



Soroptimist International Bridgend

PROGRAMME
2025 / 2026

THEME
LIVING IN POVERTY
Support for Women and Girls

President
Sue Newton

Friendship Link Clubs:

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



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

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 Rayner Rees, Club secretary.

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Find out more at

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



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 2025/2026 is SPLICE, Child & Family Project. SPLICE believes in building strong and confident families by providing a supportive and nurturing environment for children and parents/carers to play and learn together.

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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Cherry Cadwallader - Group Leader

May is SIGBI Membership Month

7th May (Wednesday) **Online**
Soroptimists Taking Action

10th May (Saturday) **10am**
Regional Meeting at Dwr Cymru, Swansea

14th May (Wednesday) **7pm**
Estee Lauder Beauty Workshop

15th May - International Day of the Family

21st May (Wednesday) **7pm**
Fundraising Fashion Show – Bridgend Masonic Hall

5th June - World Environment Day

11th June (Wednesday) **7pm**
Soroptimists Taking Action

21st June (Saturday)
Regional Fun & Friendship at National Botanic Gardens

25th June (Wednesday) **6.30pm**
Supper & Speaker from SPLICE

9th July (Wednesday) **7pm**
Soroptimists Taking Action

23rd July (Wednesday) **all day**
Summer Outing
Behind-the-Scenes at Royal Welsh College of Music &
Drama plus boat trip and lunch, Cardiff

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Early September - Executive Meeting **7pm**
Heronston Hotel

8th September – International Literacy Day

10th September (Wednesday) **7pm**
Soroptimists Taking Action : Speaker Huw Irranca-Davies MS
Deputy First Minister; Minister for Climate Change & Rural Affairs

21st September – International Day of Peace

24th September (Wednesday) **6.30pm**
Supper & Speaker – Michelle Griffith-Robinson, Olympian

27th September (Saturday) **10am**
Regional AGM at Aberavon Beach Hotel, Port Talbot

October – Black History Month

8th October (Wednesday) **7pm**
Soroptimists Taking Action

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

22nd October (Wednesday) **6.30pm**
Supper & Speaker – High Sheriff of Mid Glamorgan,
Sharon Dixon

31st Oct – 2nd November
SIGBI 91st FEDERATION CONFERENCE
Birmingham

12th November (Wednesday) **7pm**
Soroptimists Taking Action, including Conference report

Regional Meeting
Daye and venue to be confirmed

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

26th November (Wednesday) **6.30pm**
Supper & Speaker from Bridgend Foodbank

10th December - UN Human Rights Day

10th December (Wednesday) **7pm**
Carol Concert at St David's Laleston followed by Fish and
Chip Supper at the Great House

Jen Brick - Group Leader 2026

7th January (Wednesday) **online**
Soroptimists Taking Action

10th February 2026 - Executive Meeting **Online**

11th February (Wednesday) **6.30pm**
Supper & Speaker from Girlguiding

14th February (Saturday)
Regional Meeting **on Zoom**

21st February (Saturday) **1pm**
St David's Day Celebration and lunch – Masonic Hall, Bridgend
Speaker – Norena Shopland (women working in coal mines)

25th February (Wednesday) **7pm**
Soroptimists Taking Action

7th March (Saturday) **10.30am**
Historical Walk through Cowbridge for
International Women's Day
followed by refreshments at The Bear from 11.45am

11th March (Wednesday) **6.30pm**
Supper & Speaker
Rob Taylor QPM, Wales Wildlife and Rural Crime Police
Coordinator

March (TBC) - Executive meeting **7pm**
Heronston Hotel

22nd March – World Water Day

25th March (Wednesday) **7pm**
Soroptimists Taking Action

8th April (Wednesday) **7pm**
Celebration Night

22nd April (Wednesday) **7pm**
AGM