

# IA Northern Ireland

## NEWSLETTER June 2020

Venue – Conference Room 1, Riddel Hall, 185 Stranmillis Road, Belfast BT9 5EE

Bus service 8a from the city centre goes past Riddel Hall and there is a bus stop close to the entrance

### Donations

We gratefully acknowledge a generous donation from the friends and family of Mrs. Millie Hill. Sincere thanks to the Hill family and to all those who, so kindly and generously, have made donations, whether large or small. It is very much appreciated.

### 2020 Subscriptions

Subscriptions are still £15 (or £10 for those over 60) and should National Office have already contacted you or contact you in the future regarding subscriptions, cheques should be made payable to IA and posted to:

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*Please put your name, address and postcode on the back of the cheque (so National Office can identify which member organisation you belong to)*

**OR**, you may wish to renew online at [www.iasupport.org](http://www.iasupport.org)

### Special Birthday & Get Well cards

These cards are currently sent out to members but we can only send Get Well cards to those members that we know about. If you hear of a member who is ill perhaps you could let me know - contact details are at the end of the Newsletter. Thank you.

### Annual General Meeting

The 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting was held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020. We had no means to contact members to cancel it at short notice and were perhaps fortunate to have had this meeting just before the more stringent “lockdown” due to Coronavirus was introduced. We didn’t think that many members would turn up, but we were heartened that more than we thought did attend - so a big thank you to all those who came along.

It was noted that four committee members had stood or were standing down, including the Chair, and it was requested that anyone interested in helping out or joining the committee should make themselves known. Tributes were again paid to Fiona Wilson, our previous treasurer, and to committee member Lisa-Jane McIlveen who had stood down recently; both unfortunately unable to attend. Dorothy Spence, a long time committee member who was also leaving, was thanked for all her hard work and support and presented with a bouquet of flowers. There was a special mention for the Chairman, Anne Demick, who was also stepping down. As most of you know, Anne has worked tirelessly over many years for IA, both locally and nationally, and as a special thank you, IA Northern Ireland and her family presented Anne with an original artwork painted by one of her favourite artists. A longer tribute can be found in the summer Journal. Dr Michael Crooks was introduced and provided a most entertaining and informative presentation on the life and works of Percy French. In this he was ably assisted by Paul McConnell who provided musical accompaniment. This proved a most interesting and enjoyable talk including facts and anecdotes about, and prose and song written by Percy French. We were delighted and very grateful that they took the time to come along and entertain us.



Anne Demick with members of the IANI committee



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### Future Meetings

The date for the Autumn meeting is the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at Riddel Hall, Belfast and once again, as our last year's event, "Living Well with a Stoma", was received so favourably, it had been decided to hold a similar event this year.

However, due to Coronavirus, it is uncertain if this event will take place. If and when matters become clearer, further details and information will be set out to you.

### Christmas Meeting

Another date for your diary is the Christmas meeting on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at Riddel Hall, Belfast, but again we are unsure if this will take place. If anything changes in meantime, details and information will be sent to you.

### And a puzzle.....

*Just in case you are a little bored!*

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*Beginning at the top of the upside-down table, remove one letter from the word "strides" and rearrange the remaining letters to build a new six-letter word beneath. Continue the same process to each word until you get to the bottom.*



Dorothy Spence with a "thank you" bouquet of flowers as she retires from the committee.



Roy Maxwell on left and Terry Irwin (both former Presidents of IANI) came along to give their best wishes to Anne on her retirement from the Committee

### Coronavirus (Covid-19) update

The Ileostomy and Internal Pouch Association is aware of concerns Coronavirus might raise for people with an ileostomy or internal pouch and is continuously monitoring the situation, taking guidance from Public Health England. Further advice and information including "Frequently asked questions" can be found on its website: <https://iasupport.org>

### Ostomy Products

Regarding Coronavirus and Brexit (who remembers that!), I have contacted several ostomy suppliers and they have replied that there are no problems with stocks and delivery of ostomy products. There should be no requirement to stockpile and patients need not feel they should request more than they usually order, thus avoiding putting any extra strain on the supply chain.

*Jenny McMillen*

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