Celebrating our second year - 2020/21
MAY: We used Zoom to meet 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.
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.
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
Throughout the year: Her Salisbury Story was in the Salisbury Journal, as well as Wiltshire Radio, My Salisbury and on Facebook.
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.

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 keeping smiling and do our very best
To stop this virus invading their chest
ALL YEAR: 100+ bags of toiletries were packed and delivered to Durrington ward for women unexpectedly staying in hospital
OCTOBER: Members joined the first Online SIGBI Conference, hearing from inspirational speakers and learning from the experiences of other clubs.

- Jane Garvey from Women’s Hour
- Baroness Hale – former President of the Supreme Court
- Dr Sue Black from Tech Mums
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.
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.
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.
DECEMBER: We donated £700 to the refuge to be used to renovate a bathroom. We also donated Christmas presents.
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.
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!
Sunday 7th March @2-3pm by Zoom

Inviting all “International women” living in Salisbury

To mark International Women’s Day #IWD

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

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.
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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Women inspiring action, transforming lives

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