



Celebrating our second year - 2020/21



MAY: We used Zoom to meeting with Soroptimists in Trinidad and Tobago. We chatted about their projects and their experience of the pandemic. The group included Chevonne Agana, now SIGBI membership director



For several months, members continued to sew PPE for local care homes and other settings, as well as raising funds for charities from the sale of masks. Women in Tanzania use the sewing machine we funded to make masks there.



JUNE: At our first post-lockdown gathering, we counted and sorted over 1100 bras over a glass of bubbly. Penny delivered them to Smalls for All who sent them on to women in Africa.



JUNE: A group of us enjoyed meeting up in Bernie's garden to plan our Orange the World event



OPEN GARDENS

11th & 12th
JULY 2020
11.30 – 3.30

56a The Close
Salisbury

Books, Irene's finest jams,
& marmalades for sale
Tea, coffee, juice, cakes and biscuits

All donations to Women's Refuge and Salisbury
Charities

11th July only - the Close Consort will be
playing a range of folk and early music on
recorders, from 14.00 – 15.30

We will be adhering to the guidelines on
social distancing and gatherings!



JULY: We enjoyed a beautiful summer afternoon serving tea and cakes at Jane's Open Garden event with money raised donated to Salisbury Women's Refuge.



AUGUST: Summer picnic at Hilary's to celebrate our first birthday as a club!



SPRING/SUMMER: Her Salisbury Story project team worked on plans, policies and practicalities for the next phase of the project.



Her Salisbury Story

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SEPTEMBER: Her Salisbury Story website was launched!



WINTER/SPRING: The hard work of interviewing, research and publicising the project was underway across a large team of volunteers as part of Her Salisbury Story

ENTERTAINMENT

Project launches website

HISTORY

A PROJECT celebrating the lives of Salisbury's women past and present has launched a new website.

Her Salisbury Story website at hersalisburystory.com launches today (Thursday, September 3).

The National Lottery Heritage funded project run by Soroptimist International of Salisbury aims to bring Salisbury's heritage alive through the exploration of previously hidden women's narratives. 2020 marks the 800th anniversary of Salisbury's foundation. The aim of

the project is to 'write in' women's experiences of Salisbury, ensuring women's contributions are seen and valued as intrinsic to the city and its development.

The story of the initial project launch on International Women's Day in March of this year and previous activities can be found on website.

An exploration of Her Stories will reveal short pen portraits of just a few of the women from both past and present day so far discovered in the team's research.

Coming soon will be Her Footprint which will be a downloadable map

Her Salisbury Story launches new website

of Salisbury, marking the homes and locations associated with the Her Salisbury Story women featured in the project.

A spokesperson for Soroptimist International of Salisbury said: "The project team hopes the

stories of the women so far published will whet lots of appetites to find out more about the project and maybe to get involved. The team hopes that if people know of a significant woman locally who should be featured, they will use

the nomination form on the site to nominate her. "So far, the website only carries articles about a few of the contemporary women the team plans to include. These women and many others will be interviewed when

volunteers have been recruited and trained. "There is a chance for the public to get involved. The website has details on how to volunteer and how to nominate a woman to be featured in the project."

Winner of Salisbury Five vote announced

IT is now my pleasure to announce the winner of The Salisbury Five - Votes For Women, which was a very important part of the recent Salisbury History Festival. It has been refreshing to highlight the lives of Florence White, Lady Hulse, The Spitfire Girls, Lady Jo Benson and Rosemary Squires - all outstanding women in their own right and a credit to the city of Salisbury. The winner is Lady Jo Benson who will be awarded a trophy in the very near future. My thanks go to the researchers who helped write the essays, to



Story. This group aims to bring Salisbury's heritage

27/8/20

Women inspiring action, transforming lives



Soroptimist International of Salisbury 'Her Salisbury Story' Project team at the launch in March

Group is 'staying connected'

MEMBERS of Soroptimist International of Salisbury have been staying connected throughout the Covid-19 crisis and continue to support and connect with projects local, national and international. Salisbury Club President Teresa Wells who took office at an online meeting in April, had already chosen 'Stay Connected' as the theme for her year of office. The choice of the same theme for clubs internationally on the Day of Action was a good fit for Salisbury members.

She said: "My message ... is simple - stay connected. Stay connected and we will emerge from this situation stronger. At an individual level - stay connected with each other. The hand of friendship we offer when you join has never been more important."

She added: "At a club level - stay connected with our charities - they need us more than ever and with the wider Salisbury community - keep sharing what you are doing and what the needs are."

Activities have included supporting the community through making face masks and scrub bags for frontline NHS and care home staff during Covid-19 and supporting the local women's refuge and providing them with essential supplies. The group has collected more than 1,000 recycled bras for 'Smalls for All' to deliver to women in Africa. It is also continuing to plan and develop its Heritage Fund funded project 'Her Salisbury Story' and reimagining it to cope with restrictions.

Thursday October 22, 2020

Throughout the year: Her Salisbury Story was in the Salisbury Journal, as well as Wiltshire Radio, My Salisbury and on Facebook.



Never let it be said that you are unskilled
It takes love, compassion and a very strong will!
Everyone pulling together to do their bit
If caring was easy, everyone would do it!

So we'll continue to fight in our PPE
Our tears still flowing until we cannot see
But we'll keep smiling and do our very best
To stop this virus invading their chest

SEPTEMBER: 3 of our members joined a regional panel to judge a selection of poems written by Carers, as part of the "Poetry in a Pandemic" competition organised by SI North Eastern England.



ALL YEAR: 100+ bags of toiletries were packed and delivered to Durrington ward for women unexpectedly staying in hospital



Jane Garvey from Women's Hour



Baroness Hale – former President of the Supreme Court



Project of the year awards



Dr Sue Black from Tech Mums

OCTOBER: Members joined the first Online SIGBI Conference, hearing from inspirational speakers and learning from the experiences of other clubs

FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER
VIA THE MAGIC OF ZOOM

- COMPETE IN THE COMFORT OF YOUR HOME!
- ENTER AS AN INDIVIDUAL OR AS A TEAM OF UP TO 6
- £5 PER PERSON FOR 2 HOURS OF FACT PACKED FUN!
- PRIZE FOR THE WINNING TEAM / INDIVIDUAL
- ON-LINE AT 7:15 FOR A PROMPT 7:30 START

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK CONTACT
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Quiz night

Proceeds from the evening will be shared between the Salisbury Women's Refuge and Edukaid who are improving education and changing lives in rural Tanzania.

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CHARITY QUIZ

ROUND 1
Powerful Women

ROUND 2
Name That Man!

ROUND 3
Cancelled or Postponed?

ROUND 4
A Bunch of Flowers

COMFORT BREAK & CHARITY PRESENTATIONS

ROUND 5
Who's That Girl?

ROUND 6
From the Library

ROUND 7
Theres No Business Like Show Business

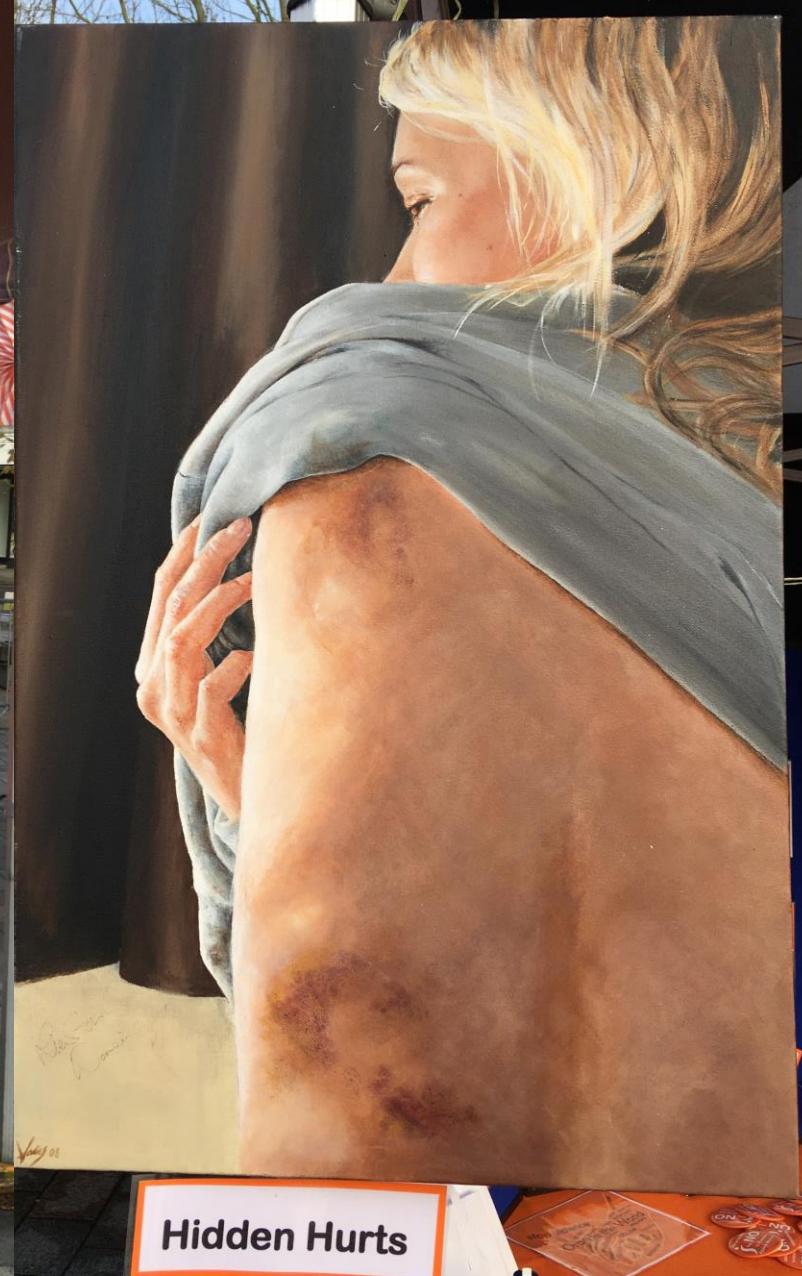
NOVEMBER: We held our first Zoom quiz night with over 100 participants from around the country. We raised £900 which we donated to EdUKaid and Salisbury Women's Refuge.



NOVEMBER: We donated £300 from the quiz to EdUKaid to run this girls club in Tanzania for one year.



NOVEMBER: Members donned orange to mark the UN Women 16 days of activism and we ran a social media campaign throughout this period



DECEMBER: We held a stall on Salisbury Market to draw attention to the issue of domestic abuse and to signpost local services as part of the Orange the World campaign



DECEMBER: We entered an orange Christmas tree in the St Thomas's Church online Christmas Tree Festival – it drew attention to what domestic abuse feels like and to the Orange the World campaign



Domestic Abuse Commissioner

NICOLE JACOBS

Nicole Jacobs
UK Parliament training

DECEMBER: We joined with club members from across the region to listen to the designate Domestic Abuse Commissioner who told us about her priorities in this new role and for the Domestic Abuse Bill

Workshop

People, power, and UK Parliament: An introduction

Suitability: Community and youth groups, Welsh/Cymraeg
Running period: All year
Location: Online
Duration: 30 minutes

[> Book a workshop](#)

£ Free



DECEMBER: We joined with club members from across the region for a training session on the basics of how Parliament works and some ideas on how best to influence MPs and Lords



DECEMBER: We bought knitted decorations. The funds went to EdUKaid, the decorations went in the Silver Salisbury Christmas Stockings





JANUARY: We donated more twiddlemuffs to local dementia care home residents



JANUARY: We met with club members of our new friendship link club SI Chisinau in Moldova.
They kindly sent us traditional martisor decorations to mark International Women's Day



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Play Salisbury City Community Lottery and support our community with a fundraising lottery.


At least 60% from each ticket sold goes to support the Salisbury City area, and there's a chance to win the £25,000 jackpot every week!

[Play the lottery](#)

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FEBRUARY: We joined the new local lottery!



Sunday 7th March
@2 -3pm by Zoom

Inviting all “International women” living in Salisbury

To join us for an *informal*, virtual gathering
to celebrate the international nature
of our community

To mark
International
Women’s Day #IWD

Bring a coffee and a cake or
snack that reminds you of home!

MARCH: We held a Zoom social to bring ‘international women’ living locally together to mark International Women’s Day.

#choosetochallenge

Salisbury Soroptimist Club invites you to join us on

#InternationalWomensDay

to hear the inspirational story of

Victoria Dunford BEM

of MAD_Aid.org.uk

who will tell us how she chose to challenge the
Moldovan government, with stunning results

Monday 8th March @ 7pm, on Zoom

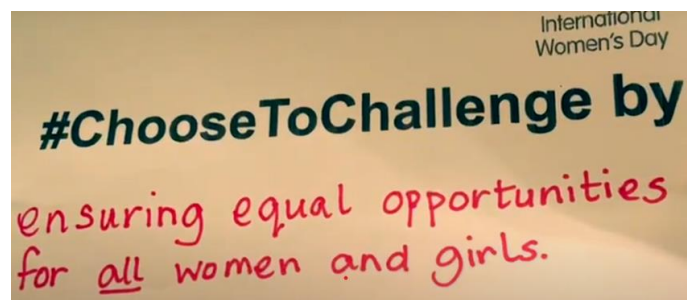
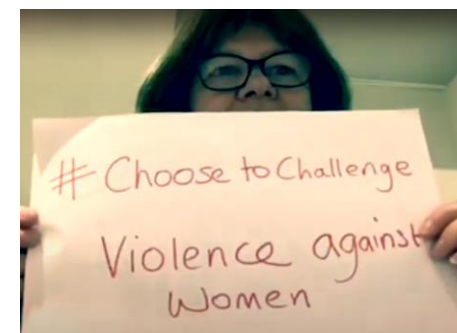


#choosetochallenge

Victoria channelled her anger about poverty and injustice in her home country Moldova, into action.
Overcoming many seemingly impossible challenges, she succeeded in changing the lives of
many children & adults with special needs.

Her story shows that each of us really can make a **Make A Difference** if we **Choose to Challenge!**

MARCH: We were inspired by the story of Victoria Dunford who chose to take on many challenges in
Moldova



MARCH: We made a #choosetochallenge video for International Women's Day



APRIL: We contributed to the baking effort the Silver Salisbury tea delivery to 400 older members of our community.



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*transforming lives***
