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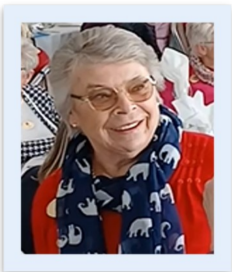
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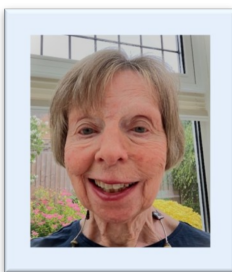
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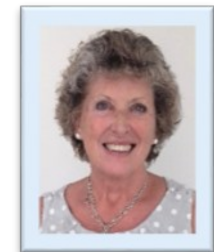
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From the outgoing District Chairmen!

Pru's Tales of the Unexpected

- The first unexpected event, was actually becoming Joint District Chairman! Having done the role in 2018 I didn't expect to be given this honour a second time. And it is a huge honour to represent District 20 as I feel it is one of the most forward-thinking Districts in GB and I.
- We held our District Assembly by zoom, which to be honest had a mixed response, but with many members holding more than a single role at their Clubs, it seemed the only way of reaching everyone.
- The Rally was planned to be combined with the first District meeting, which was the next unexpected event as having planned it right down to table plans etc, due to a sudden family bereavement I was unable to attend. But being a joint year DC Fran was able to step in...the strength of sharing. Also, unexpectedly, the Association President Heather was also unable to attend due to illness but was ably represented by Vice President Pam Boyes.
- The second District meeting had again its unexpected event. DC Fran, having organised the event, was unfortunately unable to attend due to illness, so at the last moment I had to step in. I now await with bated breath to see what happens at the third District Meeting!
- As the District Executive this year was somewhat depleted in number I again unexpectedly found myself as Membership and Development Officer, Skittles organiser and organising the District Picnic which had its unexpected moments too .Our speaker from Arthritis Action was unable to attend in person so we had a "Zoom" speaker followed by a quiz with over 50 ladies attending an evening of food and friendship As for the skittles final, I ended up with a cracked big toe and a cut hand ...the least said about that the better ! Congratulations to finalists Taunton and Yeovil and well done to Yeovil who won this friendly competition.
- My final unexpected event this year was that the Association Treasurer stood down earlier than expected and I was approached to consider standing for the role, I was delighted to be appointed and take up this position in July.

Over the year I have visited the eight Clubs in my care and enjoyed with them their unique interpretation of what it is to belong to an Inner Wheel Club. As I said I think at virtually every meeting the first objective of Inner Wheel is “friendship”, from that will flow everything else. There were two significant Charter events in the District with Shepton Mallet celebrating 70 years and Taunton celebrating 95 years, well done to both Clubs. The annual Association Conference in Harrogate, was a very special few days listening to excellent speakers and learning of the enormous amount of work done by Clubs for both National and International causes.

I would like to particularly thank not just Joint DC Fran but the whole of the District 20 Executive for their support and friendship over the past year and best wishes to the new team as they take over next year.

And Fran Says...

Well, here we are again nearly at the end of another Inner Wheel year!

When Pru and I volunteered to share the role of District Chairman we were pioneers as the role had not been shared in this District before. We started our year at Yarnfield with the other members of the District Executive, but we were saddened to hear of Association President Heather’s illness.

As all District Chairman say, visiting the clubs is such good fun, meeting the members that we would not otherwise meet, sharing a meal and conversation together and learning about all the amazing things that the clubs do.

The joint 1st District Meeting and Rally was another new idea and seemed to work well and all the comments have been taken on board! Pru organised this so well and it was so unfortunate that she was unable to chair this day due to a family bereavement. I organised the 2nd but due to being unwell Pru took over for me!

It is to be hoped that we both make the 3rd meeting!!

I enjoyed the conference at Harrogate with some excellent speakers. Shortly afterwards the District Picnic took place - very well organised by Pru with an

excellent quiz trying to name some delicious looking cakes and desserts from photos on the screen

One of the highlights of the year was helping Taunton Club celebrate the 95th Anniversary of their Charter, a brilliant Inter-Club showcasing 95 years of service to the community and fulfilling the aims and objects of Inner Wheel with much fun and friendship! At the time of writing, I still have 3 more clubs to visit as I had to move two visits, but I was able attend the skittles final to cheer on the teams, Thankfully Pru organised this as my knowledge of skittles is nil!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Pru for all her hard work this year and the support and friendship she has given me in my first District role in D 20. She has been such a help. and I want to congratulate her on taking on the role of Association Treasurer and wish her well for the next three years.

My thanks to the District Executive committee for their friendship and support, always there to help me out when my technical abilities were tested!! And thanks to all 'my' 8 clubs for making me so welcome whenever we have met. Although I have lived in this District for 11 years, I now feel much more at home and hope that all the members are pleased with how we have carried the district through to another year- Thank You!!

Finally, my best wishes to our trio of District Chairmen for 2025/26.

The Skittles Final Teams



A message from your Incoming District Chairmen

In a first for District 20 Mo Hodges, Carol Price and myself, Rita Jolliffe are looking forward to representing you as your joint District Chairmen for the coming year. We wish all of you a very happy year, full of friendship and activity. Friendship is definitely our philosophy, which is after all what Inner Wheel is all about.

There are so many challenges facing our communities and the wider world and Inner Wheel is very good at responding to these. We are not a fundraising organisation but members help any local and international causes with enthusiasm. We have decided not to have a District Charity this year but would prefer Clubs to respond to their own local needs.

The three of us will each be taking 5 clubs under our wing(s) and will look after them during the year and visit them in whatever capacity is required. Wishing you all a very happy coming year.

Rita, Mo and Carol

Dates for the Coming Year

1st District Meeting and Rally

Monday 20th October 2025, Oake Manor Golf Club.
Daytime.



2nd DCM Monday 2nd March2026, The Shrubbery,
Ilminster. Daytime.

3rd DCM & AGM Monday 15th June 2026, The Assembly Rooms Frome. Evening.
District Picnic for International Charity/ies. Monday 18th May 2026,
Edgar Hall Somerton.

The Joint District Chairmen, Rita Jolliffe, Mo Hodges and Carol Price will each chair a District meeting and their diaries will be available at the 3rd DCM & AGM on Monday 16th June 2025, the Assembly Rooms, Frome.

All Around Twenty

BATH

It is with great sadness that our club in Bath will be closing at the end of this Inner Wheel year.

Writing this note for the District Magazine has caused me to look back at both Bath Clubs' experience as well as my own. Our Club's monthly bulletins, provide a good catalogue of memories.

Having said that however, this is the 2nd time Bath Inner Wheel club has closed. After closing in 1984 the present club re-opened in 1994. We celebrated our 30th birthday last year with a tea party at a very nice local hotel.

Bath has provided 3 District Chairs since the 70's.



1972-73 Doreen Abel



2004-05 Margaret Berry



2022-23 Sam Chapman

Margaret Berry, one of our original and still active members informed me that when she was District Chairman in the year 2004-05, there were 29 clubs in D20. With Bath closing this year there will only be 15 clubs to date.

Interestingly there was 50 years between the first Bath member to be District Chairman in 1972 and the last one – me, in 2022!

Another notable member is Carol Williams who was awarded the coveted Margarete Golding Award for her long service to the community with The Samaritans.

Fond memories come flooding back when I look back through those monthly bulletins. Some memorable activities we engaged in – raffles, speakers (some

memorable some not). plant sales, harvest bring-and-buy, Christmas Market Stall, skittles, supporting Rotary in their Cricket tournaments, Firework nights and Motoring Festivals. Walks, film shows, picnics, coffee mornings, visits to places of interest, knitting blankets, spa days, trimming stamps, collecting so many different items for recycling. Easter bonnet competitions, canal boat trips, play readings, tea with Bath Rugby players, how to play croquet, pop-up shops, visit to the theatre to see Katherine Jenkins, we became a Spice girls tribute band, (there's a disc somewhere of the performance, along with the encore!) and not forgetting visits from Mary Berry our local resident. All are but a few of the activities we engaged in.



We also had two members visit us from Mumbai, a group from Inner Wheel Bassano, N Italy, and one more member from Inner Wheel, Rome.

We have all grown older and held officer posts more than once. We survived Covid, learned how to do Zoom, some have become grandmothers, some great-grandmothers and sadly the bulletin reminds us of members and friends we have lost. It's been a busy 30 years. We have had lots of fun and now have lasting friendships and good memories to take away.

The moral of the story is, I guess, one club closes and another club opens.

Enjoy your Inner Wheel Club ladies. For Bath Inner Wheel Club, it is time to accept the inevitable and move on.

Sam Chapman.

CHARD

We started up a quarterly Afternoon Tea & Dance to bring together those who may be living alone or just want to get out and have a good old chit chat and a delicious tea with music to dance to, or not as the case may be. The final one in



this Inner Wheel year was a VE celebratory Dance which was very well attended by all the generations.

*Chard Incoming President
Lynda writes:-*

I was born in London and after leaving school became a '£10 Pom' and spent many happy years in Australia, even becoming an Australian citizen.

Upon my return to the UK I soon realised I could no longer live in a large city, so I headed for the West Country. I attended Exeter University obtaining a B.Phil. in social work. I moved to Crewkerne where I lived for approx. 19 years, working as a social worker in Adult Care. I then moved to Chard where I have lived for 20 years.

My aim this year is to concentrate on our local charities and organizations that need our help and support. For Inner Wheel to be more visual in what we do and the help we can give our community. Being more visual will hopefully encourage active new members, who'll join our younger members to help advise us of the challenges our community faces in this fast changing world.

We look forward to celebrating our Three-Quarter Century in October!

FROME

It has been a busy end to the year for President Sheridan!

Having the opportunity to work with Rotary in the Pop Up Charity shop, between our organisations we are able to donate a very substantial amount to very needy causes.

The Royal United Hospital in Bath and the Bath Cancer Unit Support group were in touch to ask if we would consider donating to the new Dyson Cancer Centre. We were more than happy to oblige and as a thank you from the Support group, I was invited to their Annual Presentation of Certificates to Donors and Supporters which were presented by the Mayor of Bath, Councillor Michelle O'Doherty A very pleasant evening was held in the Dyson Centre where we had presentations from various medical staff showing their appreciation of the money which is needed to provide additional facilities for their patients.



Sheridan had another invitation from the Blue House Almshouse in Frome for their tricentennial celebration and charity fundraising launch event. The Blue House dates back to the 15th century and is a Grade 1 listed building. Today it offers warm and

comfortable accommodation where the residents can lead an independent life in a caring community.

A very pleasant and well attended evening was held in the grounds of the Blue House, where there were talks by various people and we were informed of the work that needs to be done to keep the building in good order. Sheridan was very impressed with the work they do for their residents and noted that they have an annual garden fete. In the past Frome Inner Wheel provided cakes for their fetes, which we hope we can do again as service in the community.

Pam Brewster

MENDIP

Most of our activities this year have been connected with raising money for Guide Dogs for the Blind. As many will know, our President Helen McCann, is registered blind and is tireless fundraiser for the charity. We held a very successful coffee morning in November raising £2,300. This was followed by Helen competing in the Langport Triathlon, the Bath Half Marathon and the London Marathon. With the total funds she has raised from sponsorship of these and other events, plus the coffee morning, the club is able to sponsor a puppy. We will be naming it 'Peggy' after Margarette Golding and we will report more news on at a later date.

We had a successful morning at the Burnham and Berrow Signal box where books and jigsaws were sold in aid of Water Aid and the sum of £121 was raised.

Our President for 2025-26 will be Alison Webb and she says:



"I am taking on the role of President of the Inner Wheel Club of Mendip for the second time.

Many other clubs will relate to the fact that our reducing membership necessitates members to 'recycle' in their roles. We were fortunate in the Inner Wheel year 2024-25 to have a relatively new member as our President. Helen McCann and of course her guide dog Poppy brought new ideas and energy to the club. I will say now though that I do not intend to follow her lead and even attempt to run

the London Marathon!

My hope is that we continue in our aim of friendship and service with our limited membership. The members of the Inner Wheel Club of Mendip have been and still are an amazing team, and I know with the support of club members we will have another successful and fun year."

Liz Hamlin

SEDGEMOOR

June Stenning writes -

“The priority for our club for the coming year is for us all to have as much involvement/ enjoyment as possible, remembering at all times, to do as much for others as we possibly can.”

SHEPTON MALLET

A fitting 70 guests assembled at the Crossways, North Wooton to celebrate our 70th anniversary. Guests included Members, family friends, Rotarians, and we were also very pleased to welcome guests from Thailand who were on a Rotary exchange.

A fabulous evening was had by all due to the hard work of the organising committee. The tables were decorated with among many things, stones painted with snowdrops. The speaker was Helen McCann who spoke to us on guide dogs and her journey since losing her sight. Helen is President of Mendip Club.

We had undertaken a sponsored walk in September and £500 of the sum raised was donated to Guide Dogs via Helen on the evening. All guests went home with a knitted chick and a cream egg.

The Easter Bonnet Parade organised by the Town Council and supported by Inner Wheel, who also organised the pebble painting.

Judi estimates that there were probably 300-350 chicks and eggs! It was a lovely occasion, and the weather behaved itself luckily and she reports:-

The Pebble Painting was a success although some children preferred to draw and colour their own pictures. There were at least twenty or more children in each category of the Easter Bonnet Parade. Everyone who took part had a chick and egg as well as a £10 Book Token for the winners and we still had enough over, even after donating at least fifty to the council who ran out of eggs for the Egg Hunt to have one for everyone at the Charter Dinner! Thank you again to everyone who knitted chicks or donated eggs or money!



*Incoming President Liz Weelen with a Shepton Sheep!
Janet Fulford*



IW Day January, Bridport



West Woodspring's winter work



Weymouth with Anna Kent MSF



Shepton Mallet's
Easter Chicks



Wrington Vale's
Christmas Stall



Yeovil admiring wonderful dresses

**Around the Clubs
in Photos!**



L to R from the Top

Westbury International Lunch

Wellington Smelling Handmade Soaps

Sedgemoor Presenting Cheque

Taunton Vale Promotional Tent

Mendip Signal Box Book Sale

Frome collecting for Marie Curie

Chard night out, eating/drinking/nattering!





Inner Wheel 95 Club of Taunton



TAUNTON

On May 20th we celebrated our 95th anniversary in the Paddock Room at Taunton Racecourse. The Club was formed in 1930 and was one of the original 79 clubs founded in the country before Inner Wheel was given its Charter in 1934.

One hundred and thirty people attended, from Inner Wheel Clubs, Probus, Soroptimists, Tangent and specially invited guests including the Mayor Mr. Martin Straus and his consort Mrs Lauraine Newcombe.

The guest of honour was the Rt. Honourable Ann Widdecombe DSG, who gave a speech covering her experiences in politics and of course Strictly Come Dancing. The talk was witty and immensely funny. Miss Widdecombe sold many of her books during the event and gave a donation to the Club's charity Breast Cancer Now. The Orchard Restaurant provided an excellent meal and President Angela Snow thanked all her members who had contributed to the organisation of this event, all the guests for their support and the staff at the racecourse, for their excellent service.



Angela Snow

TAUNTON VALE

For the first time, Taunton Vale will start the new Inner Wheel year without a President. However, everyone in the Club will be involved. Every month a different member will be presiding over the meeting having arranged a speaker or an alternative presentation. So far, a very varied and interesting programme

has been compiled. We will not be having an official charity but will continue to support the Himalayan Children charity for International. Jean Binns is our

outgoing President and Jennifer Bird has agreed to be our contact for the year.

We did however have a delightful Day Out to Forde Abbey which was much enjoyed by all who went. *Mo Hodges*



WELLINGTON



We celebrated the 50th Anniversary of our Charter in May with a luncheon at Oake Manor Golf Club. We were delighted that four of our founder members still active in the club were with us. Pictured standing left to right, Christine Howe, President Rosemary Wharton and Margaret Knowlman and seated, Hilary Woodbury. The ladies were presented with floral arrangements in Inner Wheel colours to mark their 50 years of faithful service.

President Rosemary and her committee have agreed to continue in 2025/6 and we look forward to another year of fun, friendship, fellowship and food.

Yvonne Coupe

WESTBURY

Outgoing President Julie Street has had a successful two years as our President and we all thank her for her hard work and commitment to our club. Maureen Boyd and Chris Bristow are the joint incoming Presidents. Maureen has been President before but it is the first time for Chris. They are sure they will work well together and share the workload! They want to support local and National charities in particular.



We still support the local Alzheimer's group by making cakes every month for the Alzheimer's cafe and be having a book sale at our meetings. We also donate every month to the local foodbank.

A plaque to celebrate the Inner Wheel Centenary was placed in a garden at the local library, which members regularly tend.

Members supported Rotary at the recent Imber Ultra run. We also joined with Rotary for a St. George's Day meal and a Canal Boat trip.

We continue our social "get-togethers" with monthly meals out, coffee mornings, book club and short breaks away. Our meetings are varied, we've had a cream tea at one of them and a 'guess the baby' at another!

Our stall at the local Christmas Fair is an annual event as is the tree at the Christmas Tree Festival held in the local church. Local children enjoy the Easter Egg Hunt we have. Our Soup, Puds and Skittles Day is becoming a popular event for members, Rotary, family and friends.

An altogether busy and successful year, which I'm sure will continue into next year.

Chris Bristow

YEovil

A busy year. President Sandra Dudley's chosen charity was Fiveways School and our fundraising included a jumble sale, a Christmas coffee morning and a concert by the Brue Boys. We supported the Lord's Larder, Yeovil's Food Bank, both financially and with food items for their Christmas Appeal and Yeovil4family Welcome Hub, a drop in and advice centre for displaced people. We recycled everything we could and new for this year was the Greene Kings' Tub2Pub recycling campaign for Macmillan Cancer Support.

A display at Tesco in Yeovil generated much interest and new and prospective members. We have a Book Club and a Knit and Natter group. We welcomed friends to a cream tea and sold jewellery and posh frocks for Cancer Research. Now we look forward to the new Inner Wheel year with a team of past Presidents who have each agreed to stand for one month and have together planned another active year.

Carol Price

**Recycle for
Charity**





Home Farm Fest 2025

This last weekend the HFF Team of Maureen, Bridget, Barbara & Pam organised the Tea Tent once more, with help from Yeovil club members and a few other club members from around District 20. The festival goers and volunteers just love the Homemade cakes and this year they thought there was a bigger variety than ever!

A note from Pam

I would like to express my many thanks for the wonderful variety of cakes you donated for Home Farm Fest this year. We had everything from the favourites Victoria sponges, coffee and walnut, gingerbread and chocolate cake to tray bake heaven of bread pudding (reminding many of their favourite school choice) plus every other tray bake variety you could name! They were all very much enjoyed and there were many compliments on the taste and how 'jolly good' they were! Many came back for seconds and thirds!!!

Many thanks too for all the ladies who gave up their time to complete a shift or two, serving tea and cakes. It is good fun and I hope you enjoyed the day despite the slightly inclement weather. I also hope you will spread the word to others who may then volunteer next year. Remind them the entry ticket also gives the opportunity to see the various stages with a variety of music genres, plus the sales tents and all the other entertainment on site and makes the trip worthwhile. 12th-14th June 2026



Highlight of the Year - Harrogate in April



My overall impression of our Conference visit was of sunshine, a beautiful historic town, friendliness and above all incredible organisation as well as meeting inspiring women. This was my very first Conference visit, so I was interested to see how it would all pan out.

With five other members from our Club we stayed at the huge Doubletree Hotel (also known as the Majestic) a stone's throw from the Town centre, the Conference Hall was just five minutes away. From the Hotel staff to all Inner Wheel organisers and guests their helpfulness and friendliness could not be bettered.

Shortly after our arrival, we trotted off to enrol ourselves at the Conference Centre. The weather was so beautiful that afterwards a walk was suggested which ended up at the famous 'Betty's' for tea and scones.

Conference itself took place in what had been a Victorian theatre named the 'Royal Hall', very ornately decorated, it held the 900 people gathered there with ease. I say people and not women as I was very surprised to see so many men accompanying their wives to some events, mostly Rotarians. One Rotarian told me that after his first visit he returned to his Club and told them "You could learn a thing or two from those women. They do things better than we do!" He has accompanied his wife to these events ever since.



In a large extension added on to the hall, where enrolling took place, there were stalls, some selling IW goods others selling commercial goods several relating to the speakers at the conference. As we were staying in the hotel housing all the hierarchy of Inner Wheel, dinner was taken all together in a designated dining room. We were given our own named place at one of 9 tables, mixing with members from all over the country, including The Association President Heather Sheerin (a very dynamic



personality) and Mamta Gupta our International President.(a petite charming lady from Calcutta). Everyone was extremely friendly and chatty as we exchanged details about ourselves.

The following day after a delicious breakfast we set off for our first session of the day, which was a short service given by the Rev.d Catherine Forsdyke ,Member of Council D8.followed by greetings from Heather Sheerin the Association President. The emphasis from the start was Friendship, Friendship, Friendship and 'We are Women of Action'. Greetings from the Charter Mayor of Harrogate followed, before a fascinating speech from Mamta Gupta on her year's work supporting charities and Clubs worldwide.

Angela Rippon was the first guest speaker. She kept us amused with her tales of nearly sixty years in broadcasting, and as a woman, how many 'Firsts' she had done. We were impressed by her report on spending a week in an African Refugee camp, living the life for one week as the locals did. It was amazing she survived that long. She did not do the splits for us but easily raised one leg to the top of the podium to great applause. After lunch, the second lively speaker was Gillian Castle, who after terrible childbirth injuries had to be fitted with a stoma. PTSD and mental health conditions followed. Undaunted she became the first women to swim the channel with a stoma and founded a charity raising more than £50.000 for her charity 'Chameleon Buddies'

Later in the day cheques were presented to several of the speakers, Arthritis Action (the Association President's charity) and Smile Train. Then followed a short promotion for the 'Orange the World Project' by Trish Douglas, a former Association President. (This is a worldwide project to stop violence against women). Later that evening we were entertained to a Night at the Proms by an award-winning Brass Band. Union Jack hats and flags were waved enthusiastically as the traditional Prom. songs were sung.

The following day was the essential part of the conference - the AGM, with yours truly struggling with electronic voting. To celebrate the near end of our stay, we returned to our hotel to relax over a delicious light lunch and a glass of wine.

We returned to the Royal Hall for the final session. Heather Sheerin, who throughout the conference impressed me as a woman of great warmth, humour, bravery and dedication to Inner Wheel (cast in the mould of Margarette Golding) gave her moving address and presented the chain of office to her successor Pam Boyes D5. The opening sentence of her address led to gales of laughter as she mistakenly announced 'her three remaining months of pregnancy' instead of presidency.

The final talk was from Karen Coombes on Medical Detection Dogs. These amazing dogs are trained to detect cancer in humans before symptoms are noticeable.

The Harrogate Ladies College school choir finished the programme with some delightful singing and Heather declared the 2025 Conference closed.

We Taunton ladies rushed back to the hotel to collect our luggage and get the taxi to the station. Unlike the journey to Harrogate, the return was tedious and interspersed with delays. Chat was noticeably absent as the journey progressed.

Thus ended our action-packed and very satisfying visit to sunny Harrogate.

This article was sent to me by Angela Snow (President of of Taunton) who was attending Conference for the first time. I have been to many, always a wonderful experience, so mark the date - Llandudno March.....
Thank You Angela. Jenny Ed



Supporting International Charities

Your support has been fantastic, thank you! Here is a list for you to refer to or to pass on to your family and friends who would like to make and collect. You could even set up a collection point in your community.

Making

Blankets – Using the instructions makes a much easier square to sew up! Crocheted blankets are also Very well received.

Teddies – Knitted teddies are very well received so please keep them coming

Baby clothes etc, any newly knitted/crocheted items in fact for all ages.

Collecting

Foreign money and out-dated UK notes/coins - No need to sort.

Stamps

Used Printer Cartridges

Unwanted clothing in good repair (including bras and shoes)

Bedding in good repair – not duvets

New & lightly used Bras

NEW under Pants for all ages and gender

NEW Toiletries for all ages and Gender

New laundry products

New sanitary products and incontinence pads (all preferably unopened but incontinence pads can be part packets.)

New pencils, colouring books etc for children

Children's Usborne books (as new)

First aid and medical supplies (unopened bandages, dressings etc)

Unused/unopened medicines (including those out of date) Not liquids.

Spectacles

Ring Pulls from **Aluminium DRINK cans only**

Mobile phones

Cameras

Gadgets: Sat Navs, Games Consoles, iPods, MP3 Players

Tablet computers

Candles (for war zones when they have no power or heat)

Sewing Machines - hand operated and treadle machines. Electric ones in good working order. Overlockers

Dressmaking materials and haberdashery

Good quality unwanted tradesmen metric tools. (Not Garden tools)

Unwanted cotton material and toweling (repurposed into sustainable sanitary wear).





District 20's
Annual 'Picnic'



Learning about
Arthritis ACTION

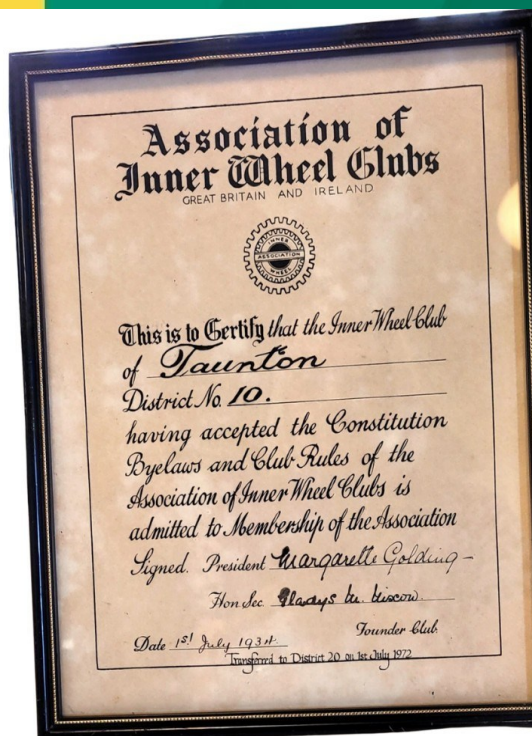


Diet and Arthritis



...and raising money
for Arthritis Action

Crewkerne Club meets where the
Dementia Group's work is
exhibited. DC Fran's visit!



THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR



Thank you everyone for sending in all your news – without all of you there would be nothing to edit! However, my most sincere thanks must go to Desi for all her help and doing all the “techy” stuff ! Please keep sending all your news to us Both through another IW year. Very best wishes for 2025/26

KINDNESS

Kindness is a gift
You're meant to give away
So offer it to all
You pass along the way

Its worth can never dull
Its charm can never cloy
It cost you not a thing
And brings you naught but joy

For kindness is a gift
The sweetest and the best
The more that you bestow
The more your path is blessed.

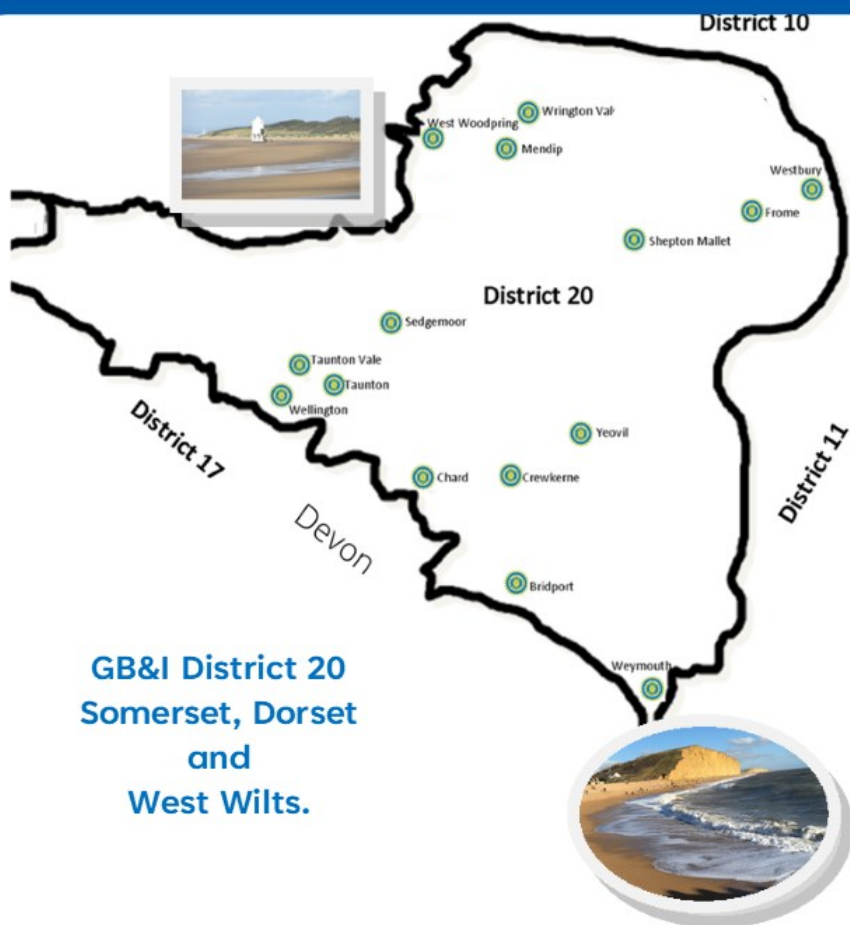


I found this little poem in the recent Association magazine and feel it is a wonderful description of Inner Wheel. It came from D127 and that is my old District where I was one time Editor. It all goes to show that leopards don't change their spots!

Jenny

PAST DISTRICT CHAIRMEN

1972-73	DOREEN ABELL	BATH
1973-74	TINKER MEYERS	DORCHESTER
1974-75	MURIEL OWEN-ROBERTS	LANGPORT & SOMERTON
1975-76	JOAN FITZMAURICE	TROWBRIDGE
1976-77	MARGARET GRIFFITHS	WRINGTON VALE
1977-78	MARGARET PALMER	MENDIP
1978-79	LILIAN PENDRY	BURNHAM ON SEA
1979-80	MARGARET HUGHES	CHIPPENHAM
1980-81	JUNE CORSIE	MIDSOMER NORTON & RADSTOCK
1981-82	JOYCE FLETCHER	WELLS
1982-83	AUDREY WHITE	BURNHAM ON SEA
1983-84	LINDA HIGGINS	TROWBRIDGE
1984-85	PAMELA SHEPPARD	BURNHAM ON SEA
1985-86	AUDREY DOIG	TAUNTON
1986-87	MARGARET BARTLETT	GLASTONBURY & STREET
1987-88	JEAN BATH	BRIDPORT
1988-89	VALERIE BELL	YEOVIL
1989-90	PAMELA SMALL	WRINGTON VALE
1990-91	DIANA DAVIES	MIDSOMER NORTON & RADSTOCK
1991-92	BETTY PLAYLE	CHIPPENHAM
1992-93	PAMELA COPPARD	YEOVIL
1993-94	JUNE STENNING	SEDGEMOOR
1994-95	DOREEN BAILEY	SHEPTON MALLET
1995-96	ANGELA SAUNDERS	YEOVIL
1996-97	FREDA THACKWAY	FROME
1997-98	SHEILA WAGG	MIDSOMER NORTON & RADSTOCK
1998-99	PAULINE ALVIS	WRINGTON VALE
1999-2000	PAULINE CHURCHILL	GLASTONBURY & STREET
2000-01	FRAN PEARSON	WARMINSTER
2001-02	MARGARET REAY	WEYMOUTH
2002-03	LESLEY BENT	MINEHEAD
2003-04	MAVIS HUGHES	LANGPORT & SOMERTON
2004-05	MARGARET BERRY	BATH
2005-06	SHEENA GRACIE	WEYMOUTH
2006-07	SHEILA AXTENS	WELLINGTON
2007-08	ANN ADAMS	WEST WOODSPRING
2008-09	VAL HELLIN	DORCHESTER
2009-10	TRYPHENA CAMPKIN	WELLINGTON
2010-11	ANGIE HORNE	WEST WOODSPRING
2011-12	TRICIA HARRIS	CREWKERNE
2012-13	LYN HARRISON	SHERBORNE
2013-14	RITA JOLLIFFE	BURNHAM ON SEA
2014-15	LINDA QUINN	CHELWOOD BRIDGE
2015-16	CAROL PRICE	YEOVIL
2016-17	KATE LEWIS	FROME
2017-18	LYNNE EVANS MBE	SHEPTON MALLET
2018-19	PRU WITTER	WRINGTON VALE
2019-20	MAUREEN NETHAWAY	YEOVIL
2020-21	MAUREEN NETHAWAY	YEOVIL
2021-22	PAM BREWSTER	FROME
2022-23	SAM CHAPMAN	BATH
2023-24	JANET FULFORD	SHEPTON MALLET
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2024-25	PRU WITTER	WRINGTON VALE



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