



## 2019 Bowls Tournament SI Crosby Triumph



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## Message from President Sue

*I cannot believe that 10 months of my Presidency have passed! The work project in Myanmar was supposed to be concluded in April but it continues to swallow my time!*

*The hospitality at your Charter celebrations has been a delight – many thanks to Manchester, Warrington, Southport, Wigan, Ashton-u-Lyne and Widnes. Fun food and friendship were also shared at Widnes's Presidents Party, Manchester's Fashion Show and the Benevolent Fund Tea hosted by Southport, some of the best opportunities to meet members. Soroptimister Jeff has also enjoyed all of his official duties!*

*This is how I appeared in Gulnaz Brennan's book '100 Women Stories to Uplift, Empower & Inspire'! (Photo by Phil Garlington)*



*I hope I took full advantage of my chance to showcase Soroptimism –Alison Driver, President of the North West England & Isle of Man Region, is also included. My plan is to continue to work with Gulnaz to promote Soroptimism, maybe being involved in the 'She Inspires' awards next year. (Margaret Emsley was 'Highly Commended' in the 'Women in STEM' category this year).*

*In July nine Soroptimists from the region headed to Kuala Lumpur for the 21<sup>st</sup> International Convention. It was an exhilarating, inspirational but exhausting three days! I'm afraid that I failed in my attempt to organise an SLR group photo – I will forever refer to 'herding Soroptimists' rather than 'kittens' to explain the impossible task! Perhaps you could send me your photos including some of us so that I can do a collage?*



*Last weekend I witnessed true Soroptimist spirit when 'hail, rain & shine' greeted the Bowls Final. I was also impressed by some of the turns of speed as we headed for cover! ..... I think a special award should go to Dorcas, my 'she-ro', smiling through her efforts to keep warm & dry! Thanks for all of the organising and effort ladies - Congratulations to all those who took part.*

*What do I have in store for the rest of my year? ....The New Members Lunch, my tasks include compiling the table quiz & arranging for your 'Rose Bowl Challenge' entries to be judged in time for the presentation.....Stockport's Charter Lunch, sadly my last for the year.....visiting Bootle Club to meet their new members....attending St Helens Coffee morning..... anything else?*

*Hope to see you in Bournemouth!*

## Club News from around the Region

### SI BOLTON launch new award for young achievers

Soroptimist International Bolton is celebrating 80 years of service by launching this special award for girls aged between 11 and 17 years of age on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and who live in Bolton.

President Carole Swarbrick explained: "We wanted to recognise and celebrate the many Bolton young women and girls who are achieving goals and realising their aspirations in line with the global aims of Soroptimist International.

"The person we are looking for will demonstrate that she is having a positive impact on others as a volunteer or through service to school, family and friends or that she is achieving personal goals through academic subjects or sport."

The winner will receive an engraved trophy to display for a year and a smaller trophy to keep, plus a certificate and £100 in vouchers. Nominations need to be submitted by July 19 by email to [swarbrick778@btinternet.com](mailto:swarbrick778@btinternet.com)

The award was launched by the Mayor of Bolton, Cllr Hilary Fairclough, who said it was a "wonderful idea" and the story was featured in the Bolton News.



*The Mayor of Bolton, Cllr Hilary Fairclough (centre) holding the new award, with, from left, Bolton Soroptimists' President Carole Swarbrick, The Mayor's Consort Don Fairclough and Soroptimists Jean Mort and Eileen Watson*

### SI LEIGH & DISTRICT – Red Box Legacy & The Basic Kindness Project



Following the success of The Red Box Project, and the Government's commitment to fund free period products in all schools and colleges from early 2020, Leigh Soroptimists were invited to share their experiences with this local Young Women's Group - "Making Herstory" who are now undertaking a similar venture.

The Club has taken the decision to continue to support out of school provision for period products in their community. This new project will also provide basic hygiene essentials for people in crisis, with the aim of improving their self-esteem and personal well-being.

The Basic Kindness Boxes will contain roll on deodorant; soap; body wash; shampoo; conditioner; toothpaste; tooth brush; cleansing wipes.

The project runs on community kindness, we need businesses to host a donation point so that members of the community can donate products to help those most in need. Boxes will be placed in Start Well Family Centres, High Schools and various Community Hubs. This project is about self-esteem and discretion and will be used to maintain the recipient's dignity.



## SI BOOTLE Mental Health Awareness Week 12-19<sup>th</sup> May 2019

The week began with a very interesting and educational discussion led by Dr. Sriya Kulupana who is a Medical Forensic Psychiatrist and our Club Programme Action Officer.

Sriya provided literature including the very helpful publication "This is Me" with particular reference to Alzheimer's; one of the many mental health conditions coming under the term of Dementia.



During the week, members enjoyed a trip on the canal boat Pride of Sefton 2 through the dock system into Mann Island at the Pier Head. Due to vandalism on the Leeds – Liverpool canal locks, the boat marooned in Collingwood Dock. Hey! Ho! we decided it would be different scenery, but we would still be able to raise awareness of the many conditions the umbrella term "Mental Health" covers.

It was a beautiful day with people enjoying walking, talking and "al fresco" dining. Members took the opportunity to speak to the general public, mainly visitors to the area, who were extremely interested in "who we are" and "what we do". Information leaflets were given out with contact details of nationwide organisations able to give support and provide professional help.



We met with members of the "Tim Parry Peace Organisation" who thought our organisation was doing great things, but had not heard of us! As usual the public were also generally unaware of S.I. so information was given as to where they could find their local club (including S. I. Europe). We wonder if S. I. Warrington and St. Helens have had any enquiries? Fingers crossed.

Pictured: members of S.I. Bootle and Dave (crew)

## SI WIDNES CELEBRATE 75 YEARS & HONOUR TWO DEDICATED SOROPTIMISTS

S. I. Widnes held their 75th Charter Lunch on Sunday 7 July 2019. It was a glorious sunny day, setting the scene for an afternoon of friendship, food and entertainment.



Members Lilian Woodstock and Barbara Jamieson (pictured left) were presented with long service certificates by Regional President Sue Underwood for 40 years and 25 years' dedicated service.

After lunch, members and guests, which included the Mayor and President of SI Liverpool, Mary Andrews, gathered outside for a photo



*Story & photos courtesy of Wendy Ross-Barker (SI Widnes)*

## Crosby's Soroptimists 'did the double' in this year's regional bowls competition

Story & photos courtesy of Jenny Stanistreet (SI Crosby)



Six clubs in South Lancashire Region competed this season for the team trophy. After a summer of keenly-fought matches, SI Crosby's points total topped the table.

On 'finals day' individual high-scoring bowlers from four clubs (Southport, Liverpool, Leigh & District and Crosby) played in a knock-out competition for the Tricia Fahey Trophy.



The final game was between Rosemary Moore (SI Southport) and Sandy Taylor (SI Crosby). It was nip-and-tuck all the way until Sandy scored two points to win.

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Dot Massey (SI Southport) was again the season's co-ordinator. "The bowls competition is a well-established tradition in South Lancashire", she said. "Once again, we were able to use the greens at Pennington Park, Leigh: all credit to local Soroptimists who made the arrangements. Our bowlers 'play to win' but the matches are also opportunities to get to know Soroptimists in many other clubs. There are friendships all across the Region, thanks to bowls."

