



CORONA WORLDWIDE

Autumn 2019

President's Letter

Greetings to you all. As you may know we appoint a Life Vice-President every year as a reward to a Corona member who has gone "above and beyond" with their contribution to their branch or group. Anyone can be nominated so if you have someone in mind who fulfils this criteria please let us know, giving reasons with background information. Please write



Angela Mizner

or e-mail to H/Q, the e-mail and postal address are on the bottom of the back page of this newsletter.

Many thanks to all the branches that have recently sent reports contained in this newsletter. CWW looks forward to 2020 and especially to celebrate our 70th birthday, this unique network, now with 29 branches in 14 countries continues the founding spirit of friendship & service to the community.

A very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year to you all.

Chairman's Letter

I have no doubt summer by now feels like a distant memory, and you are all looking forward to Christmas. Speaking of looking forward, as you all know 2020 is a special year for Corona Worldwide. It is our PLATINUM Anniversary, it's hard to believe but Corona was started in 1950, by an wonderful lady Marjorie Paskin, who had the foresight to see women going overseas needed as much support as their husbands and partners while there were even some intrepid ladies taking worthwhile jobs, and being single women were real pioneers.



Maureen Withey

To celebrate such an auspicious occasion, we are holding a lunch at The Leander Club, Henley. The

Leander Club is famous for having members such as Sir Steve Redgrave, Matthew Pinsett, and many other world and Olympic champions. Lunch will be held in the beautiful dining room overlooking the Thames. A tour of the clubhouse will be available after lunch for those who may be interested.

As this is my last year as Chairman, I sincerely hope that all Branches both overseas and in UK will hold their own celebrations, and make it a year to remember, showing that there is a place for Corona in the 21st century.

I would like to thank you all for your support, in the last 4 years; I could not have done this job without it. Please give your continued support to my successor.

Hope you have an excellent 2020, and onwards into the future.

Award of Life Vice Presidency 2019

Mrs Alison Latter received the Life Vice Presidency of Corona in 2019. She was born in India and due to her husband's work for the British Council became a Corona member in the newly independent Uganda in 1964. After postings in the Sudan and Somalia, she was again involved with Corona in the Kaduna Branch in Nigeria. Lastly, they were posted in Pakistan. In the UK, Alison served as Trustee and also Chairman of West Surrey Branch for ten years.

West Surrey had started organising coffee mornings for the wives of overseas students at the University of Surrey. Started by Daphne Cunningham in the 1960s, the programme continues to this day. Mrs Latter had also been involved with the Farnham Castle overseas briefing service.



LVP Alison Latter

ROYAL EVENTS

Commonwealth Service by Yvette Bavin

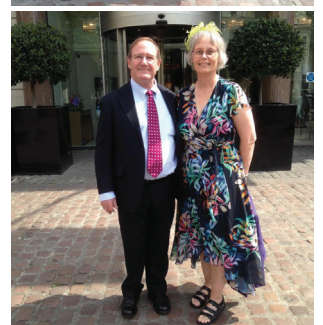
In March this year, I had the great honour of attending the Commonwealth Service at Westminster Abbey, surrounded by numerous representatives of Commonwealth countries and excited school children. As we needed to be seated well before the Royal Family arrived, we had plenty of opportunity to take in the glory of the Abbey's architecture, made even more resplendent by the colourful display of all the Commonwealth flags and many different national outfits. Corona's President and Vice-President had the privilege of sitting in the choir stalls but Pam Cowan (our Commonwealth Co-ordinator) and I were fortunate enough to be sitting behind the Royal Family and had a perfect view of the various speakers (both religious and secular), singers and dancers who helped lead the celebration of this wonderful

institution that means so much to so many people. As the service proceeded (such glorious sounds!), I reflected on the wealth of knowledge and co-cooperativeness that being part of the Commonwealth means, as those of us who have lived and worked in various member countries appreciate. We know how strongly the Queen feels about its role and well being, so I felt very encouraged to see the size of the Royal Party (The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall, The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, and The Duke of York), as well as the political and religious representatives. As we all joined in making the Act of Affirmation to the Commonwealth, there is hope that the future of the Commonwealth is in good hands. – Yvette Bavin, Trustee

Royal Garden Party by Marie-Louise Letellier-Edwards

On a bright, sunny May 15, twenty or so ladies from Corona Worldwide met up at the Amba Hotel in London for a pre-Buckingham Palace Garden Party luncheon. Amongst them ... four island gals from Corona North Mauritius. A pile of colorful hats and fascinators on a side table, a fun chat with Corona ladies from around the world ... Tanzania, Saudi Arabia, and the UK ... a delicious lunch and then a quick carriage ride (actually a black cab!) to the front gates of Buckingham Palace. Clutching our precious bright orange entrance cards, we survived the (not terribly rigorous) security checks and waltzed through the Palace forecourt and hallway into the lush gardens. There followed a fun-filled afternoon in glorious sunshine ... fashion spotting and critiquing, a scrumptiously delicious tea and interesting chats

with fellow guests. Sadly, the Queen did not grace us with her presence and so the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall (aka Charles and Camilla) and Princess Anne deputised. We managed a peep through the crowds at our hosts, took a turn around the beautiful gardens, admired a marching display by the Yeomen of the Guard and enjoyed some jolly army band music. The afternoon ended with a stirring rendition of 'God Save the Queen'. Vacating the royal premises, we tootled our way home ... footsore but festive, full of glee and bonhomie! Many thanks to Sally Perkins and Angela Mizner of Corona Worldwide and North Mauritius Chairperson, Marie-Helene, for the perfect organisation. Truly a day to remember! – Marie-Louise Letellier-Edwards, North Mauritius



OBITUARIES

Margaret (Peggy) Alexander – (1924-2019)

August 24th 2019 was a sad day for the members of the Edinburgh Branch with the passing away of one of our very special members, lifelong member, Peggy Alexander. Peggy was born in Pune, India, in 1924. Her family moved back to Edinburgh when she was a young child and this was where she was educated before training as nurse at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

Her nursing career took her south to London where she met her husband Dr. Cecil James and after their marriage the couple moved to Sabah. It was at this time in 1953 when Peggy first joined Corona. Peggy had wonderful tales about her time in Sabah, a time when it was a true hardship post. She related many of her stories and shared her photos at one of our recent meetings. Peggy and Cecil later moved to Hong Kong by which time they had three sons, Alan, David and Alastair. Sadly, her husband died in Hong Kong and the family returned to Edinburgh.



Peggy Alexander

Peggy remarried in 1982 to David Alexander and was resident in Edinburgh until her passing.

Peggy remained active and alert until her passing. Despite her age she was driving until last year when she was 94! Her last outing was in fact to our lunch in May after which her legs gave her so much

pain she was restricted to being indoors. She was a most interesting and lovely lady who contributed a great deal over the years to Corona.

Ann M C Brewster – formerly Gow, née Cross, died peacefully on 7 September 2019 aged 90 in Ludlow, Shropshire. She was a member of the Women's Corona Society in Hong Kong 1968 - 1974.

Kathleen Cuthbert – life member of Corona died in November 2016 at the age of 96. After she graduated from Queens University in Belfast in 1942, she was recruited as a German translator at Bletchley Park. In spite of long hours translating German messages, she found the time and energy to learn Japanese.

She married a Queens University lecturer and studied several more languages, later becoming a tutor and an advisor to the Citizens Advice Bureau.

In 1968, she began living in Malta where her husband was a Professor at the local university. Kathleen learned to speak basic Maltese (one of the most difficult languages to learn). After two years in Malta, she and her husband moved to Barbados where she took up painting. They travelled to the Far East, Australia, Russia, East Germany, Africa and Europe. They also built a holiday cottage on the windy northwest coast of Ireland.

Kathleen also read to the blind, was a talented seamstress and hostess, and a voracious reader and collector of books. In 2010, she moved to Bristol to be near her daughter and grandchildren, where she joined Bristol Corona for the last few years of her life.

Elizabeth Hunter – (1932-2018) Life Vice President Elizabeth, fun-loving, generous, kind, considerate, lover of “adventures”, and a very hard working Corona President, but, just a wee bit “naughty”.

She had so many talents, which were shared with Corona. The loving care she gave to the Millennium Quilt with the design and beautiful stitching bringing it all together. At the same time she was busy with the glorious embroidery of the bedspread in Lord Bute's bedroom in Cardiff Castle. This she did before embarking on the wall hangings in the Castle dining room, a seven-year labour of love, leading and teaching a small group of women in the Fine Arts Society.

The cookery book was fun with the cooks' tales of adapting recipes to what was locally available. Her own curry lunches for members will be remembered for years.

Members who joined Elizabeth on her Corona U.K. breaks have such happy memories. Days were packed with interesting outings. Her research and dummy runs were taken very seriously so everything ran smoothly. From Lyndhurst and the Isle of Wight, to the Lake District and steam trains and boats, to Stratford and Midsummer Night's Dream to Peterborough and Burghley, Geoff Hamilton's Garden and Flag Fen, to Llandudno and Castles, to Harrogate and Harlow Carr, Ripley Cathedral and a last minute booking for afternoon tea, G & Ts and wine for 60 in Staveley. There were so many more.

It was while Elizabeth was on seat that our Constitution was revised as was our name, The Women's Corona Society became Corona Worldwide and we let men in... Another wonderful



Elizabeth Hunter

lady, Margaret Harwood, led this huge task. We also made an official objection to the BBC who was planning to stop televising the Commonwealth Observance Day Service from Westminster Abbey.

Such a special lady loved by so many of us and never to be forgotten.

Muriel James – Chairman of Corona from 1978 to 1981 died on August 4th 2019 at the age of 94. A life member of Corona, she always enjoyed receiving the newsletter, which was read from cover to cover and she would be on the lookout for news of any members or friends whom she knew. Muriel was the wife of the late Jimmy James. She became a member of Corona in Nigeria in the 1950's. Her husband, a Civil Engineer, worked for the Colonial Service, in Northern Nigeria, being posted to a different town each tour and all

three of their children were born there. It was during this time that Muriel was a more active member, particularly whilst living in Kano where many young children (including hers) enjoyed the guardianship of a Corona member whilst travelling unaccompanied.

Following Nigeria, there was a return to the UK, a short stay in Belfast, then Hong Kong before returning to the UK living not far from Heathrow where escort duties were regularly requested again! They retired to the Peak District in Derbyshire where her husband Jimmy died in 2000.

Mike Kateley – husband of West Surrey Chairman Christine Kateley, passed away in May. His funeral was Tue 4 June 2019 at St Nicolas in Cranleigh.

Doris May Lewis – of Trenoweth Cornwall passed away on 23rd March. Married to Ken Lewis, a civil engineer with a specialism in runways, the family lived in or near RAF bases in Malta and Germany. After Ken's retirement from the Civil

Service, they lived in Jeddah for some years in the 1980s. Before her marriage, Bunny, as she was known, was an avid mountaineer and has a winter climbing route named for her on Gairr Aonoch in Glencoe. She passed away two weeks before her 90th birthday and a celebration of her life was held at the Tremayne Hall, Mylor Bridge, on Good Friday, 19th April. She was an inspiration to her children Nick and Jeremy and to her six granddaughters.

Margaret MacLean – of the Bath Branch. Margaret was an active member in Corona for many years before her health declined. Receiving contact from Corona members meant the world to her. She passed away peacefully in October. Her funeral and thanksgiving service was at the Abbey on the 12th of November, where she was a member of the congregation for so many years.

M.E. Young – of Spetidsbury, Blandford Forum, Dorset, died in March 2019.

UK BRANCHES

Bristol – June was Corona HQ's annual Summer Lunch, which was hosted by Linda Prys-Roberts at her home near Bristol, and was attended by Corona members from branches across the country. We spent a pleasant hour in Linda's garden marquee before walking down to Cleve Village Hall for an excellent lunch. Coffee was served at Linda's House – an end to an excellent (yet rainy) day.

In July, we celebrated the 90th Birthday of Betty Bordas! Our September meeting included a visit to the University of Bristol's Botanic Gardens. – Christine MacFaddan

Cornwall – Corona Flying High! Our Summer Lunch is always a Bring and Share (a familiar concept for those living abroad) in a member's home, and with an International Theme - bring something you first tasted / learned to cook when living abroad - and is always well attended and much enjoyed. This year our hostess was Wendy Hindle in her beautiful home in Constantine Bay where she and her husband Chris were most generous hosts and steadfastly refused offers to contribute to the generously flowing wine. Instead Wendy suggested we make a donation to the Air Ambulance Appeal for a new helicopter (Wendy is involved with the charity as a volunteer) and as the sum collected was over £100 Corona Cornwall is now a HeliHero and our name will be emblazoned on the new helicopter – and as Wendy says “who knows when one of us may be glad of this excellent emergency service?” The words Corona Ladies Cornwall Branch says it all!

We meet alternate months in the Alverton Hotel in Truro - very gracious and comfortable and enjoy a delicious lunch after drinks in the bar (I am told that we are always welcome not only for our good company and generous tips but also a good spend over the bar!) and after lunch one of our members shares memories of a foreign posting and despite many protestations of “not being a good public speaker” once into their stride they are always fluent and most enjoyable. Most recent was memories of life in Budapest when still behind the Iron Curtain when our member was a young diplomat's wife - totally fascinating! The menu for the Christmas Lunch is always very traditional and instead of a speaker this year we are inviting anecdotes of an amusing incident at Christmas abroad - and we always try to wear something red! We welcome houseguests of members, friends / relatives of Corona members elsewhere who have moved to Cornwall and the majority of our members are in fact First Time Corona members and only wish they had known about us when living abroad! – Abigail Kirby-Harris



Cornwall Branch at the Alverton Hotel

Berkshire – September was a special occasion to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the foundation the Berkshire Branch which was held at Lacombe's Restaurant near Henley- on - Thames. We were delighted that Angela Mizner our CWW President and Jennifer Atkinson, the CWW Treasurer were able to join us and enjoy the special lunch which was a very happy occasion. Julia Harvey, a founder member together with Margaret Powell was both there to cut the celebratory cake.

We have a coffee morning at Marsha Nicolson's home, a visit to Hillier's Garden Centre, Hermitage and a Bring & Share early Christmas Lunch at Vicky Pitcher's home to look forward to.

As always some of the members play Mah Jong regularly. As a Branch we do contribute to the 100



Berkshire Branch Celebrated their 40th Anniversary

Club as well as sending donations to H.Q.

Once again many thanks to the members who organise the various events every month which keeps the Berkshire alive and active. – Vicky Pitcher



Cotswold– Although a small branch, we continue to meet regularly and enjoy each other's company. – Pat Yaxley

London Jubilee – averages 20 members with visitors from other parts of the country and from overseas. We have welcomed three new members to our branch, and two Jubilee members have become new Trustees.

We support HQ with purchasing two premiums for the 100 Club and making a donation for Founder's Day in May. Several of our members attend outings with CWW London Events.

Our Christmas Lunch will be Thursday 5th December at the Amba Hotel, Charing Cross. Regular meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at 11 AM at the Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square. Visitors are welcome. – Angela Mizner

Mid Sussex – In May, Ann Flower Henley held our annual Founder's Day Coffee Morning with a speaker Mr. David George Clarke who was the former Hong Kong Government Chemist and Head of the Hong Kong Forensic Science Laboratory.

June brought our Pot Luck Lunch and in July we had an outing to the Wey and Arun Canal and afterward an afternoon tea at Carolyn Mudford's home. In August

we met for lunch and in September Bring & Buy was completed. Our Christmas Lunch is organized and we are planning a special Diamond Anniversary Lunch. We love our Corona and enjoy all of our members. – Anne Elvin

Northwest – We had a lunch on 14th March at a very nice restaurant, "The Architect", in Chester, which overlooks Chester racecourse. It was a very nice spring day.



Northwest Branch Summer Lunch

There were six of us including a hopeful new member Jean Ainsworth. The Summer Lunch was held in August at the home of Anne Burrell.

West Surrey – has had a good summer with Mavis Rauch organising a programme with several pub lunches and coffee mornings. We home visit anyone who can no longer attend monthly meetings. The Mahjong group is still going strong. We are a happy band of ladies enjoying the companionship that Corona provides. – Christine Kateley

LONDON EVENTS – After visiting the V&A's Christian Dior Exhibition, we visited the Migration Museum, which records the experiences of migrants to Britain as well as migrants from Britain.

In July, we had lunch in the courtyard of a pub in Richmond, and in August we visited the William Morris Gallery in Walthamstow to see an exhibition of the work of Madge Gill. The gallery is the house where William Morris lived. The tearoom and gardens opens out into Lloyd Park.

On a lovely sunny day in September, we saw Evita at the Open Air Theatre in Regents Park. In October we visited the newly refurbished Islamic Gallery at the British Museum, and in November we attended a matinee of The Mouse Trap at St Martin's Theatre. – Connie Topping and Clare Bartram



London Events Summer Lunch in Richmond Upon Thames

OVERSEAS BRANCHES

Bahamas – In September, the Bahamas was hit by one of the strongest Atlantic hurricanes on record, Hurricane Dorian. Carolyn Wardle reported to HQ:



Bahamas 2019
Committee Members

We are safe in Nassau, but the storm did untold damage to the northern Bahamas. Many evacuees have come to Nassau for shelter and help, so we have plenty to do. We have never had such a disaster in living memory but they predict there will be more and stronger hurricanes in the future due to climate change. We have learned

a lesson for next time – get on an airplane beforehand. The aftermath is as bad as the storm – or worse. HQ thanks Carolyn for the report and wishes the branch good weather.

Fiji – Fiji welcomes new committee members including President Soni Matthews and joint secretaries Elaine Pounder and Suzanne Bowden. The branch is going strong with 86 members, 33 joining for the first time this year.



Pinktober Fundraising in Fiji

On Friday 25 October the Corona Society Fiji held a Pinktober High Tea at Pacific Fusion USP Campus in order to raise money for the Fiji Cancer Society. They also donated bras for Breast Cancer survivors.

Gibraltar – The branch celebrated Gibraltar's National Day on September 10th with a lunch for 45 people. It also hosted a tea in September to raise funds for a Christmas Party for the elderly that will be in December. Regular monthly meetings include speakers, and they have many special events – including running a hospital trolley to support the needs of the Colonial War Memorial Hospital.

Hong Kong – HQ received an informative report from Hong Kong from Debi Baker. Given that Hong Kong has headlined the news, it is welcome to receive a report! Debi wrote*: *It has been an*

interesting summer for Hong Kongers not least due to the on going demonstrations that have been happening each weekend. Weekdays have been business as usual for the most part, but weekends are a different story with demonstrations occurring in many parts and disruptions to traffic and public transport. The news has made it seem widespread and violent but in reality the violence has been in pockets and as long as you keep away from demonstrations you wouldn't really know that anything was happening. Unfortunately it has changed the feel of Hong Kong, which no longer feels like the safe place it has been in the past when you would have had no hesitation walking the streets late at night or catching the MTR. Despite all, we still get together on a regular basis.

The branch has a wide variety of events, and welcomes guests to their regular Coffee Mornings each Monday at Oolaa, Bridges Street, Central, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. If you are in Hong Kong come by for a coffee and a chat!

*The editor has paraphrased some sentences.

Malawi, Blantyre – A long on going charity project in Blantyre is their Toy Library in the hospital. They are always appreciative of donations of baby rattles, toy cars, and children's books, etc. Full of activity, Malawi has regular monthly meetings with guest speakers, and several charitable causes that they support. For Christmas, they are making fabric drawstring bags in which to package each child's gift for delivery to the Queen's Hospital.



Malawi members
Laurence and Lynda

Mauritius Plateau – This year Plateau dedicated the month of September to giving back to those less fortunate. The committee has focused on supporting women and children in need. A Gala dinner was held on the rooftop of the Palm Hotel in Quatre Bornes and raised a total of Rs 26000 (£286 sterling).



Mauritius Plateau Gala
Dinner

Mauritius North – The weekly and monthly events include book club, bridge, coffee morning, mah-jong, play reading, scrabble, and writer's circle.



North Mauritius members at the Pot Luck Lunch

In September, newcomers were welcomed with a pot-luck lunch. In November, both the charity fair and the annual quiz night were at the Grand Baie Yacht Club. The Christmas Lunch will be Tuesday 10 December.

New Zealand – In August we met for a shared lunch that included a number of culinary treats. One of members brought a delicious jar of preserved figs that were grown in her garden. We celebrated Edwina's 90th birthday with a cake, and members were invited to bring a small item that carried a special memory and to share its story. It was conducive to story telling and conversation. Brilliant. – Beverley Teague

St Helena – St Helena held their Worldwide Coffee Day in May in remembrance of Corona founder Lady Paskin. Also in May, Dr Philip Rushbrook was inaugurated as the 69th Governor of St Helena, and some Corona members attended. St Helena Day was celebrated Tuesday 18 August where Corona had a fundraising stall. October's Scrabble and November's coffee morning included planning for their voucher Christmas gifts for Senior Citizens.

Saudi Arabia, Riyadh – The first coffee morning back of the season was in September with a great buzz of welcome back all around. The speaker was Mrs Siwar Bandar representing Turquoise Mountain – a foundation with the Saudi Handicrafts Programme that supports artisans and the handicraft sector. Mrs Bandar's talk highlighted traditional crafts that have been passed down the generations, and she provided a glimpse into the activities taking place across the country to ensure continuity and development of these largely unknown artisan traditions.

Tanzania, Dar es Salaam – In September the branch welcomed six new members at the large room on the top floor of the Double Tree by Hilton with panoramic views of the Indian Ocean and bay.



Tanzania's Crochet Without Boarders Group

Regular social activities include coffee mornings, bridge, book club, canasta, choral singing, a running & drinking club, Mahjong, mosaic making, Scottish dancing, sewing, walking and yoga.

Their Crochet Without Boarders group has made beanies and blankets for children who reside in a group home in Mbeya.

Zimbabwe – HQ received the following report from Chairman Eilidh Craster*: *It was lovely to receive a parcel from Corona Edinburgh through the British Embassy in Harare. It contained wool and*

stationary. The wool was distributed to our knitters, and the orphaned and vulnerable children of Shingirirai were delighted with the stationary. By May, we knitted 10 blankets and donated them to Support Old Age Pensioners – just in time for winter.

We cancelled a few meetings in May due to political unrest and low attendance due to fuel shortage. In June, we had an appeal to help the carer of two Shingirirai students whose house had burnt to the ground while she was fetching water. Throughout this period, we have had appeals from animal rescue centres and old age homes that are all on the verge of closing.

In July, we donated four blankets for the disabled to Hatcliffe Polyclinic on the outskirts of Harare. August was another month of unrest and peaceful demonstrations with a violent crackdown by the police, but we continued our weekly meetings. Although we are not able to do as much as we have in the past, it is heart-warming that we are still continuing to meet and to provide support and friendship to each other.

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Attention all branches!

Call for contributions! – 2020 is our 70th Anniversary and we are planning a special edition of the Corona Worldwide magazine to celebrate our organisation over the decades and the impact it has had on peoples' lives.

Please would you collaborate within your branches and send us contributions for the magazine? We are thinking of presenting a history of the development of Corona over the decades, but with as many personal anecdotes as possible. The Trustees hope that every branch will contribute an article, no matter how short.

A description of your branch and how/when/why you were set up, and your key activities, may be an easy way to start. It would be good to highlight particular events, say an interesting project in the '60s, or a special event in the '90s. Please try and contact any older ex-members or inquire of the memories of daughters of early pioneers of the organisation for their contributions. Photographs are most welcome but please do not send us your only copy.

This is going to be quite an expensive undertaking for Corona. If any branch, or indeed individual, feels that they could make a contribution; it would be most gratefully received. Thank you to the branch that has already donated!

Although the magazine will not be issued until the beginning of November 2020, we would need to receive articles/photographs by the end of August 2020. It would be great, however, to receive contributions well before that!

If you are planning your own local celebrations for the anniversary in September, do let us know, and we shall try and insert some last minute photographs with short captions into the centre of the magazine. – Yvette Bavin

100 CLUB

We have our Diamond 100 Club Draw this coming 2020. It would be beneficial if we could have just so many of our members taking part in it. As it is a very special celebration, I would be delighted if we could manage to get 100 applications this coming Diamond Celebration year. Let us take this as a challenge!

It is always so helpful when the Branches support us, by having a group membership. We do thank all the branches that regularly take part in our 100 Club, which really shows the complete dedication!

The winners of the draw at the Executive Meeting on the 17th October 2019 are as follows:

- 1st Prize Sarah Randall £150.00
- 2nd Prize Connie Topping £100.00
- 3rd Prize Bath Branch £65.00
- 4th Prize Christine Marsh £35.00

Thank you to all our dedicated members who have kindly supported this valuable fundraising activity. – Anne Elvin.

Volunteers Report

The Spring Mailing took place in May at China Works, Black Prince Road, London, where a happy band of volunteers filled the envelopes with all the necessary information to members.

As always, we appreciate all the volunteers who help with this necessary task without whom not everyone would receive the information on time.

New volunteers are always welcome to help with the Mailing, which is a happy, friendly occasion meeting old friends and making new friends. – Vicky Pitcher

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Catriona Lloyd-Davies in 1994 when she was transferred from Lusaka to Freetown. Catriona's autobiographical article was published in the last edition of this newsletter.

Christmas Cards –

Order your Christmas cards from HQ. They are £3.00 for a pack of 10.



Reminder –

Remember to pay your subscription and/or upgrade to a standing order.

Save the Date

Thurs 5 Dec 2019 – Volunteers Lunch

Tues 14 Jan 2020 – Trustees

Thurs 20 Feb – Executive

Tues 10 March – AGM at the UWC

Thurs 26 March – Trustees

Sat 7 March – Spring Newsletter Submission Deadline

Thurs 2 April – Volunteers Stamping

Mon 6 April – Volunteers Mailing

Wed 20 May – Summer Lunch

Thurs 11 June – Executive

Mon 31 Aug – Autumn Newsletter Submission Deadline

Thurs 10 Sept – Trustees

Thurs 15 Oct – Executive

Thurs 12 Nov – Volunteers Stamping

Mon 16 Nov – Volunteers Mailing

Thurs 3 Dec 2020 – Volunteers Lunch

Lunch Invitation

You are invited to the Corona Worldwide Platinum Anniversary Lunch
Wednesday 20th May 2020
At the prestigious
Leander Club Henley
Cost £40 per head
RSVP Maureen Withey
Tel 0118 981 9478

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Many of the reports come from your communications with the above Executive Committee members, as well as branch Facebook posts.

You may also email photo submissions, obituaries, and announcements directly to me, marythurlow@aol.com. Or you can post submissions to HQ. Thank you, Mary Thurlow