September Snippets 2026

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As the new IW year steps into full action after the long hot summer what lies in store? Before we reminisce, our very grateful thanks to Rita, Mo and Carol for looking after us for another year but here 's something we shall be hearing more about

Orange the World

November 25th – 10th December 2026

This campaign was approached positively across our District last year with the belief that a world free from violence against women can become a reality, but

Why Orange?

Orange was chosen because orange is the colour of the sunrise. – the dawn of a new day.

Orange the World 2026

After the Association Assembly, a Pledge Letter and form were sent to all Districts to be circulated to Clubs for members to gather signatures. Please remember to bring the forms to the Rally on 12th October, they will go to London and given to the government at the start of the campaign in November.
Trish Douglas is hoping to receive up to 10,000 letters.

Now for news from the Clubs beginning with good news from

Frome where Pam welcomed Mary & Jane into the Club



Mendip

In June we held a 'Coffee, Tea and Cake' event at Easton Village Hall with our own



Tiggi Trethowan being the speaker. In 2018 Tiggi had to give up her career in television which she loved, because she was diagnosed with a rare degenerative eye condition which will eventually lead to her total blindness. So, she then had to deal with challenging life issues, of which she spoke openly and honestly. with her positive outlook shining through. She is enjoying her many friends and particularly enjoys Zumba dancing! The audience was a mix of local residents, friends, members of Inner Wheel and Tiggi's guide dog Rodney!

Tiggi was presented with a cheque to for Guide Dogs for the Blind - the last event organised by our outgoing President Alison Webb and much enjoyed by all.

Liz Hamblin

Taunton



Clinton Rogers, President of the League of Friends of Musgrove Park Hospital, was delighted to receive a cheque for £4,580 at our July meeting The League of Friends was chosen as the charity for the year by our Joint Presidents, Marlene and Margaret. They then handed over to our new Joint Presidents Liz and Theresa

- July culminated in a delightful Pimms lunch for members on Sunday, 26th July. This was very ably catered by Joan and Ati, with compliments all round for the delicious food they prepared. Any surplus from the event, after expenses, was donated to the Joint Presidents' chosen charity.
- August is always a very quiet month, with holidays, family visits and perhaps a little general lethargy brought on by the hot weather
- September sees the start of our new programme of meetings, with the first meeting hosted by our new Joint Presidents, Theresa and Liz. Their chosen charity is St Margaret's Hospice in Taunton, and with this in mind, we are gearing up for "The Big Brunch" on October 3rd. The event has been widely advertised and we hope that members, their families, friends and members of the general public will come along and support us. Posters and photographs will be displayed at the event hoping to raise awareness of Inner Wheel within the wider community and, perhaps, attract some new members along the way.

Yeovil hit the local headlines!



Our Knit and Natter group have been knitting Teddies for Tragedies and Lesley Hunt, the Somerset & Wiltshire representative for the



charity, came to collect them. It was lovely to meet her and hear about her work with the charity and the comfort brought to the children who receive the teddies



Our Club have also handed over 100 knitted and crocheted poppies crafted by their members and friends to Yeovil Town Council for the poppy display being created in St Johns churchyard for the Remembrance period in November.

Summer in Shepton started with sparkling sunshine - spectacular views







- scintillating conversation
–-superb scones (amongst other goodies) as well as a few pennies for our charity funds!
Just the beginning of IW 2026/27 for President Anita.

Wellington

The last Inner Wheel year closed on a swelteringly hot day with our annual afternoon tea, when we all put on our ‘posh frocks’ and enjoyed a glass of Prosecco while chatting in the sunshine and using much needed fans.



After our break in August, Rosemary handed over the chain of office to me (this year I will be wearing two hats!) and my first joyful duty was to induct a new member into the club.

Marion is the daughter of Hilary, one of our still active founder members who was sadly not able to join us for the occasion. Marion has been bringing her Mum to our meetings, and we were delighted that she has now joined herself. We had a busy meeting with-

- details of the programme for the year
- a collection for School in a Bag in response to their appeal following the flooding in Nepal
- all manner of knitted children's clothing, squares for blankets, and donations of adult clothing, together with numerous candles, all to be taken to CR2EE to be transported to Ukraine, hopefully before the cold weather takes hold.

Yvonne Coupe

Self-Explanatory!



Vivary Park Golf Club was the venue
Members of Inner Wheel having fun!

Sedgemoor

In September we had a very interesting talk from representatives of The Nelson Trust Women's Centre, Somerset. The Nelson Trust helps women in crisis with things like drug and drink addition, domestic violence and many other things. They offer counselling and help and the scope of the help offered was very impressive. We will be raising money for the Nelson Trust again this year with profits from their Christmas Stall.



Production has also started on making the 25 Christmas stockings required for the SNICU at Musgrove Park Hospital, These are filled with gifts by the nurses and hung on the incubators at Midnight on Christmas Eve for the parents to find on Christmas morning

Wrington Vale

Our year started with Yvonne Greenwood becoming our President. She's used to dealing with chatting groups and unruly behaviour as she has spent her working life as a Primary School teacher and ultimately Head Teacher. The only thing is I think there might be some detentions for those of us who can't stop the chatter.

We quickly followed this with donations with support for Wrington Vale Rotary member Bob as he set off on another Ukraine trip. Bob has made numerous trips since the war started, donating equipment and vital medical aid. They also leave the vehicle they travel in and make their way back by foot, by all accounts it's not all on foot there is other transport available. It's a long hard trip and takes several days to achieve. Bob shared the impact it has on people that receive the equipment by sharing a story about a lady they saw on one of their last trips. They saw an elderly lady walking using a chair as an aid to support her mobility so as they were carrying walking aids on this visit they stopped and gave her one. The difference was immediate and walking became easier in a world that has not been easy for people. Just a small example but I think it shows the impact both Rotary and Inner wheel can have worldwide by our actions.



We do like our food and get togethers. We've had an Orange The World quiz at a local picnic. You'd be amazed at the confused faces at the question what mobile phone company is associated with the theme (it's Orange!). The only bear that attended in the woods that day was thankfully just Paddington and HM the Late Queen. Bet you can't guess the question for this one.



We have started our second collection in support of Orange the World by collecting for our local domestic violence charity. They have over 100 woman and 200 children in their emergency housing. We managed to provide a wide range of items so far, from knitted baby wear to school lunch boxes and everything in between. It was a lovely few hours but I don't think there is any worry about us winning any quiz shows any time soon.

- We've been to an independent garden centre.
- Had Soup and Puds event raising money for water boxes that are sadly needed more and more. Following this Joan Metherill, who hosted, and her Rotarian husband, Ivor went to pack Water boxes.

Three months in and we are off to a flying start!

Bridport



We enjoyed a beautiful hot summer and although we have held no official Club meetings we have still been busy. We had our annual August picnic at Hive Beach and have just held a very successful coffee morning at Burton Bradstock Village Hall with delicious cakes made by members. At times the hall was full to capacity and much needed funds were raised for Air Ambulance.

Westbury

July saw the handover from President Chris Bristow to Jackie Pike with Maureen Boyd staying as joint President. followed by a Summer Fete at Westbury Leigh Community Church. Organised by Helen Slay – a very enjoyable day albeit very hot !

In August our annual Summer Lunch, organised by President Maureen Boyd was held at Jo Earney house. This is when we all get together with husbands are invited too. All the food cooked by our members - delicious spread and a really good day. We were lucky with the weather too and the money raised will go to local charities.



The monthly book Club, lunches and cakes for The Memory Café continue. Having helped with knitting bunting for the Westbury Yarn bombers for the Westbury Festival, we are now helping knitting poppies for their Remembrance Day installations. The poppies will be used on knitted sleeves which will cover the bollards in the Town and the veil of Remembrance. There are many groups involved as this is a large project. Photo shows the start of covering the knitted sleeve on one of the bollards.

Chard

Hornsbury Mill is unavailable for our meetings on a Monday evening now, so we have been meeting in member's homes, which has been much more relaxing.
Our August social get-together was at Forde Abbey where we met for tea.
We were so busy chatting- time flew by and we found they were closing up around us.

We held another Tea & Dance, this time in Winsham Village hall as part of their ‘Winfest’ Arts and Leisure Festival. There was a lovely mixture of people from Chard, Crewkerne and Winsham, who all enjoyed a delicious Afternoon Tea and, if they wanted, could dance along to shake it down, to perhaps make room for another slice of cake!



And Finally

“Autumn is a second Spring when every leaf is a flower”

