



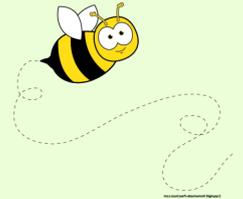
## *From The Editor*

Welcome to this short edition of the magazine, which we hope by some means or other everyone in the district will be able to access and read whether via the website, email, or hardcopy. This is also my last magazine as editor before I move onto plans for my year as DC which is also District 22's fiftieth year – let us hope that by then the new normal will include big celebrations.

This issue contains words from our new District Chairman Margaret and some diary dates as well as introductions to new members of the executive, we also say farewell to Linda Gloria and Mary.

Although district events and club reports usually feature and all the club correspondents did their best to provide reports for the magazine, the difficulties in both printing and distributing a magazine while we are still in lockdown proved to be too big a challenge, but our new editor Lyn will do her best to resume normal service in November.

Thank you all for your contributions in the past and keep them coming in the future for Lyn.



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**All Dates and Place subject to change depending upon  
Corona Virus Pandemic Regulations**

### **2020**

- July 14<sup>th</sup>** Induction day - Zoom Meeting
- Oct 20<sup>th</sup>** International Rally - The Hostess
- Nov 7<sup>th</sup>** District Meeting. - Postmill Centre, DE55 2EJ
- Nov 25<sup>th</sup>** District Quiz Night - Postmill Centre, DE55 2EJ
- Dec 6<sup>th</sup>** Inner Wheel and Rotary Carol Service, St Mary's Church Pilsley.

### **2021**

- March 24<sup>th</sup>** District Committee Meeting & A.G.M. Postmill Centre, DE55 2EJ
- Apr 12<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>** Inner Wheel Association Conference – Blackpool
- May 10<sup>th</sup>** Thanksgiving service at St Mary's Pilsley followed by District Rally at the Holiday Inn South Normanton
- June 5<sup>th</sup>** District Meeting - Postmill Centre, DE55 2EJ



## **Yvette Thomas—Secretary**

I am an Essex girl by birth but have lived in Derbyshire for forty-seven years, so am almost accepted as native. I am married with two adult sons and two grandsons age eight and six. I fully retired from work two years ago having started work in 1969. I was invited to become a member of the Inner Wheel Club of Church Wilne in 2013 and I am pleased to say the ladies of Church Wilne voted for me to join. I have served as Club Correspondent and in recent years as the Club Secretary. The best part of being a member of Inner Wheel for me is the fun and friendship



## **“Welcome to a new Inner Wheel year”**

Dear Friends,

Towards the end of 2019 I started to think about what I might write for my first letter to you as District Chairman. I didn't get as far as actually putting pen to paper, for although some of my ideas would still be relevant how the world has changed in the last four months!

My first thoughts must be addressed to our outgoing District Chairman Anne. A year which started so happily and successfully came to a sudden and abrupt end in March when we all went into lockdown. The disappointment of the cancellation of our Rally cannot be measured and our hearts went out to Anne and to all club Presidents who also had charters and fundraising events cancelled. Our thanks go to Anne for leading us through the year and especially during the last few difficult months when she has kept us on track and forward looking and thinking. I hope that she can now enjoy a much less stressful year as IPDC.

Thank you also to Gloria, Linda and Mary who are leaving the Executive. They are all good friends and their knowledge and experience will be missed.

It is a great pleasure to welcome three new ladies onto the Executive and to wish them every happiness, Yvette as Secretary, Judith as Treasurer and Lyn as Editor. With Jacquie and Elaine moving into new roles as 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman and Anne as IPDC it only leaves MOC Rachel and ISCC Stella occupying the same seats on the committee – a real new look!

Which leads me to the other person with a change of position– me! Ladies, I cannot put into words the great honour and pride I feel at being elected to be your District Chairman. I thank you most sincerely for the trust you have put in me and for the tremendous amount of encouragement and support I have received over the years which has led me to this office. I can do no more than promise “to do my best”.

As I write this in mid June many of our plans have been cancelled, amended or are on hold. Our wonderful and always well attended Induction Day is cancelled and in its place we will be having a zoom meeting. This is no substitute for a day when we get dressed up, flowers abound and friendships blossom at the start of a new year but at least some members will be introduced to the new Executive and hear our plans for the coming year. When we eventually meet as a District the formal presentation of the chain and past and present officer's badges will take place.

I have a diary full of club visits, charters and other events and I am so looking forward to attending them and meeting everyone again. However I am also very conscious that it may be quite a while before our hopes can become reality for the safety of all our members must be paramount. We are going to have to be patient and develop even more ways of keeping the ideals of Inner Wheel to the forefront of all that we do. Although many of us have technology available to help us keep in touch not all members do and so we must ensure that they feel and continue to experience Inner Wheel friendship at its very best.

The next few months will continue to be challenging times for us all. The District Executive will do all that it can to help clubs in any way that it can, you just have to ask. But let's make it two-way and if you have any suggestions as to what we could /should do then please do get it touch. Remember that it is not my Executive Committee but ours!

Immediate Past IIW President Phyllis had a very appropriate theme for 2019 -20, “Together We Can”.

I am sure that “Together We Can” get through this dark tunnel and come out the other side with District 22 standing tall and proud. But it has to be a TEAM approach, “Together Everyone Achieves More”. So let's work together, share our ideas and help each other in whatever ways we can.

I look forward to seeing you all in person – whenever that may be, but in the meantime,

Stay safe, stay well, keep in touch with each other, keep smiling and enjoy whatever you are able to do in the name of Inner Wheel.

Yours with Inner Wheel love and friendship

Margaret



### Lyn Copper—Editor

I was born in Lancaster in the Royal Lancaster Infirmary in sight of the towns' famous Lancaster Castle and spent my formative years at an all girls' Secondary School. I eventually left after 5 years with a clutch of Exam Certificates that were good, but not enough to set the world on fire.

My various jobs in my working career range from working at the Lancaster Co-Operative Bank, to being a Care Worker in a home for adults with physical disabilities, to finishing my last 25 years of working life, as a Civil Servant in the Disability Sector, working through the grades from clerical officer, to working as a junior manager of 15 staff, then as a deputy senior manager in charge of 60 staff. Taxing times! I finally put my pen down and ended my career as a Presenting Officer for the Government, working out of the Courts. A very difficult job.

My husband Paul and I, moved to Inkersall four and a half years ago from Wales following my retirement and joined our local Church, meeting Tom and Pam McConnell. That is where my journey with Inner Wheel began, not having heard of this wonderful Organisation before.

Becoming a member of Bolsover Club, I have loved every minute of the fun and friendship that runs through the veins of the club. During this time I have met members from other clubs and expanded my friendships at District events, so much so, that I agreed to be the clubs' ISO over the last 3 years and have now agreed to becoming our Clubs' President during 2020-2021, as well as District Editor – I can foresee a challenging year – if not 3, to say the least.

#TogetherWeCanSaveLives



### Gloria Humphrey—Membership and Development Committee Chairman

My dear friends

It is with regret that I am unable to continue as your District Membership and Development Officer, and hope that someone will take it on next year.

My time on the Executive Committee has always been one of friendship, a group of ladies working together for the good of the District, all having different skills, I will miss this.

I send everyone my thanks for their support and hope to meet you all again to enjoy the fun and fellowship of Inner Wheel, sooner rather than later

Gloria



### Mary Hind—Secretary

Dear Inner Wheel friends

After 3 years as District Secretary I have very mixed feelings about stepping off the Executive Committee. It will be good to have a break from the barrage of correspondence but I will truly miss the friendship and fun that has been the biggest part of the job. Thank you especially to all the Club Secretaries who have helped me and to everyone in D22 who made this an unforgettable experience and one I will remember with great affection.

Looking forward to seeing you all again on the other side.

Mary



### Judith Rosser—Treasurer

I joined the Inner Wheel Club of Barrow in Furness D19 in 1986. I relocated to Derbyshire and transferred to the Melbourne Club in 2008 where I was made most welcome as I was throughout D22.

After leaving school I trained and qualified as a nurse working in hospital (specialising in Intensive Care), Occupational Health and eventually in General Practice. I lived in Nigeria for several years when my husband worked for Glaxo. I am now retired and enjoy gardening, flower arranging, my family and of course Inner Wheel. I now look forward to my new role as District Treasurer.

**MOTOR NEURON DISEASE ASSOCIATION**



We hear about these terrible diseases but it is not until they impact on our families that we truly realise and see firsthand what it means to be diagnosed with a life threatening illness for which there is currently no cure.

In autumn 2009 my sister, Diana, asked me if I had noticed anything different about her speech as it was becoming slurred. I answered honestly that I had not. Not long after she had the devastating news that she had been diagnosed with MND.



The following years saw a slow deterioration as her body stopped working. Her speech faded to nothing and her mobility gradually worsened. Various aids were introduced, a special drinking cup, a riser chair, then a zimmer frame and a wheel chair for both indoor and outdoor use. As stairs became a problem a vertical lift was installed to take her, in the wheelchair, upstairs. Eventually with no movement at all electric hoists were installed in the lounge and bedroom. Carers came in to help and the local hospice gave much needed and supportive respite care. In the end her only movement was the ability to exert a little pressure on a pad which rested in her hand and which was her only means of attracting attention.

But despite all this she was cheerful and her brain was still very active. When I visited we would attempt the Telegraph general knowledge crossword and she certainly knew many answers with a letter board, patience and often laughter being our way of communicating.

Just before she died in 2013 her very heavily pregnant daughter made emergency birthing plans so that she could journey north, two days later Di's first grandchild was born and she was able to see, and hear him, for 4 days before the new family had to go back south. What a blessing that was for her and all our family.

Much research is being undertaken by the MNDA not only to find a cure but also to develop resources such as voice banking. It would give me great pleasure to be able to give them some financial support at the end of this year. I have plans for fundraising but like everything else we will need to get out of lockdown and free to circulate for this to happen – but watch this space and hopefully in 2021 plans may become reality!!

Every club will have its own charities which it wishes to support during the year but may I thank you in anticipation of your consideration for this very worthwhile and personal one to me.

Margaret

District Chairman.

**A practical way to support the MNDA**

My intention was to have MND Christmas cards and other items for sale during the year at various meetings and functions. Until this is possible if you would like to support the charity in this practical way please go to MNDA online shopping.



**Past District Chairman Linda**



Well as they say "all good things must come to an end" except I didn't quite expect them to end this way! Covid-19 has made a difference to us all in lots of ways but the one thing it hasn't done is stopped the wonderful friendships that Inner Wheel brings.

This is the second time I have left the District Exec and as much as I loved my time as District Treasurer this time has been extra special. My year as District Chairman will be something I shall never forget, it was fascinating coming to your Club Meetings, finding out what you were doing and seeing the way that although we all belong to the same organisation each Club is totally unique.

All the Charters with their different themes and entertainment, a house full of flowers, I'm sitting here looking at some of the plants I received and they are still going strong. Rally Day where I continued my theme for the year to "try something different and have fun doing it" with the service being held in the hotel with its lovely relaxed and friendly atmosphere was an extra special day but the icing on the cake was the Afternoon Tea at the Races, the dressing up in our finery was to me what Inner Wheel does best the four "F's", Food, Fun, Friendship and Fundraising what more can you ask.

By the time you read this my Inner Wheel shed will be filled with all those bits that don't belong anywhere else but it will serve as a great reminder of a wonderful time, hopefully, for years to come.

Thank you Ladies

*Linda*