



Soroptimist International Bridgend

PROGRAMME
2024 / 2025

THEME
HOMELESSNESS
The Crisis on Our Doorstep

President
Ruth Davies-Kemp

Friendship Link Clubs:

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



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transforming lives

Who are we?

- An international organisation of women, working for women, locally, nationally and internationally
- 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 Margaret Anthony, Club secretary.

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Find out more at

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



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SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL Women serving the global community

We are women who work on a voluntary basis 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 and international charities.

The President's charity for 2024/2025 is Emmaus South Wales, a homelessness charity, based in Bridgend. Emmaus supports people to work their way out of homelessness, helping people to live and work as part of the Emmaus community.

Their ethos is that *"we are all responsible together, responsible for ourselves, and responsible for one another, and herein lies the greatness of being human."*

Soroptimist International Bridgend will also continue to support Llamau in Bridgend as well as other charities and causes that seek to make a positive change in the lives of women and girls in accordance with our vision and mission statement.

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

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Cecilia Hannigan-Davies - Group Leader

May is SIGBI Membership Month

8th May (Wednesday) 7pm

Soroptimists Taking Action

11th May (Saturday) 10am

Regional Meeting at Aberavon Beach Hotel, Port Talbot

15th May - International Day of the Family

15th May - Executive Meeting 7pm

Heronston Hotel

22nd May (Wednesday) 6.30pm

Supper & Speaker – Julie Raikes, Chair of Emmaus and Del Jones, CEO of Emmaus

6th June (Thursday) 7pm on Zoom

Regional Club Presidents' Meeting on Zoom

5th June - World Environment Day

12th June (Wednesday) 7pm

Soroptimists Taking Action

26th June (Wednesday) 6.30pm

Supper & Speaker from Housing Justice Cymru

29th June (Saturday)

Garden Party at Anne & Derek Morgan's home in Cowbridge

Regional Fun & Friendship

Date & venue to be confirmed

10th July (Wednesday) 7pm

Soroptimists Taking Action

20th July (Saturday)

Summer Outing

TBC – Tour of BBC Cymru (Wales) and lunch

Sue Newton – Group Leader

Early September - Executive Meeting 7pm

Heronston Hotel

8th September – International Literacy Day

11th September (Wednesday) 7pm

Soroptimists Taking Action with Speaker

Lisa Aske - 'the importance of taking care of our mental health'

21st September – International Day of Peace

25th September (Wednesday) 6.30pm

Supper & Speaker from Emmaus with Emmaus beneficiary

28th September (Saturday) 10am

Regional AGM at Aberavon Beach Hotel, Port Talbot

9th October (Wednesday) 7pm

Soroptimists Taking Action

11th October – International Day of the Girl Child

18th October – Anti-Slavery Day

23rd October (Wednesday) 7pm

“Craft, Coffee and Chocolates”

with Sue Jones and Sue Davies

1st – 3rd November

SIGBI 90th FEDERATION CONFERENCE

Assembly Rooms, Edinburgh

13th November (Wednesday) 6.30pm

Murder Mystery Evening with Supper

16th November (Saturday) 10am

Regional Meeting at Aberavon Beach Hotel

25th November – 10th December

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence

27th November (Wednesday) 7pm

Soroptimists Taking Action, including Conference report

December – date to be confirmed

Christmas Lunch at 'Bwyta 31', Bridgend College

10th December - UN Human Rights Day

11th December (Wednesday) 7pm

Service at St David's Laleston followed by Supper

Pam Mahoney - Group Leader

2025

Early January 2025 - Executive Meeting 7pm

Heronston Hotel

8th January (Wednesday) 7pm

Soroptimists Taking Action

22nd January (Wednesday) 7pm

New Year Celebration Supper

Masonic Hall, Bridgend

8th February (Saturday) 10am on Zoom

Regional Meeting on Zoom

12th February (Wednesday) 7pm

Soroptimists Taking Action

26th February (Wednesday) 6.30pm

Supper & Speaker on Origins of Nursery Rhymes

1st March (Saturday)

St David's Day Lunch

Masonic Hall, Bridgend

8th March – International Women's Day

12th March (Wednesday) 7pm

Soroptimists Taking Action

March (TBC) - Executive meeting 7pm

Heronston Hotel

22nd March – World Water Day

26th March (Wednesday) 6.30pm

Supper & Speaker

April – date to be confirmed

Fundraising event at Ewenny Priory

9th April (Wednesday) 7pm

Soroptimists Taking Action

23rd April (Wednesday) 7pm

AGM