



Soroptimist International Bridgend

PROGRAMME
2023 / 2024

Safety of Women and Girls

President
Lesley Davies

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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Who are we?

- An international organisation of women, working for women
- We make a difference to the lives of women and girls through volunteering and projects
- We are women that enjoy fun and friendship whilst working for others

WHAT do we do?

- We advocate for improvement to the lives of women and girls
- We raise awareness of issues impacting on women and girls
- We take action in support of positive change

HOW do we do it?

- We record all our actions on a database that is used by United Nations to bring about policy change and practical responses to issues

WHY should you join?

- You want to be part of adding social value on a global scale
- You want to be with like-minded women from all walks of life
- You want to pay forward – and make your actions part of the bigger picture

SI Bridgend meets on the second and fourth Wednesday every month at the Heronston Hotel, Ewenny, Bridgend (please check programme). Guests are very welcome to attend meetings and social events, please contact President Gaynor.

President 2023 / 2024 – Lesley Davies

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Find out more at

<http://www.facebook.com/BridgendSoroptimists>



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SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL Women serving the global community

Soroptimists are women who work on a voluntary basis at a local, national and international level to educate, empower and enable 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.

Soroptimist International Bridgend, founded in 1947, raises awareness of local, national and international issues, and supports local charities. During 2023-2024 our theme is the Safety of Women and Girls with a focus on campaigning and supporting women and girls affected by domestic abuse and human trafficking. The President's charity is BAWSO, who support ethnic minorities across Wales affected by domestic violence and other forms of abuse. We will also continue our support of Llamau in Bridgend, Pipal Tree in Nepal and other charities and causes that seek to make a positive change in the lives of women and girls.

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

2023 / 2024 PROGRAMME

Sue Davies - Group Leader

4th May - Executive Meeting 7pm
President Lesley's home

14th May (Sunday) from 3pm
Tea party for elderly guests to celebrate King Charles III
Coronation - at Joyce's home

10th May (Wednesday) 7pm
Soroptimists Taking Action

13th May (Saturday) 10am
Regional Meeting at Heronston Hotel, Bridgend

15th May - International Day of the Family

24th May (Wednesday) 6.30pm
Supper & Speaker from BAWSO

1st June (Thursday) 7pm
Regional Club Presidents' Meeting on Zoom

5th June - World Environment Day

14th June (Wednesday) 7pm
Soroptimists Taking Action

24th June (Saturday) 11am – 4pm
Laleston Fete

28th June (Wednesday) 7pm
Supper & Speaker on Modern Day Slavery

Regional Friendship Day – date & venue to be confirmed

12th July (Wednesday) 7pm
Soroptimists Taking Action

26th July (Wednesday) 1.30pm
Summer Outing to Gileston Manor including garden tour
and afternoon tea

27 – 29 July 2023 - SI International Convention, Dublin
“Challenge the Future”

Joy Jay – Group Leader

31st August (Thursday) - Executive Meeting 7pm
President Lesley's home

8th September – International Literacy Day

13th September (Wednesday) 7pm
Soroptimists Taking Action

21st September – International Day of Peace

23rd September (Saturday) 10am
Regional AGM at Heronston Hotel, Bridgend

27th September (Wednesday) 6.30pm
Supper & Speaker

11th October (Wednesday) 7pm
Soroptimists Taking Action

11th October – International Day of the Girl Child
16th October – World Food Day
18th October – Anti-Slavery Day

25th October (Wednesday) 6.30pm
Supper & Talk on Agatha Christie

3rd – 4th November
SIGBI 89th FEDERATION CONFERENCE
Friends House, London

8th November (Wednesday) 6.30pm
Supper & Speaker from RNLI

22nd November (Wednesday) 7pm
Soroptimists Taking Action, including Conference report

25th November – 10th December
16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence

2nd December (Saturday) 10am
Regional Meeting at Aberavon Beach Hotel

6th December (Wednesday) 7pm
Service at St David's, Laleston with Christmas Carols and
readings, followed by Fish & Chip supper in the Blandy Hall,
Laleston

10th December - UN Human Rights Day

Rayner Rees - Group Leader

2024

4th January 2024 - Executive Meeting 7pm
President Lesley's home

10th January (Wednesday) 7pm
Soroptimists Taking Action
Speaker Kim Ann Williamson MBE, SI Cardiff -
Modern Day Slavery

24th January (Wednesday) 7pm
New Year Celebration
Fondue Party at Bryncethin Community Centre

10th February (Saturday) on Zoom at 10am
Regional Meeting

14th February (Wednesday) 7pm
Soroptimists Taking Action

28th February (Wednesday) 7pm
Supper & update on charities supported by SI Bridgend

6th March (Wednesday) 7pm
Fashion Show with Samantha B
to support President's Charity

8th March – International Women's Day

13th March (Wednesday) 7pm
Soroptimists Taking Action
Update from President's Charity, BAWSO,
& review of 2023-24 Club Programme Action

22nd March – World Water Day

27th March (Wednesday) 7pm
AGM