

The Harrogate Experience

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An email from SIGBI arrived on a hot summers day
Telling me the Memorial Grant had indeed come my way!
I was selected to go for the Harrogate Conference,
Which promised to be a most thrilling experience!

Then came the visa, the bookings and itinerary,
The planning for the project turned my life extraordinary .
It was finally November , and I had reached Heathrow,
Braving the cold, with lots of good wishes in tow.

The Conference opened with grandeur and pageantry ,
With 29 national flags representing so much of humanity.
1300 ladies , full of enthusiasm and cheer,
With great projects, and warmth , and friendship so dear.

The 3 Keynote Speakers encouraged us to believe,
That WE ALL had the ability and strength to ACHIEVE!
The Programme award for India was the icing on the cake
But the honour was saddened by the Ebola outbreak.

It was heartening to note that during the meetings
£ 8000 was donated for the suffering victims.
The Conference ended with the new Board of Directors,
Here's wishing them the best in their Soroptimist ventures!

The party ended too soon, and it was time to bid adieu
To Harrogate, SIGBI and friends , old and new.
We are back to the grindstone full of daily strife,
But feel energised , refreshed and ready to TRANSFORM LIVES!

Thank you SI Calcutta, and SIGBI for making this happen!