

# 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



*District Chairwoman 2023-24*

*Mary Hind*





*A Message from D.C. Mary*

Dear Ladies

Welcome to our centenary year! As we celebrate, we will be looking back at 100 years of Inner Wheel service, friendship and empowerment while looking forward to the future and all that brings. There are exciting events being planned for the year, both at Association and District level, which I hope you will all be able to feel part of.

In order to survive and grow we all need to work towards retaining and increasing our membership. Our individual actions and enthusiasm play a significant role in attracting new members. What can you do to spread the word, spark curiosity and foster connections?

Even though we may change the way we work, and we must, Inner Wheel will always provide a supportive and nurturing environment where members can grow, learn and thrive. What do our existing members want from their Inner Wheel? What do prospective members look for when searching for an organisation to join?

While looking to the future we must also recognise and value what has gone before. Let's stand on the shoulders of all those inspirational women who have brought us to where we are today.

**We didn't come this far to only come this far**



Nottingham Women's Centre  
come on in



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**Letter from Yvette Thomas**

Well this is a fine mess I have got myself in. Three years as your district secretary just whizzed by and I found myself out of a job. Welcome to Anne, your taking on that role is much appreciated by me.

The first year as DS was all zoom, zoom, zoom, and very artificial. The second year was re-arrange and be flexible. Will it, won't it happen! Then last year was "normal", at least for me. Having nil experience on the District Executive before my appointment three years ago I had the full executive experience and loved every minute. So much laughter and friendship. Supporting each other and realising we all had the same ambition— for Inner Wheel and especially District 22 to flourish.

So what to do? 2nd Vice—no way that leads inevitably to DC. I have admiration for those who take on the role but it is not for me.

Editor seemed like a good idea. I had been Club Correspondent for Church Wilne - two stints a total of four years. It couldn't be much different could it? Oh yes. Now comes the learning curve—not so much a curve more a mountain. I am mastering the foothills at the moment with sherpa Lyn pulling me along—thanks Lyn.



In friendship: Yvette District Editor  
One day I will move on from the quill pen

***Church Wilne Immediate Past President Jane Page***

**Fund Raising for the Derby Women's Centre**

Over the past 12 months, the Inner Wheel Club of Church Wilne has been busy raising funds for President Jane's nominated charity, the Derby Women's Centre (DWC). Club members have thrown themselves into organising various fund-raising events, including a Quiz with a fish and chip supper (very popular!), Piano & Picnic – an outdoor picnic accompanied by piano recitals, a flower demonstration and even bread-baking workshops (yummy!). 12 months flies by and one of President Jane's last tasks was to present a final cheque to the DWC, accompanied by District Chairwoman Mary Hind. The big winner of the year is the DWC – not only has the Church Wilne Club raised £2,500 for the charity, but also DC Mary has nominated both the Derby and the Nottingham Women's Centres as her charities this year, continuing the good work of the Church Wilne members. Thank you, DC Mary!



Jane and Mary in the lovely garden at the Derby Women's Centre



Jane presents the final cheque to a representative of the Derby Women's Centre

***Long Eaton—President Claudia Jeffrey***

We had a lovely July meeting at the home of Cheryl Browne. We had a potluck supper and there was a lot of chatter and friendship. In July we saw the Induction of our new President Claudia Jeffrey.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> July our intrepid member Chris Nolan performed the Velocity 2 Zip Wire challenge in Snowdonia. She thoroughly enjoyed it, and raised almost £500 for Age UK.

In August President Claudia held a Charity Garden Party at her home. There were various stalls and tombola and of course tea and cakes. President Claudia presented new Club Badges to our transferring members, Angela Westerman and Judith Power, formerly of Beeston Inner Wheel Club. It was a very enjoyable day and Claudia thanked everyone for their contributions. They raised £300 for the Charities Canaan Trust and the local Air Ambulance.

I hope we continue to have a successful year.



*L-R Angela Westerman, President Claudia and Judith Power*



*L—Amazing Zip wire fund raiser Chris and R—some of the party goes.. —You can just see the back of my head (Editor)*



***Club Correspondent—Marion Atkins***



*Alfreton—President Mandy Walker*

Alfreton had a Craft evening under the guidance of PDC Margaret Day and Bev Bunting. We stuffed small bees, wrote post cards and decorated book marks for Convention goody bags Lots of fun and laughter as we relived our childhood.



We celebrated the Coronation with our meeting room and members suitably decorated in red, white and blue. We ended the evening with a Royal Quiz testing our memories.

After the Induction of new President Mandy Walker she held a relaxed "Meet the Presidents" afternoon tea in her garden.



Alfreton Rotary President Mandy Oldknow came along so now we have two Mandys at the helm!



Chris Holroyd and Margaret Marshall made a beautiful flower arrangement for St Martin's Church Flower Festival.

They chose John Flamsteed, a famous astronomer from this area.

*Club Correspondent—Penny Riggott*

*West Ashfield—President Linda Elkin*

At our Charter, we enjoyed a very heartfelt talk from a lady who has benefited greatly from being given a hearing dog. Her independence and the joy of loving her dog was evident to us all.



Thanks to President Alison and club members a generous cheque was handed over on the evening.

*At the end of the evening you can see a cheque being handed over to 'Hearing Dogs'*

Our Handover this year was a joint one as Linda is President of both Rotary and IW. We are looking forward to a busy, joint year with lots of help from us all.



*Our picture highlights this handover from Alison for IW and Phillip for Rotary*

Finally, we have some good news to share about one of our members, Pat Churnside. She has worked tirelessly fundraising for the British Heart Foundation and has been among one of dozens of nominations for the BHF Heart Hero Awards 2023. She has been declared the WINNER! Very well-deserved Pat. She will be travelling to London to accept this with Mike.

*Club Correspondent—Mary Murray*

*Heanor—President Denise Vitale*

In May we celebrated our 77<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary at Horsley Lodge. President Kathleen welcomed DC Elaine Hopkins, visiting clubs and guests. A delicious afternoon tea was enjoyed followed by entertainment by Andrew Quinn known as the Singing Fireman.

The charity we had supported for the year was Blood Bikes and at the June meeting we welcomed Sue and Mark Vallis to receive a cheque for £2800 on behalf of the charity.

Denise Vitale was inducted as our 78<sup>th</sup> President at the July meeting and her first duty was to welcome Margaret Tetlow as a new member.

The charity we plan to support is SALCARE and Jackie Bell came and gave us a brief outline of the work done.

To Kick off the fund raising for the year we held a Safari Supper. A delicious three course meal was enjoyed at three different member's homes. A great way to enjoy fellowship and fun.

In August, 12 members enjoyed a visit to Mr Blood's house in Mapperley Park. The Italian themed garden was an absolute joy to the eyes. Following our tour of the gardens and house, a lovely meal was enjoyed at The Nuthall Gastro Pub.



*Fund raising with a Safari Supper*



*President Denise with PP Kathleen Hill*



*Mr Blood's amazing Italian gardens*

*Club Correspondent—Suzanne Mukherjee*

*Mansfield—President Margaret Ceney*

At our Club we are trying to make the role of president a little less challenging. When Margaret agreed to be our President this year we assured her that she would be the figurehead but the committee will make sure all meeting speakers and fundraising events are in hand. We feel that this is the way forward to encourage everyone in the Club to put their name forward to represent the Club.



*Passing on the baton at the AGM handover*

One of our new members, Sue Stoakes, has thrown herself into Club activities and held a garden party. We were so lucky to get good weather and together with Rotary members family and friends we enjoyed delicious food and fun garden games. Ten of us accepted the "100 challenge" of 100 skips, using borrowed skipping ropes from Rosemary Wilson's toy bags we managed 10 skips each!



*Did anyone manage to "Splat the Rat"*



*Skippers of Mansfield*

*Club Correspondent—Deirdre Bailey*

*Wollaton Park—President Debbie Pink*

Our 40<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary year saw six of us enjoying Conference and meeting up with former member Judy, now a member of Cirencester Club.

Fundraising was concentrated on the Nottingham Breast Cancer Research Centre, based at Nottingham University, which relies on public donations to fund their research.



*Jane and Stewart*

A “Thank You” to the Club, along with a photo of President Jane presenting a cheque to Stewart Martin, head of the Centre, featured in their recent Newsletter.

Stewart gave a brief insight into their ground breaking work, which has saved many lives and invited us to visit and learn more! A visit is planned for the autumn.



*President Debbie with new member Michelle Woodward*

The new year and we welcomed new member Michelle. We hope she will enjoy the friendships Inner Wheel brings and share many happy times with us.

August and it's Summer Party time. Members enjoyed a 'Bring and Share' at President Debbie's home.

*Club Correspondent—Gillian Huddleston*

**MY LONG - AWAITED TRIP TO AUSTRALIA**

For many years I have wanted to visit my brother's family, in Australia. He has lived in Australia since 1967. However, my family life in the UK did not provide time for us to visit. When my dear husband passed away in 2020, I set a 'distant goal' of making that trip.

In August 2022, I walked into a travel agent's office in Henley and started the ball rolling. It was going to be a real adventure as I would be travelling all that way on my own.

Whilst discussing the holiday with my sister-in-law, Beverley, she suggested that I should climb Sydney Harbour Bridge. Always up for a challenge!! It was the biggest highlight, of many highlights, of my trip.



I went for the middle option – which involved going up the outer part of the bridge, to the Aboriginal and Australian flags, across the top and back down the other side. It involved 1,321 steps, including stairs and four flights of VERTICAL ladders (approx. 100 rungs), both up and down.

I made it and was very proud of myself.

This, essentially, is my main fundraiser during my year as President so I am hoping that my many Inner Wheel friends will support me by donating to my main charities of Cancer Research UK and Pancreatic Cancer UK.

For details, please contact me on [mandywalker860@gmail.com](mailto:mandywalker860@gmail.com)

*Mandy Walker—President, Inner Wheel Club of Alfreton*



*Matlock—President Joan Orme*

The Matlock Club has had to think 'out of the box' re our future.

We are suffering from the usual problems, falling membership, we are all getting older and poor attendance at meetings.

So advised and encouraged by District we have abandoned our usual meeting place and have tried to put in place a different programme.

We are trying meals out, sometimes at lunch time, walks, coffee mornings and meetings in members' homes.

If any other Clubs have tried something different and it works, we would love to hear from you.

In August we met in President Joan's garden and helped member Kate Garrity celebrate her 90th birthday with Pym's, strawberries and cake.



President Joan-thanks for a lovely year.



Happy birthday Kate

Six members attended Induction Day and wish DC Mary a happy and successful year.

*Club Correspondent—Sylvia Netlie*

*Sutton in Ashfield—President Dodo Pearce*

The first meeting of the new year proved to be memorable, due in no small way to the fact Portland College had forgotten we were coming and had double booked. As usual Sutton in



Ashfield Club rose to the occasion and quickly rebooked at the nearest watering hole, The Rushley Inn in Mansfield. New President Dodo Pearce welcomed Mary Hind, District Chairman, to her first Club visit - certainly memorable and not just for the right reasons.

L-R Past President Lin Johnson, President Dodo and DC Mary Hind

This year, under President Dodo, we have decided to regularly spread our wings and the first visit of the year was a most enjoyable afternoon visiting the David Neiper Factory in Alfreton. Here we enjoyed a tour around their sewing rooms, followed by a visit to their shop and finally a most enjoyable Cream Tea.



Visit to David Neiper by members of Sutton Club

Many other adventures are planned - watch this space.

*Club Correspondent—Sue Fensome*

**International Service Committee Chairman Lynda Wallace  
and IW Club of Mansfield SUMMER GARDEN LUNCH ON  
SUNDAY JULY 9TH 2023.**

What a wonderful, sunny day we had at the IW Summer Garden Lunch in Elaine Campin's garden, overlooking Berry Hill Park in Mansfield, and organised by International Service Committee Chairman, Lynda Wallace! We were greeted with a welcome drink of pimms or lager, served by Lynda and her husband, Robert.

The lunch was really delicious with plenty of choices for everyone. Lynda's brother in law, Henry, had kindly cooked the turkey, ham, salmon & some of the new potatoes.

Mansfield IW Club members made the quiches; the strawberries came from Strawberry Farm, followed by cheese and biscuits. Elaine Campin, Dain Pinder, Margaret Thomas and Hazel Gifford made the salads and served the buffet lunch to 87 people, IW members with family and friends, who came to the Garden Lunch.

We all enjoyed listening to the guitarist, who also played at Mansfield IW Charter. Lynda also invited Margaret & Henry Thomas' grandson, Maxwell (aged 13) to sing.

It was a very successful event, as £1,442 was raised for NPAC!

**Margaret Thomas on behalf of ISCC Lynda and President Margaret Ceney**



*L-R Elaine Campin, Lynda Wallace and Margaret Thomas*



Thank you to Mansfield Inner Wheel from NPAC

On Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, on a rain free afternoon, Mansfield Inner Wheel held a hugely successful fund-raising lunch for National Police Aid Charity. The food and friendship were excellent, while music was provided by both the old(er) and the young with the audience joining in singing and dancing! Marion Tasker, Chairman of NPAC, thanked the host, members, gazebo erectors and drinks distributors, who worked so hard to make sure that people enjoyed themselves – and we did! NPAC sends educational and medical aid to developing countries and she explained that we are urgently looking for a new warehouse, and asked members to look out for one.



NPAC's most recent project is in Uganda in Kampala, which has some of the largest slums in the world. The **In Need Home** takes in destitute street children and NPAC is supporting older children there through the Home's vocational Tailoring Training. We are making up kit bags of basic tailoring equipment so

that in time, trainees can become independent of **in Need Home**, and earn a living.

If you have any spare things in your sewing box such as **dress-making scissors (that cut fabric easily), thread, scissors or "unpicker" tools, pins, needles, tape-measures, rulers, French chalk or any other small sewing items** please pass them on to us.

Kits will be small enough to take in luggage by people we know going to and from Kampala.

**It's sew easy to help this exceptional initiative!**

Thank you again for all your support for what we do.

Marion

Contact: [chair@npac.org.uk](mailto:chair@npac.org.uk)



### *Ravenshead—President Kathy Kings*

How time flies! PP Joy Richardson handed over the baton to incoming President Kathy Kings at our July meeting. Kathy's husband Mike is currently the Rotary President of Ravenshead and Blidworth. President Mike presented Kathy with a lovely bouquet from the Rotary club members, I think it's the first time we have had a husband-and-wife team.

During August we do not have a meeting, but we still keep in contact doing social get togethers. Kathy and Susan organised a tour around the gardens at Newstead Abbey, and a picnic. As this is on our doorstep it was very handy, luckily the weather was kind that day.



*Ravenshead at Newstead Abbey\*\**

Last year at Warsop IW Charter I successfully bid for an auction prize given by President Christine's speaker Charles Hanson, one of the auctioneers of Bargain Hunt. This was for 6 people to attend the filming of Bargain Hunt. I had three places and Jackie Green another of our members offered to share the cost, so she had the other three places. Last week during August we all went for the day which was a very early start as we had to be there for 9am to have a Champagne breakfast. The day consisted of various auction pieces and besides the filming of Bargain Hunt which unfortunately we never saw or took part in, it was also filming for Children in Need in November. Pudsey Bear attended with celebrities Rick Wakeman, Heather Small, Rusty Lee and



*David Green selfie with Susie P.W , Kathy and Mike Kings*

### *Continued:*

Christoffe Novelli.

Unfortunately, the format of the day wasn't fully given to us, consequently it wasn't what we were expecting.

Although Jackie, her husband and son left at lunchtime, Kathy, Mike and I decided to make the most of this experience.

The lesson learnt from this is how well we organise events!

Looking forward to this year of events across our District 22, with member Mary Hind as District Chairman supporting her throughout this coming year.

### *Club Correspondent—Susie Parry-Williams*

### *Retford—President Carol Lawrenson flies the flag.*



*President Carol and Dot Bastow flying the flag for Inner Wheel! The event was the Scrooby Horticultural and Craft show (at Scrooby of Pilgrim Fathers fame) Sat 3rd September- a popular event locally*

Thank you CC Heather Reid for this snippet of local knowledge.

Editor Yvette

*Church Wilne—President Margaret Abbott*

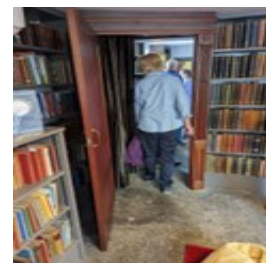


Photo L-R President Margaret, Christine and Judie

For Margaret, a flying start - inducting two new members, Judie Anderson and Christine Hewitt followed by an entertaining and informative talk by Kathleen Wain – “Life’s not all Ferrero Roche chocolates and pink gin”. Her life as a civil servant.

This was closely followed by a joint “meet the Presidents” in Margaret’s beautiful garden. The rain managed to let up for most of the afternoon and the marquees kept off the worst of the weather.

The highlight of the summer period was the visit to Bromley House Library. Built in 1752, originally owned by George Smith, a draper who became linked to banking in Nottingham. The family fortunes changed under George’s son’s ownership when the property fell into disrepair. It became the Nottingham Subscription Library in 1816 and has remained that ever since. Now a collection of over 60,000 “objects” which include books dating back to 1821. Still operating as a private lending library behind an unassuming façade on Angel Row, well worth a visit. Surprise awaits at the top of the building where there is an unassuming wardrobe but what lies behind it? Visit to find out. A clue is in the title. The spiral staircase also has a tempting banister but the ladies of Church Wilne resisted!!!



*Through the door  
into Narnia what did  
we find? Go along  
and see for yourself.*

*Club Correspondent—Yvette Thomas*

*Melbourne—President Diann Jacobs*



Diann Jacobs became our new President at our July meeting when we also welcomed new member Anne Herrity who transferred from Ashby.

It was a fitting occasion for our order of Margarett Golding roses to be delivered when everyone was able to admire them..

*Photo: Diann and Diana*

Clare Limb came to explain the Creative Melbourne Community Engagement Project and she will return in September for our thoughts.

Following an inspirational presentation by Aquabox trustee Roz Adamson in June, three of our newer members organised a coffee morning to raise funds for the organisation. Neighbours in their community complex, members and friends helped to raise an amazing £331. Well done ladies.

President Diann and I visited the Aquabox depot in August, joining a group of Rotarians from Lancashire. Boxes of items were waiting to be packed but the most interesting part was to see the filters being put together by the volunteers and being checked for any leaks. A most enjoyable and worthwhile trip.



*Photo: Checking for leaks*

*Club Correspondent—Diana Eley*

*A new Inner Wheel Year begins with INDUCTION of the new District Chairwoman and the Executive Committee*

District Chairwoman Mary's first major event of her year is her Induction as our new DC by the immediate past DC and then the induction of her new committee. It is Mary's opportunity to introduce herself and her objectives to the District. 132 members from 18 Clubs came together with Mary's guests to celebrate this special day.

Mary's charities are the Derby Women's Centre and the Nottingham Women's Centres. Yasmin, Zoe and Joanne explained their objectives.

Derby Women's Centre started in 1978 concerned at the inequalities for women in health, education and employment. It became a service provider working with Derby City Council, the Ministry of Justice and received funding from the National Lottery. It provides counselling, domestic violence and domestic abuse support, upskilling women. They are a small team who support women with complex and often multiple issues. They help as many as possible but sadly some fall through the cracks. The support of organisations such as Inner Wheel is valued by them. Last IW year they were supported by Church Wilne.

Nottingham Women's Centre provides similar support to Derby and has been working in Nottingham City Centre since 1971. It has a community space which includes a library, eating space and place for craft activities. A place of safety for isolated women to meet and socialise, building confidence and skills.

Both Centres provide benefit advice and have contacts with other agencies. They have supported campaigns with local decision makers on matters such as employment, menopause support in the work place, endometriosis care and issues of

child care.

Mary sent us away from this special day with the following thought:

**"A wise women knows her limitations; a smart women knows there aren't any."**

A small selection of photos follow this article but many more are available to see on the District 22 page on the Association Website





## This must be a record

### APP Jean Moulson writes -

On 1st July it was 30 years since I was Chairman of District 22 Inner Wheel and throughout that time I have organised a meal out each year with my 'girls' who were Club Presidents in 93/94. When COVID struck and we were not able to meet we met on zoom every other month and still do.

As a special evening to celebrate our 30 years together we had a beautiful dinner at Langar Hall our numbers of course have decreased over that time but all those able to be there were and Steph Besbrode who was President of Keyworth and Ruddington all those years ago came from Cheshire to be with us as she and her husband moved up there a good many years ago. It really was a very special evening of fun, friendship and reminiscing and I am so pleased that we have stayed together all this time and hopefully for more years to come to. Inner Wheel friendship at its very best.



From L to R seated:

Freda Smith (Sutton) Pauline Sheehy – Smith (guest) Church Wilne, Doreen Staton (Alfreton), Joan Orme (Matlock) and Elaine Ellison (Newark)

Back row L to R) Vicky Moss (Hucknall), Di Sardesai (Heanor), Steph Besbrode (Keyworth & Ruddington) Jean, Karen Sutton (guest) (Hucknall) and Gloria Humphrey (Bolsover now Warsop)

### *An introduction from Mandy Walker the new District 22 Treasurer*



I am your new District Treasurer and the photograph is the best that I could find!! I joined Inner Wheel in 2010 and I am, currently, President of Alfreton Club for the second time. Inner Wheel has been my Saviour, particularly over the last three or four years.

I am a Londoner by birth, and proud of it, and support Tottenham Hotspur! I moved to Derbyshire in 1973, when I married my late husband, Travis. We met when we were both working for the Civil Service – auditing the accounts of Local Authorities. Very romantic!! We both qualified as Chartered Accountants in 1972. I have worked in Local Government and the Civil Service for 22 years and taught Book-keeping and Accountancy, up to Final Accountancy level for ACCA exams for 18 years. I have written courses and acted as a tutor for a Correspondence College as well as being a marker for GCSE Accountancy exams. NO, I AM NOT A BORING ACCOUNTANT - not all of us are!

The main loves of my life are my family and sport, both as a spectator and as a participant. I have a son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren, aged 11 and 8, whom I visit regularly in Berkshire. They are a great blessing in my life.

As a youngster, many years ago, I played netball, rounders, hockey, tennis, cricket and table tennis. In fact, I played in two finals at Queens Club in London, the week before I got married. Unfortunately, I lost both finals in three sets. It seems my grandchildren are following in my footsteps. They love their sport!

I also love to knit and do cross stitch. I find it an escape from stresses and strains. Last, but not least, I have been a supporter and Ambassador for Great Ormond Street Hospital for the last 10 years and, before the pandemic, gave talks about the Hospital in order to raise money for the Charity.

*Clay Cross—President Dr Cheryle Berry MBE*

In June, with the company of family and friends and D.C. Elaine Hopkins MBE, the Club members celebrated our 53<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Charter at Bateman's Mill Hotel.

After a busy year, with much fun and friendship, President Sue Glover handed over to recycled President Cheryle Berry MBE. Also at the July meeting we were all so pleased to officially welcome our new member Lillian Carrington to the Club.



*Left: a recycled President Cheryle and Right a brand new member Lillian*



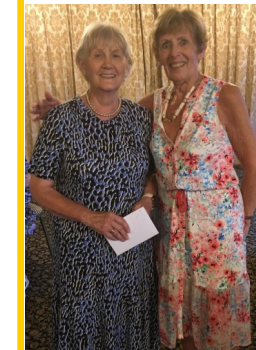
John Bown, a Community Volunteer representing the Derbyshire, Leicestershire & Rutland Air Ambulance and the Children's Air Ambulance, was our speaker in August. He told us about the important emergency work that they do and how much it costs.



Our Tombola stall at the Clay Cross Gala was well supported on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, being held at the Clay Cross Social Centre instead of Kenning Park because of the exceptionally wet weather in July.

*Club Correspondent—Angie Dawson*

*Retford—President Carol Lawrenson*



Retford Club are delighted to welcome Carol Lawrenson as our new President and gave a big thank you to Marie Gibson for a successful year. We are pleased to welcome new member Ann Hopps and we have also had a visitor from a Tasmanian Club who was in Retford visiting a family member.

*President Carol with new member Ann*

The three coffee mornings have been a great success - two of these were held in Grove Street chapel and it was great to welcome friends old and new.

Our recent market stalls have proved to be very popular for both fund raising and raising our profile locally. We have held one in Retford Market Square and one at the Scrooby Show – selling jewellery, some bric-a-brac and the tombola has also proved to be very popular.



We have had a busy time putting baby bundles together as well as bags of clothes for slightly older children – and of course the joy bags and toy bags. We have also collected a large amount of scissors, thread, needles and pins – all of which have gone to NPAC.

The club walk around the lake at Idle Valley Nature Reserve is becoming a popular monthly regular event for members, friends and their dogs. The stroll round the lake is followed by a coffee and a chat in the café.

*Club Correspondent—Heather Reid*

District 22 is very proud of their two officers new to the Association Executive. These are their thoughts:

ASSOCIATION TREASURER Gloria Humphrey

**A**lthough I have been on the Finance Committee for two years, it is still a shock to take over such a position, and actually finding out how much work is involved.

The members of the Executive Committee have warmly welcomed me, they are a lovely group of ladies who work tirelessly to further Inner Wheel in GB&I, and I am happy to be a part of that team. I have already enjoyed their humour and friendship over a meal and a glass of wine of course.

Heather Sheerin, the outgoing Association Treasurer, and now the Vice-President has done everything she can to ease me into the role, but, like any job, it is a steep learning curve, with taking over the Association finances, preparing budgets for Capitation and Conference and also being on the Office Management Committee.

It is an honour and privilege to be the Association Treasurer, when I get to grips with everything, I am sure I will enjoy being involved with the forthcoming Convention, Centenary lunch and, hopefully, a Conference in 2025.



Association Treasurer Gloria with Association President Anthea and Association Editor Di at the Association Assembly 2023

ASSOCIATION EDITOR Di Hylton

**L**ittle did I know in January 2023, when it was suggested I apply for the role of Association Editor, just how much my life would change. I was rather reluctant at first as I thoroughly enjoyed my position as District 22's Member of Council, a role that was informative, satisfying and great fun.

Wow – I am glad I took the plunge. New friendships formed, new skills learned, new opportunities opened up and being part of a very warm and welcoming executive committee, embarking on a very steep learning curve – what was there to be tentative about?

All my working life I have advised many people to take one day at a time – now I am putting that theory into practise and so far, so good.

I feel very privileged to be given the opportunity to take the role of editor forward in our centenary year – may Inner Wheel in GB&I thrive and move with hope and enthusiasm to the next centenary celebration.



*Keyworth & Ruddington—President Karen Lewis*

Our Charter was celebrated on the river Trent this year in brilliant sunshine. A lot of members and guests meant that the Club occupied a whole deck on the boat!



District Chairman Elaine was handed a cheque for her Charity by our two Presidents Liz and Penny. The new Inner Wheel year started with the two outgoing Presidents Liz and Penny handing the Chain of Office to our new President Karen Lewis who provided 'bubbly' to mark the occasion

and then inducted her first new member Lorraine Donovan.

In August the Club attended a Ladies Day at the races, some fabulous outfits were on display and some members even managed a (modest) profit.



At our September meeting we were entertained to 'Beat Feet Drumming' by Jude Winwood. Not only entertained but participated as Jude provided an amazing 30 plus drums so all members could join in, the noise level was very high! She demonstrated several different rhythms that we played either in unison or in competition, a fascinating effect.

After a reviving cup of coffee we had our business meeting where President Karen inducted her second new member this year Carol Kennigan.



*Club Correspondent— Yvonne Rix*

*.Bolsover—President Maureen Holmes*

Our year began with outgoing president Margaret Seals handing over to founder member Maureen Holmes, who is now president for the fourth time. Thank you Margaret for a very happy year and best wishes to Maureen for the coming year.



*President and founder member, Maureen at the helm for the fourth time.*

*{Editor—is this a record?}*

A number of members served tea and cakes in the Parish Rooms and manned a bric-a-brac stall at the Bolsover Gala, a very enjoyable and successful day. Members also enjoyed a lovely Strawberry Tea in past president Margaret's garden with a raffle to raise funds for Ashgate Hospice, Margaret's chosen charity.

Member Erika and husband Darren held a Bar B Que and raffle at their home to raise funds to purchase goods for Ukraine, and we all had an enjoyable time despite it being a wet afternoon.

Fortunately the weather was fine when members helped Pam McConnell pack a wagon with items destined for The Gambia.

A busy start to the year with members continuing to enjoy mid month lunches in various locations - always well attended

*Club Correspondent—Bea Bowskill.*

*Chesterfield Scarsdale—President Carol Hull*

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June Liz Day hosted an early celebration for Wink Merrifield's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Many of us enjoyed afternoon tea and Birthday cake.



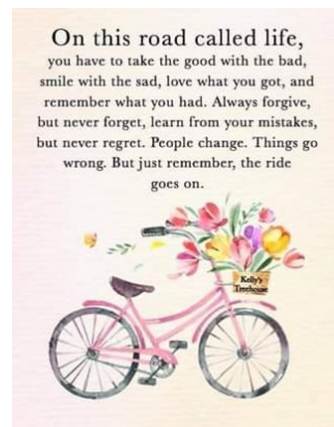
*Wink cutting the cake and celebrating with Inner Wheel friends*



On the 10<sup>th</sup> August Jackie and George Ling celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary with Family and close Friends

*Club Correspondent—Liz Outram*

And from our June Bulletin to inspire and amuse:



*Kirkby in Ashfield—President Jacqui Chapman*

President Sita Singh Tunstall, along with several members visited NSPCC HQ to hand over a cheque for £1400 and they enjoyed learning how the money would be used.

A similar cheque was presented to Carl Williams, community manager for SENSE at Sita's home where she provided a wonderful lunch. This was attended by many of the members who always appreciate the hospitality provided by Sita and her family.



*Good company and delicious food with President Sita plus a cheque for SENSE.*

As usual Kirkby members enjoyed a number of outings and meals out.

Barbara Williams, Maureen Poole and Jacqui Hampshire all hosted memorable lunches and Ann Wilson held several coffee mornings selling books. In August new President Jacqui Chapman invited members to her home for a fish and chip supper instead of the regular monthly meeting. This is fast becoming an annual event.



*Protected from the weather and anticipating the good things to come at the home of Jacqui Hampshire*

*Club Correspondent—Sally Hill*



*Warsop—President— Sharlotte Somerville*

Fun, laughter and Smiles at the start of the new Inner wheel Year for Warsop.

Starting with the tea and cake tent at Warsop Carnival on 2<sup>nd</sup> July raising £1203 for new President Sharlotte's charity pot, through to 6<sup>th</sup> September visit from "Hetty's" charity it has been a hectic time. President Sharlotte's theme for the year is friendship and giving. Her charities are all local with the aim of supporting the local community.



*President Sharlotte and Helpers at the Warsop Carnival*

29<sup>th</sup> July was a thank you event for PDC and Warsop Member Elaine Hopkins M.B.E. Laughter could be heard outside the venue so much fun was had.

2<sup>nd</sup> August was the time for current District Chairman Mary Hind to visit the Club. An interesting and inspiring discussion shared with friendship.



*The stall at the Rhubarb Farm event.*

2<sup>nd</sup> September President Sharlotte, Vice President Elaine and other members had a stall at the Langwith Show at Rhubarb Farm, Langwith. They sold gifts, handmade by members, and had an information display which encouraged people to find out what Inner wheel is all about. It was a wonderful sunny day with the word being spread about the fun and service Inner wheel provides its members

*Club Correspondent—Emily Somerville*

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

- Ann Soulsby ..... Bolsover
- Margaret Link .....Chesterfield Scarsdale
- Doreen Taylor ..... Chesterfield Scarsdale
- Judie Anderson ..... Church Wilne
- Christine Hewitt ..... Church Wilne
- Lillian Carrington ..... Clay Cross
- Margaret Tatlow ..... Heanor
- Lorraine Donovan ..... Keyworth & Ruddington
- Carol Kerrigan ..... Keyworth and Ruddington
- Freda Swift ..... Kirkby-in-Ashfield
- Angela Westerman ....Long Eaton transfer—Beeston
- Judith Power ..... Long Eaton transfer—Beeston
- Julia Blatherwick ..... Mansfield
- Nicola De Lucis .....Mansfield
- Ann Herrity ..... Melbourne—Transfer D7
- Brenda Harvey ..... Ravenshead transfer from M@L
- Anne Hopps ..... Retford
- Gillian Rackham ..... Warsop
- Jenny Morrison.....Warsop Transfer D21
- Michelle Woodward .....Wollaton Park
- Sheila Chambers ..... Member at Large
- Shirley Mee ..... Member at Large

*Wishing you all many years of fun and friendship.*



## Celebrations around the District



### Special Birthdays

Joan Smith.—Mansfield  
 Carol Hyde Barker—Mansfield  
 Jennifer Brackenbury—Mansfield  
 Yvonne Neville—Mansfield  
 Susan Stalker—Church Wilne  
 Susan Vasey—Church Wilne  
 Kate Garritty—Matlock  
 June Meir—Swadlincote  
 Maureen Jones—Heanor

Ruby Wedding Anniversary (40 years)  
 Pauline and Derek Sheehy-Smith—Church Wilne

Blue Sapphire Anniversary (65 years)  
 Rosemary & Ken Watson—Church Wilne

### Rest in Peace And Rise in Glory

PDC Margaret Day Alfreton  
 Rotarian Keith Pollard husband of PDC Margaret  
 Chesterfield Scarsdale  
 Rotarian Trevor Carter husband of Cindy  
 Sutton-in-Ashfield  
 Rotarian Terry Smith the husband of Glenys  
 West Ashfield  
 David Corner the husband of Anna Church Wilne  
 Rotarian Ian Garritty the husband of Kate Matlock  
 Rotarian Tony Forsyth the husband of Sandra Matlock  
 Rotarian Bill Wilkie husband of Pauline Chesterfield  
 Scarsdale



**M**argaret Day was much loved in all the organisations where she was a member. She was awarded the highly accredited Silver Fish in Girlguiding and the Margarett Golding Award in Inner Wheel. She had also been The Association Conference Committee Chairman and was very active in both the award of and ongoing preparations for, the International Inner Wheel Convention celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> year

of Inner Wheel, being held in Manchester in May 2024. An honorary member of Alfreton Club for many years, once a full member she was able to hold office and served as President, Treasurer and Secretary. She also often helped and supported Inner Wheel Bolsover at events. A regular member of the Inner Wheel choir singing at rallies and carol services whenever needed. Always with "Pam's jams" stall raising funds and working tirelessly for The Gambia School Appeal.

Margaret was District Chairman during 2020-21 the year of Covid. Most of her year was conducted on Zoom. In typical Margaret fashion she rose to the challenge and, despite being unable to meet, the District held every meeting and event you would expect on Zoom. We often had to "use our imagination". I am sure many will remember the wonderful Carol Service and fiendishly difficult District Quiz.

It is perhaps fitting that her DC bar is the last on the first District 22 regalia, which she so generously had framed and is now seen at District meetings.

Margaret epitomised Inner Wheel – she gave so much to so many. We will miss her but we must carry on - remember "District 22 is simply the best"

*District Editor Yvette with thanks to the many who paid tribute on social media.*

*And Finally a BIG thank you to all the Club  
Correspondents*

*You don't usually see them as they are behind the  
camera*



L—R Front: Susie Parry-Williams, Diana Eley, Yvette Thomas, Ruffy Garrett,  
Shirley Isard

Middle: Gill Huddleston, Mary Murray, Marian Atkins

Back:: Gill Harvey, Angie Dawson, Pat Taylor, Penny Riggot, Suzanne  
Mukherjee, Sylvia Netley, Sue Fensome, Margaret Thomas, Heather Reid