



SI Weston –super -Mare

Newsletter for Winter, 2010

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A day at Skirting Science



Cardiff 2009

SI Weston-super-Mare
March 13, 2009
Ruth Thomas



In October 2009, at our Annual Conference in Cardiff, Ruth Thomas presented the club project which was to encourage girls to study sciences. This was done with the involvement of schools in North Somerset.

20 interactive workshops were set up with people from industry and universities. 200 girls participated with each girl attending three workshops.



Friendship visit with SI Thames Valley to Bowood House.



Sunday, 27th September, 2009.

Bowood House is a stately home

not far from Chippenham. It has been owned by the Lansdowne family since 1754 and it is still their family home. The grounds, which were designed by "Capability Brown", are fully available for exploration.

Four SI Weston-super-Mare Ladies and one Soroptimister met the nine SI Thames valley ladies in the coffee house on a sunny Sunday morning to plan the day. (Some of us, but not all, managed to resist the cakes!) We decided on a gentle stroll through the beautiful grounds before meeting up in the dinning room in the house for a delicious Sunday lunch. Only then did we feel up to



exploring the House. The contents of the House are full of surprises. There is Napoleon's death mask, paintings by Turner and the

actual laboratory in which Priestley discovered oxygen, to name but three. All in all, it was a day full of fascination, friendship and (of course) food! A great day out.

CHRISTMAS GOODIES

Tuesday 1st December: Christmas Goodies at Linda's raised over £300.

60th Club anniversary of SI Aabenraa

On Thursday 12th November 2009

Danielle, Heather, Ruth and Joan left very early to catch their flight to Billund via Amsterdam, to be met by Norma and transported to our first lunch date in the luxury of Karsten's car.

Friday, after breakfast and in pouring rain we all met with President Benthe, Tila, Benthe and others at the Christmas barn.



Norma Hundborg

Saturday, an early start as we had to be at the Folkehjem, Haderslevve, for 10.30am.

The tables were laid and we each joined a separate table for the rest of the afternoon. Joan was fortunate enough to meet (again) with SI International President Hanne, Union President Tove and Elisbeth Hass project Sierra lead for the European Union. After a superb lunch, speeches, entertainment and again singing we left



International President



President Benthe

for a short break and to meet later for supper in the restaurant and of course more wine and

singing.

Sunday, an early start to catch the flight home via Amsterdam goodbye to our hosts and to be met at Bristol by our respective chauffeurs.

A superb weekend making new friends and meeting with old ones bringing back lots of hugs for those Soroptimists from Weston who could not come on this visit. I hope we will be able to repay the hospitality in the coming years.

The Women's Project is a local charity and was set up in 1993 by a group of women. Since 1997 it has worked to promote awareness of domestic abuse and to help create services for women and children in the area.

We offer subsidised counseling which for the time being is free but can be charged at £5 per session. Over 300 women have benefited from our qualified counselors help. We also provide emergency funds for women who need small amounts of money when they leave a violent situation. We can direct women to the rights agency to help them and of course provide a listening ear.

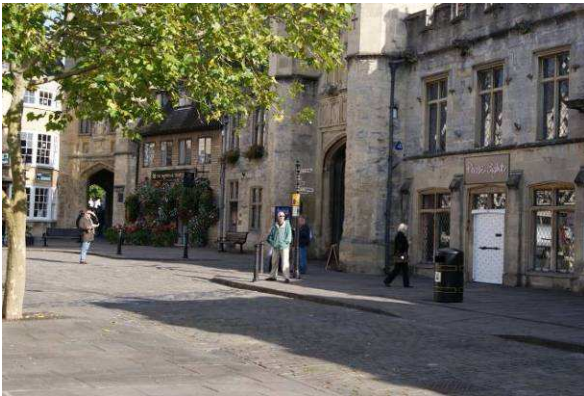
Did you know? One in four women experience abuse within a relationship, many women suffer in silence and behind close doors.

The Women's Project is a membership organisation open to all women in North Somerset. We rely on donations, fundraising and help on our management Committee which meets monthly. We welcome any help and support that is offered.

Article from Maxim who is involved with the Project with Liz Bell

Wells Walking Treasure Hunt Sunday 18th October

The weather was perfect, the participants were friendly and the coffee at the Beah Restaurant was excellent



We set off from Wells Tourist Information



Maxine and Wayne leading the way!! Or not!!

Everyone did exceptionally well – we met at the Globe Inn where we were able to sit together and eat our roast dinner – it was a very sociable day out.

Shelagh and her team were the winning team, and we raised just over £60.