

## Garstang Soroptimists

*Women inspiring action,  
transforming lives*



### ***Mary's Meals update***

As many of you will know this is our President Annemarie's charity until the end of our year in April. Mary's Meals works in 12 countries across Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. Our club members have been filling special money boxes donating a coin whenever they have a food treat in their own lives, holding charity events, and of course, cooking peas! The club members have had great fun representing their achievements visually by the use of decorated paper plates which have been displayed with pride at their social functions. One plate represents one child fed for a whole school year.

*A super start to the New Year!* The beginning of 2017 found members enjoying a delicious lunch, provided, and hosted by one of our members at her home – members were simply asked to make a donation to Mary's Meals. This event pushed our total to **over one hundred children fed for a school year!!** Some of you may already have seen our recent display in Booths Supermarket in Garstang on the 21<sup>st</sup> of this month.

Our backpack project, with your support and that of our many friends and family, also helps children to get the most out of their lessons by providing them with the necessary things they need at school - for many, their backpack will be the only gift they have ever had. Thank you for this month's donations which enable us to continue with this project. We have now sent **over 200 backpacks**.

(For further information on Mary's Meals see [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk).)

### ***Small but efficient!***

We are a small, but friendly club who work well together through friendship and fun, and we are very keen to make best use of all available technology. Our business meetings are quite slick as we can all access reports, head office information, club officer reports, and meeting agenda through the member website, prior to and during the meeting. This is very important for members who cannot attend every meeting as they are kept in the loop and well informed of our events and progress. This month we are having our second workshop on safely manoeuvring social media websites!

Small we are, but we would like to be bigger! Ladies of Garstang and Over Wyre, the members of the Soroptimist club of Garstang would love to meet you – please do have a look at our website and pop along to a meeting with your questions. 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, at 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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Membership Co-ordinator

Please drop off your used backpacks at- The Mustard Seed Café, Park Hill Road (Opposite the Wheat Sheaf Pub) they are open Tuesday 10.00am to 2.00pm Thurs. 10.00am to 2.00pm. Saturday 10.00am to 2.00pm

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