

September Snippets 2024

Around District 20



to our Joint Chairmen
Pru Witter and Fran Allan for this IW Year 24-25.

They have both done this job before so they will have a very good idea of the challenges ahead. We thank them both for keeping us together and hope they enjoy their travels all around 20.

Pru is looking after - Bath – Frome – Mendip - Shepton Mallet – West Woodspring
Westbury – Wrington Vale - Weymouth

Fran is looking after – Bridport – Chard - Crewkerne – Sedgemoor- Taunton
Taunton Vale – Wellington –Yeovil

Taunton Vale

The following invitation came via Taunton Vale – Inner Wheel have been given a stand at this event but help from across the District on Saturday 28th September would be much appreciated

What a wonderful opportunity for “selling” IW and all we do.



Inner Wheel at the Heart
of the Community for 100 Years



THE HIGH SHERIFF
of Somerset



“Join In Somerset”

**Volunteering & Community Event as part of the “Taunton Together” Festival
Taunton Minster and Hammett Street Saturday 28th September 2024**

West Woodspring

For her final act as President Jeanette Thacker gave a cheque for the monies raised during her year, to Weston Hospicecare. Jeanette recognised the special relationship that Weston Hospice enjoys with the people of Weston and surrounding areas, whilst Kirsty Simmons, Community Fundraising Manager, acknowledged the need for the vital support received from all quarters, in order to continue their work (*both pictured here*).



The Summer Months have seen many outdoor events across our District especially Cream Teas in various members gardens and homes including – West Woodspring -Shepton Mallet - Sedgemoor – Mendip x2 – Yeovil as well as Lunches and Safari Suppers in West Woodspring -Taunton (where they had Pimms) - Westbury



Taunton



Westbury



Mendip



Yeovil

Shepton Mallet

- President Janet Thornborough invited Inner Wheel members, family, friends and Rotarians to an afternoon tea and her plan for September includes a sponsored walk to mark our 70th Charter year and to raise funds for 3 charities. Janet is asking members to do a collective 70 mile walk on the weekend of 28th/29th September. We will all walk around Collett Park, maybe only around the pond, add all the distances together - hopefully adding up to 70.

Wellington

- As part of our 100th anniversary celebrations, we made warm scarves with unused squares from our 'Blanket of 100' and with children's knitted mittens, hats and cardigans, all sent to Moldova and Ukraine by Cr2ee (Christian Response to Eastern Europe).
- Before the summer break, and for the first time since Covid lockdowns, seven of our members undertook a sponsored 'Walk to the Skylark' They were joined along the route by two others and non-walking members greeted them at the pub/restaurant for a fish-and-chip lunch.
- It is our 50th Charter year and we still have four founder members active in the club: Rosemary Wharton, Christine Howe, Margaret Knowlman and Hilary Woodbury. with Rosemary being our President for the fourth time. We look forward to a year full of friendship and memories



Chard

- To celebrate the Centenary year we held an Afternoon Tea at Hornsbury Mill with past and present members and visitors from other clubs. President Peggy held everyone spell bound with a resume of to the Club's history involving the past Presidents present in the room. Our splendid cake was made by member Jenny and cut by our eldest and our most recent member, Eileen and Kate.
- Our new President, Penny Herrick, has an interesting programme for the year starting off with a **Tea Dance at Jenny's Café and Bistro on 20th September 2024**. This is open to anyone who would like some **Company, a Cuppa, Cake**, music and dancing! (*Jenny is one of our members*) Penny's two charities for the year are very personal to her *Chard Youth Centre & Diabetes UK*. Club members look forward to supporting both during the Inner Wheel year.



Taunton

- During the summer we have welcomed a new member Carol Sweet



Westbury

- President Julie Street and member Jackie Pike presenting a cheque to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance. The money was raised at a Quiz Night and a coffee morning.
- We have book club meeting at a local pub where we have coffee and croissants whilst discussing our latest book. Members take it in turns to choose a book and we meet once a month to discuss it.



Bridport

- Bridport is delighted to welcome Jenny and Irene as new joint presidents. Club members are looking forward to enjoying the varied programme of events they have lined up for the coming year which will include a race night, circle dancing and a talk by a local chimney sweep! A fundraising bingo evening will also be taking place in November with a fashion show scheduled for next spring.
- As there is no formal meeting in August, the club has held a picnic at local Hive Beach for many years. Fourteen members and some partners attended this year's picnic on a beautiful sunny, if not windy, afternoon.

Bath

- As a summer treat, members met for coffee at No 15. Great Pulteney St, Bath. This grand address was formerly a Salvation Army hotel but is now an upmarket boutique hotel. We sat in the reception lounge, where coffee was served at a table where the glass top was encased with recycled turquoise and diamante costume jewellery, and walls decked out with both classic and modern art. However, the most memorable room was the ladies' loo. It certainly had the WOW factor. A large light airy room with huge, gilded mirrors, bright colourful floral wallpaper, wide doors and best of all, a huge circular pouffe and the biggest chandelier (pictured) you have ever seen!



- Labels Work! Knitted squares, made into blankets are donated to St Martins geriatric hospital in Bath. Patients are given a blanket and when discharged they take them home.. A telephone call was the result of our labels! A Senior nurse followed up our name by ringing Head office in London as she had never heard of Inner Wheel and wanted to say Thank You.



Sedgemoor

- In Summer sunshine members enjoyed visiting National Trust's Fyne Court for coffee and a walk in the nature reserve
- On another occasion we went Sheppy's Cider Farm for a cream tea. (pictured)
- There were also a number of visits in and around Bridgwater presenting 5 Bleed Control kits to be located in existing Defibrillator Boxes. Cheques were also presented to various other local organisations including to Reminiscence Learning a charity specialising in dementia care.



Frome

- Mayor Philip Campagna came to our meeting in May when he gave a very interesting talk about his year as Mayor. As this was his last duty as Mayor, he presented his Mayor's Commendation to Pam Brewster, our Member of Council, in recognition of her contribution to the communities of Frome. It was a lovely moment and Pam was a bit overwhelmed.



Mendip

- On 4th June we welcomed Steve Punter, Treasurer of RNLI Winscombe and Kayley Harding, a crew member at Burnham Life Boat Station.. Kayley spoke of her life as a crew member serving on the lifeboat at Burnham on Sea. She spoke of the type of 'shout' they attend and the continual training they undergo to ensure Health and Safety of the crew and members of the public. She is men's hairdresser and told us how on occasions when the alarm was called, she has had to drop her scissors and run with the haircut being finished off by another hairdresser!



Yeovil

- A book Club has started as well as
- A knit and natter group is making items to give away at our promotional stall outside Tesco on 4th October
- Events are planned for the coming months to raise funds for our chosen Charity, the Fiveways School which is a specialised school for severely physically and mentally disabled children.

Remembering -

Two members who have died recently from cancer -

Sylvia Renshaw from Taunton

When Sylvia joined IW her organisational skills were recognised very quickly and as our Overseas Officer - now International she wanted to support a very local charity. She found School in a Bag. Quietly supportive, very efficient and organised. We will all miss her so very much.

Beryl Selley from Bath

A founder member – hard working and supportive - serving twice as President.

Crewkerne-Weymouth and Wrington Vale send good wishes but have nothing to report at the moment. Best wishes to those Clubs for the coming months

And Finally

Remember

“If you see someone without a smile then Give them one of yours.”

