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**The President of the
Association of Inner
Wheel Clubs in Great
Britain & Ireland 2024/25**



Heather Sheerin,

Inverness D.1

I am delighted and very honoured to be the President of the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in Great Britain & Ireland for the coming year 2024-2025.

I am Heather Sheerin from D1, a member of the Inner Wheel club of Inverness, and thrilled to be representing Scotland. There are 28 districts across the whole of Great Britain & Ireland, with a welcoming club waiting to meet you.

Each year the ladies of Inner Wheel support a charity chosen by the President and my choice is Arthritis Action.

Inner Wheel is an organisation committed to service, helping others both locally and internationally while building friendships through that service. We have been in existence for 100 years, celebrating our centenary in 2024 with many special acts of service completed for the communities in which we live.

Please browse our website to see the many wonderful activities and achievements carried out in the name of Inner Wheel by our members.

<https://www.arthritisaction.org.uk/>

Each year the Association President chooses a charity to support during her year of office. Members from across GB&I generously give support and donations to the charity. This year President Heather has decided upon Arthritis Action.

Arthritis Action is the UK charity giving hands-on, practical help to improve the quality of life of people affected by arthritis. We offer an integrated self-management approach, which looks at both the physical and mental health impact of living with arthritis. We support people living with musculoskeletal conditions through healthy eating advice, mental health resources, pain management techniques, Online Groups, employment support, and exercise advice and resources.





Your District 20 Executive
Committee for 2024-2025



Joint District Chairman

Pru Witter, Wrington Vale
(left)

Fran Allen, Wellington *(right)*



Immediate Past Chairman

Janet Fulford



Member of Council *(left)*

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Mo Hodges, Taunton Vale

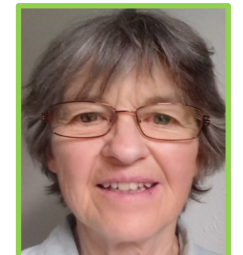


Secretary *(left)*

Janet Fulford, Shepton Mallet

**International Service &
Webmaster**

Desi Fradgley, Chard *(right)*



Editor

Harriet Farquhar, Shepton
Mallet *(left)*

Editor

Jenny Jones, Bath *(right)*



First Vice Chairman and Second Vice: Vacant



Past District Chairman's end of year report

What a year it has been! We kicked off with a trip up the M5 and M6 to Yarnfield for the Association Assembly, where the main topic was Penguins. I'm sure you've heard plenty about them by now!

Next, we had the Rally at Farrington Golf Club. The staff there were incredibly accommodating, and it was a fantastic venue, despite the windswept photos. It was my third time introducing President Anthea's talk on her "bees," having previously attended the D10 and D17 Rallies. Our



Janet Fulford



Assembly followed, making for a very busy start.

August was relatively quiet, but September marked the beginning of Club visits. All District Chairmen agree that visiting Clubs, meeting members, and seeing our similarities and differences is their favourite duty.

Our first District meeting in October was at the beloved Oake

Manor, featuring speakers Rotarian John Butler with an EVAC update and Anthony Raybold from Prodigal Bikes. Sadly, District Secretary Tricia Harris resigned due to health issues. With no volunteers to fill the role, I took on the responsibilities with support from the Executive members.

November included a social meeting with the D17 Exec, an invitation to Torquay's 90th Charter in Devon, and a trip to Bodmin for the D129 Rally.



Club visits resumed in the New Year, and January saw me at my own Club meeting, the last until June. March was busy with the second District meeting, several Club visits, the D11 Rally near Southampton, and representing the District at an International Women's Day celebration at the Bath & West. President Anthea's 100 4 100 theme captured everyone's imagination, and we received a certificate of appreciation for our involvement.

The Centenary Luncheon at the Leonardo Royal Hotel in London was a highlight, celebrating 100 years of Inner Wheel. The same week, the Association AGM was held online.

The District Picnic organized by Desi was a great success, raising significant funds for various charities.



Fun & friendship at the District Picnic



May's Convention was an incredible experience, and I thank you for allowing me to represent you. Unfortunately, I returned from Manchester with Covid, missing three of the five Interclubs held this year. I appreciate the Exec members who stepped in for me.

I was well enough to attend a Centenary afternoon tea hosted by Chard Club, where President Peggy shared a well-researched talk on the Club's history since its charter in 1950.

And now, we come to hand over the collar to joint Chairmen Fran Allen and Pru Witter. I wish them a wonderful year ahead. Both are experienced, having held the post before, with Fran previously serving in District 12. I am confident they will make District 20 proud.

Janet Fulford, Shepton Mallet

Dear Fellow
Members,



Wishes from Fran and Pru

Inner Wheel in District 20 are again breaking new ground by having Joint District Chairmen, Fran Allen (Wellington) and Pru Witter (Wrington Vale). We both have been in this role before: Fran in District 12 in 2010/11 and Pru here in 2018/19.



As we were late appointed to the position we have had to hit the ground running, organising Assembly, District meetings and the Rally.

The District Executive is also somewhat reduced with no Membership and Development officer and the immediate Past Chairman taking up the role of District Secretary. This will inevitably lead to changes in events across the District, so, expect the unexpected!

We have divided the Clubs geographically for the Club visits, but all other aspects will be dealt with jointly.

There will be no specific Chairmans Charity this year as it is felt important that Clubs are empowered to raise funds for those Charities close to their own hearts.

But it is hoped that the Annual District picnic will be in aid of "Arthritis Action" our Association President Heather Sheerin's chosen charity, we would particularly wish to support this due to Heathers on going ill health.

As A A Milne wrote;

"Friendship" said Christopher Robin "is a very comforting thing"

Aren't we blessed to have Inner Wheel..... wishing everyone a really enjoyable Inner Wheel Year.

Pru and Fran



Quick look back



Skittles Finals



District Rally 2023



Hosted by Shepton Mallet club



Skittles final took place between



Shepton Mallet (top) and Taunton Vale (in yellow). After a close match, Shepton Mallet won and received their trophy from DC Janet Fulford



Home Farm Fest for School in a bag





‘Join in Somerset’



THE HIGH SHERIFF
of Somerset



The High Sheriff of Somerset had invited voluntary organisations in the county to participate in the event “Join In Somerset” on Saturday 28th September.

They were offering volunteer and community organisations free space to set up stalls and tables around Taunton Minster and along Hammet Street, allowing local people to discover what the organisations offer and encourage greater participation in volunteering and community service.



Members of Taunton Vale, together with Fran Allen, District Chairman and Angela Snow, President of Taunton, spent the day managing the stall.

Display boards highlighted the activities of Inner Wheel. Knitted and sewn items, which were provided by Sedgemoor and Taunton Vale, were displayed including Breast cushions, blankets, baby blankets and matinee coats, Christmas stockings and more. These will all go to the various charities that are supported by Inner Wheel throughout Somerset.

For our International effort, examples of shoeboxes containing colouring books, crayons, knitted toys, mittens and hats plus much more were displayed along with a board explaining our sponsorship of Himalayan Children. The shoeboxes will be distributed to children and adults in Eastern European countries such as Romania, Ukraine and Moldova.

During the day, some distinguished guests visited our stall; the High Sheriff and his wife, the Mayor and Mayoress of Bridgwater and the deputy Mayor of Wells.



We are hoping that we have ‘upped the profile’ of Inner Wheel by joining in this wonderful event.



All Around District 20



Bridport

At our July meeting we welcomed two joint presidents for 2024/2025. Outgoing President, Mo Williams, welcomed the two new Presidents - Jennie Conway and Irene Smith, and presented them with the badge of office.



September began with the annual Birthday Lunch at The Club House, West Bexington, a beautiful setting just by the water's edge.

Unfortunately, the weather was pretty

dreadful so a swim was out of the question, but this did not interfere with our enjoyment as we took over the marquee in their pretty garden. Most of our members attended accompanied by their partners only a couple of informal speeches one by joint Presidents Jenny, and the other Bridport Rotary's president Martin, who happens to be the husband of one of our members- the marquee resounded with chatter and laughter all afternoon!

Joy McClellan



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district20editor@gmail.com



Our club is delighted that in this, our 50th Charter year, Rosemary Wharton is our President. Rosemary was one of the founder members of our club and she has agreed to take on the role for the fourth time. Three other founder members are active in the club: Christine Howe, Margaret Knowlman and Hilary Woodbury. The chain of office was handed over at a lunch at Oake Manor Golf Club by Immediate Past President and now District Chairman Fran Allen.

 **Wellington**



We have a varied and interesting programme of local speakers arranged for the year and we are planning a special celebration lunch on our Charter Day in May. and as a result of our fundraising activities last year a cheque has been given to Love Musgrove – the Beacon Centre.

Yvonne Coupe

 **Weymouth**

Finally, after the summer break, the Inner Wheel Club of Weymouth are reunited. We all met up at Dewflock Farm for a lovely home bred, home cooked pork supper. The farm has only recently started opening to the public and are now busy preparing for the October pumpkin season. Looking forward to the coming year with the same crew at the helm as getting anyone to take over is like trying to run up the down escalator! I expect most clubs have the same problem.



Sue Wormald



Chard

The Inaugural Tea Dance went with a Swing!

It was held at Jenny's Café on a Friday afternoon, was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by an age range spanning about 50 years!



A delicious slice of cake and a cuppa to music preceded the dancing which was started off by two lovely couples who had heard on the grapevine there was a "Tea Dance in Chard" and travelled quite a long way to be with us. They showed us how the 'professionals' take to the floor and were soon joined by everyone else doing their own thing.

The music ranged from 50s to 80s disco to other tunes to which dancers could waltz, chachacha and jive. Something for everyone! The chatter went on throughout, some were so busy making new friends they hardly danced at all



This was very gratifying as the idea of the Tea Dance came about through Penny Herrick, this year's Inner Wheel President, asking us for ideas as to how Inner Wheel could help those in the community who may be isolated and so possibly lonely. Shortly thereafter a club member attended a meeting regarding the Chard Community Plan when it was brought up that long ago the Chard Guildhall hosted regular Tea Dances. The two ideas became one!

This has enabled Inner Wheel to work directly with other community groups including The Chard Carers Support Group and The Chard Community Hub and we would welcome other groups becoming involved.

The next dance is on 29th November in the Guildhall when we hope to have a live band. Put this date in the diary and watch out for the posters and if you have any questions about either the Tea Dance or Inner Wheel in general, please just give us a call!

Desi Fradgley



Shepton Mallet

Immediate Past President Judi Rice is at last having success with one of her aims for last year. The aim was to provide "Bleed kits" for Shepton Mallet. It turned out to be a real challenge. From finding suitable sites, getting agreement from the Town Council, the Police, and a prominent store so they could be sited within a defib box as it seems some of these boxes are too small! Ordering and delivery were slow, but at last they are on their way and suitable sites have been arranged.

President Janet Thornborough had a good start to her year by holding an afternoon tea party which was well attended by members.



She has launched a sponsored challenge for members to raise funds for 3 charities. As it is our 70th Charter year we are challenged to walk a combination of 70 km around the town's Collet Park. It is a good venue to raise our profile and will take place over the weekend of 28th and 29th September. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us.

Arrangements are in the final stages for the 70th Charter Celebration and invitations will be released shortly. Other projects for the year are - Support the Town's Christmas Light turn on - A Christmas Coffee Morning as well as supporting District Meetings, the Rally and Conference - then last but not least, defending our place as Skittles Champions!

Janet Fulford



Westbury

Julie Street has had a successful year as our President and has agreed to a second term of office. She is particularly keen for us to take an active role this year in supporting local groups who help the elderly, as she says it is going to be hard for many elderly people this winter. We have a book sale at our meetings and the money raised goes to the local Alzheimer's group and she wants us to continue making cakes every month for the local Alzheimer's Café as well as donating to the local Food Bank

She wants us to continue with our social get togethers, including lunches, book club and our short breaks away. She said we have a good team of willing members in our Club, and she is sure we will enjoy fun and friendship whilst continuing our support of charities, local and beyond.



We hope to have another Quiz Night in the coming year and several coffee mornings to raise money for local charities, with a Garden Lunch and an Easter Afternoon Tea being held to raise money for our International charities.

We will have a stall at the local Christmas Fair and a decorated tree in the Church for the Christmas Tree festival. For World Inner Wheel Day we are having "Soup, Puds and Skittles" for members, Rotary, family and friends.

The local children will be able to come to our Easter Egg Hunt which has become an annual event.

Chris Bristow



Taunton

After a lot of research, Theresa Dowsett, Club Secretary, has discovered that the Club is in its 95th year - in fact, we are one of the very first. We were chartered in 1930 but the

Association of GB&I was not formed until 1934, so Taunton and the other Clubs were all accepted into the Association and became known as the 79ers. Our special celebrations begin in May next year.

It all started when Theresa was sorting out Club items when she discovered a framed set of Presidents' bars dating from Mrs W H Maunder in 1934 accompanied by a certificate of admission to the Inner Wheel Clubs of Great Britain and Ireland signed by our founder - Margarett Golding - also dated 1934.

She then found a Charter Certificate for our 50th Anniversary dated 1980. We are also mentioned in a book by Kathleen Hovey about Inner Wheel which we are trying to buy. Patricia Du Pontet (one of our members) has also written a history of the Club and copies are available.

International Service Chairman, Lizzie Wyndham, is organising a Coffee Morning at Bishops Lydeard Village Hall on Saturday 9th November in aid of Médecins San Frontiers. 10.00am - 12 noon, Cost £5.00. All most welcome.



Marlene Ewens

Have you seen our website?

Take a look now for all the latest news and events

www.innerwheel.co.uk

<https://innerwheel.co.uk/district-20>





Bath

Finding our club at the brink of closing, members voted to stay afloat for one more year and ‘see how it goes’. This precarious situation was precipitated by three main factors.

- Issues with timing and costs for meeting at our venue.
- Members’ reluctance to take up office positions.
- An ageing membership and post- Covid having an impact on members’ energies.

We have to thank, President Di, and Secretary Jenny, who both agreed to be remain in office for the 4th consecutive year and keep us all going. Office positions of Treasurer and committee members have varied slightly but some have also held office for 4 or more years.

This situation has caused our club to rethink the model, of how we are going to continue, in the spirit of friendship within the Inner Wheel organisation.

A proposed timetable of events for the year has been agreed and supported by all members, which will carry us through this year. This is good news, as Bath Club will celebrate its 30th birthday in October 2024 with a Celebration Tea being held at a local hotel,

Continuing activities include knitting squares for our very welcomed blankets that we donate to a local geriatric hospital. A fund raising idea being considered, is a, ‘Beads ‘n’ Bag’ sale, in time for the Christmas season.

Bath Rotary Club presented our President Di with a cheque for £1000 for our whole club catering help at their Festival of Motoring, held in June 2024. In addition, three of our members did the same for Bath Rotary Golf Day. Despite the golf eventually being cancelled due to bad weather, the three members did a wonderful job managing catering in such inclement conditions. As a token of thanks, again we were presented with a cheque for £500 for the noble help provided by our three members. These donations will boost our charity funds, which for this year we have chosen Great Western Air Ambulance.





Taunton Vale

We had a very interesting visit to Hinckley Point in the summer followed by lunch at Cannington. We were all

amazed by the vastness of the site which will provide 7% of power to the national grid.

Socially, we are hoping to attend Live Screen events and get our boots on to get out for walks. Another of our activities is 'Crafty Conversations' when Margaret Austin bakes wistful cakes to be enjoyed after a bit of work has been done.

Blankets are being made, also hats and blankets for the Special Care Baby Unit in Musgrove Park Hospital. A patchwork quilt has recently been donated to a retired member who is now enjoying life in a Care Home



President, Jean, has managed to organise the stall for 'Join in Somerset' on 28th September promoting Inner Wheel with Neighbouring Clubs providing items for display showing the work of Inner Wheel. Our International Project is Himalayan Children - we raise funds to pay school fees for two girls. Like many other things, the fees have increased but thanks to the generosity of two members, Jennifer Bird and Margaret Austin, we have enjoyed superb lunches to make fundraising a pleasure.

 **Volunteers**



 "Join in Somerset" Taunton

 Making Friends

...and showing the High Sheriff and his entourage the Inner Wheel display

 **Breast Cushions**



 Goodies for Musgrove Hospital Shop

 Inner Wheel Activities

...displaying some of the handicrafts and work of Inner Wheel



West Woodspring

The 100 Years of Inner Wheel theme was wholeheartedly embraced by our members when the knitters amongst us produced 100 beautiful bonnets for the Babies born at St Michael's Hospital in Bristol. This was chosen because the mother of one of the Midwives working on the Premature Baby Unit there, is one of our Club's staunchest members. The bonnets, unveiled at a Coffee Morning at President Carol's house, were thankfully received, making a real difference to the vulnerable babies who were given them to wear.



Kathy Lock, Jeanette Thacker & Carol Leaver admire their handiwork.

Pauline Land.



Frome

Richard Asprey, from the Royal British Legion, who gave an interesting talk tour Club about the role of the RBL in Frome at our first meeting after the summer break. After the talk there was a fun ques-



tion regarding donations, Pam won this, and her prize was a foldable poppy shopping bag.

Our new President Sheridan Curtis managed to get in the shot! Never one to miss a photo opportunity.

Heather Ford



Mendip

On 15th September, our visually impaired President, Helen McCann took part in the

30th Langport Triathlon. She was supported by her guide runner Emily, and her guide dog Poppy.

For this event she had to swim 16 Lengths of a 25m indoor pool, followed by a 22.5 km tandem bike ride over a challenging rolling course involving hill climbs and stunning views and finished the course by running 5km where she was met by great applause.



What a tremendous achievement, well done Helen- Mendip Inner Wheel is very proud of you!

We are holding a Charity Coffee Morning at Wells Methodist Church on Saturday 16th November - 10-12noon.

There will be many stalls, activities for children and refreshments. *Liz Hamlin*

The Inner Wheel Club of Mendip is having a family coffee morning in aid of Guide Dogs

01 Wells Methodist Church, Southover, Wells, SAS BS5

02 10am Saturday 16th November. Raffle to be drawn at 12 noon. £2 a ticket, books of 5 tickets for £10

Grand Raffle

1st prize: 2 tickets for The Business Six Nations Patch-England on 16th March 2025
 2nd prize: voucher for two people to do a horse the Broad Ribbing School Day
 3rd Prize: £100 voucher for Electrical Jewellery
 4th prize: 4 tickets to Woking Hole Cores
 And much more...

03 Tombola, soft toy tombola, cake stall, treasure map, Hook a Duck, What's my name? Lucky dip, face painting, nail painting, refreshments.

Cash or card payments. To buy raffle tickets call Rhona 07979 347002

Memory Hearts

♥ Providing Support

Westbury Club made 100 Memory Hearts for Dorothy House. One is given to the patient and one to a family member

♥ Knitting and probably "Knattering"!

♥ With friends

Inner Wheel Club of Westbury supporting local causes

Check out our Facebook page:

Inner Wheel in Somerset, Wilts and Dorset - District 20

♥ Inspirational

♥ Triathlon

400M SWIM
22.5KM TANDEM BIKE RIDE
5KM RUN

The Inner Wheel Club of Mendip is immensely proud of their visually impaired President Helen, who recently completed the Langport Triathlon.

Helen (162) straight after the swim with her guide Emily.



Crewkerne

During the past few months, we have had visits from speakers which included a talk about antique glass and the daily working and running of

our meeting venue, The Henhayes Centre in Crewkerne.

Our monthly social events included a lunch at Haselbury Mill, Cream Tea at Cricket St Thomas, a trip on the tramway into Seaton and a visit to Fiveways Special School in Yeovil.

We have combined with Chard to enter the District Skittles competition. The Club are now looking forward to the District Rally and Installation combined with a meeting at Oake Manor, a visit to Shire Hall in Dorchester with lunch, our annual Christmas Meal and our Secret Santa event.

Unfortunately, one of our members, Catherine Bacon, resigned this year and several members have experienced poor health. We are looking forward to welcoming them back into the fold very soon.

Val Hellin



Yeovil

One year ended and another one began with such a lovely evening at our meeting in June.

Outgoing President Marian Murray presented a cheque for £2,250 to James Warren from Alzheimer's Research UK. The funds had been raised from several fundraising events during the year. James thanked us for our donation and gave an update on the work of the charity. Earlier Marian had received a Cadbury Memory Box from the charity and this she had presented to La Fontana Care Home in Martock for the residents.



Marian was thanked for leading us through a most enjoyable and successful year and presented with a beautiful orchid.



Yeovil

At one of our coffee morning earlier this year we supported a local charity 'Prodigal Bikes' project in Malawi. The spares have been sourced through a local Malawi trader, so helping the country's economy, and are for bikes refurbished locally in Somerset by the charity, which enable transport to school and medical centres in rural Malawi. Some bikes have also been donated to people from Ukraine in UK. Founder Anthony Raybould's boss at Leonardo's Helicopters in Yeovil will go to Malawi later this month to help repair bikes taking more spares and tools.

Our new President is Sandra Dudley who first joined Inner Wheel in 1990 as a member of Oakham Rutland Club moving to Maldon in 1997. She was Club Secretary, Overseas Service Organiser, Community and Club President twice, then went on District 24 Executive as District Overseas Organiser twice and District Chairman.



Pictured: Sandra Dudley, Janet Gordon and Carol Price

When she moved from Essex she found herself in a location without an Inner Wheel Club so she resigned but her close friend, IPP Association President Anthea Tilsley, constantly kept her in touch with Inner Wheel so when she moved to Yeovil and rejoined. Her life-long hobby has been amateur dramatics, both as actor and director and it was there she met her husband who is also a keen thespian.

Her chosen charity for this year is Fiveways School in Yeovil and on October 4th we had a stand in Tesco, Yeovil. We had a lot of people stop by and show interest. There was a Free lucky dip with wrapped chocolates in organza bags, lavender bags, leaflets about Yeovil club, District and bookmarks. all produced by us.

Carol Price



Wrighton Vale

Pauline Carr was elected for her second year as our President, having had a super previous year, such a hard act to follow, everyone wished her to continue.

The Club this year is focussing mainly on the friendship aspect of Inner Wheel, which is one of the core objectives, with our monthly meetings, outings, social lunches and coffee mornings.

Our planned speakers are varied



and include, a forensic pathologist, all things crafty, health advice and skydiving, a wide variety of subjects and something we hope for everyone.



But it's all not just fun - we are raising funds for three charities, particularly close to our members hearts - BRACE, Fragile X, and Marie Curie. We hope to raise the money with coffee mornings and our very popular tombola

stalls around the villages particularly at Christmas.

There is also a planned "Soup and Puds" lunch and raffle in October with funds going to International charities, Médecins San Frontières and Waterboxes.



So we look forward to another good year embracing all that is Inner Wheel.

Pru Witter



Sedgemoor



My name is Edna Russell and I am President of Sedgemoor for this year 2024-5.

I've been with Sedgemoor for just over 3 years, having transferred from Langport when it disbanded where I was a member for roughly 5 years. After about 18 months I was asked if I would become President and thought it was about time to put my head above the parapet. I'm really looking forward to my year, as Sedgemoor are a very much hands on, let's do it Club, so I know will have lots of support, not to mention experience, from the members, to help me.

My first charity event is 14th October, a supper evening in conversation with author Ruth Downie and owner of Brendon bookshop, Lionel Ward.

We hope to also have a charity quiz and a charity skittles evening early next year, but we will be holding our usual breast cushion stuffing sessions and making lots of Xmas stockings for the baby unit at Yeovil hospital. We'll also have a couple of speakers, as well as a beetle drive and some chatty meetings, just to mix things up a bit.

So, fingers crossed.....!

Edna Russell

"Here's to strong women: May we know them, may we be them, may we raise them." - *Unknown*

"Just don't give up trying to do what you really want to do. Where there is love and inspiration, I don't think you can go wrong."
Ella Fitzgerald



Convention - 2024

Inner Wheel celebrated the 19th International Inner Wheel Convention in Manchester,

England and wow what an event.

Full of ladies from around the world enjoying each others company.

Business sessions were lively, entertainment wonderful and the Gala Dinner was an event never to be forgotten.

We had a visit from our founder Margarett Golding,

our then Association President of GB&I, Anthea Tilsley, brought her back to life in style. A fantastic experience, plenty of diversity and friendship knowing no bounds.

Celebrating the founding of Inner Wheel in Manchester in 1924 was a fitting tribute to hold this convention in Manchester 100 hundred years later in 2024.

Here are a few more Convention photos. Members had an amazing time and gained so much insight into Inner Wheel on both national and international levels, more than they ever imagined, even after years of membership! That's why these events are crucial for learning.

Thank you to our treasurer Mo for the photos.





The Convention was incredible. Fantastic to see so many people from so many different countries. To see the outfits members wore, especially those from African and Asian countries.

The Gala dinner with so many people wearing such incredible outfits including us from GB&I wearing our 'flappers' outfits. To

see President Anthea dressed as Margarett Golding; to see fabric designed to include the Inner Wheel logo made into so many different styles of clothes; to hear many different languages spoken; to talk to so many people from all over the globe; to realise what it means to belong to an international organisation.



We are present in every continent around the world. What an achievement started 100 years ago in that Turkish Bath in Manchester.

Janet Fulford, Immediate Past District Chair



International Inner Wheel



**HEARTBEAT
OF HUMANITY**
Inner Wheel 2024-25

International Inner Wheel Cervical Cancer Initiative

The International Inner Wheel President for 2024-2025, Mamta Gupta, is on a humanitarian mission to Uganda to promote the initiative for the year.

The challenge is to vaccinate one million girls, between the ages of 7 and 14, against Cervical Cancer.



<https://www.internationalinnerwheel.org/>

The Association of Inner Wheel Clubs is like a wedding cake with tiers: The largest and most important tier is at grass roots level with the Clubs. There will be one near you in most towns, cities and large villages.

The next tier is at District level. There are 29 Districts that make up Great Britain and Ireland (GB&I).

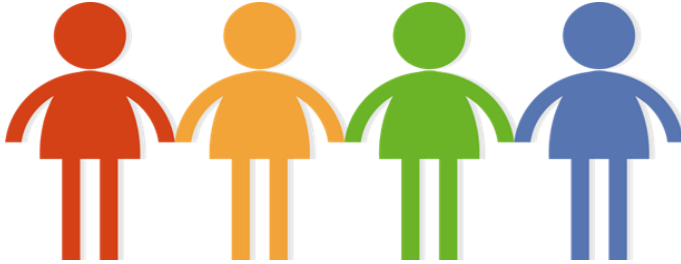
The third tier is the GB&I Association. This has a Governing Body and Executive Members representing all corners of Great Britain and Ireland.

The fourth tier is International Inner Wheel. This has an Executive along with Board Directors who represent over 108,000 members in 104 countries.





Apathy Reigns!



There are four people named

Everybody **Somebody** **Anybody** Nobody

And there is a job to be done!

Everybody thought

Somebody would do it.

Anybody could do it but

Nobody did it, so

Everybody blamed

Somebody when

Nobody did what

Anybody could have done!

This is best summed up about Inner Wheel by Sue from Weymouth
who has written –

“It’s like somebody trying to walk up a down escalator”

Sadly, this is so true when reading about Clubs with the same
members holding their Clubs together as well as the continuing
search for District Officers. Please give it thought and what Inner
Wheel means to you.

Jenny Jones, Bath, Joint District Editor



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Community



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Friendships



Creative



Covering: Dorset, Somerset and Wiltshire

...and make a difference with the
Inner Wheel

Inner Wheel is a women's organisation focused on friendship and service.



Join us and become a woman of action today.

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