



S I MANSFIELD

We have donated £150, to the Kori Development Project, at the request of Gill Curry, to pay for a protruding umbilical hernia operation which is urgently needed by a girl, Jestina, in Taiama, Sierra Leone.

Members of the club gave out details of completing the survey online to family friends and neighbours. It was estimated that over 150 responses would have gone in from this area.

In celebration of World Food Day and Harvest Festival, tins of soup, tuna and ham were donated by members to the Bridge Street Methodist Church in Mansfield which provides soup and sandwiches on a regular basis for the homeless.

Dresses for Dress a Girl around the World continue to be made by members and others and sent to Maidenhead for transportation to Sierra Leone. One of our members acts as a conduit for sending dresses and other clothing provided by a local factory.

A donation of £70 has gone to CAMFED charity's current appeal to try to get all girls in Africa remaining in secondary education until their courses are completed. The UK Government is at present matching every donation to this charity.

Members, family and friends have been collecting ring pulls for several months now which go to the charity The Purple Community fund. The ring pulls are sent out to the Philippines where women make them into attractive jewellery, bags etc. which they then sell there and in this country.

Members serve the refreshments at two Alzheimer's cafes - one in Mansfield and one in Kirkby-in-Ashfield once a month throughout the year. Refreshments are also served at the Singing for the Brain sessions in Mansfield and members participate in the singing too!

S I LEICESTER

SI Leicester held a Fundraising Lunch in September organised by Hilary Firth at her home. We had a most enjoyable lunch in good company and raised £255 for a charity supporting prevention of human trafficking.



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Our newest member – Louise Ross – suggested we gather books for the Reading at Home Scheme at Maplewell Hall School, Woodhouse Eaves in Leicestershire (moderate learning disabilities and associated learning difficulties such as autism and ADHD). These books were for ages 8 to young adult and were intended to appeal to young readers who were not especially confident with literacy. They were distributed before the October half term holiday.

Vivienne Galloway and Brenda Wallam had a stall at the November SIMER Council Meeting and raised £88 for the Meru Garden Project. Thanks to everyone who purchased something from the stall. We have had a market stall on Loughborough Market on Saturday 16 December 2017 where we sold cakes and preserves to raise funds for ADHD Solutions.

SI Leicester meets each month and has had a variety of speakers on diverse subjects from ‘After 18’ (a Leicester-based charity working with unaccompanied asylum-seeking children and young people from an asylum-seeking background as they turn 18 and make the transition into adulthood) to a talk about the sophisticated, fashion-conscious and determined Wallis Simpson. In December we had a pampering session!



SI BUXTON

The club has had a very positive year and are very pleased to welcome Helen Haywood and Debbie Lees as new members within the last six months. We took part in the Buxton Town Fair during May’s membership month and have been active in keeping ourselves in the public eye since then with a range of activities, culminating at Christmas with decorating the railings outside Buxton Opera House as part of the town’s festivities. A freezing cold day but the railings were much brighter when we had finished and some publicity for the club too.

Our fashion show in September raised funds for our local Homestart and Young Minds supporting young people’s mental health, a cause close to our hearts.

The club has continued to support Breast Cancer Care during the year, providing three marshals for the annual run in Bakewell and organising a Strawberry Tea at Litton Village Hall. A gift of candle holders to use in their club has been made to our Friendship Link club SI Stockport in token of our friendship together and replicating our friendship gift from Danish Club SI Kerdeminde who had the original idea.

The club continues to support Crossroads Derbyshire, our provider of Domestic Violence services and a specialist refuge for young women aged 16-24, by the collection of toiletries and fundraising.



In the coming months we are looking forward to visiting SI Stockport to meet Federation President Sue Biggs, welcoming members from SI Kerdeminde and participating in the Buxton Garden Trail in support of the Meru Project.



SI PETERBOROUGH

We collected clothes from club members and they were taken back at Christmas to Turks and Caicos to be distributed by the local Soroptimist club to those in need

On a Saturday morning at our local shopping centre, we assist with Shopmobility, giving out scooters and wheelchairs. We have been doing this for almost thirty-five years.

For the Hamlyn Fistula hospital in Ethiopia, we have made over thirty blankets this year and each patient having surgery is given her own blanket to keep.

We continue to supply gifts at Christmas for the children in the Women's Refuge to be able to give their Mum a present on Christmas day. We have also made up thirty cosmetic bags with make-up which will be given to the female workers in the orphanage in Chernobyl



Our president's charity 'Faith's Journey', is for a local five-year old girl with cerebral palsy who is in a wheelchair and waiting for surgery in Bristol. The cost of surgery including physiotherapy is approximately forty thousand pounds and so far, family and friends have raised almost thirty. Hopefully the surgery will allow her to walk. Two of our members Liz and Barbara made and sold goods at the November Regional Meeting and they have raised almost three hundred pounds so well done to them

We continue to help educate and support a little girl in India and of course we continue to be involved in all the other SIGBI requests.

We are pleased to say we have two members under thirty and hopefully they will encourage other young women to become soroptimists