

# NEWS IN 22

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The Objectives of INNER WHEEL

- To promote true friendship
- To encourage the ideals of personal service
- To foster international understanding



*An Organisation full of Fun,  
Friendship and Service.*





## *A Message from D.C Jacquie*

### Ladies

As I write, I'm sitting watching the snow fall. Christmas is over and we are once again in the grip of Covid in the form of Omicron. It would be very easy to be negative but I think we should be embracing 2022 with ENTHUSIASM. We have all had the opportunity to be triple jabbed and as long as we are sensible we are able to resume near normal lives.

The Carol Service at St Wilfrid's in Kirkby in Ashfield was a wonderful start to Christmas. The singing was glorious despite the masks and my club looked after us very well in the church hall afterwards.

I have enjoyed my visits to clubs and charters and my garden is now host to the beautiful plants I have been given, each a colourful and lasting reminder of events during the year. They may not look quite so good in January but they will all return in the spring, which I hope, as you are reading this, has started to make an appearance.

It was disappointing that the conference in Bournemouth was cancelled but not from lack of enthusiasm in District 22, as we seemed to be fielding the usual number of delegates. I am hoping to organise a fun event for the district for one night in the week when conference would have taken place – nothing confirmed yet so keep your fingers crossed.

The Quiz and the Rally are occupying my thoughts at the moment and I hope you all sent teams and that many of you plan to attend the Rally.

It is our fiftieth year and as part of each charter greeting I have looked back to our first year and at this time 50 years ago, Carly Simon was No 1 in the charts with You're So Vain, and we were looking at the energy crisis and Watergate – so many things do not change.

As you make and break your New year resolutions let us all resolve to help our clubs thrive in the future by volunteering as officers and seeking new members by sharing Inner Wheel Friendship wherever we go and whatever we do.

Stay safe. With all good wishes. Jacquie

## **'A Golden Chain of Friendship'**

Friendship is a Golden Chain,  
The links are friends so dear,  
And like a rare and precious jewel  
It's treasured more each year...

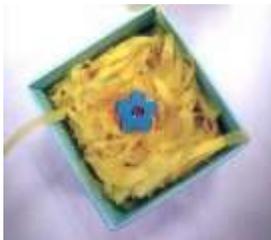
It's clasped together firmly  
With a love that's deep and true,  
And it's rich with happy memories  
and fond recollections, too...

Time can't destroy its beauty  
For, as long as memory lives,  
Years can't erase the pleasure  
That the joy of friendship gives...

For friendship is a priceless gift  
That can't be bought or sold,  
But to have an understanding friend  
Is worth far more than gold...

And the Golden Chain of Friendship  
Is a strong and blessed tie  
Binding kindred hearts together  
As the years go passing by.

**poem by Helen Steiner-Rice.**





# *News in 22*

## *Autumn Edition*

### **Letter from Lyn**

Dear Friends.

It seems strange to be writing this magazine on a very cold day in December after standing outside, chilled to the bone, helping Rotary with their Santa collection tins, which in effect helps the children of Bolsover receive a gift from Santa in the week running up to Christmas and knowing that you will be reading this article when all the new life of 2022 will be pushing their heads up through the hardened earth, to see a new year.

It is also a New Year for District 22, when hopefully many more of us will have had our Booster vaccinations and therefore giving more confidence to our ladies to join in our clubs and district events during this year.

Many things remain a 'hot topic', with the main one being recruitment. I make no apologies for mentioning recruitment in the magazines again, because without the importance given to new members, our organisation will organically fade away and others will not be able to experience the Fun, Friendship, Service and of course Food with the ladies in the District in the future as we all do. So try to mention to anyone we speak to, the words INNER WHEEL and see if we can expand the ranks of our organisation. Don't think about the ages of the people we want to invite to our clubs, because those new members may

know younger people. Who knows who we all could attract to join us. The more that we put into our membership, the more we get out of it. Please don't let unfamiliarity put you off doing things, because you may be surprised that you enjoyed the event that you were so hesitant to attend and have made at least another friend in the process.

Don't forget, that you will only be a stranger for a few minutes. Established members will recognise this and make you feel welcome. So join in the fun!

Many of our members have complimented the Nostalgia articles but I now need more input if this section is to continue. So, calling on all 'older' members, if anything you found amusing that you would like to share with others from past years, please send in your report and hopefully a supporting photograph and let me share this across the district.

Please keep the news coming in.

And finally, I would like to finish by hoping that you all remain well in 2022 and the organisation goes from strength to strength.

In friendship.  
Lyn Copper  
District Editor.

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### **How Many? How Much?**

How many slams in an old screen door?

Depends how loud you shut it.

How many slices in a bread?

Depends how thin you cut it.

How much good inside a day?

Depends how good you live 'em.

How much love inside a friend?

Depends how much you give 'em

**By Shel Silverstein**

## *Long Eaton - President Cheryl Browne*

Our coffee morning format for meetings has been a success. We combine friendship with a bit of fundraising by having a raffle, a book sale or bring and buy table.

Our Christmas meal in Shardlow was a very enjoyable get together where we managed to raise some funds for charity from members in lieu of Christmas cards.

We provided a party buffet for the Mencap Happivale Club in Long Eaton on the 7<sup>th</sup> January, and although we didn't stay to help this year because of the new variant, they were very grateful for our contribution.



*L-R Staff at Happivale Centre alongside Marion Stokes on R*

There is a meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> January to fill Rotary shoeboxes , which is always a fun and friendship afternoon. Hopefully things are getting back to normal as 2022 continues.

**Marion Atkins - Club**

**Correspondent**



## *Carlton - President Jennifer Crosby*

On International World Peace Day, 12 members met together at Rosie's house to sew squares together for blankets and enjoyed coffee and cakes.



In October four members



walked 2.5 miles in aid of the Stroke Association. It was a lovely sunny day and Brenda Harvey took us through lovely countryside and then we had lunch at a local garden centre. We met this strange fellow during our walk for the Stroke Association.

Instead of a club meeting in November, a mini bus took us to Dobbies Garden Centre at Barlborough near Chesterfield for a day of shopping, browsing and chatting. We are all expecting to see lots of new outfits at our December meeting.

We filled seven shoe boxes for Love in a Box. Our December meeting was short and afterwards we had a Christmas lunch at a pub by the river Trent.

**Gill Leach**

**Club Correspondent**

## *Retford - President Dorothy Bastow*

Members of the Inner Wheel Club of Retford were delighted to be taking part in this year`s magical St Swithun`s Christmas Tree Festival. The church was illuminated with over 70 trees decorated by local organisations and businesses. Under the direction of Jan Davis, we celebrated the charities we have supported through the past year by decorating our tree with their emblems; amongst them you will see rainbows for the NHS and the robin on the fork for Muddy Fork.

Over the year, we have also



supported the Food Bank, Air Ambulance and Breast Cancer Research as well as overseas projects. Other activities over the festive season include Retford`s Christmas Market and the Christmas

Fayre at Ranskill – now we`re looking forward to a busy 2022.

**Gwen Hines—Secretary**

## *Bolsover - President Lyn Copper*

How wonderful it has been now some restrictions have been lifted, to get back to regular meetings, social events and fundraising activities.

The club have had a number of visitors to our meetings, one of which was Dawn from Murgatroyd Holmes Opticians. Many of us throw on our spectacles as a necessity but Dawn was so



enthused about the importance of getting the correct shape and colour it made a number of us reconsider the 'fashion accessory' aspect and not just the practical application of our glasses.

It has also been great to incorporate 'ladies who lunch' into our social calendars. These lunches have given us the opportunity to get to know each other better as a club, to really develop friendships and pass a pleasant few hours. Of course, the downside is - we are perhaps

adding inches to our waistlines!



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This year, instead of harvest festival, the club chose to donate items to the Freedom Community Project of Bolsover. Members generously provided food and toiletry items to help people of Bolsover living in difficult times. This is an ongoing project and one which we

are pleased to be able to support.

**Lin-**

*Ding Dong .....*

**Carol Concert 2021 - St. Wilfrid's Church.  
Kirkby in Ashfield**

Donned with face coverings, many ladies of District 22, together with some Rotarian husbands, met for a good old sing song to celebrate the arrival of Christmas, officiated by Rev Kevin



*D.C. Jacquie Chapman*



*Anne Jackson*



*Rotary President -  
Eric Ashby*



*DC Jacquie's little helpers!*

Charles.

.....Merrily on High



*District 22 Choir -  
Directed by  
Maureen Tunney*



*President -  
Barbara Williams*



*MOC -  
Di Hylton*



*1st Vice  
Elaine  
Hopkins  
MBE*

## *Warsop - President Janet Wright*



President Janet and the Inner Wheel Club of Warsop welcomed guests, District 22 Officers and DC Jacquie Chapman, together with the President of Warsop, Shirebrook & District Rotary Club President Geoff Milnes, to their 49th Charter at The Hostess Restaurant.

Candles were lit to the past, present and the future of our organisation, with Past President Mary Pay lighting the International candle. Past President Gloria Humphrey said Grace and this was followed by a wonderful 3 course meal. Greetings were brought by our District Chairman Jacquie, who also had the honour of awarding the Margarett Golding award to member Elaine Hopkins who had recently been awarded the MBE in the Queen's New Year's Honours list for her tireless work with the Royal British Legion. This had been a well kept secret and Elaine was shocked and surprised by the prestigious Inner Wheel award.

The entertainment followed by "The Moonshiners", a Busking duo who had lots of members hopping and bopping to 60's music.

Vice President Christine Parkin gave a vote of thanks to President Janet for the evening, APP Pam McConnell gave greetings on behalf of the visitors.

It was a wonderful evening, lots of laughter and just great to see our friends and celebrate as we love to do.

**Janine Beech - Club Correspondent**

## *A plea from District 22 Choir*

### LADIES, DO YOU ENJOY SINGING?

If so why not consider joining our District 22 choir?

We meet at St Joseph's Church, Sutton in Ashfield, on a Thursday afternoon at 2.30pm for about two hours, which includes a tea break!

No choir experience is necessary, we only meet five or six times prior to the District Carol service and the District Rally to rehearse so there is no regular all year round weekly commitment.

If you are interested in joining us please do contact me, or speak with any choir member you know, for further information. You can be assured of a warm welcome!

Margaret Day

[lw22ipdc@gmail.com](mailto:lw22ipdc@gmail.com) or 01773 872286



2022 - It is now 37 years this year since District 22 choir was formed. Come on ladies, let us answer this plea and join a lovely bunch of ladies!

## *A Ifreton - President Patricia Parkin*

Members of the Club have begun their monthly meetings at the Post Mill Centre and have enjoyed being together again. In October President Pat's brother spoke about his life as a Navy chef when on his travels around the world. He was a fascinating speaker!

In November, for our Children in Need meeting we enjoyed an evening with Janet Magson from Hardwick Hall, who dressed in a costume which she'd made herself from the age of Elizabeth I.



*Dorothy Ward - Front Centre*

She told us about the life of Bess of Hardwick.

In December at our Christmas Party, we dressed in sparkling outfits and enjoyed silly games, good food and gifts from Santa. A great evening especially as we were joined by Dorothy Ward.



Also in December we filled and delivered 23 boxes for "Love in a Box at Christmas" which were delivered to the Hostess at the District International Lunch. (see photo).



We decorated a Christmas tree at the Post Mill in Inner Wheel colours with information about joining the Club.

**Penny Riggott - Club Correspondent.**

## *Clay Cross - President Dr. Cheryle Berry MBE*

It's been a busy few months working together. In September we had a Tombola stall at Clay Cross Gala in Kenning Park, which had been postponed from July as well as another Tombola at the Christmas Market which raised funds for President Cheryle's Charity.

With the help of Rotarians and friends we made a surprising amount for Association Glycogen Storage Disease at the Silent Auction in October from the bric-a-brac Past President Sonia Worthy had stored for 18 months.

Our International meeting speaker Steve Cooke, a committed volunteer from Derbyshire Refugee Solidarity, told us about the heart-breaking stories of the Asylum Seekers and Refugees they help settle in Derbyshire. Anne Kirk and Carol Phelan, our joint I.S.Os. have worked tirelessly, collecting and delivering several car loads of clothes and toiletries for the Afghan refugees to June Gaunt.

The Christmas Party at The Carnarvon was most enjoyable, with delicious food and Secret Santa. The lovely Paint-a-pot treasures from November were also revealed.



## **Angie Dawson - Club Correspondent**

## INTERNATIONAL RALLY 2021- 9th NOVEMBER



DC Jacquie Chapman opened the meeting before handing over to International Service Officer Stella Taylor who welcomed everyone and introduced her table guests. Stella was especially delighted to welcome Pam Boyes, Association International Service Committee Chairman, together with our District Executive Members - Jacquie Chapman, Di Hylton and Yvette Thomas. Area Committee members – Lynda Wallace and Isabel Hopkins and guest speaker, Anne Russell from SHARE (Sheffield Health Action Resource for Ethiopia) Proceedings continued with Pam Boyes lighting the International Candle and South Area Committee member Margaret Curtis saying grace. Much chat and laughter followed the lunch, after which Lynda Wal-

lace gave the Loyal Toast. Yvette Thomas gave the Roll Call, stating that 19 Clubs were attending. Stella thanked those ladies especially for all the help and encouragement that they had given her over the last two and a half years. Pam Boyes gave an update on International Service saying it was lovely to attend meetings and she had been interested by how differently all districts conducted their International Rally. She was delighted with Inner Wheel members who found creative ways to fundraising and to make or collect items for overseas charities supporting the third Inner Wheel objective “to foster international understanding”.



## CHARITIES

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Our guest speaker, Anne Russell who had been a nurse, said she had been inspired and privileged to work with SHARE, an International Health Link between Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation and hospitals and communities in the Tigray region of Ethiopia, initiated by a doctor from Tigray who works in Sheffield.



Anne said that when the hospital in Tigray opened in 2008, there was no water to some wards, a shortage of basic supplies, and lack of infection control with staff having little knowledge. Everyone, especially nurses, were poorly paid and therefore lacked incentive. SHARE helped to introduce health and safety measures, protective clothing, neonatal monitors and appointed a leader for the playroom that they had instigated and equipped.

SHARE was also involved with a children's village, with an orphanage that was originally for the orphans of the 1989 civil war. This now boasts a school and farm. SHARE have introduced basic wash facilities for the children in the bedrooms and at school and continues to send clothing, toiletries, medicines, toys, waterproofs, baby blankets both to the hospital and its clinics and the village. A Sheffield primary school is "twinning" with the village school, swapping handprints and stories. Anne finished her heartfelt talk by showing some artefacts from the region and stated that the area is lovely with lakes and mountains with much wildlife, saying the people were very welcoming, offering meals mainly of flat bread with vegetables and lentils and there is a ritual coffee ceremony of which they are very proud. Her enthusiasm for the country and distress at the current situation were apparent.

**2<sup>nd</sup> South Area Committee member Jane Maxwell.**



The NSPCC is the UK's leading children's charity who have been looking out for children for over 130 years and

they couldn't do it without help from donations and organisations such as ours. The Services -

### National Helplines

The NSPCC helpline is staffed by trained professionals who can provide expert advice and support. They are there if you're concerned about a child, if you're a parent or carer looking for advice, or if you're a professional in need of information and guidance.

### Working with Schools

In the average primary school class, at least two children have suffered abuse or neglect. **Child abuse is preventable – not inevitable.** That is why the NSPCC are here, fighting for every childhood. Part of the work they do to keep children safe is to explain to them in an interactive, age-appropriate way. Every child has the right to be safe.

### Therapeutic Services

This service helps children who've been abused, protect children at risk and find the best ways to prevent child abuse from ever happening. As part of the fight for every childhood, the NSPCC works directly with children and families in national and regional hubs across the UK giving support to thousands of adults and young people in need.

*Information from Google*



Email: [volunteerrecruitment@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:volunteerrecruitment@nspcc.org.uk)

## Chesterfield Scarsdale - Elizabeth Cromwell



The ladies of the club met at Rosemary's home to prepare and pack 22 Baby bundles which were sent to The Gambia, whilst enjoying each others company and having fun.

*L-R - Rosemary Reeve, Sue Young, IPP Connie Parkin, Lynda Wallace, Caroline Enoch,*

*Liz Outram (no photo)*

It was decided that considering the ongoing Covid situation, that the Charter celebration would be a Closed Luncheon. It was held at Chesterfield Golf club on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November. Beryl Welbourne from PACT once again moved us all with her talk on the work she does for the charity.



*Pictured with President Liz Cromwell are District Chairman Jacquie Chapman and Beryl Welbourne*

A Christmas Party for what was a smaller number than usual (all having taken a lateral flow test) was held at Mes Amis Chesterfield.

Inducted at the party were Viv Milburn and Sandra Cohen pictured with President Liz Cromwell.



**Liz Outram - Club Correspondent**

## *Kirkby in Ashfield - President Barbara Williams*

Our Charter was again held at the Hostess Restaurant in October and ably hosted by President Barbara Williams. Eighty ladies from the district joined the celebrations and enjoyed a delicious meal. Barbara's guest was Brett Wales who entertained on his keyboard and the dance floor was soon packed as members relived their youth!



Early November, the Singh and Tunstall family hosted a Divali celebration with traditional home cooking and a raffle. This raised a substantial sum for Barbara's charity Scotty's Little Soldiers.

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so in November, members helped with The Royal British Legion poppy appeal in Aldi and Barbara laid a wreath at the cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday. Audrey Halfpenny crocheted a beautiful letter box topper featuring poppies and a cross. This can still be seen on a post box in Kirkby.



Throughout November a number of members collected clothing and household goods for Afghan refugees who have arrived in the country with absolutely nothing and



housed in hotels in Derby prior to resettlement all over the country. In total ninety large bags and boxes were collected, including a generous donation of new items from Label Traders in Sutton. It took four cars to deliver them to June Gaunt in Heanor for onward transmission to a distribution centre in Derby. Freda

Smith and Judi Parkinson also made up 29 bundles of joy which were sent to Africa via NPAC. **Sally Hill - Club Correspondent**

## *Heanor - President Ann Hodgkinson*

During this reporting period, DC Jacquie Chapman was welcomed to the club and spoke of her interesting life prior to Inner Wheel. President Ann presented her with a plant and wished her well in her year in office.

We were very pleased to welcome three fire fighters from Heanor Fire Station at our November meeting. Station Commander Alistair Patrick distributed booklets on the do's and don'ts of safety in the home. He said that anyone living in Amber Valley could request a home safety check and smoke alarms could be updated for free. This was of great interest to all members present.



We were delighted to hold our Christmas Floral Extravaganza and Afternoon Tea in November to raise money for MIND and BEAT. One of our members, Jean Fordham, who is a member of the National Association of Flower Arrangement Society, demonstrated and entertained us, showing off her skills in how to make beautiful floral arrangements. Following afternoon tea, the arrangements were raffled which raised a substantial amount for charity.



At our Christmas meeting, we were joined by Heanor Flower Club who share the same venue as us and after making wire Christmas Wreaths, everyone enjoyed mince pies and Buck's Fizz.

## **Sue Mukherjee - Heanor**

## NOSTALGIA

### *Annual District Rally 2017*

Ladies from District 22 gathered together on 27th March 2017 to Celebrate 45 years of the district being formed. St. Mary's Church Greasley was the host for our worship under the direction of Rev. Dave (Hank) Marvin, followed by a lunch and a formal meeting at Eastwood Hall.

*Montage of Photos from the day.*



# NOSTALGIA



*Happy memories  
with lots of laughter*

## *West Ashfield - President Margaret Longdon*

We have enjoyed two outings for coffee to Mac Arthur Glen and The Range which allowed us to have a good chat and catch up. Some of the ladies took part in a Swimathon to raise funds for the British Heart foundation. We've collected clothing and bought toiletries. We have met face to face for our meetings learning about the charity 'Kids Out' and sharing treasures from home.

In December we welcomed District Chairman Jacquie to our meeting. We had a most interesting talk from Jacquie taking us on a journey from London to New Zealand with many places in between.



**Mary Murray -  
Club Correspondent**



## *Ravenshead - President Mary Hind*

At our closed Charter evening in October, two new members were welcomed and District Chairman Jacquie Chapman had the honour of inducting them both into the club and into the organisation.



*Carole Gretton & Janet Gosling*

## *Matlock - President Sylvia Netley*

As I write this report Christmas is nearly here and Covid restrictions loom again.

Since we began meeting again in September we have inducted one new member, Diane Blount (a past President of Matlock Rotary and well known to us all) and we have welcomed back one returning member, Sue Askew. Six members attended the International Rally and in November we celebrated our 75<sup>th</sup> Charter and welcomed District Chairman Jacquie Chapman.



**Chris Fryer - Club Correspondent**

# LITERACY *in a* BOX

A BETTER LIFE THROUGH EDUCATION

## *Who are we?*

In the UK many people take for granted school supplies, which include pens, pencils, paper, chalks and rulers among many others items. However, for most Zambian children, the lack of them is due to the inability of their parents being able to pay for them and is significant in the failure of many to have a full education. The Trust therefore decided that its first priority must be to focus on school supplies in its School Aid 4 Zambia programme.

## *What's in a Box?*

The contents of the literacy box were created through the feedback from teachers, resulting in the creation of our Junior Literacy Box, suitable for primary children. The contents will give 25 children the resources they need to learn and to exercise.



From the outset it was decided that we would send materials equivalent to those our own children had the pleasure of using, so we used our local school supplier to source the items. Basic items are exercise books and writing utensils. The feedback on these items from Zambian teachers has proved us right. They said, *'Please do continue to send what you do, as our pupils can write on your paper without it ripping and sharpen their pencils without them breaking'*.

A Literacy Box contains exercise books, writing utensils, chalks and other stationery items, a pencil case and backpack for each child, along with footballs, a pump, pump needles and skipping ropes for exercise. Currently it costs £350 to create and send a box to Zambia, typically contents are:

- 1 pack of 25 Exercise Books ( Green )
- 1 pack of 25 Exercise Books ( Blue )
- 1 pack of 25 Exercise Books ( Red )
- 1 pack of 25 Exercise Books ( Yellow )
- 1 box of 50 Blue Pens
- 7 packs of 12 Pencil plus Eraser
- 25 packs of 12 assorted Coloured Pencils
- 1 pack of Pencil sharpeners
- 1 pack of erasers
- 25 Rulers
- 25 Pencil cases and backpacks
- 2 boxes of 100 White Chalk
- 1 box of 100 Coloured Chalk
- 2 Leather Footballs and 2 skipping ropes
- 2 Mini leather Footballs
- 1 pump with extra needles



Literacy in a box is an International Charity supported by District 22 for the I.W. year 2021-2022. We hope to be able to get supplies to Jedidiah Learning Steps – a not for profit school on the outskirts of Zambia’s capital city Lusaka. We are unable to send any support directly, as the school is not a registered charity, but we can send it through Literacy in a Box who have worked with the school in the past.

Some of you will have seen a presentation on Zoom about the school, organised last year by Shamim Govani, when she was AISCC. You can see information about Jedidiah Learning Steps and also more about all the work that Literacy in a Box carry out if you Google them.

**Stella Taylor - ISCC**

## *Hucknall - President Sue Stanley*

At our September meeting we enjoyed member Pauline Logan's account of her working life as a nurse. She also gave us a glimpse of her home life in Lockdown including the addition of a puppy who soon wrecked their lovely garden.



Remembrance Sunday shows a proud President Sue with Rotary President Caroline Houldsworth at Hucknall War Memorial. District Chairman Jacquie joined us in November when we learnt about her interesting life.

Our annual shoe box appeal for the charity Children in Distress organised by member Kim Challand collected 83 boxes (23 from IW). A great effort. Picture shows Kim with her Mum member Brenda Ward.



Our fundraising was given a boost in December with members collecting with the Rotary Santa Sleigh. The Christmas Fayre was also successful including the

ever popular chocolate tombola.



## **Polly Hill - Club Correspondent**

## *Church Wilne - President Ann Gregory*

November saw us meeting again at the Royal Oak, Ockbrook. There was much merriment and laughter as we attempted to make baubles for our Christmas Trees. There seemed to be glue and glitter everywhere. Ably lead by Pauline and Diane, as can be seen from the photographs we rose to the challenge.



**Yvette Thomas -  
Club Correspondent**

A suitable container. Lots of glue, glitter, laughter and patience gave us good results.



## *Wollaton Park - President June Pedlar*

How many times have we all said, “Will it be on?” “I’m not sure “ “What do you think?” We fortunately managed to complete all our planned events running up to Christmas. We supported our Rotary Club with the traditional Christmas float and their successful art exhibition, finishing off 2021 with a Christmas party at Beeston Fields golf club with the dress code of a Christmas jumper and we played charades. Here’s to a safe 2022.

**Debbie Pink - Club Correspondent**



## *Keyworth & Ruddington - President Sharon Broadbent*



Our October Meeting saw our joint President, Diana, giving an extremely interesting talk on pearls and how she became fascinated by them. As the photograph shows she had many different types of pearls to illustrate her talk.

In November we were treated to a history of Indian dance and some very brave members dressed up in gorgeous saris and 'had a go' at following the quite complicated steps!



Finally in December our highly acclaimed local flower arranger Jane, demonstrated some fabulous arrangements for Christmas. The photograph shows all three together with our joint Presidents Sharon and Diana.

An explosive Birthday Cake was presented to member Margaret Eggleston on her Birthday. As a final bonus Margaret won the raffle and chose the centre arrangement of pink roses!

**Yvonne Rix - Club Correspondent**

## LET ME BE ME

I don't know where I'm going to,  
I don't know where I've been,  
I don't know who I've spoken to,  
Or even what I've seen.

I'm not sure if my socks still match  
Or where my coat has gone,  
I'm not sure if I've had my lunch,  
Or if the dentist was at one.

I've often thought I'd like to  
change the way my life is going.  
But that's a bit like pulling up  
a flower while it's growing.

It's time to treasure all those times  
I'd laughed and had a chatter.  
It's time to treasure love and friends  
and pausing for a natter.

I look around and love my life  
and all the people in it.  
It's made me what I am today  
and I wouldn't change a minute.

I'll battle on at steady pace  
and each moment more I'll treasure,  
Just be my friend, hold my hand  
and make my steps a pleasure.

**Lorraine Smith Ripon Rowels D4.**  
*(Poem about Alzheimer sufferers)*

## *Mansfield - President Lynne Bowman*



We have loved getting back to sitting round a table and having a meal at our Club meetings. In October we welcomed DC Jacquie and she entertained us with anecdotes of her life before Inner wheel.

We have tried hard through difficult circumstances to maintain social contact and to make a contribution towards service locally and abroad. Dain Pinder invited members and friends to meet up informally in local coffee shops and hopes other members will do the same. Rosemary Wilson and Veronica Malkowski collected donations of money and goods for international causes. We filled shoeboxes with Christmas gifts for disadvantaged Romanian children and Elaine Campin made several trips to take bags of clothes and bedding collected by members for refugees in this country.

**Deirdre Bailey -  
Club Correspondent**

*Aesop once wrote,  
"No act of kindness,  
no matter how small,  
is ever wasted."*

## *Melbourne - President Rachel Cooper*

Our December meeting was a fun filled afternoon making Christmas cracker arrangements and enjoying afternoon tea.

We sat apart, two at each table forming around the perimeter of the room for our end of year 2021 meeting.

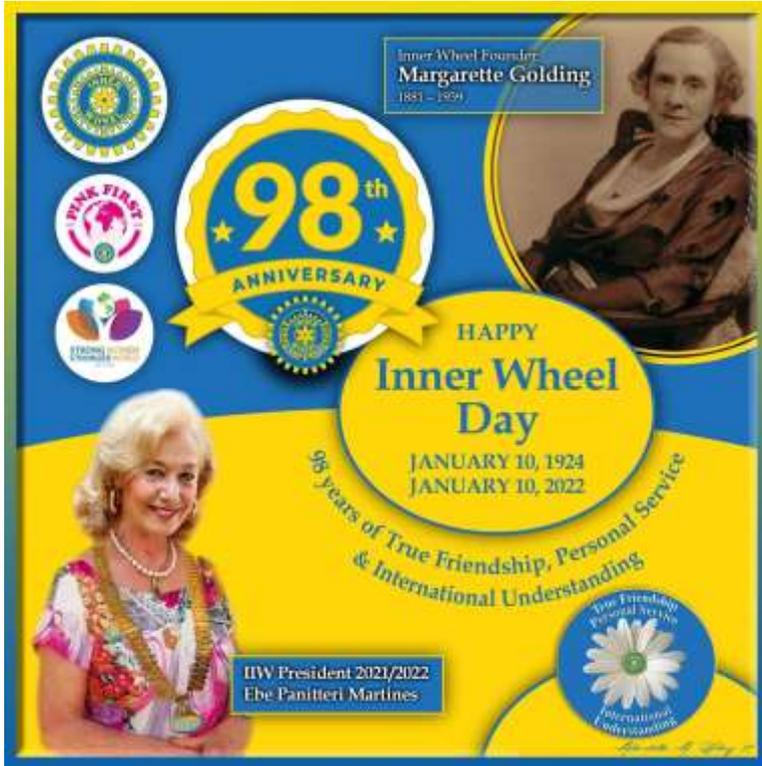
Each person was provided with a large cracker and all the necessary tools, bits and

pieces to make her own floral arrangement. We were guided by President Rachel, who demonstrated. Once the master pieces were completed, the tables were dressed with a variety of festive cloths for afternoon tea. Needless to say there was a lot of chatter above the joyous music in the background.



We got together for a quick group photograph to mark the fun day, show our arrangements and to say farewell to the Senior Citizen Centre that will close at the end of December. The Centre has been used by the club for a number of years. 2022 I see us returning to a venue that was used in the past.

## IIW Day 10th January



The pride that I feel whilst writing this edition of the magazine is immense. The lady, Margarett Golding, had the foresight to start our Organisation is wonderful.

98 years later, it is still just as wonderful that women, worldwide, wants to join our organisation to help others, locally, nationally and internationally.

It is only two years now before we come together again in true friendship in Manchester to reaffirm that we are still a strong force to give service to others.

*Club Correspondents - let me know in your next report what you have done today.*

**Lyn Copper - District Editor**

## *Swadlincote - President Pam Ratcliffe*

At our December meeting President Pam organised a lovely Christmas outing where we enjoyed a super lunch. It was all home cooked food and not many of us managed to clean our plates – perhaps if the chatter and laughter had been less we may well have concentrated on our food.

Member Viv set a challenge for us to read a recipe and make the item without knowing what it was, with my track record in the kitchen I opted out and we haven't met to discover if anyone else took up the challenge! We had hoped to do something a little different for Inner Wheel Day, our ISO Julie had decided to prepare a lunch for us all – something we were all looking forward to. Sadly, we had to postpone, with the dreaded Covid hanging over our heads it seemed a step too far for some of our members. We are looking forward to District Chairman Jacquie visiting in February. Fingers cross the bad weather doesn't rear its ugly head and put paid to it.

*It will be interesting if we could see photos of your culinary masterpieces in our next magazine—Editor*



## *Sutton in Ashfield - President Joan Broughton*

Slowly we feel we are beginning to return to some kind of normality and, particularly when December arrived, we were able to help Sutton in Ashfield Rotary Club with Santa's Sleigh.

Many of our members turned out to help with the collections at Asda, Aldi and B & Q, together with those held in the town itself. You may have seen on East Midlands Today that the Sleigh had been vandalised one night whilst in store, but it's appears to be true that any publicity is good and the population was so aghast at the news that collections were the best ever.

Our Christmas meeting was held at Coxmoor Golf Club, where members enjoyed a lunch and celebrations included our traditional Raffle with a difference, Dodo Pearce proudly wearing one of the "special" prizes.



We now look forward to planning many more events, in what we hope will be an exceptional New Year.

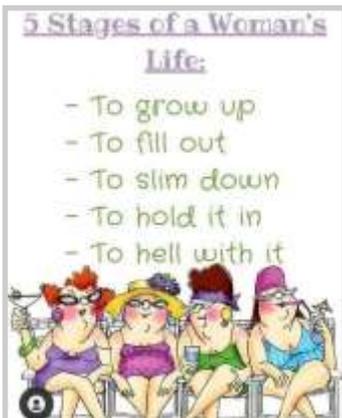


**Sue Fensome - Club Correspondent.**

## Caption to Action Shot - October 2021



- **(winner) When I said I wanted to learn to rock and roll this wasn't what I had in mind! Clare Bearstone - Hucknall**
- Julie Andrews never had this problem in the Sound of Music!
- Angela, giving Ironman a run for his money in Boulder's top USA sporting events 2016!  
Thank you Angela for being a good sport



My eight year old grandson just came running down stairs shouting at the top of his voice, "Grandaaaaad, Grandaaaaad, don't get me a bike for Christmas."

I said "Why?"

He said, I've just found one behind the wardrobe!"



## NEW MEMBERS

**A very warm welcome to all our new members joining  
and returning to District 22**

Pat Taylor - Bolsover

Diane McLaughlin - Bolsover

Liz Howard - Church Wilne

Diane Blount - Matlock

Returning member Sue Askew - Matlock

Viv Milburn - Chesterfield Scarsdale

Sandra Cohen - Chesterfield Scarsdale.

Carol Patterson - Sutton in Ashfield

Patricia Clements - Kirkby in Ashfield

Christine Lewis - Ravenshead

Judith Roberts - Retford

Emily Somerville - Warsop

Sue Stoakes - Mansfield

*The more you put into your membership, the more you  
get out of it, plus many more friends in the process*

## Rest in Peace And Rise in Glory

Lorraine Lee - Ravensead

Joyce Hannibal - Keyworth & Ruddington

Alan Kelly husband of Hazel Kelly - Warsop



# Celebrations around the District

Elaine & Andrew  
Leadbetter



Janice & Chris Price  
(Matlock)



Sue & Stephen  
Barber

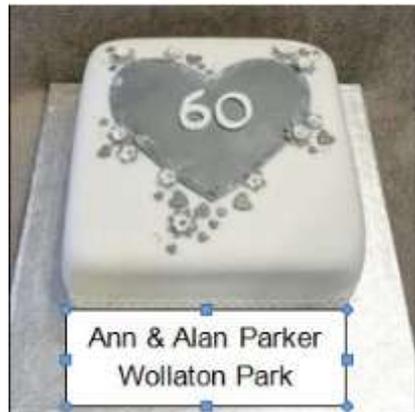
Keyworth & Ruddington

## **GOLDEN WEDDING**

Kalpana & Om Sharma  
Helen & James Thornhill  
Gill & Mark Huddleston



Wollaton Park



## **Happy Birthdays**

Lyn Hardisty 70

Debbie Pink 60

Kath Woodhouse 80

Jean Earnshaw 90

**Wollaton Park**

Carol Hull -

70



**Congratulations!**



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