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Happy New Year to all our friends and supporters.

What a fabulous turnout for the Garstang Victorian Festival nights back in December!! We cooked and sold over 300 pots of parched peas and made **£165.00** for **Water Aid** to help support their work providing clean water and sanitation in poor communities in Africa. The **Christmas Hamper** provided by us to raise funds towards the Garstang Christmas lights **raised £191.00**. See photos and comments on www.facebook.com/SoroptimistGarstang, www.sigarstang.org.uk or follow us on www.twitter.com/GarstangSorop. **Thank you again, for your support.**

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS? *Have you made any?* Could it be that you have decided to go out more, make more friends? Have you decided to expand your business and professional networks, get involved in a bit of charity work, DO something really worthwhile? **How would you like to join the largest women's service organisation in the world?**

Garstang Soroptimist Club would love to **welcome you**. Whether you are a new resident in the Garstang or Over Wyre District and looking to join a social group of women whose main focus is to improve the lives of women and girls, locally and globally, and to have fun whilst doing it (***Soroptimists really do make a difference!***), or maybe you are a local resident who knows about us but just hasn't got around to contacting us yet. **Please pick up the phone, come and meet us** – we are a friendly and diverse group of women. We have new members, and long standing ones, all of whom are eager to see you. We meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays in the month at the Garstang Golf and Country Club 7.30pm (or in the bar beforehand for a snack and/or drink).

Take a look at our information leaflet, maybe your friend or neighbour would like to come with you to one of our meetings, why not take it out and pass it on?

Backpack update

As we roll into 2016 we will be continuing with this truly worthwhile project. The Backpacks that you help us to fill gives the priceless gift of education to children who live in poverty – this is their way out. Our continued thanks go to the Mustard Seed Café, Methodist Church, Park Hill Road, Garstang, for continuing to act as our 'drop off' point for your donated items in 2016. I look forward to giving you a more detailed up date in the February edition of Focus.