

Focus Magazine Article - November 2015

Macmillan Coffee Morning.

A big thank you to all who supported our 'Coffee and Cakes' morning at the Crofters Hotel last month, we raised £185.00.

Garstang Soroptimists – contribution to Christmas Lights.

As the Festive Season creeps ever nearer Garstang Soroptimists are, once again, gathering items together to fill a **Christmas Hamper**, members of Garstang Chamber of Trade will be selling raffle tickets in the run up to the Victorian Festival nights, and during both Victorian evenings.

Our thanks go to 'Iced' High Street cake shop who will kindly be displaying the hamper in their window prior to these evenings.

All monies raised will go towards the cost of the Christmas lights.

Members of the Garstang club will, as usual, be manning our **Parched Pea stall** on the High Street 7th and 8th December! More about this next month.

Project News

Our continued thanks go to all those who have kindly donated children's clothes, school pens, pencils, note books, back packs, and other items on our list. This month I would like to ask you to look in your **shoe cupboard** for any out grown **Flip Flops** which are still in good condition after the summer months. As you will appreciate we find these very difficult to source as winter approaches. Our Back Packs go to African regions and Flip Flops are the most suitable economic footwear for these children. The packs cover both boys and girls in **age groups 3-4 up to 12-13years.**

The Mustard Seed Café – opposite the Wheatsheaf Pub, Garstang – is kindly continuing to act as our drop off point in town. They are open 10.0am to 2.00pm Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Or you can ring 01995 606604 to arrange collection/drop off. Thank you.

Toilet Twinning

We have now collected enough money to twin with three toilets - I will let my 'Focus followers' know when we have all the details of where and who the twins will be!

Friendship

Our strap line **Women inspiring action, transforming lives** forms the basis of our work, but equally friendship is key to our organisation. Each year we set aside one of our social meetings for a 'Friendship Evening' where we invite approximately three members from each of the 15 clubs in this area, to join us for fun, friendship and supper. Each of the clubs hold one of these evenings in their year which means that we get the chance to form new friendships and enjoy existing ones.

Our November social meeting will be our Friendship Night held at Cabus Village Hall where you will hear much laughter as we play Bag Whist, before supper.

There's a lot more to being a Soroptimist than standing on a stall on a cold day! Why not take a look at the bigger picture by visiting www.sigarstang.org.uk or follow us on www.twitter.com/GarstangSorop or www.facebook.com/SoroptimistGarstang