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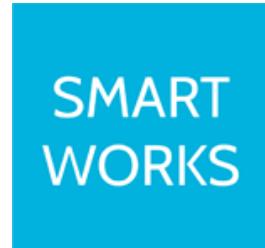
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# EDITORIAL

I'm now into my third and final year and I'm still enjoying the role, even in these difficult times.



As all meetings have been held by Zoom we had a District Editor's meeting with Association Editor Dorothy in July, which I was able to join from New Zealand. New information was given out and has been distributed to Club Correspondents. We are also able to disclose how much money has been raised for charities. It is very hard at the moment to fundraise, but hopefully when things get back to normal we can resume this with gusto.

Our stay in New Zealand was rather longer than we expected, nearly 11 months, but we are now safely back in Leeds and adapting to life here. Please continue to send me your newsletters and bulletins, I do very much enjoy reading them, and I would personally again like to thank Vyw Lewis for compiling the Home Service Report for me, and holding the reins whilst I was away.

I wish you all Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours in Friendship

*Ann*

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## A Message from District Chairman Pat Mirfield



Dear Inner Wheel Members

I am tasked by IIW President Dr. Bina Vyas to 'Lead the Change' well! we have certainly had to embrace change this year. I was so looking forward to visiting all the clubs in the District, making new friends and catching up with old ones. But so far the only club I have been able to meet with was Scarborough in between lockdowns and a delightful day it was. So just as I thought my year was about to start it came to an abrupt end again but only so far as visiting in person.

As an executive we are meeting on a regular basis and I have meetings with both Association President Enid and Vice President Betty, all on Zoom. I meet with Club Presidents on a monthly basis and the Executive has held peer group meetings again on Zoom.

The Rally at the Pavilions had to cancel but that too was held on Zoom a difficult event to arrange but the speakers made it a day to remember as well as the impressive number of participants. Following feedback from a range of sources it seems to have been a great success.

I know that Zoom is not for everyone and for some of our members we are not reaching them in a way we should, so please keep up the telephone calls, letters, cards and emails to those we are unable to see. Just a little gift on a doorstep may make all the difference for a member.

Friendship through Service is our key and there is a lot of good work still being done in lockdown. You have all been amazing in supporting the NHS with a list of goods too numerous to mention here. Your initiative in keeping your members entertained and your inspiring events to raise funds for charities is more than praiseworthy.

Yours in love and friendship

Stay safe, keep well

Pat

## District Rally Zooming Marvellous 2020

What strange times we are living in, I have heard quoted many times. Within the District 4 Executive it was decided to still have our District Rally, but because of current restrictions for us all we had to think 'outside the box'. So we did.

On a dry sunny day on the 5th October at 10.30 a.m., 53 members all started up their computer or iPad and logged into our first ever Zoom District 4 Rally. Needless to say we all dressed in our finery, well the top half at least, but I bet a few of us still had our slippers on!!



District 4 Chairman Pat Mirfield welcomed guests from around the country. Following the lighting of the candle, the Inner Wheel prayer was read by Julie Hipkin of Aireborough Club. Association President Enid Law, from Llangollen District 18 started with a message of hope. District 4 is close to her heart with her granddaughters being West Yorkshire ladies.



'Meticulous arrangements by DC Pat have meant I have not had to travel far to meet with you today. Inner Wheel continues to find ingenious ways to raise funds, for example a 100 hundred mile bike ride by one member. Zoom the new in-word has improved communication and given us excellent ways to keep in touch. Fundraising continues with coffee mornings, a Christmas pantomime and Murder Mystery evenings come immediately to mind.'

District Chairman Helen Starkey District 15 Carmarthen – told us that she was raising funds for Wales Air Ambulance by walking the Pembrokeshire coast with 42 miles completed and only 145 to go. She also brought greetings from Inner Wheel Clubs in Western Australia.

District Chairman Pat Alston District 127 Brigg, Lincolnshire brought greetings and said the theme (1920's) of today's event made her think of Prohibition, Spanish Flu and poverty (seem familiar) but we are concentrating on the good things around us fun, friendship and helping others.

Capturing the very essence of this unique event MOC Jennifer Angus (Otley Chevin IW) spoke on the theme of 'What would Margarete Golding (founder of Inner Wheel 1924) say'? In the 1920's our ladies worked hard becoming the corner stones of our communities making a difference in the name of friendship and being a friend to all. So tell me about this Zooming and the quite catchy hands, face, space!

The two main speakers for the day were President Anne Parker from the Inner Wheel Club of Aireborough and Jacqui Drake from the charity Jacqui's Million.

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## District Rally Zooming Marvellous 2020

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President Anne gave a presentation entitled 'Tell me I'm forgiven' a tale of two forgotten stars Gwen Blaney & Norah Farrah a Cellist & Pianist of the 1920's.

Anne told of their time meeting with high society including Prince Edward and recording at Abbey Road Studios long before the Beatles and eventually living locally in Baildon. A 12 member choir was assembled to record two of their popular songs, 'What'll I do?' and 'Someone to watch over me' now available on You Tube <https://youtu.be/2qVBxLzVSWw>.

Jacqui Drake in 1993 found a small mole on her right leg which was diagnosed as skin cancer. All went well until 2009 when a golf ball size lump again appeared on her leg – melanoma was diagnosed. Jacqui a Dance Teacher and Choreographer talked of her treatment at the Bexley Wing, St James hospital when the cancer travelled through her blood stream to her lungs, tumours in her lungs led to more treatment causing colitis. January 2016 Jacqui had problems with breathing, yes you may say with one lung not surprising but Jacqui knew there was more to it. She was diagnosed with a very rare form of pneumonia.

If you thought this would make Jacqui, depressed and miserable, not a bit of it she is the most inspiring, driven, positive person we have met in a long time. She has now set up her Charity, Jacqui's Million to help provide equipment for cancer sufferers that are not available on the NHS, visit Jacqui on Facebook or make donations to her justgiving page.



Jacqui Drake – Charity Jacqui's Million

## ***District Charity for this year Smart Works***

**Ladies** continue to collect :- Crisp Packets and Ring Pulls

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### AIREBOROUGH 1958

**President Anne Parker**

New D4 Chairman Pat Mirfield challenged herself to walk 2.6 miles on consecutive days from 1<sup>st</sup> July for her chosen charity Smart Works which supports women to get work, hoping for sponsorships of £2.60. Some members joined her on her last day which ended in Horsforth Hall Park on 26<sup>th</sup> July.

The Club has kept in touch with Zoom executive and Club meetings as well as coffee and chat gatherings. We managed to have one speaker, new Club President, Anne Parker, who spoke about the lives of music hall artistes Gwen Farrar and Norah Blaney. Anne was one of those who sang for the book launch about them.

During Covid-19 lockdown the Club has helped with shopping, gardening and hospital visits. Also laundry bags and headbands were made for local hospitals and care homes and face masks for individuals.

*Caroline Jenkinson C.C.*



### BINGLEY 1949

**President Various**

What does one do after lockdown? Well, Oliver & I were desperate to spend some time in our caravan and no better place to visit but the East Coast. And where do you go for a super lunch but The Stained Glass Centre at Killerby, near Scarborough. To add to our visit, Val Green came to greet us and it was so lovely to meet up after a long time. We couldn't hug, so the next best thing was to 'bump' elbows. If you haven't been to the complex you've missed out! But beware you will see something lovely to buy, as I did!!

*Enid Bennett*



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### **BRIDLINGTON 1948**

**President Gillian Bapty**

What can I report? We are still unable to meet. Even our committee is too large for a get-together at a member's home. The majority of our members do not have family living locally so we have concentrated on making sure that the 30+ of us who are over 70 have kept well, safe, fed and medicated. We have given thanks to Alexander Bell for inventing the telephone without which we would have been lost. Our luncheon venue needs the function room for staying guests but we have booked our Christmas Lunch in the hope we will be allowed to meet by then. We have been true to the spirit of Inner Wheel Friendship. We send our greetings to you all. Stay Safe.

*Barbara Brewer C.C.*

### **BRIGHOUSE 1937**

**President Janet Lawrence**

In these difficult times members continue to phone people living alone, elderly and those who are ill. Where possible help is given with shopping. In addition to the Club's WhatsApp group we now have our monthly club meetings and fortnightly social gatherings on Zoom. Every week we have "socially distanced" walks, usually over 5 miles but with a shorter route for some of our less mobile members.

We are planning a sponsored walk for the Forget Me Not Trust Children's Hospice in early October.

Most of all we are looking forward to getting back to normal meetings.

*Shirley Riley C.C.*

### **CLECKHEATON 1939**

**President Audrey Pollard**

It has been a rather challenging year so far, and I fear it will continue to be so.

In May we celebrated the 90th Birthday of one of our members, Mrs. Enid Bennett. Enid has been a member of the Club since 1957. I managed to deliver a basket of roses from the club to her on the day, but we only managed to speak in the doorway of her house.

Members have been busy making laundry bags for nursing staff to use, and other members have been busy knitting squares to make blankets for the neo natal ward at Bradford Royal. We keep hoping we can get together to sew the blankets into squares.

We had 3 meetings (six people) in members gardens for afternoon tea whilst the good weather was with us. Six of us met at the Golf Club for morning coffee and discussed ways of dealing with the pandemic.

We continue to keep in touch by telephone and email, and we have continued to wish members 'Happy Birthday' by telephone.

*Maxine Halford C.C.*

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### DENBY DALE 1988

**President Judith Tagg**

We have managed to continue our 'zoom' meetings throughout the summer, with regular fortnightly contact. Whilst this does not replicate our regular meetings, it has enabled us to maintain contact and keep in touch. We did manage an on-line Charter Dinner – that was a bit strange.

We arranged socially distanced and numerically appropriate mini garden parties for our handover meeting and managed to toast our continuing president Judith, who thankfully is remaining in post for a second year. Generally our activities have been severely curtailed, but as an 'at risk' group we have managed to produce face masks and scrubs for the caring professions and formed a ring round contact group for single elderly people.

Sadly, we have lost one of our stalwart members, Sue Bottomley, who served as our president on 5 occasions. She will be sorely missed.

*Arlene Gaunt C.C.*

### ELLAND 1967

**Presidents Heather Cawdry, Margaret Seed**

23rd March 2020 the day that time stood still. 4th April 2020 Heather Cawdry took over as a Part President from Jean Whitworth. On the 7th July 2020 Heather still in a time warp but will continue as Part President until December. However this time Jean handed over the chain of Office at a Zoom meeting. Masks were worn by both. In the months that followed lockdown the committee had a list of members to phone to check they were ok and many bulletins were sent out by email. The President wishes to raise money for her charities the Elland Food Bank and Barnardo's by hosting Tea Parties in the garden and Saturday lunches. However we had a lockdown that prevented us from having people in the house and garden. Those members who did not go out to shop and had no means of adding goods to the boxes for the Food Bank in the supermarket have made a cash donation. So far £425 has been raised and will be sent immediately. Members were asked if they wished to buy Barnardo's Christmas cards from Heather who is secretary of the local Barnardo's Group. Cards bought by members would generate money for the charity. Jean who took over as ISO had decided to support Sight Savers by taking on their challenge to walk 50 miles in August. Other members joined in and the huge sum of £800 was raised. Some members knit squares and other members sew them together to make blankets.



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### ELLAND 1967

**Presidents** Heather Cawdry, Margaret Seed

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Throughout these months we have had a monthly meeting via Zoom, our first speaker was Emily speaking about her school trip to help build a school in Peru. Now we have a few speakers in the pipeline. We have met the District Chairman Pat and other District personnel via Zoom. We attended a Zoom version of the District Rally which was very interesting with a wonderful speaker, Jacqui Drake, who is helping to raise money for the cancer department of St James' Hospital.

So in Elland we continue to move forward in the new way by having meetings via Zoom until the day when we can meet again face to face.

*Heather Cawdry C.C.*

### HALIFAX 1934

**President** Elaine Craven

Our Handover took place in July 2020 with the minimum of people present, the rest of us watched by Zoom. This was a lovely event Past President Jennifer Ineson presented the chain of office to our incoming President Elaine Craven.

We have had our monthly meetings by Zoom and have had so far an interesting speaker each time.

Glenda Shaw and Michael Steele have arranged a super quiz each month which is for joint Inner Wheel and Rotary funds, a fun evening for those who participate. We have had a virtual visit to Cambridge and The Halifax Piece Hall and a concert by Elland Silver band and Elizabeth the daughter of one of our members who is a singer. We had a literary evening too by two Local authors. Obviously all held by zoom but most enjoyable.

We collected a huge amount for the women's refuge and the food bank in Halifax, they were very grateful for our efforts.

Some of our Ladies who are in our walking group, walked the memory walk for Dementia and Alzheimer's, Ladies baked biscuits and we walked in groups of 6 socially distanced, it was a Heritage walk around the local area. The money we raised for them was £989.68. Our President and her Husband Brian went to support Brighouse Inner Wheels Boundary walk, this was with their friends they also raised £410, this was for Forget Me Not Children's Hospice.

We still continue to have our book club meetings this is also by Zoom, which is the only way at this moment.

Each month we can have our Walking Group walks, split now into a few different groups of 5 or 6, ably organised by Glenda Shaw.

Lots of our Ladies have been making masks etc and we all are keeping in touch with the Ladies who live alone as some are struggling at this time.

*Jenny Lister C.C.*

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### HARROGATES BRIGANTES 1981

**President** Various

Writing this report as I am sure others are finding is very different from past ones I have written. As a club we have tried to maintain contact with all our members. Sadly, we have had 4 resignations. We had our first committee meeting, since the lockdown, socially distanced in the rain in July in a members garden. Committee meetings are now taking place via Zoom which is working well. We have had 4 gatherings in the Valley Gardens under the colonnade, these were well attended, and social distancing was observed. Members brought their own chairs and refreshments. We are planning to have arranged small groups of up to 6 people in accordance with restrictions in the future. Our usual Knit and Natter members have been knitting away and have made several blankets for International collections and hats and coats for premature babies at Harrogate Special baby unit. Plans for the future are discussed but like everyone else we must wait and see. Keeping in touch with all members and staying safe is our priority for now.

*Janet Vitty C.C.*

### HECKMONDWIKE 1938

**President** Barbara Hanson

Sadly we have only met once since in Lockdown, it was our Handover Meeting, but our present President couldn't make it so we did a Virtual Handover to our new President Barbara Hanson. If we had only known that was what was to come, Virtuality – yes I know it's not a word, but in these strange times why shouldn't we make words up. We did have a very friendly meeting and finished with a lovely Afternoon Tea, which raised some much needed funds for the Charity Account.

Cancellation is a word we have used a lot over the last 6 or 7 months, The International Rally, Conference, Convention, Swedish Exchange Trip, The District Rally, all cancelled due to the dreaded Covid !!!

#### **What can we make of cancellation**

Cancellation – can we all look out for each other

And make sure we all remember one another

Nobody is immune so they say

Call another Member, make their day

Everyone needs a friend in this situation

Leave your worries behind, we're a great Nation

Let others know that you think of them

Although they may be far away

To contact them will make their day

In this situation, here for a while

Ordinary people, making each other smile

No one's alone when you have an Inner Wheel Friend

*Edith Davison*

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### HOLMFIRTH 1939

**President Bee Hinchliffe**

For 2019-20 our President's charities were Golddigger and Brake and though the final fundraising events could not take place donations, which were kindly added to by club members, were sent during lockdown. Brake is a road safety charity offering support to people bereaved or seriously injured by road crashes. Golddigger provides support for children and young people with mental health and anxiety issues.

Also during 2019-20 the club learnt about the 'Welcome Centre' which provides food and other essentials to those in need. With time on our hands the long promised clear-outs have occurred, and donations made to this Centre. The regular 'Knit & Natter' meetings had to stop but for some the knitting needles did not halt and many blanket squares have been produced.

*Rosamund Austin C.C.*

### ILKLEY 1946

**President Flick Read**

The adoption by the Club of the "Rolling Conversation" has served us well at this difficult time. Thankfully, through this, members have been able to keep in touch in a friendly and informal way. Good news has been shared; a Diamond Wedding Anniversary and the wedding of a members' son, accounts of local trips out and breaks in picturesque locations. Hints, tips and recipes have been exchanged online, along with a few quirky stories and jazzy cartoons. We are now up to 73 conversations and counting.

Donations of toiletries, cosmetics and sanitary products along with a whole boot-load of tins and packet food stuff and other goods, were delivered to the Women's Refuge and more are forthcoming. President Flick, Secretary Katie and Committee member Margaret dusted off their knitting needles to make three more wonderful blankets for the Fistula Hospital in Addis Ababa. Our collective greetings card is also underway. We received a detailed report of the Zoom District Rally, there was a quarter page report of this in the local paper. We are truly launched into the technological age!

*Sylvia Mann C.C.*



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### LEEDS 1934

### President Mary Hunt

The COVID-19 situation is going on far longer than we would hope, and it is creating chaos for us all by stopping our regular social activities and meaning many have lost all routine. Both of these aspects are impacting greatly on individual mental health and it is important to keep in touch in a safe way. To support the Leeds Club members, Judith Mumford has set up an Inner Wheel Telephone Tree. This provides an effective means of communicating with each member very quickly and spreading the load of calls from one person. In addition we have a regular newsletter to share information, stories and generally keep updated as a club whilst we are unable to meet face to face.

#### **Congratulations to Lorraine Whewell on her special award in 2019.**

Back in May 2019, Lorraine Whewell from the Leeds Club was nominated for the award of The British Empire Medal for her Voluntary Service both in the UK and Abroad, This came as a surprise to her and she felt very humbled to receive such a prestigious award.

Lorraine has been involved with several voluntary and charity organisations in Leeds. In 1990 she was appointed to the Leeds Bench and served as a magistrate for nearly 25 years. This required Lorraine to participate fully in the running of the courts, sitting on the Training Committee and also involvement in The Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee. Her colleagues elected Lorraine to the role of Bench Chair for the years 2011-14. In the early 1990s she learnt about a local charity The White Rose Initiative, which supported the town of Sighisoara in Transylvania. She regularly helped sorting and packing goods in a warehouse and made three trips to Romania, one of them overland, when they slept along the journey in the lorry. On these working trips, the charity refurbished the ablution blocks and installed a fire alarm in a Girls' Orphanage, rewired the Maternity Hospital and rewired and supplied new central heating in the Old People's Home. The old people live in the cells of the court house so their residence still really isn't palatial. This charity still exists, but no longer has a warehouse so Lorraine's involvement has diminished, but she still sends goods to Romania through The Yorkshire Aid Convoy.

In the early part of this century Lorraine also became a trustee of HALT, a charity which supported victims of domestic violence in particular if they were going through the courts giving evidence about the perpetrator of their abuse. Three years ago, HALT merged with Leeds Women's Aid, and Lorraine also became a trustee of Leeds Women's Aid. This charity supports primarily women and children who are victims of domestic abuse, but additionally supports male victims of domestic abuse. Once retired Lorraine was approached by a friend to help with St Michael's Lunch Club, which operates in the communal rooms of an Anchor Home, in the capacity of a reserve driver.

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### LEEDS 1934

### President Mary Hunt

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The meals were bought in frozen and then cooked in time for lunch. As a result of the supply company going out of business and the ill health of two helpers, within a year Lorraine began planning the menus, shopping for the ingredients and often preparing dishes on Sunday to support lunch service on Monday. Very sadly due to the Coronavirus this community activity has not now been able to operate since March 2020, and it is not known when they will be able to reopen.

To raise funds for the White Rose Initiative, HALT and Leeds Women's Aid, Lorraine has for many years hired St Crux in York where charities can run a cafe and sell bric-a-brac. Each charity is allowed two dates a year, but dates Lorraine secured for this year have unfortunately been cancelled.

In the paperwork submitted it mentioned that Lorraine made ginger biscuits to make money for charity, so now her medal is known as The Biscuit Empire Medal. A big congratulations to Lorraine on achieving this special honour - Leeds Club are very proud to have her as a member.

*Julie Badon C.C.*

### NORMANTON 1943

### President Ann Ikoku

During the early days of Covid-19 Inner Wheel Club of Normanton helped support the NHS by knitting hearts for the relatives of Covid victims and Sarla made cards to go with each pair of hearts. We also purchased oximeters and pen torches at the request of a local GP surgery which were donated to nursing homes in Normanton and Altofts. Hand cream and face creams were collected and donated to Pinderfields Hospital for the use of doctors and nurses suffering the effects of PPE equipment on their hands and faces. Food collections have been made on a regular basis to our local food bank as well as a monetary donation.

In July, on a very wet Tuesday afternoon, flowers and a plant were handed over to Ann Ikoku who is our outgoing as well as our incoming president by the President of Normanton Rotary and Inner Wheel Club of Normanton Secretary Pauline Jones. This took place on Ann's doorstep with appropriate social distancing.



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### OTLEY CHEVIN 1990

### President Frances Johnson

Plans were well in hand for our 30<sup>th</sup> Charter celebrations when .... well we all know what happened! Undeterred, those members who had the wherewithal, joined up via Zoom on the evening of the 19<sup>th</sup> May, bedecked with their pearls and a well-filled glass in hand. We observed the usual formalities. We were pleased that Thelma Pacsoo was able to join us and bring greetings on behalf of the District and we had reminiscences of our early days and our Charter Presentation Evening.

Our AGM in June was again held via Zoom and I had to share the unique (socially distanced) handing over of the chain from Ann Elviss to Frances Johnson, the first of our 3 Presidents for the year, which took place after the meeting.

We presented a second hamper, this time containing fruit and soft drinks, to the Ambulance Station at Menston and a number of our members have been busy knitting during the enforced non-socialising. We were delighted to be able to hold a socially distanced Coffee Meeting by the lake at Chevin Lodge on a lovely sunny morning in August, but we were back online in September and for our next hand-over, this time to Margaret Liptrot, in October. A number of our members enjoyed the virtual District Rally and we congratulate Pat and her team for enabling this to take place.

*Pam Beck C.C.*

### PONTEFRACT 1939

### President Jean Skidmore

Just to put the 'tin hat' on all that's happening presently, the Pontefract Club has other constraints – vulnerability by way of age/health and many members not having on-line facilities; so, whilst individual 'phone conversations have taken place, we have set up a more formal Phone Cascade whereby members have been given a name to contact on what would be our meeting day and coffee morning. From time to time, we are sending out an Information Sheet by way of keeping up with various news and happenings.

Two of our members have been busy with either making masks or hearts... profit from the masks is being donated to the Prince of Wales Hospice; the knitted hearts were originally being sent to Pinderfields Hospital – the idea being that a patient and family member would receive one. Now they are being knitted for the Hospice Community Outreach programme. And, as usual, there is a plentiful supply of goods for International; for Zikomo Trust.

Pontefract Rotary Club is planning a virtual/zoom Festive Supper... we will sit at home in our bubbles with festive food/drink and there will be a programme of readings, even perhaps games; a raffle of 12 bottles of red wine is being organised in aid of Rotary and local charities, with tickets available.

Our President, Jean Skidmore, has been honoured by Pontefract Rotary Club by being given the Paul Harris award in recognition of services to Rotary.

*Jan Allen C.C.*

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## RIPON 1946

**President** Dorothy Matthews

Who would have thought earlier this year that we would still be in this dreadful coronavirus situation in autumn? It really has affected so many plans and outings but, through it all, we are keeping in touch and supporting each other in new and innovative ways. Through the wonders of the internet we now have 'Zoom' meetings to conduct our business. This allows us to see and talk to friends and colleagues and we are 'buddying up' - at a safe distance of course - when any of our members are unable to get to a computer.

We had the handover of Presidents in July when joint presidents Anne and Di handed over the baton to our new appointee Dorothy Matthews. We were fortunate that six Committee members were able to meet for the event in Anne's lovely, spacious garden on a beautiful, sunny day. Dorothy outlined her plans for her year in office and advised that she was going to keep our charity work simple. The Salvation Army and the local branches of the National Autistic Society in Ripon, Skipton, Thirsk and Harrogate are two of the charities she particularly wants to support.



Ensuring that friends and neighbours are keeping safe, shopping for them where necessary, and helping with transport when required have all been priority concerns. Members have also been busy supporting the NHS by making scrubs and baking care packages for hospital staff. It is a difficult time for everyone. We are limited in ways we can fund raise but donations to food banks and period poverty have not ceased and our members, as always, are very generous.

It almost seems like a throwback to the mid 20th century when communities and neighbours worked together and kindness and thoughtfulness were commonplace. Let's hope this lasts long after Coronavirus has been beaten!

Until next time, stay safe.

*Sheila Whittaker C.C.*

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### RIPON ROWELS 1994

**President Linda Bateman**

President Linda Bateman took office in June and she and new Secretary Marion McCormick worked out an interesting programme for the year. This unfortunately we have not been able to implement so far. Three of us met up in Studley Park for our monthly 'Hugs and Mugs' on a glorious morning in August, taking our own coffee and spaced out on a bench overlooking the lake. 12 members came together for a Bowling Afternoon at West Tanfield Bowling Club for two afternoons in September adhering strictly to Covid guide lines. Two teams of four at either end of the green, one mat monitor and one jack monitor! During lockdown Sue Lydall, Club Correspondent, has sent out a weekly 'blog' with titbits supplied by members of the club as to what is going on in their lives. Some members of the Club have made scrubs (42), masks (100), hats (40) and laundry bags and put together goodie bags for our local hospital staff and its in-patients. We have also sent off about 100 bags for Days for Girls ably organised by Lorraine Smith who also master-minded the bowling afternoons.



*Sue Lydall C.C.*

### ROTHWELL & DISTRICT 1979

**President Jean Dixon**

Like all I. W. Clubs, activities have been curtailed. Our Sundown Swing event planned initially for March and then re-arranged for October has, sadly, been cancelled once again. However, we remain optimistic for an event in the Spring.

We have made donations to Smart Works, Lebanon Appeal, and Leeds Women's Aid. Jean – our President, has been busy sewing masks and has raised over £100 so far. Christmas designs are in the pipeline.

Brenda – our Secretary - continues her work with Victim Support, and donations have been made to the local food bank.

Local restrictions in the Leeds area prevent meetings in homes or gardens but members remain in contact via email or telephone. Hopefully, restrictions will soon be lifted, and we can return to some kind of normality.

*Denise Kennaugh C.C.*

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### SCARBOROUGH 1934

**President Elizabeth Curry**

The Inner Wheel Club of Scarborough found inventive ways of keeping minds active and bodies fit whilst staying in the confines of their homes and gardens. Vice President June Thompson devised challenges over the first 10 weeks of lockdown. The tasks were varied and covered literature, food, art and crafts. Each member chose which challenges they wanted to complete. As part of one of the challenges Rosemary Oliver wrote a 500 word story. This was later featured on BBC Radio York, as part of their feature on creativeness during lockdown. Rosemary gave a fantastic interview, and made sure our club got a mention, live on air! As a group we kept ourselves together, kept our friendships, at the same time as supporting and keeping the aims of our Inner Wheel charter.

*Jane Bull C.C.*

### TADCASTER & WETHERBY 1959

**President Irmgard Hawkins**

The new Inner Wheel year started with everyone feeling disappointed that our previous plans had not come to fruition due to the virus. Nevertheless we have gathered in groups of 6, on consecutive days, in members gardens. Chairs were well spaced out and deeply sanitised and we had fun and made tentative plans for the future. We had games of bingo and made charges for cups of tea etc. and our charity fund is slowly growing. The year ahead looks daunting but we are keeping in touch with each other by phone and text etc. and hoping that the virus will be more under control in the not too distant future.

Members have been busy making things for the NHS. 182 laundry bags, 56 face masks and lots of knitted/crochet hearts.

We are now making plans and trying to decide how to collect all goods to be taken to St Chad's in November .

*Judy Wood C.C.*

### WAKEFIELD 1943

**President Olivia Clark**

In common with other clubs in District 4 Covid 19 seriously affected our spring and summer programmes but we were able to hold virtual meetings. Some Rotarians also joined our July virtual meeting which was hosted by our speaker Hugh Heron, from Darjeeling Children's Trust. We learned of the invaluable work done by the trust in the education of children in this region. Included in the meeting was Tshering Huber, a new trustee of the Darjeeling Children's Trust from her home in Switzerland. During the pandemic members have provided materials for scrubs, made wash bags as well as knitting teddies and blankets. At the moment we are continuing with virtual meetings until members feel more comfortable with face to face meetings. We all hope this will be soon.

*Vivien Cole C.C.*

## CLUB REPORTS CLUB REPORTS CLUB REPORTS

### YORK 1934

### President Jean Alexander

Very little is happening in York as far as Inner Wheel is concerned, though President Jean is persisting with her endeavour to grow a long, luxuriant head of hair by next June. It's doing very well so far, and she is asking for sponsors for her efforts to go to The Salvation Army, her chosen charity this year.

Probably owing to Covid, we haven't had any new members since April, but neither have we lost anyone, so that's good news anyway.

There have been two very special birthdays to report, and I gathered this information from our birthday book, which has been in existence for many years and it brought home to me, what a great age many of our members are.

*Christine Smith C.C.*

### YORK AINSTY 1962

### President Janet Robinson

During the Summer we have continued to keep in touch with each other via the telephone tree.

President Janet hosted a Yorkshire Day, with Coffee, Parkin and Cookies in the morning from 10am – 12, and Afternoon Tea with Strawberry Scones from 2 pm – 4 pm. This was the first opportunity to meet up again since February.

Social Secretary Eileen hosted a Barista Coffee Morning at the end of August, when members caught up again.

We had thought we would be able to get back to normal when the Poppleton Centre, where we hold our meetings, announced that it was reopening on the 1st September, but government restrictions prevented this.

In the meantime our members continue knitting and stitching and keep cheerful.

*Hazel Rawnsley C.C.*

### YORK VIKINGS 1978

### President Sandra Craven

Sadly, due to Covid we have been unable to have our club meetings. Our Secretary keeps us up to date by email and we ring each other for chats.

We managed a committee meeting in August at our new President's house and enjoyed a buffet supper.

Sandra was presented with her Chain of Office.

We all look forward to the day when life returns to normal.

*Anne Brabbs C.C.*



# WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS



Membership & Development Officer Suzanne bids a very warm welcome to all new, transferring and re-joining members.

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

Sue Bartrum  
Carol Davis  
Marguerite Moss  
Lynda Nelsey

Aireborough  
Aireborough  
Ripon Rowels  
Scarborough

## OBJECTS OF INNER WHEEL

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

Copy Deadline for Spring Association Magazine 15th January 2021  
Summer issue of Association Magazine 20th March 2021  
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30th April 2021

# *HAPPY BIRTHDAY*

*Congratulations on that  
BIG 'O'*



## 70 Years Young

Sue Thornton

Elland

## 80 Years Young

Joan Dodds

Harrogate Brigantes

Jean Dixon

Rothwell & District

Janet Absen

Normanton

Joan Phillips

York

## 90 Years Young

Enid Bennett

Cleckheaton

Sylvia Cameron

York

Paddy Thompson

York



## Diary Dates

### DISTRICT MEETING, ST CHADS

Wednesday 24th March 2021

### ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

Cancelled for 2021

### AGM and HANDOVER, St CHADS

Monday 21st June 2021

### DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

Manor C of E Academy York

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## *WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES*

*Our sincere congratulations to everyone who has  
celebrated their special Wedding Anniversaries  
since April 2020*



## **OBITUARIES.**

### **BETTY HAMMOND—CLECKHEATON**

It is with great sadness that we report the death of our member Betty Hammond. Betty was a member of the club from 1983, but she retired last year as her Alzheimers grew steadily worse. She was admired and loved by everyone who knew her and she will be sadly missed.

### **SUSAN BOTTOMLEY – DENBY DALE**

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Susa Bottomley. She was a trained nurse, married to the late Rtn. Philip Bottomley, a medical consultant. She was a loyal and hard working member of our club, who supported all activities, and was President on 5 occasions. Her cheerfulness, and organising abilities will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

### **MARJORIE LOCKE - ELLAND**

It is with sadness that I announce the death of Marjorie, just a week after her 104th birthday in July. She lived in her own flat but with help available. I visited her at Christmas. She still had a brilliant memory and an interest in the world around her. She did tell me that she was a little tired. Marjorie was Elland President in 1974/75 and again in 1978/79. Her late husband George was a District Governor and they travelled throughout the county.

Five of us were allowed to attend the funeral to wish her God Speed.

### **MOIRA MORTON - FORMERLY OF ELLAND**

Moira was a former member who moved away to be near her daughter in Gloucestershire. She died in July and some of us attended her funeral via Obitus, the digital funeral service. RIP Moira.

### **CYNTHIA COSTELLO—BRIDLINGTON**

We have suffered the blow of losing two members within 48 hours, both to cancer. Sadly, Covid -19 restrictions have meant that most of us have not been able to see them since lockdown and cannot attend their funerals. Cynthia Costello died on October 16<sup>th</sup>. She was a long serving member and had held all offices in the club as well as being President 3 times. She was always ready to open her home for a fund raiser and was a regular attender at conference. We will miss her.

## **OBITIARIES**

### **JEAN FRANK—BRIDLINGTON**

Jean Frank died on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Jean was another of our long serving members and was very involved in International Fund Raising for the club, holding an annual faith luncheon at her rural farm. She, too, had served as President of the club and, again, will be sorely missed.

### **GLORIA CUNNINGHAM – OTLEY CHEVIN**

It is with great sadness that we report the death of our dear member Gloria, who was a very active and loyal member of our Club for over 25 years. She held the office of President and Secretary and she was always a willing participant in our activities and fundraising efforts. She attended many District and Overseas meetings, Charter celebrations, District Rallies and National Conferences, enlivening any occasion with her warmth and sense of fun. Her humour and bravery throughout her illness were an example to us all and she will be very sadly missed.

### **PAULINE SANDERSON—BINGLEY**

The members of the Inner Wheel Club of Bingley are sad to announce the death of our immediate past Secretary Pauline Sanderson.

Her sudden passing was a shock to us all. She joined our club from The Inner Wheel club of Newton Abbott in Devon, but was a Yorkshire girl born and bred, coming originally from Huddersfield.

Pauline had been a wonderfully efficient Secretary for many years and a very valuable member of our club who took part in all our activities — she was especially good in the kitchen!

Her enthusiasm, sense of humour and ‘joie de vivre’ will be sadly missed.

### **GLYNIS FRANCIS - SCARBOROUGH**

It is with sadness that the death of Glynis Francis was announced by Inner Wheel Club of Scarborough. She still kept involved with her favourite pastimes including family activities, tennis, choirs and Inner Wheel and she had trodden the boards for the Stephen Joseph Theatre. It was a sad day for her close family, who will miss her joyful presence, her sense of fun and spontaneous laughter. Members of the club lined the church pathway at the funeral.

**IIW President is Dr Bina Vyas**  
**IIW Theme for the Year is “Lead the Change”**  
**Association President is Enid Law**

**The Association’s Charity of the Year is: “Riding for the Disabled”**

**DISTRICT OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS 2020/21**

**CHAIRMAN** Pat Mirfield Aireborough

**1st VICE-CHAIRMAN** to be advised

**2nd VICE-CHAIRMAN** to be advised

**SECRETARY** Judith Poole Brighouse

**TREASURER** Pattie Grimshaw Aireborough

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