

# JEAN'S JOURNEYS

February / March  
2025



Forfar Loch



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



Inner Wheel  
District 1 Chairman  
2024-25

**February** has actually been a quieter month as far as events are concerned - but the work behind the scenes goes on, so that we are prepared for the flurry of meetings and the Conference in March. With invitations now out for events at Conference, orders for tartan goods and Rally plans and invites to discuss I have met a couple of times this month with members of the Executive as well as many phone calls around District.

**Wednesday 5th February** - Zoom with District Secretary & District Treasurer

**Tuesday 11th February** - Extra Zoom Meeting with full District Executive

This extra meeting was very beneficial as we had not met formally since November. No formal reports were given but each of us gave a verbal update and discussions focused on keeping the District going as no nominations had been received for the 5 vacant Executive posts. Leaving this discussion till the next scheduled meeting in March (on the Friday before the District Meeting) gives no time to try to resolve anything.

**Wednesday 19th February** - Members chose a special outing to celebrate the 75th Birthday of Forfar Inner Wheel - with a visit to Lands of Loyal Hotel, Alyth for a sumptuous afternoon tea. 21 members enjoyed a delightful afternoon of chatter and Inner Wheel friendship in a glorious setting with fabulous food! How better to celebrate being 75!!! Here's to many more years of friendship & service, girls. We are looking forward to meeting up with all friends from around the District in Forfar at our District Rally in May.





HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

75<sup>th</sup>



**Tuesday 25th February** - attended the **Orange the World** ZOOM meeting with over 350 members worldwide. Great video presentation on last year's campaign and the reveal of what might be happening during the 2025 campaign

**Thursday 27th February** - volunteer with other Forfar Club members at the **Thursday Club** - a community group for the disabled & their carers. We provide supper, raffle prizes and entertainment . As always a great night of fun, games , music, dancing and sometimes even singing!!!!



**Friday 7th March - District Executive Meeting** at the Altens Hotel, Aberdeen - a very full afternoon meeting for our District Exec. - great many discussions on the way forward for next year and how we fill the Executive posts for next year. This is the first time we have all been available to be together for a photo - up to now one or other of us has been missing!!!!



**Saturday 8th March - International Women's Day and our District Meeting** at the Altens Hotel in Aberdeen



*We are all "modelling" the D1 neckers & brooches ready in time for Harrogate!*

**District Executive members at the meeting**

Members from around District 1 including Association President Heather met in Aberdeen on 8th March. A true celebration for International Women's Day with lots of friendship. Our speaker in the morning was Morag Smith – a renowned Geologist and Miner from Arbroath. Acknowledging her Geography teacher, District Secretary Gladys, Morag gave a presentation of her career from studying in St. Andrews University to working in the Iron Ore mines in Australia's outback as well as in the Petroleum Industry in Perth, Australia. However Morag and her husband are back in Arbroath bringing up their children and have established a new venture 'Stories of Stone' – walking tours about the geology in Angus. After lunch there was the usual District Committee meeting with good discussions on finance and decisions for the next year.



**DC Jean with Morag & District Secretary Gladys**



*Morag posted this on her Facebook page or look up her web page - [www.storiesofstone.co.uk/](http://www.storiesofstone.co.uk/)*



**DC Jean with Association President Heather**

**Tuesday 11th March -**

I journeyed up to Edzell with other members of my club to attend the **40th Anniversary of Laurencekirk & District Club** which was held in the Panmure Arms. We had a wonderful evening of food, laughter and friendship. They welcomed visitors from Perth, Stirling, Forfar and Montrose as well as many members of the District Executive, Rotary Vice President Morag Mitchell and two former founder members. The speaker was Lyn Smith who provided a fascinating talk about astronomy. **President Gladys** and **Founder President Marion Robson** are seen cutting the magnificent cake



**HAPPY 40TH BIRTHDAY to LAURENCEKIRK & DISTRICT**



**Friday 14th March** - delighted to welcome members of Forfar Tangent, Forfar Lunch Club, RNLI Ladies, neighbours & friends to **Forfar Inner Wheel's Coffee Morning** held in my home for the **District Charity - RNLI**. A great morning of fun & friendship. I was overwhelmed by everyone's generosity - their baking, raffle prizes & donations. An amazing £1100 was raised - I was totally gobsmacked by this amount! Well done everyone and I thank you all - great team work - everything just came together - amazing work, girls!



**Lifeboats**



My next journey will be to Harrogate for the Association Conference. I shall be travelling on **Sunday March 30th** - so please if you have any more crafts to get down there please let me have them ASAP.



*I shall report on the Conference in the next Jean's Journeys*

Arthritis ACTION Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in GB&I Arthritis ACTION

### Conference in Harrogate

Handmade quilt by President Heather  
Price £1.00 per guess

Handmade quilt by Maureen Thomson  
Price £1.00 per Raffle Ticket

If you are unable to attend conference you do not have to be disappointed

You have the opportunity to win the Blue & White Cabin Quilt, made by President Heather, by guessing how many pieces of fabric were used to complete the quilt.

You also have the opportunity to win the raffle for the Brown & Beige Friendship Quilt, made by Maureen, from Inverness.

To obtain your tickets please give your name and money to your Member of Council, District Chariman or Club Voting delegate who will be able to purchase them from the stall in Harrogate.

All proceeds for Arthritis Action, Charity number 292569  
Winners announced during conference

All orders of **tartan goods** have been fulfilled. We have 3 neckers available from the District shop - £12.50 and additional items including the brooches which were greatly admired at the District Meeting can be ordered - £15.



### FAMILY NEWS!

**15th - 22nd February** - visit by my son, daughter-in-law & twin grandchildren for the half term holiday - a fabulous time catching up with our family from Surrey who we were unable to visit at Christmas time. Lots of fun activities in spite of the weather with these 11 year olds



Our regular journeys to visit all of these will resume after my year as District Chairman is completed!



### News from Australia



The new school year has officially started - with my youngest grandson going to school for the first time. Great family pics with older sister on the first day.



### News from Ireland



Meanwhile, Tim's daughter has just taken up a new job as Restaurant Manager at the Marina in Carlingford. We all have such happy memories of the marina there, where Tim lived and sailed & where we spent many happy holidays