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## EDITORIAL

My three years as editor have flown by and I have thoroughly enjoyed reading all bulletins and reports during that time. Meeting other editors in Leicester has been informative and helpful. Grateful thanks go to all members particularly the club correspondents who have been gracious and very tolerant of my requests. Any and all errors and omissions are definitely mine! But maybe perhaps I could or should blame the computer. Thank you



Yours in Friendship

*Suzanne X*



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**Message from**  
***Judith Poole***  
**District Chairman**



Like most previous District Chairmen, when I sat down to do this report I was wondering where the time had gone this year. I have had a wonderful few months visiting clubs, meeting members and hopefully giving you all something to think about regarding the effect Inner Wheel has both on the local community and internationally. The amount of service members give, both as a club and individually is truly amazing and every member should be proud of what they contribute. It might not seem much to us as individuals when we are doing it but add it all together and Inner Wheel members have made a tremendous difference to people's lives and it is such a shame that we do not get the recognition we deserve.

I have been extremely fortunate to be able to represent District 4 at the Conference in Bournemouth and the International Convention in Melbourne and my report on the convention is also in this magazine.

The support and friendship from every member of the District Executive has been wonderful but as every President knows, the help of a good secretary makes the job so much easier, so I would like to thank Pat for keeping me on the straight and narrow (almost). I am delighted that we have a full District team next year and that so many members came forward to help with some of the jobs that need to be done. District 4 is in good hands!

I have just a few Charters and one club visit left to do at the time of writing this and so I would like to thank everyone for making this such an enjoyable year filled with so much fun, so much friendship and so much laughter. I have truly enjoyed every minute and would wholeheartedly recommend the role of District Chairman to anyone. It's been brilliant!!

Yours in friendship  
Judith

# CONFERENCE 2018

The recent snow disrupted travel over the whole country, but what's a bit of snow when 2,004 determined women from all over GB&I headed to Bournemouth for the Annual Conference.

Many D4 ladies set off by coach on Sunday, but Pat and I had already booked to take it easy and let the plane take the strain, flying from Leeds to Southampton, then the train to Bournemouth, where we chatted to a young lady who seemed interested in our Association, and Sherry MoC D10.

Once settled into our hotel, we walked to the BIC to collect registration papers, eat some late lunch before we joined the ladies in D4/D15 for a get together of tea and welsh cakes, with several quizzes, party games and bingo.

Tuesday dawned bright but cold, so we made our way back to the BIC for A celebration of Unity and Service, with some great singing, meaningful readings and a wonderful solo from Sara D8 of "Bridge over Troubled Water".

Then the first session, with remarks from the Mayor of Bournemouth, followed by IIW President Dr Kapila Gupta. She spoke about her year, making visits to 16 different countries, and how Inner Wheel members quietly get on with raising money for charity – perhaps to recruit new members we should publicise our work a bit more.



RIBI President Denis Spiller spoke enthusiastically about the Rotary 2 scheme, where already 240 new clubs have been set up on a less formal basis than traditional Rotary clubs.

Tracy Rennie spoke on behalf of East Anglian Children's Hospice (EACH), representing Association President Liz's charity for the year. There are great things happening and we are delighted to support them in their work, as President Liz said when she presented £4500 to Tracy.

After lunch, Rtn Mark Little gave a hard-hitting presentation on Modern Slavery in the UK, and the statistics which were horrifying for the present day. Be alert for things which seem wrong or unfair.

James Warren gave us information on the work of Alzheimers Research UK and how they receive much less funding than say a Cancer charity, even though the numbers of Dementia sufferers are rising incrementally. He was delighted to receive nearly £9000 from the collection at the earlier Service.

# CONFERENCE 2018

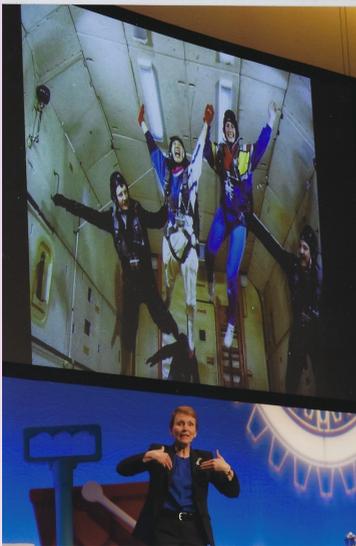
And if all that wasn't enough to get us all gasping, our final speaker John Benjamin, noted for valuing jewelry on the Antiques Road Show, dazzled us with photographs of stunning pieces of diamond and other precious stones jewelry, explaining fashion through the ages and how techniques of settings had changed to create light, modern styles set in platinum, rather than heavy gold and silver as in the past. We all hoped he might have brought free samples – alas no!!

Next came Norma Howell who spoke about Medical detection dogs, trained to smell out diseases under laboratory conditions, and Assistance dogs (often family pets) who are able to predict illnesses such as hyper & hypo attacks in diabetic sufferers. There was even a live demonstration on stage as a dog gave his owner an alert. Amazing!

After all that, time for a break as we departed to our separate hotels for a meal, and then back to the BIC for The Opera Boys, a talented foursome bringing their own slant to a variety of Opera and Musical theatre tunes.



Wednesday morning brought the AGM with its various reports – you will be able to read these in the next Association magazine. Needless to say, there was debate over the proposals and General Motions, but all these were passed.



After lunch our Guest Speaker was Helen Sharman, who took an opportunity which came her way when she answered an advertisement to recruit an astronaut. She never actually expected to go into space, and seemed amazed as anyone when she was actually chosen, spending several days doing experiments on the MIR space station in 1991. Her vivacity and enthusiasm for science was compelling. No wonder then she was recently awarded the CMG in the 2018 Honours List for her work in Science and Technology Outreach. As she reminded the whole company – our achievements too can be “Out of this World”.

Association President Liz gave her Address to Conference, once again reminding us all of the fantastic amount of work and fund raising which clubs do throughout GB&I. Even though her planned Zip Wire sponsored event had to be cancelled, she promised that she would return to carry this out as soon as possible and thanked everyone for their sponsorship.



She said she was looking forward to travelling to Melbourne to IIW Convention in April and enjoying some hospitality “down under”.

Our very own D4 member, Anne Acaster, Association Vice president gave the vote of thanks, summarizing the conference and reminding us that next year we will all meet again in Cardiff.

A Jazz Orchestra ended the afternoon – and then we all returned for the final evening with dancing to Old Dogz New Trix, a 6 piece band, including a Father and two sons, playing all the great tunes from the 50s and 60s (and beyond) but all with brilliant dance-ability and the floor was packed as we partied the evening away, dressed variously as “Cool Catz and Hot Chix” – must say I’ve never seen so many cat’s ear headbands!



As conference delegates departed back to their homes, Pat and I still had a little time to spare, so visited the Russell Cote Museum on Eastcliff – a remarkable late Victorian building filled with an eclectic mix of art, sculpture and collectables from all over the world. This is certainly worth a visit if you have a couple of hours to spare (or in need of a tasty treat – it has a well provisioned café). With a final session of retail therapy, we made our way back to the airport and thence home.

Now to save up for Cardiff 2019. See you all there.

Julie Hipkin

IW Club of Aireborough, D4

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### AIREBOROUGH 1958

**President** Pat Mirfield

This year President Pat had the idea to split the membership into 5 sub committees each one being led by at least one committee member these being International, Community, Membership, Events/Fundraising and Communication & Social Media. This has worked remarkably well and we have so far had an informative and delightful meeting where a student from Leeds Trinity University inspired us 'ladies of a certain age' to use facebook and social media. We have held a 'Tractor Drive' (a beetle drive with a difference!) which preceded an International meeting with a speaker from Ghana Outlook who assist rural communities in education, health, hygiene and sustainable projects, including sharing a tractor. On Easter Sunday we supported Rotary in the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Rodley Nature Reserve and our latest event was a very interesting and enjoyable evening with the Arbeau dancers who demonstrated dances from the Regency period when 'dancing was considered very scandalous with ladies wearing flimsy dresses and close contact a feature of the dancing'. We still continue with our regular knit and natter evenings and also look forward to our May meeting when we will be given a talk on 'Theatrical Costumes and Props'.



*Anne Parker C.C.*

### BINGLEY 1949

**President** Jayne Cunliffe

When our current President Jayne began her year, she decided we would take things easy in preparation for our 70th year. But we have actually been very busy with two Coffee Mornings raising great amounts for Silverline & a local Children's Hospice. However we have had time to enjoy each other's company at our meetings. Abbeyfield in Bingley is now open and many of our club members have volunteered to help out in the café and make time to talk to their residents. We still have some Inner Wheel roses to plant in their garden, but that's another story! Four of our members are looking forward to the Convention in Australia and no doubt we shall hear all about their 'escapades' at one of our meetings instead of a speaker. Look out for our events coming in our celebratory year.

*Enid Bennett C.C.*

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### **BRIDLINGTON 1948**

**President Pat Beales**

Another busy period. On the fun side we have visited Onlookers Optical Works in Driffield to see how spectacles are made; held our no firework bonfire party; held our Annual Coffee Morning; Taken part in Rotary's Christmas Tree Festival; spent an afternoon at the pantomime; taken part in Rotary's Christmas Tree Festival; attended the pantomime and enjoyed our annual International Sunday Lunch. Speakers have been varied. Two local doctors, who have joined Jacobs Well in their retirement, brought us up to date on the charity's needs and took all our goods. The A Cappella group from our local U3A sang at Christmas Lunch; January we learnt about a tragic fire in a local chemists shop; February saw us awestruck by the work done at the British Legion holiday home in Bridlington; April was our 70<sup>th</sup> Charter Lunch where we were given an insight into the production of the 'Welcome to Yorkshire Garden' at Chelsea Flower Show 2017 by its designer, Tracey Foster. We now look forward to our visits to a Buddhist Monastery and a local whisky distillery.

*Barbara Brewer C.C.*

### **BRIGHOUSE 1937**

**President Valerie Linton**

At the moment the sun is shining and all looks well with the world. In January our own District Chairman Judith gave us an uplifting and encouraging talk on the way forward in Inner Wheel. In February we held our Annual Bridge Drive and lunch. It was both a social and financial success. The terrible weather in March caused cancellations of meetings but hopefully we have managed to have a full compliment of officers for the coming year. Eleven members from the club battled the elements and attended the Annual conference in Bournemouth where there was plenty of fun friendship as well as informative speakers. The work done by Inner Wheel in both GB and I and Internationally is awesome. Well done everyone. In friendship Susan.

*Susan Sutcliffe C.C.*

### **CLECKHEATON 1939**

**President Sylvia Elliot**

A Cream tea and Bingo afternoon was enjoyed by members and their friends in aid of the Shoebox Appeal. The Mencap Party was well organised and thoroughly enjoyed. Our birthday dinner at the local golf club was a great success as members invited their friends to come along and join in with the celebrations.

*Victoria Wright C.C.*

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### DENBY DALE 1988

**President Yvonne Harding**

We celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> birthday at our Charter Dinner in May. We still enjoy the company of a considerable number of founder members and look forward to a special party at the 315 restaurant in Lepton.

Our president, together with our secretary Judith, were interviewed by local radio station, Penistone fm and were able to give a good summary of the purposes of Inner Wheel.

We had enjoyed raising funds for various good causes over the last few months, and have supported Water Aid, for World Inner Wheel Day, SSA-FA (jointly with Rotary), Shelter Box with a coffee morning, and the Welcome Centre with a spectacular flower arranging event showcasing Easter Flowers.

We are fond of the ballet, attending special screenings of Alice in Wonderland and The Nutcracker. Finally, not that we needed improving, we went to John Lewis in Sheffield for a beauty demonstration.

*Arlene Gaunt. CC*

### ELLAND 1967

**President Jean Whitworth**

This year we had a busy January with a meeting, a Frugal lunch, raising money for our local Children's Hospice, and a very successful fund raising Quiz in aid of our chosen charities.

We had a "Name the Bear" competition which was won by Heather Cawdry who chose the name Ted after the bear in her successful Golfing Ted children's books. This raised money for the Rotary Polio Plus campaign.

March saw our meeting and visit of The District President, Judith Poole, postponed for a week due to snow. President Jean Whitworth was unable to attend, as she was nursing her new hip. Two members, Margaret Davenport and Jocelyn Haigh were presented with Long Service Awards for 40 years in Inner Wheel.

Six members attended the Association Conference in Bournemouth and one member attended the International Convention in Australia. Everyone enjoyed the friendship and fellowship of the occasion.

In April we held our Spring Buffet Lunch, catered and served by our own members. Raffles and Quizzes raised more money for our charity fund.

We are looking forward to a Open Gardens Day at the end of June.

*Pauline Robertshaw C.C.*

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### **HALIFAX 1934**

**President Elizabeth Fielden**

Our Christmas celebrations in Halifax were somewhat sad due to the death of our member Pauline Robertshaw in December. Pauline had been a President of our club and held many positions on our Executive over the years. Pauline will be sadly missed

In November we held a hilarious 'Who Done It' evening raising funds for our Presidents charities but also allowing members of our club and their husbands to show off their acting abilities.

World Inner Wheel Day was celebrated with a Coffee morning held at The Waterhouse Alms Houses in Halifax, residents were invited and a very enjoyable social occasion was enjoyed.

Our Concert evening in March had to be cancelled due to the appalling weather and we are looking forward to enjoying songs and stories from 'Broadway' with a local celebrity Adam Smith.

Our Walking Group and Reading Groups remain very popular

*Jenny Ineson C.C.*

### **HARROGATE 1934**

**President Cheryl Young**

We had a successful Coffee Morning in December at the Wesley Chapel in aid of Yorkshire Air Ambulance. In January we held our not so Frugal Lunch with Cheese and Pate. February was the month for our Overseas Coffee Morning, another successful event. At our Business Meeting in March we had Stand up Sit Down Bingo, which was great fun and also Birthday Cake as it was the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of our Treasurer. We also held our 84<sup>th</sup> Charter at the end of March, which was a most enjoyable afternoon tea at Ascot House, with an excellent speaker, Jane Oakshot whose subject was 'Words from the Wings', she asked for 5 members to wear hats of varying sorts, how different they made them look.

*Catherine Winter C.C.*

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### HARROGATES BRIGANTES 1981

**President Janet Vitty**

Since my last report we have moved to our new Venue at the Ascot House Hotel in Harrogate, which has turned out to be very successful. The room is really comfortable and the food so far has been lovely with plenty of it. As usual in December we organised the Young Carers' Christmas party and, although it was a bit topsy turvy this year, we think all the children enjoyed themselves.

We had a very enjoyable Christmas coffee morning at our member Liz' house in December, which was very well attended and a very good time was had by all. Liz made all the Christmas goodies, which were demolished in next to no time. As well as scoffing all the food we had lots of time to chat. A Frugal lunch at member Betty's home was organised for Inner Wheel day, which was well attended and very enjoyable, and the proceeds from that went to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. I think the World was put to rights at this event.

We had a very successful Burns evening at Maureen's home and, again, lots of goodies to eat and lots of chatting.

Our O/S meeting in March was an extremely enjoyable event – we organised afternoon tea for about 40 people and had a very informative talk on Shelter Boxes, which was given by a Rotarian George Garland from Skipton. I suppose the most enjoyable time we had a was when 11 members visited the Oldroyd's Rhubarb Farm at Wakefield. On arrival we had a coffee and biscuit and then the owner Janet Oldroyd Hulme took us on a journey tracing the history of rhubarb starting from 2700 BC up to the present day. We then visited the Forcing sheds, which are kept in complete darkness to enable the rhubarb to grow and only lit by candlelight, so we could see where we were going. If you are very lucky you can hear the rhubarb growing. A fascinating talk about the growing and cutting of the rhubarb was given by one of Janet's sons.

At the end of the tour we were able to buy some rhubarb and preserves and jams. A really super day out and then some of us stopped at the Wetherby Whaler for fish and chips – what a lovely way to end the day. A big thank you to Liz for organising this day out.

Our Bridge competition is coming up and will be reported on in the next Issue of 'Four You'.

*Pat Bulmer C.C.*

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### HECKMONDWIKE 1938

**President Jacqui Lawrence**

We are having an interesting year with Jacqui as our President. Speakers have included a representative from Marie Curie. She spoke about the help and support they can give in difficult times. Lee Benson, a retired fire fighter told us about his time as a fire fighter and how things changed over his years in the service. He then became an instructor. We invited local clubs to our Valentine afternoon tea – no calorie counting! We celebrated our 80<sup>th</sup> Charter in March with an excellent lunch and visitors from Clubs far and wide. The photograph shows President Jacqui cutting our celebration cake with Jean Lister, our longest serving member of 65 years. Jean celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday 2 days later. Several members received long service certificates



*Helen Smith CC*

### HOLMFIRTH 1939

**President Wendy Hirst**

Our club's knit & natter in September commemorated IWI Day of Peace and October's Charter Lunch was a good chance to relax and enjoy ourselves along with our guests. Sadly four of our members have passed away during the winter months whilst another relocated; all are missed. However two members brought some joy, each welcoming a Great Grandson. December's Christmas party and World IW Day lunch in January perked us up a little too.



A Valentine's Day lunch arranged by our International officers was well attended despite inclement weather, raising funds for The Zikomo Trust. Co-Founder Barry Brindley gave an interesting talk/slide show which was most uplifting. A friendship lunch, garden duties and a beetle drive have kept us busy too.

*Elizabeth Thompson C.C.*

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### **ILKLEY 1946**

**President Margaret Auty**

Report in next edition.

*Sylvia Mann C.C.*

### **LEEDS 1934**

**President Ruth McQuire**

President Ruth has had what she regards as a very enjoyable year and the members agree. We have had a good variety of speakers – a hilarious talk by the manager of a charity shop, the Chief Executive of HALT and Women's Aid and the highlight was our Charter at the beginning of March. Mr Bolton, a retired jeweller came to talk about Diamonds, and even brought examples for us to look at and handle. World Inner Wheel Day was held at the home of a member. We had a rather generous "frugal lunch" and then proceeded to make up toiletry bags as gifts for the patients or to sell in their shop. We made 86 parcels which were very well received.

*Maureen Hallatt C.C.*

### **NORMANTON 1943**

**President Cynthia Dransfield**

Report in next edition.

*Christine Graham CC*

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### OTLEY CHEVIN 1990

### President Vyv Lewis

It is now the reign of our third President this year, Vyv Lewis. Although very fortunate to have three in one we all feel that one annual President is definitely better. The Revival Centre in Mattuga benefited from the money raised from a frugal lunch held in Bramope. Members celebrated Christmas at the White Hart in Pool and by carol singing etc to two Care Homes in Otley. The photo shows us helping to man the Rotary 'fruit machine' at Otley Christmas Fare. It proved to be a noisy popular stall! St Chads once again provided a good venue for our quiz which was won this year by Harrogate. Recently due to a lack of numbers we have been concentrating on community events and have donated to nine charities this year. The Club now plans more social interaction with small events fitted in alongside usual I W events. In May we will host a coffee morning with stalls and tombola in Bramhope.



*Shirley Rundle C.C.*

### PONTEFRACT 1939

### President Jean Skidmore

"Anno Domine" is in hot pursuit but members still support and contribute to our events and initiatives.

December was a busy month which included our Club Christmas Lunch and Pontefract Rotary Club "Ladies Lunch", our President's Coffee Morning AND our annual Festive Supper to which we invite our Rotary friends. No one should leave that event feeling hungry – there is too much food! It is provided unstintingly by our members. We celebrated our 79<sup>th</sup> Charter with a lunch at Darrington Golf Club. Please make a note for our 80<sup>th</sup> in February 2019!

Members support Rotary at their open meetings whenever possible.

We continued with our bulb planting programme which saw bowls of bulbs planted up and then nurtured by members until their distribution in January via the Pontefract Live-at-Home Scheme. In celebration, November saw a representative group gather for a photo call in Valley Gardens Pontefract when our commemorative tree for the Queen's Sapphire Jubilee was given its debut. We have "twiddled" until we could Twiddle no more and a large quantity of "Twiddle Muffs" were handed over to Barnsley Hospital and local Care Homes.

The quality and diversity of our Speakers continues to amaze us – we have "home grown" as well as visiting speakers, so we continue to be entertained AND educated. Our joints may be stiffening, our memories faltering BUT we are still going strong.

*Bethan Dyson sec for C.C.*

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### RIPON 1946

### President Joint

Under the leadership of Joint Presidents, Prue Boddy and Cynthia Wilkinson, our Club has enjoyed a happy and active time, with opportunities to join in a wide range of activities and events. We have been fortunate with Speakers such as those from the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and the Retts Charity (these two being the chosen Charities for the year) and Jane Walker, OBE, Founder of the Purple Community Fund, to name but a few. All have been very interesting and some inspirational!

There have been many social events for Members, whether it be Friendship lunches, walks, coffee mornings or retail therapy outings to name but a few or the more formal events with Rotary, it has been an active year so far!

Warm congratulations to Ann Robinson who was 80 years young (March) and to Pat and George Merrin and Betty and Rotarian Kneale Pearce, both couples celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary!

This year, nine Members attended the Association's Conference at Bournemouth...even in the snow! It was good to meet up with old friends whilst at the same time, having opportunity to make new ones, enjoy the programme whilst managing to squeeze in a little 'retail therapy' too. All in all it was an enjoyable time...Cardiff here we come!

Sadly for us, we will be saying farewell to President Cynthia as she prepares to move away from Yorkshire to be nearer to her family. Her friendship, loyalty and the tremendous support she has freely given to the Club these many, many years, is very much appreciated and will be sorely missed by everyone. Our loss is District 6's gain!



*Androulla Jeffieries C.C.*

### RIPON ROWELS 1991

### President Dorothy Derbyshire

Report in next edition.

*Margaret Metcalf C.C.*

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### **ROTHWELL & DISTRICT 1979**

**President** Freda Hartley

Recent events include Xmas lunch at Oulton Hall, a cake stall at Rothwell Xmas Fayre, and a "Soup and a Roll" hosted by Freda on I.W. Day when Rotary members were also invited. Food items were donated to the local Food Bank and donations were made to Homestart and M.H.A. (Live at Home Scheme). A volunteer from this organization addressed a meeting to explain the valuable services they provide.

We welcomed District Chairman - Judith Poole to our February meeting.

Planned events include a Senior Citizens' Afternoon Tea and a "Wine into Water" event.



*Denise Kenmaugh C.C.*

### **SCARBOROUGH 1934**

**President** Sandra Dudley

We started the New Year combining the Club meeting with International Inner Wheel Day. Our President's charity this year is our local Rainbow Centre which helps and supports homeless and deprived people.

We had a collection of much needed items, food, toiletries, bedding and clothing, and were delighted with the response.

Our International meeting, held in February, included an informative talk from Rtn John Walker about his work in Ghana and the construction of sand dams. He remarked that our donation was enough to buy an aquabox and have it transported to Africa.

We celebrated our 83<sup>rd</sup> Charter in March. With all the bad weather and snow we were concerned about guests reaching us here on the coast but the sun shone that day and we were joined by many guests including District Chairman Judith and Past Association President Jocelyn Haigh – a happy day filled with great fellowship.

*Christine Jaconelli C.C.*

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### **TADCASTER & WETHERBY 1959**

**President Lesley Lewis**

Unfortunately our numbers are down. One death and two resignations mean that total membership is now 20.

District Chairman Judith visited us in January and was helpful with her suggestions on how to try to solve the problem of getting members to accept official positions in the club. As a result we now have a full complement of officials.

We continue to have interesting speakers on diverse topics such as Life as a Prison Governor, Tales from the Salvation Army Shop and Tyke Talk. Our 'Introduction to Tai Chi' was well received and most members managed to participate with no ill effects!!!

Garden trips are on the agenda for the next few months assuming of course that the weather improves!

*Judy Wood C. C.*

### **WAKEFIELD 1943**

**President Valerie Mold**

It has been a DIY session in our club this winter. In October member Janice Taylor gave an account of her career in the Insurance industry. When District Chairman Judith came to celebrate our 74<sup>th</sup> charter in November we were very surprised to see a collection of empty jam jars, greenery and flowers on a side table. Little did we know that we were going to be making table arrangements for our very successful coffee morning and street market held the following Saturday. They greatly enhanced the Church Hall.

Once again the Salvation Army came to collect the donations of food and Christmas gifts. We enjoy this event which heralds the Christmas season and we sing carols enthusiastically.

President Joyce and Philip welcomed us and our husbands to the Frugal Lunch in January. Delicious homemade soup, apple pie and fruit crumble was the order of the day. We held our meeting after the washing up had been done!

February was Quiz Night which Barbara Preston devised - nothing too taxing but a fun evening!

Unfortunately we have postponed our annual Spring Lunch but hope to hold it in the summer.

*Gweneth Oughtibridge C.C.*

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### YORK 1934

**President Molly Sutton**

Our Santa's Socks project for York Community Crafts proved very successful and we hope to repeat it again. Many different designs were shown (see photo)

Inner Wheel Day was celebrated with a lunch and Tombola provided by members. Our Speakers this year have included interesting talks on Shelter Boxes and on Child Development Confidence.

In March a Joint Rotary/Inner Wheel Charity lunch was held and a raffle and auction helped to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society. Members are again supporting the York Food Bank. Members and friends of Inner Wheel and Rotary are knitting poppies to support All Saints Church towards a huge speculative art installation on outside walls of the Church for 100 year anniversary of Armistice WW1. Approx 1500 poppies have already been collected towards 180,000 needed!



*Molly Wragg C.C.*

### YORK AINSTY 1962

**President Alison Baldwin**

Our visit to Chatsworth before Christmas was good. In December we had a very nice Xmas Lunch at York College, prepared by some of the catering students who did very well. January found us celebrating Burns Night jointly with Rotary, yet more eating. We continue to have interesting speakers, Mike McPeake, from the North Yorkshire Moors Railway, was excellent and his enthusiasm infectious. Our Soup Lunch to raise funds for



Wateraid was a great success, and Sue Riley from the Charity was able to join us. On to March and a Theatre Visit to see "Guys and Dolls" was enjoyed by all who attended. Our President Alison and Secretary Janet have just returned from the Annual Conference in Bournemouth full of enthusiasm. We look forward to the Summer, and our Strawberry Tea Fund Raiser at the Home of Sheila and Dennis.

*Hazel Rawnsley C.C.*

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### YORK VIKINGS 1978

President Helen Fatkin

Our Charter Lunch, held in October at Pike Hills Golf Club, was a very enjoyable occasion with a local duet providing a varied musical programme before a delicious lunch was served. We gathered together with the two other York Clubs (York and York Ainsty) in December for an afternoon of festive cheer with members enjoying coffee and mince pies, a Christmas quiz and carol singing. The Beast from the East put paid to our March meeting due to a sudden snow storm so there was a lot of catching up to do at the April meeting. We will be providing half-way house refreshments once again for the York Vikings Rotary Golf Day in May. It's always a busy day but enjoyable day with sandwiches to be made for around 160 hungry golfers!

*Ann Anderson C.C.*

### Holmfirth Club World Inner Wheel Day Celebration

The Holmfirth Club has always made a point of doing something a little bit special for World Inner Wheel Day. Last year we arranged a soup and cake lunch followed by speaker Sandie Nicholson, a local photographer, giving a power-point presentation. High winds the night before brought down the electricity lines so this was not possible. Fortunately, the cooker being gas



fired we could at least heat the soup! A year on and Sandie graciously returned to deliver her talk/presentation. This time climatic conditions posed no problems and our World Inner Wheel Day lunch celebration went without a hitch. Sandie told us how getting a dog led to increasing her walking miles and along the way she saw lots of quirky, amusing and delightful things. This led her to think 'If I only had a camera' so she bought one! Shots of local scenery or animals produced funny, stunning, entertaining and beautiful photos. Carrying a camera in her pocket on walks paid huge dividends as she frequently 'caught the moment'. Many of Sandie's photos are shown on TV weather forecasts, others being used during TV coverage of the Tour De France. Our remit was WORLD Inner Wheel but we couldn't help feeling proud of our local, striking HOLME VALLEY.

## **OBITUARIES**

### **JOYCE HEWITT – TADCASTER AND WETHERBY**

Joyce was a longstanding and loyal member of our club. She was our 'knitter' and over 30 years knitted over 200 small jumpers for overseas.

### **MOIRA GOUGH—HARROGATE BRIGANTES**

Sadly our very special member Moira passed away on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Moira was a very valued and extremely hard working member of our Club. She always had something to say at our meetings and was generally controversial about many subjects. She was a very friendly person with a ready smile and was always there to welcome new members to the fold. She will be very sadly missed. Moira was inducted in 1986; Treasurer 1987/90; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice 1991/92; Vice President 1992/93; President 1993/94. You can see from her record that she was a very hands-on member and was always willing to help out at our various events. She belonged to many different organisations as well as Inner Wheel and became very much involved in all of them.

### **CYNTHIA WALKER—HOLMFIRTH**

We are sad to report the death of Cynthia Walker, one of our longest serving members. Having joined the club in 1981 over the years she served as President, Speaker Finder and Pastoral Carer. Cynthia truly met the ideals of Inner Wheel and was delighted to be presented with a 35 year service certificate at our 2016 Charter. Those who knew her well speak of a loyal and dedicated friend whose kindness could always be counted on in times of need; Cynthia was the one to drive friends to hospital or Doctor's appointments despite her own serious health issues. Though 2017 was a difficult year for Cynthia she faced everything with great fortitude and resilience, finally succumbing to Myloma in October. An elegant, stylish lady whose slight frame masked an indomitable spirit, we will miss her.

## **OBITUARIES**

### **DOREEN JOY BIRKS – HOLMFIRTH**

Doreen Joy Birks, known to everyone as Joy, sadly died on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 aged 91 years at Greenacres Care Home in Meltham, where she had been resident for a number of years. Club records do not show her starting date in Inner Wheel but she was Club President 1979/80 and 1988/89. Joy enjoyed the Overseas aspect of Inner Wheel and served on the District Overseas Committee from 1997. During her earlier years in Inner Wheel she was also very active in the family Funeral Directors' business T W Birks. She did not drive but received lifts to venues from Inner Wheel members and from time to time her husband lent a firm's car and a driver. Kate Drake remembers arriving at a Ripon Inner Wheel event in one of the black limousines; other members of the District enjoyed Holmfirth's 'style'. Joy was a very smart lady, clever and with a good sense of fun we have many delightful memories of our fellow member Joy.

### **SHEILA WAGSTAFF– HOLMFIRTH**

Sheila Margaret Wagstaff born 6<sup>th</sup> July 1928 sadly died on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018 aged 89 years. She joined the Inner Wheel Club of Holmfirth in 1970 and held office as President, Secretary, Social Convenor, Editor, Speaker Finder, also representing the Club on the then Holmfirth Cancer Relief Committee. Her mother, Edna Mundy, was already a member of the Holmfirth Club (1946 to 1999) when Sheila joined. The Club was pleased to present Sheila with her long service certificate in 2015. Sheila was an active member of the Club and, despite a little difficulty latterly in getting around, was keen to attend whatever events she could and was always interested to know what was happening in the Club and news of members. She was delighted that in the autumn of 2017 2 of her sons, who live in North and South America, each made a visit to Holmfirth. Her youngest son lives in Holmfirth and has been a huge support to her. In fairly recent times she has been happily resident in the White Rose Care Home and took part in a variety of activities on offer there. Club members were sad to hear of Sheila's sudden death but grateful for her long life of friendship in Inner Wheel

## **OBITUARIES**

### **ISABELLA BREWER – CLECKHEATON**

We are sad to announce the loss of our dear friend Isabella Brewer. She joined the club in 1970. Isabella was President from 1986 – 1987, Secretary from 1983-1986 and Club Correspondent from 1974-1977, 1993-1996. She retired from the Club two years ago as her health deteriorated and had been unable to attend meetings for a few years due to her poor health. She had been in Cottingley Hall Nursing Home and still enjoyed receiving the monthly bulletins and magazines.

### **Dr. BETTY EAGLES—HOLMFIRTH**

Holmfirth Club is sad to report our member Dr Betty Eagles passed away on 31<sup>st</sup> March. A GP at the local clinic for many years Dr Betty, as she was affectionately known, along with her husband Dr Bryan Eagles were well respected in the local community. Betty and Bryan were both very much involved with the Methodist Church. Joining Holmfirth Inner Wheel on her retirement in 1987 Betty served as our Club President in 2002/2003. Other roles included being International Service Organiser and Club Correspondent; she proudly received a long service award on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2016. Though residing in a care home in recent years Betty continued to attend as many functions as possible until a stroke some months ago left her physically incapacitated and affected her speech. Her spirit and mental acuity however remained undimmed and she continued to receive visits from club members until a few days before dying peacefully in her sleep. RIP Dr Betty.

### **Dr. EILEEN THOMAS—AIREBOROUGH**

Eileen was a founder member of the club and president in 1983/84 and will be remembered with great fondness by us all.

# Pilots of the airwaves

## Inner Wheel Club of Denby Dale DJs

Having interviewed Rotarians from Denby Dale Club our local community radio station Penistone FM wanted to know where all the ladies were and what opportunities there were for women if they weren't members of Rotary. So President Yvonne Harding and immediate past Secretary Judith Tagg were invited to go along to the studio and broadcast to the local area to publicise Inner Wheel. They opted to pre-record the session so that any long pauses or tongue tied moments could be edited out and went along one Saturday

morning in January to meet presenter Keeley Morton.

Keeley was extremely welcoming and genuinely interested to learn about Inner Wheel; the fun and friendship experienced whilst helping those less fortunate both in the local community and further afield. The interview was broadcast on 22 January and you never know it might help generate new members not only to our club but those in the immediate area around Penistone in Districts 4 and 127.

Why not contact your local radio station to promote Inner Wheel.

If anyone would like to hear the recording please contact us.

Yvonne Harding



## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We wish you many happy years of friendship & fun in Inner Wheel

Lesley Hone	Halifax
Jan Marshall	Bridlington
Carol Browning	Brighouse
Ruth Turner	Brighouse
Rita Carlson	Brighouse
Gillian Dorman	Denby Dale
Christine Bush	Elland
Sheila Sutcliffe	Elland
Margaret Potter	Harrogate
Christine Hines	Harrogate
Rosamund Austin	Holmfirth
Sandra Hoggar	Ripon
Lily Burnet	Ripon Rowells
Rosemary Knight	Scarborough
Ingrid Whittaker	Scarborough
Jacky Noble	Tadcaster and Wetherby
Hazel Hague	York Ainsty
Elizabeth Harris	York Vikings

## OBJECTS OF INNER WHEEL

*To promote true Friendship  
To encourage the ideals of personal service  
To foster international understanding*

## Diary Dates



### DISTRICT ASSEMBLY 2018

Wed 18th July **Manor C of E School, York**

### DISTRICT MEETINGS, ST CHADS

Wednesday 7th November 2018

### DISTRICT RALLY

Tuesday 9th October 2018

## **HOME SERVICE REPORT (December 2017)**

This report is compiled every December using the information sent in by each club. It is to give an overall summary of what we have been doing in our District during the year. All clubs completed the report and it is clear that both time and support are given to many local and national charities. This year lots of “silly sock “ events were in evidence!

### **Acts of Service performed to celebrate World Inner Wheel Day**

All clubs marked the Day with a frugal meal, faith service, and/or donations of time, goods, toiletries and food to our local food banks, Women’s refuges and Hospices.

### **Acts of Service performed for the local community**

Volunteering at hospices, hospitals, care homes. Lots of help at Young Disabled functions, Days Out, parties. Dementia Café helpers, Talking Newspaper, Poppy selling, planting bulbs and taking plants and visiting Care Homes

### **Assistance given and joint events with Rotary**

**Social:** Ladies Night, Shuffle Supper, Parties-Halloween, Bonfire Night, Xmas, Burns Night and visits to Stately houses, bowls evening and concerts.

**Fundraising:** Charity Lunch/Suppers, Pig Race, Racing Day, Santa’s Sleigh, Xmas Grotto, Golf days, Easter Egg Hunt, McMillan Coffee Mornings, Concerts, Bucket Collection at Supermarket and Car Boot and Table top Sales.



**Community Events:** ‘Kids Out’, Local Shows/Markets, Remembrance Services, Santa Float, Christmas parties for the elderly and young people, Transport for the Elderly, Pancake Race, Blood Pressure checks, Stoke awareness day, Leaflet Drop and Supporting Local community Farm, a Bonfire. Sponsored walks, lunch and teas at various churches.

### **Acts of Service**

**For the Sick:** Trolley Shop, Hospital and Home Visiting, Hospital Guides, League of Friends. Providing emergency hospital toiletry packs.

**For the Young:** Support for the YMCA, listening to children read, knitting for premature babies and teddies for distressed children, aid for Girl Guides, providing prizes for Autistic children and participants in a Music Festival. Volunteering at Youth Clubs, carer relief and arranging parties,

**For the Disabled:** Help at local cafés, talking newspaper, volunteer at Cross-roads and Riding for the Disabled, parties for the Blind, Caring for Life, Downs Syndrome support

**For the Elderly:** Volunteer at Friendship Centre and Age Concern UK, flowers to sick members, help at British Legion, provision of transport to appointments or club gatherings, provision of meals and support to Alms-houses, organising entertainment and parties.

**For the Community:** Various food banks, Calder Valley Search and Rescue, Prizes at various schools and concerts,

## **Unusual Fundraising and One-Off Special Projects**

Silly socks walks, silly socks in silly places, communal Xmas card, Musical evenings, Fashion Shows, Wearable Art (felt making) Bridge Drive, Beetle Drive, Antiques Valuation, Brass Band Concert, Teddy bear parachute jump, Murder mystery night, Hog Roast, Quizzes

## **Activities & Projects of Presidential Theme (Touch a Heart &**

**Leave a lasting Legacy)** Stop Polio, Support for local women's refuge, Water Aid, provision of wheel chairs, school uniforms for children in Africa, Kenya orphan sponsorship, sponsored girl to attend school in Tanzania, provision of sewing machines for women in Africa ,providing hygiene kits Mary's Meals, Zikomo Trust for work in Malawi.

## **Celebrations of U.N. International Day of Peace (21st Sept)**

Two minutes silence at club meeting., Church service, Lady Mayoress Lunch, Bradford University Peace Studies speaker

## **Charities Supported Financially**

As well as the Association President's Charity 'B-EAT' & Our two local Children' Hospices, the District Chairman's Charity 'Bloodwise" and Yorkshire Air Ambulance, we also supported.

National Charities	41 donations to 15 charities
For the Elderly	8 donations to 8 charities
For the Young	9 donations to 8 charities
For the Disabled	3 donations to 7 charities
Hospices—Adult	13 donations to 8
Hospices—Children	9 donations to 3
Local Community	36 charities
Air Ambulance	9 donations
Guide/Hearing Dogs	3 charities
Salvation Army	5 donations
Samaritans	1 donation
Poopy Appeal	6 donations
C.A.P	1 donation
R.S.P.B.	1 donation

**Total Amount raised by District 4 for Charities in GB & I was over £30,000 and there were more donations and no amount given by a number of clubs!**

*Well Done Everyone*

## The Melbourne Conference

On the Wednesday afternoon Jennifer and I walked down to the Convention Centre which was, as advertised just about 5mins walk from our apartments. What we didn't realise however was that the Convention centre was so big that we had almost as far again to walk when we got there. A very pleasant surprise was that the hotel where the rest of the group from District 4 were staying was on the next block to us, so we could arrange to meet them in the hotel reception rather than trying to find everyone in the crush at the venue.



There had been a slight mix-up about the voting delegates, but that was soon rectified, and we went into the Symposium. This was just different people putting forward ideas about how to improve the understanding of people about Inner Wheel and what subjects Inner Wheel could be more active and vocal about. These were about the image and re-branding of Inner Wheel to make it instantly recognisable.



To look at the different ways of way of doing things. Short term projects we could do ourselves, medium term i.e. building schools, hospitals by working together with other clubs and long-term projects we could adopt such as medical research with the whole of Inner Wheel working together. This would show the importance of women. Inner Wheel members have been granted opportunities that many women in the world do not have and we should

Speak out against Violence to Women.

The other two topics were Digital Empowerment for good communication to the outside world and the importance of supporting Environmental issues.

The Opening Ceremony on Thursday morning was very moving seeing all the flags being carried on stage and it brought home to me the truly international organisation that I am a member of. The speaker and the entertainment were very good. The Australians are very proud of Australia as they should be.

Dr Kapila Gupta our IIW President said that travelling the world had made her realise how IW has made such a difference to the lives of so many people. Sanitation, Education and Medical care provided by members, small efforts by so many results in so much. I think we forget this when we just look at what our own clubs do.



We started voting for the proposals in the afternoon and it was very interesting hearing the different views expressed by members in other countries. The voting continued throughout Friday and I am not going to list how all the voting went as it will all be on the IIW website and will also come out in the Convention Report.

On the Saturday morning we did get presentations from our UN representatives which although gave us a lot of information, could have been done in a more interesting way. We did find out though that an Inner Wheel member is now the treasurer of the Sustainable development committee and that another member had translated the Disabled Persons Rights paper and has been recognised in the newsletter, so obviously our representatives are doing a good job for us. The status of women is now beginning to be taken more seriously and be given more priority now at the UN.



The format of the Convention is going to be reviewed. I think this is essential as I felt that for the whole convention to be just about voting on the constitution was not a good use of time. We need to include opportunity for members to get together in workshops to discuss and exchange ideas about projects, membership and ways of working. The Welcome reception and banner exchange on the Wednesday evening, the Friendship Dinner on the Thursday evening and the Gala Dinner on the Friday evening were all excellent events but for me the best bit was everyone from District 4 coming back to

Jennifer's apartment for pizza and wine after the welcome reception on the Wednesday evening. We had a lovely time just getting together and it was especially good to have Thelma with us as we didn't get chance to see much of her.

The closing ceremony on Saturday afternoon was an enjoyable way to finish the Convention. The next Convention will be held in Jaipur India.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time in Melbourne, it is a lovely city with lots of interesting things to do and see and I am very grateful for the opportunity to represent District 4 at the Convention

Judith



# WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



*Our sincere congratulations to the following:*

## *Blue Sapphire Wedding*

Margery and Tom Pindar                  Scarborough

## *Diamond Wedding*

Pat and George Merrin                  Ripon  
Betty and Rtn. Kneale Pearce                  Ripon  
Heather and Rtn. Geoffrey Barton                  Aireborough  
Anne and Rtn. Brian Waite                  Aireborough  
Margaret and John Richardson                  York  
Elaine and Trevor Makinson                  Cleckheaton  
Margaret and Rtn. Eric Dyson                  Cleckheaton

## *Golden Wedding*

Janine and Phillip Murphy                  Tadcaster and Wetherby  
Susan and Peter Rhodes                  Wakefield  
Yvonne and Richard Hensby                  Wakefield  
Hazel and Rtn. Michael Rawnsley                  York Ainsty

## *Sapphire Wedding*

Val and Simon Green                  Scarborough  
Pauline and Colin Woodhead                  Scarborough

# *Congratulations on that **BIG 'O'***

## *70 Years Young*

Irmgard Hawkins	Tadcaster and Wetherby
Hazel Rawnsley	York Ainsty
Julia Cluderay	York Ainsty
Sarah McFarlane	York Ainsty
Janet Robinson	York Ainsty
Pat Mirfield	Aireborough
Chris Smithies	Denby Dale
Jan Wills	Normanton

## *80 Years Young*

Ann Robinson	Ripon
Freda Hartley	Rothwell
Joyce Mitchell	Scarborough
Kathleen Dunn	Normanton
Katherine Winter	Harrogate
Joan Tolson	Holmfirth
Sandra Allison	Cleckheaton
Maureen Pitts	Leeds



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**IIW President is Dr Kapila Gupta**

**IIW Theme for the Year is “Leave a Lasting Legacy”**

**Association President is Liz Thomas**

**The Association’s Charity of the Year is “Local Children’s Hospices”**

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