



**Soroptimist**  
International

Nottingham

# Club Newsletter

## May 2021

### *Programme Action Report*

After the success and excitement of our Miyawaki forest, this month has been less eventful, Programme Action wise.

Three members (Audrey, Viv and Lynda) got together one sunny



afternoon to plant up 6 hanging baskets which had been requested by Umuada Refuge. A few members donated the empty baskets, and the result is shown above. A very enjoyable afternoon spent chatting and planting. Irene has delivered them to the refuge.

After the blister pack recycling scheme was set to finish at the end of May Superdrug have since been given the go ahead to continue with the recycling programme, but it is being taken out of local pharmacies due to pharmacy misuse and Terra-cycle being inundated with blister packs from chemist waste rather than public.

**STOP PRESS!** Terra-cycle is now advertising home & office recycle boxes (with costs) and are now showing products that can be ordered and made with recycled plastics like garden furniture.

You can save your blister packs and we will collect them at our first face to face meeting to take to Superdrug. but in the meantime please don't send them to landfill...Take them to your nearest Superdrug.

Please sign this petition calling for ALL pharmaceutical companies to ensure their own waste is recycled appropriately and accordingly and that they fund it!

<https://www.change.org/.../pharmaceutical-companies...>

You can sign the petition here - <http://chng.it/T4Bdsxf7zc>



Our attention is now focusing on the UN's 16 days of action starting on 25th November. We aim to concentrate on awareness raising about domestic violence. The UN endeavours to 'turn the world orange' over those 16 days. We have persuaded the Council House and Green's Windmill to floodlight their buildings orange and are working on others too. Maybe we could employ a bit of craftivism to help spread the message. We're thinking along the lines of knitting and crocheting items, attaching them to public railings etc and adding info about who we are and what the 16 days is all about.

It would be wonderful if we could have one event for each of the 16 days. If you have ideas and/or want to get involved, please shout out.



Toilet twinning - by the time you read this, our certificate of twinning will have been handed over to Nottingham Playhouse. Big thanks go to Sue MacF for organising this. Here she is joined by Mary, Sue and Margaret on the job. Stuart Smith from the Playhouse accepted the Certificate. We wont mention the celebratory Roja cocktails afterwards (oops!)

Finally Sue Mac has received an email from the Mayor of Rushcliffe, Cllr Sue Mallender about the plaque unveiling at Farm Eco, shown below:-

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Hello Sue,

I hope you and your family are well.

I'd just like to say thank you for inviting me to the unveiling of the plaque for the Miyawaki Forest planting at Farm Eco. It was such a privilege to meet everyone from Nottingham Soroptimists, Farm Eco and all the volunteers involved in the tree planting. I have been in touch with Rachel Richards and she has sent me some photos but if you had any you would like to share, please send to me on the highlighted email address below (the Rushcliffe one blocks attachments unless they are very small!) I hope the forest grows well and look forward to seeing it in a more mature state.

Best wishes

Councillor Sue Mallender Mayor, Rushcliffe Borough Council  
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*Lynda*

*Phew – I thought there was 'nothing much to report' in Programme Action this month. I beg to differ! Many thanks for the update Lynda*

## *Audrey's Moment*

We are now building up to the unveiling of plaques at the 2 pear trees nobly planted by Sue MacF in March. They are to commemorate the 85 birthday of SI Nottingham and the Friendship link with SI Karlsruhe. The trees are planted in the Community Garden at Greens Mill in Sneinton. The Sheriff of Nottingham will unveil the plaques at 11am on Friday 11 June.

This should be a really good Club outing with coffee and cakes afterwards. The Mill is also an interesting place to visit. There is plenty of parking. Further details can be seen on the website

<https://www.greensmill.org.uk/>

Covid regulations say that up to 30 people can meet outside. Please let Sue MacF or Lisa know if you are coming, so we have enough cakes!

## *Dates for your diary*

**Monday 7 June.** Elaine McDonald – Role of the Federation Councillor  
**Monday 21 June** Programme Action Speaker David Rose of FarmEco  
**Saturday 26 June** Region meeting  
**Monday 5 July 2021** Student Journalist award assessments  
**Monday 19 July** Rosie Needham from Emmanuel House

## *And Finally*



No 'And Finally' this month, so here is a picture of some flowers from my garden

*Audrey*