day out was enjoyed by all.

Maria Hickox

HANDOVER DINNER

After serving two years as President, Nic handed the chain over to Vice President Judy at our Handover dinner last week. Nic has been an excellent President and has rarely missed an Interclub, District event or District meeting during her time in office. Our new President Judy has been an Inner Wheel member since 2005 but has only been in our Club since she moved to the Cotswolds three years ago. Judy presented Nic with a bouquet of flowers and thanked her for all her hard work and dedication to the club. Judy then read out a brief history of the club since its Charter in October 1962 and then informed us of her programme for the forthcoming year. Judy has arranged a visit to the Butterfly Garden in Cheltenham on September 11th 10.30am also inviting the Rotarians and their wives/partners. Judy has decided not to have a specific charity for her year but different ones for our various events and we know that we are going to have an excellent year with Judy at the helm.

Liz Tovey



BIRTHDAYS IN JULY

8th Anne L,

14th Audrey,

26th Beryl,

27th Jacky.

"Happy Birthday all!"

A TOPICAL LIMERICK FOR THE DAY

In this world of moral decline,
A beacon of light we've seen shine
In that Thailand cave
Where so many brave
Have all put their lives on the line.

Robert Ben-Nathan

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

JULY: 23rd District Assembly, Gables Hotel, Falfield from 5.00pm
25th President's Summer Party at the RAU 7 for 7.15pm

AUGUST: 8th Stroud Coffee Morning, Whitminster Village Hall, 10 am
22nd Afternoon Tea at President Judy's house, 2.30 – 4.30pm
27th Macmillan Stratton Show. Bottle Tombola. Stratton School
12.30pm Charity
29th (5th Wednesday!) meal at Corinium Hotel with Rotary wives
and lady members. 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Please note the final date for contributions to the August Chit Chat is:

FRIDAY 17TH August 2018

A REQUEST FOR YOUR HELP AND PARTICIPATION IN CHIT CHAT

We would really like to widen the contributions and interests reported in our newsletter and hope that you may have something you would like to share with our members.

- **Places you have visited or something you have seen or noticed that would be of interest to others.**
- **A whisper you have heard or an unusual experience, do let us know.**
- **If you have a picture or photograph for members to guess where it was taken or what it is, this would be fun!**
- **If you have a good joke or even a funny story, please could you share it with us?**

**FOR any comments, contributions or requests please contact me,
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