

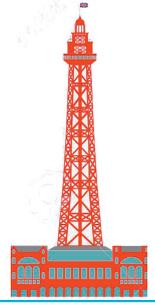


# Seasider News

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**Soroptimist International Blackpool & District**

Women inspiring action  
transforming lives

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## OBITUARY



It is with great sadness that SI Blackpool and District announces the death of Janet Goodwin at home in Blackpool on 28 September, after a long battle with breast cancer. Janet joined the Soroptimists in 2015 and in 2019 was elected President Elect of SI Blackpool and District. Unfortunately, during her Presidential year, Janet's illness returned.

Janet has worked in a general dental practice, community dentistry, dental hospitals and further education, and was a Fellow of the Faculty of General Dental Practice (FGDPUK) and of her professional association, the British Association of Dental Nurses (BADN).

Janet's Presidential charities are the Blue Skies Fund for Blackpool Teaching Hospitals and, and Mercy Ships ([mercyships.org.uk](http://mercyships.org.uk)), who provide medical care for the underserved in Africa, and for whom she had worked in a voluntary capacity.

Janet will be greatly missed by all the members of our Club and within our Region, and we send our sincere condolences to her husband David and family.

## BLUE SKIES CHARITY

Blue Skies is the only charity for Blackpool Teaching Hospitals who support the best in patient care and medical research for the Blackpool Fylde and Wyre area. They make a positive difference every single day to patients, their families and friends.

Monies raised will help them to:

- 1) Enhance the abilities of medical staff through education and training.
- 2) Procure the latest medical equipment to diagnose patients rapidly and accurately.
- 3) Develop medical research breakthroughs that will benefit future patients.
- 4) Improve the environments where patients and visitors are cared for and where staff and volunteers are located.

## SCRUBS HUB

Elaine Midgley joined a team of 80 volunteers, who in three months (6000 hours) produced 565 scrubs for the NHS, 235 drawstring bags, 30 surgical caps, and then continued to make face masks for visitors to Victoria Hospital.



Meanwhile at the Thornton hub, remnant material was used to make face masks to sell in aid of Trinity Hospice. To date £3500 has been raised for the Hospice, and masks are still selling daily.

## FRIENDSHIP LINK



Our Friendship Link Club, SI Jersey, have sent us this lovely photo of them all enjoying their socially distanced afternoon tea party, taken in the summer.

The members of SI Jersey have also sent their good wishes to all members of SI Blackpool and District.

Soroptimists by definition are busy women who will go that extra mile to help others and it is very gratifying to know that so many of our members are working hard to do just that.

From the talking newspaper, smalls for all, toys in the pandemic, scrubs and masks for the NHS, to help and support in the community, our members are still busy making their own contributions to our society.



## HANDY TIPS WHEN RECYCLING

- 1) Scunch foil together into a big ball. This gives it the best chance of being recycled, if it is too small the recycling machines miss it.
- 2) Squash your plastic bottles after rinsing them out. This stops them rolling off conveyor belts.
- 3) Screw lids back on. This makes sure they are recycled. Lids can be lost on their own because they are too small.