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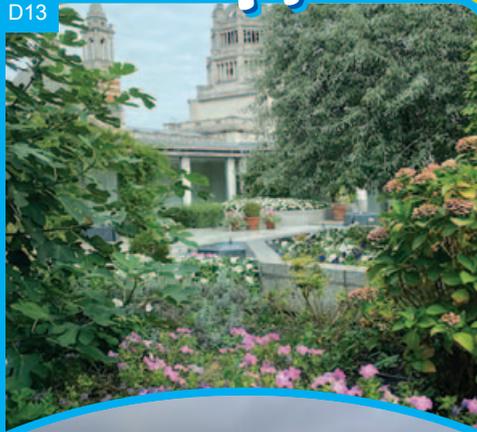
ASSOCIATION OF INNER WHEEL CLUBS IN GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND

## Winter 2022

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## Blackpool Conference March 27th - 29th 2023

If you haven't already done so there is still time to register. Great speakers and fantastic entertainment.

Hotels to be booked through:  
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International Inner Wheel  
19th Convention  
Manchester 2024

## International Inner Wheel Convention 2024

Look out for updates on the website and continue to show your interest.

### Dates for your Diary

- Jan 10th 2023  
World Inner Wheel Day.
- March 27th-29th 2023  
Inner Wheel Conference in Blackpool.
- July 4th and 5th 2023  
Annual Assembly - Yarnfield.
- 2024 - Manchester IIW Convention:  
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## International Service...



Pam Boyes

I start this article by thanking you for all the positive feedback received for choosing The Book Bus as our current International Service Project. As you are all aware our focus is to raise £40,000 to buy a "bus"; have it made ready to ship to Zambia; and to fund its running costs for a year. Clubs and Districts have been raising funds in a variety of ways, including inviting David CEO of The Book Bus to attend International Service Rallies. I am aware of many events that are planned later in this Inner Wheel year or in 2023/24.

At our Conference in Blackpool, the International Service Stall will be running a **Tombola** to raise money for The Book Bus. I would greatly appreciate it if those of you who are attending conference could bring items for the stall from yourselves or fellow club members. There is no specific theme for your donations, so all suitable items are most welcome. It would be wonderful if some items are of high quality.

The Book Bus will have a stall displaying the type of books that they collect.

David will be happy to chat to you about the work that they do in Zambia and how the buses deliver the books and mentors to the various schools. He will have The Book Bus van in Blackpool so will be able to take any suitable books that are brought to Conference back to their premises for sorting and packing.

I have a poster available, if it would help with promoting a talk or an event, that can be emailed out to any club or district. Please contact me at [pam@boyes.com](mailto:pam@boyes.com) if you would like me to email a poster to you. On the poster is a brief explanation of how The Book Bus works to improve more children's access to engaging books to read in English. This is necessary so that they can move onto a wide range of further education courses that are only delivered in English.

Also on the poster are the details of how to donate to our fundraising effort.

The Book Bus has set up a dedicated Barclays bank account for BACS payments via Inner Wheel:

**The Book Bus Foundation**

**Sort Code 20-48-08**

**Account Number 033 12909**

Cheques can be sent directly to The Book Bus, 11 The Orchard, Montpelier Road, London, W5 2QW. Please include district or club contact details so that an acknowledgement can be sent.

Individual donations can be made on the TotalGiving online page of [www.givi.ng/vlt7](http://www.givi.ng/vlt7)

More detail about The Book Bus can be found on their website [thebookbus.org](http://thebookbus.org) or on the Association website – international project.

**Thank you for your support for this International Centenary project.**



D21 International Service Rally



The Book Bus (Sophie)



**MOTHERWELL & WISHAW CLUB DISTRICT 2**

**Myra Wilkie...**

One of the longest standing members of Motherwell & Wishaw Club who received her 50 year service certificate in September (2022). Shown with Rosemary McCosh, District Chairwoman, and Margaret Keeper, President of Motherwell & Wishaw Club.



The Camino de Santiago 111 Mile Trek our District Chairwoman, **Rosemary McCosh**, did in aid of the Scottish Charity Air Ambulance. Rosemary actually did 113 miles and the monies are still being collected in.

**Darlington Club**



At our monthly meeting new President **Liz Lyle** (right) of **Darlington D3** Inner Wheel presented past President **Colleen Ashwin-Kean** (left) with a memory book of her year in office. Colleen had a really busy year with a lot of events, despite starting the year suffering from Covid and dealing with a close family illness. Colleen thanked her committee and members for such a memorable year.



On a perfect summers day late August our District Chairman **Linda** took part in a Tandem Sky Dive Raising funds for her Charity Derain House, which is the Only Hospice specifically for children in our District.

Derain House takes care of the children and supports all the families, arranges lots of activities which gives time for families to be doing things together and creating memories.

Well District Chairman Linda will certainly remember the day she "jumped out of a plane" and described it as a wonderful experience, but, would she do it again? The jury is out on that one!!!

**We in D19 are all very proud of her - well done Linda!**



**D17 Ready For Halloween**



**D4 Brighthouse 100 miles completed for Cancer Research**



**D11... SKITTLES FINAL**



**D12... ON A SKITTLES NIGHT**



**D12... PROVIDING FOOD FOR THE FOOD BANK**

# District Rallies 2022-2023



D7



D17



D8



D18



D20



D24



D15



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D6



D10



D129



## Bacup

Ladies from the Inner Wheel Club of Bacup joined Bacup Arts and Crafters to sell chocolate oranges covered in Santa Hats knitted by Inner Wheel members to raise money.



**Tranent club knitters with their knitted jackets and blankets off to Ethiopia.**

**President Wilma with two members from blood bikes sharing the invaluable work they do.**



**D12... Raising Funds for Bees Abroad.**



**Inner Wheel Club of Rushen and Western Mann  
President: Linda Lewis**

## Sit and Chat Bench

Our Rotary club have created an accessible viewing platform and picnic area at one of our island's beauty spots in Port Erin. As part of this, Inner Wheel has donated a Sit and Chat bench. This is a Compassionate Care initiative with the aim of reducing loneliness. Anyone who sits on the bench is indicating that they would be very happy to have someone sit down and talk to them. There was a grand opening and ribbon cutting by the Island's Lieutenant Governor Sir John Lorimer.

Compassionate Care was President Linda's charity last year and the money raised from last year's Christmas coffee morning was presented to them in August. The money for the bench was raised from the proceeds of the Valentine's evening raffle and a generous donation from Rotary.



## Aldershot Club 77th Birthday Meeting

Aldershot's October meeting, together with Farnborough and Camberley Clubs, were delighted to listen to our guest speaker, Lesley Harington Haws, an ex-Tiller Girl from the 1970s who regaled us with her stories of how she joined the Troupe at 17, having done tap dance and ballet classes which led to her being awarded a place at a Theatre School in London. Lesley outlined her very disciplined training over three years for the necessary routines required for the tours and pantomimes.

There were three groups of Tillers (10-12 in each group) and after their first season in Southend, they were asked to join the Casino de Paris show, where they were considered a supporting act, alongside the tall and lissom Parisian dancers. Thereafter, they toured various cities in South Africa and joined the Mike and Bernie Winters show. When they returned to London, they were part of the Ken Dodd show (with Teddy Johnson and Pearl Carr), as well as the Barron Knights. They also danced in pantomimes in Leicester, Nottingham and Weymouth.

Lesley retired from professional dancing to marry and have children but she continues to teach. She taught under-privileged children as well as teenagers. After living in France for three years, Lesley moved to Aldershot and then Fleet where she now resides teaching a 50+ dance class.



## DISTRICT 14- 90TH BIRTHDAY AFTERNOON TEA

Members of D14, complete with hats and gloves to honour our founding ladies, gathered



together at Imber Court for a delicious array of sandwiches, cakes and cream scones. Chatting and laughter between friends made for a very enjoyable afternoon.

District Chairman Jennie and Past District Chairman Barbara cut the cake which had a cross-stitch ribbon specially made by member Lynda Talbot. Pieces of cake were taken home to enjoy later and everyone agreed it was a lovely way to celebrate 90 wonderful years of District 14.



**Aileen Brewis, a member of Stranraer IW Club and the Lord Lieutenant for Wigtownshire, attending the funeral services for the late Queen in St Giles Cathedral Edinburgh and Westminster in London.**

**Motherwell & Wishaw Club had a 75th Birthday celebration**



## A Bird's Eye View

### Bangladesh



Working as International Editor Media Manager has given me an opportunity to see the magnitude of succour provided by our clubs worldwide, the bonding of our members which helps them reach out to others unitedly. It fills me with pride and happiness every time I get an email of an activity report. When Angela suggested I share some projects of clubs, I am spoilt for choice, but I have narrowed down on a few from Asian countries and Nigeria. I have admired projects of other countries too whether supporting a young girl sailor or having stalls for fund raising, supporting a single mother to complete her education or raising funds to support a specially abled. I could go on and on, but paucity of space requires restraint on my part.

**Bangladesh** - A District supported girls from LEEDO an organization working with vulnerable children to go to play the Street Child football world cup in Europe, sponsoring some airfares, helping with the kit and other assistance.

**Pakistan Flood Relief** - All Districts rose magnificently to the task and reached untouched corners of the country, unmindful of terrain to provide food, tents, clothes medicines and other assistance.

**Malaysia** - Different clubs had taken upon themselves to bring Deepawali Cheer to single mothers raising families with difficulty, providing lunch and gifts to bring joy on festive days.

**India** had Zonal events to bring together members for their own enrichment of course but most importantly to provide medical care to the needy. Cancer detection camps, providing Cervical cancer vaccine, Blood tests for haemoglobin, Bone density tests, distribution of vitamins, iron tablets, were done on a large scale in all four Zones, North South East West. All these are expensive and not affordable by the poor. If somewhere Thalassemia patients got assistance, elsewhere it was cancer survivors who got help to live a life of dignity.

### Pakistan



## A Bird's Eye View

**Nigeria** - Clubs helped empower needy women, single mothers to earn a living by giving them grinders, ovens, training and giving a girl equipment to be a hair dresser, paid for education of girls, giving computers.

My years of Inner Wheel membership and leadership have given me various opportunities to make friends and serve the community of course. Social media has given me overseas friendship of fellow members, Angela being one of them. I am very happy to be able to share some thoughts and work of other members around the globe.

The passion and commitment to make Strong women and Strong World makes Inner Wheel members Work Wonders everywhere.

**Prabha Raghunandan**  
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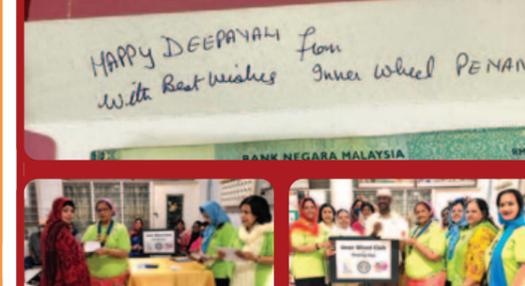
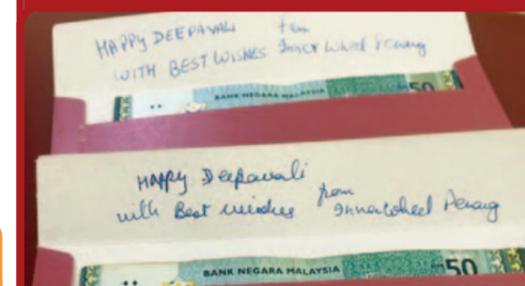
### Nigeria



### India



### Malaysia



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- D10. Thankyou NHS, Gloucestershire
- D8. Orwell Bridge, Ipswich
- D9. Bluebells, Buckinghamshire
- D26. Wardown Park Luton
- D17. Christmas lights, Bideford



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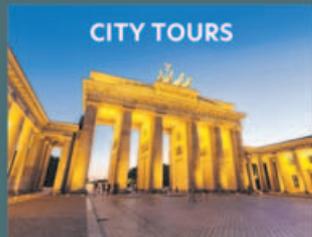
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