



## Garstang Soroptimists

*Women inspiring action,  
transforming lives*

### ***A Month of Celebration! Garstang Soroptimists win the Carnforth Award***

At our recent Regional Lunch, held at the Crofters Hotel Garstang, members were delighted as they were announced the winners of the Carnforth Award. This trophy is awarded to the northwest club with the best five year ongoing project. Regular Focus readers will not be surprised to hear that our project was Mary's Meals: Backpack Project. We would like to say a big thank you to Focus readers, club members and their families and friends, we couldn't have done it without you! A special thanks goes to Forton and St Francis Goosnargh primary schools, and the Mustard Seed café for their long-term support.

**Carnforth Trophy?** When the Carnforth club had to close some years ago, it was faced with the problem of what to do with the presidents Chain of Office which had been designed and made by Barbara Winkfield, a silversmith, artist, jeweller, and former member of the club. It was decided to separate the individually designed links, mount and frame them to form this annual award.

At our meeting on 12 July President Susan was delighted to install Kathy Osborn as a new member of Garstang Soroptimists, pictured here with Susan holding the Carnforth Trophy.

### ***New Northwest Soroptimist Club Chartered***

On 4 July members of the region gathered in Preston to witness and celebrate the chartering of a new soroptimist club. The club will be known as SI Amounderness, it is new in its concept as well as its name – club members are spread across the region, they will not hold regular meetings at a set location. They will co-ordinate their work using the internet and modern technology and will meet as necessary at mutually convenient locations.

### ***'Classrooms in the Clouds'***

At our recent Bric-a-Brac stall in Garstang we raised £189 for this charity mentioned in last month's Focus, thank you to everyone who came to pick up a bargain.

### ***Time Out!***

After a busy year Garstang members are having a day off. Starting with a glass of bubbly at the Crofters Hotel, then hopping into a mini bus, we are going to Manchester for a light lunch before taking our seats at the Palace Theatre to see 'Dirty Dancing'. We have no formal meetings in August which gives us time for friendship and social get-togethers, an important part of being a Soroptimist.

Why don't you join this boundless network? ***It could be the best thing you've ever done!***

We meet twice a month at the Garstang Hotel and Golf Club. 7.30pm, on the second and fourth Wednesday (but not in August). Interested ladies from throughout the Over Wyre and Garstang district are always very welcome.

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Take a look at what we do:

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Please drop off your used Back Packs at- The Mustard Seed Café, Park Hill Road (Opposite the Wheat Sheaf Pub) - open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 10.00am to 2.00pm.