

Newsletter for South West & Channel Islands Region

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REGIONAL AGM AND CONFERENCE 2015

<http://sigbi.org/swci/regional-agm-2015/>

A very warm Cornish welcome awaits you at the Kingsley Village Conference Centre on Saturday 20th June for our 75th Regional AGM and Conference. Hopefully you have all seen the invitations and details of what will be a Friendship Weekend/AGM and Conference. Many of you have already booked and

whether it be the weekend or the AGM and Conference, myself and members of SI St. Austell look forward to greeting you. A reminder of all the arrangements is on our Regional website.

BOOKING SECRETARY Libby's email is libby.moore@btconnect.com which should be used for all bookings/enquiries.

GOLF - There have been enquiries from members who are bringing their husbands for the weekend, whether a game of golf can be arranged on the Saturday. I am pleased to say that this is in hand and if

you haven't already made yourself known on the booking forms, kindly let Libby, the conference secretary know!

WATERAID - We invite all Club Treasurers (or a representative of your Club) to please bring along the blue coin pouches, (or a cheque made payable to 'SI South West & Channel Islands' if more convenient) to the conference. We will be organising a special photoshoot for the regional project donations. Many thanks in advance!

CLUB BANNERS - We invite all Clubs to please bring their Club pull up banners with them as we would very much like to display them at the conference. SI St. Austell members will be on hand to assist with carrying, if needed.

'WHO'S COLLECTING WHAT AND FOR WHOM' - Our Regional Vice President Daphne has done a wonderful job co-ordinating the 'who's collecting what and for whom' list and has asked for each Club secretary to circulate the current list for your information. Please feel free to bring along items, as per Daphne's list. There will be an area designated for Daphne's collectables!!

BLANKETS! One of our guest speakers is Pauline Giles, a cancer survivor, who has founded her very own charity, Bosum Buddies, and has an incredible story to tell. To help raise funds for her charity work she invites anyone who has any unwanted textiles, particularly blankets, (which I know some charities cannot accept), to bring along on the day where there will be a collecting bin!

PROGRAMME ACTION DISPLAYS - As our conference hall has oodles of space, we would very much like each Club, if appropriate, to bring along a display board with photographs and information about your programme action work. Again SI St. Austell members will be on hand to help you with any carrying and there is also a lift to the conference area.

We indeed have a full programme of speakers and presentations for our conference day and of course we are very much looking forward to hearing our keynote speaker, International Programme Director, **Hilary Ratcliffe**. I sincerely hope you will all come along to this beautiful part of our region and enjoy a day of inspiration, dedication and friendship.

RP Kay.

In support of
WaterAid



**Regional Meetings are held at
The Catholic Centre,
Taunton.**

**2015
19th September - 3rd Meeting**

**Guest speaker Laura Redhead -
Environment & Sustainability APD
&
WaterAid Cheque Presentation.**

Congratulations!

May I take this opportunity to congratulate our newly installed Club Presidents around the region. Whether you have taken office on your own, as a joint president or indeed one of eleven(!). Please accept my sincere congratulations and I wish you every success for your year. I look forward to seeing you and meeting you at the Regional AGM and conference. Kindly note that during the conference I hope to organise a group photograph with the Club Presidents.

RP Kay.

Federation Councillor - Wendy Plaice - a few reminders

This year clubs need to return a Company Membership form to Federation Office.

Please look at the Candidates for the Federation Ballots and vote where appropriate.

Remember to book for the Glasgow Conference. Any problems using the new database?

The long list of projects submitted for the new SIGBI project is on the SIGBI website under 'latest News'.

There is a new 'Making a difference Booklet' coming out. The Board would like to know how clubs used the first one. Please could you let me know.

An online survey about the future of Soroptimist news will be out shortly. Please encourage all members to respond, using 'mailing buddies' for those without email.

Would those members from this Region going to the International Convention in Istanbul please let me know.

**Future Dates for your Diary
2015 – 2016**

21st November 2015- Regional Meeting

12th March 2016 - Regional Meeting

25th June 2016 - Regional AGM

24th September 2016 - Regional Meeting

Pres Elect Di Steele

2016 - 2017

26th November 2016 - Regional Meeting

25th March 2017 - Regional Meeting

17th June 2017 - Regional AGM

(Friendship Weekend - Tiverton Best

Western Hotel - Friday 16th June -

Sunday 18th June 2017)

23rd September 2017 - Regional Meeting

Vice Pres Daphne Dowsing

Polite Reminder!

Can you please forward your **Annual Club Reports** to me by the 30th May in order for me to compile my report for the AGM. Thank you to everyone who has already done so, but I am still awaiting quite a few.

Your co-operation is very much appreciated.

Di Steele - Regional President Elect.

NEPAL

May 1, on behalf of the SW & CI region, thank everyone who has supported and contributed in any way to the SIGBI Emergency Relief Fund following the earthquakes in Nepal. It is unbelievable that our sisters and colleagues in SI Kathmandu after the shock of experiencing an earthquake just 12 days ago, have experienced a second one. It is devastating to hear the news every day and the suffering and loss of so many families, from Nepal and areas nearby.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone affected by this natural disaster and hope that the many agencies and organisations working and reporting there stay safe and out of harm's way, in order to provide the country with much needed provisions, water and hope.

RP Kay.



Charlestown - Home of Poldark!

Opportunity!

It is not too late to put your name down for the SIGBI Leadership and Club Development Day at Nottingham on October 3rd. As well as information regarding Leadership and Public Speaking skills, Andrew Dewhurst of Affilius will be in attendance regarding the SIGBI Growth Development Plan. Please contact your Club secretary and Regional Secretary Audrey. Cost £35.

Regional Posts 2015 -2016

Thank you to those who have put their names forward for the posts previously listed. The closing date for nominations is 30th May 2015. Nominees and voting details will be circulated to Clubs soon.



Joint Presidents of St Austell & District, Jane & Maggie look forward to welcoming you to Cornwall for the Regional AGM & Conference.

GLASGOW CONFERENCE

5TH - 8TH November 2015

Early Bird Registration ends 30th June - **BOOK NOW**

*Be the kind of woman that makes other women want to be you.
'Topaz'*