

SIGBI News Briefing

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This Newsletter is for all SIGBI Club Members and is emailed by SIGBI HQ to Club Secretaries on the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month



Soroptimist News December 2020

Soroptimist International is now into its Centenary Year, and the December issue of Soroptimist News features tree planting on its front cover, plus a double-page spread of our centenary projects. There is also all the news from Conference, an invitation to the Llandudno Conference, and an article on the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence.

Why not share the links with all your non-Soroptimist friends, colleagues, family and partners, so that they can see what Soroptimists do, and promote our Centenary year.

All the details on how to access Soroptimist News as a page-turner or to download the App are on the SIGBI Website. If you already have the App you will have received a notification that the new issue is available.

- [Soroptimist News December 2020](#)

News from SIGBI HQ

Empowering Girls in Nepal FAQs

The SIGBI Board have produced some FAQs following the decision to terminate our agreement with ChoraChori UK (now Pipal Tree), which you can read below. If your query is not covered by the FAQs then please email hq@sigbi.org. You can also find the statement and the FAQs in the members' area of the website by searching for SIGBI Project.

- [Empowering Girls in Nepal FAQs](#)

Past President Kate Fussell FRCS



We are sad to announce that SIGBI Past President 1986-1987, Kate Fussell FRCS, has passed away peacefully.

Kate was a Member of SI Wigan for nearly 50 years, and was a stalwart of the Club, having held the Secretary post for a number of years, and been Club President 2009-2010.

She will be sorely missed by the Club Members, who will be producing a tribute to her for the Obituaries page of the members' area of the website over the next week.

- [Obituaries Page](#) (log in before using this link)

SIGBI Trading Retailing—exciting news



SIGBI Online Shop—NOW OPEN!

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Myth Busters

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Look out for more Myth Busters in future News Briefings.

UKPAC Vacancies



UKPAC is looking for a Secretary and a Treasurer to be in post October 2021-2023. These positions are open to Members in the UK only.

Role Specifications and Application Forms are on the members' area of the SIGBI Website. Application forms should be sent to ukpacsecretary@gmail.com to arrive no later than 5pm on **28 February 2021**.

- [UKPAC Vacancies page](#) (log in before using the link)

Events



House of Lords Reception—14 July 2021

Note that, owing to the COVID-19 Pandemic, it has been necessary to change the date of the House of Lords Reception to **14 July 2021**. (it was previously 12 May 2021).

The reception will be a light “bowl-food” networking lunch for 200 people with a glass of champagne for the toast. **Tickets will be £65/head**.

If you are interested in attending, then please put the date in your diary, and we will be asking for expressions of interest in February 2021. If we are oversubscribed then there will be a draw to select the successful applicants. More information is on the [Centenary Website](#).



Next Tree Planting Webinar

The hugely successful Tree Planting Webinar on 21 November 2021 was recorded, and if you could not attend watch it on YouTube—<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1PnLI7-vyXU>.

The date of the next webinar is **23 January 2021** at 14.30 – 15.30 (GMT). The speaker will be John Tucker, Director of Woodland Creation & Outreach, Woodland Trust. He is a Chartered forester with 30 years forestry and arboriculture experience and will be sharing his passion for all things trees.

Please put the date in your diary. No need to pre-register. The link to join the meeting will be shared in the mailings on 8 January and again on 22 January 2021.



No 63 AGM 23 January 2021 @ 14.00—calling all Shareholders

The 72nd AGM will be virtual and Shareholders will have the opportunity to join the AGM from the comfort of their own home. Whether you are a regular attendee or someone who has never attended an AGM before you are encouraged to join and participate.

The Annual Accounts, summary of nominations received for Board Directors, forms for nominating proxies plus information on how to register for the AGM and voting will be posted on the shareholders section of the Number 63 website on 14 December 2020.

Forgotten the password? Just email boardadmin@number63.co.uk and it will be sent to you.

Club Webinars

We have asked Clubs to let us know if they are arranging any webinars to which all-comers are welcome. Details of these will be on the [Grants of Friendship and other Invitations page](#) of the website, so keep an eye on this page for any that interest you.

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Weblinks

- [President's Message December 2020](#)
- [Programme Director's December 2020 Message](#)
- [International Day for the Abolition of Slavery—2 December 2020](#)

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