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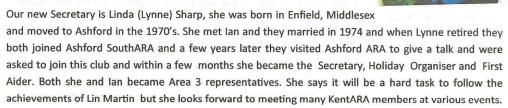
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Ian Sharp from AshfordARA has taken the reins to be the new Chairman of KentARA, he has also taken over the new post of Vice Chairman and will be running the new area of East Kent. He was born and brought up in Ashford and is married to Linda (Lynne) and has two children and 5 grandchildren.

He does not want to see KentARA fall into decline as he feels it is a worthwhile organisation to give those over 55 years, enjoyment as they retire.

He feels that Joan Rhodes will be a hard act to follow but he hopes everyone will support him, in his two roles, over the coming years to keep KentARA going. In 2024 it will be 40 years since the first ARA was formed.





Photograph taken at the over 55's show in Chatham set up by MP Tracy Crouch MBE KentARA President.

Lft to Rt: Joan Rhodes.

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There is now a new Officer on the Executive Committee namely 'The Entertainment Officer' taking up this position is Chrissie Sandell who is hoping she can update the Speakers & Entertainers lists and is asking all the Area Rep's if they will ask their Clubs to collate a list of recent events with details of people they wish to recommend.

The Executive Committee would like to thank Joan Rhodes and Lin Martin for all their hard work over the past years. The position of Chairperson, Secretary and Membership Secretary are not the easiest of positions to do for such a large organisation, but they have both achieved great things for KentARA. During the pandemic Joan would phone round different ARA's to check all was ok. Joan also organised many events including Jamboree's to bring the clubs together, not an easy task in itself.

Lin took on the position of Secretary, but as no-one came forward she also took the role of Membership Secretary as a temporary role, as we all know temporary turns into permanent. They say many hands make light work, but the hands have never come forward. We are sure that all members would like to join us in wishing Joan and Lin all the very best for the future and hope they remain members of KentARA for many years to come. *Ian Sharp-Chairman*

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