



Inner Wheel District 18
2022-2023
Association of Inner Wheel GB&I

Scene 18

And we're back - 1st conference in 3 years!



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A message from our District 18 Chairman, Joan Quaile



Ladies,
How the time has flown. I cannot believe that this is my final message to you all at the end of my year in office. I have thoroughly enjoyed being your Chairman and can recommend the role without reservation. Thank you all for making my journey through the last twelve months so enjoyable.

My thanks to the members of the District Executive for all their help. A figurehead is only as good as the support they receive from their team and I have certainly had a good team behind me. If you are ever approached to take on a District role please take time to consider it because rest assured, you will receive as much help as you need.

The warmth and friendship I (and my minder Pat) have received whilst visiting the clubs has been phenomenal- thank you. The enjoyment of members within the clubs has been obvious and the fun and laughter a pleasure to behold. Every club is different - and so it should be - what a boring world it would be if it was otherwise.

All clubs are upholding the three objects of Inner Wheel and that is very important. We are not a fundraising organisation - however that is one way of showing our care for others as well as collecting and making goods to distribute to those in need. I have mentioned to you all how proud I was in my previous role, to complete the D18 ISC report which notes all the support our clubs give to International Aid and other organisations. This together with the Home Service Report shows just what a strong District we are and how hard our members are working.

And finally; my quotation from Lord Baden-Powell (founder of the Scout Association)
“try to leave the world a little better than you found it”.

Well done Inner Wheel members, you certainly do.
Yours in friendship,

Joan (District Chairman 2022-23)



I hope you enjoy the latest edition of Scene 18. As always, I have tried to include all clubs. A very special thanks to Club Correspondents whose valuable contributions provide the material for this magazine. They are always patient and helpful with my requests. This may be the final Scene 18 for some time as we are still seeking a replacement as District Editor. I have enjoyed the role and can highly recommend being part of the Executive because it's a good way to get more involved and make friends as a result.

I would also like to thank members of the District Executive for their friendship and guidance over the past four years and to Webmaster Angela and photographer Carol who have been so supportive. Permission has been granted for all photos in Scene 18

Muriel District 18 Editor

International Service Rally, AGM & District Meeting - June 2022

The Inauguration of incoming District Chairman Joan Quaile took place when outgoing DC Carol Vick presented her with the chain of office. DC Joan then welcomed MOC Michelle Bathers and Vice DC Muriel McGrath to her Executive. After lunch, The International Service Rally organised by DISC Joan took place. The Friendship Candle was lit by Dorothy and talks were given by Angela from SightBox followed by Julie and Phil from International Aid Trust. During lunchtime a large amount of goods for Ukraine were uploaded into their vans. IPDC Carol extinguished the Friendship Candle to close proceedings.



Incoming District Chairman Joan Quaile with Past District Chairman Carol Vick.



Past DC Carol surprised Secretary Angela and MOC Sandra with Certificates of Merit in recognition of their outstanding service to the District during the Covid-19 year of 2020/21.



Load a Lorry



Members of Inner Wheel can hardly contain their excitement when they hear those glorious words “Load a Lorry”. Wardrobes and cupboards are cleared out, items gladly donated to International Aid, then it's hit the shops the following week with a clear conscience - to buy replacements! Guilty as charged.....



Thigh-Slapping and Clapping in Wallasey in aid of International charities

Wallasey held a German themed evening with German food, quizzes, entertainment and dancing.

The evening was organised by International Officer Chris McCall and her team of helpers including Carole Hille, Dot Cotton, Margaret Davies, Lynda Canne. Various Husbands, Family and Friends also supported the ladies.



Rhys is a hero...



Rhys, who frequently raises money for Cerebral Palsy was presented with a cheque from Llanfairfechan & Penmaenmawr Inner Wheel. He is an amazing young man and like Muriel and Jan, is a volunteer steward at Venue Cymru, Llandudno.



Cheques presented by Southport Inner Wheel...



Riding for the Disabled



North West Air Ambulance Charity

South Wirral Inner Wheel members help President celebrate her special birthday.

I have the greatest admiration for South Wirral Inner Wheel because the club of only 8 members continues to function in an efficient and well organised way. I am really looking forward to visiting them in the coming year as District Chair.



Compassion Acts

Compassion Acts is a local charity aiming to reduce poverty and increase social wellbeing in Southport and the surrounding area.

Tywyn Inner Wheel were on the right track!

President Chris gave a special welcome to Bryan Cartwright, who with the help of his family organised an evening Train Trip on Talyllyn Railway.



Porthmadog's President Jacqui at the Grand Opening of the Covid Memorial Garden at the Holy Trinity Church, Penrhyndeudraeth with Rev Roland Barnes and Councillor Meryl Roberts.



By drinking 130 bottles of wine you could save a bird



Llangollen member Eileen has an excuse for opening a bottle of wine – We don't need one.....!

Inner Wheel ladies will go to any lengths to sponsor a charity....



Pat and Joan looking like drowned rats after their sponsored walk for Mary's Meals.



And on a sunny day, Colwyn Bay's Jennifer and Sandra joined LlanPen Inner Wheel on a sponsored walk for TIDE (Together in Dementia Everyday).

Members of Llangollen Inner Wheel enjoyed a wonderful day out on the Vale of Llangollen

Canal Boat Trust's new boat. The boat is equipped to take wheelchairs as well as able bodied passengers.



BANGOR SERVICE TOTALS 460 YEARS.

Presentation of Long Service Certificates: A reminder from District Editor Muriel about Service Awards for 25+ years, led Bangor to check on how many of their members were entitled and amazingly this amounted to 12 members totalling 460 years of dedication and service. Topping the list was Nesta with over 40 years! Chantal presented Long Service Certificates to these dedicated ladies at their June meeting whilst absentees Nesta, Pat, Eirian & Jill received theirs later.



Eirian receives her long Service Certificate



Nesta with her long service certificate

Southport Inner Wheel's Long Service Certificates



Jennifer for 40 years



Anne for 40 years



Thelma for 30 years

Prestatyn Inner Wheel's Long Service Certificates.



Chris Rendall receives her Long Service Certificate.

Pauline Jones, Nerys Haf Biddulph, Janet Meakin and Ceinwen Jones with DC Joan.



DC Carol presents a Long Service Certificate to Alison Collinson in Heswall



District Rally

The District Rally, hosted by North Wirral Inner Wheel Club at The Queen Hotel, was well attended by clubs from District 18.

District Chair Joan Quaile officially opened the Rally which was joined by Association President Karen Davies and Rotary District 1180 Governor, Paul Dutton. Administrator Melanie Nicholls from GB&I headquarters was invited to light the friendship candle.



Top Table: Angela Williams, Sandra Morris, Association President Karen Davies, District Chairman Joan Quaile, Rotary District Governor Paul Dutton and Muriel McGrath.

September 2022

Greetings during the lunch were brought from visiting DC Gill Wilson for D5, DC Pauline Minshull for D15 and Rotary District 1180 Governor Paul Dutton.

Association President Karen Davies addressed the Rally and shared her reasons for her choice of charity, Air Ambulance U.K..

At Annual Conference, it was reported that GB&I clubs donated £21,000.





WALLASEY
welcomes 4 new members,
Pauline Carew, Hilary Hughes,
Margi Roberts & Sue Lewis.



Heswall

Inner Wheel ladies
put on their Easter Bonnets.



HESWALL's
June Anderson
is welcomed by
District Chair,
Carol Vick



BANGOR's
President Angela welcomes
Julie Evans,
Andy Hawkins
& Sue Lewis



President Angela
officially welcomes 3 new
members Nicola, Maralyn
and Bethan to the
Inner Wheel Club of
BANGOR

BANGOR
also welcomes new
member Janice



Porthmadog

celebrates their 80th Charter.



Margaret Pepper and President
Wendy Beven presenting the
Welshpool banner to President
Jacqui at Porthmadog's
80th Charter dinner.



Association President Betty,
President Jacqui and DC Carol
at Porthmadog's 80th charter in
June 2022.



Inner Wheel Day

was celebrated by Members of D18 via Zoom. DC Joan welcomed three guest speakers - International President Zenaida Farcon (via recorded message), Association President Karen Davies and her own daughter Dr Helen Carter, Director of Public Health in Gibraltar. Helen gave us a very informative talk on life in Gibraltar including a most interesting comment on the fact that all dogs are chipped recording their DNA and if they leave a deposit anywhere, the owner can be located and fined. What a brilliant idea. We should lobby for the same ruling in these islands.



Colwyn Bay Inner Wheel Celebrates Inner Wheel Day

Prestatyn attend Swan Make!

Mrs Coral Smith had Prestatyn Inner Wheel ladies making a 'Swan' in Needlefelt. Doctor Google says Needle felting is a textiles craft technique that can be used to create 3D objects and 2D artworks. It involves a special felting needle being used to stab and agitate wool fibres so they join and bond together. You learn something new everyday!



Sgt Alyn Smith and PCSO Dan from North Wales Police collected over **100 knitted bears** knitted by members from the LlanPen Inner Wheel and Dwygyfylchi & Penmaenmawr Womens Institutes.

North Wales Police explained that the bears were being used to comfort children in a variety of situations, from being involved in road traffic accidents, being interviewed on police premises and in homes where Police had responded to domestic incidents.



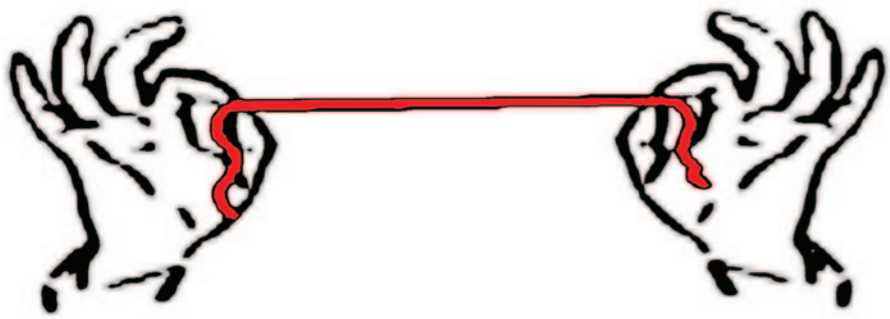
Celebrating The Queen's Jubilee - June 2022



Llanfairfechan & Penmaenmawr



Llangollen



How long is a piece of string or in this case a scarf?



At their Christmas lunch, Welshpool Inner Wheel ladies extended the Season of Goodwill to the war victims in the Ukraine. Joan Vine knitted a scarf which went into a raffle draw and raised £200 for the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

Recycling and Promoting Inner Wheel at Christmas



Angie filled a whole stall at Formby with new Christmas gifts and ornaments, many of which were recycled.



Formby's President Sue and husband Jeff held a very successful Garden Party at their home but next time, instead of permitting members to bring their own glass, thimbles will be issued for their free glass of wine! So who brought the pint glass?

North Wirral took part in the Christmas Tree Festival in Bromborough to promote Inner Wheel



Sue from Bangor Inner Wheel collects on behalf of Marie Curie



Celebrating the life of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth 11

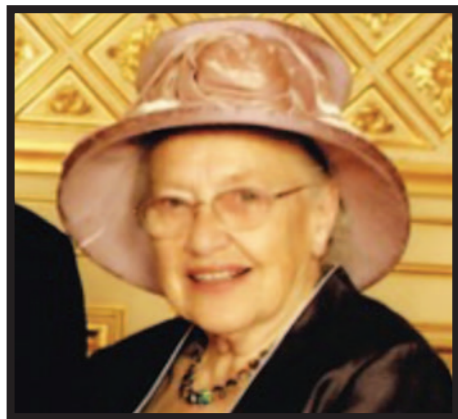


In June 2022, Inner Wheel Clubs celebrated The Platinum Jubilee of Elizabeth II, marking the 70th anniversary of her accession. It was the first time that any monarch in British history celebrated a platinum jubilee. Sadly, after her passing only a few months later in September 2022, we were celebrating a life of devoted service to her country. Many of us have never known another Monarch and now we celebrate a new reign, that of His Majesty, King Charles 111.

Remembering Past Members

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.

Celebrating Bidy



Bidy (Dorothy) Hepper, a much loved and highly respected member of The Inner Wheel Club of Llanfairfechan & Penmaenmawr, sadly passed away in February. She was a member of Conwy Club from 1975 and when it closed, joined LlanPen in 2003. She served the club loyally, taking on many roles to support its smooth running and was President several times and District Editor for District 18. At Bidy's Memorial Service, it was evident from the large attendance of Inner Wheel members coming from Formby, Bangor, Colwyn Bay, Porthmadog, Rhyl, Prestatyn, North Wirral, Heswall and past members of Conwy, as well as her own club LlanPen, that she was held widely in great esteem. She mentored new members with great patience, encouraging and motivating them to get involved, as I know from personal experience. We in LlanPen miss her greatly.

Muriel

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WITH ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT



Front Row:
Association President, Karen Davies
and District Chairman Joan Quaile

Back Row:
Immediate Past Chairman Carol Vick,
Membership and Development
Eulanwy Davies,
District Treasurer Sandra Morris,
District Secretary Angela Williams,
District Editor Muriel McGrath



**International Inner Wheel
19th Convention
Manchester 2024**

Dates for your Diary 2023-2024

District Rally, Queen Hotel, Chester	28th September 2023
International Peace Day	21st September 2023
District Meeting, Whitby Sports & Social Club	11th November 2023
Inner Wheel Day	10th January 2024
District Meeting, Whitby Sports & Social Club	9th March 2024
International Inner Wheel 19th Convention Manchester 2024	7th - 10th May 2024
International Service Rally, AGM & District Meeting	15th June 2024
District Assembly in July by Zoom	Dates to be arranged

And From Townyn... These Words of wisdom

Life After School

1. My first job was working in a juice factory,
but I got canned as I could not concentrate.
2. Then I worked as a lumberjack,
but could not hack it so they gave me the axe.
3. After that I tried being a tailor,
but wasn't suited for it mainly because it was a sew-sew job.
4. Next was a job in a shoe shop,
I tried but it didn't last as I just didn't fit it.
5. I tried being a chef, figured it would add a touch of
spice to my life, but just did not have the thyme.
6. Next I tried working in a Deli but the way I sliced,
it just didn't cut the mustard.
7. My best job was as a musician but eventually,
I found I was not noteworthy.
8. I studied to become a doctor,
but didn't have any patience.
9. I became a professional fisherman,
and discovered that I could not live on my net income.
10. After many years of trying to get a steady job I became a
Historian until I realised that there was no future in it.
11. **So I tried RETIREMENT and discovered
that I am perfect for the job.**

