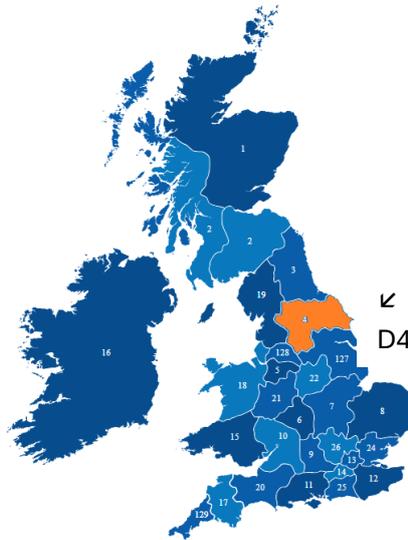


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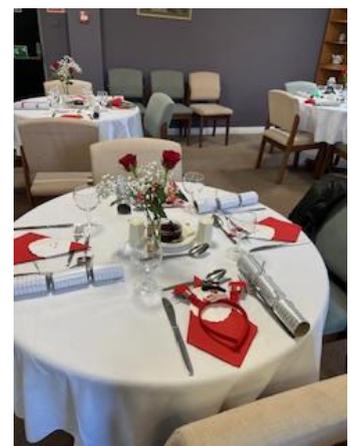
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Aireborough	Brighouse
Cleckheaton	Denby Dale
Elland	Halifax
Harrogate Brigantes	Heckmondwike
Ilkley	Leeds
Normanton	Otley Chevin
Pontefract	Ripon
Ripon Rowels	Scarborough
Tadcaster & Wetherby	
Wakefield	York
York Ainsty	York Vikings

INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL DAY – JANUARY 10th 2026



Leeds Club

December 2025 was a joyous time with our special Christmas club dinner, when members shared delightful readings and funny stories over lunch. A great time was had by all, and it set a positive tone for all our Christmas celebrations. We also shared the annual Leeds Christmas card, raising funds for the charity Soundproof Box CIC. This was followed in 2026 by our Inner Wheel celebration day in January, when we shared a not so frugal, "frugal lunch", with homemade soup, cheese and pate on offer. After that we put together over 40 hospitality bags that could be used at St Gemma's Hospice for people who arrive there without general soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, face wipes to support their personal hygiene needs. These bags were very gratefully received by the hospice.



*I have a list of folk I know all written in a book,
And every year at Christmas, I go and take a look,
And that is when I realise that these names are just a part,
Not of the book they're written in, but in my very heart.*

*For those whose paths have touched mine, and left me with a name,
Left such a touch of friendship that I want to touch again,
And while it sounds fantastic for me to make this claim,
I really feel that I am composed of each remembered name.*

*And while you may not be aware of any special link,
Just meeting you has shaped my life, much more than you may think,
For once you've met somebody, the years cannot erase,
The memory of a pleasant word, or of a friendly face.*

*So never think my Christmas cards are just a mere routine,
Of names upon a Christmas list, forgotten in between,
For when I send a Christmas card that is addressed to you
It's because you're on a list of folk's I am indebted to.*

*For you are part of the many folk's I've met,
And you happen to be the one I prefer not to forget,
Whether I've known you for many years, or maybe just a few,
In some ways you've had a part in shaping things I do.*

*And every year when Christmas comes I realise anew,
The biggest gift life gives to me, is meeting folk's like you,
And may the spirit of Christmas that forever endures,
Leave its richest blessings in the hearts of you and yours.*

Inner Wheel Club of Denby Dale

We celebrated International Inner Wheel Day with a lunch at our President Judith Tagg's house. There were 22 of us, sat round 2 large table settings. Most of the food was bought in, unlike previous occasions, and it was served to us by several of the members. It had been snowing until that morning & Judith sent an email in advance to everyone, showing the state of the road. Nevertheless, everybody turned up (plus two unexpectedly).

The lunch was voted a great success & after expenses, we raised £350 donated to Smile Train.

Thanks to all those who shopped, served & created the flower arrangements



Inner wheel Club of Halifax

We had a very well supported luncheon on 13th January for World Inner Wheel day at Waterhouse homes community room. Members and guests enjoyed soup and bread/scone followed by tea and cake. There was also a wonderful selection of cakes and produce on the bring and buy stall. Proceeds from the day will be given to Waterhouse and Mackintosh homes to provide residents with a fish and chip meal.

Below is a picture of our President Elizabeth serving the homemade soup



ORANGE THE WORLD AROUND DISTRICT 4

We organised an afternoon get together serving tea and 'orange' cakes and had a speaker from the Harrogate Women's Refuge telling us about their work. We then had a Ukelele bank to entertain us which went down very well and had people singing along. The 'orange' raffle we held and the entrance tickets raised a good figure which was in time to be doubled for the Women's refuge. All in all a good event with an 'orange' theme.

Liz Burkinshaw IW Harrogate Brigantes



The Ukulele Band entertain the crowd, raising money for the Women's Refuge

Otley Chevin

We went into Leeds City Centre to join other groups on Orange the World Day to promote awareness of violence towards women and children and handed out information and spoke to passers-by. Several buildings were lit up with orange lights and of course many of us wore orange.

We also have a Christmas tree each year at the annual tree festival at Otley church. Our tree was covered with orange decorations, and we chose to donate ours to a local refuge.

Ann Elviss

Ripon Rowels.

Presentation of a picnic table to Evolve College by joint past presidents Robbie Morgan and Wendy Hunter, from funds raised during their year, 2025.



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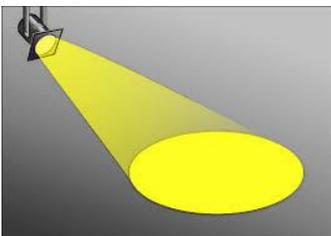


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Our District Charity this year is 'Holbeck Together'. A charity whose Patron is Hilary Benn MP for the Beeston & Holbeck ward. HT and community partners support an extremely deprived area of Leeds with meals on wheels, breakfast clubs, men shed, befriending those who are not able to get out in the community. Also included are Mums and tot's group, baby massage and six family trips out a year plus an allotment for a group of women which is our main area of support. They have also teamed up with West Yorkshire Police for safer streets.

Please bring any spare garden tools, seeds, etc to donate to Holbeck Together to the District Meeting at St Chad's on March 18th

Support will also be given to President Pam's charity of Ronald McDonald House Charities



**MEMBERSHIP &
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SPOTLIGHT On Membership and Development



Share your stories/ events outcomes/ upcoming event date/ successes/ photographs/ celebrate milestones anniversaries, new members/ offer hints and tips Let M&D be your touchpoint to our IW community.

All this and more can be added to the new D4 Spotlight on Membership and Development area in our new Newsletters. Go there or be square.

**Inner Wheel Club
of Ripon Rowels
announce an
upcoming event**

Inner Wheel of Ripon Rowels
Presents
Charity Fashion Show
Saturday 28th March 2026 2pm
Harrogate Road Methodist Church Hall



ONLY £1

ENTRANCE £6!

proceeds to Ripon Hospital and local charities
Refreshments & Raffle
Clothes for sale after the show
tickets available from Stuff4Offices or ring
07729270293



Scarborough PP Anne W proved to be a bit of a daredevil when she visited Australia for Christmas. Not content with viewing Sydney Harbour Bridge from the ground she donned her climbing gear and scaled up to the top. We salute you, Anne!



Once again Anne proved to be a champion. The Scarborough members go 10pin bowling every month and Entertainment's Chairman Lynda takes note of the scores. Lynda presented Anne with a bowling trophy for the best overall score of the year.
We salute you again Anne!



DISTRICT 4 MEETING

St. Chad's Parish Centre, Otley Road, Headingley, Leeds LS16 5JT
Wednesday 18th March 2026 10.30am
Raffle for Holbeck Together



MARCH 8th 2026

INNER WHEEL CLUB OF YORK

At a time when we were thinking of **International Women's Day**, we invited Sofia Ritzema from an organisation called **Changing Lives** to speak to us. It was the first talk she had given and her passion for helping women in need either, as a result of drugs, homelessness, prison or domestic abuse shone through.

We presented her with a cheque and also this wonderful collection of toiletries and sanitary products which we will take to the Changing Lives centres. Sofia had travelled by train, so it was rather too much for her to carry!

Yours in Friendship,
Rosemary Cranidge



Inner Wheel Club of Scarborough's twin club in Scarborough Western Australia

In 2018 Sandra D was President of the Scarborough Club and she sat next to Tish Darch and her husband Neil at a dinner to welcome Rotary members and wives from Scarborough Western Australia for a twinning visit. Sandra and Tish chatted away, and Tish asked if our Inner Wheel Clubs could twin. It has been a lovely experience. We exchange club and District News. Members from both clubs have met on occasions. Member Pam Lyons came to the Association 100th celebration in Manchester and then came to join the District 4 90th day out in York and travelled back to Scarborough to stay for a few days and meet the members of our club.



When Christine O was Vice President, she flew from Sydney to Perth and met Tish and Pam. She visited them again this year as President of our club. Tish has just been given the all-clear following cancer treatment, and we are celebrating along with her..

Here is an extract from Tish's latest letter -

Dear Val,

It was lovely meeting up with Christine again & having lunch with her & Jane. Pam couldn't come as she was not well, so I took my neighbour Sue who thoroughly enjoyed the day.

I had my PET & CT Scan the other week & received the results last week when I went to see the Oncologist.

I had very good results, I am all clear. I have another appointment after my next lot of scans in August, so I hope the results are still the same.

The weather here is still hot but not so intense as it has been, however, the temperature reaches the maximum in the afternoon.....

.....We had our first meeting for the year last Monday. It was lovely seeing all the girls again, a lot of them see one another during the month as they also belong to Probus.

Thank you for the 4 Inner Wheel books you forwarded by post to me. They are so good & interesting, and I have handed them out to the girls so they can read them.

All our District & Australia magazines are now sent through digitally. The last lot of photos you sent to see what we thought so you could send your bulletin out digitally could not be sent through to Liz, I do not know why. I prefer the books myself but understand the reason for digitising as the printed books now very expensive. It is all about accepting change, whether we like it or not.

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