



# THE JOLLY DOLLIES

SOCIAL NETWORK FOR WIDOWS

## March 2024 Newsletter

### JD News

#### JD Party 🎉

28th September 2024

6pm - Midnight

Redcliffe Hotel, Devon

Party ticket (pre drink, food and disco) £45

We have organised our very first JD Party, we're so excited, hopefully the first of many. Everyone is welcome.

The aim is to bring you all together!

Please see the attached. The link for the ticket is below. If you wish to stay in the hotel please contact the hotel direct.

<https://pay.gocardless.com/BRT0002A9N5EED4>

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

Contact@thejollydollies.com

Zoe and The JD Admin



## JD Closed Facebook Group

Don't forget that we have a lovely JD Closed community. To join please click on the link below

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/thejollydollies/?ref=share>

## JD Travel Club

Just a little teaser

### Venice - River Po cruise

15th May 2025

We have Secured 30 cabins at the moment.

We are just waiting for flights then we will send the information out to you all via email, Facebook and your coordinators. We just wanted you to have the date.

### Mallorca

We now have 3 weeks in Mallorca that are all full. So very exciting.

## March celebrates international womens day



## Our wonderful coordinator community

### Here is one of our coordinators story about being a coordinator

I became Joint Coordinator with Janice Kirk, for Hornchurch groups 2/3 over 2 years ago and we both knew that the vision we had for the group was to make it inclusive to all regardless of walks for life, age and time spent since the loss of our husbands. We also wanted to make it clear that this isn't a bereavement group or counselling group. The group is there for ladies who enjoy a chat over a coffee, or who would like to have friendly company to go to an event somewhere, e.g the theatre, concerts, quiz nights, etc.

From starting off with about 10 members the two groups have a membership of over 40. We are also currently caretaking group 4 until a new coordinator is appointed.

Two years on and we have visited museums and royal palaces and theatres both locally and in London. We have a regular quiz team, a book club, regular coffee mornings and we also go bowling once a month. One of our members lets us take over her bungalow for both a Summer and Christmas Party. This Christmas we also collected £200 for charity which went to the RNLI. Some of our members have even been on holidays together.

This year we are hoping it will be an even better year for us with lots more going on, especially as we have now formed an events group to help.

Let's all stick together and continue to make the JD's a friendly fun organization.

If there is anyone out there that is thinking of becoming a Coordinator but is unsure or nervous about committing, I would be happy to help you get going. It can appear to be a big commitment but, once I started to meet up with other members in my group, I found it easier than I thought. All it takes is a little leap of faith.

Karen Randall

JD Hornchuch 2/3 (4)

## JD Photos



A lovely way to spend Sunday afternoon with some of Wokingham's 1 and 2 group for lunch, personal service and our own room at Southhill Park. Lovely company and thank you Sheila for organising ❤️

### Berkshire JDs



Six Stourbridge JDs having breakfast at the Rickyard in Romsley. We like this venue!

### West Midlands JDs



A few JDs from South Glos2 enjoying tenpin bowling, followed by lunch at Bella Italia.

### Bristol JDs



Lovely meal with some of the ladies from the Cardiff group 1. Meal at the Giggling Squid then Prosecco at the Peppermint Lounge. Great few hours ladies

### Cardiff JDs



5 of the Colchester group met at The George for coffee and then carried on in Carluccios for lunch. It's amazing how quickly the hours pass.

Essex JDs



Four Stourbridge Jolly Dollies having breakfast at Ashwood Nurseries near Kingswinford. Very pleasant on a rainy morning!

West Midlands



A few Barnstaple Jolly Dollies out for another Fish and chip lunch. A good time was had by all.

#### Devon JDs



Some of Teignbridge JDs enjoying lunch. Lots of chatting. Looking forward to next week.

#### Devon JDs



Weather has improved in Lanzarote! Here we are at Playa Blanca to visit the market and the Marina. Gill, Jenny, Kathie, Sandra and Angela from MK JDs

### Milton Keynes JDs



Emersons Green ladies after a really lovely Sunday Lunch at Kendleshire Golf Club!

### Bristol JDs





A few of the Wokingham 1 group enjoyed a fun evening supporting one of our members who plays clarinet in the Second Wind band, which put on a charity concert raising funds for the Brain Tumour charity

#### Berkshire JDs



Whitchurch, Bristol JDs on a night out. We might not be the biggest group, but as they say ... Great things come in little packages cheers!

#### Bristol JDs



Great lunch for 20 of Locks Heath/Fareham group ladies. Noisy, friendly chatty and fun.

### Hampshire JDs



Today at The Belgrave Sands Hotel in Torquay. Such a great time was had by each and every one of Torbay Jolly Dollies, group one 😊

### Devon JDs



Five ladies from Milton Keynes group currently enjoying a holiday in Lanzarote. Weather is windy but definitely warmer than in the UK.

### Milton Keynes JDs



First dry Thursday for what feels like weeks so a joy to walk around Leeds Castle . Wind was a bit keen but in the sunshine it felt very springlike.

### Kent JDs



A lovely day in London at the Wallace Collection with a few ladies from Hornchurch 2/3. Starting the day with coffee and cake before touring round the museum and then ending in a Lebanese restaurant for a meal.

#### Essex JDs



5 of the Chard JD's with 'Neil Diamond' and his group of artists after the brilliant show at Westlands Theatre, Yeovil last night. It was really good and we had a lovely time.

#### Somerset JDs



Torbay 1 amongst the silverware coffee pots at the Livermead House today x

Devon JDs



Norfolk Jolly Dollies at Taverham Nursery Centre Norwich

Norfolk JDs



A lovely week in Newquay with Bournemouth, Poole & Christchurch JDs. Lots of fun and laughter. Very lovely morning with JDs visiting Newquay. Really nice to meet Susan and the ladies from the Bournemouth, Christchurch areas. Thank you for the chat today - lovely to meet you all xx

### Cornwall and Dorset JDs



Trip to see Calendar Girls the musical at the Theatre Royal for some of Windsor group.

### Berkshire JDs



Seven of the Swansea Group recently had a great cruise on Iona. It was also a special birthday for one of our ladies.

#### Swansea JDs



6 of Fareham/Locks Heath Group ladies at the Mayflower Theatre, Southampton to see Blood Brothers. Fantastic show, brilliant actors/singers. Amazing story.

#### Hampshire JDs



Torbay Jolly Dollies Group 1 in Chandlers Coffee Shop in Paignton today. Was very busy when we arrived, then we turned around - and we were the only people in there. Who says widows don't know how to have fun!

Devon JDs



A lovely afternoon enjoying a cream tea.

Devon JDs





Locks Heath/ Fareham Groups 1 and 2 had a combined Coffee Morning at The Mansion, Park Gate. Over 40 members were there, so very noisy and chatty we all were. Thanks to Sue Wilson for arranging it with The Mansion (who gave us a £25 voucher) and organising the raffle, and Coordinators Maggie, Grace, and Brenda. Lesley took some great photos.

Hampshire JDs



Cardiff 2 JDs



Some of the Colchester group enjoying another lunch at The Barn Cafe.

Essex JDs



Seven Stourbridge JDs having Sunday lunch at the Lyttelton Arms in Hagley. The lemon tart was lovely!

#### West Midlands JDs



6 of us today from JD Truro group

#### Cornwall JDs



Cardiff group 1, enjoying Broadway Diner on Tour. Definitely something different to do.

### Cardiff JDs



Hereford JDs enjoyed a lovely lunch today at the fisherman's arms lovely meal lots of sunshine definitely a return trip in order

### Herefordshire JDs



Some of the Aberdeen/Aberdeenshire Jolly Dollies had a great weekend at Blairgowrie. A tribute night to the Jersey Boys by the Jersey Tones. Highly recommended if you get a chance to see them.

#### Aberdeenshire JDs



There were 7 of us Teignbridge ladies today having a delicious lunch at a local pub.  
**Devon JDs**



Today we met up at The Belgrave Sands in Torquay. Lots of happy, smiley Torbay 1 Jolly Dollies. We missed the ladies who were poorly.

#### Devon JDs



Members of Stoke on Trent JD's enjoying a lovely lunch at The Chester Grosvenor Hotel.

#### Staffordshire JDs

We have such a wonderful team of coordinators, if this is something you fancy or you feel your group needs one or two of you to get things started please let us know. If you want more members, we have some great small posters and business cards that we can send out to you.

We would love for our coordinators out there to tell us your story about how you became a coordinator and if there was a reason and how you find it.

Thankyou so much for all your photos, they are so wonderful and seeing you all so smiley and active is fabulous!