

District '4 YOU' News

September 2026



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District 4 Chairman – Jennifer Angus
Secretary- Edith Davison
Treasurer- Chrissie Hines
Membership & Development – Denise Gamblin.
Member of Council - Pat Mirfield
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Aireborough	Brighouse
Cleckheaton	Denby Dale
Elland	Halifax
Harrogate Brigantes	Heckmondwike
Ilkley	Leeds
Normanton	Otley Chevin
Pontefract	Ripon
Ripon Rowels	Scarborough
Wakefield	York
York Ainsty	York Vikings

District Chairman Jennifer Angus (Otley Chevin)



Dear members of D4 Inner Wheel

We are already two months into the new Inner Wheel year! It is quite amazing how time flies. I hope those who came to our 'new look' assembly found it was beneficial. We have had a few positive reactions.

I have represented our District at a Rotary event in Bradford which had some interesting speakers. I was impressed with a representative from the police who was giving information regarding scams and internet fraud. He said the police were always happy to speak to groups regarding these issues. It might

be an interesting talk at one of your meetings, just get in touch with your local police force.

I am looking forward to my rally in October and hope to see as many of you as possible. Don't forget we are having a best hat contest on the theme of 'the Mad Hatters tea party'.

Enjoy your meetings and remember you are a member of an amazing organisation, or rather you are an amazing member of a global organisation. I hope to meet as many of you as possible this year. If I can serve and support you in any way, please contact me. Yours in friendship

Jennifer D4 Chairman

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY JULY 15TH 2026

District 4 Assembly

York Sports Club 15th July 2026

The District Assembly was held at York Sports Club, not at Millthorpe School where it had been held in past years. The layout was different. We all gathered together in the same room with a view over the sports field so we were not able to go into separate rooms and meet with our group of officers. This year Member of Council Pat Mirfield opened the Assembly and then read the Roll Call before handing over to District Chairman Jennifer Angus to summarise the Annual Association Assembly at Yarnfield last week when members from all Districts in GB & I met Association President Pat Russell of the Inner Wheel Club of Penrith in District 19 and to formulate plans for the 2026/2027 year

President Pat's Charity is PAPYRUS a charity helping to prevent suicide in young people. Tragically, suicide is the leading cause of death for people under the age of 35 in the UK and PAPYRUS runs Hopeline 24/7 a free helpline offering support around the clock as well as other practical, educational and advisory services. Click on the link to visit the website of [Papyrus](#).

We need your help!!!!

The **Knit and Stitch Show** at Alexandra Palace on
8th-11th October

is fast approaching and plans are well underway for our
INNER WHEEL Promotional Stand.



We intend to run a competition at the show to increase awareness about President Pat's chosen charity **PAPYRUS** and raise some funds for this worthwhile cause.

Pat has donated a stunning prize for the winner!!

But first this empty jar needs to be filled with **BLUE** and **YELLOW** buttons so that the **KNIT AND STITCH** visitors can play the game to guess **HOW MANY ARE IN THERE!!!**

What can you do to help?

We are asking every member to look in their spare button box at home and

**take any blue or yellow ones along to your
SEPTEMBER CLUB MEETING**

Once collected, each club will need to count their collection and seal the buttons in an envelope

WRITING THE NUMBER OF BUTTONS it contains on the outside.

These envelopes will need to be posted to:

Linda Clarke, M&D Committee Chairman (by the end of September)

OR

handed to the Member of Council for your District so that they can be passed over in person at the 6th October Council Meeting



This is something that **ALL** our members
and **M@L** can get involved in -
Please help us to make this happen!

THANK YOU



Further to Linda's button appeal circulated yesterday, I confirm that we will accept "gold" buttons as "yellow" buttons!

Each year, the International President presents a theme to unite members towards a common achievement. When over 115,000 members prevail with one passion, the results can create the change across nations and for generations. INGELÖG WYNDHAMN, the International

President's theme is **GROW & FLOURISH** INGELÖG WYNDHAMN
INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL PRESIDENT 2026-27

Follow the link

<https://www.internationalinnerwheel.org/>

District Secretary Edith D and Webmaster Sue Lydall had sent their apologies and MOC Pat read their contributions.

Web manager, Sue Lydall

The Home Service Report has been emailed to Club Correspondents and needs to be returned to me by the end of November. I know we usually say December but I, like you, have other things to do in December! Along with the form is a Help Sheet which explains why this form is needed and how to fill it in. The section about acts of service is just as important as the fundraising information- we are, after all, a service organisation! There is also a National Representative Report form - and again there is an explanatory sheet offering some background and help when filling it in.

One of the duties of the CC is to publicise the things your Club gets up to - we really need to be more active in this respect as it is surprising how many people you encounter who have never heard of Inner Wheel. You can join the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in GB&I Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/901164416664498>). Any member can post on it.

Orange the World will be taking place again this year from 25th November to 10th December. This is a great opportunity for us to have a higher profile than normal and for clubs to join together to make a greater impression. Forward planning is the key so start early deciding what you are going to do and making sure your publicity is in place. Leaflets on Inner Wheel can be obtained from Warwick Square and a new four-fold card is available with space for contact details. Or your club could make its own literature and tailor it to fit what you do.

We now have a bi-monthly Newsletter so send in your photos and articles to Val Green of Scarborough Club - you don't have to wait, just send her things as they happen. And send them to me too to put on our webpage. Just be conscious of

GDPR when providing details and photos and if you are placing an Obituary, you need the family's permission if you put more than just reporting the death.

Association has moved from a printed magazine to a bi-monthly Newsletter and anything you send to me I can pass on to them to put in the latest edition or keep for Conference next year.

I am sending this information out to all the clubs in our District - for those without a CC, to the Secretary. If you hear about it but haven't received it, let me know in case I have the wrong email details for you!

Good luck and enjoy your time in Office and I look forward to hearing from you about what is going on in your clubs.

Yours in friendship,

Sue Lydall, District Editor and Web Manager.

International Services Chairman Suzanne Brindley

Ladies, what an honour to be the new International Service Rep for the District. A huge thank you to Jennifer for her sterling work she has done over the last 6years. They are very big boots to fill.

The Association is continuing to support **Mary's Meals** for another year. They are still collecting foreign coins so check out your purses as you return from your holiday.

As a District we will continue with our recycling of "ring pulls" for the Purple Community. Also there are the charities that we have supported for many years Jacobs Well, Ukraine, and Zikomo Trust that still need our help. Perhaps within your club you may chose other overseas organisations that appeal.

If any club doesn't have the "international form" saying which charities you've supported during the year January to December 2026 please contact ISO Suzanne Brindley, <mailto:suzanne.brindley@yahoo.com> for a copy. It needs completing by 12th December.

Also please remember to continue to collect goods for overseas charities and bring them to the November District Meeting.

Thanks, Suzanne B. International Services Chairman

Following the District Assembly the Scarborough ladies headed back to the coast. Feeling peckish we decided to stop at Thompson's on the A64 for Fish and Chips. Waiting in the queue President Lynda chatted to a gentleman who had spotted her Inner Wheel badge. His wife is an Inner Wheel member and he went to find her and sent her to our table to introduce herself.

Jayne Fryer - Inner Wheel Club of Chadderton and Falsworth

District 128 Member of Council

We were delighted to meet Jayne who told us her club has only 5 members. I am sure the executive committee members will have met her at Yarnfield. Pat will certainly meet her at Council meetings. We would love to keep in touch.

Pat Mirfield presented the Member of Council's survey [click the image to see the presentation](#)



DISTRICT 4 CHARITY



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[click to visit website](#)

2027 Conference

Hello Ladies

The booking for Conference in April 2027 is now open. The early booking fee is £110 - same as 2026.

To access the booking form please go to the Inner Wheel website innerwheel.co.uk

Click on the members area

Password is iw2023

Click events - and it's on the list.

Speakers:

Jennie Bond - Journalist, Television Presenter and BBC's former Royal Correspondent.

Charles Hanson - Auctioneer, Chartered Surveyor, Television Personality best known for BBC shows Bargain Hunt, Flog It and Antiques Road Trip.

Lady Carnarvan - Lady Carnarvan, Highclere Castle, the real-life Lady of Downton Abbey.

3 Dads Walking - Andy Airey MBE, Mike Palmer and Tim Owen

After each tragically lost a daughter to suicide, they united to walk hundreds of miles across the UK raising awareness and money for PAPYRUS (President Pat's chosen charity for the year).

At the moment I am unsure of the theme but hoping this will become clear at the Conference Meeting in September.

There are already 20 going from D4 but it would be great if there were more. However, I understand there have been difficulties getting accommodation. I would look to trying to book at the Cheltenham Ladies College - details alongside the booking form. I urge you to be quick as this too is filling up.

If I find out any more at the September meeting, I'll let you know.

Chris Hines

D4 Treasurer and Conference Committee Member



INNER WHEEL DISTRICT 4

GB & I Conference
Town Hall Cheltenham
12-14 April





Laughter



Friendships Old & New

Sunday 11 April – Thursday 15 April 2027

We are trying to organise a group booking for the 2027 Conference in Cheltenham. We are looking to travel by train – Points of departure – York, Leeds & Wakefield. We can get group discount on our tickets plus further discount with Senior Railcards.

Our hotel would be The George which is just a 6 minute (0.2ml) walk from the venue.

The approximate cost of B&B with travel would be £550 per person for 4 nights B&B. Single rooms available on request.

Evening meals – we are negotiating with the Hotel.

If you are interested, please complete the form sent to your club secretary and return to me by **30th April 2026**

Conference 2027

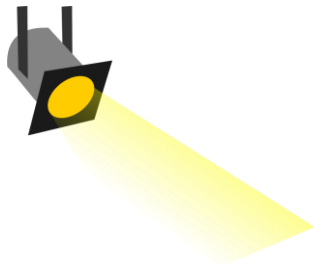
If you are interested in being part of the D4 group booking please add your name and requirements to the table in the following link. [Interest forms 2027 Conference.docx](#)

Train departures – Leeds (L) Wakefield (W) York (Y)

Forms to be returned to Chris Hines – iwd4treasurer@gmail.com by **30th April 2026**.

Once I have all the forms I will be requesting a 50% deposit for your hotel room.

The train journey cannot be booked until 10 weeks before we travel.



MEMBERSHIP & 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.

Denise Gamblin (Membership & Development Officer)

HELLOO AGAIN District 4 members

Let's first talk about;



The last items from Just One Thing (J1T).

- **Create a CAMEO group (Come And Meet Each Other) to build friendship.**
- **Have fun and let everyone know about it. New members will never be attracted if the current members do not show that they are enjoying membership.**
- **Don't keep your activities a secret**
- **Display a Christmas Tree in your local church festival.**
- **Use a 'Happy, Sad Box'- members make a small donation for charity and recount a recent event. This develops empathy and closer friendships.**
- **Club sub-divided into 3 groups; community, friendship and international.**

Turns taken by each group to plan speakers, quizzes, raffle, outings etc.

I do hope these new insights are useful and have avoided any repetition, and also added something new to the mix.

AND



Talk about J1T. I hear you thinking OH! NO NOT THAT AGAIN!!

THE CHALLENGE THIS YEAR IS TO WORK ON 'JUST ONE MORE' So THAT WE 'GROW AND FLOURISH'

- Just one more **CHANGE** to help your club to flourish in its activities and service
 - Just one more **MEMBER** to ensure your club has a net increase by the end of the year
 - Just one more **VOLUNTEER** to take up office, share a role, or be trained in readiness
 - Just one more **CLUB** within your District; a new seed planted and nurtured
 - Just one more **ACT OF FRIENDSHIP** to help another club, who may be struggling
- Club M&D officers, Presidents or Secretaries or Whichever Members wants to lead on this should discuss ideas within their club AT THEIR FIRST OPPORTUNITY.**
- Every club needs to make a plan that will **SECURE THEIR OWN FUTURE** and decide how this will be achieved.
 - At the start of January District M&D Officers will contact each club to discuss progress and then pass this feedback to their Zone Leaders.
 - M&D Zone Leaders will collate the information from District Officers so that positive suggestions can be developed and support given where needed.

This is NOT an optional extra: you guys were given this information at the Assembly.

MEMBERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT IS A PRIORITY FOR THE WHOLE ASSOCIATION AND WE ALL NEED TO SHARE IN THIS ENDEAVOUR TOGETHER!

This was discussed at the assembly and the Just One More piece was in your club envelopes. If you do not have a copy and would like one, let me know and I will send it to you. I am here to assist you, just ask me for assistance and I will do what I can.

Please contact me and we can discuss your ideas and if required I will assist you to develop your club Just One More.

BYE FOR NOW.

Denise

Aireborough Club

Guiseley Senior Citizens is a voluntary group whose aim is to raise funds to enable them to take local senior citizens to the seaside on an annual basis. The trip took place on Sunday 26 July when enough coaches were hired to take 210 people to the Inn on the Prom at St Anne's on sea. Everyone was provided with a 3 course meal consisting of soup, roast beef with Yorkshire pudding & vegetables then apple pie & custard followed by tea or coffee.

After the meal there is 2 hours of free time following which live entertainment is provided along with afternoon tea. The day is full of fun and friendship with games, bingo, a raffle and lots of dancing.

Aireborough Inner Wheel Club was once again very proud to sponsor one of the coaches thus fulfilling our core motto of friendship with service.



Inner Wheel Club of Denby Dale

On the hottest day of the year, we met at a member's home at Castle Hill near Almondbury. We were there to celebrate several important birthdays & thank our outgoing President. The photo shows one of the birthday girls who was 21 again. We enjoyed a cream tea & donations were made to support Scleroderma research based in Leeds.

In July some of us took a tour of the Daphne Steel building in Huddersfield which is the gf new University hub in conjunction with the NHS. Daphne Steel was the first black matron in the country. They provide practical training courses for nurses, paramedics & dental assistants as well as some outpatient services for the Royal Infirmary. Clare, the daughter of our birthday girl, was our guide and went above & beyond when I needed to seek medical support when I tripped and fell on my way to the tour. www.hud.ac.uk/about/national-health-innovation/daphne-steele-building/

We have retained all our members for the coming year except one who has had to resign for health reasons. She was a long-standing member and we hope she will be able to attend events from time to time as a guest. The fact that we have retained everyone from the merged Denby Dale and Holmfirth clubs indicates that we must be doing something right.



Elland Club continued with our usual activities during this long, hot summer. Our popular book group met regularly, and as ever, the choice of books provoked lively discussion!

In July, we met at the home of our outgoing chair when the chain of office was handed over to Margaret Lord for the next year. After the formalities, we enjoyed a lovely meal organised by Marion.

The July meeting was held at the home of our new chair where we were treated to a Strawberry Tea. Spirits were not daunted when a sudden brief but heavy shower of rain drove us in from the garden! A collection box was provided for donations to The Yorkshire Air Ambulance. It was agreed that in order to continue with our support for this excellent cause the box would be passed around to members who would keep it for two weeks before handing it on. During this time, all visitors to the home of the box holder would be invited to make a donation. We look forward to finding out how successful we have been at a future meeting.



In June members enjoyed a 'Pimm's and strawberry' afternoon at the home of Rotarian Bryan and his wife Jenny in their beautiful garden. It was very warm but there was plenty of shady spots and the strawberries were served with ice cream.

At our July meeting we welcomed new member Jan Richardson. Also, our new Rotary presidents brought greetings and well wishes. We all enjoyed a wonderful presentation by President Greg Reinsch of his trip to Costa Rica and the Galapagos Islands.

This month we had our 'Meet the Presidents' - a joint event with the Rotary club of Halifax. Members of both clubs enjoyed a delicious ploughman's lunch prepared by President Elizabeth and Social secretary Christine Hodgson.

Our walking group is very popular, enjoying the local countryside and sites of interest. Our book club meets monthly at a member's home.



President Elizabeth with Rotary president Andrew Waite at the 'Meet the Presidents' lunch



Leeds Club

After a positive year, including a number of fundraising activities and raising money through serving our club lunches, the President was able to deliver two cheques for £1,250 to soundproof box CIC and for dementia training across Leeds. President Julie said, "It feels a very significant achievement to be able to support these two charities who deliver really important work across Leeds. So proud of our club and all that we do and achieve."



At our July meeting we were so pleased to be able to present Jean Panther with her certificate from District and some flowers from the club to recognise her amazing efforts knitting and crocheting so many blankets and items to be taken for charitable requirements. District President Jennifer Angus established the new certificate to recognise such incredible contributions. Many thanks to Jean for all her hard work and this important contribution to the cause. It reminds us all that these efforts are so important.



Otley Chevin Club

We had a social visit to RHS Harlow Carr Garden in August . We had chosen an ideal day as the weather was sunny. After a morning coffee sitting overlooking the lake we walked round the garden which looked beautiful despite the dry conditions. We then went to a local pub for a well-earned lunch.

We are holding our annual quiz on the 17th September and look forward to welcoming many teams to compete for the winner's trophy.

DATE FOR DIARY

OTLEY CHEVIN QUIZ

17th SEPTEMBER 2026

ST GILES CHURCH HALL

BRAMHOPE

12.45 FOR 1PM PROMPT

So as we neared the end of our Inner Wheel year, President Lorraine decided to host an afternoon tea in August... an enjoyable treat and we look forward to our first Club meeting on Thursday 3rd September.

Over the year we have had a variety of talks at our meetings, mostly given by the Club members, but we did manage an outside speaker earlier in the year; this turned out to be very interesting. In Pontefract, opposite the Castle is a museum called the Elizabeth Love museum - perhaps one of Pontefract's best kept secrets - certainly worth a visit. Elizabeth, a nurse and her brother Jo, initially a miner, after living in the north east, settled in Pontefract living in this beautiful building. Elizabeth was very much into antiques and collected a vast range of local ceramics - to name a few, Castleford Pottery / Ferrybridge Pottery - as well as a host of other collectables from around the country. The museum is well worth a visit, presently open Saturday/Sunday for guided tours. Book either on line or by phoning 01977257012... tours between 10 am - 4 pm at a cost of £8... private tours can be arranged during the week. For other details please look up the museum on line. Do try and go either as a club or individually.

Jan Allen

Club Correspondent Pontefract

Ripon Club

Ripon club members enjoying a very happy, sociable coffee morning on a sunny day at the Spa Gardens cafe in Ripon. An excellent morning with good cakes/scones, drinks and lots of chatter - just what we like at our Inner Wheel gatherings...



and this one is our June/July President Betty handing over the baton to incoming President Cheryl, but only for a month! As many of you will know, a 12 months commitment can be challenging - so with a shortage of volunteers this time round, all of our past presidents have agreed to step in for a month at a time. It will be an interesting year...

Ripon Rowels Club

In July, a group of Ripon Rowel ladies really enjoyed a visit to the Helmsley Walled Garden. We all enjoyed a lovely lunch and chat. We strolled around the gardens and apart from the extreme heat, everyone enjoyed the day out.

Joyce Waters

Club Correspondent



Scarborough Club

The Scarborough club has had a busy time since our new President Lynda took over the reins. Lynda had worked hard to create a tribute to Yorkshire with a Yorkshire Day event.

Sally McIntyre very kindly offered her magnificent garden/home to us for this event and 49 people brought a garden chair and prepared for entertainment and a picnic on a gloriously sunny afternoon.

We started with a Fabulous 'Yorkshire Lass Cocktail, courtesy of Anne B and Colin, with a Non-Alcoholic version available.

We had 1st Class entertainment. John M started us off with an explanation of why we celebrate Yorkshire. Day on 1st August and gave us the loyal toast.

Then the fun began with beautifully read poems throughout the day from June, Ann C, Helen, Christine G and Sandra. All telling us about our fantastic County.

Next John was up again with a marvellous Song about Scarborough that he had composed himself, indeed winning a prize for it on Radio York. It was as apt today as when he wrote it!

It was Christine O's Special Birthday and she very kindly brought lots of Fizz so we all raised a glass to her and Pauline who also had a Birthday actually on Yorkshire Day (how lucky is that?)

Then it was time for our picnic, Evelyn did us proud with everything Yorkshire from Potted Meat, Yorkshire Puds, Parkin, Wensleydale Cheese. a glorious Rhubarb Dessert and Pontefract Cakes to finish.

Our 2nd half started with our Top of the Bill 'The Old Codgers' (namely Colin, Simon, John and Jonathan) Who told us how lucky we are not to be living as they used to!

It's extremely hard to pin these Superstars down but luckily I was able to tempt them away from the Whippets with the promise of a 'Pie and a Pint' at their Local! They are all terrific Sports and put on a Fantastic Performance.

Next up Ann C. who is undoubtedly the Quiz Queen and never lets us down with her interesting, get the old brain going questions. We had fun prizes for the winners.

John once again entertained us with a Funny Yorkshire dialect song and we joined in the chorus.

For our finale where we all sang the Yorkshire National Anthem 'On Ilkley Moor Bah't't'at'. A fitting tribute to a Marvellous Inner Wheel Year End. Fun and Friendship at its best. Long may our Club continue to grow and thrive. **Lynda Nelsey - President**



IW CLUB OF YORK TEAM WORK (IW &. YORK ROTARY)

On Sunday 12 July several ladies from York Inner Wheel helped bake and decorate some of the 400 cup cakes which were sold at York Rotary Annual Dragon boat event Tea Tent. Raising over £1,850 for local charities.

YIF Linda



Thank you to Inner Wheel Club of York

A big thank you to the Inner Wheel Club of York for supporting Snappy's Challenge 40.



Members took part by filling Smarties tubes with coins, raising £122.75 for Snappy Trust.

Click the link to learn more about the Snappy Trust
www.thesnappytrust.org/

THE YORK INNER WHEEL LONG SERVING MEMBERS Charter 1934



Marlise Heaton – York Inner Wheel 1968 to present day

Marlise Heaton Inner Wheel Club of York District 4 Joined 1968/9

*Positions held : President, Treasurer twice, Social Chairman, Sick Visitor 20 years
In the early days I enjoyed the "hands-on" activities - helping needy families, visiting the sick, helping to run a tea bar for handicapped persons, etc.*

I enjoy supporting charities and good works in a friendly way. I continue to love the friendship and the feeling of belonging to Inner Wheel. We are here for each other, laughing and chatting.



Catherine Hughes – York Inner Wheel - 1974- present day

1974 my husband joined the Rotary Club of York and soon after I was invited to join York Inner Wheel which I was very happy to do.

I have been Social Chairman twice, Secretary twice and President in the Millennium year. Over the years I have been involved in many fund-raising activities, visits to other Clubs special meetings and of course Conferences especially to Belfast. I have enjoyed the friendship of so many lovely friends in I.W.

YIF

Catherine Hughes

**York Vikings
Club**

York Vikings Inner Wheel held their Handover in July when Judith Carlton became our new President. Judith is a Founder Member and four times President and has agreed to carry out the role of President again at the age of 90. We look forward to the year ahead.

Our Charity this year is Hands ad Voices. This is a choir set up to help people with learning and communication difficulties take part in music and express themselves creatively, In order to support Orange the World each member has contributed towards washbags and toiletries.

We have a varied programme organised for the coming year with some interesting speakers, and we continue to enjoy monthly lunches.

Below is a photograph of our outgoing President, Pennie Holt, handing over the chain of office to our new President, Judith Carlton.





SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS in District 4

Jenny Wray of the Scarborough Club celebrated a special birthday on August 14th



Anne Coates, Kate Drake, Sue Purvis and Helen Frost of the Denby Dale Club celebrated 320 years between them!

UPCOMING EVENTS

OTLEY CHEVIN QUIZ - 17th SEPTEMBER 2026

ST GILES CHURCH HALL, BRAMHOPE 12.45 FOR 1PM PROMPT

DISTRICT 4 RALLY -Monday 5th October 2026 11-4.00pm at The Yorkshire Events Centre, Great Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate HG2 8NZ. Theme: Mad Hatter's Rally -Tickets £37.50



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