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The Seventh Decade 2007 - 2017

Soroptimist International Bridgend and District's Diamond Jubilee in April 2007 was marked with a celebratory lunch for 100 members and guests at the Coed-y-Mwstwr Hotel in Bridgend. Founder Member Dorothy Worthing was present as well as Federation President Olive Newton and SI Wales South Regional President Ann Jones. The significant anniversary set a high bar for the Club's continuing successful blend of proactive support work, funding goals, events and campaigns, with companionship, well-attended business meetings and a variety of talks and social events. The General Account's healthy balance added to the positivity.



SI Bridgend Members AGM April 2007

As the new decade opened, members were asked to fill Smartie tubes with 20p coins and a three-figure sum was soon raised for the anniversary fund. A few months later, Bridgend Women's Aid was given £670, proceeds from the summer garden party. International support focused on the collection of sewing machines, fabric and associated materials for women in the Yemen. The project initiated and coordinated by Carys Brown, was a huge success and attracted widespread support across Bridgend, Maesteg and Porthcawl.

In autumn, as part of the anniversary celebrations, several members of SI Bridgend's Finnish Friendship Link Club, SI Uusikaupunki (translated as 'New Town') visited Bridgend and were hosted in members' homes. Dinner at Laleston's Great House was followed by trips to Cardiff Bay, St. Fagans, Talbot Green for shopping and an essential fish and chip supper.

The first Contact the Elderly tea, an initiative launched by Rayner Rees and Joyce Chatterton, was hosted by Joyce in early 2008 and set a template for regular teas in the future at members' homes.

Following direct contact with Talat Pasha at the SIGBI Federation Conference in Barbados, SI Karachi Central in Pakistan joined the Club's Friendship Links alongside SI Courtenay in British Columbia; SI Williamsburg in Virginia, USA; SI Moreton North Inc in Queensland, Australia; SI Uusikaupunki in Finland; and SI Taw and Torridge in Somerset. Donations were sent to Club President Talat Pasha in SI Karachi, a club chartered in 2005 with 30 members.

Club member Anne Morgan was inaugurated as High Sheriff of Mid Glamorgan and gave a talk on the history of the office and regalia whilst wearing her full shrieval ensemble.



High Sheriff, Anne Morgan, with Club members

Fundraising efforts during this period focused on the Wales South Regional Project, Licking Lassa Fever, Bridgend Women's Aid, the Marie Curie Hospice, Holme Towers in Penarth and the Christmas Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal, which resulted in 20 filled shoeboxes being sent to Romania.

The proposal in 2009 by Carys Brown that the Club begin each meeting with the Vision and Mission Statement read alternately in English and Welsh was proposed and passed unanimously. The decision to hold meetings at the Heronston Hotel, where the Club meets to this day, was also taken.

During the 2009-2010, ten business meetings and seven speaker meetings took place. Dorothy Worthing, a founder member and former teacher at Bryntirion Comprehensive School, sadly passed away. Dorothy left a legacy to the Club and it

was proposed this be used to further science education amongst pupils, particularly girls - chemistry had been Dorothy's main subject and she was a strong advocate of science generally. The resulting Dorothy Worthing Science Award set a high target for Bryntirion's science pupils and was awarded on an annual basis.

Regular financial commitments were made to the Samaritans, The Rest Care Hotel, SI Karachi and the education of girls in Cape Verde. A donation was given to RNIB Cymru and support provided to a local Girl Guide attending the Centenary of Guiding in Mexico. The Club also supported the annual Christmas Tree Festival at Nolton Church with a Christmas tree display featuring the Club's projects.



Club

Members meet with Talat Pasha, SI Karachi Central

At this time, SIGBI began using emails as the main form of communication. Concern was raised, however, regarding members without email and arrangements were made for them to continue to receive Club minutes by post. The Club's website was proving a useful aid for recruitment generating a number of membership enquiries.

Membership changes were made by SIGBI permitting the recruitment of retired ladies, with the proviso that they could not take office. It was noted in the Club's minutes, however, that retirees involved in the voluntary sector could be eligible for office. In addition, potential new members could now approach clubs independently rather than, as was previously the case, waiting to be invited to join. Federation indicated that clubs needed to increase memberships by 10% year-on-year. The requirement for new members, particularly younger women, was discussed at the Club, as membership had remained static during the year. Attendance numbers at meetings, however, was encouraging, consistently reaching 24.

In autumn 2010, a concert at Ewenny Priory raised nearly £1700 for Sandville Self Help Centre. The 2010-2011 Club year was the first time the role of Club President

was shared – between Joy Jay and Rayner Rees. Carys Brown was Regional President for SI Wales South and Rayner Rees continued as Regional Treasurer. Liz Morgan-Lewis, a former Bridgend member, became SIGBI Federation President.

Fundraising continued apace in 2011 for Mencap, Water Aid and a repeat of the Smartie tube fundraiser for the SIGBI International project, Project Sierra. Club members Jean Davies and Sylvia Scarf were thanked for making visits to Parc Prison possible - both Jean and Sylvia were members of the monitoring board at Parc Prison.

In 2011, Carys Brown suggested a significant change in the organisation of the Club year with the formation of three groups of members, each responsible for organising the programme for part of the year. It was felt that this would encourage a more active involvement from all members in the Club management, giving newer members the opportunity to contribute immediately and also alleviating the pressure on Club Presidents to plan and arrange the programme for a full year. All members were in agreement with this change and the group system was initiated.

On the Federation front, SIGBI became a limited company in autumn 2011.

During 2011-2012, the Club welcomed three new members, bringing the total to 34. Friendship links with SI Courtenay, SI Uusikaupunki, SI Williamsburg and SI Morton North Inc. thrived, although links with SI Taw and Torridge which was struggling with membership, were less successful. Rayner Rees continued correspondence and ongoing contributions to SI Karachi, whilst Carys Brown maintained the link with SI Moreton North having been welcomed by them during her visit to Australia.



Fundraising at English Speaking Union Garden Party

Donations continued to Bridgend Women's Aid, the Rest Care Hotel and Cape Verde, whilst providing Operation Christmas Child with filled shoeboxes, the Citizens' Advice Bureau with administrative support and the Reading Project at Pen-y-Fai

School with practical weekly assistance. Contact the Elderly teas continued throughout the year, including a trip to the Queen's Golden Jubilee tea in Cardiff.

The Club's three-group format proved successful with a mix of speaker meetings and social events. Programme Action included lobbying MPs and local authorities regarding drinking, as well as the running of a poster competition in schools to raise awareness of alcohol abuse.

In 2013, five new members joined bringing the total to 39 members. Contact the Elderly tea guests increased to nine regular attendees, with calls for bigger teapots! Face Up Cymru and the Girls' School in Hadhramaut in the Yemen were added to the Club's action list and practical support for the Rest Care Hotel continued until its closure bringing to an end over 60 years of involvement from SI Bridgend.

In June, President Elect Cathie Rowe was joined by members and friends on a walk along part of the Wales Coastal Path to raise awareness of Soroptimist International. £1,166 was raised and split between the Region and Club President Barbara Parish's charities, the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital and Y Bwthyn at the Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend. Rayner Rees became Regional President.

In September 2013, the Club reported that SIGBI (in addition to SI) had been granted Special Consultative Status to the United Nations' Economic and Social Council, thereby actively contributing to the recognition of human rights for all women.

The Club also organised a successful 'Brownies Got Talent' competition adjudicated by Club members. The girls enjoyed the evening and performed remarkably well. The winner was a 1st Coity Brownie. The President of Central Glamorgan Guides sent a note of appreciation following the event, which in addition to promoting the Club to Brownies and their parents, increased confidence amongst those participating.



Brownies Got Talent finalists

Finances continued to be healthy throughout 2014, with donations to the Youth Response Team and Solid Rock Café. The Club continued its support of local and international projects and participated in the Cowbridge Lions Summer Fair with a tombola stall. Members supported the Regional project on Modern Day Slavery and Human Trafficking. After an awareness-raising evening in which car stickers and handbag labels were distributed, members signed a petition urging the UK Government to ensure perpetrators of violence against women are brought to justice. With so many new members, a getting-to-know you 'member of the month' feature was introduced at the end of each meeting.

In 2015, the Contact the Elderly group participated in a 50th birthday party at Joyce Chatterton's home with each guest receiving an Easter egg and cake. Homestart, President Cathie Rowe's charity, was presented with a cheque for £1,200 to help teach financial skills to single mothers and for books to prepare children for school. Pen-y-Fai School reading support to 18 children continued twice weekly, with Lily Laesser, Sylvia Scarf, Eileen Bayley, Joy Jay and Anne Hughes making a proven difference to their progress and enthusiasm for reading. A knitting project was started after Christina Bach gave a crash course in 'casting on'. Squares were passed to the 'sewing circle' (Inez Fulgoni, Carys Brown and Lindy Hutchinson) for assembly, whilst non-knitters brought donations of wool. Fundraising proved lively with money raised at an ESU (English Speaking Union) Garden Party and a raffle at the Llanerch afternoon tea and vineyard tour.

In August, six Club members received a wonderful welcome and outstanding hospitality in Uusikaupunki as part of their 60th anniversary celebrations.



Enjoying Finnish hospitality in Uusikaupunki

The Club contributed £1,000 to SI Karachi to convert a water filtration plant powered by an old diesel-run generator to solar power, enabling people from several villages to

access water supplies for six hours daily. Donations went to Kathmandu via SI Bolton following the earthquake devastation.



65 blankets donated to Life for African Mothers

Programme Action continued apace, including 65 crocheted or knitted blankets for ‘Life for African Mothers’; a donation for the Toilet Twinning Project to Tando Allahyar in Pakistan; ‘Smalls for All’ underwear collections; and donations to the SIGBI Meru Women’s Garden Project in Kenya and Y Bont in Bridgend, the latter raised through craft mornings. Contact the Elderly, courtesy of Joyce Chatterton, took guests in a specially-adapted minibus to Swansea Marina for a boat trip and picnic on the river Tawe. And so ended the Club’s successful seventh decade.



Club members at the New Year’s Dinner

First Half of the Eighth Decade 2017 – 2022

Uniquely, the Club's three longest-serving members shared the Presidency for SI Bridgend's Diamond Jubilee: Frances Rees, Eurwen Richards and Lily Laesser.



Joint Presidents Eurwen, Frances and Lily

Celebrations were held on Sunday 16 July 2017 at The Bear Hotel, Cowbridge when ninety-one members and guests attended a Jubilee luncheon. The gathering was joyful and the meal and a celebration cake with the Soroptimist International logo were delicious. Every detail was addressed: a gift for each attendee, a message tree, a display of Club memorabilia, including the original Presidential chain and charter, guest speakers from SIGBI and musical entertainment by the Neath National Trust Choir, the Waterwheel Singers, and Sue Jones' daughter, Rhiannon.

Eileen Bayley's sterling efforts submitting reports to the local press and Soroptimist News regarding the Club's busy year were commended. Particularly pleasing was an article in the Glamorgan Gem, Glamorgan Gazette, South West Echo and Western Mail which detailed the Club's involvement serving tea in the snack bar at the Family Visitor Centre in Parc Prison which is run by Barnardo's.



Eurwen and Venetia with Barnardo's staff

The Smarties tube initiative reappeared, this time for Fisher House, a facility for families of injured service personnel. Once again, Brownies Got Talent was enjoyed by all, with 'Imogen the Incredible', a young magician from Newton Brownies, voted the winner. The Club's second annual participation at St. David's Church Summer Fete in Laleston raised £100. The year's Christmas tree at the Nolton Christmas Tree Festival was adorned with fruits, vegetables and butterflies crafted in felt by Sue Jones, who took inspiration from the Meru Garden Project.

Carys Brown and Sharon Dixon devised a questionnaire inviting ideas to attract new members and undertook a members' skills audit. Helen Murdoch detailed a five-year Growth Plan relating to increased membership, additional service projects, heightened awareness of the Club and improved partnerships. In 2018, SIGBI was granted charitable status.

The Club agreed that £500 remaining from the Diamond Jubilee luncheon legacy project would be spent on the purchase of a gazebo for future Club events and, after consent was received, a commemorative bench with a Soroptimist plaque was unveiled in the main concourse of the Princess of Wales Hospital in autumn 2018.



Unveiling the bench at the Princess of Wales hospital

Once again a display of Soroptimist leaflets and photographs in Cowbridge Library attracted a great deal of interest. During the summer of 2018, members were invited to dress as Suffragettes in a 100-strong women's group leading the Porthcawl Carnival procession as part of the centenary year of Women's Suffrage.

Helen Murdoch and Rayner Rees's submission of 'Empowering Girls in Nepal' (supporting Chora Chori) as a SIGBI Federation project for 2019-2022 was successful. The club is excited to be involved at the heart of this project.

Nine business meetings were held during the year and speakers at supper meetings included Ceri Joseph, Curator of Porthcawl Museum, speaking on Women and the Vote. Alongside its other commitments, the club continued to support the education of girls in Cape Verde and enjoyed hearing news from them during the year. To mark International Women's Day, 11 sash-wearing members walked in very poor weather from Porthcawl's Coney Beach to the Atlantic Hotel generating awareness of Soroptimist International.



Marking International Women's Day - windswept but still smiling

A fashion show organised by Lindy Hutchinson's group at the Heronston Hotel in March 2019 was attended by over 100 people. Sam B of Ewenny hosted and introduced six Club models dressed in her latest designer fashions. The entry tickets, raffle and donation from sales by Sam B brought the amount raised to £1,360, adding to an already healthy bank balance. Proceeds were shared between Ty Hafan Children's Hospice and Empowering Girls in Nepal (Chora Chori).

The well-planned programme of speaker meetings and events had to be abandoned in February 2020 when Covid struck and on 23 March 2020 a national lockdown was declared. Normal life was curtailed and Club members sought their own ways of keeping busy – and safe – at home. The Club swiftly reviewed its activities and, from March 2020 for the duration of two separate lockdowns, President Sharon Dixon organised business meetings on Zoom as well as virtual wellness and fitness sessions.

Club momentum was maintained throughout this difficult period with regular Zoom business meetings, continued contact with the club's partners and link organisations, fundraising and service projects. All the while, Lindy Hutchinson assisted President Sharon Dixon to maintain contact with members unable to attend e-meetings.

As soon as the first lockdown came into place, members jumped into action making scrubs bags and face masks for the local hospitals. These were extremely gratefully received.



Staff at Felindre Hospital say Thank you

Friendship Links continued and indeed thrived with many international Zoom gatherings with members in Canada, Finland, Australia and the USA. Sadly we said goodbye to SI Tawe and Torridge when the Club closed due to lack of members.

Rather than the usual face-to-face afternoon teas, Contact the Elderly took the form of deliveries of food gifts and cake boxes during summer, at Christmas, St. David's Day and Easter, whilst birthdays were marked with cards and small gifts. Volunteers were unable to help at the snack bar at Parc Prison, but the Club contributed to snacks in 'comfort bags' given out when restricted visiting resumed.

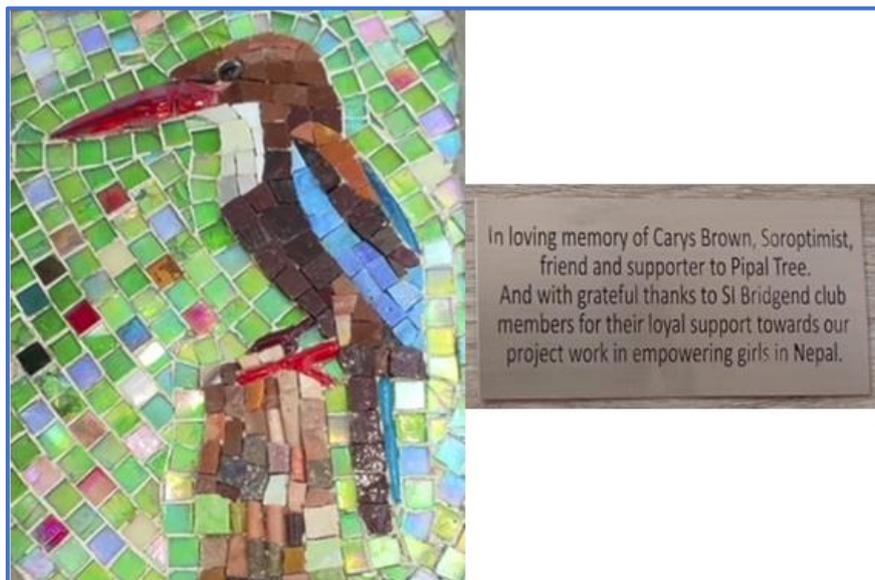
At the end of this most difficult of years, members were very sad to hear of the death of Marjorie Page. Marjorie, a stalwart of the Club, became a Soroptimist in 1988 and although busy as Head of English in a local Comprehensive School, took the lead in our highly successful essay writing competition, contacting and involving a number of schools, managing the competition process and helping to judge the entries. Club President in 1994-1995, Marjorie was an extremely active member and frequently hosted Club events at her home in Heronston Hall. She was an extremely conscientious Club secretary right up until her death, and her guidance and advice were much valued by many.

In 2021, at the second AGM on Zoom, President Sharon ‘presented’ 15 Club members with long service certificates, from 25 years to 50 years, the latter impressively achieved by Eurwen Richards, who also received a congratulatory letter from SIGBI President Johanna Raffan.

Given the difficulties and upheavals wrought by the pandemic, Carys Brown commended President Sharon on her leadership and knowledge of Zoom, which made a potentially difficult time one of good discussions and decision making, interesting speakers and even a virtual dog show fundraiser.

In July 2021, the Club’s first post lockdown visit, albeit with masks in hand, was to Llantrisant Guildhall. Twenty-five members heard author/historian Dean Powell talk about the town’s history and viewed the interesting exhibits. A buffet in Llantrisant Parish Hall followed and was enjoyed by all.

In summer 2021, the Club was saddened when Carys Brown suddenly passed away. During her 21 years with SI Bridgend, she was Club President, Regional President, Regional Trustee for the Benevolent Fund and Regional Treasurer. Her legendary support of Pipal Tree, formerly Chora Chori, which helps women and girls in Nepal, inspired Devon artist and Pipal Tree Co-Founder Philip Holmes to create a beautiful glass mosaic of a white-throated kingfisher in her memory. The mosaic has been set on a post in Nepal’s Dhanushadham Bird Park, with a brass plaque bearing her name and that of SI Bridgend. To quote Philip: ‘... now there is a little corner of Nepal that is forever Wales’. Rayner Rees subsequently became a trustee of Pipal Tree.



In memory of Carys

“...a little corner of Nepal that is forever Wales”

In September, Rachel Williams, ambassador for Stand up to Domestic Abuse, gave a stirring talk on Zoom about her personal experiences of abuse. The Club donated to this very worthy cause.

After the lockdowns, Sharon Dixon set up Fun and Friendship dates for members to meet informally for local walks, lunch or crafting. After so much lost time shut away, the gatherings provided a breath of fresh air.

At the Christmas fund-raising evening at Sharon's home, as well as a donation for the International President's Appeal, more than 50 pamper bags and 31 selection boxes were given to a representative of Llamau Women's Refuge in Bridgend. The club's long history of supporting local victims of domestic violence, initially through Bridgend Women's Aid, then Calan DVS and more recently Llamau, continues to develop. Following discussions with Llamau and some of the ladies in the refuge, the club is planning to share our members' skills and talents in a series of informal sessions. These will initially include confidence building, crafting and easy cooking on a budget.

Another Fashion Show at the Heronston Hotel in March 2022, organised by Joyce Chatterton's group, raised £2,000, a great boost to funds. Once again, an audience of over 100 was expertly presided over by Sam B from Ewenny, who introduced six Club models wearing 36 of her designer outfits. As well as a raffle, there was an auction of jewellery, kindly donated by Ruth Davies-Kemp's parents and Felicity Ladbrooke, and a voucher from Southerndown Golf Club. Sam B also gave a donation to the Club.



Our glamorous Fashion Show models!

Face-to-face meetings resumed at the Heronston Hotel in May 2022. Members attended supper meetings with speakers, including Sian Morgan, Chief Executive of Hafan Cymru, and Philip Holmes of Pipal Tree. A special Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tea was held in bright sunshine in Joyce Chatterton's garden, with members sporting posh frocks and hats. Profits from the afternoon enabled us to take our elderly friends

on a summer outing. An enjoyable summer visit to Tetbury and Chavenage House in Gloucestershire followed. Autumn supper talks by the former Mayoress of Cowbridge, Sian Vaughan, and television broadcaster and victim of domestic abuse, Ruth Dodsworth were extremely interesting and well attended.

Just as activities were getting back to normal, dedicated Soroptimist Sylvia Scarf OBE died suddenly. Sylvia was recognised for her 30 years' service as a Soroptimist at our AGM in April 2022 having spent many years with SI Llantrisant and then joining us in SI Bridgend. Sylvia enjoyed a long career with the Probation Service and was passionate about community and charity work. She never shied away from tackling challenging issues, including the role of women in the church. It was for services to the Anglican Church and to Girlguiding that Sylvia was awarded her OBE in 2009.

Fundraising and service projects continued over this period with monies raised for Young Carers, Empowering Girls in Nepal through Pipal Tree, the International President's Appeal, Cruse Morgannwg, Barnardo's and the education of girls in Cape Verde. Teas for Elderly Friends were greatly enjoyed by members and guests; crafting sessions at Llamau were very successful in helping to build confidence amongst the ladies and enthusiasm for additional support was slowly growing; a large number of orange flowers were sewed, crocheted or knitted to form part of an impressive display in Llandaff Cathedral to create awareness of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women in November; and our Christmas tree in the Porthcawl Christmas Tree Festival celebrated the wide range of projects undertaken by the club..

In October 2022, Sharon Dixon became Regional President for SI Wales South, continuing the Club's tradition of members taking this prestigious office.



*Regional President Sharon
with members of SI Bridgend and Pipal Tree's Lily Katuwal*

Soroptimist International Bridgend and District 2007 - 2022

The first half of the eighth decade was brought to a close with a New Year Cheese & Wine Experience, a third fundraising Fashion Show; and speakers from Cruse Morgannwg Bereavement Charity, Jill Delgado on the Education of Girls in Cape Verde; and the Club's own Sue Jones on her Big Climb in Nepal.

Despite Covid and the resulting lockdowns, the Club's depth of involvement with and dedication to local organisations, charities, schools and the prison continued unabated. President Helen Murdoch's 2018-2019 theme, 'Taking Action Together', neatly sums up the first half of SI Bridgend's eighth decade. Now proudly celebrating its 75th year, SI Bridgend is secure in member numbers, strong in resolve and funding, and ever-ready to continue helping and supporting girls and women at home and internationally. The Club looks forward with confidence to its centenary.



*President Gaynor Hoare with Club Members
celebrating 75 years in April 2023*

Vision & Mission of Soroptimist International

Vision:

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

Mission:

Soroptimists transform the lives and status of women and girls through education, empowerment and enabling opportunities.

Remembering Founder Members of Soroptimist International Bridgend & District

Mrs Dapho Powell	Barrister
Mrs E. M. Watkins	Head Teacher
Dr K. Davies	Divisional M.O.H.
Miss H.J. Williams	County Librarian
Miss M.V. Jones	Hospital Matron
Sister C. Morris	Nursing Sister
Miss G.M. Jenkins	Civil Servant
Miss B. Morgan	Food Industry
Mrs King Davies	Health Visitor
Miss R. Morgan	Education
Miss D. Worthing	Education
Miss P. Leyshon	Education
Miss E. Griffiths	Optician
Miss E.E. Jones	Matron, Blind School
Miss M. Mark	Education
Mrs E.B. Jones	Matron, Children's Home

Past Presidents 1947 – 2023

Mrs G. Powell	1947 – 1948	Mrs B. Miles	1986 - 1987
Mrs E. Watkins	1948 – 1949	Miss F. Ladbrooke	1987 - 1988
Dr K. Davies	1949 – 1950	Miss J. Thomas	1988 - 1989
Mrs M. Grey	1950 – 1951	Mrs J. Chatterton	1989 - 1990
Mrs M. Jones	1951 – 1952	Mrs O. Loosmore	1990 - 1991
Miss H. Roberts, B.E.M.	1952 – 1953	Mrs F. Rees	1991 - 1992
Miss H. Irwin, M.B.E.	1953 – 1954	Mrs A. Morgan, J. P.	1992 - 1993
Miss K. M. Austin	1954 – 1955	Mrs L. Laesser	1993 - 1994
Miss D. Worthing	1955 – 1956	Mrs M. Page	1994 - 1995
Miss G. Williams	1956 – 1957	Ms C. Wright	1995 - 1996
Mrs G. Morris, J.P.	1957 – 1958	Mrs J. Pearce	1996 - 1997
Miss P. E. Tudor	1958 – 1959	Miss J. Davies	1997 – 1998
Mrs M. A. Celyn Williams	1959 – 1960	Mrs Helen Murdoch	1998 – 1999
Miss C. E. Beaumont	1960 – 1961	Miss Lynda Edwards	1999 – 2000
Miss E. M. Bishop	1961 – 1962	Mrs Frances Rees	2000 – 2001
Miss O. M. Harrington	1962 – 1963	Mrs Anne Morgan J.P.	2001 – 2002
Miss N. Garfield	1963 – 1964	Miss Eurwen Richards	2002 – 2003
Miss L. O. Williams	1964 – 1965	Mrs Christine Phillips	2003 – 2004
Miss J. Austin	1965 – 1966	Mrs Lily Laesser	2004 – 2005
Miss E. E. Thomas	1966 – 1967	Mrs Carys Brown	2005 – 2006
Miss K. M. Snell	1967 – 1968	Mrs Lindy Hutchinson	2006 – 2007
Mrs M. M. Bertorelli	1968 – 1969	Mrs Rayner Rees	2007 – 2008
Mrs J. Walker	1969 – 1970	Mrs Eileen Bayley	2008 – 2009
Miss M. Smith	1970 – 1971	Mrs Joyce Chatterton	2009 – 2010
Miss R. Deere	1971 – 1972	Mrs Joy Jay/Mrs Rayner Rees	2010 – 2011
Miss K. M. Austin	1972 – 1973	First shared Presidency	
Mrs M. A. Celyn Williams	1973 – 1974	Mrs Kathryn Delpak MBE	2011 – 2012
Mrs C. M. Davies	1974 – 1975	Mrs Carys Brown	2012 – 2013
Miss D. D. Bussey	1975 – 1976	Mrs Barbara Parish	2013 – 2014
Dr D. Annear	1976 – 1978	Mrs Cathie Rowe	2014 – 2015
Miss V. Burns	1978 – 1979	Mrs Bethan Healey	2015 – 2016
Miss C. Jones	1979 – 1980	Mrs Sue Davies	2016 – 2017
Mrs D. Bonnett	1980 – 1981	Mrs Frances Rees, Mrs Lily Laesser	2017 - 2018
Miss V. Jones	1981 – 1982	& Miss Eurwen Richards	
Mrs S. Walsh	1982 – 1983	Diamond Jubilee & Second shared Presidency	
Miss L. R. Edwards	1983 – 1984	Mrs Helen Murdoch	2018 – 2019
Mrs A. Croft	1984 - 1985	Mrs Sharon Dixon	2019 – 2021
Mrs A. Hughes	1985 - 1986	Mrs Gaynor Hoare	2021 – 2023
		75 th Jubilee	

Soroptimist International of Bridgend Charter
15th April 1948

Soroptimist International Association



The Soroptimist International Association certifies by these presents
that the

Soroptimist Club of

Bridgend

which has undertaken to respect the Constitution as well as the
Rules of the Federation of Great Britain and Ireland—an undertaking
witnessed by the acceptance of the present Certificate—has been duly
constituted as a Club affiliated to the

Soroptimist International Association

on condition that the total number of members of the said Club never
falls below Fifteen.

Countersigned *Gladys Daphne Povey*

Date *April 15th 1948*

S.H.D. Williams President

[Signature]
President of the Federation of Soroptimist Clubs
of Great Britain and Ireland

Eveline R. Francis Secretary
Divisional Union of Wales

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Secretary of the Federation of Soroptimist Clubs
of Great Britain and Ireland

*Granted following letter from The Federation of Soroptimist Clubs
of Great Britain and Ireland on 7th July 1947
accepting Bridgend's Petition to form a Soroptimist International Club.*