



# Wye Knot

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## Newsletter of the Inner Wheel Club of Hereford Wye Valley

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### President Liz's Logbook

I want to thank Viv and Chris again sincerely, for giving us such a wonderful sense of their trip to India at January's meeting. On a cold evening, it was lovely to see such fantastic photos and hear their description of all the sights and scenes they had enjoyed on their visit.



I know very well from personal experience that their film show took them both very many hours to produce, and we were so fortunate to see it – well done, Viv and Chris.

I was also delighted to be able to present our newest member, Sue, with her badge. Although



### Coming up!

Wednesday 27 February: Club Meeting, 6.30 for 7pm  
- Nominations for Club and District officers.

Raffle: Rhianon; Dinner Money: Pam and Ann D

**Tuesday 5 March: Coffee Morning hosted by Jane, 10.30am**

Tuesday 12 March: Natty Knitters chez Vilia, 10.30am

**Wednesday 13 March: MS Lunch – Susie and Jean M**

Monday 18 March: 'The Big Tea Cosy' fund raising event with tea and cake at The Haven, St. Owens Street, between 1 and 3pm.

**Monday 18 March: District Meeting at Gloucester Farmers' Club, 11.30am for 12 noon – a short talk on the IIW charity Period Poverty before lunch, £13.50**

Wednesday 27 March: Club Meeting at The Bay Horse Inn, 6.30 for 7pm – Visit of DC Gill Scott. Speaker's Host: Ann N; Raffle: Norma; Dinner Money: Pam and Ann D

**Monday 1 April: Beetle Drive at Withington Village Hall at 2pm, £5 – a fund raising fun afternoon**

8-10 April: Association Conference in Cardiff

**Wednesday 17th April: District Fellowship Lunch at The Farmers' Club, Gloucester**

Wednesday 24 April: Club Fellowship Lunch at The Bay Horse Inn, 12 for 12.30pm. Speaker's Host: Eileen; Raffle: Joan; Dinner Money: Jill and Anne H

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April: Cirencester Interclub Lunch at Royal Agricultural University, 12 for 12.30pm (details below). Replies by 30 March**

Wednesday 8 May: Malvern Club's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Lunch at The Worcestershire Golf Club, Malvern, 12 for 12.30pm (details below). Replies by 8 March

Sue joined us a few months ago, there was a delay with the company supplying her badge, but she's now well and truly one of us! Welcome, Sue, and we all hope you'll enjoy your IW membership.

In friendship,

Liz

#### **ROTARY SUPPER – 11 February**

I think everyone from the Hereford City and Hereford Wye Valley Rotary Clubs enjoyed the delicious supper we IW ladies prepared for them on 11 February.

Shirley had cooked all the steaks in a most delicious gravy in slow cookers beforehand, so we only had to prepare the vegetables on the night, which went very well and easily, with the help of three or four members. Of course the desserts, provided generously by members, were wonderful and soon disappeared, with many of the Rotarians going back for seconds!!

Mari provided the quiz for everyone's entertainment which was great fun, with lots of deliberation over the answers. We also had a very successful raffle and everyone present gave most generously. The money raised will be divided between President Liz's two charities, Canine Partners and The Silver Line.

The Rotary Supper evening is always great fun and, although a lot of hard work goes on behind the scenes, the end result is always very rewarding, and I am sure all the Rotarians appreciate our efforts and look forward to meeting up with one another and having the chance to sit and chat over a good meal.

Many thanks to all our members who made desserts, helped set up the tables, washed up and cleared away at the end, with a little help from Rotarian husbands!

A most enjoyable evening was had by all!

*ISO Jane*

*I want to add here how very much I appreciate the support of all those members who helped to make this such a good evening. The atmosphere in the hall was one of real friendship, and I especially thank Shirley for all her hard work, and also the ladies who helped her in the kitchen, as well as the Rotarians who assisted us. A great time was had by everyone, and our charity funds were boosted hugely with a tremendous profit being made! So, my grateful thanks to everybody who helped in any way.*

*President Liz*

#### **LUNCH AT THE CIDER ORCHARD RESTAURANT – Tuesday 12 February**

Fifteen of us went to have lunch at The Cider Orchard Restaurant at Herefordshire & Ludlow College on Tuesday 12 February. The students did very well to serve us and the food was absolutely delicious. The students were being assessed that day, so were very keen to get things right. Apart from a slight delay in one or two of us getting our coffees (due mainly to the coffee machine!), it was all marvellous! We had a great time, and hope to repeat this outing from time to time.

#### **WW1 COMMEMORATIVE ROSE TREE**

My suggestion to plant a rose tree in Hereford to commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War turned out to be a far more complicated and time-consuming project than I had ever envisaged. However, happily, we are now there!!

A climbing rose, of the '*Crown Princess Margareta*' variety, was planted in the Blackfriars Rose Gardens on 18February. Five of us, Maggie, Jane, Viv, Shirley and I, were welcomed very warmly by the Friends of the

Gardens, who supplied us with tea, coffee or hot chocolate as the rain came down and some of the very busy working team cleared the border and dug a hole for our rose, which we then planted. My goodness, we were all very envious of the soil – living as we do in this area of heavy clay, it was amazing to see such fine black earth covering all the rose beds, though we were told that many tons of top-soil had been bought in to give this wonderful result!!

At February's meeting we'll discuss suitable wording for the plaque which will sit next to the rose, and then, please do go and visit the Gardens during the summer when, hopefully, our rose will be in glorious bloom.

Our rose is planted in a border, on the left-hand side of the gardens as you enter them from Widemarsh Street. As you all know, our IW camera never lies – but if you go to the end of this newsletter you may more easily be able to recognise the location of our tree when you visit the gardens to see it!

I think this is a wonderful expression of our appreciation to those hundreds of thousands of soldiers who fought for our freedom back in 1914 to 1918, many of whom never came home.

Liz

#### MILK TOPS



There is a District Meeting in March, so please bring to Norma at February's meeting any milk tops you've saved, or else drop them in with her by the middle of March, so that we can take them to District and hand them over for recycling. Any colour is acceptable.

#### DISTRICT SKITTLES COMPETITION

Six of us made up a team to compete in Round 1 of the District Skittles Competition on Friday 22 February. Jane arranged the match against Malvern IW Club and we played at The Walwyn Arms in Much Marcle. It was a very jolly day. We played 4 ends (or whatever they're called in skittles!), and then had lunch, before agreeing to have another 2 ends. Our HWV team, consisting of Maggie, Jane, Shirley, Norma, Pat C and me, were amazed to find that we had won – by a whole 10 points. This wasn't our expectation at all, so now we'll have to play another match! Anyone keen to join in will be very welcome, when we hear who our next opponents will be.

Two sisters from the Malvern Club brought their delightful mother with them – she is 97, and much enjoyed her carvery lunch. And Claudia, Jane's granddaughter, volunteered or offered (or was persuaded by Grandma!!) to come and stick up for us. This was very kind of her, as it's a busy job and we wouldn't have done anything like as well as she did. Luckily Claudia knows quite a few of us from the various social events which Jane has organised in the past at which her family has helped.



Thank you very much, Claudia, for spending a day of your half term with us, we very much appreciated your help.

We had quite an experience when leaving the pub, as a minibus full of chaps arrived. I can only assume they were on a stag weekend. The sight I saw was the rear view of a naked man - adorned, I discovered when he turned round, only in a lime green thong. My goodness!! Jane, our wonderful photographer, was too busy averting Claudia's eyes from such a sight to have time to catch a photo for you!!!

Liz

#### NEWS FROM OTHER IW CLUBS

I've sent members the January Bulletin from Strathpine - here's an email I've received from their member Joan:

*Hi Liz,*

*It was lovely to hear from you again. You have such interesting programmes. Our IW day was held at the home of one of our members and was a happy event. I didn't get to it as I had been given a Christmas present of a seat at The Illusionists for that day, so did feel very guilty, but enjoyed the show.*

*Our Christmas party was a fun affair as we all brought a pot plant and then the lucky numbers decided which one we could be given. The difference was that as we were given our gift we could change it for another one on the table. This caused a lot of laughter.*

*We have had some very hot summer days with bushfires around here and floods in the North.*

*All the very best to all for the New Year,*

*Love, Joan*

*Strathpine IW Club, Queensland*

I had an unexpected phone call just after our January meeting from Helen, an IW member of the Walton-on-Thames Club in Surrey. Having received her copy of the latest Association magazine, she was interested to read that we had sent some of our knitting to the Waterfront IW Club in Cape Town. Her Club too had links with Cape Town, and she asked how we had transported the items to South Africa. I explained that some had been taken back by their President, Lorna Bradley, when she visited her son in London, and that a

lady who visits Cape Town regularly and is a friend of another Club member was kind enough to take a package out when she visited last autumn.

Helen and I had a lovely chat. There are just 12 members in the Walton-on-Thames Club, some of whom are no longer able to get to meetings – Helen herself is 94 years old, but sounds very lively. It's wonderful, don't you think, that IW members across GB&I are all doing what we can to help others, both here and overseas?

I hope you all saw that article in the Association magazine, together with the two others from our Club!! Pretty good, and I'm so grateful to Association Editor Dorothy who says she always enjoys our newsletters and is so supportive of all we do.

Liz

#### NEWS OF MEMBERS

I've spoken with Ann F this week. Unfortunately, just after getting over her spinal operation, she had a stroke last month, and has been very poorly. She said her family have been very good and she and Peter are coping. She misses coming to meetings, and sends love and good wishes to everyone. Here's hoping she will soon be able to get about a bit better and come to our meetings. Our very best wishes to you, Ann.

#### INTERCLUBS

**Malvern IW Club's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Lunch:** Wednesday 8 May at The Worcestershire Golf Club, Malvern (see the Red Book). *Numbers and menu choices are needed by 8 March.*

**Cirencester IW Interclub Lunch:** Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at The Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester, 12 for 12.30pm. Dr Gillian White will speak about Bess of Hardwick, and the History of Hardwick Hall.

Complimentary drink on arrival and hot buffet with a choice of meat, fish and vegetarian, followed by a dessert and tea or coffee, £19.00. *Numbers needed by 30 March.*



**Our Coffee Morning on Tuesday 5 March  
will be hosted by Jane at 10.30am**

**Vilia will host the next get-together of The Natty Knitters  
on Tuesday 12 March, at 10.30am**





## RED BOOK

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<b>Friday 8 March</b>	Peopleton Village Hall, Pershore – 100 years of International Women's Day	2 - 4pm – there will be various speakers. £5
<b>Monday 1 April</b>	Withington Village Hall – Our Club's fund-raising Beetle Drive	2pm – Tea/coffee and cakes, £5 – Homemade cakes, please!
<b>Tuesday 30 April</b>	IW Club of Cirencester Interclub Lunch at Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester - £19. Speaker: Dr. Gillian White on Bess of Hardwick, the history of Hardwick Hall	12 for 12.30pm. Hot buffet with choices of meat, fish or vegetarian, dessert and coffee- <i>replies by 30 March</i>
<b>Wednesday 8 May</b>	IW Club of Malvern's 70 <sup>th</sup> Birthday lunch - Worcestershire Golf Club, Malvern - £19.50. Speaker: Irene Tyack, Artist of the Yellow Hat Tribe Gallery	12 for 12.30pm – <i>replies with choice of menu needed by 8 March</i>

## BIRTHDAYS

**Three of our members have birthdays in March.**  
**We wish you happy days, and our very best wishes.**



## COMING UP SOON:

**CLUB MEETING: Wednesday 27 February at The Bay Horse Inn, 6.30 for 7pm - Nominations for Club and District officers**

**COFFEE MORNING: Tuesday 5 March chez Jane at 10.30am**

**NATTY KNITTERS: Tuesday 12 March chez Vilia, 10.30am**

**MS LUNCH: Wednesday 13 February – Susie and Jean M**

**CLUB MEETING: Wednesday 27 March at The Bay Horse Inn, 6.30 for 7pm - Visit by District Chairman Gill**

**CLUB BEETLE DRIVE: Monday 1 April at Withington Village Hall**

**ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE: 8-10 April in Cardiff**

**DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP LUNCH: Wednesday 17 April at Gloucester Farmers Club £13.50**

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**CIRENCESTER INTERCLUB LUNCH: Tuesday 30 April at the Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester. *Replies by 30 March***

**February meeting: Wednesday 27 February  
at The Bay Horse Inn, 6.30 for 7pm.**

**Nominations**

**March meeting: Wednesday 27 March at the  
Bay Horse Inn, 6.30 for 7pm, when we will  
welcome District Chairman Gill Scott**

***All items for the next Newsletter need to be with Liz, please, by Thursday 21 March***

***See Club news and information on our website: [www.innerwheelherefordwyevalley.org](http://www.innerwheelherefordwyevalley.org)***



Here's the place where our rose is planted – the ambulances belonging to the St. John's Ambulance centre next door are the other side of the fence, but Bill, our photo wizard, made a slight change to the picture, so that the vehicles didn't detract from us!! If you look back very carefully on the other picture where my legs and the spade handle are, you'll see Bill has even allowed a gap for hedgehogs to get through!!! He's nothing if not imaginative!!