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I am Lady Annmaria Jones, BA. MA. residing in Denbighshire. I have been a member of the Soroptimist International since 2010, and I was first a member of the SI Isle of Man Club until 2013, then I moved to Denbighshire and became the Membership Officer for SI Denbigh, Ruthin and District which was established in 1953.

When the decision was made to complete a SI Centenary Banner for 2021 in cross stitch, I did volunteer to create our panel for our Club. As we reside in the beautiful country of Wales, I asked our members for any suggestions for locations to be included in this panel. I myself live quite close to Denbigh Castle, which was built by Henry De Lacy in the 13th century under King Edward 1st command, so I put this idea to the ladies, then St Peters Church in Ruthin was put forward, the present church grew out of the collegiate church founded in 1310 by John De Grey, this is an iconic site, with a lovely spire and which has been on many photographs etc over time.

Once this decision was made, and the blank panel was received, I began. Now I am a tapestry lady, working with wools. I have never done any cross stitch work ever. So creating the panel with the club name on was a challenge, but I am pretty happy with the outcome. I used photographs of the Castle and the Church and I created the wool tapestry scenes by free hand, again I feel they are good and you can see you can certainly tell what they are.

It has been a pleasure to complete this piece, hours of leaning over my tapestry frame was worth it. Myself and my friends in the Denbigh, Ruthin and District Club hope you enjoy this Centenary Banner . Thank you, Lady Annmaria Jones

