

Twenty's Times

Inner Wheel District 20

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2020/2021

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Membership and Immediate Past Chairman	Pru Witter (Wrington Vale)

A Note from the Editor

Welcome to my second Twenty's Times which is not quite what I envisaged earlier in the year. However with the advent of C-19 and all the changes it forced upon us this edition will (a) be the first digital Times and (b) and it's nothing like what I had planned—changing my computer Windows version made for a loss of photos and stuff that I thought I had oh so carefully saved and copied.....

At the very end you will find lists of Charities, Fundraising Activities, Club Fun Activities and Talks which is just for reference—there may be something on there that will give you an idea for a talk or an activity when you are scratching your head in desperation! But it does show the amazing variety of things that go on in the District as these have all been gleaned from the Twenty's Tweets reports you send in. *Please keep records of all your lockdown activities and let me know how many scrubs and suchlike that your club have made—it'll all be part of our history.*

I thank all the correspondents who have worked so hard this year and look forward to working with you, 'old and new' for another year.

Enjoy your magazine, keep safe and we wish you all well for the coming year.

District Chairman Maureen's Message

Hello everyone.

When Desi our Editor asked me for a report for the Twenty Times, she also asked me for a photo for the front page! Not being keen on having my photo taken anyway I thought goodness me I can't have one taken now because the hairstyle is non-existent! Consequently, I decided that one taken at my Rally would be ideal because it includes our Association President, Enid Law, and almost all of our exec. all of whom are continuing for another year in office. When I asked the Exec if they wished to continue everyone was very happy to do so. We felt that as the Association would all be continuing it would give some stability to the District and it would also enable our incoming D C, Pam Brewster, to have a Rally which would not have been possible this year under the present circumstances.



I must start by thanking everyone for their support over this past very unusual year. After a wonderful start at the beginning of July with a lovely Rally at the George Albert Hotel which was attended by our Association President, Enid Law, followed by a very well supported Assembly at the Edgar Hall, I felt we were all set for a super year ahead.

In late August and the beginning of September Mike and I enjoyed a lovely RIFE holiday in Colorado and Wyoming USA where we met some very interesting Rotarians. On returning to the UK I set about visiting many of the clubs in D20 for their business meetings. I discovered that all clubs are a little different but they all have the same ethos of pursuing friendship and community spirit. I loved meeting everyone and listening to all the varied activities in which you all participate. I attended a lovely Charter Night with Midsomer Norton and Radstock, three Inter Clubs and was so looking forward to Burnham-on-Sea's Charter Night but Corona Virus struck and lockdown came just days before the event! However, we did manage a successful District Meeting at Oake Manor Golf Club in November and everything was in place for our 2nd District Meeting in March to be held at Haynes Motor Museum but lockdown beat us to that too!

Although we have not been able to meet with our friends and colleagues socially, I know that as clubs we have all continued to keep in contact with each other and have learnt all sorts of new ways to communicate and continue to help many new groups of people. You have been helping the NHS by making masks, scrubs, scrub bags, knitting hearts for Covid 19 patients and their families and providing toiletries

and hand cream for nurses. Some have been using other talents like our 2nd Vice Chairman Jan, who has been organising concerts on line for local care homes and community centres. It has been fantastic to hear about all the good work being carried out, plus everyone who is still continuing with their usual knitting, sewing and collecting. Well done everyone.

Goodness only knows when we will be able to meet in person with all our friends again but hopefully that will not be too far away. The District Executive are working hard to keep in touch with all the District and it has been suggested that as we will not be having an Assembly this year, we will be organising some Zoom Meetings with our various groups. I, for one, will be having a Zoom meeting with all the Club Presidents whether they are continuing in post or are new to the position. I will be contacting all Presidents before the end of June. I do hope that during the new Inner Wheel year from July 2020 – June 2021 all clubs will be able to resume with meetings and events, many of which were planned for this year. I'm looking forward to visiting the clubs and attending the events which had to be postponed this year.

I would like to wish you all good health and happiness for the Inner Wheel year ahead (2020 -2021). Please look after each other, stay safe and keep in touch with all members of your clubs and don't forget that your District Executive is here to help and to listen.

Rory O'Donnell, District Governor Rotary District 1200



Becoming a Rotary District Governor is a 2 year journey of preparation, but who could have imagined that the destination for the 2020/21 incumbents would be so different?

I had planned to start my year off with a bang – straight into our District 1200 conference, the day after a joint Rotary and Inner Wheel handover which seemed to me to make perfect sense. Our conference committee had worked tirelessly to create a truly innovative conference programme for one day as opposed

to a weekend, whereby we would proactively focus on non-Rotarians as well as Rotarians attending, with a parallel programme of fascinating and fun activities aimed at families - to encourage those who may not normally think of coming along. The best laid plans, and all that...!

However, as we are all adapting to a new pace and rhythm of life, some aspects of my year as DG do remain as planned. The overarching international theme for 2020/21 is 'Rotary Opens Opportunities', and it's going to be the challenge for me – and indeed for every Rotarian – to spot the opportunities which this coronavirus pandemic has afforded us. The obvious one is the way we can hold meetings. Most of us are adapting

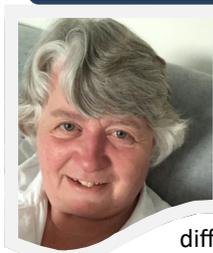
to the virtual world with meetings on platforms such as Zoom or Microsoft Teams, and what this means is that clubs can, in the future, consider holding some of their regular meetings in this way. Whilst not every club or Rotarian may wish to do this, it does mean that we may attract new members who haven't joined previously because they didn't actually want to attend regular meetings with meals, etc.

Indeed, the fact that so many in our communities, and in Rotary and Inner Wheel, have pulled out all the stops to support others in these strange times, means that there may well be a pool of people who have discovered they enjoy volunteering, and may wish to join Rotary to maintain that sense of purpose, of fellowship, and of achievement.

Returning to our District Conference plans – well, we've postponed to Saturday, April 17th next year, so please put that date in your diaries and come along to what we hope will still be an interest-filled and rewarding day, with speakers such as Eddie the Eagle and Simeon Moore having confirmed their availability for this new date. What if we are all in lockdown again, you may well ask? Let's hope and pray that is not the case, but if it is, then we will return to our online world and deliver a virtual conference - because life goes on, because many 'Plan B's may need to be implemented, and because my objective is that we will see positive outcomes in District 1200 in this year. Challenges abound, but I'm determined that we will major on the silver lining and not the dark clouds of the pandemic!

Thank you, Inner Wheel, for inviting me to contribute an article to your magazine; and thank you for your continued support of Rotary.

First Vice Chairman - Pam Brewster



Well ladies, I had all my ducks in a row,  all my homework was done ...and the year 2020/21 was planned with venues, speakers and all things ready, for which the role of Chairman entails!

The pandemic has certainly scuppered all arrangements and I am amazed at how easy it was to book everything, but how difficult it is to un-book and rearrange for 2021/22! The problem comes with venues who are unsure if they will still be viable; speakers afraid to commit so far in advance and caterers who really wonder if they will still have a business. I am sure it will all work its own salvation and I will keep making plans...but in the mean time I look forward to supporting Maureen as District Chairman, so she can complete a full year in the role... and I can learn exactly what I should be doing in the future!

Hoping you are all staying fit and well and that you will be raring to go once we are all out of 'lock down', 'social distancing', 'house arrest' or just 'stuck in'...but just remember that really we have also been safe at home!

Member of Council - Carol Price

My second year as Member of Council (MoC) and it is such a privilege to represent District 20 at Association. Normally the year follows the usual pattern, attending Leicester Assembly and Council Meetings in London, liaising between District and Association. Council Meetings though busy are an opportunity to meet up with Association Executive and other MoCs and a real insight into how Inner Wheel operates. And also the chance to make some lasting friendships. Back at District I report on the Council Meetings and as MoC I am expected to recruit members from our District to act as stewards at Conference. I am so grateful to those of you who volunteer your services.

This year I have been the MoC member of the Association International Service Committee, so back to my District roots. It has been fascinating to learn more about Inner Wheel support for International charities and I had my first visit to Warwick Square for a Committee Meeting. In March I attended an event at the House of Commons co-hosted by Medical Aid Films, one of the charities Inner Wheel is working with towards Malaria prevention.

And from then on everything changed. A week later we were in lockdown, all the cancellations began and we had to find new ways to communicate. As we compensated with phone calls, emails, news-letters, we discovered Zoom, something many of us had not previously heard of. Now we could speak and see one another. I have just taken part in the Association AGM, which would have been in Belfast, on Zoom, and the May Council Meeting was also on Zoom. The July Council Meeting will be on Zoom and I think that will be the norm for some time to come.

Lockdown has forced us to do things that would normally have taken several years and has shown our ability to change. But at the same time the caring and volunteering side of Inner Wheel has come to the fore with our members' support of the local community. There are some positives to be taken from the current situation.

With love and friendship

Carol



Membership Matters - Pru Witter

Many Clubs during lockdown have been doing amazing work for their local communities so I am hopeful that with advertising of Inner Wheel in this way will kick start a new member initiative. I would like to thank Sam Chapman of Bath Club for facilitating two membership meetings in her area, the ideas from these were going to be reported at the March District meeting, which sadly was cancelled.

Sadly we have also had the passing of some of some of our longstanding members;

Pauline Churchill – Past District Chairman (not currently a Club member)

Ann Milburn – Burnham on Sea

Mary Gale – Chard

Hazel Chambers – Burnham on Sea

Barbara Way – Bridport

Carol Ponchard - Bridport

Margaret Pugh - Shepton Mallet

Jenny Hovey - Midsomer Norton & Radstock



A Very Warm Welcome to:

Burnham on Sea	Margaret Pardoe, Julia Newman, Anita Flicker, Maureen Phillips
Bridport	Gill Robertson, Mandy Selhurst
Chard	Jane Scott, Linda Le Taylor
Shepton Mallet	Holly Solo Hawthorne, Rebecca Moran
Mendip	Sue Angliss
Taunton	Jennifer Scobie, Margaret Blackaller
Wellington	Sarah Lithgrow
Wells	Jenny Stirling, Mary Cryer, Lesley Durnford
West Woodspring	Jackie Cottey , Linda Matthews
Weymouth	Susan Wright
Yeovil	Lynette Furse, Judith Holt

The Aims of Inner Wheel

To promote true friendship
To encourage the ideals of personal service
To foster international understanding

All around District Twenty (from your Correspondents)

Bath *(Jenny Jones)*

We were enjoying our second year with Sam as our President until it ended so abruptly – hey-ho, sadly, it was the same for all of us.

However, our Club celebrated it's 25th Anniversary in October. We welcomed guests from local Clubs and were entertained by Duncan Campbell. Who is that you ask? Well, he appears regularly on the Antiques Road Show as one of their silver experts so, in addition to talking about the value of silver boxes, we certainly had a good insight into behind the scenes of this ever-popular TV show.

The very day of our Christmas meeting we received a message from Devika, a member from Mumbai. She was in Bath for her daughter's graduation and by sheer good fortune she made contact on the right day. Her Club, Mumbai Khar, is only 4 years old – has over 50 members and a waiting list – certainly giving us food for thought!.

To start the new decade, and with



festivities over, Sam did us proud –

Sam invited the Army! Four young soldiers from the Rifle Brigade who fought their way over flooded roads and closed Severn Bridges to come to us from their base near Chepstow. We felt it was well worth their trouble and, if we learned a little about life in the Army, they returned to camp knowing what Inner Wheel is really all about. Thank you, Sam, for all your hard work and initiatives – much appreciated. Although we don't know when the change-over will take place we are looking forward to welcoming Di Gill into the hot seat when Clubs do return to "normal".



I'm **Dinah Gill**, the President elect of Bath Inner Wheel due to take up office in July this year. With things being what they are at the moment may well

delay matters, but we shall see.

I am a retired midwife and have been so for the last ten years. Prior to that I had worked in the NHS for 44 years, 39 of those in midwifery.

I have been a widow for nearly 20 years but am fortunate to have a lovely partner, two grown-up children and three lovely grandsons who all live close by, so I feel very lucky.

I've been in Inner Wheel for 8 years and have made some wonderful friends. From jazz evenings to skittle matches, there's been good fun and much laughter. I love all types of music, read a lot, tend my garden and knit, to name just a few of my interests. I also work in Bath Abbey Shop on a voluntary basis which is very

interesting and great fun.

I have booked some interesting speakers for my year but, of course, due to the current situation we don't know how it's going to work out, we can only be guided by the experts and follow the rules. Whatever happens we will have a Good year!

Bathavon *(Janis Giles)*



Before the shut down I, **Lesley Richards**, was pleased to agree to remain as President for the coming year. We will continue with our

programme of lunches and coffee plus I hope we will be able to hold an event to raise money for our local hospice

and Alzheimer's care centre, both of which have struggled for funding in these difficult times. Also, if the weather is kind to us, I would like to hold a garden party in aid of Horatio's Gardens. As a club we believe that clean water is essential and so we will support Water boxes or Water Aid.

The strength of fellowship and caring has been amazing and I want to bring back some fun. As a club we will have to make a decision as to the way forward as age has begun to limit our activities but we all enjoy being together and I would like to encourage others to join us.

Bridport *(Joy McClellan)*

Outgoing President Sue writes: After the February visit from our District Chairman Maureen, is where things came to a halt. Our sell-out Fashion Show, my second fund raiser, scheduled for late March was postponed; our Birthday Luncheon in June and our trip to Cheddar Caves have been cancelled. The Fashion Show to be put on by Cilla & Camilla, was to be my second fund raiser and I hoped to be able to present Medical Detection Dogs with a sizeable cheque,

when a representative plus one of the dogs were due at our April meeting. You may well be aware that they have been given a Government grant into the training of 6 of their dogs to sniff out Covid-19. We are ever hopeful that the Fashion show will eventually go ahead in 2021.

So what have we been doing to keep in touch. Well I decided to attempt to run a Zoom virtual meeting firstly with our Executive Committee. It was a case of trial and error. After 3 weekly meetings, we opened it up to the Club

as a whole and now have one of these virtual coffee mornings every 2 weeks. This virus has changed all our lives, we are learning to do things differently but we all realise just how important Inner Wheel is. The friendship and support we give and receive is incredible and something to cherish. It only leaves me to wish Helen and Mavis all the best for the forthcoming year, hopefully we will get back together again soon.

This year the Inner Wheel Club of Bridport are having two Presidents,



Mavis Gurd and Helen French, sharing the duties. This is the second time the

Club has shared the Presidency and we are looking forward to an exciting, if possibly challenging, year. This is the first time Mavis has taken office and Helen has been President previously.

We have drawn up a varied programme of events but circumstances may dictate when they can take place. We will carry on holding meetings by Zoom initially, but we feel that all members are missing the Social interaction that meeting with a meal provides. Unfortunately that is likely to be some time in the future.

We have chosen to support, The Spinal Injury Unit at Odstock Hospital, as our President's charity for the year. This unit has provided exceptional treatment to a family member recently.

We must thank Sue our outgoing President for keeping up the moral of the members with her regular News Letters and Zoom meetings.

We wish all the Clubs in our District success in the coming year and hope we will be able to meet you all at future District events.

Burnham-on-Sea

Rita Jolliffe writes: It is an enormous honour and privilege to have been asked to be President in this our 70th year which I hope will be memorable for all our members for the fun and friendship I know we will continue to have.

I am so proud to be a member of Burnham-on-Sea Inner Wheel and so thankful to them all for all their support and friendship over the last eighteen months following the death of my lovely husband, David. I know I am not alone in saying what an amazing organisation we belong to and hope that in the coming year we

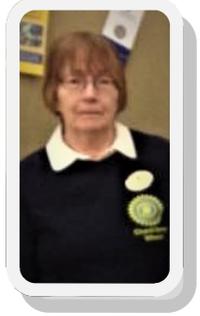
will all have fun whilst also mindful of helping others less fortunate than ourselves as well as building happy memories of our very special year.



Chard *(Desi Fradgley)*

What an “interesting” year which started off with four ‘caretaker’ Presidents but some months in Rita announced she would be moving soon—this was going to happen in about March/April—however the dreaded Covid intervened and the move has been put on hold for the moment. Since when we have all been hunkered down in our respective homes, but Zoom has enabled those of us who’ll use it to meet at least once a month. We have managed to donate money to The Lords Larder and donate a quantity of handcream to the nurses in Chard hospital, which we have since discovered they shared with the patients who do not have anyone bringing stuff in for them. If you ever don’t

know what to give a nurse—handcream will always be welcome! This coming year is our 70th Anniversary which we look forward to celebrating ‘sometime’ with our new President **Anne Taylor** who writes: I am looking forward to my year as President of Chard Club. A big thankyou to the four members and committee who kept the club going in 19/20. With the support of this year’s committee which includes members new to the posts and members who remain in situ. I hope my year will be an interesting and joyful one.



Chelwood Bridge *(Ros Anstey)*

It has been a strange year but on the whole it has been enjoyable until Covid 19 decided to take over.

Meetings have been interesting with guest speakers being a varied bunch, from poet Hazel on her ukulele, a representative from the Samaritans telling us what he does, and Edmund Prideaux - co founder of Keynsham Talking Newspapers, to champion swimmer Steve Price , a local long-distance swimmer and the first man to complete the Three Channels Challenge by swimming the English, Bristol and Irish Channels.

During the year we have sent several donations of food, Easter eggs and toys for Christmas to our local Salvation Army and Trussell Trust in Midsomer Norton, and also kept local care homes

supplied with Twiddlemuffs, which have delighted the guests at these homes. We also enjoyed a coffee morning in aid of MacMillans, thanks to member Anne , who hosted it in her home. Sam from Bath Inner Wheel persuaded us to hold a sew and natter day, making bags for sanitary ware for young girls in disaster areas throughout the world. We had already made quite a few pads before, so this proved to be an



enjoyable morning, followed by a magnificent lunch put on for us by our host, club member, Mary.

We have even enjoyed a few trips to the theatre, one memorable visit to see Martin Shaw in Bath, after lunching at a posh French restaurant. Weren't we the bees' knees, and didn't we drool.

The highlight of the year had to be our annual tea party, which we put on for the elderly in the Chew Valley. They all

look forward to coming along and send their names in very early, making sure they get a place. This year's event was just as enjoyable for them, with several winning prizes – for bingo and raffles too.

We now look towards the coming year with trepidation, as who knows how events will unfold. Suffice to say that we will be eager to start up again, once we get the all clear.

Crewkerne *(Lorna Noble)*

President **Trisha Perry** writes: So many of our members seem to have acquainted themselves with cupboards



and "the never quite got around to" domestic chores!!

I have worked in my garden and learned new arias and songs. Music is

so good for the mind and soul, so they say.

We as a Club, donated luxury chocolates and biscuits to the carers at the town's Nursing home as carers are so often forgotten.

Veronica Chard has been making head bands for staff at Crewkerne Hospital especially designed with buttons to which masks can be attached. Brilliant idea.

We will socially distance soon in small groups of 6. I have been phoning all our club members by way of a virtual hug!

Frome *(Gill Barnes)*

Our club have decided to keep the same President **Sue Ruddick** for next year. We are all at present helping with Fair Frome giving either money or food/goods to help the needy in Frome. Our Rotary President Margaret Gilmour is on the committee of Fair Frome so we have helped them a lot and also Dorothy House who have a hospice in our area.



Langport & Somerton

(Frances Campion)

How quiet every thing is. We do hope that we can all get together in our next Inner Wheel year. We are lucky that we have phones, emails, Skype and What's App. And of course we can watch TV and listen to the Radio. Then we really will tidy those cupboards!!!

During the past year we have raised money for the Beacon Centre, at Musgrove Park Hospital. They were delighted to receive £900 from us raised at our annual Charity Lunch. Some of us were shown around . They are certainly doing everything possible to help people with cancer.

We were to have a Literary lunch in aid of Period Poverty – ah well maybe next year.

We have had a speaker on growing Chillies and making it into chutney and sauces and Fred Phelps, who read to us his humorous poems. But most of all we have enjoyed our fellowship and

now look back on the good times. Roll on next winter when we hope to get back together again and raise some more money having fun.



Jane Warren

I am looking forward to being President as I enjoyed leading the Club as President in 2017/2018.

I am hoping to support two Charities. The local Dementia Club and our local First Responders who are such a help to the community.

Mendip *(Linda Wright)*

A concert was arranged to raise funds for our main fundraising Charity, Children's Hospice South West. Shoe boxes were filled, we enjoyed an outing to Hinckley Point, followed by lunch.

As Mendip were Skittles Champions in 2019 we agreed to play just one match against the runners up, Sedgemoor. Congratulations to them! In December we enjoyed an informal evening at our meeting venue The Cider Shed in Shipham, playing beetle after the meal - great fun.

We celebrated World Inner Wheel Day by inviting members from the local community (these ladies and gentlemen tended to live on their own and were delighted to be treated to a 'Soup and Pud' lunch at Cheddar Village Hall. Lots of favourable comments were received, in fact they would like us to do it on a more regular basis!

We also held a music quiz and raised funds for the Butterfly Trust.; Fran Ashby, a former club member who has moved away, gave an insight into Life as a Care Manager at St. Monica's Trust. Fran is currently a member at one of the Bristol Clubs.

If anyone forgets their badges etc for club meetings they are requested to donate a pound to the teddy for School in a Bag!

We have been holding Zoom meetings during the lockdown - modern technology hey!!

Members have participated in making the following items:- Breast cushions, blankets, Picc line covers and knitted teddy bears. Ring pulls are still collected and more recently "scrub" bags have been made and donated.

Hello, I am **Janet Travis** and this will be



the second time as President of the Mendip Club, of which I've been a member for 26 years. My husband

Adam became one of the youngest members of the Rotary Club at that time and both of us remain amongst the youngest members of two very lovely clubs!

I have lived in Somerset all my life and on leaving school, went to Cardiff University to study Classical Music and gained a B. Mus. I've worked at the DHSS, helped my fathers engineering business and after having 3 children, settled into a teaching assistant's job at the local school. I have recently left there after 19 years and following a short spell at our own family business, I am now enjoying some time off.

I am looking forward to hopefully taking the club through another year – despite the unprecedented times at the moment I am hopeful that we will manage some fun events soon.

I, as always have big shoes to fill, but I know I'll have the support of my many Inner Wheel friends.

Midsomer Norton & Radstock *(Susan Meadows)*

Taking on the IW presidential throne for a second time is **Heather Langridge** whose husband Rod was a founder member of Somer Valley Rotary Club. Married for 55 years, they and have a daughter and two grand daughters in Florida and a son and daughter-in-law who live and work in Thailand. Lots of plans for the club programme are in motion but pandemic problems are pointing to October Charter night before members can again get together en mass. "We will definitely need a



light-hearted year of chat and laughter, counting our lucky stars that we can still be together," said Heather who,

with Rod, has been “shielding for 3 months.

Standing down after two consecutive years in office, outgoing President Sue Hopkins can reflect on a year of two halves. The first successfully highlighted tales of a “bake off”; Charter Night with comedian/magician Nutty Noah; an ingenious demo on how to weave baskets from cardboard cartons ; a festive bring & buy; a Christmas meal with Secret Santa; a film evening with a

Food Bank collection & fish and chip supper; the fascinating history of chocolate making, plus monthly coffee mornings ... then COVID LOCKDOWN ... and a takeover by phones, cameras, the social media and an AGM “on line” or by post!

Said Sue: “I wish Heather good luck as President as she starts in a period of great uncertainty, in the same way as many of the new initiatives we had planned were abandoned .

Sedgemoor (*Ute Snmed*)

Traditionally August is not a month for meetings. We enjoy a social outing instead or gather for a party with partners.

With President Marion Crighton we discovered Somerton accompanied by a humorous and knowledgeable guide and refreshed with a cream tea.

“My claim to fame”, now that certainly was different. In an ad hoc scenario we each enlarged on a special event or occasion in our lives. It was truly worthwhile and gave us an insight into the most extraordinary happenings.

Speaker Sarah Williams took us on “My Adoption Journey” and Pam Brewster talked about “Norland Nannies”. We were amazed how complex the training for these young ladies is. Maureen Nethaway, the District Chairman, delighted with her light-hearted, funny but also informative talk. The facts and figures of IW made us realise just how special our Inner Wheel organisation is. November is the Carnival month in Bridgwater with the world’s largest illuminated Carnival to admire. The

Sedgemoor ladies and their helpers were engaged in Car parking duties, our biggest money raiser of the year. On this occasion we also hosted a group of Rotarians from our twin town Homberg/Efze in Germany.

We continued with the production of the Breast Care Cushions with stuffing and sewing gatherings laced with coffee, biscuits and laughter. Behind the scenes the serious work takes place, the ironing of the silk, the cutting out of the patterns and the sewing ready for the stuffing. Other activities like cutting of stamps, knitting squares and baby garments or teddy bears or visits to a Care Home are part of the routine as is the jolly Xmas meal gathering with partners.

Then the bomb hit! COVID-19! It changed the world in a blink and all our lives too. Little did we know that March would become our last meeting for an unforeseeably long time. Marion’s year ended abruptly but with a crescendo no less. The Committee performed a Murder Mystery for the club: “ The Great Bump off”. It was to be the lead

on to our Inter Club theme of "Life on & off of Bake Off".

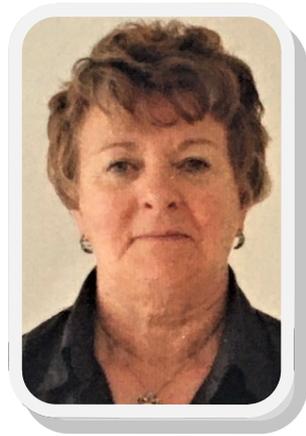
Hope for the usual dignified handover of the office of President is rapidly diminishing but we shall manage somehow, even if it has to take place in a garden with distance observing and fewer members present.

Incoming President, June Stenning is raring to go. Before I invite her to speak to you I would like to tell you that she is too modest in what she is going to say about herself. She is a founder member and was the first President of the newly formed Club of Sedgemoor as well as District Chairman a little later.

She will be President for the fourth time and is the member we turn to when help or advice are needed. We wish her a successful year which certainly will commence with a stormy difference.

We thank President Marion for giving us exactly what she had promised, a year of warm friendship and variety and for keeping us together with her weekly reports. What would we be without our mobile phones and computers!

Now to June Stenning in her own words: I have been a member of the club since 1988 and held several offices during that time.



Who knows when 20/21 Inner Wheel year will actually start? All I know is that once the 20/21 year does get underway the Sedgemoor members will all just be pleased to be back working and laughing together. Since that "isolation" period began the Sedgemoor ladies (like many others) have been in touch sharing emails, telephone calls, even Zoom chats, with news/views and hints. Our pile of knitted and sewing items have grown in abundance!!

As they say, "There is no "I" in team" and we will all be working together to provide what we can to help others in whatever way we can.

Shepton Mallet *(Pam Phillips & Judi Rice)*

As the IW year 2019/20 comes to an end it will no doubt be remembered for the Covid 19 pandemic. The activities during the last part of the year were cut short but despite this we enjoyed a very productive year giving over £1900 away to charities and having some fun along the way! My charity was to be St

Margaret's Hospice but due to negative press concerning its management I decided to give to Macmillan Cancer Support instead. Our guest speakers included District Chairman Maureen, Shepton Rotary President John Longman, Tricia and her wonderful crafts, and Liam Farrell a local artist as

well as Holly, one of our members who wrote an inspirational piece in April about her work with refugees and immigrants in Greece, Europe and the UK. We enjoyed a very successful Christmas Artisan Market and joined together for International Inner Wheel day at a local Brasserie. We had a Ladies Charity lunch at my home and served coffee at the Rotary Forum. A Peace Rose was presented to Whitstone School for their rewilding garden and we went to Burns the Bread to learn how to make bread and Eccles cakes! Music2Connect continued and would have celebrated its first birthday in April but for the pandemic! We have kept in touch with members via regular telephone calls, email and Zoom meetings and look forward to the day when we can resume regular meetings! It has been decided that for the year

20/21 we will try a **Team Shepton** Approach! Like many clubs we are struggling to find officers, many of our members have taken office several times and quite rightly would like a rest and although we have three new, vibrant members join the club we do need to give them time to feel confident about taking on an officer role. We feel that this team approach will allow more people to feel ownership of the club, be more inclusive but hopefully in time we will be able to go back to having a President in the future!



Missing you by Bronia Sawyer.

I wish I could sit on your sofa
And half chat while we watch the TV.
I wish we could sit and play scrabble
Or have cake and a nice cup of tea.
I wish we could sit in your garden
And talk about the plants and the weeds
Watching the flowers all blooming
Visited by sweet honey bees.
I wish I could come for a visit
And hug when we met at the door
I wish we could sit on your sofa
The way that we used to before.

Taunton *(Theresa Dowsett)*

In July 2019 Liz Reeve passed the IW Chain of Office to Joint Presidents Angela Snow and Anne Moyle. Their chosen charity for the year has been Marie Curie Nurses and the Club has recently made a donation of £1000 to the Foundation. Funds were raised by a coffee morning, Friendship Lunches/ Tea donations, plus sales from a Charity table at our meetings. We were unable to hold a coffee morning for our Overseas Charity, Butterfly Tree, (Malaria treatment) but have made a donation of £200 to them.

Over the year we have gained a new member. Club meetings have included a variety of speakers; the Marie Curie Foundation representative and Barry Dennington illustrated the various uses of virtual touch technology. IW and Taunton Rotary members formed a choir at a concert in aid of Street Pastors. Club Member Ati Lewis demonstrated making traditional German Advent table decorations. IW members joined with Rotary to organise a Christmas Party for elderly folk in Taunton, enjoy a Christmas lunch and again to celebrate Burns Night. Taunton Rotary President Tony Cox addressed us and Julia McFaul talked about her Experiences as a Social Worker.

Unfortunately the Club has been unable to hold our Interclub but it is hoped Nigel Bates will be able to talk about Orchestra Life at Covent Garden later in the year.

While we have been unable to meet due to the Coronavirus lockdown Members have still regularly

communicated via a system of Chats. It has been extremely interesting to hear much about Members families (and how much we miss them) and how everyone is finding new interests or pursuing their old hobbies with increased enthusiasm. Two Taunton IW Bridge Groups have sprung into life online, a wonderful way to be with members without even leaving your sitting room.

Taunton Club has always organised social outings for members and this year we attended live streaming of Forty Second Street from Drury Lane, at the Brewhouse Theatre, a Christmas Lunch Outing at the Farmers Arms, West Hatch and a cookery course at Santa Checkley's in Drayton.

Two members of Taunton Club have been winners of the District 21 Golf and Tennis Competitions. Taunton Club also holds its own internal Golf Competition, the Bessie Moor Cup.

As a result of the uncertainties over the last few months, both [Angela Snow](#) and [Anne Moyle](#) have agreed to remain in the position of Joint resident of Taunton Club until Christmas. Their Charity for this year has been Marie Curie Nurses and the Club will continue to support this excellent work and the Club's aid towards the bravery and commitment of the caring sector.



District Chairman Maureen's 19/20 Year!



Infectious Smiles



Smiling is infectious

You catch it like the flu

When someone smiled at me today

I started smiling too

I walked around the corner

And someone saw me grin

When he smiled I realised

I had passed it onto him

I thought about the smile

And then realised its worth

A single smile like mine

Could travel round the earth

So if you feel a smile begin

Don't leave it undetected

Start an epidemic...

And get the world infected.



Taunton Vale *(Cheryl Birkett)*

Well, what a lot we had planned, the two Mo's. However, the time that we had was full of fun, laughter and hard work. We managed to do a fabulous fundraiser with the help of the Cleverly Everly's. They provided wonderful 60's music whilst the Club members provided the excellent food. We also entertained a team from the RNLI and found out how difficult it is to get into a dry suit when you are under time pressure. We had a visit from a little girl from a Himalayan village who was being schooled at Taunton International School. Dressed in her traditional costume, she performed a dance native to her country, for our members and their partners. However, all was cut short too quickly because of the Covid-19 enforced lockdown but it has not stop us doing what we do best, keeping in touch and helping the community. In particular, supporting a local person making scrubs for the NHS. We cannot wait to meet up with our Inner Wheel friends again.

From **Jan Rimmer & Jennifer Bird:**
Well it's like this.....

Second time round for both of us as Presidents. We had planned for next year chosen our charities. The diary is full of speakers, dates, Interclub, only major fundraising event to think about. "Just because you make a good plan, doesn't mean that's what's gonna happen." Taylor Swift, singer and songwriter.

The trouble with many plans is that they are based on the way things were at the time we planned. So at the end of all this there will be lots to catch up on. The planned events by our present Presidents Mo & Mo and Handover to finish their year on a positive note. Some time to reflect and remember, and all this will happen, because we are members of Inner Wheel a World Wide Womens amazing organisation.



Zoom Meeting

Audio only

With video



Wellington *(Yvonne Coupe)*

We have had a good year under President **Rosemary Wharton's** leadership and we are delighted that, in the current climate, she has agreed to continue until July 2021. Rosemary was keen that we should have a programme of local speakers and we began the year with a talk by a member of the Freewheelers Blood Bikes, her chosen charity, who are all volunteers delivering emergency health supplies around the area, including blood and breast milk. Claire Carter from BBC Radio Somerset was the speaker at our Inter Club luncheon and it was lovely to listen to the interviews she recorded after the lunch with District Chairman Maureen and President Rosemary that she aired on her morning radio programme the following day. Other speakers have included a volunteer archivist from Wellington Museum, stories by the husband of one of our members about 'saucy seaside postcards' and a talk (with samples)

from local cheese producers. We helped our Rotarians with their Christmas 'Santa' street collections and stall at the local Christmas fair. To mark Inner Wheel Day, we collected items to donate to our local Women's Refuge and we have enjoyed two very successful coffee mornings in the homes of members Shirley and Margaret.

Rosemary wishes to continue supporting the Freewheelers in the coming year and we look forward to being able to meet again after the lockdown has been lifted.



Wells *(Liz Hamblin)*

Wells Club has thrived this year with a healthy membership under the leadership of Sheila Coggan who took the reins once again. The year started off with members attending the various District events in July and once again helped at the West Mendip Hospital Fete by manning the refreshment stall. In September a very successful brunch was held in the home of Past President Sue Leworthy in aid of our overseas charity, Safe Anaesthesia Worldwide,

when a substantial amount was raised. The founder of this charity, Dr Roger Eltringham, was invited to speak at our joint meeting with Rotary in September. To mark Remembrance Day in November President Sheila attended the Remembrance Service in Wells and laid a wreath on our behalf and we enjoyed a talk by speakers from Wells Museum when we learned about Women in War.

Once again we joined forces with Chelwood Bridge to take part in the

skittles tournament, losing one and winning one so went out of the competition.

In December we had our usual stall selling handmade knitted goods at the Reindeer Parade, organized by Rotary in Wells i with proceeds going to local charities.

Prior to Christmas we had a very enjoyable outing to Cook in Wells to taste the delicacies available.

At our Christmas lunch meeting we were entertained by our talented members Carole Jenner-Timms on flute and Jan Dobbins on violin with Margaret Haslam also reading some of her entertaining seasonal verses.

During the year we have had some very interesting speakers including our District President, Maureen Nethaway; Len Sweales, Wells Town Crier; Roger Parsons who spoke about the House of Porch; and there was a presentation by the Connect Centre Youth Section in Wells, our President's charity for the year.

World Inner Wheel Day in January saw members enjoying a coffee morning at President Sheila's home when a Bring and Buy sale of unwanted gifts was held in aid of the District President's

charities.

Then it all came to a grinding halt Coronavirus and the plans we had for our 'Swing into Summer' charity musical evening featuring the Wells Cathedral School jazz trio in May to had to be cancelled as were all our other outings and speakers. However we hope to revive some of these events next year when the crisis has passed. It was also unfortunate that the Conference in Belfast had to be cancelled as several of our members had plans to attend.

Liz Hamblin

Following the end of pandemic I am looking forward to my year as President and renewing friendships with our members. I hope to be able to plan social gatherings once again and for my charity I intend to carry on with support for the Connect Centre Youth Section in Wells as we were unable to fulfil our fundraising efforts for them this year.



West Woodspring

Frances Haycock had a very busy year which started with the handover supper from Gill Simmons, a lovely evening, with Guest, President Peter Castell of Weston Rotary, and Husband John Haycock in support. Here began a whole new experience for me in 'the chair'. I stated that my aims were to be community based and my charities

were Western Active Stroke Group and the local Foodbank with my main charity being the Weston Hospice care. We supported Weston Rotary Club with their annual Charity golf day when our ladies manned their reception, did the raffle, sorted their putting greens and provided Bacon Butties at the halfway point. The Rotarians showed their appreciation with a very generous

donation to our benevolent fund.

Over the summer we held a lovely American supper in my garden and a large fundraising lunch at my home.

Our speakers have included Rachel, from Weston Hospice care; Steve and Wendy Curry from Western Active Stroke Group, Wendy, a survivor of a severe stroke, was in her wheelchair, and Steve talked to us about the difference the stroke support group had made to their lives. He is a devoted carer and does everything for her with a smile and a laugh.

We held a Macmillan coffee morning in conjunction with the ladies of Knightstone Ladies Probus, and some friends, neighbours, family, and some of the Western Active Stroke Group.

International Inner Wheel day, was a productive Knit and Natter day, with donations of an enormous amount of food and toiletries for the food bank. Sadly... Coronavirus raised its head. Our Easter coffee morning, knit natter, and food bank donations had to be cancelled although I managed to deliver one large load of food and toiletries to the food bank before lock down.. We concentrated on keeping safe, isolating and caring for our friends and families whilst managing to keep in touch to help and support each other.

Westbury *(Chris Bristow)*

President Linda has agreed to a second year as our President. Linda's aim for a good social year, enjoying fellowship and fun has been achieved and she hopes to carry this on for another year. During the year two members

Thank You to everyone in the club for their whole hearted support, with particular thanks to Rose Gilbert, to my terrific committee, and to our skittles organiser Carol Leaver. I am So Sorry you were cheated of our first viable attempt for years at winning the skittles!! Good luck Rose Gilbert in your Year as President, I look forward to supporting you as Interclub secretary.

Rose Gilbert

I am very proud to be given the chance to be President of West Woodspring Inner Wheel for the second time.

These are very hard times and unprecedented challenges, but I will do my best to get us back on track.

I think I can adopt my saying for the year "The Only Way Is Up"

Events & Meetings will soon return and we will hopefully have a "Fun Year"



celebrated their 90th birthdays - Joyce Atkinson and Jean Morley are both active members and attend meetings and events regularly. We have once again supported Rotary with help in catering for their International Cuisine Evening and with a joint Family Fun Day

which raised money for Guide Dogs for the Blind. World Inner Wheel Day was celebrated with Rotarian's and friends with an excellent lunch organised by Sheila Buckton, International Service Chairman, followed by a game of skittles, with profits going to our International account. In October, 15 members went to Littlecote House Hotel for a two night stay. It was good to spend time together in a relaxed atmosphere and to get to know each other better! We entertained Rotary at the joint Christmas Party where we were dressed as various pantomime characters!

Much fun was had albeit a little chaotic. Members have been collecting items over several months for Backpacks for Mary's Meals and when these items were gathered together it was surprising how many backpacks there were. Our knitters, Jackie Pike, Maureen Boyd and Barbara Matthew,

have been busy making hats, bags, jumpers and trauma teddies throughout the year. We have continued to support the local community by making cakes for the Alzheimer's Cafe every month and supplying regular foodstuffs, for the local foodbank, from proceeds of raffles at our business meetings.

We all wish Linda well in her second year as President. She wants to continue raising money for local charities and to continue with coffee mornings and lunches for members to meet socially and with friendship.



Weymouth *(Sue Wormald)*

The year started well with a different President planned for each month starting with Ruth Davies who welcomed Maureen Nethaway our District 20 Chairman as our speaker.

Sheila Chilvers presented a cheque for £1000 to Mosaic a charity for helping bereaved children at her meeting. Our Christmas party was hosted by Marisa Ronzitti at Weymouth College. The meal was fabulous and I'm sure we will be doing this again.

Moyra Bell hosted our Thinking Day. We had a delicious meal supplied by the committee. We made cushions for

breast cancer sufferers, which we donated to the breast cancer unit in Dorchester.

Christine Hazard she had us all making willow butterflies in February. It fell to Wendy Langridge to host our March business/voting meeting; she later swapped hats and became our quizmaster for the evening.

We also held regular monthly coffee meets, knitted Trauma teddies for the Accident & Emergency unit and reached the District Skittles Semi Finals!

There endeth our year - early due to

the dreaded Coronavirus. For the coming year the format will stay the same with a different President for each meeting. As we haven't had a meeting yet we haven't had the chance to twist arms, but the photo shows those we have to date.

Wrington Vale *(Wendy Welham)*

President Nic has chosen her two main charities for her year. They will be Weston Hospice and Read Easy. The first of these has a special place in Nic's heart and also her Mother's. Angela is also a member of our Club. Read Easy is a National charity that was set up to help adults learn to read. They have recently started a new group in Weston -super-Mare and one of our members has been key in setting this up and matching teachers to adult learners. This process is vital to the success of the learners.

Decisions on distributing the monies raised by President Angie have been made through emails and donations have been sent out to the relevant charities already. It was very apparent that their needs would increase exponentially with the current crisis. Final figures are not yet available. We continue to support the local community by making items needed for the medical units, by knitting and sewing and also through the delivery of food to house-bound people. Several of our members have been making scrubs in a variety of colours for the local Hospice. It has been quite a cottage industry.

On a lighter note the members have



been writing poetry! The plan is have it all collated and printed into a little booklet.

Nic Lucas is now retired but was a well-respected Sister in Weston A & E. She now spends time as an Advocate for those who are in need of guidance and support, as well as being involved in both a dementia unit and the neo-natal ward at St Michaels'. She has encouraged the Club to knit blankets for these.

Nic joined Wrington Vale because her mother was already a member – or, as Nic puts it – “in the club”, her father being in Rotary at the same time.

Nic is looking forward to planning some fun times and enjoying her year with her many friends in the Club.



Yeovil (Elizabeth Brown)

Yeovil Inner Wheel began the year in a celebratory mood. An Evening of Summer Madness at Home Farm was held to celebrate the Installations of Maureen Nethaway, as District Chairman, and of Jill Steven's husband, Denis, as Rotary District 1200 Governor. Margaret Cox had been welcomed as our Club President for the third time. Little did we know that a dramatic turn of events within 8 months, with the tragic arrival of Covid -19, would change all our lives. However, the time before Lockdown began was filled with the fun, friendship and service, which is at the heart of Inner Wheel. President Margaret presented Mind, her Charity, with a cheque from the money raised in our very successful Tea Tent at the Classic Car Event held at Sherborne Castle. Coffee Mornings have been generously supported, raising monies for the 20- 20 Mission, and School in a Bag, DC Maureen's Charities, and the IW in GB&I Social Project supporting initiatives to end Period Poverty in GB&I. Some of our talented members made hand crafted cards and delightful lavender bags, using colourful quilting material which had belonged to Chris Irwin, a late club member, to sell at these events. Shoe boxes were filled and packed to be sent to SWEEPS and many bags filled with clothes and household goods were taken to RAFT in Taunton and several members spent a morning there, sorting and packing clothes. There has been little opportunity for idle hands! Squares have been knitted for President

Margaret to create beautiful blankets, and canular sleeves have been knitted for premature babies. Afternoons, with tea and cake, have been enjoyed to cut, sew, and natter, making sustainable sanitary wear to be sent to disaster areas alongside Water Survival Boxes. Barbara Gadd's popular "Strictly Come Dancing" sweepstake raised some funds for Riding for the Disabled. We've tried our skills at skittles and short mat bowls, with mixed results, but lots of fun. A Christmas Coffee Morning and Quiz set the seasonal tone and Carols were sung at a local care home. Before our post Christmas diets were tackled, we had the opportunity to enjoy a New Year lunch. Rotary have been supported at various events including the Community Draw, a fun skittles game and a Wine and Call My Bluff evening. President Margaret and Secretary Barbara have produced a mid month News Letter to keeps us in touch and help lift our spirits and Jill Steven set up a Zoom Coffee Morning – the wonders of social technology! Margaret Spurr and Carol Price and other volunteers have been making Scrub Bags and delivered 126 to Yeovil District Hospital. Although plans for next year, under the same Club Officers and Committee, are on hold, the Inner Wheel slogan "*Together We Can*" has really come to the fore.

Margaret Cox

I am happy to be continuing as President for a second year as are all our committee members; so we are keeping in line with the Association governing body and our District

Executive Committee.

I would like to carry on supporting my chosen charity Mind in Somerset, as I believe their services are needed even more so now, as we emerge from the nationwide lock down. We may, however, have to find different ways to raise funds. I feel sure that together we can rise to the challenge and when the situation allows, we will hopefully, be

able to put our ideas into action. In the meantime, we will continue to keep in touch with zoom meetings, monthly newsletters, social media, the telephone and the Club grapevine.



Time for more Lockdown Poetry!

Received by Frome after their Virtual "Cream Tea" (See forthcoming July Tweets)

It was on a Saturday morning, It was just like Christmas morning,
A knock came on our door.
Our excitement was supreme.
There stood a young, bronzed lady,
We could not wait to look inside
A silver gift? I was not sure.
Our gratitude extreme.
Two fresh baked scones, and jam and cream
Lemon drizzle, apple cake
Delicious muffins, and some brownies,
Just how many did they make??

Then at 3 pm we joined a meeting,
Frome in Zoom, I have been taught,
Inner Wheel were there before us,
What would Boff Kent have thought.
I am sure I speak for all Rotarians,
Sincere thanks to Bridget and Pam.
What next, in the tray –a Sunday lunch?
If it helps, I'll have the lamb.
So to end this heartfelt tribute,
I would like to shout out loud
Our thanks to all in Inner Wheel
YES GIRLS—YOU DID US PROUD
Anon.

Followed by Pam's Reply

Dear Dennis and Gwen
Many thanks for your 'thank you'
poem...

I like your class
I like your style
I like your poem
By quite a mile!

It was good fun
We toiled away
But had a laugh
Among'st the fray.

As long as all
Enjoyed the tea
Let's celebrate!
And stay Covid free!!!



Health & Safety Officer's Position—Tricia Harris

We always hear Tricia Harris giving her H&S instructions at District Meetings but how many of you actually think about this when going on a club “outing”? Each Club has a Health & Safety Officer and how often is this an ‘arm twisting job’? Tricia has put the following together and is always available for help and advice.....

For those members thinking of becoming your clubs’ Health and Safety officer the most important thing to remember is that Common Sense is the main requirement! However a Risk Assessment should be done for all club activities. This can be done mentally, for say, club meetings at a regular venue, but for larger activities, particularly where members of the public are involved, a documented assessment is advisable.....

Risk Assessment can be divided into three parts

HAZARD – something with the potential to cause harm—see below.

RISK – the likelihood that the hazard will be realised, on a scale of 1-10, 1 being low and 10 high.

CONTROL MEASURES – the things you do to control the risk, For example, putting a cover over a cable for the projector.

There are three types of hazard to consider:-

The surroundings, the tasks and activities, and the people taking part, (are they young, old or have mobility problems).

Identify the hazards, decide who might be harmed by them, evaluate the risks and decide on the precautions to be taken, record the findings and implement them.

All quite simple! Please don't let the thought put you off taking office, it really is only common sense and usually it's things we would do automatically.

A brief update on the The Inner Wheel Club of Shepton Mallet's Music2Connect Project

which finally got started in April 2019 and delivers a free music therapy service to those living with dementia and their carers in Shepton and the surrounding area. With the money from the sponsored walk, a Mendip SHAPE grant and wonderful donation from Shepton Rotary we employed Music therapist Julie Britton and rented facilities from Shepton Salvation Army.

Our numbers have gradually increased and we now have a core group of which St. Cecilia Care Home plays a major

part. Unfortunately our First Year Anniversary Party and the Singalong planned for April were cancelled due to the Coronavirus Lockdown! However, we look forward to the time when we can all get together again and continue to deliver what we believe and have the evidence to show is a very worthwhile and well received community project.

We are however delighted to report that St Cecilia's

have advised that to date – the start of June they have not had one Covid 19 case....



District 20's Photographic Year





Charities supported

20:20 Mission
Alzheimer's Memory Café
Beacon Centre at Musgrove
Cardiac Risk in the Young
Carers groups
Cildrens Hopsice SW
Connect Centre Youth Division in Wells
Dementia sufferers
End Period Poverty
Free Wheelers
Frome Fair
Ghurka Welfare Trust
Guide Dogs for the Blind
Hospital Leagues of Friends
Local Day Centres
Local Foodbanks
Local Hospices
MacMillan Nurses
Marie Curie Foundation
Mary's Meals
Medicine sans Frontiers
MIND Somerset
Mosaic (support for bereaved children)
Move the Mind
Premature Baby Units
Radstock's Radical Street Space group
(for youngsters on a Friday night)
Refugee aid
RDA
RUH "Forever Friends Appeal"
Safe Anaesthesia Worldwide
Salvation Army
School in a Bag
Somerset Trust for Arts & Recreation
Street Pastors
The Butterfly Trust
The Forget Me Not Suite at Dorchester
Hospital
Water Aid
Water Survival Boxes
Western Active Stroke Group

Women's Refuge

Fundraising activities

Bath Christmas Market Stall
Bridgwater "Guy Fawkes Carnival"
Bring & Buy
Cake baking
Car Boot
Christmas Tree Festivals
Coffee and Liqueurs morning
Coffee Mornings
Cream Teas
Dinner with Cleverly Everly entertain-
ment
Family Fun Days
Fashion Show
Fish & Chip Suppers
Friendship Meals
Garden parties
Giant Tombola
Home Farm Fest Tea Tent
Knit & Natter
Knitted Noah's Ark
Knitting Twiddlemuffs for hospitals &
care homes
Lunches of all descriptions
Making Breast Cushions
Making Sustainable Sanitary wear
Mid Somerset Agricultural Show
(Secretary's tent)
Quizes
Race Night
Rotary Shop
Rotary Street Collections
Sang Carols with Rotary at Tesco
Snip & Sew
Sorting in warehouse for RAFT
Strictly Come Dancing sweepstake
Tea Tent at Rotary Classic Car Rally at
Sherborne Castle
Walks
Water Survival Box Packing

Activities and Talks

2 Night Break (Warner Hotels)
A Murder Mystery
Basket Weaving
Bath Abbey (behind the scenes)
Burns the Bread, Glastonbury
Canal barge trips
Christmas Markets
Christmas Parties for the Elderly
Cider Shed, Shipham
Cinema—Live performance trips
Coates Willow & Wetlands
Cookery Demo
Cooks visit
Entertainment by a Ventriloquist
Farmers Harvest Festival & Auction
Filling Shoe Boxes
From Bean to Bar – Chocolatier
Fussels Oil HQ, Rode
Lavender fields
Make-up Demo
Making Christmas Wreaths
Men in Aprons (Masons)
Museum speakers on local history/
families etc

Normandy D-Day landing beaches etc
Operating a business as an Undertaker
Picnics
Radio presenters—Claire Carter, Darren
Daly, (BBC Radio Somerset & Tone FM)
Retired police dog handler
Saucy Seaside Postcards by Ken Ather-
ton
Sculpture by the Lakes
Senior Fraud Protection, which is part
of the Home Instead Senior Care Net-
work
Skittles Friendlies
Skittles –v- Rotary
Somerdale Cheese
Stobery House, Wells
Talk about the Great British Bake Off
Talk about the Suffragette Movement
Talk on Growing Chillies
The Army!
The Ballet
The history of Ultraleap! (virtual touch
technology)
Theatre Visits

Crewkerne in Bloom Is another successful Inner Wheel community initiative which started at the end of 2017, so 2018 was the first year and thinking that entering South West in Bloom would help put the town on the map, entered for 2019.. This voluntary group has really enjoyed making the town look so much more cheerful for townsfolk and visitors alike and the support and appreciation received from the whole community has been tremendous, which was one of the aspects commented on by the Judges when they visited in July. However, the winners were not announced until

October and to the enormous surprise of C in B – a Gold Award for the town's entry in the SWTA Class was swiftly followed by the SWTA Cup. What a thrill to receive these from Lady Emma and then to find that Crewkerne were awarded the Best Newcomer Class and received the Vic Verrier Cup from Lord Julien Fellows.



CHAIRMEN OF TWENTY

1972/73	DOREEN ABELL	BATH
1973/74	TINKER MEYERS	DORCHESTER
1974/75	MURIEL OWEN-ROBERTS	LANGPORT & SOMERTON
1975/76	JOAN FITZMAURICE	TROWBRIDGE
1976/77	MARGARET GRIFFITHS	WRINGTON VALE
1977/78	MARGARET PALMER	MENDIP
1978/79	LILIAN PENDRY	BURNHAM ON SEA
1979/80	MARGARET HUGHES	CHIPPENHAM
1980/81	JUNE CORSIE	MIDSOMER NORTON & RADSTOCK
1981/82	JOYCE FLETCHER	WELLS
1982/83	AUDREY WHITE	BURNHAM ON SEA
1983/84	LINDA HIGGINS	TROWBRIDGE
1984/85	PAMELA SHEPPARD	BURNHAM ON SEA
1985/86	AUDREY DOIG	TAUNTON
1986/87	MARGARET BARTLETT	GLASTONBURY & STREET
1987/88	JEAN BATH	BRIDPORT
1988/89	VALERIE BELL	YEOVIL
1989/90	PAMELA SMALL	WRINGTON VALE
1990/91	DIANA DAVIES	MIDSOMER NORTON & RADSTOCK
1991/92	BETTY PLAYLE	CHIPPENHAM
1992/93	PAMELA COPPARD	YEOVIL
1993/94	JUNE STENNING	SEDGEMOOR
1994/95	DOREEN BAILEY	SHEPTON MALLET
1995/96	ANGELA SAUNDERS	YEOVIL
1996/97	FREDA THACKWAY	FROME
1997/98	SHEILA WAGG	MIDSOMER NORTON & RADSTOCK
1998/99	PAULINE ALVIS	WRINGTON VALE
1999/2000	PAULINE CHURCHILL	GLASTONBURY & STREET
2000/01	FRAN PEARSON	WARMINSTER
2001/02	MARGARET REAY	WEYMOUTH
2002/03	LESLEY BENT	MINEHEAD
2003/04	MAVIS HUGHES	LANGPORT & SOMERTON
2004/05	MARGARET BERRY	BATH
2005/06	SHEENA GRACIE	WEYMOUTH
2006/07	SHEILA AXTENS	WELLINGTON
2007/08	ANN ADAMS	WEST WOODSPRING
2008/09	VAL HELLIN	DORCHESTER
2009/10	TRYPHENA CAMPKIN	WELLINGTON
2010/11	ANGIE HORNE	WEST WOODSPRING
2011/12	TRICIA HARRIS	CREWKERNE
2012/13	LYN HARRISON	SHERBORNE
2013/14	RITA JOLLIFFE	BURNHAM ON SEA
2014/15	LINDA QUINN	CHELWOOD BRIDGE
2015/16	CAROL PRICE	YEOVIL
2016/17	KATE LEWIS	FROME
2017/18	LYNNE EVANS MBE	SHEPTON MALLET
2018/19	PRU WITTER	WRINGTON VALE
2019/20	MAUREEN NETHAWAY	YEOVIL