



Inner Wheel District 129

Spring Newsletter 2023

District Executive Committee 2022/23

Acting Chairmen	PDCs Fran Tregaskes & Val Pascoe
1 st Vice Chairman	Beatrice Dyer
Member of Council	PDC Fran Tregaskes
Secretary	Angie Tamblyn
Treasurer	PDC Fran Tregaskes
Assistant Treasurer	Christine Rogers
International Service	PDC Val Pascoe
Membership Officer	
District Editor	Liz Williams
Webmaster	Wendy Wallis

District Meeting at Penventon Hotel, Redruth

Sadly, attendance at Penventon was well down on previous years, but those who attended enjoyed a lovely meal and were made to feel very welcome by the hotel.

A discussion was opened as to the best way to go forward with District meetings. The Rally in November would still be a formal lunch with the National President in attendance, but one idea was that perhaps we should think of having 1 or 2 meetings a year perhaps in a village hall, either with outside caterers or with a perhaps two or three clubs each

time sharing the catering and clearing up, the Executive committee would love to have feedback on this, so that we can put a few suggestions to the members as to the best way to move forward.

You may also remember that a few months ago District decided that there was £5,000 too much in the Charity account which should be out being used, so clubs were asked to suggest charities which we would like to support.

The names of the 12 nominated charities were put in a bag and 5 members each picked one at random, The charities chosen to each receive £1,000 are: Mission Moldova for transport costs; St Petroc's homeless charity; the RNLI; The Merlin Centre, which supports those with MS; and last out of the hat was Gifted Women ,which supports disadvantaged women who wish to get back in to work. We all felt that quite by chance there was a good spread of charities, national, international and local.

Fran is going to ask the RNLI if the money can be earmarked for Devon & Cornwall.

We are still in need of a District International officer as Val is going to be member of Council, (although she is happy to continue to collect goods for Moldova and the Book Bus) a Membership & Development officer, 1st & 2nd vice chairmen and also someone to shadow secretary Angie with a view to taking over next year as this will be Angie's final year in post. As no-one came forward to be Editor I am carrying on for another year but it would be good if someone would show an interest in that too. Wendy is happy to continue as Webmaster.

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Chairman	Beatrice Dyer
Member of Council	PDC Val Pascoe
Vice Chairman
Secretary	Angie Tamblyn - 3 rd & final year
Assistant Secretary
Treasurer	Christine Rogers
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(PDC Val Pascoe will happily continue with the Book Bus project but we do need someone to fill the role please)	
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National Conference at Blackpool

This was before we even got there!!!!



The journey & Conference by Hilary Genes

We had a wonderful time at the Conference but it left us very tired with all the moving around on the stops to pick up members from our District and others, as well as stopping for our lunch and that of the driver. It took us ten hours to get from Cornwall to the hotel in Blackpool. We then had to unack and change then have our meal next door to the Premier Inn at Barnet Fayre and then wait for the taxi to get to the Conference Centre.

At our hotel, Vanessa and I shared a room and in the corridor we had Sheila and Maggie from Perranzabuloe and District Treasurer Christine .

It was lovely to catch up with my old friends like Nirmala and other friends from the Association.

The Conference was well attended,1,092 present, surprisingly so after the Covid break.

Association President, Karen did a great job at presenting such a wonderful Conference with some very interesting Speakers and the dance at the Blackpool Empress Ballroom was amazing with everyone sparkling .

Of course there was International President Zania Falcon who gave an encouraging speech.

D129 Tiller Girls(!!!) enjoying the Blackpool Conference



So this was why Hilary chose the blood bikes for her District charity!!



A Silver model of Blackpool Tower





Inside the Tower ballroom



News from the Clubs

Helston / Lizard

Members enjoyed a lovely luncheon at Alverton Manor Hotel in Truro to celebrate Inner Wheel Day



Perranzabuloe:

We held a Coffee and Cake morning in St Michael's Church Hall in Perranporth in March. The event was in aid of the Community Larder, which provides food for less-well-off people of the district. Members made a great number of delicious cakes, and there was a scarf rack with many colourful scarves donated by Club members and others. Everything was free, except the raffle, but people were asked to make donations. Two large bowls for donations were placed by the door, and as a result we made £601.08 for the Larder.



Joint President Mary with Malcolm Coulson
admiring the cake display



Marsha cutting up the cakes for the
guests

Roborough:

February & March were yet again busy months for our club. Sara organised a lovely get together at Otter Nurseries in February and again at Crownhill nurseries in March

Carver Trotter, a member of Roborough Rotary gave us an interesting, funny and informative talk on her upbringing in Hong Kong, ranging from Chinese birth signs to cultural differences.

We had a very interesting and informative talk by Maureen and Alan Stockdale of Plymouth Mayflower Specials. They run a club for people with intellectual difficulties giving time for them to find new friends, have fun and learn new sports. They provide a safe welcoming and accepting environment.

Tavistock:

We started the year off with a change of venue as the kitchen at the West Devon Club was closed for refurbishment. Liz hosted a light lunch of soup and a roll plus quiche, with donations given, which in the light of events a few days later we decided to send to the Turkey / Syria earthquake appeal. Having had to postpone Val's visit to the club, we were delighted to welcome her at our February meeting.

In early March we held our first ever fashion show with Penny from Cabi Clothing, this was well attended on a VERY wet afternoon and we were delighted to raise over £300 for our main charity of the year, the Mary Budding Trust. Pictured are the models in their first outfits, Julia, Chris & Liz from Inner Wheel, very ably supported by Rotarian Judy rocking the short sassy look, and Christine's friend Jackie. Cathy was unable to model as she had a badly damaged ankle, so instead was in charge of organising us to be in the right outfits at the right time, a pretty thankless task!

The ladies from the Mary Budding Trust were so delighted with the afternoon that they have booked their own show with Penny



Truro:

Members of Truro Inner Wheel Club and their guests gathered at Ruan Laniorne Reading Room for a coffee morning on Tuesday January 10th to mark Inner Wheel Day. Coffee and homemade cakes were served and there was a book stall and jewellery stall. A rolling series of photographs from previous Inner Wheel events were displayed on a screen. As well as enjoying friendship on a social occasion the aim of the event was to raise money for the NSPCC. The Club also supports the Cornwall Refuge Trust and goods were collected to donate to them. Over twenty people attended this enjoyable and successful event.



