

# 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 Chairman 2024 -25*

*Lyn Copper*



*A Message from D.C  
Lyn*



Dear Friends.

It seems strange to be wishing you all a Happy New Year in March, but this is the first time that I will have had the chance to 'speak' to you all since the New Year Church Bells rang in 2025. I trust that whatever you did over the Christmas and New Year period, it was peaceful and happy for you and your family and it's never too late to send my thanks for all the good wishes and Christmas Cards that Paul and I received from many of you.

Although this January day started off very frosty and uninviting, I noticed this morning that the first of my snowdrops had pushed their heads above the soil, which got me thinking of Spring and new life and I converted that to me thinking of new life within Inner Wheel, and how we can all contribute to raising our membership within the clubs and across the district.

Half of my year has already gone. I have been overwhelmed by the friendship, warmth and hospitality I have received and I look forward to meeting up with many more of you during the forthcoming months.

Nevertheless I am back in to planning mode thinking about my Rally as I eagerly anticipate seeing you all at the District Rally at the Double Tree, Nottingham Gateway on 14th April. Our members spoke of change and I listened and took action, so this time we have a new venue and hope that it will be fully supported by many of you, when we welcome Heather Sheerin, our Association President, to join us in our celebrations.

*In friendship. D.C Lyn*



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Spring Edition*

**Letter from Editor Yvette**

As I sit here today mid January I reflect that this is a new Calendar year, when we look back to reflect on the past year and then forward to the coming year. But not in Inner Wheel where we are mid-year. Also, when you will be reading this, there be will only three months left of this Inner Wheel year. It feels a bit like a maze to know what to put into the Magazine. Inevitably it contains many references to Christmas and the later part of 2024. It has been a busy few months in District 22 and especially for our District Chairman with many club visits, International events and by the time you read this including the District Quiz.

I am to continuing to look back at the Home Service Reports for 2024. You are all amazing. The full report will be given at the AGM but here is a small sample of all that you have done. You have given hours of voluntary service visiting people, listening to children read, reading for those with visual impairment, helping in stately homes, in hospices, at food banks, churches, at markets, with Santa Sleighs. The list goes on and on. You have knitted, collected tins, stamps, ring pulls, planted trees and bulbs. Walked, skipped and litter picked. In the process of doing all these things you have raised an amazing £47,382 for local and national charities in GB & I.

This has all be done with much laughter reflecting the objectives of Inner Wheel to promote true friendship and encourage the ideals of personal service. This confirms that District 22 is

*"Simply the Best"*

*In friendship. Editor Yvette*

*District 22 Carol Service 8th December 2024*

In the words of the song, “The weather outside was “frightful” but the atmosphere inside was “delightful”.

District 22 members, their families and friends came together to celebrate the season of Christmas and all that it means at St Peter and St Paul’s Church, Church Warsop.

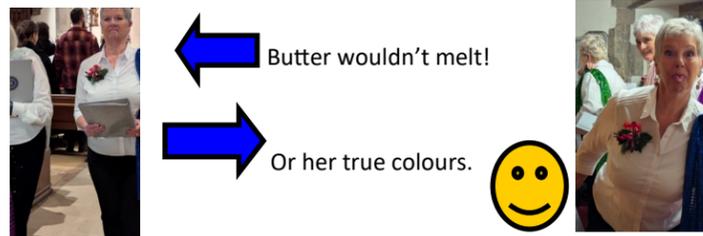
The service, led by Lay Reader Pat Brewin, included readings by Association Past President Pam McConnell MBE, District Chairman Lyn, Rotarian Paul Copper, 1<sup>st</sup> VC Joy Fox, Past District Officer Judith Rosser and Association Editor Di Hylton.

Singing was led by Maureen Tunney and the District 22 choir with the assistance of Organist, Rotarian John Berrington and Pianist Simon Hurrell. The congregation joined in the singing with great gusto and made generous donations to the collection giving circa £332 split evenly between the DC Charity and the Church.

Pat Brewin saw to the smooth flowing of the service and in her thoughtful Reflection commented on the warmth of the friendship of Inner Wheel that surrounded us all.

The cherry on the cake of this lovely afternoon was the choir from Birklands Primary School leading us singing the first verse from Away in a Manger and then telling us all about “Whoops a Daisy Angel” who had problems with her harp, whose halo was “never straight” and was “always late!”

The final warmth on this very wet day was a hot drink and mince pie with Santa and the happy children, who all received a present. Sorry to say the District Editor was firmly on Santa’s naughty list and a certain lady in the choir is definitely the prototype for Whoops a Daisy Angel.



A small selection of photographs from a lovely afternoon.

*Sutton-in-Ashfield—President Dodo Pearce*

**T**hroughout the year members, family and friends had been knitting and sourcing woolly hats with the idea of supplying them to the Sutton in Ashfield Rotary Club Santa, to give out as gifts to children he visited during his December Sleigh runs through the town.



Pictured are members who attended the Rotary Christmas meal, donating the hats to Sleigh organiser Liz Barrett (3rd from the left) and Rotary President Karen Alderton (extreme R).

Our meeting in December took the form of our Christmas Meal held at the Coxmoor Golf Club in Sutton in Ashfield. After a most enjoyable meal, members played our traditional "Christmas Raffle" game and pictured are members with their festive prizes.

Members also helped the Rotary Santa when he appeared at the local Asda store and with Sutton Academy's Festive Dinner held on 21st December.



*Photographs:  
Above the Sutton members have been busy for Santa  
Right the Sutton members in their festive raffle prizes.*

*Club Correspondent—Sue Fensome*

*Melbourne—President Rachel Cooper*

**O**ur meeting venue has now changed to the Sports Partnership in Melbourne which we have found more comfortable, friendly and cheaper than our previous venue. We can still make drinks and afterwards go to Harpur's restaurant in the town for lunch.

*A beautifully dressed table.  
Seems a shame to cut the cake*



Our 60<sup>th</sup> Charter was also held at a different venue, The Priest House Hotel, and we were pleased to welcome DC Lyn Copper and 59 ladies to enjoy Jo Golby speak about "The Life of a Ladies' Maid".



November was busy with our second baby bundle event at President Rachel's home. After making the bundles we all had a soup and dessert lunch and with the raffle made £158 for charity.

*A lovely start in life for one baby*

Great fun was had at the Christmas meeting, making a cracker table decoration with greenery and dried flowers. They made the centrepieces for our lunch, a sandwich platter from Birds bakery, which was a delightful way to end the session.

*Club Correspondent—Diana Eley*

*Bolsover—President Erika Keyworth*

The Club is having a busy year. We had an interesting talk by Erika's husband Darren about the Company he founded with a friend to raise funds and take goods to Ukraine. His photos were very moving.

A group visited the Winding Wheel Theatre in Chesterfield to see a Tribute Band to The Four Seasons - a fun and enjoyable evening.

For our 41st Charter we wore pink sashes to mark McMillan Day. Several Clubs were represented and the Kirkby in Ashfield ladies couldn't stop dancing to the excellent entertainment.

We sold poppies for the RBL in November and District Chairman Lyn and Erika laid wreaths on Remembrance Sunday. The Club invited Jill Berry to tell us about her interesting life and how she became an author.

Prior to the Lantern Parade we sold refreshments at Bolsover Christmas Fayre and in lieu of our December meeting enjoyed a fun Christmas lunch at the Angel in Clowne.



*Bolsover members looking fabulous at their Charter*

*Club Correspondent—Bea Bowskill*

*Wollaton Park—President Debbie Pink*



Several of our members joined with members of local charity 'Pulp Friction' to plant 100 spring bulbs in their Community Garden. The colourful mixture, planted as part of our '100 for 100' challenge will, we hope, 'shine a light' on the charity's work helping young people with learning difficulties/autism into employment.

*Stella Taylor at the Pulp Fiction Garden*

Our 42<sup>nd</sup> Charter anniversary was memorable. We enjoyed fabulous entertainment from Acapella Quartet, 'Ursa Major', a group of talented young ladies led by the daughter of IW member, Jenny. District Chairman Lyn and Rotary Secretary Graham joined us at our celebratory lunch.

We continue to support WP Rotary's fund-raising events. We baked and served cakes for the October Art Exhibition/Sale and became Santa's Elves with the December sleigh in



*Santa's elves Debbie Pink & Jane Hayes*



*Christmas jumpers and Ursa Major*

supermarkets and streets around the Nottingham area.

As 2024 draws to a close we celebrated yet another year of fun and friendship with a Christmas lunch and festive, musical entertainment from 'Ursa Major'!

*Club Correspondent—Gill Huddleston*

*Mapperley and District—President Sharon Watson*

Mapperley and District Inner Wheel is a new club, and we are aware it will take some time to establish the club fully. 17th September was our inaugural charter at Goosedale. It was lovely meeting the other groups and feeling we belonged to a brilliant organisation and we are looking forward to going forward with the Inner Wheel in the new year.

During the last three months we have been regularly contributing to the local food bank and Juno Women's Aid with home start items such as bedding, towels and washing up items.

The group lit a candle for International Day of Peace. We each shared photos of our candles. It felt we were all together sharing in wanting world peace.

We supported the Age Uk quiz in October coming 2nd. It was a lovely relaxed afternoon with pie and peas and lots of laughter. Catherine from our group helped us make Santa decorations. It made me think of Christmases as children as we helped each other make our Santas and chatted and laughed.

We had a Christmas fuddle at a member's house. We relaxed as we ate. We also celebrated orange around the world, to bring an end to domestic abuse by wearing something orange or bringing orange food.

I used the knitting pattern that was featured in the IW magazine and knitted socks for each member to save a pound a month. At the end of the year we can send the money to charity.



*All the members of M & D, what a busy time you've had in your first three months. Brilliant Inner Wheel friendship and Service*  
*Yvette District Editor*

*Club Correspondent- Sally Lord*

*Heanor—President Georgina Clark*

It was with great pleasure that we welcomed D C Lyn to our October meeting. Her very pleasant duty was to present four of our members with their long standing membership awards. Marion Beeston, Ann Haddon, Carolynne Craven and Barbara Woods were all surprised yet delighted to receive the recognition. PDC Diana Sardesai, Sue Mukherjee & Maureen Jones had previously received theirs at the celebratory lunch in June.



Lyn entertained us with her life history to date. President Georgina's chosen charity is Midland Air Ambulance and we welcomed John Bown, a representative and volunteer as a speaker. An SOS fashion show was held to raise money. It was very well attended and a good opportunity to buy bargains at below high street fashion prices. In November we held a friendship evening. Members, husbands, friends and members from other clubs all enjoyed a pie and pea supper followed by President Georgina's sister Irene Camden as our speaker. Irene has worked for the Royal Collection of Books at Windsor Castle. Her talk was titled "Putting a book to



Bed". Several members attended a Christmas Fayre to promote Inner Wheel, using the display provided by the district to highlight our organisation, with the hope of attracting new members. Our Christmas meeting was the usual fuddle with delicious food and mulled wine. Carolynne Craven supervised festive card making. The church where we hold our meetings held a Christmas tree festival and we decorated a tree in blue and gold to celebrate 100 years of the formation of our organisation.

*Club Correspondent- Suzanne Mukherjee*

*Clay Cross—President Julie Marshall*



**W**e were delighted to welcome D.C. Lyn Copper to our October meeting and to learn about her busy life and why her charity “Young Carers” was chosen.

*DC Lyn with President Julie*

Two of our longest serving members of the Club, Margaret Andrews and Barbara Marshall MBE, who both joined Clay Cross Inner Wheel in 1978, enjoyed the Paint a Pot afternoon along with other members at Peel Pottery in Chesterfield.



*Margaret and Barbara enjoying friendship*



The Christmas Fair tombola in Clay Cross was extremely well supported. We have never been as busy!

*A fine array of prizes waiting to be won*

At our Pie and Pea evening Stephen Wright BEM, gave an interesting talk about his year 2023/24 serving as Chaplain to the Mayor and Mayoress of Chesterfield and how enjoyable it had been .

Our Christmas party at The Carnarvon rounded off the year nicely, with Secret Santas and the reveal of the finished “Pots”.

*Club Correspondent—Angie Dawson*

*Alfreton—President Kay Ramsbottom*



**I**n early November the Club celebrated Past President Rita and Fred Leighton's Platinum wedding anniversary, 70 years ago. What an achievement! President Kay presented Rita with a beautiful Platinum Anniversary rosebush at our meeting.

*President Kay with Rita Leighton*

The Club managed to fill 17 Christmas boxes for children abroad which were delivered to Lynda Wallace at the District International Lunch later in November.

At our Christmas party Father Christmas paid us a visit and found Nichola, our youngest member for a hug! President Kay managed one as well!



*Left: Santa and Nichola*



*Right: Santa and President Kay*

Something to make you smile:  
Silence is golden unless you have children/grandchildren, then it's plain suspicious!!

I made a huge "to do" list today, I can't think yet who's going to do it!

*Club Correspondent—Penny Riggott*

*Long Eaton—President Marion Atkins*

During the last few months, it has been an interesting time for the Club. A visit by the District Chairman, who gave a very touching talk about her life from which we could understand why she had chosen the Charity Young Carers. We also heard how she became a member of Inner Wheel. We were pleased and surprised when she presented long service certificates to six members.

President Marion organised a most interesting visit to Bromley House Library in Nottingham. The history of the library was explained and the building itself was fascinating. Small corridors, many steps and the garden one of only two in the City centre. Well worth a visit. Christmas was celebrated with a meal at a local hostelry which was enjoyed by all.



*Looking down onto the garden and one of the Reading Rooms*

The New Year began by members providing a buffet for a party at the Happivale MenCap Club. It was a successful evening, everyone having a very cheerful time. This is an annual event we support and one member also helps out during the year.

*Club Correspondent—Judith Power*

*Church Wilne—President Margaret Abbott*

**T**here was lots of laughter when the Potty Plotters Elaine Crick and Julia Slater came to speak to us at our October meeting but what were they going to talk about. Might be rather like Midsomer Murders or Agatha Christie. Wrong –

They are two very enthusiastic Allotment plotters. With allotments in Derby City they gave us a potted history of what they do and lots of tips all under the guise of a quiz based around the letters of their name. We all received paper and a pencil with an invaluable eraser at the top, useful when copying from the person next to you and preferring her answer to yours! It is amazing what you can do with old pairs of tights\*\*. They were funny and entertaining and you can see more about them on their website at <https://thepottyplotters.uk> . they grow, they cook, they talk and most importantly they have FUN



*President Margaret with the Plotters and a collage from the evening*

\*\*On the basis that one size fits all, tights, amongst other things, can be used for storing your onions, protecting your bulbs from squirrels (you put them over your containers) and storing your cleaned plant pots at the end of the season ready for refilling. Just cut the toe off and they can be pulled out. Very clever.

*Club Correspondent—Liz Howard*

*District 22 International Rally 13th November 2024 at the Hostess Restaurant*

Following many gloomy days, it was lovely to see the sun and that is probably why there was a lot of chatter and laughter as lunch orders were taken. District Chairman, Lyn Copper, said she was looking forward to a good day and she handed over to Lynda to lead the rally.

Lynda welcomed everyone to her third and final rally. She had used the IIV theme of Every Heartbeat Matters and there were quite a few "hearts" on the table to remind everyone, and her grandson had said what she had done was "mega cool". Lynda introduced her top table guests and was delighted to welcome Association International Service Committee Chairman, Julie Ramsay, all the way from District 2 Musselborough, who lit the candle to International and explained about her charity Mary's Meals for school children and how donating any foreign currency or old coins can help, as an example one District gave 21 kgs of currency which was sorted and sold and made £583.

Grace was said by West Area International Zone Leader, Pat Churnside, and was thought-provoking as it asked us from our comfortable lives to think of others around with world with little to eat and nowhere to call home. There were 98 ladies sitting down from 20 clubs in District 22. Lunch was, as always at The Hostess, excellent with good, wholesome food which leaves many a clean plate.

Fatou Bahbah is CEO of the Ebou Mala's Children Charitable Foundation founded in 2017 and which now covers all of Gambia, where Fatou was born. She works as a Charge Nurse at Birmingham Hospital and wishes to offer equal opportunities, healthcare and help with challenges faced by children and families back in Gambia.

Fatou works with partners in France and England, especially NPAC, and arranges for old ambulances, hospital beds, desks for classrooms and items for skills training, e.g. old sewing machines. They have now added in the sanitary pads, football kits for both boys and girls and our baby bundles are very well received. There are challenges - finance to deliver the goods is one. Fatou has now made it possible to "sponsor" health bills / equipment as there is not

*International Rally continued:*

always the equipment in clinics or the medicine available; education by renovating a classroom but most of all she needs volunteers to help her with fundraising, media, etc. It was noted that the partners in France usually give financial help. 1029 black pants had been donated by District 22 that day and £105.64 was collected for Mary's Meals.

Joan Green, East Area International Committee member, thanked Fatou for her talk. This charity is quite personal for Joan, as she has been to the Gambia and she also works with NPAC. She said that it now costs NPAC about £ 2,500 per container and then the same again on landing.

Lynda thanked everyone who had helped make the rally a success, naming some individuals especially her husband who kindly loaded the car with bras and knickers as well as 64 shoe boxes. She presented Fatou with a gift and a bouquet of flowers to thank her for her interesting, enlightening talk and announced that the raffle had made £457 for the Ebou Mala charity.

Lynda thanked those ladies who attended for making the luncheon a success, a big thank you, as always, to The Hostess staff for looking after us all and she handed the meeting over to District Chairman, Lyn, who reiterated thanks and wished everyone a safe journey home.



L to R: DC Lyn Copper, ISCC Lynda Wallace, Fatou Bahbah (EMCCF), AISCC Julie Ramsey and Robert Parkes (EMCCF)

*With thanks to Jane Markwell for the article*

*District 22 International Rally a selection of photos*



*Editor: A happy reunion.  
AISCC Julie Ramsey is from D2 and knew Liz Reid's late mother, Sheila Reid for many years. Liz is a founder member of Mapperley & District one of our new clubs.*

*Celebrations around the District*

*Special birthday with a "O"  
Or in one case "OO"*

Joan Green	Warsop
Joan Pepperday	Warsop
Jude Lockwood	Warsop
Jane Markwell	Church Wilne



*Special Anniversaries*



**Alfreton**  
Platinum Wedding Anniversary (70 years)  
Rita and Fred Leighton

*Mansfield—President Jennifer Burroughes*

**I**t has been a busy end of the year fundraising for our President Jenny Burroughes chosen charities; Teenage Cancer Trust and Young Lives Vs Cancer.



A fun night was had frog racing – no animal was harmed during the merriment of the evening!

Fish and Chips were served at part-time!

*It looks like the girls frogs are in the lead but were they the winners!*

Glamour and Generosity were the highlight of November with Mansfield Inner Wheel's Annual Fashion Show. All clothing was supplied by VB Style, with models from Inner Wheel and friends of members who wanted to give for a good cause. Our membership officer, Laura Bucks, Three children got involved being models for the evening!! A total of £1700 was raised for our president's charities, Teenage Cancer Trust and Young Lives vs Cancer.



*The Panto actors. Oh yes-they are*

Our president Jenny Burroughes chose to do something a little different at our Christmas Party – a pantomime version of The Wizard of Oz!! The committee members were rallied to take parts as well as members of the wider group. Everyone enjoyed it, including the actors!!

*Club Correspondent—Claire Parsons*

*Kirkby-in-Ashfield—President Barbara Williams*



**S**eventy-five years of fun and friendship was celebrated at President Barbara Williams' Charter held at The Hostess in October. The guest speaker was Nicola Mills who is an extremely talented opera singer. She not only sang but talked about her roots and career path and made her audience both laugh and cry! Barbara had been inspired by her performance at Convention and was delighted when she agreed to visit Nottinghamshire.

As usual Sita Tungstall Singh hosted a wonderful Divali night with loads of homemade Indian food and a spectacular firework display.

For the second year running Kirkby Inner Wheel organised the sale of poppies at Aldi. The stall was manned by members every day for over two weeks and raised nearly £4000.

From September members have been donating tins of food and dried goods to be used at the Summit Centre Food Club which club member Patrizia Canova helps to run.

Finally, a number of members again helped Santa to distribute gifts to children at The Reuben Shaw Garden Centre. The grotto is run by the Rotarians who really appreciate Inner Wheel's help and of course, the elves really enjoyed it too!



*Club Correspondent—Sally Hill*

### *Warsop—President Jean Mountain*

Festive end to 2024 for Inner Wheel Club of Warsop

October saw the ladies joining in with a craft afternoon where they made gifts and cards for Christmas. President Jean was very happy that she was able to make things as she is not crafty. The members enjoyed the afternoon and went home with beautiful things and big smiles. Due to the success of the afternoon our crafty fairies Ruth and Sharlotte are looking to make this a regular event.



*Two happy crafters*



The start of November saw President Jean hosting her Charter at the Hostess restaurant. The key note speaker was Nottinghamshire's chief constable Kate Meynall who gave an interesting presentation that was enjoyed by all attendees. Fun and friendship was definitely the theme of the evening.

*Chief Constable Kate Meynall and her husband with President Jean*

President Jean was accompanied by Association Treasurer Gloria in laying a poppy wreath from the club in honour of the men and women who served our country.



*Mary Pay and her lucky dip bags*

### *Warsop continued:*

The end of November was the annual Christmas Fayre at the John Fretwell centre. This was supported by local people and fellow clubs. A very festive atmosphere and some early Christmas gifts were brought. Mary Pay's lucky dip bags were a firm favourite and all went very quickly.

The start of December saw the club hold its annual flower arranging class. This well-attended favourite event was as good as ever and lots of creative arrangements were made with the guidance of Christine and Mavis. The club ended 2024 with our Christmas meal at the Hostess restaurant. Andrew and the team from the Hostess made the evening wonderful with the fabulous food and great service as always. Warsop Inner Wheel are looking forward to the coming year with more fun activities and time for friendship

### *Club Correspondent—Sharlotte Somerville*

#### *Matlock—President and Club Correspondent Sylvia Netley*

**W**e celebrated our very last Charter with afternoon tea and a glass of fizz at The Family Tree Restaurant at Whatstandwell, with all eight members attending.

Our Christmas celebration was a lunch at Carsington Reservoir.

Gill our International Officer has been gathering together lots of items for World Inner Wheel Day which we were all looking forward to.

A Happy New Year everyone.

*Editor: I am sorry that there is no photograph.  
Technical issues with Sylvia's computer.*

*We are saddened to see you go and hope that  
you will keep in touch*

*Chesterfield Scarsdale—President Pat Willmot*



Chris hosted a Tea/coffee afternoon at her home instead of Pat's as she wanted to do it before she moved to York.

As always it was a lovely afternoon, Pat presented Chris with a garden voucher to buy something for the new garden. It was also the start of collecting

Knickers as part of Knickers for November.

Our October meeting organised by Dee was a meal at the Golf Club followed by a short business meeting. Afterwards Dee told us the History of Halloween and how it started in America. She then demonstrated and helped us all to make the pumpkins.



*Editor: The ladies from Chesterfield Scarsdale do look to be enjoying friendship while having fun.*

*Club Correspondent—Liz Outram*

*West Ashfield—President Brenda Renshaw*

Our meetings, a visit by one of our members to Romania and fundraising, have been varied.

One of our members visited a village in Romania to work with a couple who are originally from Wales. She and her Rotarian husband visited sites where there's children's work. They also visited and took gifts to a group of prostitutes.

Their Romanian is not good enough to communicate with them but they did shake hands



Our fundraising highlight of the year is the annual Swimathon in aid of BHF in November when over £4,000 was raised.

*Acting Club Correspondent—Alison Redshaw*

*Retford—President Judith Roberts*



Our Charter lunch celebrating 100 years of Inner Wheel was a great success. There was a fashion parade (by our members) featuring clothes and music from each decade. The styles went from flapper dresses and the Charleston to Madonna and then on to modern times. Old Father Time made an appearance to welcome in the new millennium. The Retford Star and Christmas tree festivals in December were supported by our club with a Christmas tree and star display. Some of our other activities have included a trip to see The Longest Yarn at Southwell Minster and what is now becoming our traditional monthly walk and/or coffee at Idle Valley Nature



Reserve. Members also took part in the Rotary Santa run in Retford on what was an appalling day weather wise but great fun.

On an International note – members helped load the NPAC container and the delivery to schoolchildren in Zambia was greeted with great enthusiasm.

Sometimes just small donations can make such a difference.

*Club Correspondent—Heather Reid*

*Ravenshead—President Sue Evans*

November was a quiet month apart from meeting up for coffee at Brookfield Garden centre which we do every month or somewhere similar. Our annual skittles match with the Rotary Club was a very enjoyable evening even though the Rotary Club won, we don't hold it against them especially as I'm in both clubs.



December is the start of a busy time, one of my favourite days is going to Warsop Inner Wheel Club for a wreath and table Decoration Day. First, we are given a short demonstration creating these items, then we set to making up our own creations. There are usually about 50 ladies from around the district participating. Susan and I had a lovely day. Unfortunately Kathy should have been with us, but she was in hospital. We proudly brought home our creations and managed to jointly make a couple for Kathy.

Another lovely day was at Ramsdale Golf Club where we enjoyed our Christmas lunch with secret Santa visiting. Most of our members were able to make it so there was a great atmosphere and much chattering.



During December some of the ladies help with Santa collecting with the Rotary Club. This helps all the charities and clubs who help, as all monies are shared with any group that have helped.

*Club Correspondent—Susie Parry-Williams*

*Hucknall & District—President Cheryl Williams*

**T**hroughout the Christmas period we have had several group visits to Harrier House alongside other members of the Inner Wheel to visit our Marjorie and the other residents, one visit resulting in us getting absolutely thrashed at dominoes and one for the cheese and wine evening which was enjoyed by all.

We've had a few guest speakers so far, one being Beth from PASIC (our president's chosen charity), whom we later presented with items for care packages for the parents of children going through cancer treatment and our very own Yvonne who runs our local food bank, whom we support consistently through bringing a set item to our meetings.



On the 10th of December we were kindly given the opportunity to fundraise with some members from Hucknall Rotary with their Santa's sleigh. Alongside this we also offered Santa visits for the children of Hucknall on multiple dates kindly carried out by Lisa Poole's husband Rob.

President Cheryl as Mrs Clause and Rotarian Kevin Rostance as Santa

*Hucknall & District cont:*

In our Christmas meeting again we gathered some self care items to put together gift bags for the parents of families that struggle within the area. As we all know we put our children over ourselves regularly and we wanted to give something to those parents who deserve a little something for themselves. Michaela at the Tee House as always provided us with a fantastic Christmas carvery and we finished up with our secret Santa gifts and some party games.



Organising the self care gift bags at Christmas, supervised by Member of Council Elaine

*Club Correspondent—Kirsten Bingham-Searle*

*Editor: We celebrate all of our members and it is lovey to see the love and respect the Hucknall members have for Marjorie. A little bird tells me there is also a new member joining the team. Just a little too late for me to put into the new member announcements. Watch this space to say hello to Pauline .*

*Mapperley & District—President Sharon Watson*

Member of Council Elaine Hopkins MBE has worked very hard to get the new Mapperley and District Inner Wheel group off the ground.

I realised how much it mattered to her at the Club Registration event in September 2024.

Elaine wrote:

“I am feeling very emotional, it is like my children’s first day at school. The women in both clubs have worked so hard to get their clubs up and running.”

I asked our members for their thoughts, everyone agreed Elaine’s kindness, passion, selflessness and generosity shows in all she does. Supporting the new groups, with her knowledge and experience, and her work with Age UK., The Oaklands Nursing Home and beneficiaries in the Royal British Legion.

Elaine has always been welcoming and extremely knowledgeable to everyone in the group. She always emphasises true friendship, personal service and international understanding. She also adds having fun!

Rosie said “Elaine eats it, sleeps it and breathes it. “

I can say for all the members of Mapperley & District Inner Wheel, we are looking forward to the new year building on the firm foundations Elaine has started.



**A BIG THANK YOU  
ELAINE**

*Club Correspondent—Sally Lord*

**NEW MEMBERS**

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

Catherine Hardwick	Warsop
Joan Wadd	Chesterfield Scarsdale
Sally Marshall	Church Wilne

**Rest in Peace And Rise in Glory**

Rotarian John Bent the husband of Anthea Bent	Inner Wheel Club of Matlock.
Pam Marsh	Chesterfield Scarsdale
Jean Toseland	Kirkby-in-Ashfield

*Save the date for more fun and friendship*

March 31st—2nd April: Association Conference at Harrogate

April 14th District Thanksgiving and Rally Doubletree by Hilton Nottingham Gateway NG8 6AZ

May 8th 80<sup>th</sup> V.E. Day Celebrations The Hostess Restaurant NG19 8LL

June 19th D.C. Head shave for Young Carers. Hillstown Village Hall Bolsover S44 6LW at 2 p.m.

**INTERNATIONAL NEEDS YOUR HELP**

If you have any foreign currency or old coins please save these for International and the charity being supported by the Association ISCC, Mary's Meals. Bring to any meeting.

Also good quality boys clothing and shoes for age 6-15, also bedding. This is for boys living homeless on the streets on the east side of Africa. These are for Marion Tasker/NPAC. Bring to the District Meeting June 7th 2025. *Thank you*