

A Busy Year So Far...

The first half of the calendar year kept Woking Soroptimists extremely busy. In January, we held an awareness-raising evening about the government's 'Dementia Friends' initiative. In February we held a Pig-Racing evening, raising £640 for Let's Read. In March Soroptimists gathered on the Bedser Bridge to celebrate International Women's Day. In April we marked the end of our Soroptimist year with a cheese and wine party that raised £355 for yourSanctuary. In May we held a book sale to raise funds for Samber (Riding for the Disabled) and, together with SI Weybridge, organised the third edition of our successful Tea & Temptations event that raised £1659.50 for the Birthing in the Gambia project. We also collected old shoes for the Unicef project in aid of vulnerable children and were represented at the Byfleet Blooms Flower Festival in June.

After our Summer Break we will be focusing on raising awareness about endometriosis, the chronic disease that affects so many women. We are also planning to hold an information meeting, jointly with Amnesty International, about female genital mutilation in Tanzania.

Why not come along to one of our events and find out more about what we do?

Barbara H. Wilson, President SIWD



Images to remind us of summer -

Summer clothes modelled at our Afternoon Tea & Fashion Show: Happy rider and Samber volunteers at the 2013 summer gymkhana: Summer flowers from the Byfleet Blooms Flower Festival.



Next Dinner Speakers:
Jackie Theobald, SIWD
Women in Woking in 1914,
2 September 2014

Tammy Ellis, Art Historian,
7 October 2014

Speaker tbc
4 November 2014

National Conference:
Harrogate, 6-8 November 2014
'Women Leading Change
Together'

We were delighted to be able to support Samber, a local charity that gives riding lessons to children with disabilities from three schools in the borough. The money we raised from a booksale kindly hosted by Hoebridge Golf Centre and from other donations contributed to the cost of Samber's 2014 Gymkhana. Samber (Riding for the Disabled) is based at Langshot Equestrian Centre in Chobham. Dedicated volunteers give free riding lessons to children with disabilities aged 3-11. More information available from www.samber-rda.org.uk

2013-14 Programme 'Supporting Women Near and Far'

£2700 raised for:

- * The BIG Project
- * Let's Read
- * See Solar-Cook Solar
- * Water Aid
- * yourSanctuary
- * Mamelodi Project, S.Africa
- * Send Prison Family Link

Active service support for:

- * yourSanctuary
- * Let's Read
- * Kingfield School, Woking
- * Send Prison Family Link
- * Face the Future
- * Mary's Meals