

## SI Colwyn Bay & District 1952-2012

The regalia for SI Colwyn Bay is based on the coat of arms for Colwyn Bay and was designed by a teacher at Rydal School. The oak tree was formerly used by the Urban District Council and a commemorative oak tree was planted when Colwyn Bay became a borough by Royal Charter in 1934. The lion is derived from the arms of the Principality of Wales, which are those of Prince Llewelyn, with whom the district has historic associations.

The Welsh wording is 'Iechyd, Harddwch, Heddwch' translates to Health, Beauty and Peace.



Gaynor Thomas embroidered the Oak Tree on the club panel to represent the logo. Gaynor was a member of SI Colwyn Bay for over 40 years from 1968. Gaynor's mother, Lalla Thomas was one of the founder members of the club along with other local professional women when it was chartered in 1952 as the daughter club of SI Wrexham. Early meetings were held at Ambler's café in the town followed by the Metropole Hotel and Colwyn Bay Hotel. At the time, Colwyn Bay was a very busy holiday resort with high class shops and many hotels and guest houses.

SI Colwyn Bay sadly closed in 2012 but three ex-members are still at SI Llandudno & District and Barbara Bennett is still a Soroptimist in Stratford upon Avon after moving to the locality.

