



Twenty's Tweets



District 20's Newsletter

July 2020

Maureen's Mutterings!

Hello Everyone

As you are all well aware this is the start of my second year as your District Chairman. The start of my first year as D.C. was brilliant but the second part was so different for all of us. We all started with so many ideas and plans for the year ahead. We certainly had an excellent start including a super District Meeting at Oake Manor Golf Club with an interesting speaker talking about 'Time for Change, Growing Up and Moving on at Puberty'. We planned for our next DM at Haynes Motor Museum down to the last cup of coffee hoping for a visit from Caroline Morrice. She was going to help us understand and use our computers even better than we use them now! Then along came 'lockdown'! Thankfully we have all managed to soldier on and carry on as best we can. We've still been knitting, sewing and making cakes. We have organised zoom tea parties, zoom coffee mornings or just a chat via zoom. The Exec. have had meetings via zoom and I've been invited to a club handover by zoom too!



What is this zoom that most of us had not heard of until lockdown? Well, it's such a brilliant way of keeping in touch. It is very important within our clubs to keep in touch with everyone BUT we must not forget our friends and members who do not have this zoom facility, please contact these members with a friendly note or better still pick up the phone and speak with them. A friendly voice is what we all love to hear.

COMMUNICATING IS VERY IMPORTANT.

At the moment we must follow the Government Guidelines for any events we wish to organise and we must stick to the rules. Hopefully later in the year we may be able to hold a District Meeting but I will let you all know in good time and of course, we will be following and keeping to the guidelines.

Until we meet again, keep safe and well.

With every good wish



**Our District Chairman Maureen's charities are District 20's
"Mission 20:20 Restoring Dignity to Women and Girls"
and
"School in a Bag"**

AROUND THE CLUBS: *(Correspondents)*

Bath *(Jenny Jones)*

In these strange times little has happened in the Bath Club since the May edition. However, we have now had two very successful meetings via Zoom.



It was lovely to be able to welcome Ruth Newman in July. She is the “Grandmother” of our Club and has been very poorly but, not to be out done, she joined in with the help of her carer, proving we are never too old to become more “tech savvy” - a skill much needed these days. Such meetings have their own hilarity. At every meeting so far some of the allotted time has been taken up by asking members to unmute themselves, or to move the computer so that they can be seen, rather than very nice furniture or lovely views of their husband’s heavily patterned jersey!

Having sorted out these minor problems we had a lovely chat. News was exchanged, and everyone became really excited about the possibility of spending an hour together in St. Mary’s, Bathwick, Church Garden towards the end of August.



Bridport *(Joy McClellan)*

The Club has been keeping in contact during lockdown, entirely due to Sue Pollock our Past President sending us a weekly Monday morning missive of what she had been doing in the last week. This prompted quite a few replies and therefore we have all gained by keeping in contact and getting some idea of what is going on in the outside world, however mundane it may seem.

Sue also arranged a regular Zoom meeting, either with our committee or as a general Inner Wheel invitation and these have been fun. Any necessary Inner Wheel business has also been discussed.

We now have two joint Presidents for our new year, one a first timer, Mavis Gurd, and one, Helen French, who is a regular.

They will work well together and have a lot to live up to in our past President Sue. We have been discussing our future events and haven’t got far although we are hoping we can organise our regular August picnic in one form or other.



Burnham-on-Sea *(Sue Newberry)*

President Rita has “been trying to make knitted bunnies for the ‘Women and Girls’ charity who supply sustainable and reusable sanitary products for girls and women in India. I sent out (with my District International Service hat on) the pattern so that Clubs would have something new to challenge them as some might be getting bored of squares. My first attempt seemed to be going well until I went to sew up the legs and knickers of the bunny, only to find that her legs and knickers came out through her neck. Not a pretty sight but the cause of much laughter in my family. The third attempt sorted it out and one has been completed. I wouldn’t like to say it is a rabbit but you can judge for yourselves”.



Members of the committee held a socially distanced Committee Meeting in Sue N's garden on 22 July 2020. It was so good to see people face to face and have a general chat as well as dealing with any business that had to be done. (I'm behind the camera! – Sue)



Millie Adams has been busy during lockdown as well. She has made her own invention of a Face Mask for Dogs, without any help or advice from her humans, Rosemary & Stuart. Clever Girl Millie!



Chard (Lynda Le-Taylor)

On 13th July we had our Zoom hand over meeting, with seven members attending with District chairman Maureen and District treasurer Mo joining us. Photos of the socially distanced handover, courtesy of a suitably coloured shoehorn, provided a bit of fun with which to start Anne's year. Anne is looking forward to a interesting and joyful year.



Last year we had four caretaker presidents which worked really well as there is so much experience between them. At our meetings we had some wonderful speakers with a fascinating talk on Venezuela, Paul Arnold (President of Rotary) told us of his early life and career and we also celebrated our 69th birthday with a wonderful meal. We also enjoyed a yummy afternoon tea, a fish and

chip supper and a number of coffee mornings before the dreaded Covid 19 came and stopped our fun.

The quality hand cream donated by our members for the NHS staff at Chard hospital was well received and was being spoken of at our local Post Office, saying how thoughtful it was of Inner Wheel.

A much loved member Rita is leaving us for pastures new in West Sussex, taking with her our present of a book on Somerset, although she assures us she will never forget her time here.

This year is our 70th anniversary and, full of hope that things will return to normal, we have booked our celebration lunch for October at Hornsbury Mill. I went there a few days ago for my first meal out and was reassured by all the precautions in place, so roll on October. We were visited by a nine day old Peacock chick as we sat in the mill grounds, showing us "hope for the future" when we will all meet up again.

Chelwood Bridge (Ros Anstey)

Since the beginning of lockdown Linda Q. has made several twiddle muffs for Alzheimer's patients and some small hearts for Corona virus patients at the Bristol Royal Infirmary. Linda was delighted to receive a letter of thanks from the General Intensive Care Unit at the BRI. for the knitted hearts.

Then she received an email from her daughter, which was a request from St Michael's Maternity Hospital in Bristol, asking for sets of two small identical knitted teddy bears. Matron Sara Jane Sheldon said that some partners now

have to leave soon after the birth of a new baby so one of the two bears will stay with the mother and baby at hospital and the other go home with the partner. There have been lots of anxious moments as partners have to say goodbye so the hope is that

these bears will help the new parents feel more connected while they are apart. Linda said she that couldn't imagine what this situation would be like but everyone is having to experience very unusual things at the moment and that as she has had to shield at home for several months and was able to help in this way as "it all makes life worthwhile".



Crewkerne *(Lorna Noble)*

Trisha P organised a socially distanced get together in Tricia H's garden when Veronica showed us the headbands she had been making for the hospital during lockdown. More get-togethers are being organised for other groups of six at various venues.



Frome *(Gill Barnes)*

Instead of the planned cream tea event in aid of School in a Bag in President Sue Ruddick's garden, which had of course to be cancelled, the Inner Wheel Club of Frome organised a virtual "Cream Tea" for all their members and friends. It was the brain wave of our next



District Chairman Pam Brewster and another member Bridget Bradford who helped Pam prepare 43 trays of delicious scones, jam and cream together with a selection of beautifully made cakes. They not only prepared all the teas but delivered them during Saturday so they could be enjoyed simultaneously while on a Zoom meeting, hence a virtual or remote Cream tea! The trays were beautifully set out with a doily on the base and the cream in small plastic containers, serviettes and a cut out of a teapot which had 2 tea bags attached, the attention to detail was just amazing! I would just like to add that I am sure all our members who took part join me in thanking Pam and Bridget most wholeheartedly, a really memorable Saturday.

Pam & Renee have knitted 27 Teddies for Trowbridge Primary School for them when they return to school and Pam has made loads of face masks for them too.



Langport & Somerton *(Frances Campion)*

Langport and Somerton have been keeping our heads down. Our President Jane Warren has been sending us funnies on the internet and we have all been phoning and emailing each other.

But on Tuesday 28 July we are coming out of the woodwork and meeting up for a walk, well a stroll really, around Langport with a cup of coffee outside a local café as our end goal!

We send all the other Clubs our good wishes and hope they all avoid this horrible virus.

Mendip *(Alison Webb)*

Having become accustomed to monthly Zoom meetings over the last few months, our Handover meeting was no exception. Outgoing President Sue even managed to 'virtually' hand over the President's jewel to incoming President Janet.

After a brief meeting in which Janet thanked Sue for her hard work during her year as President, we enjoyed a Bingo session which Janet organised and hosted herself – who knew she would be such a competent Bingo caller. As always Janet has some fun ideas for the coming year,

including fundraising for her chosen charity BRACE (Bristol Research into Alzheimers and Care for the Elderly) and hopefully holding the Interclub meeting we had to cancel this year due to COVID. Many of our members have



kept busy with different activities during Lockdown, including making masks and laundry bags for key workers, volunteering in different areas whether it be shopping and prescriptions collecting or manning community phone lines. Helping grandchildren with science experiments on FaceTime or trying out different recipes – Lockdown Flapjacks were a particular favourite of mine. And many of us had a daily date with Joe Wicks, which helped compensate for the baking!

As a club we are looking forward to adapting to the 'new normal' in our Inner Wheel activities.

Midsomer Norton & Radstock

(Susan Meadows)

Our International officer Sally Blanning and some of the hundreds of teddies that she has knitted over the years for the School in a Bag project, and which have

continued to keep her busy during lockdown.

We don't do Zoom, so our new president Heather Langridge is planning mini socially distanced (up to 6 members) garden gatherings during the coming months to keep us all in touch, but cannot foresee holding any club meetings until our



Charter Night celebration in October, Covid 19 permitting.

Sedgemoor *(Ute Smeed)*

Life After Lockdown for the Sedgemoor Ladies

Tentative and apprehensive steps have been taken with a few exceptions who are still in Lockdown for health reasons. A haircut was the priority for most and visiting family living further away. Some even dared going out for a meal, others meet for coffee in their gardens. Distance keeping is strictly adhered to by all. We are relieved to be less confined but life is not yet what it used to be.

Our production line is still thriving and kept alive by our eager beavers. One of our members made 100 masks for family, IW friends and neighbours. She raised £360 for our Charity Account. Another who made masks, donated £76 to the Food Bank. Another, herself shielded with her husband, set up a local email group to coordinate and share Supermarket delivery slots.

She also baked and delivered cakes to Villagers who would normally frequent her coffee mornings at the local Village Hall. More Breast Care Cushions, drain bags, scrub bags, knitted teddies and bags accommodating them for "School in a Bag", blankets and knitted garments as well as "Bunnies" for Women and Girls.org.uk.



The Sedgemoor Ladies hope to be able resuming regular meetings from September but meanwhile they zoom on a weekly basis, they mail happenings, funnies, interesting clips, photos and of course the "weekly snippets reports" from our now immediate Past President.

The most note worthy club event was the "Handover with a Difference". You must see it to believe it. It took place in the garden of our new President. Due to distancing only Executive

Committee Members could be present. Here it is.....



Shepton Mallet *(Mollie Purse)*

We held our July monthly club meeting on Zoom without mishaps. It was good because those present were more 'relaxed' than previously and we had some laughs in addition to the agenda items. However the big drawback is that almost half of our members are not equipped to join in. Our newly elected officers, who are substantially the same as last year, are very thoughtful about contacting members by phone with a cheery 'How are you? Do you need anything that I can do or get for you?' But it is just not the same as meeting face to face. (Socially distanced of course!)

In August we usually have an outing, this year we are hoping to meet in the very lovely Collet Park, situated in the centre of Shepton Mallet for an afternoon picnic bringing our own food and hopefully buying tea or coffee from the Park Cafe. Hopefully this will bring assurance that all members are fit, well and substantially 'up beat'.

One thing which took place 'live' was the presentation to last year's joint



President Pam

Phillips, of a truly gorgeous blue glass paper weight in recognition of her efficient and constantly cheery demeanour throughout the last Inner Wheel year. Thanks Pam!

Taunton *(Ann Pattemore)*

This has been a particularly sad time for our Club as many Inner Wheel members in District 20 and further afield will understand. With the death of Pat Hunt we have lost a cornerstone of our club. Pat was such an enthusiastic and positive member and a great champion of Inner Wheel. Her energy and commitment knew no bounds and she put many of us to shame with the number of projects she could cover in one day. We all have our favourite memories of this incredible lady, whether skittling, golfing, organising the most successful Charity coffee mornings, as committee member and President, and of course happy weekends of friendship with the Rotary exchange in Lisieux.

Pat being Pat, her involvement did not stop at Inner Wheel and so racing, farming, the Judiciary and indeed High Sheriff of Somerset all came within her sphere of activity. We have now received so many messages of appreciation for Pat's life, that it surely shows the regard and affection in which she was held by so many.

Thank you to everyone who has written and helped us to accept the loss of a true friend.

Anne Moyle & Angela Snow Joint Presidents

Taunton Vale *(Mo Hodges)*

A Picnic in the Park was the first thing on the agenda for Taunton Vale members to celebrate 4 birthdays in the month of July. Tea and cake were on the menu and we chatted, and we chatted, and we chatted! Zoom is not the same as seeing everyone in person.



In response to the request for projects throughout lockdown. This is Pat Wyatt's (our Club Secretary) lockdown achievement! Her daughter wanted an 'heirloom' from her knitter mum and had been asking for a throw for ages. Pat has decided, however, that it needs to be a bit bigger, so she is still knitting more squares.....it's very snugly apparently!



This has been another project! It is an Auricular theatre! It has been an interest for a while, but came to fruition during Covid! One of our member's husband built the theatre!



Wellington (Yvonne Coupe)

We managed to hold our AGM by sending out the agenda and officer reports to members, who then raised any queries and confirmed their approval. It was hard work for our Secretary Sue Vallance and we did miss the glasses of Pimms that usually accompany our AGM.



Following the meeting, we distributed our charity funds, adding to the sum already given to the local Freewheelers Emergency Voluntary Service Blood Bikes group and to our International charity, School in a Bag, to enable the purchase of more bags. The League of Friends of Wellington Hospital's summer fete was cancelled and we made a donation in lieu of the stall we usually host.

We have kept in touch with each other by phone, email and text messages. Members have continued to make scrubs and masks as well as knitting canular sleeves, hats and jackets for babies and small children and squares for blankets. As lockdown restrictions eased, President Rosemary and Doreen Hearle met with Christine Howe in her garden for tea and chat. They are pictured with the baby blankets made for our local neo-natal maternity unit.

Wells (Liz Hamblin)

In common with every other organization, Wells has not been able to meet since the beginning of



lockdown. The Executive Committee has met on Zoom and members have been contacted by phone and email and uplifting poems have been written by member Margaret Haslam and circulated to our members. Other members have been making face masks, scrubs, scrubs bags and breast care cushions for the NHS.

Sadly events we had planned for outgoing President Sheila Coggan's charity, the Connect Centre Youth Section, had to be put on hold but it is hoped to reinstate these under incoming President Liz Hamblin. The handover of the President's Chain of office took place in Liz's garden when some members of the Executive were present and enjoyed a distanced picnic lunch. The weather was fine and the picture shows Sheila on the left passing over the chain. A rather different picture to the one we usually have where the chain is placed around the incoming President's neck!

West Woodspring (Angela Castell)

We our first ever zoom handover meeting on the 2nd July. Our outgoing President Frances Haycock enjoyed her year as president, she welcomed thirteen members to the meeting. It was a very challenging year for her, but nevertheless her chosen charities, School in a Bag, Western Active Stroke Group, and Weston Hospice received substantial amounts of monies raised throughout the year.

Incoming President Rose Gilbert intends to support local children's charities in her year which are Help the Child and Make Lunch. She intends to spread the word of Inner Wheel to encourage new members. She also intends to have "FUN" when it is safe to recommence our meetings.



Rose also is organising the knitted blankets our members have made to be offered to our local council as they are providing rooms for the homeless.

Member Dorothy Preen has been very busy knitting beautiful Children's jumpers for our President Rose Gilbert's charity, Make Lunch which supports local children who do not get any food in the school holidays.



Westbury (Chris Bristow)

Our members have been keeping in touch during lock down, via email and telephone, but Joanna Earney thought it would be good to set up a Zoom account so that we could see each other as well as chat. This she did and we have been having fortnightly 'chats' with up to 12 members getting together. Joanna has also organised a socially distanced coffee morning in her garden. The Westbury Rotary President invited us and friends to a quiz, via Zoom, it was a fun event, not at all serious and was enjoyed by all who took part.

Some members have started to get out and about a bit more now that lock down has eased a bit. The activities being undertaken have included playing golf, pitch and putt with their other half, and outdoor Pilates.

Lots of us have had longed for haircuts and Marjorie Kilpatrick enjoyed a coffee in Bradford on Avon with her daughter and granddaughter. Others have been busy making things. Maureen Coward has made 48 scrubs bags for the NHS and Pat Harper has also made some. Maureen Boyd has been knitting furiously, she has made 12 bags for International along with some jumpers and 50 hats for premature babies for the Diana Princess of Wales Hospital in Grimsby (her home town) because her son was born there, 10 weeks early, 53 years ago! Personally I have been busy sewing a cross stitch picture of flamingos for my granddaughter, which has kept me busy when the weather has kept me inside.



Finally Julie Street decided to adopt three rescue hens - this is what she has sent to me about them:

"On 24 June I adopted 3 rescue hens from The British Hen Welfare trust rehoming initiative. The BHWT was set up by Jane Howarth in 1979 following a documentary showing the plight of battery hens. Her remit was to improve their conditions by educating the consumers but still being supportive of the British egg industry. To date 772,596 chickens have been rehomed instead of sent for slaughter when they are deemed past their peak laying time.

My 3 girls came from a free range farm, Lottie, Dottie and Prue. Sadly Dottie and Prue died despite lots of advice from BHWT help line. However Lottie as you can see from the picture enjoys nothing more than scratching around her part of the garden eating worms and bugs. It is relaxing watching her and listening to her contented clucking. In return she has also produced an egg nearly every day, a bonus for us".

We are all hoping we will be able to get together before too long for our Inner Wheel meetings.



Weymouth (Sue Wormald)

Because of Covid 19 and lack of access to Weymouth minor injury unit. Christine Hazard and myself Sue Wormald have been making masks for the Trauma teddies. An associate of Christine's works at the Children's ward in Dorchester and has told her that a lot of the children are frightened because everyone is wearing a mask. So these lovely Teds are off to Dorchester Hospital to help them with their fears



Wrington Vale (Wendy Welham)

The latest news from WV is that our intrepid walkers are both a few inches shorter than when they started but still smiling, though not at each other as they're miles apart. The donkeys are stuffed full of carrots and will have to go on a diet soon and the blossom in the orchard is now forming into mini apples. So this year's cider supplies are not at risk!

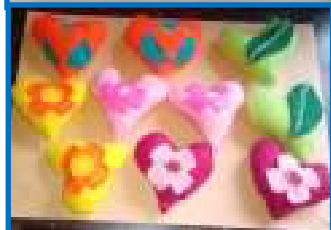
Yes, you've guessed it! Ann and Angela have finished

their respective walks and in record time. Of course this lovely fine weather has been a great encouragement to get out in it and **do** something! Gardening has of course been on everyone's mind and now our two somewhat tired but exhilarated ladies can stay home and enjoy their own gardens. However they have completed the task they set themselves. With smiling faces and shorter legs, they managed to raise the huge sum of £1,330! A cheque for this amount was presented to Weston Hospice.. Needless to say they were delighted with this amount and assured us that it was very welcome and would be well spent.



The walk was in memory of Roy Jones, Angela's husband, father to Nic and Claire, grandfather and a good friend to many in Inner Wheel and Rotary. The pictures show the cheque presentation to a member of Staff by retiring President Angie Horne, plus pictures of Angela and Ann. Are those grins saying: "Didn't we do well?" or are they saying: "I can't wait to put my aching feet up!"

At the same time as the walking and the making of scrubs, our ladies have been doing so much more. Pauline B has been baking cakes for the staff at Weston Hospital and also for local refugees. I've tasted her cakes at our coffee mornings (when we had them!) and they are superb.



Kate who runs our Knit & Natter group has had everyone knitting pairs of hearts for those in

intensive care in the BRI, as well as making laundry bags. Kate is practically a one-woman sewing machine with the number of things she makes – and gets others to

make! The multicoloured selection is by Sue B and includes some felt hearts.

Kate has also knitted a nurse, a medic and a dustman all between 20-25 cms tall. The first two will go to The Hub in the BRI to be sold and the little dustman is to be left on Kate's bin with a 'thank you' note. How lovely!



Yeovil *(Elizabeth Brown)*

Well, we've arrived at the start of a new Inner Wheel year, leaving behind four months of unprecedented and extraordinary times created by a national lockdown, due to Covid-19. However, with the slogan of "Together We Can" encouraging us all, Yeovil Club has certainly done its best to do just that. With President Margaret, at the helm again, she and the same committee are continuing in office for a further year, which will provide the continuity, although hair styles and appearances may have changed just a little ! President Margaret will, along with her other plans, continue to support Mind in Somerset as her chosen charity. The Club was delighted that the local free paper, Yeovil Press, printed an item to highlight the scrub bags that were made by Margaret Spurr and



Carol Price and delivered to Yeovil District Hospital together with scrubs made by Margaret and other friends.

Barbara Gadd has continued to provide us with a monthly Newsletter with contributions of brain teasing quizzes or uplifting and amusing poems, all of which helped to keep us all in touch. Zoom meetings have continued to take place, and this "new" communicator has certainly come into its own – hopefully I'll get the hang of it soon; rather too many annoying gremlins in my lap top! Heather Wilson is preparing us for further collections in readiness for when Raft reopens and we are putting aside suitable items for Christmas Shoeboxes, which this year are to be sent to a local

care home. President Margaret has used lockdown to create another stunning blanket from the squares members have knitted. DC Maureen and our Committee are preparing to hold Afternoon Tea parties, inviting 3 to 4 members to their gardens in August; may the gods again provide the glorious sunshine we have been enjoying recently. These last few months have reminded us again how important two of Inner Wheel's roles are, those being friendship and service, of which there has been plenty in our club.

Your memories!!!

VE DAY 75

Friday 8th May 2020 Commemorates Victory in Europe Day 1945

From Doreen:

Having had a pretty quiet day on Friday, mainly gardening but letting my thoughts and memory wander, I had had the same idea. I was 14+ on V.E. but don't remember anything spectacular happening at home, the road had the tea party at the end of the week, but as we had not been living there very long we didn't know many people there and I don't think there were many young folk around. Obviously it was a great relief, but in some ways a bit of an anti climax as the war in Japan was still going on and we still had rationing. That lasted another 9 years altogether. Things were released from restriction. little by little. The one really great thing was to be able to put lights on at night and be able to see where you were going!

For me personally it was my 21st party in 1951. My parents loved entertaining and by 1951 things were more or less normal. There were nice things to buy again, so they gave me a fabulous party. It was held in conference rooms at the Botanical Gardens You have walk thro' the hot houses to get to the rooms. There were 150 guests and it was a FABULOUS evening. One of our rather "posh" guests actually wrote a thank you letter when she got home AND went out and posted it so that it arrived by the 2nd post the next day!!

Another great memory was the Queen and Prince Philip's wedding on my birthday in 1947. I was most upset that it was declared a Bank Holiday and I would have had the day off, had I still been at school but I had finished that summer!! But I made up for it by being in the Mall for her Coronation in 1953. That really was incredible!

From (Anita's) Aunt Mabel who we've met several times on our August outings.

Just reading Doreen's lovely story, she always paints a wonderful picture. I spoke to my other aunt today, Mabel, who has joined us a couple of times at IW events. (She was married to my father's brother who died 13 years ago) Now 92 she was about 18 on VE Day and I asked her about her memories. She said she clearly recalled meeting friends in Sheffield centre, which had been badly bombed, and the elation everyone felt at the prospect of the end of war in Europe. Like Doreen, the fact that there were lights shining in the dark skies was amazing. However, she reflected that there was not much surplus food for street parties.....

From Ruth – friend of Lynne

Ruth was born and brought up in Oxford, and was 11 and a Girl Guide, she has very little recollection of VE day but was on Guide Camp for Victory in Japan Day (VJ) and recalls the party at the camp. She and two friends remained close friends through today, at least now only a couple as one lady passed away a few years ago.

From Mollie

I was eight years old on VE Day, a little girl in a 'Coronation Street' style working class Lancashire community. We did have a street party with trimmings made from coloured forms redundant in peacetime..

I remember they were pink and pale yellow, (Possibly purloined from the place of work of a teenage office girl named Gladys) folded in concertina style, then folded in half like fans and threaded on string. Plenty of spam and jam 'buttles'. There might have been a few rock buns, I am sure we would have finished up with jelly and blancmange, (it would not have rated as a party without!) Not to mention 'the rig' of best frocks and white ankle socks, (dressed up for the most special party of my short life.)

We did have a bonfire in the front street but that may have been VJ Day. There was not a lot of traffic but what there was had to go round. A bit different from Doreen's glam recollections but that is what stayed with me for 75 years.

Thankyou Doreen for your memories and thankyou Lynne for co-ordinating the stories.

Mollie (Shepton Mallet)



And now for a bit of Fun!!

As our club Midsomer Norton & Radstock has not done much during lock down, here is a selection of photos of members' "Covid Coiffures"... most of which have now been rectified!



The first is of Sue Russell with bunches and wearing one of the many masks she has been making for sale; the middle patriotic one is of our retiring president Sue Hopkins and the last one is of our programme secretary Mollie Arnold, using a bit of license to sport added plaits.



Following on from that, Chard member Lynda, the new Club Correspondent wrote:
Like so many of us my lockdown hair has not been easy to live with however
I revived my teen years and resorted to a pony tail.

Lockdown lingo - are you fully conversant with the new terminology?

Coronacoaster The ups and downs of your mood during the pandemic. You're loving lockdown one minute but suddenly weepy with anxiety the next. It truly is "an emotional coronacoaster".

Quarantinis Experimental cocktails mixed from whatever random ingredients you have left in the house. The boozy equivalent of a store cupboard supper. Southern Comfort and Ribena quarantini with a glacé cherry garnish, anyone? These are sipped at "locktail hour", ie. wine o'clock during lockdown, which seems to be creeping earlier with each passing week.

Le Creuset wrist It's the new "avocado hand" - an aching arm after taking one's best saucepan outside to bang during the weekly 'Clap For Carers.' It might be heavy but you're keen to impress the neighbours with your high-quality kitchenware.

Coronials As opposed to millennials, this refers to the future generation of babies conceived or born during coronavirus quarantine. They might also become known as "Generation C" or, more spookily, "Children of the Quarn".

Furlough Merlot Wine consumed in an attempt to relieve the frustration of not working. Also known as "bored-eaux" or "cabernet tedium".

Coronadose An overdose of bad news from consuming too much media during a time of crisis. Can result in a panicdemic.

The elephant in the Zoom The glaring issue during a videoconferencing call that nobody feels able to mention. e.g. one participant has dramatically put on weight, suddenly sprouted terrible facial hair or has a worryingly messy house visible in the background.

Quentin Quarantino An attention-seeker using their time in lockdown to make amateur films which they're convinced are funnier and cleverer than they actually are.

Covidiot* or *Wuhan-ker One who ignores public health advice or behaves with reckless disregard for the safety of others can be said to display "covidioty" or be "covidiotic". Also called a "lockclown" or even a "Wuhan-ker".

Goutbreak The sudden fear that you've consumed so much wine, cheese, home-made cake and Easter chocolate in lockdown that your ankles are swelling up like a medieval king's.

Antisocial distancing Using health precautions as an excuse for snubbing neighbours and generally ignoring people you find irritating.

Coughin' dodger Someone so alarmed by an innocuous splutter or throat-clear that they back away in terror.

Mask-ara Extra make-up applied to "make one's eyes pop" before venturing out in public wearing a face mask.

Covid-10 The 10lbs in weight that we're all gaining from comfort-eating and comfort-drinking. Also known as "fattening the curve".

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