



Soroptimist International Bridgend

75th Anniversary

**PROGRAMME
2022 / 2023**

Empowering Girls and Women

**President
Gaynor Hoare**

Friendship Link Clubs:

- SI Williamsburg, Virginia, USA
- SI Courtenay, British Columbia, Canada
 - SI Uusikaupunki, Finland
 - SI Karachi Central, Pakistan
- SI Moreton North Inc., Australia



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Soroptimist International Goals are:

- to improve the lives and status of women and girls through education, empowerment or enabling opportunities.
- to be a global voice for increasing access to education and leadership for women and girls.

Soroptimist Principles are to strive for:

- The advancement of the status of women;
- High ethical standards;
- Human rights for all;
- Equality, development and peace; and
- The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace.

Soroptimist International of Bridgend meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month.

Our 2022-2023 meetings are at the Heronston Hotel, Ewenny, Bridgend unless otherwise stated.

Members are reminded of their commitment to attend meetings throughout the year and to forward apologies when unable to attend.

Guests are very welcome to attend meetings and social events, please contact President Gaynor.

President 2021 / 2023

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SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL Women serving the global community

Soroptimist International is a global volunteer movement of women working together to transform the lives of women and girls.

Our Vision: Women and girls will achieve their individual and collective potential, realise aspirations and have an equal voice in creating strong, peaceful communities worldwide.

Our Mission: Soroptimists transform the lives and status of women and girls through education, empowerment and enabling opportunities. Our projects are linked to the UN Sustainable Development Goals - ending poverty, eradicating hunger, providing education and preserving the environment.

SIGBI (Soroptimist International of Great Britain & Ireland) is a federation of women in 270 Clubs in 18 countries across the UK, Ireland, Malta, Asia, and the Caribbean. Members join their local Club, make friends with like-minded women, have fun and work on projects that help improve the lives of women and children.

The Bridgend Club, founded in 1947, raises awareness of local, national and international issues, and supports local charities. During 2022-2023 the President is keen to focus on empowering women and girls – in particular by campaigning on domestic abuse and supporting Llamau and Barnardos; and by working with Pipal Tree in Nepal to improve the education and skills of the most vulnerable women and girls.

To find out more about Soroptimist International, please visit <http://sigbi.org/bridgend-and-district/>

2022 / 2023 PROGRAMME

Sue Bennett - Group Leader

4th May (Wednesday) - Executive Meeting 7pm

11th May (Wednesday) 7pm
Soroptimists Taking Action

15th May - International Day of the Family

14th May (Saturday) 10am
Regional Meeting at Aberavon Beach Hotel

25th May (Wednesday) 7pm
Supper with Sian Morgan, Chief Executive Hafan Cymru
Domestic Abuse

1st June (Wednesday) 4 – 6pm
Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration Afternoon Tea
Joyce Chatterton's garden

2-5th June – Queen's Platinum Jubilee

5th June - World Environment Day

8th June (Wednesday) 7pm
Soroptimists Taking Action
All About Me – Lesley Davies

22nd June (Wednesday) 7pm
Supper with Philip Holmes, CEO Pipal Tree

25th June (Saturday) all day
Llantwit and Cowbridge Lions Summer Fair in Llantwit
Major

Regional Friendship Day – venue to be confirmed

13th July (Wednesday) 7pm
Soroptimists Taking Action
All About Me – Margaret Anthony

27th July (Wednesday) all day
Summer Visit to Chavenage House, nr Tetbury

Eileen Bayley – Group Leader

1st September (Thursday) - Executive Meeting 7pm

8th September – International Literacy Day

14th September (Wednesday) 7pm
Soroptimists Taking Action

21st September – International Day of Peace

24th September (Saturday) 10am
Regional AGM – Aberavon Beach Hotel

28th September (Wednesday) 7pm
Supper with Sian Vaughan, Mayor of Cowbridge

12th October (Wednesday) 7pm
Soroptimists Taking Action

11th October – International Day of the Girl Child

16th October – World Food Day

18th October – Anti-Slavery Day

26th October (Wednesday) 7pm
Supper with Maria Thomas, High Sheriff of Mid Glamorgan

27th – 29th October - Belfast ICC
SIGBI 88th FEDERATION CONFERENCE
“Climate for Change”

9th November (Wednesday) 7pm
Soroptimists Taking Action

23rd November (Wednesday) 7pm
Supper with Ruth Dodsworth, TV presenter & Weathergirl

25th November – 10th December – 16 Days of Activism

Christmas Tree Festival, All Saints Porthcawl – TBC

3rd December (Saturday)
Regional Meeting

7th December (Wednesday) 7pm
International Night Celebrations

10th December - UN Human Rights Day

Trip to Bath Christmas Market - TBC

Cherry Cadwallader/Andrea Harries - Joint Group Leader

2023

4th January (Wednesday) 2023 - Executive Meeting 7pm

11th January (Wednesday) 7pm
Soroptimists Taking Action

25th January (Wednesday) 7pm
New Year Celebrations

8th February (Wednesday) 7pm
Soroptimists Taking Action

11th February (Saturday) TBC
Regional Meeting

22nd February (Wednesday) - lunchtime
Lunch with Speaker from Cruse Morgannwg

8th March – International Women's Day

8th March (Wednesday) 7pm
Soroptimists Taking Action
Celebrating Women

22nd March – World Water Day

22nd March (Wednesday) 7pm
Fundraising Event for Cruse Morgannwg

31st March – 1st April
75th Anniversary Celebrations
Details TBC

12th April (Wednesday) 7pm
Soroptimists Taking Action

19th April (Wednesday) – Executive Meeting 7pm

26th April (Wednesday) 7pm
AGM and Supper

27 – 29 July 2023

SI International Convention, Dublin
“Challenge the Future”