



January Jottings



from District 20



Happy New Year to you All

Our Congratulations to District Chairman Pru on becoming Association Treasurer in July 2025



Frome

- President Sheridan presented a cheque to the Frome Christmas Get-Together Coordinators, Di and Emma. The money goes towards the various events on Christmas Day from organising lunch at one venue, to entertainment and Christmas presents to take home. At two other more informal venues guests are given a festive meal to take home with volunteer drivers delivering festive hamper for those unable to attend the venues. The funds were raised from serving in the Rotary Pop up shop with the monies go back to the community."



Yeovil

- Yeovil members have met to knit and natter. with these delightful gifts included in our now annual visit and donations to Yeovil's food bank, The Lord's Larder, at the Gateway. We enjoyed coffee and cake at the Gateway restaurant, when we were joined by the Operations Manager, Mat Callaghan. Later Janet and Joanne delivered more of the gifts to Yeovil Opportunity Group, a preschool for children with additional needs.



- While at the Gateway we visited the

Hub run by Lorraine Gill, for the charity Yeovil4Family. The charity supports families in Yeovil including displaced families who have come through the Government scheme from Ukraine and Afghanistan. Our Club International Service Organiser, Val popped in later with gifts of children's books and soft toys.

Taunton

- The Club International Committee held a very busy Coffee Morning in aid of MSF, many people had left by the time we remembered to take a photo.



- Sally Small held a very successful Coffee Morning at her home in Bishops Hull to celebrate World Inner Wheel Day. All donations went to President Angela's charity - Breast Cancer Now.

Wellington

- In November, we enjoyed a demonstration by artisan soap makers, Nicola and Ben of Boo Cottage Botanicals and were delighted to have the opportunity to make some early Christmas gift purchases.
- To commemorate World Inner Wheel Day, we held a coffee morning at Yvonne's home, when we were also able to celebrate the 90th birthday of our member Doreen. As our service to the community, we donated toiletries and personal items as well as boxes of chocolates and biscuits to the local Women's Refuge.
- We are looking forward to the formal visit of our District Chairman, our very own Fran, at our February lunch meeting



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We are still looking for a District Chairman and other District officers!!

Bridport

- We spent Inner Wheel Day, Friday 10th January, at our local craft centre which also has a very nice restaurant. Our time was spent perusing local crafts, eating a delicious lunch with plenty of chatting.
- This past year has been a difficult time for some of our members for a number of reasons so we felt it would do us all good to forget our troubles for a couple of hours and enjoy each other's company.



Weymouth.



- We had a lovely Lunch of Chicken pie, Fish pie or Lasagne followed by some delicious desserts to celebrate Inner Wheel Day with 18 ladies attending. We also held a raffle and had an impromptu crochet lesson for the ladies who couldn't crochet and we raised over £275 for our overseas charities

West Woodspring

- In October we were treated to a very interesting and amusing meeting. Not only did we have Pru Witter (Joint District Chairman) joining us but also Kevin Osman, a friend of our secretary Ann Adams.
- Kevin not only sets quizzes for the Isle of Wedmore Golf Club but he 'Beat the Chasers' in 2021 and won himself £40,000. He brought with him a recording of the actual programme and was able to give us some background 'insider' information on the making of the programme, how he was interviewed and auditioned. It was just before the outbreak of Covid so he was called back to be on the show 2 years later. He was able to stop and start the video at strategic places and explain how the filming took place and how what we see on the television is a condensed version of the real thing. He had to keep his win secret from everyone, apart from his wife I think until the show was aired. He enjoyed the whole experience and found the chasers very encouraging and Bradley great fun to 'work' with. He was very charismatic and made us all laugh



Perhaps some of you may remember him from the photo or have attended one of his popular quizzes - I hope to go to one in the future

Westbury



- President Julie Street presents a cheque to two trustees of our local food bank.
- Val Sandoe celebrating her 90th birthday. Val joined in the early 1970's so has been a member for 50+ years!

• Jean Heath and Jackie Pike on

our stall at the local Christmas Fair where we sold Christmas gifts and had raffles of a hamper, for the adults and a knitted toy for the children.



To celebrate World Inner Wheel Day we had a meal and stood to toast all members of Inner Wheel.

Shepton Mallet

- At our annual conference in Blackpool in 2023 one of our speakers was Dr. Lynne Baird MBE the mother of Daniel Baird who died from catastrophic bleeding after being stabbed after a night out with friends. His brother Tom who was a doctor at the hospital where Daniel was taken told his mother that if someone had known what to do to control a severe bleed, or there had been special equipment available, the outcome could have been very different! Lynne set to work immediately, and the Daniel Baird Foundation was formed providing a bleed kit designed to be used in an emergency with no previous training! Severe bleeds happen all the time in workplaces, car accidents, dog attacks, impalements not just stabbings!
- The Inner Wheel Club of Shepton Mallet did a sponsored walk in the summer of 2023 and with



extra donations have given four bleed kits to the town, one in a cabinet next to the Defib in Collett park and three others around the town.

We hope these kits will never be used but if they are needed that they might be used to save a life

Bath



Two teams of 4 each, from Mendip and Bath Clubs, proved enough to have a fun and friendly skittles match on a bright cold Tuesday lunch time.

- The fire stove was lit
- skittles set up,
- stew on the slow cooker with chunks of bread for lunch,
- all provided for a very warming pleasant way to spend a winters Tuesday

lunch time and with it mark Inner Wheel Day. Highly recommended.

Chard

Working in co-operation with three other local groups we held our second Tea Dance to help combat loneliness in the area and this time to Live Music provided for us foc by a local band who played from the balcony of this old Chapel. This was for all ages and these two brought their reluctant Gran. She thoroughly enjoyed herself!



And Finally Remember---

***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!***

District Chairman and others!!