

JEAN'S JOURNEYS

DECEMBER 2024



Forfar Loch



Inner Wheel at the Heart of the Community for over 100 years

As we moved towards the final month of the year - we were deep into the **ORANGE THE WORLD CAMPAIGN**



Facebook Frame



President Heather and her Executive team showing their full support for the OTW Campaign. The photograph taken outside the office at Warwick Square



Here in D1, Jean, Doris & Gladys support the campaign by wearing orange for their lunchtime get together - a simple way to engage others in what is going on!



This ran for 16 days from **25th November** to the **10th December** and was in conjunction with the United Nations annual campaign. The aim was to Raise Awareness about Stopping Violence towards Women and Girls through a mass Social Media drive together with promotional materials and themed events. Materials were cascaded down each day for us to share on our own District 1 Facebook page as well as on our personal pages - to share with as many groups and friends as possible. We had heard a presentation about this in Manchester but this was the first time GB&I had taken an active part. We had very short notice of this coming up but were certainly able to share the message through Social Media, by dressing in orange and by word of mouth. Many of our members are also very supportive of Women's Aid and local Refuges. Following this took me on a journey around the world!



IIW President's message



Solidarity walk in Malaysia. Other events in Croatia & Germany





Fountains were lit up with candles in Italy & buildings lit up in orange around the world.



The OTW flag was raised on buildings in Holland & elsewhere - campaigns, posters, promotional materials of all kinds were used



Each day promotional materials were sent out to post on Facebook like the 2 here - and each day more & more members posted up about the incredible efforts they were making in this campaign



With so much information coming in from around the world I was at times overwhelmed and overawed at the power of Inner Wheel when we are working together to achieve things. This really was a global event - something that is only going to grow & get stroger year on year.



The Organising Committee - WELL DONE!





Ho ho ho!

Meanwhile Clubs and members were getting ready for their own more "normal" December activities - taking part in all sorts of Christmas crafts - sales - coffee mornings - parties and of course getting ready for the annual Santa Run or visit from a Rotarian Santa Clause. *Right - Forfar Rotary Santa visits Drummers Dell with sweets for all and collecting for many local good causes.*



DC Jean with Santa & his helpers



Rotary Christmas Meal out at Forfar Golf Club

More Christmas socialising with Forfar Rotary



Thursday 5th December - I was lucky enough to time my visit to the Perth Club to coincide with their Christmas Lunch which was held at the Royal George . Much fun was had trying to answer a devilishly difficult quiz then we all enjoyed a fantastic Christmas lunch finished off with Dorothy's tablet, of course! Then I had to sing for my supper/lunch - not literally of course - but bringing updates of all things Inner Wheel from District & Association to the members. Greetings were read out from Association President Heather and other friends who now live away from Perth - a lovely start to Christmas - thank you ladies.



Sunday 8th December - Delighted to attend the annual Christmas Service at All Souls at the Lawson given by the Bellshill Salvation Army Band. This was their 25th visit to Forfar to play to a packed house and this year the concert raised money for The Rotary Club of Forfar's Charitable Trust. An amazing £1,605.00 was raised which will be distributed by Forfar Rotary in the local area where it is needed most. It was a very pleasant evening for all who attended plus a special visit by Santa for the children.



Monday 16th December - Today's journey once more took me back to Ninewells hospital for a follow up appointment with my plastic surgeon. The leg wound still has not healed up so I am still required to attend Whitehills Clinic in Forfar twice a week for dressings. However, he gave me the fantastic news that they have caught the melanoma at a very early stage and that I require no further treatment!!! Phew!!! What a relief - **absolutely the BEST Christmas present ever!** I know you will all be delighted for me.



Wednesday 16th December - with members of my own club I enjoyed a delicious Christmas meal at the Royal Hotel Forfar - a lovely occasion - much chatter and hilarity - relaxed, catching up & making plans !



Wednesday 25th December

All that remains for me to do is wish you and your loved ones a very Happy Christmas
and to wish you
good health & much happiness for 2025



My thanks to every one of you for the warmth of your welcome and the support you have given me as I have travelled around our fabulous District on these journeys. My sincere thanks too for all you have been doing in support of the RNLI - whose volunteer crew members have been out in all weathers saving lives and keeping people at sea safe.



We have much to look forward to in 2025 including our Rally and the Harrogate Conference.

Next month we will be celebrating Inner Wheel Day! I look forward to seeing all the craft items your clubs will be making for Heather's stall at Harrogate in aid of Arthritis Action. The bale of tartan for our neckerchiefs has arrived - so get your orders in early ladies !

JEAN XXX