



# autumn 2008



**‘Realise your Visions and make a Difference’**

# FROM THE NEWS DESK

At the start of the new Inner Wheel year, 2008–2009, Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to all those taking Office and a warm Welcome is given to all new members. This year brings fresh opportunities of service and with our energy renewed after the holiday, it should be highly productive. All of us are in a position that is a force for good. Be creative and try different ideas, discovering new paths of interest and excitement as you give service.

On the 'home front', it is up to each one of us to embrace the changes that need to be made to keep our wonderful organisation vibrant and relevant to modern thinking. Take an active part in making it happen. Enjoy your membership, offer your ideas, 'Realise your Visions and Make a Difference'.

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## The Yellow Pig

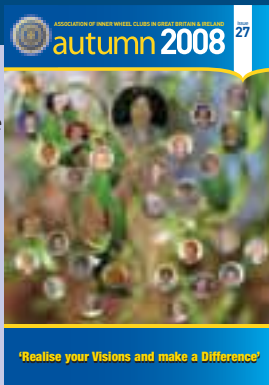
A reintroduction to our meetings this year has been the circulation of the yellow pig! For a small donation, we are encouraged to share our good news with those around us at dinner. Any resulting funds are to be used to fund something in the community to commemorate Inner Wheel Day.

Carole Walker, CC Larkhall, D2.



## 'Front Cover'

The chairmen of each district are pictured with Myrtle Buchanan, Association President, 2008-2009. The background evergreen leaves are of the myrtle bush.



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| 1 Mary Leslie       | 19 Christine Turner |
| 2 Lorna Dick        | 21 Elaine Davies    |
| 3 Kate Curtis       | 22 Joan Hodgson     |
| 4 Margaret Robinson | 23 Jan Oliver       |
| 5 June Christon     | 24 Shamim Govani    |
| 6 Georgina Hunt     | 25 Valerie Clapp    |
| 7 Elizabeth Raynes  | 26 Jeanette Lee     |
| 8 Carole Gunthorpe  | 127 Lynda Tulley    |
| 9 Dorothy Bell      | 128 Sheila Howarth  |
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| 13 Ann Goldsworthy  |                     |
| 14 Carole Powell    |                     |
| 15 Menna Davies     |                     |
| 16 Mary Horan       |                     |
| 17 Marjorie Bell    |                     |
| 18 Annette McBride  |                     |

# 51 Warwick Square

The History corner

51 Warwick Square is such a familiar address to members of Inner Wheel that it may come as a surprise that for the first 48 years of our existence we had no permanent abode. In the early days, the founder Hon. Sec, Mrs Mabel Nixon, worked from her home, while her successor, Mrs Gladys Young, had the use of her husband's business premises. Miss Elizabeth Eaton, the first salaried Secretary, worked in rented accommodation, firstly at 1A Marylebone Road then afterwards at 43 Cadogan Square SW1 in part of the WVS Club. The next move was to 19 Grosvenor Place SW1 in 1955, then two years later, accommodation in Rotary House, Portman Square was offered and accepted. When this building was sold to become an embassy, fourth floor rooms in a former private house at 89/91 Newman St, W1, became the inadequate and inconvenient office for the next six long years. In 1967 the move was made to rented rooms within Berners Hotel, W1. However there was no security of tenure and in June 1972 the hotel owners asked Inner Wheel to make other arrangements within six months. This happened at a time when the London property market was in a very unsettled state and at the beginning of a new Inner Wheel year. What a nightmare it must have been for the incoming President Mrs Hylda Armstrong and her Executive Committee! Their courageous decision to recommend the purchase of the 97 years lease on 51 Warwick Square and the ensuing consequences are another story .....



But purchased it was and Inner Wheel moved into its new home under the supervision of Miss Jane Dobson, who had worked at both Newman St. and at Berners Hotel.

From all over the country there now flooded in pieces of good furniture, fine china, glassware and domestic necessities. Many of these items were given in memory of past members such as the clock presented by D14 to mark the Presidency in 1946 of Mrs H H Coote. The Presidential Chair in the Board Room was a gift from D13 in memory of Mrs W A Shakerley who succeeded Mrs Golding as Association President in 1936. Mrs Golding still looks down on proceedings from a large portrait in that same room. She would not recognise the technology in use in the adjoining offices but she would be familiar with the motivation of the Executive, the Association Committees, members of staff and the many volunteers who work long hours in order to keep our Inner Wheel turning smoothly.

Kathleen Hovey, Association Historian

## 'ICE' Campaign

We all carry our mobile phones with names and numbers stored in the memory but nobody other than ourselves knows which of these numbers belong to our closest family or friends.

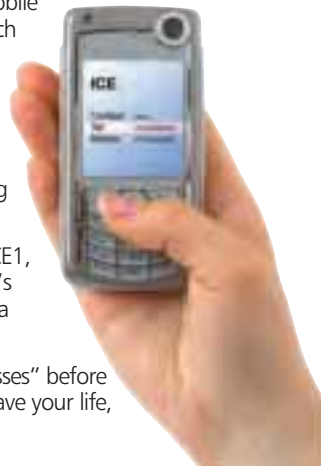
If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence this 'ICE' (In Case of Emergency) Campaign.

The concept of "ICE" is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As mobile phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name "ICE" (In Case of Emergency).

The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents, there were always mobile phones with patients, but they didn't know which number to call. He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognised name for this purpose. In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialling the number you have stored as "ICE".

For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3, etc. Be sure it's in your offspring's mobile phone also. A great idea that will make a difference!

Please pass this on. It won't take too many "passes" before everybody will know about this. It really could save your life, or put a loved one's mind at rest.  
Ann Sorsby, Wortley, D127.



## The Association President writes:

### Dear Fellow Members,

So it has come to this! Page 3 will never be the same again – all very proper and fully clothed!

All the letters and cards of encouragement have helped me to get the butterflies in some sort of order. Thank you all for your marvellous support as we set out on this very special year for all of us. The warmth and friendship at the Leicester Assembly was a wonderful beginning to our year together. It is an enormous privilege to be your Association President and I will do all in my power – with the help of each of you – to help our organisation prosper and develop. It will be a delight to meet many of you in your home patch as I travel through our 29 Districts.

The dictionary definition of the word BRICK is - a shapely block or a loving kind person. This year I want all the Inner Wheel bricks to feel important and to know how much their particular friendship and service contributes to the strength of our Association.

The IIW theme this year is 'Realise your Visions and Make a Difference'.

With enthusiasm as the touchstone and friendship as the cement, let us bind the Inner Wheel bricks into a structure to be proud of. Let us have fun as we strengthen our Clubs, give service and work together, to make that difference.

*In love and friendship  
Myrtle*



## Introducing Myrtle Buchanan



Myrtle and her husband Scott

Born in South Armagh, Myrtle moved to another border town when she arrived in Londonderry to teach Geography. Organising field trips came with the job and a love of outdoor activities and travel was born. She met Scott at the local tennis club and, when they married, they set up home in scenic County Donegal. Their four children now live in Belfast, London, Cincinnati and Sydney – a good reason to keep checking the airline schedules. Three are married, and the families were all together in May when Rebecca married Howard and the 5 granddaughters were transformed into delightful Flower Girls. James, number 6, broke the spell, and can now look forward to a lifetime being bossed by the girls.



Myrtle's family at Rebecca's wedding

Tennis has continued to be a great source of fun for all the Buchanans. As Chairman of the County Tennis League, Myrtle is very involved in promoting the game amongst the young folk. An interest in hill walking has led the family to some amazing places. Highlights include climbing Mount Kilimanjaro and walking the Inca Trail and superb hiking in Italy. Gardening and flower arranging have to be fitted in as well; Myrtle insists that digging and dreaming in the garden keeps her sane - it is so totally relaxing.

In 1979 Myrtle joined Inner Wheel Club of Londonderry beginning an interest that has continued over the years leading her to take office at Club and District levels. Myrtle has served for three years as Association Editor. She appreciates how much being Association President is a very special challenge and honour.

## Inner Wheel Club of Londonderry

In Ireland the Belfast Club was formed in 1931 and no others were established until after the war. In 1945 three more Clubs were created and District 16 was born. Londonderry Inner Wheel Club was the sixth to join the Association in 1950. There were sixty ladies and the early meetings were in the City Hotel in the afternoon. Very respectable in hats and gloves, the ladies took tea and organised Coffee Mornings and Daffodil Teas were small affairs in their homes. Fundraising only played a small part in Club life.

In the 1970s evening meetings were introduced. The City Hotel was bombed, so the venue changed to the Northern Counties Club, in itself a relic of old decency. (There was a wonderful loo there with a china bowl emblazoned with flowers and lots of polished brass fittings). These were difficult times in Northern Ireland and unfortunately all the Club records were lost in another bombing. Rotary also lost records. It was a period of uncertainty for the Club. Many older members were afraid to go out and membership fell to below 10 with meetings now held in each other's houses.

With calmer times normality returned and with it a boost as new young members invigorated the Club. En masse, the Club attended District Rallies throughout Ireland and Conferences – always Blackpool in those days. We went by bus – not a coach - and arrived, fully refreshed, ready for anything. Such fun times! We were bad attendees at District Meetings. Then in 1988-89, Thelma Arthur became the first member of our Club to be District Chairman and Myrtle became Club President.

In District 16, there is no tradition of annual Charter celebrations. Until the Millennium, Friendship Lunches were the big thing – each Club in District 16 held maybe one every three years, hosting over a hundred members from all over Ireland. All the food was made at home, hard work, but the friendship created by all working together was tremendous. Our Club had regular causes we helped – the MS Society, Old People's Homes and handicapped children in hospital. Fundraising, for many years, involved more cooking.

Since 2000, there have been many changes – home cooking is out of bounds, we mainly meet in a local hotel, fundraising has largely replaced service, our Rotary links are less good, we have four Honorary members and some offices are now recycled. Two years ago we formed a patchwork group. Londonderry Inner Wheel is very vibrant and we do enjoy each other's company.

Myrtle Buchanan

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## IW Grove

A big thank you to all members for their continued support towards the Inner Wheel Grove at the Arboretum.



Some 90 hours of weeding, grass cutting, edging and replacement planting were undertaken by our contractors Croft Landscape and Ken Vaughan, ably assisted by our pool of volunteers. Unfortunately 16 of the 88 Golden Juniper bushes which form the cogs of the wheel died due to the rabbits' which is a slight improvement on last year. These were replaced during last winter, but a further eight have died since then and have been removed, so the plot does not look unsightly. Apart from a couple of the Elms looking thin in the crown, the rest of the trees are thriving.

For anyone who has not visited the Arboretum since the start of the year, major changes have taken place. The old pot-holed avenues have been kerbed, tarmaced, surfaced with a buff coloured dressing and drainage installed. This took nearly twelve weeks and caused a considerable amount of disruption. Many of the plots were not accessible to our mowers and tractors for this period with the result that there was a backlog of maintenance work and plots' including the Inner Wheel's, were not maintained to the level we would normally like. Although the avenues were completed in early May the maintenance staff had to prepare several different parts of the Arboretum for three separate Royal visits in six days – The Duke of Gloucester, HRH Princess Royal and Princess Michael of Kent. Since then the maintenance staff have worked hard to get the site back to our usual standard.

The weather was not kind to us last year. During an average year, the Arboretum would expect to receive 26 inches of rain. On 14th June 2007 the sky turned black, the heavens opened and in 24 hours we had two inches of rain. Both the Rivers Trent and Tame burst their banks and the site was flooded for nearly two weeks – a portent of things to come. The water had only just receded back within the river banks when the rains returned! Between the 25th June and the end of July 2007 we had a further eight inches of rain. Needless to say, the site flooded once again, only this time it was far worse. On 22nd July 2007 we had to close the site and to get through the three feet deep flood water on the road, evacuate the staff using tractors. The site was subsequently closed to the public for two days and was not free of flood water until the second week in August.

The water rose so quickly that livestock in local fields drowned before they could be rescued and the water came up with such force that one of our benches was washed six miles down stream to Burton-upon-Trent. Just to emphasise the power of the water, this bench is 1.5 tons in weight and a crane was needed to get it back to the Arboretum.

All living things require oxygen to survive and thrive and in the case of trees most of this is absorbed through their root systems. Consequently, standing in water for up to eight weeks took its toll with over 1,000 trees quickly dying as a result of oxygen starvation and more are expected to succumb over this year. The overall replanting cost was well over £20,000 with a similar figure expected this coming winter. Unfortunately, this is not covered by our insurance and is a major element of our limited budget which as a charity we can ill afford. The bad weather did not deter our visitors luckily; last year we had 130,000. So far this year we have had 110,000 and we are on track for 250,000 visitors. Many are coming specifically to see the new Armed Forces Memorial dedicated in the presence of HM The Queen on 12th October 2007. The increased visitor numbers have meant that the facilities are now running at capacity and we have had to start a £4 million appeal to upgrade/rebuild the visitor centre.

Paul Kennedy BSc (For), M.I.C.FOR, FARBOR.A, Arboretum Curator

## Recognition at last!

The dedication of a plaque to the memory of inspirational prison visitor, Sarah Martin (1791-1843), on Sunday 25th May 2008 was the culmination of four years determined effort by the members of the Inner Wheel Club of Great Yarmouth. Following an enthusiastic talk by Mrs Jackie Clover about Great Yarmouth's own "Elizabeth Fry", the Club determined to honour Sarah's name in some lasting way. Sarah had balanced her sermons with practical advice, teaching the prisoners to read, write and sew, and encouraging them to work and be productive with their time, making items like books, hats and spoons. She then sold their goods, using the money to buy clothes for the prisoners and for aid on their release. A memorial window to her memory was put in St. Nicholas' Church, Great Yarmouth in 1858, but was destroyed during WW2 and the town had since failed to rectify the matter. The topic recurred at Club Meetings during the next four years until it was decided to aim for a plaque to be placed in the same church. In our naivety, we assumed this would be easy but it has taken many hours of negotiation to achieve the permission and wording we sought. Inspired by Sarah's own determination, the members did not lose heart and it was with great pride and pleasure we at last witnessed the dedication by Canon Michael Woods. The plaque reads: "This plaque was presented by the Inner Wheel Club of Great Yarmouth in 2008 in recognition of the work and teaching of prison visitor Sarah Martin 1791 – 1843 among the poor and less fortunate of this parish."

Mary Coleman, CC Great Yarmouth, D8.

## Arboretum Visit

Kathy Gardner and Joyce Coppini, together with their husbands, drove to the National Memorial Arboretum. As they arrived they were told that as the Duke of Gloucester was visiting to take part in some Dedications, the Chapel was not open to the public for the daily Two Minutes Silence that morning. (This actually turned out to be to their advantage.) They first visited the newly opened Armed Services Memorial. This was very impressive but very sad when one considered that 15,500 members of the Armed Services had been killed since 1945 and that there are spaces for another 10,000 names. Our Association Inner Wheel Grove has matured quite noticeably during the six years of its existence. The circle of trees with their bright yellow foliage and the dark green of the firs providing the ground cover were very attractive. Kathy and Joyce were proud to see their own particular tree with their Club's name alongside.

By this time, the Band of the Fire and Rescue Service – about 50 men all resplendent in scarlet jackets and brass hats, marched from the Chapel to the Gardens where the dedications were to take place. The band was followed by the Duke of Gloucester and his entourage – it was so informal that they were able to participate in the proceedings. As these finished there was a fly-past by a lone Lancaster Bomber escorted by a Hurricane and a Spitfire – the aircraft were so low. After that Kathy and Joyce with their husbands visited the Chapel – there was so much to see in there. Then they made their way to the Shot at Dawn Garden – it was a fairly long walk through an avenue of Chestnut Trees – each one representing a Police Force. How lovely that will be when they mature and flower. The Shot at Dawn Garden was so sad. During the Great War 306 men had been shot for cowardice. The Garden had 306 posts about six feet high, each with the name, age and regiment of the soldier which it represented. In the front was a statue of a young soldier blindfolded and with his hands tied behind his back. They were both stunned and have been left with a haunting memory. What a wonderful visit.

Joyce Coppini, Portsmouth & Southsea, D11.



A view of IW Grove

## Bathroom Deliveries

Our members are always keen to add another accomplishment to their list and this year has been no exception. Lots of grandchildren arriving! However two of our members have added stand-in midwife to their repertoire. Lynda Wildgoose delivered 7lb 11 ozs Freddie in her daughter-in-law's bathroom and Sue Beaumont delivered 9lb 13 ozs Thomas George in her daughter's shower! As our teenage grandchildren might say – "Inner Wheel grandmas – you rock!!!"

Doreen Duncan, Dronfield, D22.

## Charity Jump

The very colourful lady in the harness (pictured) is Pam Curnow, who, when Club President, did a sponsored parachute jump for Wirral Society for the Blind & Partially Sighted. This picture was taken just before the jump. We got the impression she was a bit apprehensive at this point, but now quite proud of having completed the challenge. Well done, Pam! They certainly found you a high visibility suit! Olys Stevens, Bebington, D18.



## Gift Buckets

On Inner Wheel Day, visitors to the Lady Lever Art Gallery Restaurant must have been surprised to see members arriving laden with buckets filled to the brim with all kinds of household goods. They were special "exist buckets" for women leaving the Wirral Women's Refuge to set up home in safety.

Oyls Stevenson, Bebington, D18.



## Harton - Hagan Link

Harton Club members were delighted when four ladies from our new Link Club, Hagen IWC in Germany, spent the weekend with us. We enjoyed a civic welcome at our beautiful Town Hall followed by an enjoyable tour around Durham Cathedral. Our own member, Maggie Mills, was the excellent guide whose knowledge was much appreciated. On Sunday morning we visited Newcastle Quayside market and were fortunate enough to see the Millennium Bridge open its beautiful 'Eye'. Throughout the weekend we had a number of convivial meals together when we all got to appreciate each other's company. We had a most enjoyable time and a reciprocal weekend is being organised by both Clubs.



The wonderful Newcastle Eye

Sylvia Buglas, CC Harton, D3.

## Cheshire's Year of the Garden



Linsey Canal Boat

As part of Cheshire's Year of the Garden we had been invited to donate a basket or tub for the Floating Garden Festival. We planted a tub of blue and yellow flowers to represent the Inner Wheel.

We attended the official "send off" of the Linsay narrow boat, which was festooned with flowers and plants. It certainly looked impressive at the start of its journey along the Macclesfield canal.

The boat was to travel from Bollington, and would take 5 days to reach its destination at Middlewich Folk Boat Festival; here it would join narrow boats from other regions of Cheshire. All the tubs and baskets were to be sold, the proceeds going to East Cheshire Hospice.

People were invited to view the flotilla, walk along side, and join in the canal side events.

Six of our club decided to walk along the canal from the Linsay's overnight stop at Macclesfield Marina towards Bosley Locks.

Due to a landslide part of the towpath was closed, so we were invited to travel on the local radio station's canal boat. This we were delighted to do. Our incoming President Mette was interviewed on live radio and we were introduced as 'stowaways'.

After leaving the boat, we continued along the towpath towards Bosley Locks. We had a most enjoyable day in glorious sunshine finishing with a late pub lunch.

Sheila Salden, Editor, D5.



## Squirrel Talk

Lesley Bottom from Kinnesswood is a curator at Pitreavie Glen, Dunfermline but she talked to the Club about being a "Squirrel Volunteer". Lesley monitors the grey squirrel population in Milmagad Woods and the red squirrels at Portmoak Moss. Her stories on the antics of squirrels were fascinating.

Mary Morgan, CC Kinross & District, D1.



## SUNSHINE TALKING BOOK



Over fifty years ago, the Inner Wheel Club of Southgate started the Sunshine Club for blind and partially sighted local people. We provided entertainment and teas as well as organising outings. Last year the Sunshine Club folded and members decided to use the cash in hand to buy a Talking Book. "The New Rector" by Rebecca Shaw will contain a dedication acknowledging that the recording was made possible by a donation from the Sunshine Club and supported by the Inner Wheel Club of Southgate. We are delighted that "our" book will bring pleasure to a great many people in the years to come.

Karen Krestin, Southgate, D13.

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# BLOOMING GREAT TEA PARTY



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## Project Paraguay

Again this year members collected items for the Third Project Paraguay. Under the leadership of retired local businessman Graham Aston, and with the generous support of Luxfords, the container of donated goods finally cleared the authorities in Asuncion. With a small team of trusted helpers, Graham unloaded items for distribution. Beryl Baker, a nurse who has worked for thirty years among the Indians in the harsh region of Chaco, received a huge box of medicines donated by the International Health Partners, clothing, spectacles and tennis balls for children who have bravely accepted her injections. A collection of clothes, bedding and toys has been given to Sharon McCririe, who works amongst the very poor in the Chacaritas, the shanty areas around the capital. Further donations of clothing were given to a hospital for Indians in Limpio, and more donations of clothes and work tools were taken to an isolated rural community and a local fishing village, where people line up to receive their "goodies". It is a very poor part of the world and unfortunately very corrupt. By undertaking the distribution personally Graham knows that the goods are actually received by those who are most in need. All the donations, however modest, are so very much appreciated. Debbly Mallace, Weybridge & Byfleet, D14.

## Assam Adventure

Whilst travelling along the Brahmaputra River through Assam, we stopped off at Tezpur to visit the remains of a 6th century temple and some medieval stone carvings and to visit the local market to stock up on provisions for the next few days. As we walked through the streets, stepping around the occasional cow and trying to avoid colliding with the rickshaws, we marvelled at the colourful stalls filled with all kinds of vegetables and fruit, not to mention meat, fish and live chickens (you pluck your own). We came across a stall manned by several ladies, who in very good English immediately made themselves known. We discovered they all belonged to the local Inner Wheel Club. They devoted all their spare time to cooking – making various cakes and sweet and savoury pastries and biscuits which they sell on the stall and then give all the proceeds to help the poor. We made several purchases which we took back to our boat and enjoyed eating that evening over a drink before dinner. Jean Brown, Shirley, D6.

## Banff's Washing Line

The ladies of Banff showed their support(s) when they gathered their bras to aid the formation of a long line stretching the six miles between Golspie and Brora. Their help was enlisted by the wife of a Rotarian from a neighbouring club and they agreed to raise funds for breast cancer research. Banff's collection of 200 bras was added to the 'washing line' that even drew royal attention when Prince Charles and his wife came upon it as they were driving south from the Castle of Mey to Birkhall. As the local press commented 'It was a mammarable sight!' Banff Newsletter, D1.



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7th, 8th and 9th, May 2009



## Elizabeth Bugge

We welcomed 'an Elizabethan Lady' resplendent in full dress who had come to tell us about her fascinating life in the reign of Henry VIII. She was Elizabeth Bugge who married Sir Francis Willoughby and moved with him into the partially built Wollaton Hall which was run in the same way as the Court. However in 1580 they separated but, because she became socially unacceptable, she returned to him in 1588. Wollaton Hall was then completed. She told us of her ritual in respect of her make-up and her beautiful clothes which weighed approximately two stones!

Audrey Lawson, Keyworth & Ruddington, D22.



## A school in Kashmir

After the disaster in Kashmir in 2006, a volunteer in our local hospice informed us she was planning on going out to this area in order to help them try to regain some form of civilisation. She had contacts out there and was hoping to take as much cash and equipment as possible. Our Club decided to help in some small way and offered a donation. The money was used to rebuild a small school up in the mountains. We are one year on now and two rooms have been built and the foundations are now laid for two more rooms to be built alongside. The children can now look forward to restarting their education inside a building instead of a tent.

Joyce Pickersgill, Dukinfield and Stalybridge, D5.

Thought for the Day: Don't worry about the world coming to an end today; it's already tomorrow in Australia.

Jean Randall, Pontefract, D4.

## Woman of the Year

Macclesfield IWC is proud to report that one of their members, Past President Barbara Garlick, was invited to the Cheshire "Woman of the Year" Dinner held at Chester Racecourse in March. At the end of the evening they announced that someone was to be presented with a very special award. When they read out the list of achievements, Barbara realized that they were talking about her. She was quite taken aback to be called to the front to receive a certificate which was "Lifetime Achievement, Cheshire Woman of the Year 2008". We know that Barbara fully deserves this honour because she is always so conscientious about attending to her voluntary work.

Barbara Payne, CC Macclesfield,



## Strawberry Tea Restores

In Brechin, the garden around the local Health Centre had become neglected and very untidy. Inner Wheel members held a Strawberry Tea to raise funds to restore the garden. Help was given to clear the garden and then 12 members planted shrubs and bulbs to make welcoming and cheerful surroundings for all the visitors to the Centre. Brechin, D1.



## CONGRATULATIONS

Members of the Inner Wheel Club of Liverpool were delighted and proud to share with Beryl Mills, a Past President and member of the Club since 1961, the wonderful news that her daughter, Judith Greensmith, had been selected and installed as this year's High Sheriff of Merseyside. There is no doubt with Liverpool being this year's City of Culture, Judith will be kept very busy, apart from the normal duties of a High Sheriff. Audrey Smith, Liverpool, D18.

## Young Carers go Ten Pin Bowling

Taunton Club decided to mark World Inner Wheel Day by providing more practical support for young carers. They held a special Coffee Morning to raise sufficient funds to take a group of local young carers Ten Pin Bowling. There were 10 children aged between about 9 and 13, one of whom was celebrating his 13th birthday, so our President, Theresa Dowsett, made sure he had an appropriate football cake with candles. He said it was only the second birthday cake he had ever had. The children were accompanied by the Young Carers' Project Manager and his assistant and a number of Club members came to watch and talk to the children. Fortunately the children were able to operate the scoring system without the need of our assistance! They had two games, some supper, a drink and a small present and really seemed to enjoy their evening. As we had some funds remaining, we have made a donation to the Project Manager to enable him to arrange an event in the summer, perhaps swimming or a barbeque. He will let us know so that we can attend. He says the children are still talking about the bowling.

Margaret Nott, Taunton, D20.



## Buxton Beetle

To support WaterAid we held a Beetle Drive with a difference - a "right royal flush," with teams throwing dice to draw parts of a toilet. A hilarious evening ensued ending in a silent auction for three sets of cloakroom fittings (wash hand basin, toilet and accessories) which were donated to the Club by a local store. Jean Boylett, Buxton, D5.



## Believe it or not!!!

My husband and I visited Spitalfields Market and after lunch we decided to have a look around the "Antique" stalls in the Market which were all very interesting.

Three or four years ago we had a burglary at our house whilst we were away on holiday. Consequently, all my jewellery and all of Don's Rotary regalia and my Inner Wheel badges and lots of other things of sentimental value, were stolen.

We came across a stall, which had lots of bits and pieces and looking at them Don suddenly pointed to a brooch and said, "Look at this!" There, believe it or not, was an Inner Wheel badge of FRIERN BARNET & WHETSTONE, Evelyn Merritt, President, Secretary etc, etc."

We asked the stallholder where she had got this from and she said she had bought it some time ago!! I told her it was my badge which she didn't believe, but nevertheless I bought it from her for £7.00. We still cannot believe it.

Evelyn Merritt, Friern Barnet and Whetstone, D13.

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1. How long did the Hundred Years' War last?
2. Which country makes Panama hats?
3. From which animal do we get catgut?
4. In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
5. What is a camel's hair brush made of?
6. The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?
7. What was King George VI's first name?
8. What colour is a purple finch?
9. Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
10. What is the colour of the black box in a commercial airplane?

*How did you do?*  
Check your answers on page 15

Ena Davis, Woking, D14.

## Ann is PHAB

Members of District 4 were delighted to hear that Ann Hart of The Inner Wheel Club of Leeds has been awarded the MBE, in the Queen's birthday honours, for her 35 years of service to Leeds PHAB club, working to promote and encourage people with and without disabilities to interact and work together. Ann, it is said, is the driving force behind everything that happens at Leeds PHAB. Starting as secretary to the club leader in 1973, before going on to become leader herself in 1978, since 1986, working purely as a volunteer, Ann has raised thousands upon thousands of pounds to enable the club to keep going and to purchase eleven, much needed and well used, minibuses, to keep a permanently updated fleet of four. She was also instrumental in the decision to build the new purpose built Prince Philip Centre in Leeds and is the key organiser of the group's annual holiday scheme, bringing much joy to both adults and children alike.

Supporting her nomination it was said 'She is a woman of great integrity, of deep social conscience and a bubbling personality that has endeared her to so many'; while another colleague wrote 'She spends hours and hours and hours every week on PHAB. She is PHAB' The Inner Wheel Club of Leeds, who has supported Ann's endeavours over the years, is very proud indeed of her and thinks her MBE an honour she richly deserves.

Thelma Pacsoo, MoC, D4.



## Cricket Field Memorial

Three of our members represented Inner Wheel at Alsager Cricket Club by attending the dedication of a wall plaque in memory of a Spitfire pilot who had crashed and died in the cricket field at the beginning of the war.

Doreen Atkinson, Alsager, D5.




## Queen Victoria Meeting


On a recent holiday on the cruise ship Queen Victoria, my husband, who is Rotary National Editor, organised a Rotary and Inner Wheel meeting. This was very successful and 21 people attended, seven were Inner Wheel members. We had a good meeting and exchanged many ideas.


There were 5 Inner Wheel Districts represented by: Di Rowlands (D18), Jean Franklin (D9), Jean Robinson (D5), Linda Farnsworth and Cynthia Atkinson (D7) and Margaret Jones and myself (D21).



Doreen Pike, Sedgley and Wombourne, D21.








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# A Sighted Guide

What are the qualifications? Not many but a sensible head and a good sense of humour are good starting blocks. What does the role require? Simply to be the eyes of someone who does not have, or has very little sight and enable him or her to experience the wonders of the world through touch, sound, smell or verbal description.

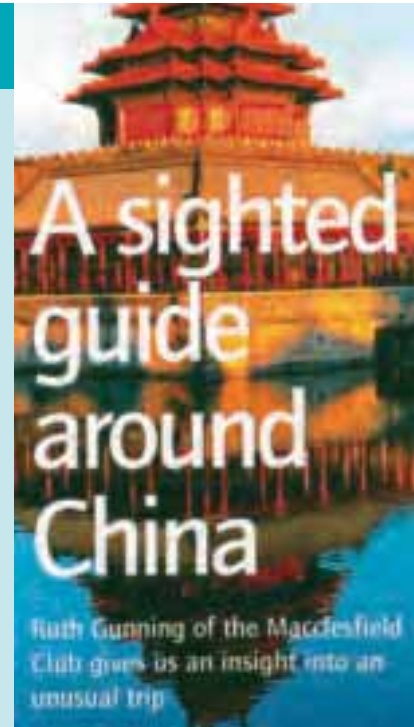
How did it all begin? I spent one day working for Cheshire County Council in the company of a gentleman who lived in Tytherington and who was about to embark on an expedition to Everest Base Camp as a sighted guide and was full of enthusiasm. In the evening he telephoned with details of how to join the group that was then known as the Guide Dog Adventure Group. I made the phone call, the brochure arrived and very soon I found I was booked to travel to China.

Arrangements were put in place for me to attend a short course at Leamington Spa. The group, except for me, were all booked for quite modest trips in the UK. The fact I was going to China created quite a stir. I took the view that if you could guide you could do so anywhere. I was asked if I could assist a young man from Bollington to travel to Heathrow.

This trip, which was to be the first of many, was excellent. We walked, or rather climbed the Great Wall, were exceptionally allowed into the pit to actually touch the Terracotta Warriors, measured Tiananmen Square in footsteps, sampled the Underground, touched the Great Bell and marvelled within the Forgotten Palace. Our guide was called Charlie, an enterprising type who always "knew a man" who could provide just anything that was required.

All too soon the holiday was to come to an end. Soon the flight was landing at Heathrow and what a sight was to be revealed. Approximately ten guide dogs had been brought to meet their partners and all were leaping excitedly around – a sight to behold. Farewells were said with great sadness for it had been a wonderful trip. Many lasting friendships were made. I had embarked on a most remarkable role. Further trips were to follow to India, Borneo, Rome, Estonia, Guatemala, New York, Portugal, Spain, Black Forest, Rhineland and closer to home, the New Forest and the Forest of Dean, but my China trip was special indeed.

Ruth Gunning, Macclesfield, D5.



## HOW YOUR GARDEN GROWS

When you plant your garden:

Plant 3 rows of peas: peas of mind, peas of heart, peas of soul.

Plant 4 rows of squash: squash gossip, squash indifference; squash grumbling, squash selfishness.

Plant 4 rows of lettuce: lettuce be faithful, lettuce be kind, lettuce be happy, lettuce really love one another.

No garden should be without turnips: turnip for when service is needed, turnip to help one another, turnip the music and dance.

Water frequently with patience and cultivate with love, There is much fruit in your garden, but you reap what you sow.

To conclude, your garden must have thyme: thyme for fun, thyme for rest, thyme for yourself, thyme for prayer.

Ballymoney, D16.

## Three in a row

Veronica Morley, President of the Thanet Club, Rosemary Brightling, new member of Westgate & Birchington Club and Past District Chairman, Patricia Fletcher, of the Ramsgate Club, are all next door neighbours. With Inner Wheel friendship in abundance, borrowing a cup of sugar from your neighbour is no problem! Is this a first? Three members of Inner Wheel who belong to three different clubs living next door to each other?

Gillie Rowlands, Editor, D12.



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## Colico Members' Visit

We enjoyed a visit from our Inner Wheel friends from the IW club of Colico, Italy. Hilda, our President, hosted our welcome supper and astounded us with her welcome – in Italian! Visits to Clovelly, RHOS Rosemoor and Hartland Abbey were enjoyed by our guests and we have been invited to visit them in 2009. Caio baby! IWC of Bideford Newsletter, D17.



## 'District 18 "Sheila Craine" Walks'

Despite a very adverse weather forecast and the fact that it rained all the previous night, we were free from rain for the duration of the Walks. All our visitors arrived safely, had coffee and set off on their chosen Walks. One was about four miles, minimum, from Noddfa (a retreat house, formerly known as Tal y Foel, once the holiday home of members of the Gladstone family) to the bottom of the Sychnant Pass, down alongside the Afon Gyrach and on through Dwygyfylchi to the beach, returning through Penmaenmawr for lunch. The second Walk was shorter, following the first part of the previous route and back through the fields. The third group remained at Noddfa and took a leisurely wander in the peaceful grounds. With nearly a hundred people, it was a great day of fellowship, and much credit goes to the Rotarians and some of our Club members who were responsible for leading and ensuring the safety of the groups and who also researched and related the historical stories of places passed on the routes. The nuns at Noddfa produced an excellent home-made lunch of soup, sandwiches, cakes and scones. Llanfairfechan & Penmaenmawr Club was delighted to welcome all our guests.

Biddy Hepper, Editor, D18.



# The Highest Inner Wheel T-Shirt ever

Past President Brenice Willmott of the Rushden Club is seen here in Peru at Machu Picchu wearing her Inner Wheel T-shirt, the first ever Inner Wheel T-shirt to reach Machu Picchu, a pre-Columbian Inca city located at 7,070 ft altitude on a mountain ridge above the Urubamba Valley. As President Brenice says it was a great conversation starter, as many people had not heard of Inner Wheel. President Brenice raised funds for Breast Cancer. Rushden, D7.



## Visit to Sarajevo

I felt extremely privileged to be invited by Mark Cook, founder of Hope & Homes for Children to accompany him on a visit to Sarajevo. The purpose of the visit was to see the work that is happening in one of the twelve countries that currently has Hope & Homes working within it.

I saw first hand the work that HHC is doing to enable children to grow up within the love of a family. I visited a family who had fostered a child. The woman was now the Chairperson of the newly formed Fostering Support Group. Only three years ago there was no fostering programme in this country. The child growing up in this family was blossoming in their care.

I visited an elderly lady who had lost her husband and her sons in the war. When Mark met her in 1994 he had asked her to foster three teenagers who had been in an orphanage that had been severely bomb damaged. These boys are still living with this elderly lady and they hold down responsible jobs and now they care for her.

I visited some families that had been devastated by the war who wanted to stay together in their badly damaged houses. These programmes are implemented in partnership with municipal centres for social work and other professionals and covers prevention of abandonment and re-integration of children with their biological families.

The HHC staff show deep compassion as they work in their small dedicated teams to evaluate each and every child's needs and they see each and every child as an individual and precious. HHC is committed to its vision that every child wants the love of a family.

Wendy Osgood, D11.

## Shivering Fun

Elgin Inner Wheel had a busy time assisting Rotary this year with the annual Bothy Ballads, monthly Rotary Revellers, and also Motorfun, which is held every two years. Instead of being fundraising, it is a free event for the people of Moray. It is held in the local park with lots of entertainment from "It's A Knockout", Belly Dancers, Pipe Bands, Taekwon-do, Brass bands, Vintage Cars and Charity Stalls, etc. It was a very successful day with almost 8,000 attending but unfortunately everyone was quite blue by the end of it as it was very cold on 1st June! Elgin, D1.



# Beijing Hockey

When the British team came out top at an Olympic qualifying event in Chile in March, P.P. Jean Clarke's grandson played a significant part and qualified for the squad for Beijing.

Jonathon Clarke, known to all as 'Jonty,' previously played for Chelmsford and Old Southendians, but now plays for Reading. He has been a regular member of the national squad and since making his debut against Belgium in February 2002, he has won over 100 international caps and has appeared at a World Cup, a Commonwealth Games and three European Championships.

A 27 year old trainee accountant, Jonty started playing when he was about six. This is not surprising really, given that his father, Richard, is himself a former England captain, and remains England's highest capped indoor player.

Jonty says that hockey has given the family a great deal of pleasure over the years and there is no doubt that the family have given a great deal back to the game.

Jean Farrall, Southend-on-Sea, D24.



Jonty Clarke

## Hampton Court Charity Gala Preview

Members of District 14 acted as volunteer stewards for the Charity Gala Preview of Hampton Court Flower Show. The July weather was appalling with wind, rain, thunder and lightning and we were provided with unbecoming green waterproof ponchos by the RHS.

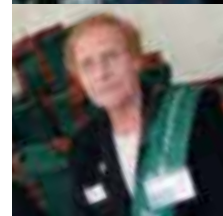
We were told to arrive for a briefing at 4p.m. but were able to get in early and look around the showground first. It was a privilege to wander through the marquees without any crowds, although too wet to spend much time looking at the show gardens. It was possible to follow the judges round and listen to their extremely critical comments on the wonderful floral displays. As usual, the flowers were magnificent with several stands showing some very unusual plants and the vegetables in the "Growing Tastes" Marquee looked superb. One stand was totally devoted to garlic and was surrounded by a definite aroma.

The evening was in aid of the RHS, the RNIB and Thrive (a charity for disabled gardeners). Apart from giving entry to the whole flower show, musical entertainment and a firework display at the end, the expensive tickets provided those in the Gala Marquee with a champagne reception, three course gourmet dinner and their own music playing whilst those in the Private Picnic Enclosure received a Fortnum & Mason hamper per couple containing some extremely good food and a bottle of champagne. For a lower price, you could bring your own picnic or eat in one of the restaurants.

Our members had a variety of duties, all of which involved communicating with the public. They ranged from manning the Information Stall, carting wheelbarrows with people's picnics, selling raffle tickets, handing out hampers and being generally useful in the Private Picnic Area. Unfortunately we were unable to promote Inner Wheel in the way we had hoped as we were not permitted to wear our Inner Wheel shirts.

All in all, it was a tiring but rewarding evening which came about through Inner Wheel's involvement with the RNIB.

Elizabeth Swinton, Carshalton, D14.



One never notices what has been done; one can only see what has to be done  
*Marie Curie, French Scientist.*

## "Health and Safety did not work for us!"

Members of Uckfield Inner Wheel Club helped with the Uckfield Festival's Big Day Out. Rotary erected a large tent for us and supplied the urn and generator. From 8.30 am to 4.30 pm we sold teas and coffees with home-made cakes and raised a good deal for Marie Curie Cancer Relief. We are beginning to attract a following who like the home-made cakes on plates with serviettes and drinks served in cups on saucers! Unfortunately accidents sometimes do happen in spite of all our care and we ended the day plastered!

Ann Dunmore, President, Uckfield, D12.



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## EDINBURGH FREE LIBRARY

The Central Library, Edinburgh, was the last place in Scotland to have a free library as the Council did not want to put one penny on the rates. The design of the building is that of George Washington Brown. Andrew Carnegie donated fifty thousand pounds, equivalent to forty five million pounds today, towards the cost of the building. Opened in 1890, the building stands nine stories high starting in the Cowgate and now includes a Fine Art Library, Resource Centre for Disabled People, Edinburgh Room, Scottish Library, Children's Library and Music Library.

Jean McMillan, Edinburgh, D2.

## The Lake District Calvert Trust

President Lizzie Johnson, in her second term of office, nominated the Lake District Calvert Trust, a locally based charity providing activity holidays for people with disabilities of all kinds. The Centre Director, John Crosbie, was a guest speaker at the Club. Since 1976 people with varying disabilities have been given the opportunity to participate in challenging outdoor activities. Through their adventures and achievements, the participants experience great confidence boosts as well as a whole load of fun. Abseiling, rock climbing, swimming, canoeing and sailing are some of the activities undertaken, all involving the use of some specialist equipment to allow each person to take part, in many cases providing life changing opportunities. Rotary help to fund a particular week each year arranging residential help - in the form of President Lizzie for a couple of years - and helpers giving one to one assistance. It is always a happy time and exceedingly worthwhile.

Some of the facilities are in need of renovation, in particular the swimming pool. An impressive Water Centre Project has been embarked upon, and this is where our money is going. The new pool will be one quarter Olympic size and heated to a constant 33 degree Centigrade, necessary to maintain body heat for users with limited movement. Access to the water is to be by a number of different ways both assisted and independent, and included in one area there will be a jacuzzi accessed from the pool for hydrotherapy and relaxation during activity sessions. The main pool is to have flowing water and current options to enable a wide range of experiences both in and on the water. Appropriate changing areas, viewing and rest facilities together with storage for the wide range of equipment needed will also be included.

The Club is determined to continue to support the charity in years to come.

Eileen Stanning, Keswick, D19.



## A President's Reflections

I joined the Inner Wheel for something to do  
The colours are yellow and a very dark blue

I made lots of friends with their guidance  
and trust  
I joined the Committee, I thought this a must

The honour of President came my way  
The thought of this took my breath away

A chain of office I had to wear  
It hurt my neck and messed my hair

Each meeting I took, I wore different clothes  
I buy them at Oxfam, but nobody knows

To the Conference I went, with a room of  
my own  
I phoned for Room Service, but was never alone

Looking back on my year, it fills me with pride  
With thanks to my friends who have been  
at my side

Monica Lake, St Austell, D129.

## Hymns for jobs

### Dentists:

'Crown him with many crowns ...'

### Building Contractors:

'The Church's one foundation ...'

### Golfers:

'There's a green hill far away...'

### Choir Masters:

'Oh for a thousand tongues to sing ...'

### Stage Managers:

'Through all the changing scenes of life...'

### Seaside Landladies:

'Abide with me ...'

Reading Newsletter D9

## Shelter Boxes

In January, we met with Rotary at "The Rest Hotel" for the presentation of the Shelter Box which we have managed to buy this year. Rotary demonstrated the International Shelter Box. The tent, made of tough green plastic, is able to house ten people. It has ancillary equipment and supplies, which will enable a family of ten to survive for at least six months. Exact contents will depend upon local conditions, but in general, they consist of what is most needed - a dry weather proof shelter - a warm bed - water purification - cooking aids and utensils - a practical tool kit and a children's pack.

51 members of Inner Wheel and Rotary enjoyed a lovely meal. We held a raffle which raised funds towards the 'Shelter Box'. We also took bets on how long it would take for the 'boys' to erect the tent. The winner received a bottle of wine!!

If you want more details about Shelter Boxes contact a member of your local Rotary Club or an Inner Wheel Porthcawl member.

Alternatively more details are available on [www.shelterbox.org](http://www.shelterbox.org).

Dee Richardson, Porthcawl, D15.

## The Joys of being a Speaker Finder

For some years I have enjoyed the role of being a Speaker Finder for our Club. In the early days, I spent much of my time talking to friends and ex-colleagues for suggestions for good speakers. Gareth Owen, a poet in his own right, who had had several books of poetry published and was for some time on the BBC programme "Poetry Please," agreed to come as the Fellowship Guest Speaker one year and made a return visit another year.

One year we were at the Royal Show and who should I see on one of the stands but Steeple Chase Jockey, Bob Champion. Cheekily I went up to him and asked if he would come and speak to the Club. He said yes then asked that I write to him and give an outline of what I wanted him to speak about, when and where.

The challenge of finding people of differing interests is all part of the fun. Of course, over the years many Presidents and members of the Club have been most helpful and I am still open to suggestions from members.

Before the meeting, I keep in touch with the prospective Speaker and write to them and always ensure I write my letter of appreciation after they have talked to us. Of course hiccups can occur. I am never happier than on the day of the meeting when I am told the Speaker has arrived, then I know we are fine and the show will go on.

The joys of being a Speaker Finder is having the opportunity to entertain people in so many fields of interest. Writing this article I have reflected on the variety of people I have been privileged to meet and entertain, each bringing their own particular expertise. Speakers come from many charities involved with their own fundraising, creative people with specific skills, business people of all kinds and representatives from the community. Despite the anxious moments before the Speaker stands up, I still really enjoy fulfilling the role of Speaker Finder.

Dorrie Nicholls, Solihull, D6.

## Amazing!

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Widnes, D128.

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## WaterAid Walk

When the letter came to "Coastalong for WaterAid," some foolhardy members of the Inner Wheel Club of Shepton Mallet thought this sounded like a good idea for something different to do on a Saturday, especially when we heard that the husband of one of our members (Rotarian Len Bays OBE) had been one of the people who originally came up with the idea of founding the charity. The idea of "Coastalong" was for every section of the South West Coastal Path to be walked by teams in one day. The path stretches right round the Southwest of England and a great debate followed as to which bit to choose, modified by the fact that the ages of our walkers were from 17 to 70. In the end we selected the section from Swanage to Studland Point in Dorset where the ferry crosses to Poole Harbour with one moderate climb up the cliff out of Swanage, and set about raising our sponsorship.

Having roped in three Rotarian husbands to drive, who were foolish enough to volunteer to walk too, we all set off to drive to Swanage from Shepton Mallet in Somerset on what turned out, thankfully, to be one of the most beautiful of Saturday mornings. We had two teams including five Inner Wheel members, three Rotarians, friends, teenage children, dragged out of bed after a hard night partying and Mr Darcy (the miniature poodle).

Provided with ENORMOUS T-shirts by WaterAid and wearing our hiking gear we had some wry smiles from holiday makers on Swanage seafront, all set for a day lazing in the sun, but we were soon on the coastal path. The climb up the cliff nearly finished the President off and there was only time to look where we were putting our feet. Once we reached the top the view back over Swanage bay was stunning. From there it was less strenuous and we made our way along the cliff top to stop for lunch above Old Harry Rocks, meeting fellow WaterAid walkers who were going the other way because it was easier. (Why didn't we think of that?) The view from there was well worth the climb and it was topped by a flypast of the Red Arrows who came out of the sea right over our heads. From there we made our way down to Studland and the last stretch was along the tide line on the sandy beach. Yes, for those who know the beach we did go through the naturist section and it was quite an education for some and formed a determination never to take our clothes off in public again for others!

After just five hours of leisurely walking we reached our destination just in time to catch the bus back to our cars. We had a brilliant day of fellowship and enjoyment and once all our money is collected we will have raised a substantial sum. At the moment many people have to walk daily, as far as we did on our walk, for their supplies of water. Our sponsorship means many people will now have water on tap, a luxury we in this country take for granted.

The walk will be organised again in 2009 so look out for the publicity.

Janet Fulford, Shepton Mallet, D20.

## Belfast Conference 2009

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## A THIEF IN PARIS

A thief in Paris planned to steal some paintings from the Louvre. After weeks of careful planning, he got past security, stole the paintings and made it safely to his van. However, he was captured only two blocks away when he ran out of petrol. When asked how he could mastermind such a crime and then make such an obvious error, he replied:

'Monsieur that is the reason I stole the paintings. I had no Monet to buy Degas to make the Van Gogh'.

(See if you have De Gaulle to tell this to some one else. It's printed here because I figured I had nothing Toulouse.)

Wortley Newsletter, D127.

# RIBI President's Greetings

Dear President Myrtle and IW Members, I am delighted and privileged to send you sincere greetings from myself and all the Rotarians in RIBI.

I am still stunned and bemused, but delighted, that I have been given the opportunity to be RIBI President this year and I look forward to working with and meeting many of you over the next twelve months.

This will be a year of change for all of us in RIBI. Robin Freeman, our Secretary, retired in May and we now have a young lady, Annemarie Harte, in charge as our Secretary/CEO.

Our RI President this year, Dong Kern Lee, known as "DK", is a charismatic, committed, and at times emotional leader with a wicked sense of humour.

He asks us all to "Make Dreams Real", especially for the children of this world so many of whom are dying daily.

DK wishes to continue with the themes of Water, Literacy, Health & Hunger, and The Family of Rotary of which we are all members.

DK is also asking that we do seek out areas for New Club Formation. New Club Charters have fallen to a sixty year low in RIBI and are now exceeded by Club closures. We must reverse this trend. Hopefully this initiative will also help our Inner Wheel Clubs.

We have an outstanding General Council, the "Dream Team"; they have asked that we continue support for local or national cancer care and research charities.

They have also unanimously agreed to support a Partner Charity, Leonard Cheshire Disability, to help them convert twenty schools in Uganda so that children of all disabilities can be "included" in the education system for the first time. This is in line with DK's objectives and the UN Millennium Goal that every child in this world has the right to have access to education.

Joan and I do look forward to meeting as many of you as possible this year.

Best Wishes

Ian Thomson

RIBI President, 2008-2009



## IIW President & Theme

### International Inner Wheel

2008 -09

#### President

Suzanne Hem Nielsen  
Denmark

#### IIW Theme

Realise your Visions and make a Difference



## Who said men can't wrap?

Well the members of Ironbridge Inner Wheel now know the truth. Men can wrap presents! All those years where we have sat up hour after hour, Christmas after Christmas, wrapping. However the men of Ironbridge Rotary Club have now dispelled this myth. They CAN use scissors and Sellotape at the same time!

Last Christmas Inner Wheel and Rotary joined forces and spent two weeks in the Telford Town Centre Shopping Mall wrapping Christmas presents to raise money for the Hope House charity. The owners of Telford Shopping Centre allow charitable organisations the use of a stand to help raise money for their chosen charities.

This sterling effort by the members and the kind generosity of the people of Telford helped raise a staggering profit. The money was divided between the Rotary and Inner Wheel Charities. Wrapping the sublime to the ridiculous, from earrings to bicycles, from teddy bears to pushchairs, we covered it all, literally! So if you want this year's presents expertly wrapped for you, come to Telford in the week immediately before Christmas and we will gladly oblige.

Liz Lowe, Ironbridge, D21.

## The Inner Wheel Rose



"When, in 1957, the Kalmar Inner Wheel Club in Sweden was chartered, the President of another Swedish Club gave her congratulations to the new club with one red rose, which was all the club could afford.

A Danish Club President who was at the celebration became so enthusiastic about this idea that she brought it back to Denmark and started to give one red rose at special occasions such as membership admissions and changeovers.

In 1964 there was an Inner Wheel Conference in Scarborough, England. A Danish District Chairman, Astrid Holck, represented the three Danish Districts. She brought greetings from the three districts, and then gave three red roses to Association President, Mrs Helena Foster, one from each district. Astrid Holck explained to Mrs Foster that this Inner Wheel Rose was a Danish tradition by which we wanted to express our best wishes.

The International Inner Wheel President loved the idea of the Inner Wheel Rose and promised to take it with her around the world.

This is the history of the Inner Wheel rose.

Let us keep it as a symbol of Friendship – Gratitude – and Love.

Suzanne Hem Nielsen

International Inner Wheel President 2008-2009"

Sent in by Elma Capstick, Editor, D3.

## Remember to join in your local MEMORY WALK

on World Alzheimer's Day 21st September 2008.



### A GOOD RUN

Congratulations to Pamela Henderson, our District Chairman's daughter, who completed a 20Km run in Paris and raised substantial funds for the Alzheimer's Society. What a splendid achievement!! Coleraine, D16.

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Due to the change in postal charges, the cost will be included on the invoice sent with the goods.

**Cheques must be made payable to "Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in Great Britain & Ireland".**

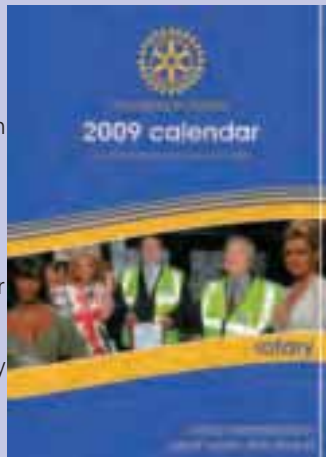
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## Rotary 2009 Calendar

The Rotary Foundation 2009 Calendar is now available and on sale @ £3.50 per copy. Featured on the July page are photographs from Wellingborough Hatton (D7) and Woodhall Spa (D127) Inner Wheel Clubs. Congratulations to both Clubs.

The Calendar is printed in full colour and can be ordered from your local Rotary Club's Foundation Chairman. Sales of the Calendar support Rotary Foundation.



## Rotary 2010 Calendar

If your Club would like to submit a photograph(s) for consideration in the 2010 Rotary Calendar, send them, in jpg format or as hard copy prints to Association Editor, Rae Ogden, by 30th November 2008. Please ensure they are very clear images, in colour, portraying members actively involved in recent service activities.

## Handy Hint

Unless you produce food for outside events more than five times in any five week period, you and your members producing food should not need to register under the Food Premises (Registration) Regulations 1991. Guidance leaflets are available from the local Environmental Health Departments.

D5 magazine

## On Call

We have been able to donate to the Surrey Air Ambulance Service which was much appreciated. We saw their work first hand as, during the handover of the cheque, the ambulance was called out to an emergency. This was the second time that day." Maggie Beaton, Farnham, D25

## SOUND OF MUSIC

In February we organised a Sing-along-A Sound of Music. The costumes were varied with many "nuns", "girls in white dresses with blue satin sashes", "lonely goat herdsman", "Marias" and even the odd "brown paper package"! All who attended the evening sang and entered into the fun of the occasion and the funds raised were donated to the soon to be built new Cancer Unit in Taunton. Vanessa Marchmont, Taunton Vale, D20.

Answers to the Quiz: 1.116 years; 2.Ecuador; 3.Sheep and Horses; 4.November; 5.Squirrel Fur; 6.Dogs; 7.Albert; 8.Crimson; 9.New Zealand; 10.Orange (of course). Ena Davies, Woking, D14.



**Three charities working to improve the lives of people affected by dementia have collectively been chosen by Inner Wheel Great Britain and Ireland as their Charity of the Year 2008/2009.**

**A big thank you to Myrtle Buchanan, the Inner Wheel's new President, for selecting us.**

Dementia is not a natural part of ageing; it is caused by diseases of the brain and robs people of their lives.

There are 740,000 people with dementia in the British Isles and this number is expected to rise to well over one million by 2025 as the population ages.

**The need is pressing - we need to raise money for people today and to find a cure.**

### How you can help

There are many fun ways in which you can support the chosen charities, from organising a walk to hosting a tea day or creating your own event.

**To discuss your fundraising ideas contact the charity in your region:**



Join thousands of walkers in one of over 200 fun Memory Walks taking place across Great Britain and Ireland to coincide with World Alzheimer's Day on 21 September 2008.

For further information email [memorywalk@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:memorywalk@alzheimers.org.uk) or call 020 7423 3669

For walks in Scotland and Ireland, please use the contact details below:



#### England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Alzheimer's Society  
T: 020 7423 3669  
E: [innerwheel@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:innerwheel@alzheimers.org.uk)  
[alzheimers.org.uk](http://alzheimers.org.uk)  
Registered charity no. 296645.

#### Scotland

Alzheimer Scotland  
T: 0131 243 1453  
E: [alzheimer@alzscot.org](mailto:alzheimer@alzscot.org)  
[www.alzscot.org](http://www.alzscot.org)  
Registered charity no. SCO22315

#### Ireland

Alzheimer Society of Ireland  
T: 01 284 6616  
E: [fundraising@alzheimer.ie](mailto:fundraising@alzheimer.ie)  
[www.alzheimer.ie](http://www.alzheimer.ie)  
Registered charity no. CHY7868

### For information and support

#### Dementia Helplines

England and Wales: 0845 300 0336  
Northern Ireland: 028 9066 4100

Scotland: 0808 808 3000  
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**Thank you for your support**

