

# Club Newsletter

## January 2021 e version

**Seagulls on ice** – no, do not ‘adjust your set’, this picture shows the University Portland building reflected on the iced over lake – the seagulls are walking, not swimming!



### *Programme Action Report*

January always seems to be a slow month in every sense but not for Nottingham Soroptimists. We continue to meet via Zoom and we are still busy. Covid restrictions don't stop us!

Funds are still being raised via ebay which has already paid for a year's Sponsorship the little girl SI Nottingham support in Kenya through Action Aid and has also enabled us to pay some allocations to Soroptimists International Diamond Education Grant.

During this lockdown you may be de-cluttering so anything that you don't need that could raise us a small amount of revenue for some of our projects would be really helpful. Please email Lynda with photographs of your object and as much information about it for the listing.

This month 30 welcome packs have been made up for two of the refuges we support and as we write we are awaiting instructions to deliver them. Both refuges are not allowing visitors under the lockdown procedures but we are working together to ensure new residents are allocated our beautiful sustainable toiletries.

At the end of December some of our members did some volunteer planting at Home Farm & George V Recreation Ground along with volunteers from other groups planting in excess of 1000 trees. You saw some photos of this in the December Bulletin. A report of this was included on the SIGBI website with what other clubs were doing.



This photo shows the packets of seeds that will be propagated by some Members for underplanting the trees when they have been planted at Farm Eco

The tree planting committee have also met via zoom to finalise plans for both the Tiny Forest at Screveton and for the two Fruit Tree planting at Greens Windmill.

Dave and his team at Home Farm Screveton are preparing the ground ready for the tree planting. Trees are to be delivered by Woodland Trust at the end of March, but we are restricted from setting a firm date for planting due to Covid restrictions.

At the Windmill, Pear trees of organic origin are currently being sourced and we are very grateful to the Windmill Trust who have offered to fund the trees to a value of about £50-60.

Their gardeners have volunteered their muscle power and time, to prepare the site ahead of the planting & to take care of the trees on our behalf adding to the diversity within the garden, increasing education opportunities and producing beautiful fruit within 2-3 years. Again, we await further relaxation of the current Covid restrictions to make a firm date for the planting but as soon as we are allowed we have plans to make the planting an event to enjoy!

## *Margaret's Moment*

**Club Meeting Monday 15th March at 19.30 via Zoom** As you know, we have booked Colwick Hall Hotel for our celebration tea on Sunday 8th August. However, it was felt that we could not let the actual date (our club was chartered on 16th March 1936) go by without marking it appropriately. So, we are celebrating our charter anniversary with an open club meeting on Monday 15th March at 1930 which Region Officers and members from SIMER clubs will be invited to join. The theme will be: 'Bright Past, Brilliant Future' which we have adopted from the SI Centenary and our Guest Speaker will be Dr Margaret Emsley, Secretary of the Diamond Education Grant, the SIGBI charity which Federation President Johanna has asked us to support this year. Of course, there will be an opportunity to ask Margaret questions. Lynda is doing a presentation on our club projects over the years including some of our current activities, and there may well be the opportunity to raise a glass! So do put the date in your diaries.

## *Audrey's Moments!*

- Website Administrator

**We are looking to appoint someone who can look after the website, a new position but not necessarily on Exec. Please think about this over the break, if you are interested you can**

always phone/email me to discuss (I am going nowhere!). I would suggest you have appropriate IT experience.

- **A woman who inspires me** – I have no hesitation in repeating the information from the last Newsletter.

## MEETING ON **15 FEBRUARY 2021**

### A WOMAN WHO INSPIRES ME

**The aim of this meeting is for as many members as possible to contribute and discuss unusual or lesser-known women who they think have been outstanding in their various fields.**

#### **HOW WILL IT WORK? If you would like to participate:**

1. Think of a woman who really interests/inspires you. The women can be from modern time or historical – I have one of each in mind – hard to choose!
2. Could you talk to club members about her in 5 minutes?
3. Let me know by **As soon as possible** who you would like to talk about.

**Please bear in mind, as it is the meeting after next and I have had only one volunteer so far**

### *Membership News*

It was decided at Exec to send flowers to Pat, who has not been well.

*Birthdays in February* According to my list, there are no birthdays in February. If this is wrong, please let me know

### *Region*

There is no news from Region

### *Dates for your diary*

**Monday 1 February** Club evening of reflection  
**Monday 15 February** A Woman who inspires me (See box above)  
**Monday 1 March.** Programme Action Evening  
**Monday 15 March** Open Meeting celebrating 85 years of Charter  
**Monday 12 April** Getting to know you. Sue L and Viv P.  
**Monday 26 April** AGM

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men inspiring action,  
transforming lives

*And finally*, a new poem from Sue MacF – Thank you Sue

**All I Need**

All I need I have within myself.

I am self-contained with  
All love and compassion,  
Gratitude and grace,  
Forgiveness and respect,  
Honour and care,  
Talents and learning,  
Action and humility,  
Clarity and vision,  
Contentment and anticipation,  
Forgiveness and reflection,  
Inspiration and creativity  
Energy and silence,  
Nourishment and rest

Sometimes, I just have to take a big breath,  
Dig deep and wait ...

I am right here, in the moment.

I am, I have been & I shall be

All I need.

Sue McFarlane (c)

**Keep well and Safe all**

*Audrey*