

JEAN'S JOURNEYS

January 2025



Forfar Loch



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

1st January - HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

Wishing ALL our members a happy & healthy 2025



Tuesday 7th January - attended the **Association Council Meeting** by Zoom as a late replacement for **MOC Diana**. Delighted to take part & was warmly welcomed by our **Association President Heather** who chaired that whole day meeting. I found the experience fascinating & the discussion is fully covered in Council minutes already circulated to clubs by Gladys

Thursday 9th January - Rally Committee Meeting - finalised some arrangements for our **District Rally** to be held in the **Royal Hotel, Forfar on Friday 30th May, 2025**. A date that is already in your new diaries I hope. Clarified several matters to allow District Secretary Gladys to send out invites to all of your clubs. Brainstorming of ideas for decoration, music etc. How lucky am I to have the help & support of all my club, as well as Forfar Rotary. The Rally Committee are all very experienced members - Susan Oliphant, Agnes Mackay, Norma Seaton and Christine Stewart. Many others will be involved to help nearer the time.



Happy New Year!

Inner Wheel
District 1 Chairman
2024-25

Friday 10th January - Inner Wheel Day



Attended Forfar's Coffee Morning held at President Susan's home - funds raised for **Arthritis Action**

Inner Wheel Day

101 years of Friendship & Service

Greetings from DC Jean & the District 1 Executive

January 10, 2025

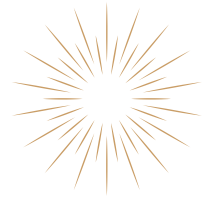


International Inner Wheel Day 10 January 2025

A new century for Inner Wheel - as we celebrate **101 years of Friendship & Service**. Well done to all clubs who have celebrated in many ways - special meetings, coffee mornings, frugal lunches, while collecting goods for Women's Aid & Food Banks, going for brisk seaside walks or dressing in international costumes.

75th

Happy Birthday FORFAR Inner Wheel



Members of the Forfar Club who attended the evening.



The Forfar club invited members of the **Rotary Club of Forfar** to a joint meeting to celebrate their **75th Charter Anniversary**. As well as presenting the club with their **75th Charter Certificate**, I was able to bring greetings from **ALL members in District 1** as well as read an inspiring and moving message from Association President Heather



The club had also received a **congratulatory message** from **HRH Sophie, Duchess of Edinburgh** - who of course is also **Countess of Forfar**. The message congratulated Forfar Inner Wheel on its birthday and remembered the contribution the club has made to the local community over the years.



Rotary Rotary President Scott Ballantyne helped to cut the birthday cake with **Inner Wheel President Susan Oliphant**. He then presented Inner Wheel with a beautiful **friendship candle and a gavel** to use at their meetings - from Forfar Rotary - in recognition of this milestone in the club's history. The candle is mounted on a pewter & teak turned & engraved base & the gavel was made out of leftover oak from the Rotary's Skiff project. The **Birthday Cake** was a gift from **"Golden Girl" Morag Saddler & her husband Sandy**.

Bringing greetings from All in District 1 and from Association President Heather



Above & below - all of the company

“Today you celebrate 75 years filled with wisdom and countless memories. May this milestone be a reflection of all the joy you have given and a reminder of the legacy you have built. Here’s to a remarkable past, a vibrant present and a future full of many more adventures”.

Association President Heather



A very happy evening was had by the members of both clubs - a delicious meal was served - and entertainment was provided by Joe Wishart of Montrose.



Rotary President Scott & Mary White who gave the vote of thanks



Joe Wishart



Club Secretary Christine Stewart , Joe & President Susan

HOME SERVICE REPORTS

Over the Christmas break I enjoyed reading the information submitted by each **Club Correspondent** in their **Home Service Reports**. It is a snapshot of what you have been doing for charities & good causes here in GB&I and when we put this all together - **WOW** - what a story it tells. You truly are **Women of Action** - who are doing an extraordinary amount to brighten the lives of those less fortunate in our communities. This is of course not only by fundraising but by enormous gifts in kind and volunteering of your time. **WELL DONE!** From this I have now submitted our return from District to Association. Full report will follow at District meeting

DISTRICT 1 - WOMEN OF ACTION



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INVERNESS

My next job was to select pictures of you all "in action" to send to Di Hylton so that we are well represented on the huge screens at Harrogate during the Conference. I have sent in at least 2 from every club so look out girls on the big screen in Harrogate. Those live streaming the AGM from home will see these too, especially during Di Hylton, Association Editors Report. Here is a sample from every club!



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PITLOCHRY



LAURENCEKIRK & DISTRICT



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MONTROSE



KINROSS & DISTRICT



PERTH



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AUCHTERARDER & DISTRICT



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My sincere thanks to all of you who have been fundraising for the RNLI. Any money raised can be sent on to our District Treasurer - clearly marked that it is for the RNLI - so we can total up what we have raised as a District & to ensure that it goes to local lifeboat stations. I shall be holding a coffee morning with the help of the Forfar Club in March.



DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS 2025/2026

The closing date for nominations for our District Executive has now passed. No one has come forward to fill the 5 positions that will be vacant. This is a VERY worrying situation for District 1. Names will be invited from the floor So we will be taking nominations from the floor at the District Meeting in Aberdeen on Saturday 8th March for the following positions - 1st Vice Chairman, 2nd Vice Chairman, Secretary, International Service Organiser and Editor.

Ladies - please think about helping out with this - we really need you. Here's what others have said

- being on District is lots of fun and very rewarding
- join up - you will never regret it.
- it's like another club with an amazing team spirit
- you make friends for life & it is very rewarding
- great fun, good friends and so much support

For more information or just a chat about what the posts involve please call any of the current Executive



Join the District Executive

Lots of fun & friendship

District 1 needs you!

REMINDERS for Conference

I hope over these wintry days & evenings you are all busily crafting away to produce items for **Heather's Craft Stall** at **Conference**.



Please bring any items you want transported to the **March District Meeting** in **Aberdeen** and those of us going by car will happily help with transporting them down to Harrogate. I am sure i can reply on District 1 to support Association Heather's charity - **ARTHRITIS ACTION** in this way.

District 1 Competition

This year's competition will be a writing competition – a piece of prose, a poem, a riddle or a limerick on Association President Heather's theme of Friendship & Membership.

Friendship **Membership**

What does Inner Wheel mean to you ?

How have things changed over the years? What is unique about our organisation?

Entries by March District Meeting

How does Inner Wheel make a difference?

Inner Wheel is a women's organisation focused on friendship and service.

Join us and become a woman of action today. see more at innerwheel.co.uk/district-1/

Orders for **tartan goods** - our **neckers** & **brooches** in Fraser of Lovat tartan are being processed and will be available for collection by clubs at the District Meeting. Order now to assist us getting all orders fulfilled in time.

Information has been sent to clubs about the following -

District 1 Dinner at Conference - Monday 31st March in the Old Swan Hotel

Link Lunch with District 10 - Tuesday 1st April - Cairn Hotel



Ladies - I hope this finds you well and that you have survived the winter storms. We have escaped the worst of the weather here in Forfar & I hope that February is just as kind, especially as I am looking forward to a visit from my family from Surrey over half term.

in friendship

Jean xxx

Not received any entries for the writing competition - so get your creative hats on ladies - entry also by **March District Meeting**