

Patricia Shore MBE

SI Harrogate & District

Pat Shore has proved a very active and committed Soroptimist for over 25 years. Since joining Soroptimist International of Harrogate and District in 1995 Pat has served in many roles; President twice and current Secretary.

As an active member of the Yorkshire Region she also served as Development, Membership & Communications Officer and Regional President. During this active period, she recruited 19 members and chartered the York Ebor Club .

At Federation she was one of the first Teams of Excellence trainers, a Federation Councillor and Federation Friendship Link Officer both for 4 years. More recently Chief Steward at the 2014 Federation Conference in Harrogate, and now busy working as Deputy Chair of the 2021 Llandudno Conference Planning Team.

A totally committed and pro- active Soroptimist. She was made an Honorary Member of the Club in 2014



Daughter of a serving member of H.M Forces, Pat was born in Changi Singapore, attending ten Primary schools. Her early claim to fame was meeting the late Queen Mother and Lord and Lady Baden Powell when a Brownie in Gibraltar. Her family settled in Bolton and it was there she completed her school education at Bolton County Grammar School. A career in Nursing beckoned and Pat started her Nursing career as a Cadet. She trained as a General Nurse, Midwife, Occupational Health Nurse studying at Manchester University, District Nurse and Health Visitor concluding as a specialist nurse for complex patient care for North Yorkshire Health Authority. She combined all this with marriage to John and the birth of her two daughters. Pat was an active member of the Royal College of Nursing; chaired the Discharge Planning Nurses Forum for six years; organising a national conference and spoke at many national conferences.

In 1990 the call of the Yorkshire Rose led her across the Pennines from Red Rose land to Harrogate. Where she has lived and worked for over thirty years. Pat is a compassionate and caring member of the Club. She enjoys the fun and friendship that being a Soroptimist provides and is always looking for an opportunity where Soroptimists can work together, especially in community service. Pat is a great organiser. She was the driving force in the Club to provide Christmas Lights in the town; established the first Christmas Market; set up the Christmas Shop Window Competition; led the design and construction of the Club's Meru Garden at the Harrogate Flower Show, where a silver medal was awarded, and it facilitated the engagement with other Soroptimists throughout the Federation as a Meru Ambassador.

Pat's energy is boundless. She is a volunteer and driver of the Club Service Projects including: Contact the Elderly (Re-Engage): past Trustee for Cross Roads Care and past Chair of Harrogate Arthritis Care. Whilst she was Chair of the Harrogate & Craven Citizens Advice Bureau she demonstrated her political skill and determination that led to the commissioning and building of a new £100,000 CAB office building in Harrogate, opened by HRH the Princess Royal. She also led the merging of 3 CABs across Harrogate, Ripon and Skipton. Pat is now a volunteer guide at the Royal Hall. Pat's determined efforts in the Community were nationally recognised when Prince William presented her with the MBE in 2019. A very worthy recipient.