



Inner Wheel District 18

2022-2023

Association of Inner Wheel GB&I

Scene 18



A message from our District 18 Chairman, Carol Vick



Hello Everyone,

I can't believe we are almost at the end of this Inner Wheel year and it has gone so quickly since our first face to face meeting at the District Rally last September. I want to thank you all for making this a truly wonderful year for me and for your members.

My visits to the clubs started in October and I have witnessed the most amazing friendship and fellowship throughout the district and in spite of the previous restrictions, you have demonstrated a care for one another by keeping in touch in so many different ways. Contact has been kept with regular newsletters, telephone calls and outside visits in the garden- all to keep clubs together and in touch with particularly those members who are still reluctant to meet.

Although this year has been difficult for fundraising, again you have risen to all the challenges and donated time and energies as well as funds in enterprising ways and I am in awe of your achievements and generosity.

On a more personal level a huge surprise for me has been the ease at which I have travelled around the district. This was a particular worry of mine and I originally thought not having a car would exclude me from taking the office of District Chairman. I can now report that unlike previous DC's I have never been lost. Indeed helpful club members have found me at a variety of railway stations and transported me, without any effort on my part, to the club venue and entertained me royally. I have always arrived early to meetings and therefore have been able to indulge in my favourite pastime which is to chat to anyone kind enough to put up with my company and you all know by now how I love to chat! I call this process my *Transport Miracle*.

So once again my thanks to you all for making this year so wonderful. I have thoroughly enjoyed your friendship and hospitality and please continue to work together for the common good. Your executive committee deserves a special thanks too as they really are the backbone of District - so if you can serve in this way, please let us know. You would be made very welcome.

We need to keep the wheel turning and remember ***“Together we Can”, “Lead the change” with “Strong Women in a Stronger World”***

Yours in Friendship

Carol



I hope you enjoy the latest edition of Scene 18 and in particular the front cover photograph of DC Carol. I thought it was about time we had a more “racy” photograph to focus attention on our image!

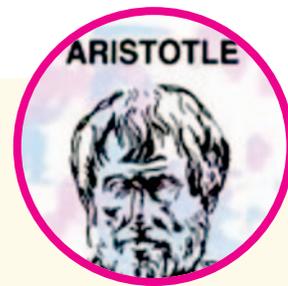
As always, I have tried to include all clubs who have contributed. Special thanks goes to Club Correspondents who provide me with the material for the magazine – I could not produce it without their help.

I would also like to thank Webmaster Carol who has always been so supportive. Permission has been granted for all photos in this magazine.

Yours in friendship,

Muriel District 18 Editor.

Birkenhead Inner Wheel are recruiting at an early age.....



The philosopher Aristotle famously said, 'Give me a child till he's seven, and I will show you the man' - or in this case the woman! Lovely to see Evie (aged 10) help her grandmother, President Pat fundraise for local charities. Is this a future Inner Wheel recruit? Looks like a fun afternoon of food and flowers.



Llangollen Inner Wheel raised money for a Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme expedition

Llangollen ladies organised a cake & craft stall to raise money for equipment for students from Ysgol Dinas Bran who were participating in a Duke of Edinburgh Award. This is a worthy scheme which helps young people build life-long belief in themselves, supports them to take on their own challenges and follow their passions. A good preparation for their future.



District 18 Stroke Walks



Over 40 members of Bangor Inner Wheel and Rotary embarked on a walk/stroll around Menai Bridge and so far they have raised £200 for The Stroke Association.



Llanfairfechan & Penmaenmawr

were then joined by Bangor and Prestatyn Inner Wheel Clubs for a walk along Llanfairfechan Promenade to the Nature Reserve. This raised £236!



Southport's

President Carol,
a Volunteer at
The Atkinson, was tour
guide for Inner Wheel
members who enjoyed
a walking tour of
Lord Street.



North Wirral

ladies had good
weather for their
Stroke walk along
New Brighton Pier.



Tywyn

were not so lucky with
the weather as they
braved the elements
for their walk.
Look at those waves!



International Inner Wheel Day on 10th January

On 10th January, members of clubs throughout the world celebrate International Inner Wheel Day because it was on this special day in 1924 that the Mother Club, the Manchester Inner Wheel, England, first adopted the name INNER WHEEL. It has been suggested that it is a day for giving personal service to someone who needs it. This is the second year we have had a get together in District 18 by Zoom and hopefully it will be the last!

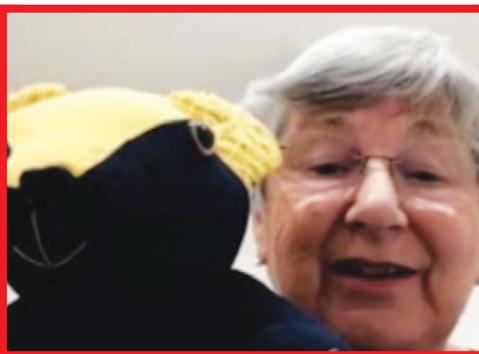
This year we were joined by the President of IIW, Ebe Panitteri Martines, President of GB&I, Betty Roberts and our speaker, Gethin Davies, OBE.

President Ebe gave us a warm welcome which was followed by a very interesting talk by Gethin on The first International Musical Eisteddfod held in Llangollen in June 1947. It began with a vision that the ancient Welsh Eisteddfod tradition could provide a means of healing the wounds of the Second World War and to help to promote lasting peace. It was an unqualified success and established Llangollen's place in world music. More than 300,000 competitors from over 100 nationalities have performed enthusiastically on the Llangollen stage. In 1955 a young Luciano Pavarotti sang in the choir which was conducted by his father.

Margot Fonteyn, Alicia Markova, Joan Sutherland, Angela Georghiu, Kiri Te Kanawa, Jehudi Menuhin, José Carreras, Lesley Garrett, Bryn Terfel, Katherine Jenkins, Dennis O'Neil, James Galway, Nigel Kennedy, Elaine Paige, Michael Ball, and Montserrat Caballé are among the musical stars that have appeared in its concerts. Placido Domingo confesses that his first professional engagement in the United Kingdom was at the 1968 International Eisteddfod.



President of IIW, Ebe Panitteri Martines

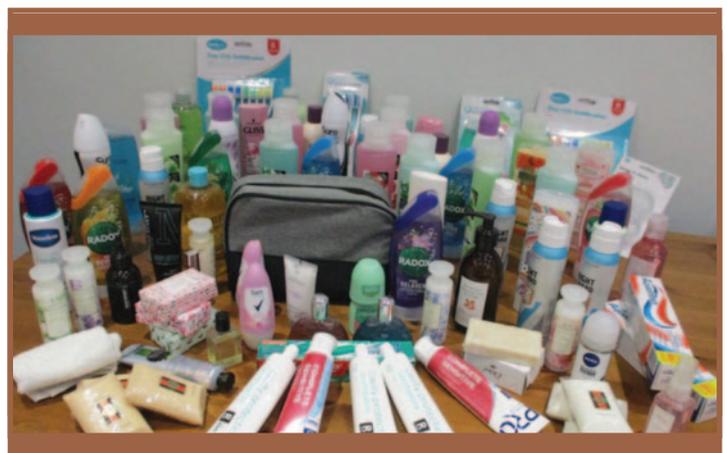


GB&I President Betty Roberts



Speaker, Gethin Davies OBE

Llanfairfechan & Penmaenmawr's Act of Service for Inner Wheel Day was a delivery of toiletries to The Domestic Abuse Service in Llandudno.



Mold have been told - rice, custard & pet food in that order!

On Inner Wheel Day, Mold Inner Wheel had a talk and quiz by Andy Leake from Flintshire Foodbanks which was established 10 years ago and in that time they have helped some 70,000 people and now collect one and a half tons



of food each week. When asked which goods were always popular, Andy said that rice and tins of custard were always in high demand but the third item would probably surprise us - pet food, as the family cat or dog needed food too! So next time you donate to the food bank please remember our furry friends!

Acts of Service performed by clubs around the District

Prestatyn's Chris Rendall and Pauline Jones collected donations from members during Inner Wheel Day for the Prestatyn and Meliden Foodbank.





The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."
Mahatma Gandhi

DC Carol has said that during club visits, one of her greatest privileges has been presenting Long Service Awards to members who have over the years given dedicated service to the community, promoted true friendship, encouraged personal service and fostered international understanding in the name of Inner Wheel.



In Chester, Carol presents 2 nonagenarians, Rachel Thompson and Margaret Elsley with their certificates. Joyce Wood and nonagenarian, Sybil Elliott were also worthy Long Service recipients.



And in LlanPen, D.C. Carol presents Long Service Certificates to members Beryl, Michele, Kathleen & Brenda in recognition of a total of 125 years of dedicated service given to the community.



Birkenhead's recently retired Jean Holt

with her Long Service Certificate



Heswall's President Marjorie Griffiths presented a Certificate of Life Time Honorary Membership to Marjorie Hird who has been

a member since 1977. A lady of many talents, Marjorie has been actively engaged in all club activities and plans to contribute when possible, as an honorary member.



South Wirral celebrates their 46th birthday.

First District Rally held in two years! *- September 2021*

The District Rally, hosted by **Chester Inner Wheel Club** at The Queen Hotel, was a momentous occasion in that it was the first rally held in two years, due to COVID 19. Not having met face to face for those two years, resulted in a high decibel level as members caught up with personal and Inner Wheel news.

In addition to our illustrious members, were District Chairman, Carol Vick, Association President, Betty Roberts and Rotary District 1180 Governor, Nick Gidney.



Top Table: Angela Williams, Sandra Morris, Association President Betty Roberts, District Chairman Carol Vick, Rotary District Governor Nick Gidney and Joan Quayle.

Association President Betty Roberts addressed members and shared her reasons for her choice of charity, The Stroke Association. She encouraged clubs to try to total 874 miles - the distance from John o'Groats to Lands end. To date this total has been greatly exceeded and District 18 have probably reached that target on their own and perhaps doubled it thanks to Hazel from Mold.

Rotary District Governor, Nick Gidney was next to address the Rally and he congratulated President Betty and DC Carol and wished them well in the coming year.

**Chester
Inner Wheel Ladies
who hosted
the Rally.**



District Rally • District Rally • District Rally



Win is a force to be reckoned with.....



This has been quite a year for Tywyn member Win Bottrill who was presented by President Jackie, with a Diamond Certificate for 60 years service to Inner Wheel. However, this did not put a stop to her service for others. Win's walk along Tywyn Promenade has so far raised £1200 for the

people of Ukraine. A great achievement when most people of 96 are too busy looking after themselves to think about doing something positive for others. **Well done Win and keep walking!**

HAZEL WALKS FROM JOHN O'GROATS TO LAND' S END!



Having undertaken a virtual walk totalling 874 miles by walking locally round Mold, Hazel has done the equivalent of The Stroke Walk all by herself! This feat was completed in 7 months and thanks to sponsorship from friends and Inner Wheel members, a cheque was presented to Wales Blood Bike volunteer, Hugh Jackson. It was worth it Hazel - just to sit on that super bike!

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's Sue from Bangor!



After promising herself a zip wire experience Sue finally did it when her family bought her a trip for her birthday. She says it is quite the most exhilarating experience ever and would highly recommend it.. Think I will pass on that one.....



Llangollen's President Val Cartwright presenting a beautiful bowl to Past Association President of GB&I, Enid Law.



New Members... a great way to make new friends!

There's nothing as exciting in Inner Wheel as welcoming new members. We try to ignore that our numbers are dropping for various reasons but it is lovely to see new friendly faces. This year's top award for new members must go to Tywyn for enrolling seven but other clubs are serious contenders.



Rhyl welcomes 3 new members Jill Espley, Jeanette Smith and Marion McKendrick.

New Members... a great way to make new friends!



LlanPen's President Kathleen welcomes 3 new members, Jan, Lisa & Angie.



North Wirral's President Sandra installs two new members Maureen O'Shea and Maureen Arnold.

New members... a great way to make new friends!

Southport's 3 new members...



Ann Bryan and Jean Tweddell



President Carol welcomes Barbara Gee

Fond farewells to a number of much missed members who gave service and dedication locally and to the wider community through their Inner Wheel clubs.

There are good ships
and wood ships,
ships that sail the sea,
but the best ships
are friendships,
may they always be!

Irish Proverb



Ukraine Fund Raising

Many District 18 clubs have been raising money in various ways to aid an ongoing refugee crisis in Ukraine, after Russia's invasion in February. At the end of April 2022, almost 5.3 million refugees had left Ukraine, an estimated 7.7 million people had been displaced and approximately one-quarter of the country's total population had left their homes - 90% of Ukrainian refugees are women and children. The invasion has caused Europe's largest refugee crisis since WWII.

International Service Chairman, Joan Quaile suggests that our district continues to support The International Aid Trust – www.internationalaidtrust.org.uk



Llanfairfechan & Penmaenmawr have so far raised over £300 for DEC by knitting these hearts & flags.



West Wirral's Garden Party with new President, Belinda Parmentier.



The First Inner Wheel Club Collar

This is the original club collar worn by Inner Wheel founder, Mrs. Margarett Golding, for three consecutive years 1924, 1925, 1926. Past President of founding IW Club of Manchester, Mrs. Audrey Davies showed this very first and special Presidential Collar at a Convention a few years ago and the photograph was taken by Ashnadelle Hilmy Mortagy who granted Scene 18 permission to use it.



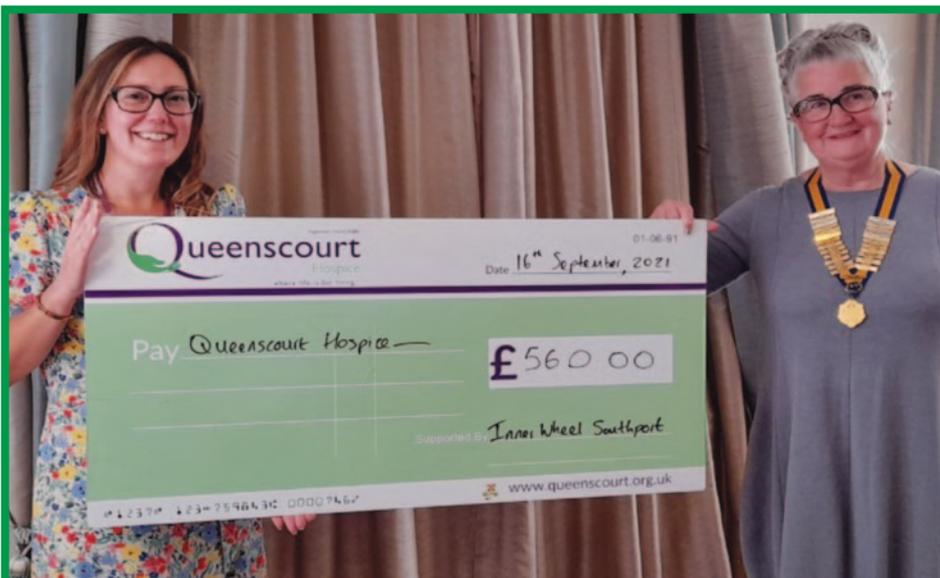
Queenscourt Hospice

*is supported by Formby & Southport
Inner Wheel Clubs*

Queenscourt Hospice is a local charity which provides support for the people of West Lancs, Southport and Formby. They care for patients with serious illnesses, enabling them to achieve the best possible quality of life at each new stage. Less than one fifth of their expenditure comes from the NHS with the rest of the hospice operating costs derived from charitable donations such as these.



***Sue Howard
presents
a cheque
on behalf
of Formby Inner Wheel***



***Southport's
immediate Past
President Maureen
presents a cheque
to Andrea Parkes
from Queenscourt
Hospice, Maureen's
chosen charity for
her presidential
year.***

LOAD A LORRY



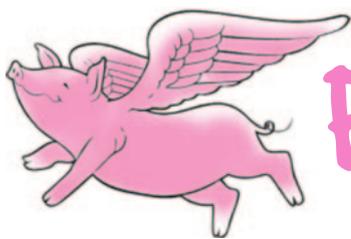
It's endless! You empty the garage, spare bedroom or loft and take it to "load a lorry" and you refill it again! Sound familiar?



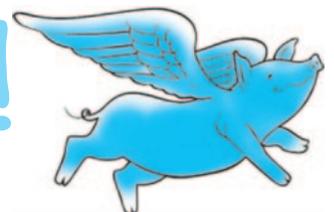
Joan's training as a sumo wrestler is being put to good use.



A bootiful bounty of bags brought by Bangor IW.



Pigs Can FLY!



For the past couple of years, Blue Pig has been flying around Southport Club, attending meetings, invading peoples homes and turning up in all sorts of strange places. He holds members to ransom which is good because their donations have helped Rainbows, Chipmunks and other local charities.



Bangor Garth Pier's double celebration

Grade II listed Bangor Garth Pier has scooped a top prize as pier of the year. The award was given by The National Piers Society with judges saying it "*boasts the best panorama of views of any pier in the UK*". This year has also been its 125th anniversary.



The Executive Committee with Association President



Front Row: Association President Betty Roberts and District Chairman Carol Vick.

Back Row: District Secretary Angela Williams, District Treasurer Kate Maskell, Member of Council Sandra Morris, District Editor Muriel McGrath, Immediate Past Chairman & Membership and Development Eulanwy Davies, International Service Chairman Joan Quayle.

Dates for your Diary 2022-2023

9th - 11th September 2022:	European Rally, Berlin
15th September 2022:	District Rally, Queen Hotel, Chester
21st September 2022:	International Peace Day
12th November 2022:	District Meeting, Whitby Sports & Social Club
10th January 2023:	Inner Wheel Day
11th March 2023:	District Meeting, Whitby Sports & Social Club
27th - 29th March 2023:	Association Conference, Blackpool
15th June 2023:	International Service Rally, AGM & District Meeting
July 2023:	By Zoom

If knitting be the food of love, knit on!

Ideas for Christmas

Formby knit covers for smartie tubes.



LlanPen Knit stockings.



Heswall ladies have knit over 500 Fish & Chip baby jumpers and hats for Africa.



We are collecting.....



.....Stamps, empty blister packs, can ring pulls, bras, bottle tops.