



# Seasider News

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**Soroptimist International Blackpool & District**

Women inspiring action  
transforming lives

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



In April I will have the honour of becoming President of Soroptimist International of Blackpool and District for the fourth and final time. I can't believe it was twenty years ago this April since I became President for the first time. Where have the years gone?

You should have all received your AGM papers by now and you will notice that nominations are required for various positions. Please will you take the time to consider these? The club has a wealth of experience and you would have plenty of support if you decided to put yourself forward. It is definitely worthwhile.

I joined the club in 1997. During my time I have, with the support and friendship of club members and life experience, developed into the person I am today. I have made many life long friends with both club members and Soroptimists throughout the Region.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy Easter.  
In friendship

*Christine*



## TREE PLANTING



As part of the Club's 60th Anniversary Programme, we are arranging to have six Coastal Redwood Trees planted in Anchorsholme Park. These will be planted in the Autumn and a plaque will be made to say where they have come from and why.

We are also hoping to plant a tree in the Bispham Arboretum in memory of Janet Goodwin, which will also have a plaque.

This is very much in keeping with Soroptimist International goals as Soroptimists are all being encouraged to plant trees throughout the world.



## KEEPING IN TOUCH

Meeting via Zoom is not the same as meeting each other face to face and whilst there are some club members who cannot join in these electronic meetings, it has meant that over the past 12 months we have been able to keep in touch with each other as the photo above shows which was a screen shot taken at last Thursdays Business Meeting.

Many members have found new skills over the past year, learning how to use social media, sewing masks and scrubs, volunteering at schools or clinics and even volunteering as vaccinators and we have all been busy collecting bras, pants, cleaning materials, ring pulls and empty pill packets and Marcia is finding that her house is shrinking around her.

With the vaccination programme now running so well, hopefully it will not be too long before we can meet again in person, even if only for a socially distanced ice cream on the prom!!