



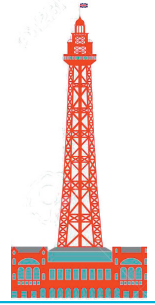
Seasider News

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Soroptimist International Blackpool & District

Women inspiring action
transforming lives

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Janet Goodwin was installed virtually as our new President following the AGM in April, but since then she has been dogged by ill health. Janet has therefore asked the club if she can withdraw from Presidential Duties in order to concentrate on her health.

The club of course have agreed and last year's President Catherine Shevlin will resume Presidential Duties until November and will be followed by President Elect Christine Fairhurst, who will take over and serve 18 months in office. We all send our very best wishes to Janet.

All members are missing our usual monthly gatherings, so to Janet and all our members who we have not seen since March, please accept this socially distant hug from all of us to all of you.



In July the Talking News service came under review with the possibility of restarting recordings.

However there have been some problems with the distribution of the Lancashire and North West Magazine,

which has cast doubt on the resumption of this service. More news to follow on this subject.

Above is the club photo taken at the studio during the 40th anniversary year, 2017. Left to right, Alma Blair, Mary Leavy, Alison Priestley (technician), and Linda Marr

Club News

On 21st July we held our "Lockdown Quiz" — the subject being Prominent Women, with questions set by President Janet Goodwin. Around 20 members were able to take part via Zoom.

There was an entry fee of £1 per member, which will be collected at our next face to face meeting and will be donated to Janet's chosen charity, Blue Skies.

Congratulations to Christine who was the winner and will receive a bottle of "Fizz" also at our next face to face meeting.

Programme work

Wendy Grimshaw, along with other club members, has been busy during lockdown, knitting for the Regional Project at the Fistula Hospital in Addis Ababa Ethiopia, where most of the girls are very young, undernourished and underdeveloped.

Most babies here can be delivered without damage to the girls who are very well cared for and following treatment they are given shawls and baby cardigans as they return home.



Sadly the club have not been able to send them on as the Fistula Hospital is currently not admitting patients due to lockdown. We are hoping that by November we will once again be able to send out the latest batch of knitting to Ethiopia.

Marcia's IWD Challenge

In lieu of the club not having a project for International Women's Day this year, Marcia challenged club members to think of 2 women who had influenced their lives and write a short note (20 words or so) about them.

Four members have risen to the challenge thus far and the following names have been put forward.

Emmeline Pankhurst. Suffragette. 1858-1928

Dorothy S. Ford. 1912-2009 (Marcia's 1st Headteacher)

Barbara Byrne 1931-2016 (Christine's Mum)

Ruth Winterbottom 1946-2008

Connie Extra-Ordinary 1912 - 2013 (Pat's Godmother)

Gwen John (Welsh Artist) 1876 -1939

Florence Nightingale 1820-1919

Marie Curie 1867-1934

Can you think of any more? If so please contact Marcia, with details of who you would like to nominate and why.

August Social Event

Cocktail Party & Regional Rosebowl Quiz

Thursday 20th August at 7.00 p.m.

What is your favourite Cocktail (or Mocktail)?
also Regional Rosebowl Quiz.

Entrance Fee £1.00

(to be collected when we next meet)

Quiz questions will be circulated along with the Zoom invitation to attend.

All proceeds to Blue Skies Appeal