

## Welcome to our 2021 celebration

This year we cannot meet in person so instead we have a festival for you. Every day from 8<sup>th</sup> March to 12<sup>th</sup> March we will be releasing a batch of talks/discussions and presentations by amazing women.

These women have already earned a place in history but we have also asked them about their inspirational women and to tip some for the top.

Each of TG's National Trustees have also recorded a short piece about a woman who deserves a place in history.

The talks will remain available until the end of March at least and are accessed with a pass that can be brought from the TG shop <https://shop.the-tg.com/shopcategory/Events/234.aspx> costing £5 for members and £10 for non-members.

Alongside our event we have created a time line of lesser known women which is available in pdf format through the web page [www.the-tg.com/timeline.aspx](http://www.the-tg.com/timeline.aspx). Members will also be able to access an editable format of the timeline from the member area of the website shortly, so they can add local and personal heroes.

### Talks are released as follows

#### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Introduction & Welcome – Penny Ryan

**Jane Robinson** “Ladies can’t climb ladders” -

**Pat Atkinson** “Touching the Untouchables” -

Karen Moore (Trustee) Eliza Tinsley “Nail Mistress”

#### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March

**Julia Lalla- Maharajh** – Advocate, change maker, speaker

Barbara Cobain (Trustee) Mary Macarthur-the working woman’s Champion

Maureen Brown - Christiana Figueres (UNFCCC)-

#### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March

**Mary Peters** – “Going for Gold”

**Mind Charity** - talking about Stockport Mind and staying sane in lockdown

Penny Ryan (Trustee) Mary Harris Smith “first female Chartered Accountant”

Marilyn Lawton (Trustee) Katherine Johnson

NASA mathematician

#### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March

**Alice Farnham & Alice Borrett** discuss women in music

**Val Leivers** -Supporting Women & Girls in India- Connie Nunn (Trustee) Violet Jessop “Miss Unsinkable”

Jean Watkins (Trustee) Irene Sendler – Nobel Prize nominee

#### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March

**Six -O Group** Part 1 - discussion

Part 2 Here come the women

Lynda Young (Trustee) – Norma Heigho – an amazing Townswoman

Beryl Hales (Trustee) Dorothy Levitt – first British female racing driver

Penny Ryan (National Chair) Closing comments

Short biographies of our main speakers appear on the next page



**Jane Robison.**

Social historian and the author of 12 (and a half!) books. Specialising in writing and lecturing about pioneers and activists, with the focus on ordinary women who changed their world and ours for the better! Jane is also a proud honorary member of the TG.



**Pat Atkinson.**

Working in India was an ambition from the age of 9, when Pat heard a representative from the then 'Mission to Lepers', speaking at her church. It took many years and lots of obstacles to achieve this, however now Pat can look back on 57 visits over a 30 year period, setting up a charity that cares for slum children and elders, children with cancer and the dream fulfilled, a leprosy colony.



**Julia Lalla-Maharajh OBE.**

Advocate, Change Agent, Speaker.

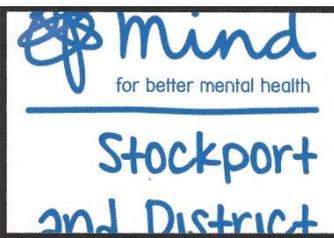
"One of my proudest achievements has been to put the little-known issue of ending female genital cutting on the global agenda for change, in less than a decade. I did this by building an NGO, Orchid Project, which manifested the vision of a world free from female genital cutting. I brought together an extraordinary team, a constellation of donors, champions and those with lived experience of female genital cutting."



**Lady Mary Peters DBE.**

Olympic gold medalist, Lady Mary Peters is a Northern Irish former athlete, best known as a competitor in the pentathlon and shot put. Peters was named as Lady Companion of the Order of the Garter on 27 February 2019.

You can hear Mary answer TG member questions.



**Shirley Williams, Chair of Stockport & District Mind**

Mind is a mental health charity in England and Wales. Founded in 1946 as the National Association for Mental Health, it celebrated its 70th anniversary in 2016. Mind offers information and advice to people with mental health problems and lobbies government and local authorities on their behalf.



**Alice Farnham**, who you may recognise as being in the Classic FM Top 10 Best Female Conductors!

Alice will be joined by **Alice Borrett**, an aspiring PhD student working in the field of feminist musicology.



**Val Leivers.**

Val is helping to build a future for some of the poorest people in India.

Val's aim? With shelter, clean drinking water, enough to eat and clothes to wear, they can survive.

With an education they will have a better future, particularly for all girls in slum areas and tribal villages.



**Six-O Group**

Comprises BFWG (The British Federation of Women Graduates), BPW (Business and professional women), NCW GB (National Council of Women), NFWI (Women's Institute), SIGBI (Soroptimists) and TG (Townswomen's Guilds) who take it in turn to host the meetings, where they share best practice across their **different specialisms**.