

Inner Wheel Club of Cuckfield & Lindfield Report March 2009

Memory Walk

On 21st September 2008 we completed our own memory walk in aid of The Alzheimer Society. IW Association President Myrtle Buchanan had chosen this as her charity for the year and asked members if they would consider doing a walk or fund raise for this very worthwhile charity. So the members of the IW club "hijacked" Rotarian President Roger's September walk.

President Norma and all the IW members thanked the Rotarians for allowing them to walk and raise money.

Rotarian Jon Martin arranged the routes(long or short) and wife Diane organised the ladies and collected all the donations. Rotarian Trevor Clapp organised the Rotarian walkers and the buffet lunch at the Bent Arms. Rotarian Bernard Jarvis acted as official photographer for the event

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make this event enjoyable. The weather was fine and sunny.

We were also joined on the walk by some of the members four legged friends. Mention must go to Ossie (Jon & Diane's dog) who found the fishing ponds irresistible and dived in at every opportunity and Archie (Deborah Ruse's 17 week old puppy) who dutifully accompanied her throughout the walk.

We were met at the Bent Arms by additional members for lunch and a sociable drink.

President Norma thanked everyone for their time and generosity, a cheque has been sent to the local branch of the AS, District Chairman, Valerie Clapp the spoke briefly about the reason for the memory walks.

Lindfield Village Night

The first Wednesday night in December saw members of the fund raising committee in the High Street for the Annual Late Night shopping event. They had arranged a Lucky Dip for the children and Father Christmas had also managed to come to add interest to the stall Thanks to Rotarian John Davey for donning the "red suit and beard". Club members had provided the goodies which the committee had bagged. The stall sold out very quickly and money had been raised for our charities.

Rotary Darts Marathon

Our Rotary Club has an annual darts marathon, which for several years, the IW club has taken part. So our darts captain, Winkie Grundon arranged with the men to have a practice match for the first Tuesday in January. The ladies joined the men for their meeting and the fun began. Many darts missed their targets and scoring was a bit suspect but everyone enjoyed themselves. A supper of bangers and mash then followed. We hoped the mini practice was enough to stand us in good stead for the real event.

On 26th February 12 ladies from the IW Club assembled in two teams at the Bent Arms and on the dot of 7.30pm game commenced. For half an hour the darts flew, unfortunately some of the darts lost their flights which caused some concern and loss of concentration. Then came the 5 minute break followed by another 30 minutes of throwing. The idea is to score as many points as you can in 1 hour, as we only throw darts once a year totals of 13000+ and 11000+ is quite an achievement.

After this, we all enjoyed a curry and then a Rotarian team decided to challenge our efforts and they amassed 14000+ points. Well done lads! But it does have to be noted that some of them play darts more than once a year!!!! No hard feelings.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the evening so that we made a very good total for the chosen charities.

Overseas Meeting

We invited our husbands and friends to our February meeting to listen to a talk by Marc Koska on his charity "Safepoint". They manufacture and distribute single use needles for vaccinations and injections, thus reducing the spread of infection from re-using needles. He spoke about the work being done in India to promote and use these needles in hospitals and local clinics.

Moira Kinnear (Overseas Service Organiser) and her committee had organised a coffee morning in aid of "Safepoint". She thanked Marc for his very informative talk and for answering the many questions from the floor. President Norma then handed over a cheque on behalf of the club. Marc thanked the club for both the cheque and their hospitality that evening.