

## **DOVER LADIES LUNCHEON CLUB**

### **JUNE 2018 AGM Report by the Chairman**

My two years as Chairman have come to an end. It all began with a special lunch to celebrate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and concluded in May with that magnificent celebration of the marriage of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex. From the film of the wedding and wedding dress on display as we enjoyed a pre-lunch drink to the crown centre pieces on each table, the decoration and display was breathtaking. Your Leisure excelled themselves with a first class meal and outstanding service. I feel very proud that our Club showed the people of Dover that we know how to put on a grand occasion.

Liz Weaver has now presented her first set of accounts as Treasurer. I would like to thank her publicly for all her hard work. She took over the reins from Denise and found her way through the complexities of working out the numbers attending our lunches, paying the bills and it all down on paper. It's a hugely important role for the Club which Liz is filling admirably. Sandra has always been on hand to support Liz and even stand in for her on several occasions. Thank you, Liz and Sandra.

Avril surpassed herself with a fascinating variety of speakers from Fiddle and Faff and Song and Dance to a glimpse of Bruges and Women of the Raj. She has put together another programme for us this year and I know how much she will be missed in that role now that she is stepping down to take over as Chairman. Thank you, Avril.

Jean has proved herself a great support to Avril in greeting our speakers and making them feel welcome. I know she has enjoyed their company. Thank you, Jean, for taking this on and doing the job so well.

Diana has taken on the role of writing press reports of our lunches to accompany the photographs Jennifer cajoles you into posing for. This promotion of the club has proved an excellent way of raising our profile in Dover and showing just what a group of ladies are capable of. Diana, your literary skills are a bonus for the Club.

Adeline and Jennifer organised an outing to the Strawberry Hall in October last year and then to the Post Museum in London in March this year, not to mention months of hard work to plan our Royal Wedding celebration lunch. You are both a great asset to the Club and I have appreciated your support all through my term as Chairman. Thank you both.

I would also like to acknowledge the support of you, the members, by coming to our monthly lunches and taking part in the events and outings we organise. To see you enjoying yourselves makes all the hard work behind the scenes worthwhile.

We have an excellent relationship with the local press. Many of you will have had your photograph in the newspapers with the speaker of the month. These articles are posted on our website, along with a great deal of information about the club. This is a more modern way of letting the world know where we are and what we do.

With 84 members, I believe our Club is thriving. Many ladies have left for a variety of reasons but new members keep turning up, finding their way to us through many different ways. It is a pleasure to hand over to you, Avril. I know how hard you will work to keep things running well and put your own stamp on how the Chairman runs the Club. I wish you every success.