

JEAN'S JOURNEYS

MAY 2025



Forfar Loch



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

Much of May was spent away from home travelling. when at home, there was plenty of prep for the various events I was to attend - greetings to compose, reports to write. Tim & I did manage to bottle up some gin as table gifts for the Rally and of course worked with the Susan & the Rally team making sure everything was organised for the big day at the end of the month!



Inner Wheel

District 1 Chairman

2024-25

12th May - visit to McDiarmid Park in Perth - looking at suitability as a venue for future District Meetings - with District Treasurer Susan, 1st Vice Chairman Lynda & incoming District Secretary Jane. Full report back to members at District Meeting

15th May - set off to attend the **40th Birthday Party** of my son & daughter in law who live in Walton on Thames - Surrey. As usual, we do this journey over 2 days - with an overnight stop - this time at the **Moat House** in **Acton Trussell**, near Stafford. Imagine my surprise - on pulling up to park - to find an Inner Wheel flag at the entrance ! Yes, **District 21** were holding their Rally in the hotel. Lunch was over, so I decided to ask hotel receptionist to take in a note card sending warm greetings for their Rally from District 1 - and before you know it I am sitting at an extra chair pulled up at the top table - still in travel gear - being warmly welcomed by DC Norma and all the members as well as Association Treasurer Gloria. **A SURPRISE afternoon of Inner Wheel friendship at its best!**



Moat House

Hotel

Acton Trussell

with
DC Norma Jukes
of D21
and
Asn Treasurer
Gloria Humphrey



16th - 18th May - great time spent with the family - a barbeque and catch up with all that they have been up to - and the 40th Party on the Saturday Night. The event was a **Casino Night** and 2 gaming tables set up - with everyone getting \$100 of monopoly money to start us off. My 11 year old twin grandchildren had a ball lost all their own stakes, then were given lots more from the other guests to "play" with. A great ice breaker and lots of fun sadly we had to set off for home on 18th May.



RALLY SEASON - as DC I was invited to attend 3 Rallies from our neighbouring Districts - 2, 3, 16 at the end of May & into June making this one of the busiest times of year for travelling.

Tuesday 21st May - drove south to Durham with Tim. Brief lunch stop at the the Barn at Beal - wonderful fish finger sandwiches overlooking Lindisfarne. Definitely one to recommend. We stayed overnight at the Ramside Hall Hotel in Durham - venue for the Rally.



The pre-rally was hosted by D3's Chairman Margaret Compton's club - IW of Crook (see right). A very friendly evening with a great deal of chatter and a delightful home made buffet supplied by the club members .



Wednesday 22 st May - D3 Rally



District 3 Executive with Pat Russell



DC Margaret & Pat cut the cake



4 District Chairmen with Pat

The first of these Rallies was held in **Durham** hosted by DC **Margaret Compton**. The venue, **Ramside Hall**, was spectacular and the day was sunny and warm - so pictures could be taken outside in the gardens. **Association Constitution Chairman Pat Russell** gave Heather's address as Heather was unable to be with us. As well as myself, **DC Susan Ramsden** from D2 and **DC Pat Briggs** from D9 brought greetings. Above are pictures of us all as well as of the **D3 Executive** - many well known to us. Margaret had baked the spectacular cake which was served as dessert. A lovely start to the series of Rallies. On the way home Tim and I stopped overnight at Marshall Meadows Hotel near Berwick on Tweed before driving home to Forfar.

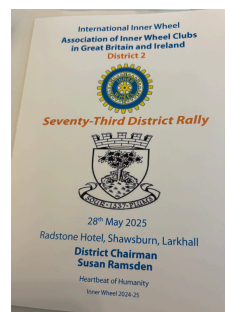
Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th May - D2 Rally The following week it was off to **Larkhall** and the **Radstone Hotel** to attend the pre-rally and Rally of the other **Scottish District - D2**. This had been re-scheduled on the same week as our own Rally to get the larger venue and a suitable date for the expanded D2. As all of the D1 Executive had been invited to attend, I was joined by Lynda Taylor and Annetta



Pictures from the **Pre-Rally** meal held on the Tuesday evening in the hotel - thank you **D2 Editor Nancy** for sharing these. As well as meeting up with the Exec of D2 - who we know very well, it was lovely to meet D16's 1st Vice President Doreen Cairns & Secretary Jennifer Davidson



D2 celebrate their Rally in style - well done Rally Co-ordinator Rosemary McCosh, DC Susan Ramsden and all of the District Executive - a wonderful day was had by all attendees as you can see by these pictures. Heather's Address was given by Julie Ramsay - Association International Service Committee Chairman.



A great day spent meeting up with many many "old" friends from the former D23 as well as D2. However, all too soon it was time to change back into travel gear and wend my way back to Forfar - as ladies were beginning to arrive from afar to attend my own Rally & Pre-Rally in Forfar and I needed a little time to re-focus and read through the order of play for my own rally! I must admit to having a lot on my mind over these busy days - so much so, that I arrived to find no make-up bag in my case a quick trip to the nearest store (ASDA) at 7am sorted that one out, but I ended up having to return to the Radstone in Larkhall to pick up my iPad - which I left in the room. How lucky that it was found & kept in the safe till I could return for it on the Sunday morning !!!!!!!

Thursday 29th May - and so to **Forfar** ! After the months of planning - the lists - the meetings - the ideas - it was finally here and everything now needed to be executed. And of course i should not have been worried - everything worked out beautifully. All visitors arrived on time - and even with a delay in the flight from Belfast - everyone made it to Forfar to enjoy our Pre-Rally supper at the **Forfar Golf Club**. A great start with lots of laughter and a fabulous carvery meal served overlooking the course - manicured to its best on a fine summer evening.



Attending the Pre Rally were Forfar members, District 1 Executive, visiting DC's and everyone staying over in Forfar . A very informal evening with time to chat & meet others as we were called up for our carvery meal



*Only a welcome & grace from me . . .
... not forgetting the long suffering husbands!*



Friday 30th May - D1 Rally - a wonderful day! The **District Rally**, held in the **Royal Hotel, Forfar**, was a true celebration. With nearly **100 attendees** the hotel rose to the occasion and served us a most delicious lunch. The room and tables were set to perfection and the service was outstanding. The setting was greatly augmented by the splendid display put up by the **Strathmore Woollen Company**. We had guests from near & far, Rotary representatives and our newly elected Provost. Everyone was in a happy mood and the speeches and greetings abounded. **Association International Service Committee Chairman, Julie Ramsay** gave President Heather Sheerin's address. From the hubbub of noise and chatter everyone had a wonderful day - a great event organised by the **Forfar Club's Rally Committee** - chaired by their **President, Susan Oliphant**.



Julie & Jean are welcomed to the Royal Hotel by Piper Donna Myles of Forfar Pipe Band & President Susan Oliphant



Guests are also welcomed by Forfar Members Moira Adam & Marjorie Kerr



Our top table



District 1 Executive



Visitors from Association - Editor Di Hylton and ISCC Julie Ramsay who gave Heather's Address



Visiting DC's (from left) - D10 Margaret Bracher; D16 - Judith de Fleury; D22- Lyn Copper; DC Jean; D2 - Susan Ramsden; D3 - Margaret Compton



Jean & Julie with Provost of Angus, Craig Fotheringham



Nancy, Jean & Fiona



Great friends - Di & Lyn travelled up from D22 to be at the Rally



Inner Wheel Club of Forfar



Forfar Rally Committee - Agnes, Susan, Jean, Christine, Norma

The whole day was amazing and all plans worked out so well. There was such a happy buzz in the room. My sincere thanks to you all for attending and to my own club, Forfar and the District Executive for all their hard work in making the day such a success. So many happy memories of the day - thank you all .



The **Wallace Suite** at the Royal was transformed by the beautiful table settings and by the superb display set up by the Strathmore Woollen Company of Forfar.



*Lots more pics from the day!
Who can you spot in their finery?*



.....and I have run out of space & memory - so there will be a Jean's Journeys 11 to finish off the year!