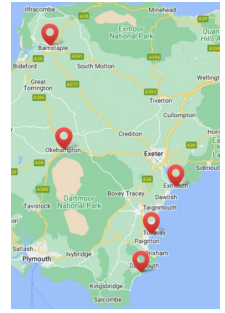




# COAST TO COAST REVISITED INNER WHEEL DISTRICT 17

## SPRING 2026

We are one of 28 Districts in Great Britain and Ireland with more than 7000 members. We are 5 Clubs with about 100 members spread across Devon: Barnstaple, Dartmouth, Exmouth, Okehampton and Torquay. Our clubs are the bedrock of Inner Wheel. To find out more look at <https://innerwheel.co.uk/our-districts/> or email [iwbarnstaple@gmail.com](mailto:iwbarnstaple@gmail.com)



***WE MAY BE A SMALL DISTRICT BUT WE'VE BEEN VERY BUSY.*** Thank you to everyone who contributed to this Newsletter.



 Teamwork



 Pitching in

 Having Fun



 Friendship



 Fundraising





**INNER WHEEL**  
**UNITE IN ACTION**  
**HER SAFETY**  
**OUR PRIORITY**

**THE UNITED NATIONS work  
for peace, dignity and  
equality on a healthy planet**

*Orange the World is a United Nations campaign to eliminate violence against women and girls across the world. Inner Wheel has embraced this campaign across the world this year and in D17 we have played our part.*



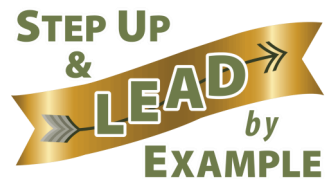
**Orange The World**  
**Inner Wheel**  
**Working in the Community**

All our activities promote friendship, supporting each other and raising money for those who need it to improve their lives and aspirations. This is relevant both for our clubs' members, the speakers we choose at our meetings and also for those we support through our volunteering and fundraising. SEE MORE INFORMATION ON PAGES 16 and 17.

This Newsletter promotes our clubs but also shares a little of the wider experiences within our District and particularly those enjoyed at the ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE. It is a highlight of the year and was enjoyed by all of us who went to Llandudno in March. Please read our comments in the blue boxes and think about next year, 12th - 14th April 2027 and the next Conference in CHELTENHAM!



Our Association President Pam with International President Kay (Australia) at the Association Conference.



International theme 2025-2026

The logos represent our Presidents' messages for this year 2025/26.



## OUR DISTRICT 2025/6

After a Social Get-Together in September and a business meeting in October, President Deirdre's Rally combined Association President Pam's visit, with our traditional fundraising stalls and Christmas Lunch. It was also the first day of the Orange the World Campaign, to support the elimination of violence against women and we walked to the Agatha Christie seat from the Livermead House Hotel. Thank you Torquay for hosting the Rally and also 'booking' the sunshine - a special day!



A memorable  
D17 Rally  
25th November  
2025



### OUR DISTRICT 17 OFFICERS

**Chairman – Deirdre Stewart**

**Member of Council - Gay Ross**

**Secretary/Editor – June Tamlyn**

**Treasurer – Pat Bunch**

**International Service Chairman - Jeannette Dommett**

**Minute Secretary - Sue Naile**



D17 Past Presidents meet up for a social lunch—another enjoyable occasion.

Our District Chairman or her representative visit D13 (London), D20 (Somerset +) and D129 (Cornwall +) particularly for our Rallies on a regular basis, either in person or in the case of D13’s International Rally by Zoom!

During the year President Deirdre has visited all our clubs, talking about herself and her Inner Wheel Journey. Everyone has enjoyed these visits.



Her Charity is the Ronald McDonald House in Bristol. The hospital there is where very poorly children from all over the South West often need treatment and the charity supports the families, alongside the children who are ill, when they stay in Bristol.



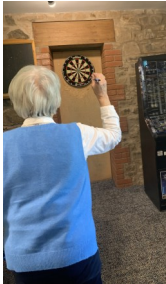
When Deirdre visited us all she also set the clubs a challenge by giving us two sets of biscuit cutters! These were to help raise funds and also a little competition to ‘add to’ the AGM in June! Over to us all to have a go!



**OUR D17 SPRING MEETING - SKITTLES, DARTS AND A QUIZ FOLLOWED BY LUNCH AND OUR BUSINESS MEETING.**

**Thank you Exmouth for all your hard work. Report by Exmouth President Iris**

On 17th March, our club organised the skittles at the Waie Inn, which was a great success. 4 members stayed over the night before. It was quiet until around 7pm when up to a 100 Young Farmers arrived to enjoy a rather noisy sporting evening! Our rooms weren't close enough to be disturbed.



After a leisurely breakfast 3 more members from our club arrived along with members from all our other clubs.

Sue Naile, Gerry Creed and Brenda Kirby organised the skittles teams, gave out quizzes and encouraged darts players, (both won by Barnstaple) while Sarah, Sue T, Geraldine G and myself formed our team. We were surprised to be in the final but lost valiantly to Torquay. After lunch, we listened to all the Executive and our Club reports.



## Barnstaple - President Sue Smith

I am very pleased to share what we have been doing in our club, this year. CEO Stephen Roberts of North Devon Hospice, was our first speaker in July, and ND Hospice is my chosen charity this year. We made an excellent start to our fundraising at my President's Tea, hosted at Tina's home and remembering the 80th Anniversary of VJ Day. Thank you, Tina. This was followed by our annual quiz, raising more money for ND Hospice. Our September meeting speaker was Ann Jones who talked about her life as a Wren.



**In October** Vice President Julie spoke about her 20 years in public service. We recycled and collected 10 large suitcases of bed linen, clothes, materials and tools for tailoring and carpentry, to give to the pupils of The Park Community School, to take out to Kira Farm in Uganda, during their half term.

With growing membership, we have relocated to the Arlington Suite at the Barnstaple Hotel, providing a wonderful new space for our meetings.

**November highlighted** a busy and charitable month. A quiz night hosted by our Secretary Jane Lowe raised funds for North Devon Hospice, alongside a coffee morning organised by Liz Harris.



Our International Service team prepared and delivered 39 shoeboxes and additional supplies to support communities in Moldova.

Members also took part in the District Rally in Torquay, including a fundraising stall for President Deirdre's Charity, Ronald McDonald, and the "Orange the World" campaign awareness walk. We also put orange post box toppers around Barnstaple and had a very wet and windy petal release!



**Christmas celebrations** brought members, partners, and friends together for a very enjoyable carvery with quizzes, bingo, and fundraising. Despite stormy weather, our annual Christmas coffee morning at Jill Waldron's home saw an excellent turnout, reflecting the strong spirit of our club.



**January activities** began the new year with a Friendship Lunch on Inner Wheel Day, raising £721 for North Devon Hospice. Members also contributed creatively to the "Doves of Peace" project, producing over 100 origami doves for community display. Many enjoyed attending the Rotary Club's Burns Night celebration, strengthening ties with our Rotary partners.



**February events** marked our



81st birthday meeting and an enjoyable visit from our District Chairman Deirdre Stewart.

**Barnstaple Contd.** We were pleased to welcome new member Caroline Chugg, bringing our membership to 55. She was our second new member this IW year, following Joyce Dixon who joined in September. The month also included involvement in the Rotary Youth Speaks competition, and another enjoyable coffee morning at Vice President Julie's house together with participating in local Rotary quiz events.



Julie's delicious biscuits to sample at her coffee morning - a trial run for Deirdre's competition!

**April, May and June** complete our year with our local Crime Writer Denise Smith talking about how you go about writing a Crime Novel, a walk for Mary's Meals, the D17 International Rally hosted by us in May and our final speaker, Gary Reed, a retired local headteacher, 'amusing us' after our AGM!



**Ongoing Service and Activities**

Our commitment to the community remains strong through food donations, baby bank contributions, and recycling schemes. ##

Internationally, we contribute through stamp collections and recycling.

Regular activities such as Zoom keep-fit sessions, school reading support, and caring for our Inner Wheel Garden continue.

Its amazing how the months are flying by

and as a club we are busy and enjoying our Inner Wheel fellowship, filled with celebrations, milestones, and mutual support among members which includes Bridget's monthly Newsletter to us all. Thank you to everyone!

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**Dartmouth Club - President Jenny Mills and Debbie Morris.**

Our year got off to a good start with an invitation from Dartmouth Rotary to host a table at their summer fête. We ran our ever-popular tombola, with our prizes wrapped in gift bags and decorative paper.

We were invited to Rotary's President's Night, which also celebrated their 75th Charter, on 30th October. A



special evening and an important milestone.

We have filled shoe-boxes for Moldova and contributed to 750 Xmas boxes taken from St Mary's Church, Brixham to CR2EE. We have collected bags of clothes for Ukraine, sent money to Rowcroft hospice, Children's Hospice SW and Parkinson's. Stamps & coins have also been sent to Children's Hospice SW.

We decorated a post box outside M&S for Orange the World, with thanks to June and Valerie from Barnstaple, for creating the knitted/crocheted topper. We also attended our District Rally in November.

We held a Christmas lunch at the Stoke Lodge Hotel, where we chose to support Crisis at Christmas instead of exchanging Secret Santa gifts.

For International Day, the club supported our local food bank by collecting unwanted Christmas gifts and toiletries. These were very well received, particularly by women, who often miss out as other family members are prioritised. The day also included a tombola with three prizes.

The club joined Torquay Club for two of their meetings, including a talk about Nepal and a Ladies' Lounge event, both of which were very informative and enjoyable.

We welcomed a visit from District Chairman Deirdre in February and were pleased to host Torquay Club at our March meeting with a speaker from Rowcroft House.

In April we had a surprise visit from past member Ginny Campbell. She was always a keen photographer and continues to belong to Kingsbridge Photographic Club. Her latest project has been taking three photos a week for a year and all the different ways you can tackle that sort of challenge! This made for a really good talk which we all thoroughly enjoyed.

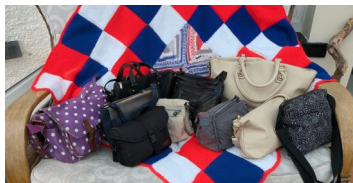
May brings us together with a cream tea and in June our final meeting will be our AGM.

We continue to support CR2EE with clothing, bedding, shoeboxes, and donations for fuel to assist transport across Europe.

We are now a small club of 11 members, sadly losing one of our oldest, long-serving members, Doreen Allen, this year. Nevertheless, we remain very committed to supporting our local community and Inner Wheel as a whole.



## Exmouth – President Iris Buteux and Sue Naile



At the beginning of the Inner Wheel year, we held a coffee morning for ShelterBox and 4 of us attended the District Assembly.

We have continued to enjoy our regular monthly working parties, throughout the year where members come together to create beautiful blanket designs. We each take a plate

of food to share and enjoy a lovely lunch. These blankets are donated to CR2EE, who distribute them to those in need in Moldova and Ukraine.

Our coffee mornings in November and March are one of our most successful and popular fundraising events, with 30 – 40 attending to raise funds for Alzheimer's Research and British Red Cross.

In November Sue Naile, and I attended both the Pre-Rally Tea and Rally itself and raised money through our stall. Gerry Creed, Brenda Kirby and Sue Turner joined us for the Rally and Sue T did the OtW walk, enjoying the company.

We thoroughly enjoyed our November fundraising Fish and Chip Supper and finished 2025 with our Christmas Dinner at the Queen Vic in Exmouth for a change and as The Imperial was closed for refurbishment, we returned to the Queen Vic in January too.

2026 began with our Day of Service. Members contributed by



donating tins, packets, and toiletries to the local food bank. This was recognised in the local paper and well-done Sue Naile, who definitely has the knack, but sadly no new members came along from it.

We organised the skittles and games at the District Spring meeting in March and played for our club. Four of us attended the Association Conference – both very enjoyable occasions!

Things to look forward to apart from our regular meetings and working parties are: in April, a third fundraising coffee morning and entering a team in the

Rotary Quiz as well as running their raffle. May sees us in another quiz for the Transplant Research Programme and we have a stall at the Budleigh Lion's Fete on bank holiday Monday. We will end our Inner Wheel year at the District Summer meeting.

Even though we're a small club now, all our members regularly attend and support all we do. We have a very happy club.



## THE CONFERENCE REPORT FROM EXMOUTH by Iris

We left Exmouth at 9am and arrived 7 hours later at our Hotel. The trains were busy but on time. The first morning, after a large breakfast, we took the land-train round the Great Orme. Later we walked the three quarters of a mile to the Venue Cymru to register, and bumped in to ex Exmouth members Beryl and Allison who had travelled down from Ulverston.

Wetherspoons was just around the corner, so we ate there on 2 occasions, and met up with D17 and Association President Pam popped in to say hello.

The weather was bad on the Tuesday, so we booked taxis for the journeys to and from the venue. Gerry made sure that in the crowds we never missed our taxi! Frankie Hobro of the Angelsey Sea Zoo gave a good informative talk. After lunch, a speaker from Tourettes Action, spoke and was presented with a large cheque from the church service collection earlier. Eleanor Thatcher spoke about the Thatcher Cider Co. which operates in a very environmentally friendly way. The last speaker on Tuesday was from Ronald McDonald House charity, which is the Association and our D17 chosen charity this year. The evening entertainment was 'A Night at the Musicals' which was very enjoyable.

On Wednesday the bad weather persisted, so we again used taxis, which were cheaper than the bus, as our bus passes were not acceptable in Wales. The morning was taken up with Inner Wheel business, and all proposals were voted on by mobile phones which was quick and easy. After lunch, Patrick Grant from 'The Great British Sewing Bee' spoke to us as advocate of sustainable fashion and textile manufacturing in the UK. He judged the competition of members' garments made from 2 or more Inner Wheel scarves. The session ended with a delightful choir of young schoolchildren singing in Welsh. We returned in the evening to the Arena nightclub, which was huge, to dance to 'The Zoots' who played music from the 60s, 70s and 80s. A lot were in fancy dress, and the dance floor was full the whole evening. We were amused to see 2 paramedic type people in attendance during the evening, though they weren't kept busy except to join in the dancing!



**All of us from Exmouth agreed it was a good Conference and hopefully we'll be going to Cheltenham!**

## Okehampton - President Jean Fisher and Lesley Harman

We have certainly been busy over the past few months, supporting our community and enjoying a wide range of activities together.

In August, we ran Rotary's refreshment tent at their Summer Fair, which proved to be a great success. We also held a President's tea party at Roadford Lake, where it was especially lovely to welcome Sheila Box, looking so well and she has been able to join us again several times this year. Later in the month, we teamed up with Rotary for a charity Golf Day, raising an impressive £2,000+ for our charity account.



Our autumn lunch in Bridestowe was attended by DC Deirdre, and we were delighted to share another enjoyable gathering together. We have supported several local events, including serving refreshments for Hospiscare and the Carnival coffee morning - both of which were such successes that we may be invited back next year!

As President of one of the D17 clubs I was selected to have a 20 minute telephone conversation with Association President Pam, prior to the District Rally. Although I was initially nervous, she was incredibly warm and easy to talk to. Several of us attended the Rally in Torquay, where it was a pleasure to meet her in person.



We have welcomed a variety of engaging speakers at our meetings, including representatives from the Dartmoor Railway Association, the local library, and North Dartmoor Search and Rescue. Additionally, we have been pleased to distribute funds from our charity account to a number of worthy causes, both locally and internationally, including KIVA and ShelterBox.

In November, we marked the “Orange the World” campaign with a post box topper in town. We also decorated a Christmas tree at Bratton Clovelly Church with yellow and blue rosettes - kindly loaned by DC Deirdre - to promote Inner Wheel.

December was a particularly busy and festive month. We helped staff at the Senior Citizens’ Christmas lunch at a golf course just outside Okehampton. Despite Storm Bram bringing heavy rain, strong winds, and fallen trees, everyone enjoyed a wonderful afternoon, ending with a delightful performance of Christmas songs by a local school choir. We also held our own Club Christmas lunch and were thrilled that Sheila could join us. It was equally lovely to see her again at our Spring lunch in March.

In February, we entered a team into a Rotary Quiz Night. Facing strong competition and some challenging questions, we were pleased to finish 9th out of 13 teams.

We have hosted coffee mornings and supported volunteers at the monthly Food Pop-up, run by Rotary in partnership with a Plymouth-based charity distributing food across Devon and Cornwall. We have a Race Night in April raising funds for Children’s Hospice South West - thank you Sandy Moppett and Angela Hammond for all your hard work preparing this.

Running our refreshment marquee at Rotary’s May Fair will be our last main event – another enjoyable, rewarding and busy year!



*Reach for the stars, even if you have to stand on a cactus anon*

*We are all like stars, we shine brightest in the darkness Mikrococosmos Lyrics*



## Torquay - President Jeannette Dommett

At our 1<sup>st</sup> speaker meeting of the year we had an interesting talk by a successful author – Judy Leigh – who has sold over 1.5 million books in the 8 years she has been writing. We were pleased to welcome 4 ladies from Dartmouth IW who joined us for the day.

We hosted Deirdre's Rally with the Orange the World walk, table-top stalls & Christmas lunch. It was a busy day!

Sadly, Joan Nott passed away at the grand age of 105. She led a varied life. She was an expert on all things Agatha Christie and a friend of Vera Lynne. She will be much missed.



On Inner Wheel Day in January we welcomed Deirdre, in her District Chairman role, to join us for our craft activities in the morning. She then joined us for lunch and afterwards gave us a talk on her life and Inner Wheel involvement.

We were joined again by members of Dartmouth Club to our



International Meeting, hosted by Sandra our International service Officer, in February. Our speaker was Peter Reid who is a ShelterBox Ambassador. However, on this occasion he talked to us about living in Nepal and the effect that educating girls has had on bringing the population numbers under



control. Our Secretary Jane made Nepalese biscuits and sweets which we all enjoyed. We ended the meeting with a sing song with songs from around the World including a rousing rendition of Frere Jacques as a round!



In March we welcomed Dartmouth again and on this occasion our speaker was Suzanne Wesley who told us about a local charity called Ladies Lounge. This is my chosen charity this year and they support women who have suffered domestic and sexual abuse which is very prevalent in the Torbay area.

Following this, six members from our club crossed the River Dart to attend their meeting. We listened to a speaker from Rowcroft Hospice and then enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea.

**Our April meeting consisted of our normal business meeting when we also acknowledged two of our ladies who have been Inner Wheel members for over 50 years. Edna Brown attended meetings in various places and Joan Jones who was even a Member at Large years ago when her husband's career took them to Africa.** After tea and simnel cake provided by the hotel. Deirdre Stewart and I hopefully entertained the members with a report on the IW Conference and this was followed by an interesting art lesson created by Deirdre.

May will see a speaker talking about life in a local village during World War 2. We will be inviting Dartmouth to join us. We continue to attend coffee mornings and friendship lunches at various locations in the area. We are also busy preparing goods in readiness for Babbacombe Fair in August, our next Inner Wheel year!

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**LONG SERVICE IN OUR DISTRICT - CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL**

**TORQUAY'S GOLDEN GIRLS - 50 Years of Service.** There are two 'Golden Girls' in Torquay Club and at least 5 other members in our other clubs that have served for over 40 years, in so many different roles, supporting the ideals of Inner Wheel. Thank you and well done!



Edna Brown

**Margaret Kempton - Barnstaple 43 years**

*Sarah Winks - Exmouth founder member of the Roseland Club in 1982, now closed. She joined other Cornish clubs in Cornwall as her family moved to different areas, and joined Exmouth in 1987. So has been an Inner Wheeler for 44 years.*

**Pat Malpass - Exmouth 40 years**

**Sheila Box - Okehampton 40 years**

**Muriel Hutchings - Okehampton 40 years**



Joan Jones

## **D17 Combined Acts of Service to our Local Communities**



Supporting Exmouth Larder  
Purchasing and laying a wreath on Armistice Day  
Monthly donations of food, clothing, personal hygiene items for food banks and specifically the homeless  
Several donations of clothes, baby equipment, to Mother and Baby Unit  
Maintenance of garden plot in Barnstaple  
Participating in a listening to reading programme  
Helping at Coffee Mornings  
Supporting Rotary golf day, selling raffle tickets  
Supporting local Christmas pensioners meals

### **NATIONAL CHARITIES**

Alzheimer's Research  
Samaritans Salvation Army  
Hearing Dogs for the Deaf  
MIND Association  
Crohn's and Colitis UK  
Ronald Macdonald House  
(National President's Charity)  
Crisis at Christmas  
Parkinson's UK

***Total of charitable donations from our District to Local and National Charities £9,530 in 2025***

**TOTAL FOR NATIONAL CHARITIES £1822**

### **LOCAL/REGIONAL CHARITIES**

Exmouth In Bloom	Centre Stage
Talking Newspaper	Exmouth Museum
Beach rescue	Young Carers
Open Door	Sea Scouts (Exmouth)
Childrens Hospice South West	South West Blood Bikes
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal (local )	Families in Grief
Local Hospice Care across Devon	Friends of St James Okehampton
St Mary the Virgin, Church, Bratton Clovelly	Okehampton Hockey Club
Okehampton Silver Band	Okehampton Rugby Club
North Dartmoor Search and Rescue	Everything Okehampton
North Devon Hospice	Dartmoor Railway
Okehampton Army Cadet Force	Okehampton Argyll FC
Okehampton Air Cadets	Museum of Dartmoor
Okehampton Carnival	

**TOTAL FOR LOCAL CHARITIES £7,708**

**£9,530 is an excellent total. If we were asked to report on the donated food, clothing and other items it would be so much more.**

## **D17 Combined Acts of Service to the International Community**

<b>Christian Aid</b>	<b>£100.00</b>
<b>Christian Response to Eastern Europe</b>	<b>£270.00</b>
<b>Fistula Foundation</b>	<b>£50.00</b>
<b>Kiva</b>	<b>£157.50</b>
<b>Lepra</b>	<b>£50.00</b>
<b>Mary's Meals</b>	<b>£1,750.00</b>
<b>Operation Smile</b>	<b>£50.00</b>
<b>Red Cross</b>	<b>£468.75</b>
<b>Polio</b>	<b>£100.00</b>
<b>School in a Bag</b>	<b>£50.00</b>
<b>Sight Savers</b>	<b>£100.00</b>
<b>Ukrainian Action</b>	<b>£120.00</b>
<b>Water Aid</b>	<b>£100.00</b>
<b>ShelterBox</b>	<b>£3,731.80 (including matched funding)</b>

### **Items Made**

	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Charity</b>
Blankets	66	CR2EE
Shoebboxes	39	CR2EE
Knitted Items (Babies & Adults )	11 bags	CR2EE

### **Items collected**

	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Charity</b>
Aluminium Ring Pulls	1000+	The Purple Community
Blankets, duvets, clothes, textiles, & tools for tailoring and carpentry	10 large suitcases	Amigos, Kira Farm, Kira Farm
Bags of Clothing	37	CR2EE
Handbags full of toiletries	10	CR2EE
Spectacles and Foreign Stamps		



**District Activities Together, with the support of family, friends and Rotary D1175, we have collected and recycled more than 45kg of foreign currency and UK money that is no longer legal tender. This has made up well over £1,200 of the Mary's Meals total above.**

***Total of our D17 monetary donations to International Charities in 2025 £7098.00***

I really enjoyed the Conference in Llandudno and thought it was a lovely town.

It was great to meet up with friends I have made over the years as District Chairman and a Member of Council.

I thought the Executive Committee's reports were excellent. The speakers and entertainment were also excellent!

**Bring on Cheltenham!** Jeannette



*I loved being part of the Conference Choir. The words 'May a Rainbow Run Beside You' were just right for the opening service of Reflection and Renewal as was everything else at the Conference! D17 does so much but it was so good to appreciate the bigger picture of IW too. June*

*I particularly found Association President Pam's address very pertinent and hope it will be in the next Association magazine? All three charity speakers were inspirational being young, passionate and spoke with no obvious notes.*

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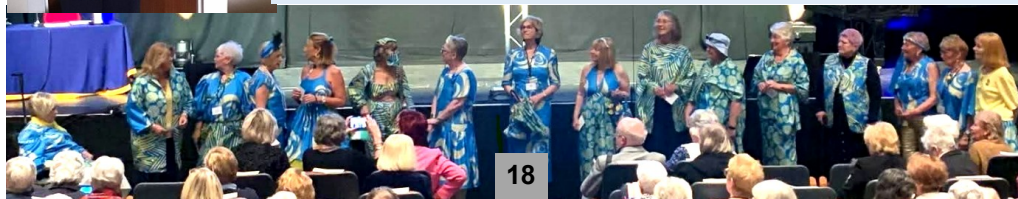
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## **CONFERENCE!**

I really enjoyed the conference and thought the stalls and the speakers, entertainments and choirs were all very good.

The scarf to garment competition was fun and Patrick Grant's talk and judging was well done. It was fun to be able to participate in that. Deirdre

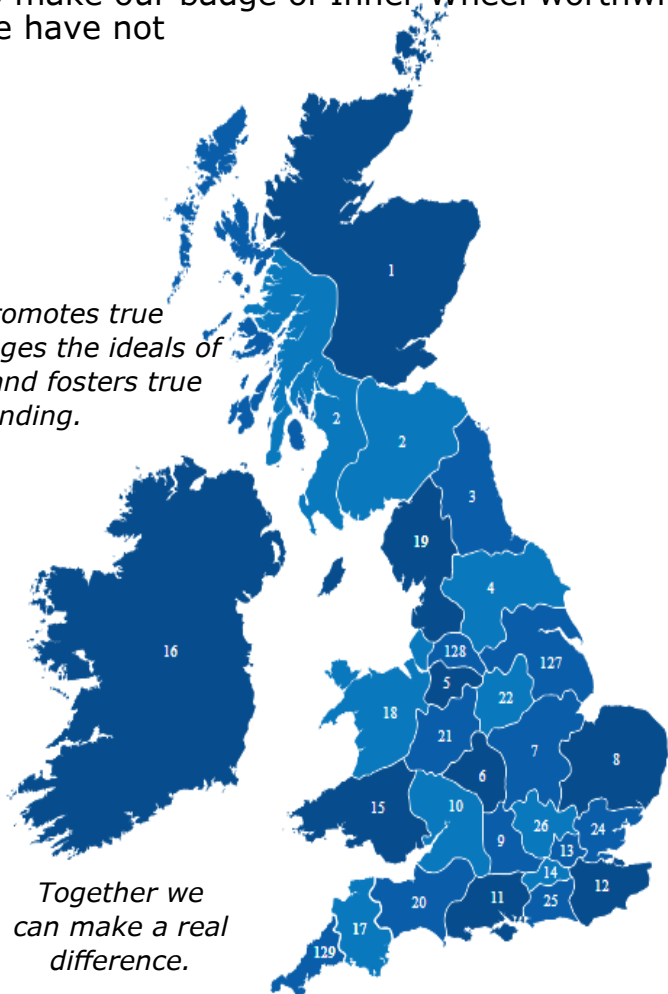




# THE INNER WHEEL PRAYER

**I**nstil in us O' Lord, the true meaning of friendship  
**N**ever let us forget that we are all Thy children  
**N**otwithstanding the differences in our cultures and creeds,  
**E**ndow us with a desire to serve our fellowmen,  
**R**emembering that we, too, often need help.  
**W**henever or Wherever the need for service arises,  
**H**elp us to be ready to serve.  
**E**ndeavouring to make our badge of Inner Wheel worthwhile  
**E**nsuring that we have not  
**L**ived in vain.

*Inner Wheel promotes true  
 friendship, encourages the ideals of  
 personal service and fosters true  
 understanding.*



*Together we  
 can make a real  
 difference.*

Thank you again to everyone who has contributed to what we have achieved in Inner Wheel this year

Still to come in May:  
D17 INTERNATIONAL SERVICE RALLY, hosted by Barnstaple and raising funds for Mary's Meals on 5th May



FOOD + SCHOOL = HOPE

OUR FINAL D17 MEETING and AGM will be 23rd June 2026 at the Waie Inn

**AND...JUST TO MAKE SURE YOU REALLY GET THE MESSAGE THAT WE ALL ENJOYED OUR CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE, A FINAL WORD FROM GAY**

The "Conference" is so much more than that word conference implies. It is not stuffy and boring but a coming together of Inner Wheel ladies from all over the country who are like yourself, friendly, fun, and interesting. It is more an experience not to be missed.



I was lucky to be staying in the Conference hotel headquarters where I found myself having breakfast one morning with the International Association President Kay, a lovely Australian lady.

At the Conference Centre there are stalls set up by Charities, Districts and Retailers, so much to take in that several visits are needed! The speakers were all inspirational and interesting. Every evening entertainment is arranged and on the final night there could be 500 excited and happy women on the dance floor

at once. By then you feel like you know them all! You've had the same experience and it is joyful.

That is "Conference". Gay

