

April AGM

The AGM saw outgoing President Cathy handing over the regalia to Emma our incoming president.

Emma's email address is on the website. Please click on the link below.

<https://sigbi.org/guernsey/2024/06/19/president->



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Liberation Afternoon tea



Senior citizens were invited to an afternoon tea at the Vale Douzaine room. Members decorated the hall and served a cream tea to the guests. This was followed by a sing along to wartime songs which was well received and very moving.

Marshalling for the World Aid Walk



On a wet blustery May Day Bank holiday members were seen marshalling the World Aid Walk at Rousse, manning the refreshment table at Pembroke, and some ventured to Herm to help there.

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At our May Supper meeting President Emma Handed over a cheque to the Guernsey Welfare Trust. The money will be used to buy food for the charity to distribute to people when needed.



Beach Clean



A windy day in June saw us supporting World Ocean Day. A group of us wombled along Les Amarreurs, Ladies Bay and Chouet. We also collected on the headlands above the beaches and Les Amarreurs playground which proved to be the place with most rubbish. We figured that it was so windy a lot of the rubbish would end up on the beach anyway.

Charities Fete at Government House



The results of our labours were sent to the Clean Earth Trust who supplied the pickers.

This year we collected handbags and scarves for a stall at the charities fete at Government House. We had a steady stream of customers who enjoyed browsing through the items on the stall.

Skittles Evening

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Another successful skittles evening was held in July to raise funds for the International Committee.

They are going to donate the money to an organisation called Lend With Care.

Summer Outing



Our summer outing involved showing our creative talents. A session at Iris and Dora was followed by a meal at Village East



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Visit of SIGBI President Ruth in July



Federation President Ruth Healey came to Guernsey on a surprise visit. This was an honour as we don't think we have welcomed a serving president before. Some members met her for a meal on Friday night when she arrived from Jersey. On the Saturday morning she joined us for a coastal walk, before being invited to join us for afternoon tea. The cream tea was organised to raise funds to provide more Loves Me/loves Me Not leaflets, and book marks and the banners used in our Orange the World Campaign which runs in November/December coinciding with the UN day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and Girls.



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Emma's friendship Weekend



Emma held her friendship weekend in September. Members, Regional President Daphne and Soroptimist friends from the UK enjoyed an action packed weekend, which included a scavenger hunt on the beach followed by a meal at Guernsey Pearl.

On Saturday members were treated to a sensory delight, and had to smell, taste and touch objects before being treated to one of our legendary Soroptimist Buffets. On Sunday members enjoyed Sunday lunch at Le Fregate Hotel.



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October

October saw some of the events we undertake annually take place.

Swimathon



This year's team saw a higher-than-normal influx of friends rather than Soroptimist members making up the team. This was due to illness, members away or incapacitated! Hopefully next year we will be back to full strength. Despite this we managed to raise £475.00 thanks to generous sponsorship. The money this year was for the local GSPCA. Thank you to everyone who took part.

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The Annual Quiz - This went ahead again this year, with teams filling the Vale Douzaine Hall. Over a thousand pounds was raised in support of the presidents charity this year – Age Concern.

Sewing - Breast Care Cushions



A very productive evening took place at the beginning of October resulting in a supply of cushions for the breast care unit.

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90 for 90

In support of the campaign to do something connected to 90 to celebrate 90 years of SIGBI we opted to donate 90 items to the Guernsey Welfare Trust. We researched which items we needed at the time and some of us brought our donations to supper while others donated directly at the supermarkets.



The **Saturday Walks** have also covered over 90 miles and raised money for different charities over the year. This has included £100 to the Guernsey Welfare Trust .

The most recent donation from the walkers has been £125.00 to purchase a new tree to replace the one we lost in Cambridge park. There will be more details about this in the next newsletter.

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Lobbying on the Court Steps



The October States Meeting saw States approving the introduction legislation against domestic abuse. Some members stood on the Court steps to show their support of the legislation and to give our leaflets to the deputies as they arrived. In the photo below you can see the political lead of the introduction of this legislation.

Deputy Sue Adwell and Deputy Dudley-Owen joined members for a photo.



We will leave reporting on November and December events until the next newsletter.

Forthcoming events are:

November business/supper meeting – Wednesday 27th November at 6.30

Please wear orange.

Christmas dinner on Wednesday 11th December 6.30 for 7.00pm. You can book by clicking on this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/ZX5EnG7L1P> before Sunday 1st December.

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