District '4 YOU' News

November 2026

District Executive

District 4 Chairman – Jennifer Angus
Secretary- Edith Davison
Treasurer- Chrissie Hines
Membership & Development – Denise Gamblin.
Member of Council - Pat Mirfield
International Service Chairman – Suzanne Brindley
Webmaster – Sue Lydall
Newsletter Editor – Valerie Green



Clubs in District 4

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)



DISTRICT RALLY OCTOBER 5TH 2026

District 4 Rally

The Pavilions, Harrogate



District 4 Inner Wheel held its annual Rally at the Pavilions in Harrogate on Monday 5th October. Members of the District 4 clubs came out in force to greet our Association President Pat Russell (from Penrith) and other representatives from Wales, Lincolnshire, Lancashire and Durham.



Association President Pat With D4 Executive



Winner Ann Lowe



Parade of hats

Following the candle lighting by District Chairman Jennifer and Association President Pat, DC Jennifer welcomed Pat and introduced the top table guests. Webmaster Sue Lydall read Spike Milligan's poem 'Smiling is infectious' DC Jennifer read 'The knitted square'. All members joined in with a different rendition of 'Yesterday'. And then there was a parade of the fancy hats. The winner was Ann Lowe and she passed the glory on to her daughter in law who had decorated Ann's hat with many episodes from Alice in Wonderland Lunch was served by the Pavilions staff.

After lunch greetings were brought by Vice District Chairman of Districts 15 and 127, Rotary President Anne Griffin and Association President Pat Russell. The entertainment was provided by Ish Herd who had us in fits of laughter over her renditions of songs by Victoria Wood, Joyce

Grenfell, and two of Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes of Little Red Riding Hood. All in all, a day full of fun and laughter and lots of friendship!

President Pat's Charity was PAPYRUS a charity helping to prevent suicide in young people. Sadly, the charity has gone into administration and Pat is looking for a similar charity to help young people

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/

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International Services Chairman Suzanne Brindley

An update from OSO

The OSO committee met in late September.

Hopefully all club OSO's have now received an email from me and also the report form to be completed by December. If not please contact me.

We are gradually receiving invitations for club meetings we will share them out between us. During the three years I hope to visit each club.

Mary's Meals is the Association charity.

We look forward to collecting all your goods at the November District Meeting.

Suzanne

Thanks, Suzanne B. International Services Chairman

mary's meals

a simple solution to world hunger

https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/

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District 4's Annual Quiz

District 4's Annual Quiz, organised and hosted by Otley Chevin Club, was won by Halifax Club. Well done Girls! There were 10 questions in each category and 10 categories. Very testing as memories are not quite as sharp as they used to be! Leeds came home with the wooden spoon, and Aireborough club won the Table Quiz. A lovely afternoon of fun and friendship and lots of laughs.









Jennifer at Otley Quiz

DISTRICT 4 CHARITY

YORKSHIRE
AIR AMBULANCE

Registered Charity No. 1084305

click to visit website

Knit and Stitch Show at the Alexandra Palace 8-11th October







All made with Inner Wheel scarves. Talented ladies promoting Inner Wheel

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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



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.

Inner Wheel at the Heart of the Community for 100 Years

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

Club News

Aireborough Club

Members of Aireborough Inner Wheel recently provided afternoon tea for residents at The Laureates, a development of 62 privately owned retirement apartments in Guiseley.



ISO Anne Brown displayed a selection of the items that we collect for international aid including a shoebox with sample contents plus a brief explanation of the work we do.





Halifax Club

At our September meeting we had a craft evening . The materials were supplied by our member Brenda Mallinson and everyone had something to take home





Later in September we held a lunch to promote Orange the World. Members were asked to donate dry foodstuffs and toiletries for the Women's Refuge. We were joined by D4 chairman Jennifer Angus and members from neighbouring clubs. The room was decorated with an orange theme.





A boot full of donated goods was taken to the Womens refuge together with a donation raised at the lunch

Our walkers have been out and about despite some poor weather and end with refreshment. Below at Gibson Mill and Walsden Todmorden





Finally …… one of our teams won the Otley Chevin Quiz!



Harrogate Brigantes

INNER WHEEL CLUB OF HARROGATE BRIGANTES

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2026: PRESIDENT ANTHEA ROBERTON

I hope you have all enjoyed the summer break and made the most of the beautiful weather we have had. Many members enjoyed the lovely Strawberry Afternoon Tea at Mary's house on 20th August, despite the fact the sun decided not to shine on that day. A very big thank you to Mary for hosting it and to those who baked and helped on the day. A lovely way to have a good time and raise some money as well - £100.

INTERNATIONAL

Advance notice that our next year's International Meeting will be on Friday 19th March 2027; the room has been booked at St Mark's Church, Leeds Road.

INVITATIONS

Inner Wheel Club of Ripon – International Service Meeting at St John's Church, Bondgate, Ripon, HG4 1QE, 12.45pm for 1.00pm. Guest Speaker Lord Bob Marchant, "Jeeps 4 Peace". Tea and Cakes will follow the meeting, cost £7.50 a head.

Inner Wheel Club of Leeds – International Meeting on Wednesday 28th :October at the Holy Name Church, Otley Road, Leeds LS16 6HW. 1pm for home made soup, sandwiches and tray bakes, £12.50 per head, raffle raising money for Ukraine.

The next Horticap Coffee Morning will be on Friday 2nd October at 10.30am – all members welcome.

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Pauline Eley

Club Correspondent

Otley Chevin Club

We held our annual Quiz on September 17th and were delighted to welcome 11 teams in competitive spirit.
The main quiz had rounds on a variety of subjects including the arts ,.geography, literature , and the one on Yorkshire
Which always seems as if you should know all the answers but there is always at least one tricky question.
When we stopped for our afternoon tea there were several teams near to the top score.But after tea, one team took the lead and it was Halifax who won the trophy.
The table quiz was won by Aireborough and the Leeds A Team took home the Wooden Spoon.
It was a fun afternoon and thank you to all the clubs who took part.



Pontefract Club

Our Club Meetings are finding that the 'talks' given by members are all very different and really interesting... in October President Lorraine had asked us to write down 'something' which no other member would know about us; these would be read out for us all to guess who they belonged to - in guessing there was a lot of hilarity, a really clever idea. Prior to the November meeting, members were asked to bring along an item from our homes that we had never not known to exist, so would have belonged to parents/ grandparents/great grandparents. What a variety of interesting items were revealed, each with a story and some with a photo of who they had belonged to. Very amazing as to what we can all contribute without using outside speakers.

'Four of our members attended the District Rally, each wearing a Mad Hatter's Tea Party hat. Attached is a photo showing the creations.



Jan Allen
Club Correspondent

Ripon Club



The first item is: September President of Ripon Inner Wheel handing over a cheque to Rebekah from Yorkshire Cancer Research. The money came from a Mouseman gavel donated by Les Crelling (pictured) in memory of his wife Margaret who was a member of the club. Les was very happy for it to be auctioned and the proceeds to be donated to YCR. Because it was going to charity, the auctioneers very kindly did not charge commission.



Second pic is President Cheryl handing over the reins to October President Margaret Mitchell

Ripon Rowels Club

I am very happy to report that one of our members Pam Hough and her husband Keith celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 12 September 2026. They had a wonderful time in Tuscany.

A few of our members enjoyed an event at Ripon Town Hall and heard a very interesting talk from Colin Anderson who works for St Michael's Hospice in Harrogate. Colin was previously a chef to Queen Elizabeth II. The Mayor had invited a few local charities to attend to sell their Christmas cards, gifts, etc. Prosecco and delicious canapés were served throughout. The proceeds were going to the Mayor's charities.

We are busy making plans to promote Orange The World in Ripon on 26 November.

I attach a couple of photos showing some of our members who attended the District Rally in Harrogate.

Joyce Waters



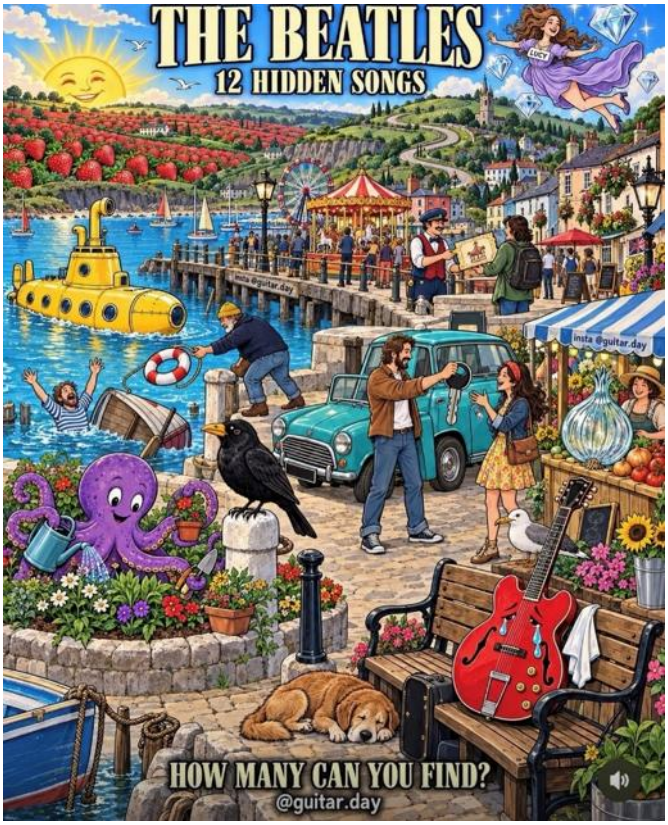
Scarborough Club

Since President Lynda was handed the Presidential chain the club has welcomed 3 new members to the club and another one is waiting in the wings.



President Lynda with new members Lynn, Lesley and Rhien.

A group of 22 ladies attended a very enjoyable Afternoon Tea at Park Manor. It was a delicious treat of savoury and sweet delights. Helen had organised a picture quiz on Beatles music which was a test of everyone's memories! But then again no one had forgotten much as it was such an iconic era to have been young in and we are still all very young at heart aren't we! Everyone won a prize of a packet of Maltesers and went home happy and very full.



On October 23rd 12 of us enjoyed a trip to York to enjoy the Chocolate Experience, and boy, did we enjoy it?!! 😊. We learnt the history of chocolate in York and the famous names, Rowntrees, Terry's, Craven. Rowntrees produce 4 million KitKat bars a day and we got to sample one. We sampled a lot more chocolate throughout the tour and then we got to make our own. I started to feel slightly nauseus by the end. Can you have too much chocolate? Eleven of the group said 'no, definitely not!' We managed to fit in lunch and shopping as well so it was a great day out

Wakefield

At our September meeting we had a really enjoyable and informative speaker from Wakefield Hospice. There are plans for a development to increase the bed capacity, and it was accompanied with a great slide show. Our thanks were given with chocolates and a donation. Our short walks and coffee afterwards continue in the local park the week after the meeting. Suzanne went to the rally and she thoroughly enjoyed the Mad Hats and also the wonderful Ish with her music.
Saturday morning 7th November is our regular Street Market at the Sandal Methodist church. Tickets go on sale on Monday 10th October.. Lots of stalls,(possible Christmas presents) tombola and raffle as well as the usual tea, coffee and biscuits.



Suzanne's hat worn at the District Rally

York Club

ST LEONARDS HOSPICE – THANK YOU LETTER

We received a lovely thank-you from St Leonard's Hospice for our fundraising.
(Extract from letter received from St Leonard's Hospice dated 27 August.
"Dear Srila and all members of Inner Wheel,
A Big Thank You from St Leonard's Hospice for the £1,193 raised from Srila 's curry lunches and other fundraising events and donations from your club. Your support helps local people and their families when they need it most. Thank you also for making me so welcome when at you for lunch in June.
A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this fantastic total possible!"
Clare Meadley

Collection for Hope & Aid. – Ukraine

We have collected and donated items, ie bedding, toiletries, tinned food etc. for onward distribution via York Rotary club to Ukraine and have been informed the convoy will arrive in Ukraine before Christmas.
Another example of York Inner Wheel and York Rotary working together!





COLLECTING BUTTONS!



President Srila handing over 850 buttons to District 4 Treasurer Christine Hines for District 19 Association President Pat Russell 's charity Papyrus (Parents Association for the Prevention of Young Suicide) however we have been informed Papyrus has gone into administration with immediate effect. We are waiting for an update from District.
Christine kindly came to collect the buttons to take to the District 4 Rally on 5 October and pass them to the Association President Pat Russell.

York Vikings Club

York Vikings Inner Wheel has been pleased to welcome a new member to our club, Emma Morris, the daughter of our Past President Pennie Holt.
In September we all attended a lovely party to celebrate the 90th birthday of our President Judith Carlton. This was a joyous occasion organised by her family.
In October President Judith and I attended the District Rally in Harrogate. It was a most enjoyable event, and there was lots of laughter as we were entertained with comic songs sung by Ish Herd.
In October we celebrated our 48th Charter with afternoon tea at the home of our Treasurer Helen.
We look forward to listening to interesting speakers in the coming months and continue to enjoy monthly lunches.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES in District 4

Ripon Rowels -Pam Hough and her husband Keith celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 12 September 2026







SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS in District 4–

Judith Carlton, President York Vikings – 90 years



Mary Gibson 100 years - Past President Scarborough, Guisborough and Halifax clubs.



Mary Gibson – A Century of Adventure, Service and Family

On 23 October 2026, Mary Gibson celebrated her 100th birthday. This is a remarkable milestone and the culmination of a life filled with family, friendship, history, adventure and an extraordinary zest for life.

Mary was born in Kensington in 1926. From an early age, Mary developed a fascination with history and her family heritage.

Hutton Buscel has been an important part of Mary's life since she first visited the village as a two-year-old in 1928. Her family returned every year for holidays, travelling from London by train and bus. Mary remembers the three village shops, collecting milk in a jug on her bicycle, paddling in the beck, picnics, donkey rides and trips to Scarborough.

After the war, Mary trained as a teacher at Froebel College in Roehampton.

There was romance too. Robert Gibson, a family friend who had lived around the corner from Mary, returned from the war and their friendship blossomed. Following a concert at the Albert Hall, Robert proposed and Mary accepted. They married on 4 September 1954 at St Alfege's Church in Greenwich.

Together they built a busy family life. Mary became a vicar's wife and devoted mother to their four children, Caroline, Geoffrey, Nicholas and Fiona. In 1969, the family moved north when Robert

became Rector of Guisborough. Mary embraced parish life wholeheartedly. She became involved in the Mothers' Union, the WI and **Inner Wheel**, serving as President of each, while also working full-time at Newstead Primary School.

After 12 years in Guisborough, Mary and Robert moved to Halifax. Mary took early retirement and soon became involved in numerous clubs and societies. It was here that she developed another talent for which she became well known entertaining audiences with her historical talks. Mary joined Halifax Inner Wheel Club and was President of the club. In 1994 Mary and Robert moved to Hutton Buscel and Mary transferred to the Scarborough club and the following year Mary became 2nd Vice President. She was President in 1997/98 and Overseas Officer 1999-2002. Mary remained on the Executive Committee for several years. President Pauline Woodhead chose Mary as her Honoured Active member during 2012/13

Now, as Mary celebrates her 100th birthday, family remains at the centre of her life. She is a proud grandmother of 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Mary has generously asked for donations to Inner Wheel in lieu of birthday presents. President Lynda's charity 'Coats4Kids' will benefit from this kind gesture and Mary's invitation contains a QR code to link to the charity.

A century has brought enormous change. Mary has lived through the Second World War, the post-war rebuilding of Europe, huge social and technological changes, and a world transformed in ways that could scarcely have been imagined when she was born.

Yet the qualities that have defined Mary throughout her life remain: curiosity, enthusiasm, independence, a love of learning, a wonderful sense of humour and a genuine interest in people.

She still reads several books a week, tackles cryptic crosswords, follows world affairs and remembers everyone's birthdays.

Mary's 100 years have certainly not been lived quietly. They have been filled with **family, friendship, service, history, travel and adventure** – and, above all, an enduring enthusiasm for life.

Happy 100th birthday, Mary!

UPCOMING EVENTS

District Meeting at St. Chad's Parish Centre, Headingley
Wednesday 19th November 2026 10.30am. Collection of items for International prior to meeting

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