



June

## Dates for your diary

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| Monday | 3rd June  | General Meeting and AGM 11am for 11:30 start at the Royal Court Hotel.                         |
| Monday | 17th June | Lunch at Lucy and Brenda's—after Committee meeting (please note change of date from 26th June) |
| Monday | 1st July  | General Meeting with guest speaker Ann Howard from Carriers of Hope.                           |

The Attendance Officers are Judith Cule and Ethel Martin. For apologies and enquiries concerning the next Club meeting, please contact Judith preferably before the Thursday prior to the meeting.

The District 6 International Charity - Chinthowa Development Trust  
District Chairman Jill's Charity - Hearing Dogs for Deaf People  
Chris Kirby IIW President Presidential theme - Empower and Evolve  
International Charity Theme

Contributions for next months news sheet should be sent to the Club Correspondent no later than 5 working days before our next monthly meeting.  
Email: [coventryinnerwheel@gmail.com](mailto:coventryinnerwheel@gmail.com)  
**Photographs** taken at our events may be used by the club on Social Media and in our newsletter.

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## Inner Wheel Club of Coventry

Chartered 1936

June 2019

Dear Fellow Members,

It always comes as a bit of a surprise when you start to do something and then realise it's the last time you'll be doing it - and so it is with our monthly letter to you. How quickly the year has gone and what a privilege time it has been to have had Jill as our District Chairman. Congratulations Jill on a job well done - we are all very proud of you.



It is now time for us to thank all of you for taking on the roles which keep a club going. Judith and Ethel not only for taking on vice president roles but also attendance officers - Madeline for continuing to balance the books - Janet for regularly producing the monthly newsletter so professionally, in spite of having two tardy Presidents! Sorry Janet. Pat who encourages us to help her look after our international projects and Pam and Sian who never fail to fill the table-tops at our monthly meetings or coffee mornings. Beryl plays her part too when it comes to selling tickets for money raising projects and sees to it that we support the Coventry Food Bank. And those of you who are able to hold functions in your own homes and those of you who support them. To those of you who have been able to hold committee meetings in your homes - thank you - that has been a great help. Not forgetting the past presidents Mary and Alison who have been a tremendous help to us. In one way or another that covers everyone in the Club - everyone has played a part - and that is what has kept our Club going for 83 years.

You are all invited to a very informal lunch on Monday 17th June following our committee meeting at our home in Thurlaston when we will be able to thank you all personally for the very happy year you have given us.

Yours in friendship  
Brenda and Lucy

## Our Fellowship 2019



Chairman Jill expressed her appreciation to Coventry Inner Club for inviting her husband and her to our 83rd Fellowship celebration. It was a great achievement to be surviving at the time when membership was generally declining in GB and I.

She mentioned what a long way we have come since that inaugural meeting at the Black Cat Cafe in October 1935 and the awarding of the Charter in July 1936 by Rotarian E. Marks, who was then Rotary District Chairman of 1060. It was one of 8 clubs to receive its Charter at a ceremony in Wolverhampton and we are the only club still in existence of those 8. Coventry is now the oldest club in District 6.

Since then, the world had changed so much, in what is for many of us here more than our entire life time. Members then would not have understood the challenges we are facing today as we embrace advances in technology. Inner Wheel is now well represented on the internet with nearly all clubs having their own websites and we are now facing the challenge to establish an effective social media presence. It was both fascinating and a responsibility to think that we had managed to adapt to the changes through those years and were still carrying on such a long tradition.

She said it has been a great privilege to serve as District Chairman and mentioned that she followed a long line of members from Coventry who have done so. When looking through the archives preparing for her

visits it was clear to see the leading role Coventry had played in District 6 (Mrs Barnacle had been District Chairman for three years during the war and had presented the District with the silver rose bowl they still use today). Also, Coventry Inner Wheel had played a role in the historical events of Coventry such as involvement with the new cathedral, where they embroidered hassocks to a design by Sir Basil Spence and also donated a Provost's Chair for the Sanctuary and offertory plates for use in the cathedral as a mark of their appreciation of 25 years of Inner wheel happy fellowship and friendship.

She thanked Lucy, Brenda, Alison and all members of the club for their support this year in providing advice and flowers and brought congratulations and greetings from District 6 for our special day and for the future.

The speaker (David Price) gave an entertaining talk about the history of the CanCan.



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