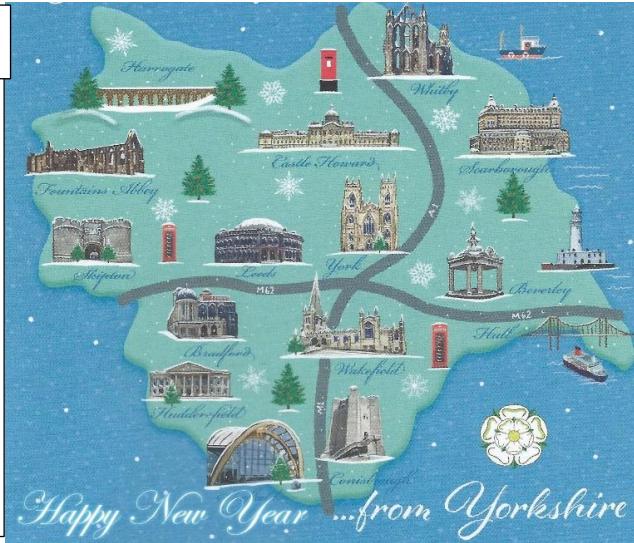


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## District Executive

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## Clubs in District 4

Aireborough	Brighouse
Cleckheaton	Denby Dale
Elland	Halifax
Harrogate Brigantes	Heckmondwike
Ilkley	Leeds
Normanton	Otley Chevin
Pontefract	Ripon
Ripon Rowels	Scarborough
Tadcaster & Wetherby	
Wakefield	York
York Ainsty	York Vikings

## ORANGE THE WORLD AROUND DISTRICT 4

**Aireborough** IW's day spent speaking to ladies AND gentlemen in Guiseley to make them aware of violence against women and children. Leaflets, information cards and orange lavender bags were given out.



Sue Thornton Club Correspondent of the **Elland** club reported that they lit St Thomas in Greetland, orange, but the lighting blew down before they got a photo! The pictures are from Orange the World in Calderdale. The first one is at Halifax Piece Hall.... **Halifax, Elland & Brighouse** clubs combined. The second is Elland club in Halifax Borough Market.



Elland club in Halifax Borough Market



Steph Ryan from the **Halifax** club took this wonderful photo of the Wainhouse Tower lit up with an orange glow

Further to your email about Orange the World. I enclose a picture of an 'Orange Themed' hamper which **York Ainsty** Club collected and gave to the York IDAS /York Women's Refuge for distribution to those in their care



Coast and Country Coaches transported 25 members from the **Scarborough** club to a magical world at Castle Howard. We dressed in orange in solidarity for the 'Orange the World' campaign and we proudly wore the lovely orange flowers that Karrie had made. Chrissie and Kevin had generously given our club discounted tickets for the event and what a fantastic time we had. The rooms in the castle were decorated throughout with the theme of the Wizard of Oz. It was delightful and really got us in the mood for Christmas. We had a lovely lunch in the marquee and then enjoyed retail therapy in the Christmas shop. Several visitors asked us why we were dressed in orange, and we explained about the campaign, and we handed out the cards we had collected at the District meeting in November



Ripon and Ripon Rowels Inner Wheel Clubs joined forces and dressed appropriately for Orange the World. Members gave out free oranges to promote the campaign in the Market Square in Ripon. Sue Theakston a member of Ripon Rowels also managed to light up Masham Church orange.

*Past District Chairman Enid from the Aireborough club can turn her hand to many skills. She recently took part in a course at the Stained Glass Centre with husband Oliver. Enid was celebrating a milestone birthday and earlier in the week had enjoyed a celebratory few days in Paris followed by a visit to Killerby where they made fused glass coasters*



## DISTRICT 4 MEETING AND INTERNATIONAL MEETING

St. Chad's Parish Centre, Otley Road, Headingley, Leeds LS16 5JT  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 10.30am

**MEMBERSHIP &  
DEVELOPMENT  
OFFICER  
DENISE GAMBLIN**

The Inner Wheel Club of **Scarborough** inducted its 42<sup>nd</sup> member at the Christmas meeting. President Christine welcomed Elaine to the club and explained that we had befriended her on our visit to Bishop Auckland in August. Since then, Elaine has entered whole-heartedly into club activities and knitted 16 teddy bears to take to the District 4 meeting last November .



**INNER WHEEL DAY - JANUARY 10TH**



**INTERNATIONAL  
INNER WHEEL**



**PRESIDENT  
KAY MORLAND**

10 JANUARY 2026

**INNER WHEEL DAY**



Enjoy your INNER WHEEL DAY Celebrations.  
Celebrate the opportunity given to us all  
to build cherished friendships, to serve our communities  
and to make a difference in this world.  
The opportunity to Step Up & Lead by Example.

Wishing you all  
another successful,  
rewarding and fun filled  
year in Inner Wheel.

**STEP UP  
&  
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EXAMPLE**

The Inner Wheel organisation was officially founded on 10 January 1924 by [Margarette Golding](#), a nurse, businesswoman and the wife of a Manchester Rotarian.<sup>[2]</sup> She met with 26 other wives of Rotarians in November 1923. The first official Inner Wheel meeting was held on 10 January 1924 – this date is now known as "International Inner Wheel Day". This organisation was originally established for the wives and daughters of Rotarians although no Rotary connection is now required. Gradually other groups formed themselves into Inner Wheel Clubs and in 1934 the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in Great Britain and Ireland was formed. The number of clubs around the world grew and in 1967 the International Inner Wheel came into being. There are clubs in many countries around the world. Inner Wheel clubs are grouped into districts with twenty-nine districts within Great Britain and Ireland. Helena Foster, who was the President in 1969–70, proposed that "Inner Wheel Day" should be celebrated on 10 January each year on the day that the original Manchester group adopted the name of "Inner Wheel" in 1924.<sup>[4]</sup> The Inner Wheel expanded to become a global organisation. In 1973 it gained consultative status with the [United Nations](#)<sup>[5]</sup> in order to advocate on behalf of women.<sup>[6]</sup> In 2012, the group opened their membership to all women over the age of 18 and stopped requiring that spouses be a member of the Rotary. Thus, they ceased to be a women's auxiliary but remained affiliated with Rotary International.<sup>[4]</sup> By 2024, the organization counts 103,000 members across over 100 countries.<sup>[1]</sup>

<sup>[3]</sup> [Wikipedia](#)

*How will your club be celebrating Inner Wheel Day? Maybe you will be having a meal with club members, having a knitting tea or maybe you are snowed in and can only celebrate via WhatsApp. Send photos and details to [valeriegreen48@gmail.com](mailto:valeriegreen48@gmail.com) and I will add them to the next Newsletter*

News Editor Valerie Green - Scarborough