

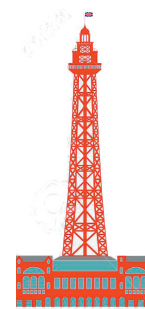


The Seaside

news from
Soroptimist International Blackpool & District

Women inspiring action
transforming lives

Christmas 2021
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Ladies,

I am pleased to report that we have had some volunteers who will put themselves forward for election in due course. This means that the club will continue for another year and hopefully well into the future. I would like to thank those members who have volunteered. Blackpool and District is a vibrant club and we achieve a great deal each year, of which we should all be very proud.

The club has decided that any donation for Christmas cards will be paid to Trinity Hospice, my charity for the year. I am looking forward to seeing you at Singleton Lodge on 9th December.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

In friendship

Christine

SAD NEWS

President Christine informed the club that Ena Tierney had sadly passed away on Saturday 13th November in Victoria Hospital. Funeral arrangements were initially made for 14th December but this was postponed due to her nephew having tested positive for Covid.

The funeral will now be on January 6th 2022 at 1.15pm at St Stephen on the Cliff and 2pm at Carleton Crematorium, followed by refreshments at Castle Gardens.

PRESENTATION



Wendy Grimshaw received the Haslingden Shield for recruitment and retention which our club was awarded earlier this year.

The presentation was made by the new Regional President Val Thomas at the first face to face Regional Meeting since March 2019, which was held at Lancaster University on Saturday 13th November

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM



SI Blackpool & District, took to Social Media to promote Soroptimist 16 days of action in support of violence against women, starting on 25th November which is International Day of Elimination of Violence Against Women, and ending on 10th December which is International Human Rights Day, the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Each day had a different theme and all of them were shared on the club's various forms of social media outlets, Facebook, Twitter, Linked In and What's App.

CHRISTMAS PARTY



Club members were delighted to once again be able to hold a Christmas party, which this year took place on Thursday 9th December at Singleton Lodge.

who attended all enjoyed an evening filled with fun and friendship and a superb meal into the bargain.



Despite the very inclement weather outside, the members



Following the meal a raffle was held which raised £63 for President Christine's charity, Trinity Hospice.



Very good wishes to everyone for Christmas. May you all stay safe and well. I look forward to sharing much more club news with you all in 2022.

Norma