



October Newsletter

Dear President,

I would like to say a very big thank you to those who came to conference. By all accounts, it has been a very successful one. I was particularly pleased with the quality of the speakers, especially our own people from this district and the keynote speakers, Frank Dick and Elish Angiolini. I thought the Chilean GSE team brought an extra dimension to the whole weekend with their presentation and dancing the 'cueca' – their national dance. My thanks go to our first district conference team for their dedicated hard work over the past 20 months.

I have been visiting the clubs in our district and have been to 47 so far. Given our early hard winter last year, I started with the farther away ones and am now visiting closer to home. I have been very impressed with the warm welcome I have been given in all of them and I am amazed at the terrific amount of good work being undertaken. There is so much going on – and it is a story that needs to be told in the media.

I attended district 1010's conference in Aberdeen in early September and district 1020's in Southport last weekend. The three Scottish districts support each other in this way and we are working together on a possible media project.

Many clubs are still fundraising using the tomato sauce given earlier in May at the district assembly. Once you have finished raising money, please don't forget to let me know how much you have raised so I can pass it on to Ray Burman (RIBI president) who will be pleased to let Wilkins & Sons know how much their generous gesture has raised for charity.

I attended my first General Council meeting at HQ in Alcester in late August. I met up with my fellow DGs from all over Britain and Ireland.

I now look forward to seeing you at our next district council meeting on 9th November. Until then,

Roberta

