



Inner Wheel District 129

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District Executive Committee 2021 -2022

District Chairman	Hilary Genes
Member of Council	PDC Fran Tregaskes
District Secretary	Angie Tamblyn
District Treasurer	PDC Vanessa Hughes
District International	PDC Val Pascoe
District Membership	
District Editor	Liz Williams

We all know the names and recognise the faces of the Executive Committee, so here is a little bit more about them, and hoping that this will encourage a few more of you to come and join us!!! We need a Vice District Chairman (or 2) and a Membership Officer

District Chairman Hilary:

I came to Bodmin in 1984 with my two daughters and now ex-husband who was a Rotarian. I joined the Inner Wheel club of Bodmin a few years later and met some wonderful, friendly ladies who welcomed me and I soon became Club President on two occasions and also club Membership Officer.

I attended Annual Conference one year and a club member prompted me to speak on one of the Motions, which led to me being nominated to join the DEC as the District International Service Officer of District 129 which I enjoyed for 3 years

My next role was Vice District Chairman last year, supporting District Chairman, Beryl Gardner.

The DEC members were very friendly and made me most welcome and I found myself taking over as District Chairman, when Beryl decided to retire.

Then the Covid Pandemic arrived and I knew that it was going to be very difficult, but I have enjoyed the challenge, making lots of friends. I am still here!!

Member of Council Fran:

I feel very honoured to be the Member of Council for this District. In the past I have been the Editor and subsequently the District Secretary (twice)! my role is to "oversee the district and to help with any problem that a club may have".

I have recently retired from being a Justice of the Peace, and now spend my time with sewing and embroidery. I've tried my hand at Goldwork - and wrecked my eyesight doing it! I am looking forward to going back to meetings hopefully from the autumn, and meeting members once again.

Treasurer Vanessa:

Becoming a Member of District 6, when living near Twycross Zoo in Warwickshire in 1987, I was a founder member of the Inner Wheel Club of Tamworth Anker. Made up of mostly young and carefree ladies, with small children and time on our hands! We had been getting together for a year before our Charter Night and became lifelong friends. Moving to Cornwall was a difficult choice for us, because leaving Rotary and Inner Wheel friends was going to be extremely difficult. But here we are and we never looked back. Joining the DEC as Assistant to District Secretary, Jenny Moyle, would be another leap of faith. No regrets and still making new friends after all this time. Over 34 years and counting!

Secretary Angie:

I have been a member of Inner Wheel for 14 years. I enjoy the friendship and fun we have together. My working life was that of a Qualified Nurse and I worked for 39 years in the NHS. I now work in a care home looking after people with dementia. I have two children and three grandchildren. I am from a Cornish farming family, with many family members living and farming close by. I love the fact that there is always someone in the family who will help out if there are any problems. Much like my Inner Wheel family, who are always there when there is a need.

International Val:

I am delighted to be taking on the role of District International Officer for the second time. I'm looking forward to hearing about the activities Clubs have been involved in, supporting so many people across the world despite Covid restrictions. It takes more than a pandemic to keep Inner Wheel from supporting those in need! Looking forward to seeing you again when we are allowed.

Editor Liz:

I joined Inner Wheel in 2010, a few years after Trevor joined the Tavistock Rotary club on his retirement in 2003, knowing next to nothing about the organisation. Like most members I thought that I would enjoy the social side and helping out where needed, but also like many of you I found myself more and more involved. I have been Club President twice and am just about to start the 3rd year of my second stint as secretary. No-one was more surprised than me when I somehow found myself enlisted as District Editor in the spring of 2019!

News from the Clubs

Bodmin: President Linda Tucker



It is a great pleasure to be President of Bodmin IW this year. My previous role was as Vice President, and prior to this International Officer. I joined Bodmin Inner Wheel in 2013, and greatly appreciate the friendship that this has given me.

I am a Cornish girl, having lived in St Austell area until nineteen years ago when I moved to Lanhydrock.

My main career was in finance with English China Clays (now Imerys), prior to joining my Husband Paul in our own memorial masonry business at Bugle St Austell, we are now retired.

I am a member of the Institute of Credit Management, the Open University, and support Bugle Cricket club in my role as Treasurer. Amongst my interests are gardening, reading, and collecting vintage Cornish postcards and local history books.

My fingers are crossed that we will be able to meet one another socially again this year, to share in our friendship, have fun, help support those in need, find new members, and raise much needed funds for local and international charities.

Bude: President Christina Woodroffe



My late husband was an active Rotarian for over 40 years but I was a latecomer to the Inner Wheel party. I started about 17 years ago through accompanying a friend to a Bude IW meeting – everyone was so friendly and welcoming. The members' enthusiasm and commitment to supporting both local and much wider communities was palpable. I was keen to join, the club accepted me, and the friendships that I have made through this are very precious. Amazingly I am about to be President for the second time! I am retired after a long career in education, in which I retain a passionate interest. I am fortunate to live in a wonderful and remote community just over the border in Devon where I love to fill the house with family and friends. I am a doting grandmother and slave (owner?) to a mini dachshund

Camelford: President Valerie Flower



I continue as Camelford President again this year. Our 11 Club Members hope to resume face to face meetings soon'

Helston / Lizard: President Karen Moseley



I joined the Inner Wheel in 2016 when my husband Kevin became a Member of Helston-Lizard Rotary Club. I was born on a farm just outside Helston, and then moved into the town 36 years ago when we married, and am still here! We have two children, both of whom are married and live nearby, and a recent addition of a lovely granddaughter who was born in November. I started working for Nat West Bank in 1985, and finished 3 years ago, spending the entire period in the Helston Branch (almost becoming part of the fixtures and fittings!). I enjoy walking with family and friends, reading, and travelling (although the latter has been severely curtailed over the last 18 months). I am looking forward to my year as President, my principal aim being to have a year of friendship and fellowship. I think we are all really looking forward to face to face meetings, as opposed to having to make do with "Zoom", and I sincerely hope that everyone will be happy to return as soon as we are permitted with renewed enthusiasm

Launceston: President Joan Helme



I took over as President at Launceston in 2015 having been President twice before. Last year I said it was someone else's turn this year but because of the virus I am carrying on for another 12 months.

I don't have the time to attend many District meetings (although I have been able to attend most of Zoom ones) or visit other clubs but it is keeping us going for the time being. We did have three new members in 2019 but have lost two since. Of course we haven't really been able to meet as we are not a very technical lot, I understand several clubs are in the same position.

One of the things we have been doing for a while is every other month when we meet we are putting the emphasis on the social side of Inner Wheel. We arrange various things to do, including little quizzes amongst ourselves etc. This way we are emphasising the 'friendship' side of Inner Wheel. The club keeps going and we are ever hopeful of new members joining us.

We still continue to raise money for good causes and support Rotary whenever possible even though we don't do quite as much as we used to do.

Liskeard & Looe: President Bridgette North.



I am very honoured to be going into my 2nd year of Club president for this lovely Friendly club,

I am married with two children whom are both married to lovely people and have 5 grandchildren under 7 who keep me quite busy.

I was a nurse for 41 years, finally finishing my career as a nurse Practitioner in a GP surgery, I loved this role but was ready to leave and take up retirement.

I have been a member of Inner wheel for Four and a Half years, being on the committee and now as President.

I am very blessed to have such a proactive and supportive committee and club behind me.

I enjoy various hobbies, Gardening, Flower Arranging, reading, sewing (still getting to grips with my sewing machine), singing, walking and crafting.

My husband is the President of Looe Valley Rotary club so we have been supporting each other in our roles as presidents during this pandemic.

We are a very active group and have kept busy during lock down by holding all of our meetings via zoom with some excellent speakers, those of our members unable to zoom get sent a copy of the minutes each month, we have kept in regular touch via phone, e mail and letters and now are able to sit out in the garden or 6 in the house for a cuppa.

We are getting through this together, Our new club motto is BE KIND, no one knows what any one has been through or is going through so in thought and voice, please be kind to each other.

**Perranzabuloe:
Hughes.**

President

Vanessa



What a year this has been so far. It's not over yet and I'm beginning to wonder if I am dreaming. I belong to the lovely Club of Perranzabuloe, full of friends who help each other daily and do more for their community than they let on. The left hand really doesn't know what the right one is doing and I am so proud of them all.

I am also proud to be able to say that I shall be their President next year and know that, because we always work as a team, I won't be taking on too much to cope with. We can all pick up the phone and ask for assistance. Isn't that what life is all about?

Raising money will not be my priority. I intend celebrating and partying whenever possible!

The pond we dug at the start of the first lock down now needs cleaning, thus the latest addition to my wardrobe. I couldn't get a size 4, it's a size 6 boot and the belt sits not at my waist, but Empire line! Chin up and Carry on Regardless!

Plymouth: President Christine Carder



Married to Simon, mum to two grown up children, my husband and I retired to Plymouth in 2006 after running boarding schools for twenty seven years in Buckinghamshire and Berkshire. Simon joined Rotary in 2006 and has just finished his second term of office as president.

I joined Inner Wheel in 2007 and greatly enjoy the friendship and support of club members and the various projects we've been involved in.

My hobbies include quilting, flower arranging and reading. I'm also a trustee of the Clemas Trust which provides help for young people in Plymouth. For many years I've been an active supporter of the Dame Hannah Rogers Trust, which was my charity last year. During the pandemic I made face masks and other handmade sewn items which helped us raise a good amount to donate to Hannah's.

This year, we are so looking forward to meeting physically again as a club and continuing to look after our older members and getting back to doing our normal Inner Wheel service and fun events.

Roborough: President Jan Dickman



I was born in London and brought up with seven other siblings. We were and are a very close family despite living miles apart.

I have worked within the caring profession for most of my life and have enjoyed every minute of it. I moved to Plymouth in 1987 with my husband Peter and we loved living in Plymouth. I've been a widow for the last 15 years and now live with my little dog Molly.

I have been in Inner Wheel now for five years and over the last four years I have been Club Correspondent which I have enjoyed. I am looking forward to being the President of Roborough Club and deciding to join Inner Wheel is one of the best things I have done.

Redruth: President Sue Norfolk



I was born in Yorkshire and moved down to Cornwall from Buckinghamshire 15 years ago and I am a retired Personnel Manager. Married to Mike, Rotarian with Redruth Rotary club, we have two children and five grandchildren and live in Camborne/Redruth area. I joined Redruth Inner Wheel when my husband joined Rotary 8 years ago. Most of my time is spent being a very active Nanna and also volunteering with Girlguiding having run a Guide and Ranger unit for over 45 years. I is currently run two units in Camborne and am Joint County Commissioner for Girlguiding Cornwall which takes me all over the county and to conferences/meetings in the South West of England and beyond before Covid-19 but now do all meetings virtually. Having been on the Committee for many years I am looking forward to being President of Redruth Inner Wheel with the support and friendship of all its members.

Saltash: Presidents Linda Durbin and Linda Oakes



Linda Oakes

I am pleased to be sharing the Presidents coming year with fellow member Linda Durbin. This is my third time as President.

I was born in Ivybridge, South Devon but moved to Saltash when I married 52years ago! We have a son who works in the banking industry and a daughter who teaches, both live locally with their families so we have been lucky to be able to see plenty of our 3 grandchildren . We also now have a Great-Grandchild.

I worked at the local doctor's surgery as a receptionist for 26 years, a job I thoroughly enjoyed, and am now happily retired.

I am looking forward to the new Inner Wheel Year and hope some normality returns for us all. Our Club is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year hopefully with some special celebrations.

I am Linda Durbin and am 75 years of age and will this year will be sharing the presidency of the Saltash IW Club. I have two children, Andrew and Jane, and three grandchildren and have lived in Saltash now for over forty years.

Most of my working life was spent as a medical secretary at the main Plymouth hospital but I have been retired now for six years.
I enjoy swimming and badminton.

St Austell: President Pat Pettit



I was born in Sheffield but moved to Cornwall in 1979 and have a son, daughter and two grandchildren from my first marriage. I married again in 1989 and had 20 happy years with Derek, a Rotarian before he sadly died in 2009 so I also have a stepdaughter, granddaughter and two great grandchildren. My hobbies include reading, line dancing, family history and going to the theatre

I joined Inner Wheel in 1999/2000 and this is my third time as President. I have also been Club Correspondent, Club Treasurer, International Officer and Membership Officer.

My two main charities will be CLIC Sargent and the St Austell Memory Café where I have been volunteering for the past eleven years since its formation

Tavistock: President Sue Lake



Born and brought up in Wales, I moved to Somerset and attended Bishop Fox's Girls' Grammar School. From there I went to Brighton to study pharmacy, and met my husband, Wally. Brighton in the 70's was an amazing place to be, and very different from the small, rural market town I had lived in. After getting married, we moved to Tavistock where I worked as the pharmacist manager for Boots in direct opposition to Wally who ran his own pharmacy. Following the birth of our daughters, I left Boots and we worked together in a very busy community pharmacy, which we sold a few years ago to 'retire'. Never been busier!

We both volunteer for various charities, and spend a lot of time on the M5 travelling to our daughters' homes to undertake building and gardening projects. We're cheap, reliable and efficient, but are still waiting for a review on Trusty Traders.

I have the privilege of being the President of Tavistock Inner Wheel for the fourth time, after what has been a difficult year for many people. Members have tried to support each other with phone calls and zoom meetings. This coming year, I would like us to appreciate our friendship and fellowship and enjoy life.

Truro : Presidents Maureen Woodhouse & Beryl Wyatt



Maureen & Beryl



Next year Beryl Wyatt and Maureen Woodhouse are sharing the office of President of the Inner Wheel Club of Truro. Beryl will also continue as secretary for the club. Maureen was born in Cornwall and Beryl in the Midlands. Beryl was apprenticed in the printing trade and went on, with her husband, to set up a very successful printing company in Truro. Maureen worked as a teacher and then Head of the Early Years and Child Development Partnership for Cornwall. They both love reading, gardening and walking. They rate Inner Wheel as a wonderful organisation and are delighted that their Club in Truro has gone from strength to strength over the years. They feel it is an honour to be joint Presidents and will do their best over the next year to foster the Inner Wheel ideals of Service and Friendship. They also plan to have some fun joining interesting activities and talks while raising funds for charities.

Wadebridge: President Chris Millington



I have chosen for my charity for this year, SOWENNA, the Bodmin based Mental Health Facility for young people.

Our venue is moving to the Molesworth Arms Hotel in Wadebridge, so it is all change. Fingers crossed there won't be another Lockdown and we can slowly get back to normal.

These past 14 months have been very strange due to the restrictions caused by COVID19. I can't end without saying a big "Thank You" to Libby Rowles who was President in 2019/20 and who has valiantly held the fort for the extra year.

And finally:

A big 'thank you' to all the Club Correspondents, Club Presidents and Secretaries who have sent reports to Wendy for the website. It would seem that we are not going to be meeting up in person for a while yet, fingers crossed for the autumn, so we will still be zooming around the District and phoning each other, now more than ever the Friendship is so important. Those of us with access to the internet have probably progressed more in confidence with and usage of social media in the last 6 months than in the previous 6 years!! Please keep an eye on **www.innerwheelsw.org** and continue sending posts to Wendy at webmaster@innerwheelsw.org

Yours in friendship

Liz Williams District Editor

A final thought for those trying **not** to think about taking up office in their Club or District:

Remember the story about Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

Everybody was sure that **Somebody** would do the job. **Anybody** could have done it but **Nobody** did it. **Nobody** realised that **Everybody** wouldn't do it and it ended that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** when **Nobody** did what **Anybody** could have done.