

7 Dec 2010

Poppy Appeal News

On Tuesday 7 December 2010 Club Member June was delighted to hand over to Peter Edwards representing Stalybridge and Dukinfield Branch of the Royal British Legion a cheque for £1000. This was money raised by June Riley and other Club members of Ashton under Lyne from the sale of their famous knitted poppies.

June had a stall at Federation Conference and other Clubs throughout our Region contributed to the stall and had their own efforts returned as donations to the RBL in their areas. Peter, who was truly staggered by the amount of the cheque thanked everyone who had contributed wool, time knitting and who had bought these special poppies. He said it was a massive boost to the funds raised in the local area.

The link with Stalybridge and Dukinfield goes back some years now when the RBL Branch asked for help at Poppy selling time. In true Soroptimist spirit Ashton Club were only happy to help out and a strong bond was formed. On Armistice Sunday President Linda laid a wreath of Poppies at the War Memorial in Ashton under Lyne representing SI throughout the Borough of Tameside.



The photo shows June and Peter Edwards as she hands over the cheque.

President Linda and Club members sent Christmas greetings to Soroptimists and their families everywhere.

Joyeux Noel, God Jul, Buon Natale, Feliz Navidad, De Groetan van Kerstmis.

14 Nov 2010

FOMO Project News

Club members were delighted to hear that Mary and Keith Woodworth from FOMO received the prestigious Beacon Prize for Services to Fomo.

President Linda and Club members from SI Ashton attended this year's Conference held for the first time in Manchester from 21-24 Oct, when the theme was Accept the Challenge, Secure the Future.

Poppies

This year June, who throughout the year had encouraged other Clubs and also members of SI Ashton to knit poppies had a stall at the Conference venue, Grand Central, to raise funds for the Royal British Legion.

Other Club members assisted the members of Stalybridge and Dukinfield Branch of the RBL to sell poppies in Morrisons supermarket Dukinfield before Armistice Day.





Well done to June and all the knitters!

26 Sep 2010

New Members and Awards Lunch

New member Renee attended the Annual New Members and Awards Lunch held at Wrightington. The group, including IPP Jill and President Linda watched as sister club Bolton swept the board winning the Regional PAC Prize and the Rosebowl Challenge with their excellent Project held in the Town Centre earlier this year.



New member Renee(L) with President Linda, IPP Jill and PP Usha and Ann.

22 Sep 2010

Lancashire Woman of the Year Lunch

Club members and President Linda attended the 21st Lancashire Woman of the Year Lunch held at the Mytton Fold Hotel at Langho in aid of Barnardo's. The Chair was Debbie Gregory.

Ashton Club had nominated Mary Woodworth the founder of FOMO(Friends of Mulanje Orphans) for the title which was won by Fiona Okbi from Blackpool for her work as manager with the Salvation Army Bridge Project.

The guest speaker was Thora Beddard and MC was Betty Garvey.



Club member Sharman and her guests.

20 Sep 2010

From Flour to Flower



President Linda welcomed Club members and their invited guests to the Speaker Meeting when after dinner speaker Alan Price gave a witty and informative talk on the life of a Natural History Curator entitled; *From Flour to Flower*.



Linda with guest speaker Alan Price.

18 Sep 2010

Saturday of Service 2010

SOROPTIMIST SATURDAY OF SERVICE 2010. On Saturday 18th September 2010 the members of SI Ashton met at St. George's Church Stalybridge, Tameside to spend a morning making Cool Ties for serving troops in Afghanistan. Using 100% pure cotton material donated by a local firm and similar quality material in a different shade which was kindly provided by Club member Khazeema Beg, a Director of Oriana UK, the group stitched and stuffed over 80 ties and these will be sent to SOS (Support our Soldiers Charity) ready to be included in the Christmas boxes sent out to troops.

The ties contain gel crystals normally used in hanging baskets which when wet, swell and rest on the pulse spots around the neck helping to keep the soldiers cool in the heat of the day.

Club President Linda Fayers said...

"It was a good collective effort by members who gave up their Saturday morning in true Soroptimist spirit. The Club is grateful to all members who contributed their time and also the gel crystals used in the ties, the sewing thread and Fair Trade and home baked refreshments used to fortify the workers."

Thanks also go to St George's PCC who waived their usual fee and allowed their lounge to be used for the Soroptimist Saturday of Service.



12 Sep 2010

Cheese and Wine

As the programme of activities for the rest of the Presidential year gets under way PP Usha held a very successful Cheese and Wine Event at her home. The proceeds will go to President's Charity 2010/11, The Rainbow Trust.

7 Jul 2010

Stalybridge Carnival

A spectacular start to the fundraising for President Linda's Charity took place at Stalybridge Carnival when June and the team organised a game in which everyone was a winner.

From tiny tots to grown ups everyone enjoyed themselves and raised £178 for The Rainbow Trust



Waiting for customers!



President Linda and the team.

Annual Friendship Lunch

7 Club members made the short trip across the Pennines to join SI Huddersfield for the Annual Friendship Lunch held at the Old Golf House Hotel at Outlane.



President Linda with the rest of the *Chain Gang*

20 Apr 2010

President Linda

At the start of what will be another busy year President Linda and Club members visited Mother Club, SI Manchester to speak about the SOS Shoebox Project undertaken by Ashton and to encourage President Sophie and Manchester's PAC in their efforts.



President Linda with President Sophie.

Linda Fayers is the new Club President and does not mind in the slightest being "recycled".



President Linda Fayers

Linda writes:

"Like many of my sister Soroptimists I am pleased to be joining them as a recycled President! Since my last term of office in 2005/6 I have continued to enjoy the friendship and activities within our Club and with members of other Clubs in the South Lancashire Region.

"This I have managed even though I have been lucky enough to enjoy quite a number of holidays. This year I have chosen the Rainbow Trust Children's Charity. This charity supports families who have a child with life threatening or terminal illness. [The Rainbow Trust](#) I thoroughly enjoyed my term as President in 2005 and I'm sure that 2010/11 will be just as enjoyable."

6 Apr 2010

Distribution of Charities, 2009/10 President's Charity

Young Oncology Unit at Christie Hospital.

Y.O.U. deals specifically with the needs of teenagers with cancer.

President Jill welcomed representatives from Young Oncology Unit, Tameside Friends of young Carers and Stanley House to receive cheques on behalf of the Club.

Other groups had received donations earlier in the year, details of which can be found in previous news entries.

The representative from YOU, Mr Howard Newhall received a cheque for £2488 96, TTFOYC £100 and Stanley House also £100 towards their fabric fund. Jill thanked everyone who had contributed to this magnificent year.



President Jill with Brenda representing Stanley House, Howard from YOU and Joyce from Young Carers watched by Malcolm from the Ashton Market Office.

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Bowling News

June, a bowler writes:-

"I was runner-up in the Tameside league at bowls last year. I also won the Nora Oakley Trophy in Stamford Park at the end of the season, something I'm delighted with as I had a great affection for Nora who died a couple of years ago."

From the Club, President Jill writes

"Good luck to all the Club bowlers who are starting the New Season soon!"

Big Bra Appeal

It was with a huge sigh of relief that President Jill and her family waved goodbye to the bags of bras that had been stored at her home during the Appeal. The final number is not known at this time but an announcement will be made soon.



PE Linda is shown with Pres. Jill's mother, 2nd daughter Karen and Jill's grandson and, behind them on the truck all the donated bras.



The photo shows Tom the driver from BCR Global Textiles, President Jill and P.E. Linda with the collected bras, all bagged and ready to go.

20 Mar 2010

Great Soroptimist Tea Party

As part of the *Great Soroptimist Tea Party* in conjunction with WaterAid to celebrate the 75 Years of SIGBI, Club member Rachel hosted a Coffee Morning for Club members at her home.

This was the last Programme Action event of President Jill's Year of Office and was a successful morning enjoyed by all who attended.

8 Mar 2010

International Women's Day, 8th March

President Jill and Club members were at the Market Ground Ashton under Lyne from 9am until 3pm collecting bras for recycling and re-use. The Club is grateful to Malcolm and Linda of the Market Office for all their help with this event. All day people called at the stall and said hello, saw what Soroptimists do and brought us any unwanted bras.

There are now **1,350** fewer bras to go into landfill and this staggering amount will be added to the total raised so far. A very welcome visitor was the Mayoress of Tameside, Mrs Françoise Sullivan who added her contribution and stayed for over 30 minutes talking to visitors. Also present was Coun. Jackie Lane who has supported our past Projects.



The photo shows the Mayoress with Soroptimists and 4th from right, Coun. Lane

As people brought their donations many told us how their lives had been touched by cancer and praising the work done by the Christie Hospital and its Young Oncology Unit.

Despite the cold day Club members enjoyed supporting International Women's Day 2010, helping to improve the environment and knowing that many of the lovely bras collected will be sent to developing countries to be highly prized by women there.

Prior to the event many donations had been received by the Market Managers from the public, traders and stall holders all which helped to make the Day so successful. A full list will appear at the end of the Appeal when the Grand Total is known.

28 Feb 2010

[Big Bra Appeal](#)

Last September, President Jill launched the **BIG BRA APPEAL** to raise funds for the **YOUNG ONCOLOGY UNIT** at Christie Hospital in Manchester.

With the help of our partners, JD Williams and Company LTD of Manchester and the Reporter Group of newspapers(Tameside area)we are now collecting worn out bras for recycling and unworn ones for use in developing countries.

The Club is very grateful to [BCR Global Textiles](#) for making this appeal work so profitably.

Club members are working hard asking family and friends to clear out their lingerie of unwanted bras and to tell *their* friends to donate to us.

Shona has designed an eyecatching poster and this can be seen all over the North West publicizing our Appeal which will run until March 2010.



PAC Chair Ann, President Jill and her daughter Kaye with Janet Parish from JD Williams holding up bags of donated bras.

Update:

The collection is now gathering pace and President Jill and her daughter Kaye along with PAC members are shown draped in some of the donated bras prior to the BCR Global Textiles collection.

22 Feb 2010

Rotary Dinner

Club members and some Soroptimisters accompanied our President and her husband to celebrate with Rotary International of Ashton at their 75th Charter Anniversary Dinner. This was held at Hotel Smokies Park when Club President Alison welcomed guests including the Deputy Mayor of Tameside Coun. Sue Quinn.

Guest Speaker was Canon Noel Proctor MBE MA and a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

16 Feb 2010

Pancakes

President Jill and PP June were on form in Ashton Town Centre in the Ashton Pancake Flippin' Competition.



L-PP June and second L-President Jill and Club members before the start of the Competition.

Sadly the team did not win, the Golden Frying Pan going to the team from the Ladysmith Centre but it was great fun and everyone enjoyed themselves.

All proceeds went to the Mayor of Tameside's Charity Appeal.



President Jill getting into the swing of things!

This photo by kind permission of the Town Centre Management Team



June giving it her best, playing keepy uppy!!

19 Jan 2010

Speaker Meeting - January 2010

President Jill and members of SI Ashton under Lyne send best wishes to Soroptimists everywhere, their families and friends and we wish you all a peaceful and happy 2010.

President Jill welcomed members to the first Speaker Meeting of the new decade when Mr Ian Donohoe a Volunteer Room Steward at Lyme Hall was the Guest. Ian gave a witty and knowledgeable talk on the history of the Hall and its environs with special mention of the filming of the 1990's series *Pride and Prejudice* starring Colin Firth, much of which was filmed at Lyme.

The North West of England has been affected by snow and although we have had to cancel the first meeting of 2010 we thought visitors to our site might like to see what our area has looked like for the last few weeks. The photographs are by kind permission of Martin Clark at AshtonUnderLyne.com



Hartshead Pike showing the highest point in Ashton.



Two views of the canal bridge at Portland Basin, Ashton.





Cricket's Lane, with the Parish Church behind the trees.