

District Vice Chairman



I was born in Penzance, Cornwall. My father was a Rotarian and my mother a member of the Inner Wheel Club of Penzance.

After going to West Cornwall School in Penzance until 11, I went off to Farringtons School, a boarding school in Chislehurst Kent.

I worked for Lloyds Bank in various places and met and married Chris when we were both 21. We moved to Kingswood, near Wotton Under Edge, and then to Gloucester where Chris is still practicing as a solicitor.

I joined the Inner Wheel Club of Gloucester in 1988 and was soon persuaded to join the committee. Over the thirty years, I have done Overseas, Interclub, Social, & Health and

Safety, but the raffle seems to be my forte, and I have been President three times! The last time 2016/2017.

I do have another life. I am a trustee of The Willow Trust which runs two 70ft wide beam craft on the Gloucester - Sharpness Canal. I am also on the crew rota. We take 30 disabled people per boat every day from April to October, free of charge, for a day out on the canal. I am also involved in the training of accredited volunteers which is a County Council run scheme to assist in Civil Emergencies, as a member of RVS (WRVS). I serve on the NSPCC branch committee and am Chairman of the fundraising group at St Catharine's Church, Gloucester. In 2016 I was lucky enough to be awarded a BEM in the New Year's Honours List.

Chris and I have three children - James, living in London with his wife and two children aged 14 and 13, Hannah, who lives in Churchdown just up the road with her husband and two children aged 14 and nine, and William, who is married to Samantha and teaches at a prep. school in Hampshire. He has just joined the Rotary Club of Fordingbridge.

Those who know me assure me I can do this job; at the moment it seems very daunting. I hope that with your backing it will go smoothly. I would be delighted to receive positive ideas and comments as to how we take District 10 forward.

By the way if I am lucky enough to be asked to eat with you, please don't give me garlic; I won't collapse in a heap, but I am very sensitive to it!