

## Secretaries Report January 2025

I must start with an apology. As I am sure you all realized I totally forgot to ask regional officers for their reports for the November meeting. In fact only one officer queried it and that was rather too late. A decision was taken at the regional officers' meeting to leave reports until the February meeting.

The Change of Insignia meeting was again held at the Kinmel in Abergele and was enjoyed by all. Thanks were given to Janet for all her efforts during what was a very difficult year for her healthwise and Kath outlined her programme for the coming year. We are all looking forward to working with Kath.

The suggestion that we reduce regional meetings to 3 per year, combining the AGM meeting with the Change of Insignia in November was well received by those present and a final decision will be taken at the February meeting once clubs have had a chance to discuss it.

Kath has decided not to have a Zoom regional meeting this year and to make use of the Stamford Gate Hotel in Holywell for the February meeting. We have been having the Regional Officers' and reps' meetings there during the last year and it has proved to be fairly central within our huge region and easily accessible from the A55. There is also a large car park. I look forward to seeing you all there.

We do not have a President Elect at the moment and, whilst her duties are not heavy, it is difficult to function without the support a PE gives to the President. It is also important that the PE attends officers' meetings and becomes familiar with the role. There is a lot of support available. If you or anyone you know would like to step up and fill this roll please let me know. Past Regional Presidents may like to do it again and joint Presidents could work well and can be fun.

We are still desperately looking for members willing to organize the regional web-site and out social media presence. There must be someone out there with the necessary skills. Please think about it and get in touch, It need not be a big job and can be done from home.

This will be my 6<sup>th</sup> and last year as regional secretary and I am really looking forward to helping to implement the interesting ideas Kath has been considering.