



Seasider News

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Soroptimist International Blackpool & District

Women inspiring action
transforming lives

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INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN

International Wpmens Day Challenge 2020.

From Christine Fairhurst.

Barbara Byrne 1931-2016

After Dad died Mum brought myself and Duncan up giving us all the life skills we needed, through determination, hard work, love, tears and laughter.

Ruth Winterbottom 1946-2008.

Ruth was inspirational, kind and supportive. I learned a lot from Ruth, she believed in me and gave me confidence when I was President of the club for the first time.

From Pat Fergusson.

Connie Extra-Ordinary 1912-2013, my Godmother.

A caring, useful, wise, hardworking, modest Northern Life. Bereaved of parents by 3, husband by 50, only child at 3, never bitter, blessings counted. My life's lessons learned that she led by example.

Gwen John. Welsh Artist 1876-1939

Muted portraits reflect sibling eclipse ** and dour, difficult upbringing.

Fantastic cultural legacy finally recognized of this quiet lover of August Rodin.

** Augustus John "In fifty years time , I will be known as the brother of Gwen John"

From Helen Thompson.

Florence Nightingale

Laid foundations of modern day nursing with her recognition of poor sanitation, including hand washing- still very relevant in today's Coronavirus (Corvid 19).

Marie Curie

Pioneer in the field of radioactivity. Not only the first woman to win the Nobel Prize but also the first person in history to win the award in two different fields.

From Marcia Roper.

Emmeline Pankhurst. Suffragette. 1858-1928

A social reformer demanding women had the democratic right to vote and be heard. Suffragette motto "deeds not words" struck a chord. Admire her spirit, tenacity and sincere belief that this was right.

Dorothy S. Ford. Headteacher. 1912-2009

My first Headteacher, welcoming smile, encouraging, fair minded, made school fun, demonstrated acts of service. Shared her love of people and the world around her, larger than life. I wanted her job!

REMEMBRANCE

Although there have been no official Remembrance Services this year due to the Covid Pandemic and the current lockdown, Acting President Catherine Shevlin laid a wreath of poppies on behalf of the club, at the War Memorial in Poulton-le-Fylde.



PROGRAMME ACTION



Knitting challenge.

The blankets and baby clothes were delivered to Diedre Jacks (SI Lancaster) in Lancaster on a very wet Wednesday in October. Marcia and Geoff enjoyed the "adventure" and the autumn colours that day were beautiful. 12 blankets, 15 baby cardigans and 5 baby hats were delivered. This will be the last delivery for the foreseeable future because of the current pandemic and the situation in Ethiopia. Pam circulated Deidre's thank you letter to the club, I do hope you read it. Deidre has resigned her position as one of the Trustees of the Hamlyn Fistula Hospital after 24 years and this is her last collection.