



# MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

May 2026



Doesn't the time fly when you are having fun?! It is difficult to believe that this is the last edition of **Membership Matters** for this Inner Wheel year. I do hope that you have been finding the contents useful. It has been good to meet so many members in recent months, whether on Zoom or in person at the Conference in March. Sharing ideas with one another has been a key feature of our conversations and your **JUST ONE THING** suggestions have been welcomed and tried by other clubs, helping them to find ways to work through challenges – true friendship in action! Thank you to every member who is working so hard to prioritise Membership and Development. *Linda X*

## Membership and Development in pictures at the Llandudno Conference



**The Membership & Development Committee 2025/26**

Vice-President Pat Russell, Sue Hopgood, M&D Chairman Linda Clarke, President Pam Boyes, Cathy McCaul, MoC Elaine Hopkins

Showing IIW President Kay our Toolkit resources



Display boards and leaflets to share ideas and information

## Jam Jar Raffle in aid of Ronald McDonald House Charity UK



### RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

- Riviera Travel Voucher – Jennifer D4
- Cookery Course – Jean D1
- Gertrude's Boutique Voucher – Chris D4
- Betty's Easter Hamper – Susan D22
- 2-Night Barn stay – Diann D22
- Blue Book Voucher – Jeanette D16
- 2 Bottles IW Gin – Linda D7
- Cheese Board & Knife – Melanie HQ

*Thank you to everyone who bought tickets - raising £604 towards President Pam's charity*



The Membership & Development Annual Report delivered to the AGM

## EVOLUTION IS THE KEY TO SURVIVAL

Comments to get you thinking and talking positively about change

**“Many of our clubs now have a large number of experienced older members.”**

**“The way your club is run should suit the needs of its members.”**

**“Society and life have changed so much since IW began so we must adapt and change too.”**

**“Give something different a go - you will never know unless you try.”**

**“Being a member gives a great sense of purpose to all our activities.”**

**“If costs are an issue – try a free community room, café, pub or meet in member’s homes.”**

**“We can still manage to recycle, collect or make items for a charity, rather than organise big fundraising events.”**

**“THREE is the magic number – 3 named Officers, 3 Business Meetings a year, is all you need. Everything else is adaptable.”**



**“As mobility and health changes it limits your ability to participate in the activities you have previously enjoyed.”**

**“Our long-standing members provide wisdom and valuable support for newer members.”**

**“We should never feel tied to doing the things that we have always done.”**

**“Job-sharing is a great way to help spread the load.”**

**“If a role is off-putting to members, we should look at ways to adapt the job description.”**

**“Never be afraid to ASK for help.”**

**“Coffee and biscuits are preferable to a meal for us now. We can mix and chat.”**

**“Discover new ways to share friendship and give service to others.”**

**“If you can meet up for lunch or coffee, then you could still find a way to continue as an Inner Wheel Club!”**



*“It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change.” - Charles Darwin*

## CELEBRATIONS TO WELCOME OUR NEW CLUBS

### A 'first' for GB&I!

D13 – London UK Inner Wheel E-Club, receive their Charter on 15<sup>th</sup> May.

Congratulations to all these new members. Wishing you many happy years of Inner Wheel friendship!



### Two more success stories!

D22 – will charter a new club in Clay Cross and another in Beeston very soon



## Orange the World

25<sup>th</sup> Nov-10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2026

SAVE THE DATE and begin making plans to unite with Inner Wheel Clubs worldwide, as we speak out for women and girls who are suffering violence.

**Start thinking NOW about how you could use this opportunity to raise your Club's profile and celebrate your members as 'Women of Action' within your local community.**



### THE INNER WHEEL YEAR IS DRAWING TO A CLOSE:

- ~ Time to celebrate the incredible help our members have given to those in need
- ~ Time for Club & District Officers to share information with their successor
- ~ Time to attend District Assembly to discuss ideas for the new year
- ~ Time to think ahead – how might you support the work of

MEMBERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT IN YOUR CLUB AND DISTRICT IN 2026/27

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