



At our AGM in at the end of April, we reviewed a very successful year under the leadership of outgoing President Jan Perrot, which included winning the Club of the Year Award and, together with our sister club in Weybridge, donating over £2,000 to charity.

We also welcomed Jennie Cracknell as our 2016-17 President. Her first and very pleasant task is to lead the celebrations at our 40th Anniversary Charter Lunch at the end of July. Hard to believe, but our Club has been active and flourishing in Woking since 1976.

In September we will be resuming our programme of events with continued support for local charities, the VIP and the Meru Women's Garden Projects. A new focus will also be the Purple Community Fund during 2016-17.

We did it again!



The fourth edition of our highly successful **'Tea & Temptations'** in Ripley in May saw the members of SI Woking and SI Weybridge strike a fashion pose and also produce a superlative example of that great British institution, the afternoon tea, for the fourth time. We were supported by local clothing retailers Betty and Claude of Chobham, Mad Jak of Shere and Phase Eight of Weybridge. 'Simply Send' textile products from Send Women's Prison, items made from recycled drinks cartons by a charity in the Philippines, handbags from Flutterby Chic and jewellery from Just Jewellery + Things were also on sale. **The result: a massive £1600 for the Meru Women's Garden Project**, which aims to improve the self-sufficiency and income of women in the Meru area of Kenya.



SUPPORT FOR THE MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE ASSOCIATION



Our 2015-16 President, Jan Perrot, chose the MND Association for her special charity. Our two special events:

Wine-tasting in a Summer Garden last August...

...and a fun, fluffy pink Pig Racing Evening in March

produced over £800 for the charity.



Dinner Speakers:

Claire Dee,
Claire Dee Communications
6 September 2016
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Yvonne Collins
Dementia UK
4 October 2016
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Claire Brown
Plant Passions
1 November 2016

Louise Punter
Surrey Chamber of Commerce
3 January 2017

Event:
Fundraising for yourSanctuary:
Bridge Tea Afternoon
12 October 2016

Inspiring the next generation
of female mathematicians,
scientists and engineers.



Join us at Parkview Centre for the
Community in Sheerwater, on
International Women's Day
Tuesday 8 March, from 6pm
From tunnel excavation to satellite
technology, four engaging female
speakers combine to give an insight
into their exciting and varied careers.
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To celebrate **International Women's Day 2016**, we helped Woking Borough Council to organise an Open Meeting to encourage girls and young women to take up STEM—science, technology, engineering and mathematics—based—careers.

Jane Walker MBE, who founded the Philippine Community Fund, came to talk to Woking Soroptimists on 5th April 2016. She described how she started the Fund (now Purple Community Fund) to help children scratching a living on the rubbish dumps of Manila.

Her holistic approach based on education, nutrition and self-sufficiency (our photo shows Jane holding a handbag made from ring-pulls sold by PCF) is now



**PURPLE
COMMUNITY
FUND**

2016-17 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

We welcome new members - please come to one of our Dinner Meetings and see if you would like to join us.

Email or use the [Contact Form](#) on our website and our Membership Officer will soon be in touch.