



Newsletter – July 2019



Well this is my last letter to you all and I cannot believe how quickly the last year has gone. It only seems two minutes since I wrote my first letter saying “Well, I certainly hit the ground running”, and I have to say it has not slowed down much since then. I have really enjoyed being your President, and had a great year and want to thank you again for the fantastic support I have received from every single one of you. We have certainly had a lot of fun on

the way and thank you too for laughing at and appreciating my jokes! I shall now be able to sit at home with my feet up—I don’t think so somehow!



It was quite amazing to hear such wonderful reports of our activities over the last year at our AGM in June and to have raised so much money for great charities. Debbie Raven, CEO of Thames Hospice and Elizabeth Burton Phillips, founder of Drugfam, came to our last meeting to receive cheques for £1500 and £1000 respectively (Drugfam had already had £500 before Christmas).



Our District Chairman, Vicki invited all the current President’s to afternoon tea on the 11th and we had the most scrumptious tea and again lots a fun and laughter about “anything and everything” and very little about Inner Wheel!



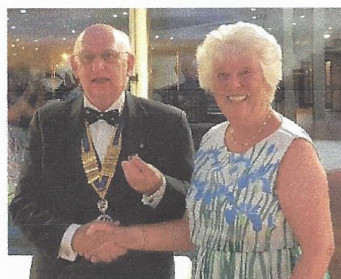
David and I were honoured to be guests at the opening ceremony for the Regatta, and Pauline and Lance were there as well. The blue hats were also accidentally very well co-ordinated! We then did a two-

hour stint on the gate and Suzanne provided yet more champagne! Fortunately, the weather was a lot better than it might have been, but was still not quite what we expect for summer events in June and was very cold and windy.



(It was good to see someone came prepared for the rain!)

Since then we have enjoyed a Pub lunch at the newly appointed Kings Head where we had a good turnout of 19 (and a half!), and enjoyed some excellent food.



Several of us attended the Rotary President’s Annual Dinner Dance at Cookham, where I presented President David with a 70th Anniversary Jewel for their collar, from us all at Inner Wheel. I told the club how I had attended my first Presidents night in Scarborough when my mother was President of Inner Wheel, when I was about 10 years old, never thinking that one day I would be President of Inner Wheel and would be presenting a 70th Jewel to a Rotary club.

As I sign off at the end of my year, may I wish Pattie all the best for her year as President and I hope that she enjoys it as much as I have. Have fun!

Jackie

Laughing is, and will always be, the best form of therapy