



InnerWheel

ASSOCIATION OF INNER WHEEL CLUBS IN GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND

Summer 2023





International Inner Wheel
19th Convention
Manchester 2024

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS!

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go to the website and register, and
continue to show your interest!

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notelets can be
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I hope you enjoy reading
and seeing the news in this
Summer Magazine.

Thank you
to all members for sending
in your news.

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As always permission has
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Did you guess the front cover locations...?

D1 - Highland Coo
D21 - Ironbridge
D19 - Proud Mum & Dad, Carnforth
D129 - Carn Galver Mine (James Kitto)
D20 - Busy Somerset Country Lane
D127 - Bomber Command
D22 - Newstead Abbey
D4 - York Minster



Chelsea Flower Show , 25th May 2023 - The Margarett Golding Rose

Betty Roberts and Anthea Tilsley 'hit' Chelsea as proud Inner Wheel members with an air of excitement and apprehension. The launch of the Rose, for two Chelsea first timers, did not disappoint. Making their way to the Harkness stand was a slow



shoulder to shoulder journey, interspersed with amazing exhibits stirring a sense of awe, and sometimes wonder, at the expertise and achievement of horticulturalists. On arrival at the stand the Harkness staff immediately showed the Margarett Golding Rose – a beautiful colour , mildly fragrant and so very, very pretty. The Rose, bred by Philip Harkness is to celebrate the Centenary of Inner Wheel and its founder Margarett Golding. At 2 o'clock Betty and Anthea gathered by the Rose for a glass of champagne, presentation of the naming Certificate, official photographs and discussion about promotion opportunities with Harkness staff.



It was a very enjoyable, special and poignant moment for Inner Wheel at the beginning of its Centenary celebrations marking 100 years of friendship and service. Zena Coles and Thelma Pacsoo, Past Association Presidents, initiated the development of the Rose for the Centenary.



Every garden has room for a rose which will give pleasure to many, or be part of the good things caring for a garden or being a gardener, brings.

After all, you cannot beat a Rose especially if its name is the Margarett Golding Rose.

Please use this link to order
<https://www.roses.co.uk/product/531038/rose-margaret-golding-5l-potted>





Speakers Reports



Lynne Baird MBE

Lynne founded the Daniel Baird foundation after her son Daniel was fatally stabbed on the 8th July 2017 outside the Forge Tavern in Digbeth Birmingham.

Lynne learnt about a simple piece of medical equipment – a bleed control kit – that could have saved her son’s life. She made it her mission to make bleed control kits available across the country.

She was awarded an MBE in the 2022 New Years’ Honours list and has received many other awards.

Lynne is regularly interviewed on TV programmes and speaks emotionally in schools

and at Conferences sharing her story and spreading the word of her life saving bleed kit campaign.

There wasn’t a dry eye in the house.



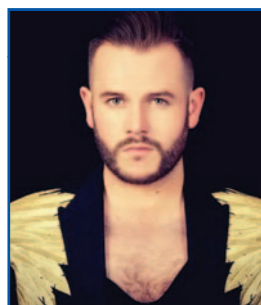
Sue Riddlestone - One Planet Living

Sue co-founded the charity 30 years ago with a dedicated team, with a vision for thriving regional economies.

Encouraging everyone, to seek out local, seasonally available fruit and vegetables.

Making use of recycling facilities, insulateing our homes and tree planting.

Bioregional created a sustainability called One Planet Living, Sue draws on the work of Bioregional and partners to change policy and industry practice from zero carbon policy to eco-towns and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. In 2013 she was awarded an OBE.



James Lee Humphreys

James spent time on Cruise Ships, worked on a number of International and UK tours.

Also at the Royal Academy and Northern College of Music Manchester to name but a few.

James truly entertained us, with songs from the shows, Classical, Oprah, and Pop., sprinkled with some humour. Inviting members to join in by singing and dancing. Songs included, Thunderball, Gold Finger, Some Enchanted Evening, Simply the Best, Empty Chairs at Empty Tables, closing with I am what I am, My Way and Walk On.

AIR AMBULANCE

Air Ambulance, was chosen as this year’s Association President’s charity, with Clubs and Districts given the opportunity to donate locally.

100 lifesaving missions are undertaken each day across the United Kingdom, each costing on average £3962.00, with no government funding. On each flight are specialist paramedics, a Doctor and of course the pilot. On one particular mission the patient had suffered a heart attack in his bathroom, when the team arrived and assessed the situation, the bathroom was too small, a garden table was sterilised and brought into the kitchen, where doctor performed open heart surgery, which saved the life.

There are 37 helicopters operating in the UK, with a response time of 4-5 minutes, from receiving a 999 call to lift off. There are also 50 critical care cars in operation.

BLOOD BIKES

Michael Clark from Blood Bikes, was presented with a cheque for £4,820 from the collection at the Service of Friendship.

As well as blood and blood products they transport medical supplies, organs for transplant and donor breast milk, filling a gap at weekends and holidays for the NHS, volunteers working up to 80 hours a month.

The concept was founded in the early 1960s but it was not until 2008 when as a result of a meeting between 4 or 5 operational Blood Bike groups realised that the service would be a great benefit to the NHS.



Speakers Reports



Adam Henson

Adam well known to us all for his segment on Countryfile certainly got us sat on the edge of our seats as he shared the new technologies of modern farming. To have machines programmed to know where to plant the seeds to get the best crops was truly amazing. Modern technology is certainly growing in all industries. Adam shared with us how his farming life has changed and is adapting to the world of today and its future. Running classes to allow youngsters who may become farmers understand the importance of the land and what it can offer us.



Cllr. Kathryn Benson

The worshipful the Mayor of Blackpool, Councillor Kathryn Benson welcomed Inner Wheel to Blackpool. She wishes us a successful conference in the Winter Gardens taking in its history and enjoy letting our hair down in the Tower on the Wednesday evening. Councillor Kathryn hoped that we would not leave it so long before we return.



Zenaida “Zeny” Farcon

Our International Inner Wheel President Zeny as she wished to be called brought her “Working Wonders” theme to the stage. Adapting to change, saving the environment, new ideas, being seen, strengthening the goals set out by United Nations – we are already working with so many was very much her message to us all.. We have to move forward to succeed and this as an organisation of nearly 100 years we can certainly do.



Rtn. Garth Arnold

Garth spoke on the importance of being seen out in the community. Rotary planned on doing this by joining up with many organisations in the Big Help Out. He also mentioned that Rotary are now recognising people in their communities for the work that they are doing. Trying new approaches which are tailored to each region in order to grow and ‘do’ Rotary.



The Other Guys

Wednesday evening saw us all let our hair down and party with this group in the Blackpool Tower Ballroom. Wearing sequins, sparkles and glitter we danced the night away. President Karen made a grand entrance by coming up through the stage floor.

What a great way to end a conference in Blackpool seeing much fun, friendship and laughter.



Ladies,

It was lovely to see so many of you in Blackpool at our Conference. I was especially thankful for all the Tombola items you brought and your enthusiasm for purchasing tickets. David and Monica enjoyed chatting to you about many aspects of The Book Bus. David sent me the email below following the conference...I thought I would share it with you. Many thanks, Pam x



Pam Boyes

Hi Pam,

What struck us most about the IW conference was the sense of goodwill and togetherness amongst the Inner Wheel members which epitomises what the clubs are all about. It was nice to see it at such scale under the same roof. The Blackpool Winter Gardens is a wonderful venue which really added to the occasion, the town itself is a fascinating mixture of faded past glory, preserved gems and the all too familiar icons of the contemporary British High Street. We loved every minute!

Thank you for putting in the hard work before and during the event - the funds raised, and the books received are a good addition to what we've achieved so far. The book count from Blackpool alone was over 3,500 titles (That's one van load) - we have already delivered these to the NPAC warehouse for shipping out to Zambia in April. The previous van load was slightly smaller - about 2,500 titles and they will either ship out later through NPAC or wait to go with the bus next year. The book score so far then is around 6,000 books which is impressive. Now that we have such a huge collection, we can focus on funding the Bus to ensure the distribution and mentorship that gets the children reading.

Best wishes,
David and Monica



THE UPSIDE DOWN TRIANGLE

When did you last think what happens to your household goods when you have had your use from them? The ladies of Stranraer Inner Wheel (D23) learned a lot about this on a visit to the local Community Reuse Shop. Our guide, Viv, first introduced the banner with the triangle pointing downwards. This seems to grab the imagination of the school groups who visit the facility. Its message is plain - just how much you can reuse and how little really needs to be thrown away.

To see items brought back to life and sold on was amazing. Some items even get onto Ebay to be sold. Altogether a most interesting visit and one which is sure to make us much more aware of what can be done with the things we no longer want - which could well be a treasure for someone else!



Maureen Rose on the left is from Hawksbury Inner Wheel, with her Rotarian husband Rod. Deirdre Stewart on the right

from the Inner Wheel Club of Torquay with husband past Rotarian Michael. We met at Cellinis in the Queen Victoria Building in Sydney for a long lunch and a chat about Inner Wheel matters and world peace. The international friendship afforded by Inner Wheel is great fun.

INNER WHEEL



I have a couple of questions for you:- Have you ever wondered about the name Inner Wheel for your organisation? Have you looked at your badge?

You will see that the Rotary circle is on the outside and our circle is inside held in connection with spokes to the outer circle and through the centre. Our circle is quite literally the Inner Wheel. What a clever design you might think but it is more than that.

In the eyes of a mechanical engineer the inner wheel is the part that makes everything work - the rest of a machine is joined to the inner wheel via spokes just like a bicycle works. On a bike, you pedal to move the chain which turns the inner wheel on the back wheel, which is joined via spokes to the tyre on the outside.

So looking at your badge, if your Club is the Inner Wheel then the spokes are connected to your community and represent the people you support like the food bank, the women's refuge, the charity shop where you work, the lad down the road who needs special equipment, you fill in my gaps.

So you do all this work, does anyone know? Do you wear your lapel badge, have you got a T shirt yet? We are not a secret organisation yet each year as an organisation in this country we raise hundreds of thousands of pounds for good causes and it never gets mentioned outside of Inner Wheel.

As I have explained the name Inner Wheel was quite astonishingly appropriate for us. We are the women who keep the communities running.

This was written after an address by Rev Stephen Holdaway



District 24 have an annual competition for a trophy donated in memory of Daphne Cole from Clacton on Sea. This year's challenge was to "dress for Ascot" in an outfit obtained for less than £30 from charity shops. The winner was Jayne Moorhouse of Wickford Club. We held a racing event with games, cake and "bubbly" where the competitors showed off their outfits, judged by incoming Association President Anthea Tilsley.



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District Rallies 2023



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D12



D21



D16



D25



D26



D1 photo: Aberdeen City Council





Finance – Heather Sheerin

Heather thanked everyone for their support during her second and final year in office saying it had been a great honour and an experience that she would never forget.

She expressed her regret that mainly due to our falling membership the capitation would be increased by £2.00. Covid played a huge part in this.

Heather concluded by sharing a phrase that she encouraged all her family to remember.

IF IT IS TO BE IT IS UP TO ME
How appropriate ■



Constitution – Pat Russell

Pat presented her first report to Conference as Constitution Chairman and pointed out that many questions need to be addressed about the future of Inner Wheel and consequent changes made to the Constitution.

She reminded us that life is a journey about growing and changing and about coming to terms with whom and what we are. Change is inevitable if we are to survive and maintain all that Margarette Goulding held so dear.

Remember he who whispers down the well about the goods he has to sell will never make as many dollars as he who climbs the tree and hollers.
After all we are women of action and together we can work wonders ■



Editor – Angela Williams

Angela reminded us that the magazine is the main communication tool between Club members and the public at large. The four on-line magazines a year are proving to be successful. We now have a new website that went live last July and is a hit nationally and internationally. Home service reports highlighted the amazing number of charities supported in GB&I - in excess of 150.

The figure raised within GB&I is £522,013.36.

Angela congratulated the members on this fantastic figure and encouraged Conference to remember that:

Together we are Strong Women making a Stronger World so let us continue to Work Wonders as we do our best in our communities to keep the Wheel of Inner Wheel turning ■



International Service – Pam Boyce

Pam began by thanking everyone for the varied ways that Clubs support International Charities. She launched a two year project to support an extra bus for the Book Bus project. It is a useful vehicle to raise awareness of Inner Wheel.

Pam reported that Inner Wheel is a force to be reckoned with in the world of recycling from ring pulls to spectacles and many more. Over 70 charities have benefitted from this recycling. Links with overseas Clubs have been maintained as far apart as Zimbabwe to Norway.
£71,256 was raised to support the people of Ukraine and a total of £251,431 was sent to International charities. Well done to you all ■



Membership & Development – Liz Norris

Liz was pleased to report that there are 9,360 members including 281 new members. The M&L category is gaining in popularity and totals 92. We currently have 435 Clubs.

Zoom has proved to be one of our most valuable assets keeping the Club officers in touch with the M&D committee and Clubs nationally and internationally.

Membership matters has been circulated twice this year to highlight the many and varied ways of promoting Inner Wheel with much encouraging feedback.
With some Districts and Clubs reporting green shoots and one or two new Clubs in the pipeline the future of Inner Wheel promises to be very exciting ■



Anchorholme Academy Choir

Anchorholme Academy Choir is a primary school choir with a rich heritage. Over the last 7 years they have won the Blackpool Schools Choir of the Year on 4 occasions and finished runners up on 3 further occasions.

They have also been Lancashire Last Choir singing Competition champion on two occasions, finishing runners up on two more occasions.

They have sung with the National Opera, at the Royal School of Music and at Liverpool Cathedral. Throughout the year they sing at venues such as the Winter Gardens and the Grand Theatre as well as entertaining members of our community in Libraries, rest homes, parks, etc ■



Aberdeen IW's 80th

"Didn't she do well!"

Liz Bettles from D15,
THE CHASE team photo



D18 Inner Wheel Club of Porthmadog presenting cheque to Air Ambulance



Inner Wheel club of Ribblesdale on a historic walk around Bolton by Bowland learning what it was like to live there going right back to the 12th century



Inner Wheel Club of Crewkerne provides legacy for the Community - Crewkerne in Bloom



Now after 3 Gold Medals, Catherine Bacon a member of Inner Wheel Club of Crewkerne is presented with an Honoured Citation Award for all of her hard work in getting this project off the ground and to see it grow. Crewkerne Inner Wheel is proud to have started this for the Community and wishes Crewkerne in Bloom success for many, many years to come.



**HAPPY 30TH BIRTHDAY
ELLON INNER WHEEL**



sponsored knit

Gill Knight from Inner Wheel Club of Stone is pictured handing over her beautifully knitted teddies from a sponsored knit along with fellow members, to Sylvia, a representative for the Buddy Bags Foundation.





Dear Angela, Inner Wheel Greetings to all!

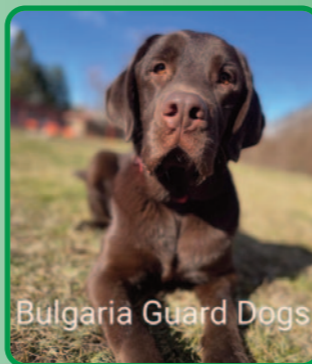
Dear Angela Congratulations on a very successful tenure as National Editor. Your magazines are a pleasure to read, well designed with great information. I am sure you too will feel the end of a year of enriching experience. You have started an enjoyable adventure of knowing more about what our fellow members do around the world as you asked me last time and now. This time, I have great joy in sharing interesting news from New Zealand. The National Representative Alyssandra Skerret has made a very motivational powerpoint and video to enthuse ladies to join Inner Wheel and also it's an advise on how members should be nurtured. I share a few slides and the link so you may watch it on the YouTube Channel. IWNZ President and National Representative, Alyssandra Skerrett presented this to all Districts on her visits this year. Now available on the IWNZ You Tube Channel at: <https://youtu.be/taouijFYAgQ>

Bulgaria had this absolutely Unique project called Read and Donate. This is a website which helps children inculcate the habit of reading. There are large number of books available and being added to regularly. All the payment done is used for charity to different causes. They support causes that train Guide Dogs, for restoration of historical places and many others.

As we all know the devastation caused by the earthquake in Turkey was unimaginable. But the way our Inner Wheel sisters have planned and executed immediate relief and further planned rehabilitation is laudable. They have not only raised funds and utilised it, but also used the funds sent by other countries in the best possible way. Mere words cannot describe my appreciation and sentiments about the work done. I am sharing a few pictures of all of the above projects. Our Wonder Women have truly Worked Wonders all over the world.

Thank you Angela for giving me these opportunities to share my thoughts in the magazine. I look forward to meeting members of GB&I when I come for the Convention in May 2024.

**Warm regards,
Prabha Raghunandan
IIW Editor Media Manager**



Farewell...

Dear Members of Association of Inner Wheel GB&I

The time has now come for me to say farewell as your Association Editor.

I have thoroughly enjoyed receiving all of your newsletters and magazines over these last two years and have tried my best to capture as much as was possible in the magazine. Helping to build a new website for this organisation was a great achievement in itself.

As I said in my AGM report at the Conference in Blackpool the magazine is the main communication tool between members and the public at large.

If we don't advertise in whatever format we decide - **what we do, who we are, what we achieve** - we will remain a secret. For all the great work that we are doing and achieving both locally, nationally and Internationally we should be shouting from the roof tops as we enter our 100 years and go forward

I again thank everyone including my team over the two years for all the support I have been given from all levels of the organisation and wish Di and her team all the very best.

Together we are Strong Women making a Stronger World let us continue to Work Wonders as we do our best in our communities to keep the Wheel of Inner Wheel turning.

Annual Conference

How big a part does the Annual Conference play in the lives of IW Club Members?

Were you someone who rejoiced at the fact that a Conference would be held this year after three years without one? I think many of us who were in Blackpool were very glad to be back at a Conference once again. The chatter when meeting friends not seen for so long was evident, and at times quite loud, too!

What are your main memories of past Conferences? Do you remember the main speakers, the journey to the venue, the people you met, or possibly the bonding with other Club members, spending more time with them? Personally, all those are part of my memories - were you on the train to Glasgow that arrived five hours late in 2002? I was! Two others of my Club were at a table with me along with a lady who was a stranger at first but during the delay learnt about Inner Wheel and all it meant to us, I hope she did contact her local Club, but that was before the rules changed and it wouldn't have been so easy for her to join.

At Conference it is sometimes possible to see and meet celebrities, people you never thought you would speak to, such as Robin Hood, seen here with some of Porthmadog Club, who would have thought he could be interested in Inner Wheel? The second photo from Nottingham shows some of the Club taking the opportunity to get to know members from other Clubs in the District while relaxing with a drink. Do you recognise her?

In the collaborative history that I'm collating of Inner Wheel in GB&I since 2000, I am hoping to include a section on Conferences. Please think about these questions - Why do you attend Conference? - What do you enjoy most? - What stays in the memory for a long time after the event? What, if anything, do you miss most the years you don't go to Conference?

This is not an official questionnaire, and is quite separate from the forms at Blackpool. Please send your memories and any photos to me at: iwhistorian@gmail.com. I would love to see some of the imaginative fancy dress outfits created for President's Evenings, especially any from the period 2000-2010.

Article written by Katharine Dobson our Association Historian.



The success of supporting Shelterbox

32-year-old Aleu lives with her husband and two children, one-year-old Beste and four-year-old Boris, in Azurs district, Türkiye. Before the earthquake, Aleu's home was

a source of security and comfort; a place where the family could come together, look after one another. But now, they are too afraid to sleep in their own home, instead choosing to sleep in a small camping tent outside the house, barely fitting the four of them. With one-year-old daughter Beste in her arms, Aleu sat down with us to share her experience of the earthquakes and how it has impacted family life. Aleu received a new tent, hygiene kit, a mattress and blanket from ShelterBox, in partnership with Rotary. "For now, we have been sleeping in a small camping tent outside the house. We then use our home to cook, do laundry, and everything else. We are thankful to have received a new tent so that we can sleep comfortably at night."



Conference Photos

