

Focus Magazine Article - March 2017

Garstang Soroptimists

*Women inspiring action,
transforming lives*



Out and About

After our information day on 21 January in Booths supermarket in Garstang, our display was welcomed into Garstang Library – from its prominent position in the foyer it created interest, and offered a short question and answer session on the following Friday when three of our members went along to meet any interested ladies. The Knit and Natter group did not halt their needles, but listened in to our brief session as they worked; it was a pleasure to meet these ladies afterwards and to leave contact details with them.

I would love to meet the ladies who showed an interest in our work at our next meeting, just come along or give me a ring to arrange to meet beforehand.

It's Just Not True

Speaking to a mix of ladies during these events we found that many people still think of Soroptimists as elitist groups of professional ladies; **this is not true!** And has **not been the case for over twenty years!** Present day Soroptimist clubs are formed by groups of women from all walks of life – volunteer workers, housewives, workers from all levels of employment.

If you are interested in improving the lives of women and girls locally, and globally, you would be a good, happy, soroptimist – You don't **have** to be young, you don't **need** to be old! Just bring your enthusiasm and enjoy being a member of our club. We welcome women from the whole of the Over-Wyre and Garstang area.

Celebrating International Women's Day March 8th/ the Marie Curie Daffodil Campaign

This year our club is marking International Women's Day by raising funds among the members for Marie Curie. One of our members who is a bit of a whizz with her knitting needles has been busy knitting lovely bright yellow daffodils – members will buy these at our next meeting and wear them at our business meeting on 8 March. The money that we raise from these and a raffle will be sent to Marie Curie.

Facebook!!!

Our February social meeting will be a mix of work and play as we enjoy a meal first followed by a session of tuition on exploring the joys and pitfalls of engaging with Facebook!

Backpacks update: This week we sent off another ten backpacks bringing our total to 223.

March - Looking ahead to March, we plan to raise a laugh or two as our guest speaker Dennis Moore explains how humour is good for our health in his presentation 'Laughter, the Best Medicine'

Why don't you consider joining 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. Interested ladies and new members from throughout the Over Wyre and Garstang district are always very welcome. Please give me a ring and have a chat and/or arrange a visit.

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

Take a look at what we do:

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