

New Year is always a time to look back on the events of the previous year and forward to new horizons. 2016 was a special year in which we celebrated the Club's forty years of existence and took stock of all that had been achieved by the members in the past. Jennie Cracknell became our 2016-17 President in May 2016, with a continued focus on 'Informing to Enable'. Claire Cain of 'Women in Prison' and Yvonne Collins of 'Dementia UK' were two invited speakers in 2016 who illustrated eloquently the power of being well-informed. We also raised well over £2000 for charitable projects, in cooperation with our sister club in Weybridge.

Now we look forward to a new year of awareness- and fund-raising and informative speakers. We will continue to encourage girls to take up STEM subjects with participation in a STEM challenge for schools to be judged in March 2017. We also plan to contribute to Surrey History Centre's 2017-18 project to celebrate the centenary of women gaining the vote, in addition to all the other projects we regularly support.



Soroptimist International of Woking & District
 Celebrating 40 years of social action – 1976-2016



We welcome new members to our lively Club -
 Email siwokinganddistrict@gmail.com
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BRIDGE & AFTERNOON TEA FOR yourSanctuary

Keen local bridge players showed their hand and proved once again that cards and cakes can be a winning strategy.

Our Bridge with Afternoon Tea event, organised jointly with Weybridge Soroptimists in October 2016, raised £633 for yourSanctuary. This charity works in Surrey to prevent domestic abuse and undo the damage it does to individuals, families and communities. yourSanctuary runs two refuges in Surrey and provides a wide range of other forms of help.

Our event was timed to coincide with National Domestic Abuse Awareness Week and the funds raised were earmarked for the yourSanctuary 24-hour helpline (01483 776822), which received over 2000 calls last year.



Dinner Speakers:

Elaine Evans
 Mary's Meals update
 07 February 2017
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Anne Everitt
 The Sensory Garden, Normandy
 07 March 2017
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AGM
 25 April 2017

Events:

08 March 2017
 International Women's Day

04 April 2017
 Open Evening
 Modern Slavery

Invitation to Open Evening. All welcome.

Open Evening: Modern Slavery

Speakers from the following organisations:

Salvation Army
 Purple Teardrop Campaign
 Surrey Police Service

Tuesday, 04 April 2017
 07.45 for 8.00pm
 Maybury Centre, 27 Board School Road,
 Woking GU21 5HD

2017-18 Programme

'Informing to Enable'

Financial and service support for:

- * No! FGM Safe House in Tanzania
- * VIP internship in South Africa
- * Mary's Meals
- * yourSanctuary
- * Mamelodi Project, S. Africa
- * Send Family Link
- * Kingfield School, Woking
- * Girlguiding in Woking Borough
- * Liaise Women's Centre
- * Purple Community Fund