

Inner Wheel Club of Liskeard & Looe

## Newsletter

SUMMER. 2021.



### PRESIDENT'S PATCH



Presidents Patch.

The new year began with yet another lock down, Covid cases still rising but the vaccination programme had begun. So we continued with our meetings via zoom. Contacting members via E-mail, snail mail and the telephone,

In January we had Richard Toomer from the Rock choir, who gave us a really interesting talk about the choir, his joy of music and being part of a string quartet,

Februarys zoom meeting was the election of officers, which did not take long as all officers kindly agreed to continue for another year to give the club some continuity following lock down, With two new members joining us Val Marshall and Yvonne Toms as first year committee members,

Annetta kindly agreed to continue as caretaker International officer with Angie who will take over this Role when we can all meet together, as zooming can be problematic for her. Thankyou Annetta for all your hard work in this role.

In March we had Luke Simmon from school in a bag, A Fascinating talk about the origins of the charity and the amazing work they do around the world providing their bags to children. With your support we gave a donation of £370 to this charity.

The April meeting was well attended when we had a talk and presentation from Paul Ford from the Cornwall Air Ambulance,. He talked about all the amazing work they do in our very rural county. We were able to make a donation to them of £1000 last year thanks to Ruth and her committee from the photographic competition and subsequent calendar plus your support in purchasing the 2021 calendar.

The photographic completion for this year was launched at this meeting and ended on the 13th of July. The judges then decided which pictures will be gracing our walls in the 2022 calendar, again all proceeds going to Cornwall Air Ambulance,

### Forthcoming meetings.

*28<sup>th</sup> Sept 21.*

*Handbags to Maid at  
Buckingham Palace,  
Yvonne Toms*

*26<sup>th</sup> Oct 21*

*The Pearl Lady. Lesley Ann Taylor*

*23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 21.*

*Christmas Table Decorations.  
President Bridgette.*

*14<sup>th</sup> Dec 21.*

*Christmas Lunch.*

*25<sup>th</sup> Jan 22.*

*Listening to the enemy.  
Michael Griffiths*

*22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 22.*

*Election of Officers.*

*22<sup>nd</sup> June 22.*

*AGM & Handover.*

A BIG Thankyou to Ruth, Jackie and Gail and our judges, Richard Lawrence, Yvonne and Evelyn from our club for all their hard work.

In May we had an interesting zoom talk from our District chairman Hillary Genes and June our AGM and handover meeting,

As this will be my second year as your president I am really looking forward to getting back to almost "normal" face to face meetings and enjoying seeing a whole member instead of just a lovely face on my screen.

Our first outing was at Jackie and Mike Gills for our afternoon tea, on the 27th of July, where we inducted a new member, Dawn, and introduced the programme for 2022.

We took every precaution to keep our members safe and follow government guidelines. It stayed dry and we all had a lovely tea!

On the end of each of our E mails/letters we have been putting "Stay Safe" and then YIF..... It would be lovely if we could all now put "Be Kind" YIF.....

None of us know what each of us have gone through during this last year, so let us BE KIND to each other in thought and deed.

I look forward to seeing you in Person .....Soon.

Be Kind,

**Bridgette.**

### **Ruth's daughter's move**

How could we object when our daughter told us she had seen an advert for her dream job but it would mean moving to Washington DC? After all, when she had just completed her degree in engineering, we had gone off to Asia to work.

Kimberley started her new position at the beginning of February. However, because of Covid she had been working from home and only needed to go to her new office in September. It meant that she and the family had some time to plan the big move.

Soon the flights were booked for 3rd August and Paul and I were going to help with the final packing up of the house in Morpeth, Northumberland. There was a slight delay when four of the family caught Covid but we still managed to help them pack in a shorter time frame. After seeing them all off we brought their little Shitzu dog back with us. We are now waiting until we are allowed to travel to the States before we can take her to her new home.

The job is proving to be as interesting as hoped. Kimberley is a wind power specialist, and she now consults on projects in the developing world for the International Finance Corporation which is the development arm of the World Bank.

We are often asked how we feel about our three granddaughters moving to America. We hope to see them twice a year as they plan to spend the summer holidays in England. Also we have all got used to Zoom which has helped us keep in touch during Lockdown. We hope that the experience will be a good one for all the family. They are certainly settling in and making new friends. We look forward to visiting them when we can.

## The tale of the Prickly Columbus.

**By Liz Piper.**

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>.** A tiny hedgehog was brought to my door. He weighed 126gr. Having wolfed down cat food from the lid of a coffee tin, he settled down to sleep.

According to my book on hedgehog care they are independent at about 8 weeks or 250gr plus, so quite a way to go!

**June 24<sup>th</sup>.** Weighing in already at 146gr. I have called him Columbus as he is such an explorer!



**July 10<sup>th</sup>.** As he is so fit and well and now weighing 180gr, I have him back to the wild. The book says it can cause stress to keep them for too long. I allowed him to sail away, and saw him a little while later in the company of another two hogs!! He had also negotiated steps that are 9 inches high.

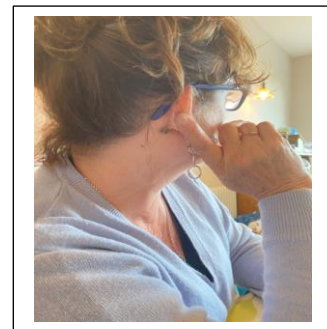
## Bridgette's Bee Keeping Experience,

A new activity during lockdown. A good idea?? Maybe not!!!

### To Bee ??



OR



**NOT TO BEE ???**

(stung behind the ear!!!)

On 27<sup>th</sup> July we all met at the home of Mike and Jackie Gill, for our first person to person meeting since the start of the Covid – 19 pandemic.

We held the meeting in a large marquee, followed by a lovely afternoon tea.

During the meeting President Bridgette presented badges to club officers, something we could not do previously because of the pandemic.

*Past President Gina Evans*



*Past International Officer Annetta Lock*



*Past Treasurer Evelyn Julian*



*Current Secretary Alison Maiklem*



*NEW MEMBERS, who joined us during the pandemic.*



*Sarah Bunt, 28.07.20*

*President Bridgette,*

*Pam Vass, 23.02.21*

*Sally O'Shaughnessy, 23.02.21*

*Dawn Cessford, 27.07.21*



*A big welcome to you all !!*

## BBQ AT BOCADDON 24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2021.

A beautifully sunny day helped make the BBQ a resounding success with over 50 people attending, and the children present making good use of the pool. £728 was raised for the International Charity, Bring Back the Smile to Nepal.

Wendy and Bob Wade were presented with a rose in celebration of their Golden Wedding



Enjoying the BBQ !!

### IW Calendar 2022 in aid of Air Ambulance

The winners of the Photographic Competition were presented with their framed photographs.



Judges, Ruth, Evelyn, Yvonne and Gail.



The Lucky Winners.



Hosts, Nick and Alison

# TO FINISH,

*A poem from your President.*

## Piglet

"Piglet?" said Pooh.



"Yes Pooh?" said Piglet.



"Do you ever have days when everything feels... Not Very Okay At All? And sometimes you don't even know why you feel Not Very Okay At All, you just know that you do."



Piglet nodded his head sagely. "Oh yes," said Piglet. "I definitely have those days."



"Really?" said Pooh in surprise. "I would never have thought that. You always seem so happy and like you have got everything in life all sorted out."



"Ah," said Piglet. "Well here's the thing. There are two things that you need to know, Pooh. The first thing is that even those pigs, and bears, and people, who seem to have got everything in life all sorted out... they probably haven't. Actually, everyone has days when they feel Not Very Okay At All. Some people are just better at hiding it than others.



"And the second thing you need to know... is that it's okay to feel Not Very Okay At All. It can be quite normal, in fact. And all you need to do, on those days when you feel Not Very Okay At All, is come and find me, and tell me. Don't ever feel like you have to hide the fact you're feeling Not Very Okay At All. Always come and tell me. Because I will always be there."

#mentalhealthawarenessweek

# BE KIND.