

## SI CNWW PRESIDENT REPORT – JANUARY 2025

I hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year. For the first time ever, I spent Christmas away with some of my family in a very snowy French Ski resort – I have never skied but enjoyed watching the grandchildren and walking in the forests.

The results of the survey we sent out late November asking you all for your thoughts on the number of regional meetings will be ready for the February meeting.

My first official event was at the invite of SI Caernarvonshire and District to celebrate their 51<sup>st</sup> Charter with a Christmas lunch at the wonderful Portmeirion Hotel, preceded by carol service in Cricceth. Although I was not able to attend the Carol service, Janet (our immediate past president) stepped in to do the reading. The lunch was amazing and I felt privileged to be amongst the members of Caernarvon and Soroptimists from across the region.

I am looking forward to attending all the other events this year and the next will be Chester's 10<sup>th</sup> Charter lunch the week before the Regional meeting in February.

Our Officer and Reps meeting this month will be looking at the coming year plans and some succession planning.

We have directors from SIGBI who want to come along to our meetings so we will be organising which month they can attend. The Director for PR and Marketing, Deborah Kingsley has offered to do a face to face or Zoom session for any members who would like to know how to update their website and do some social media promotions. I know that the SIGBI website is being updated to make it easier to find information and help with all this. I have offered Deborah either option for her to attend either our February or June meeting if face to face or we can organise a Zoom training session if that would be easier for members.

We hope to see many of you at the February Regional meeting at the Stamford Gate Hotel (a first for a Regional meeting but we have held our officer and reps meetings there). This meeting will be a more practical one with workshops and discussions and of course, networking.

I am looking forward to this coming year and what we can achieve.

In Friendship

Kathryn Lewis