



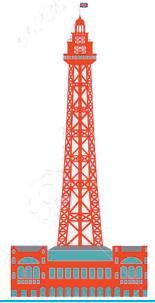
Seaside News

from
Soroptimist International Blackpool & District

Women inspiring action
transforming lives

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Ladies,

Soroptimist International Blackpool and District is an excellent club. I am proud to be a member and I hope you are too.

It takes a lot of work and effort to run a successful club and I really do appreciate all the time taken by individuals to make it work.

Our Programme Action Work is fantastic. We always achieve a lot which is thanks to you the members for taking part. The communication team is doing excellent work on all platforms. The contribution that individuals put into this club is second to none.

I am very grateful to you all for the support I receive. Thank you so much to everyone.

In friendship

Christine



Windmill Youth Group have written to thank the club for the donation of £10,000 and will keep us updated as to exactly how the funding will be spent.

Since the group was last in contact with the club, they have moved ahead with their programme, having completed as far as possible, the De Vere pond just in time before the nesting programme, and are planning to replace the wooden fencing round the path with hedging to create more bio diversity.

Some of the youngsters are now able to go out paddling in sea kayaks from Fleetwood, protected by the dry suits which the club bought them last time around. They will also be studying the history of the port itself and the signalling methods that were used to guide the trawlers safely into port from the Wyre channel.

On the bright side looking forward to greater freedoms, the group plan to be out on the hill wild camping and mountain navigating. Not in tents (to abide by Covid rules), but using the bivouacking bags, which once again our club has bought.

When normal service resumes the youngsters will receive their belated Environmental Award from the Blackpool Civic Trust and the presentation of the group's own awards in front of an audience and an invitation will be sent to the club. In the meantime Stuart has asked that we let all the "Girls" know, how much they appreciate our benevolence.

100 for 100



Our intrepid fund raisers have now completed their challenges, President Christine has made her 100 pom-poms and Helen has run her 100 miles and we congratulate both of them for their achievements.



All of the remaining club members have agreed to sponsor our two stalwarts to raise necessary funds towards The Diamond Education Grant and 2 more members have now volunteered their services. Elaine is making 100 masks and Su has kindly offered to knit 100 little hats for Smoothies, which also supports AGE UK

STORY SACK



This is Goldilocks and the three bears story sack.

Club Treasurer Jean, is the parish clerk for Wesham and has a lot to do with the community centre there.

A new pre school group has recently started up, and the leader is looking to replace and improve the equipment, books etc. being at the top of the list. Jean therefore wondered if the club could help by producing story sacks as there are quite a few knitters in the club.

The story of Red Riding Hood, is the second in the series so far, completed by Programme Action Officer Marcia.



CENTENARY TRAUMA BEAR

UKPAC is sending 100 trauma bears to the 4 nations and each bear is hoping to find more bear friends in his/her quest to find a deserving home. Trauma bears are excellent in the back of police cars/emergency vehicles for victims of any trauma.

The bears are meant to have a ripple or snowball effect to aid communication, ascertain and locate need and provide useful activity and also create good work in the local community and aid local publicity.

A knitting or crochet pattern for the bears can be found on the Programme Action page of our club website at: www.sigbi.org/blackpool-and-district

