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**LONDON CHILTERNS REGION**

**Women inspiring action, *transforming lives***

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**March 2019 Dear Diary**

Monthly Events Bulletin

**Regional Theme this Year is "THINK ON IT" a focus on Mental Health**

To publish something on SILC website please email: **pinkyslatter@hotmail.com**

**Future Meetings of Note**

**SI Newbury & District,** [**www.sigbi.org/newbury-and-district**](http://www.sigbi.org/newbury-and-district)

**Tuesday, 5th March 2019 Annual Pancake Races and Lunch on Shrove Tuesday** Races commence at 12 noon in the Market Place, Newbury RG!$ 5AA. Delicious home-made pancake lunches will be served from 12.15 in nearby **St Nicolas’ Church Hall, West Mills, Newbury RG14 5HG**.

For further information please contact **Katy Hawthorne** by email: **kfh7@hotmail.com** or Tel: **01635 34045** or **07810 767 026**

**SI St Albans & District**

**Thursday 7th March at 7.30 to 9.30pm**

**International Women’s Day Event - Are women their own worst enemy? Let’s Debate**

**St Albans Soroptimists and sponsors, The Talent Keeper Specialists invite you to a lively debate with an expert panel. This event will also be broadcast live on Radio Verulam 92.6FM. The Sandpit Theatre, The Ridgeway, St Albans AL4 9NX Price £6 please book via Eventbrite** [www.eventbrite.co.uk/are-women-their-own-worst-enemy-lets-debate-tickets-54916307153](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/are-women-their-own-worst-enemy-lets-debate-tickets-54916307153)

**Email:** **sistalbans@hotmail.com** **Tel: Kathy 07714089858 All are welcome! Cash Bar available. All profits will be donated to the St Albans and Hertsmere and Welwyn Hatfield women’s refuge.** [**www.sigbi.org/st-albans/iwd**](http://www.sigbi.org/st-albans/wd)

**SI London Chilterns**

**Saturday 9th March 2019 at 10am to 4pm**

**Regional Meeting/Conference and Celebration of International Women’s Day**. Venue: Lancaster Hall Hotel - [**www.lancaster-hall-hotel.co.uk**](http://www.lancaster-hall-hotel.co.uk) - 35 Craven Terrace, London W2 3EL. Pauline Panter and Rita Beaumont have organised speakers representing the two following organisations: **The Hope Foundation,** a charity working to free street children in India. And **Alzheimer’s UK**, reflecting SIGBI President Sue’s theme of **Think On It** [also our Regions theme for this year]. The full programme available prior to event. Refreshment & Lunch will be available at £13.50. Booking forms have been sent to Club Secretaries for distribution to members.

**SI Slough, Windsor & Maidenhead; SI Thames Valley and SI High Wycombe & District**

**Sunday 17th March (afternoon)**

**International Women’s Day Conference** entitled **‘Opportunities for Women and Girls’.**

After the success of the last event these three Clubs are joining forces again to hold another Conference in the afternoon. Once again, this will take place at The Desborough Theatre, Town Hall, St Ives Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 1RF [**www.desboroughtheatre.co.uk**](http://www.desboroughtheatre.co.uk).

Speakers will include Geri Lejeune, Berkshire Community Foundation; DCI Christina Berenger, Thames Valley Police; Hannah Little, Womankind and finally Alaa Fawaz and Raakhi Sharma, schoolgirls from Slough Youth Parliament. For more details contact **Jackie Paling** on **01753 840 666** or

**Estlyn Davies** on **01753 868 785** or email**maidenheadiwd2019@gmail.com**

**SI Hertford & District**

**Friday 22nd March at 6.30 pm**

**Wine into Water fundraising evening for WaterAid.**

This is an open Cheese-and-Wine evening at the home of Karin Weston in Buckland. For address details and to register an interest in attending please email: **sihertford@btinternet.com**. Further details of forthcoming events contact the website: [**www.sigbi.org/hertford-and-district**](http://www.sigbi.org/hertford-and-district) or email Valerie Seddon on **valerie.seddon125@gmail.com**

**SI St Albans & District**

**Saturday 23rd March at 7.15 for 7.30pm start**

**Charity Quiz Night** [**www.sigbi.org/st-albans/quiz**](http://www.sigbi.org/st-albans/quiz)

**Venue: Homewood Road Church Hall, St Albans AL1 4BH (Junction of Homewood Rd & Sandpit Lane) Come and have some fun, give your brain light exercise and raise funds for great causes at this ever popular event: Fish and Chip Supper (with Chicken or Veggie option) £12.50 adults, £10 kids under 16 – up to 8 in a team – we are happy to make up teams if you are less than 8. There’s a licensed cash bar available. Proceeds to the St Albans & Hertsmere and Welwyn Hatfield Women’s Refuges plus charities providing learning opportunities for women and girls.**

**Email:** **sistalbans@hotmail.com**or **jacsorop@gmail.com** Tel: 07884 185 925.

**SI London Chilterns**

**Sunday 24th March London Landmarks Half Marathon** [**www.llhm.co.uk**](http://www.llhm.co.uk)**.** Soroptimist will again “Woman” a cheer station - a great opportunity to raise our profile as Soroptimists. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact **Helen Byrne**, **helenbsorop@yahoo.co.uk**.

**Future Meetings beyond March**

**SI Aylesbury & District**

**Saturday 6th April at 7.15 for 7.30pm start**

**Charity Quiz Night,** [**www.sigbi.org/aylesbury**](http://www.sigbi.org/aylesbury-and-district). Venue: Bedgrove Community Centre, Bedgrove Park Aylesbury HP21 9TT. Cost £13.00 per person (teams of 8) for **Fish and Chip Supper with Dessert (Veggie option available) Raffle and cash Bar Further tickets email:** **sheila.cadge@gmail.com****.**

**SI Slough, Windsor & Maidenhead,** [**www.sigbi.org/slough-windsor-and-maidenhead**](http://www.sigbi.org/slough-windsor-and-maidenhead)

**Sunday 7th April at 12.30 for 1pm**

**Annual Charter Lunch at Stirrups Country House Hotel, Maidens Green, Bracknell RG42 6LD**

A three course lunch with choice of menu for £35.00 per person; Flyer and Booking Form available from your Club Dear Diary distributor, copies will be available at the next Regional Meeting on 9th March 2019

Club contact **Sandra Bond**, Tel: **01628 778 306** email: **sandra.bond2017@outlook.com**.

**SI Hertford & District**

**Friday 12th April**

**Annual Diamond Anniversary Award Supper,** this is a fundraising evening to support a Hertford girl planning a career in **Engineering.** It is our **4th Year** of this project and we are still in contact with the first recipient who has now graduated and working in the field of **Engineering.** For address details and to register an interest in attending please email: **sihertford@btinternet.com**.

Further details of Club events visit: [**www.sigbi.org/hertford-and-district**](http://www.sigbi.org/hertford-and-district) .

**SI Greater London**

**Saturday 13th April [provisional date]** [**www.sigbi.org/greater-greater/diary**](http://www.sigbi.org/greater-greater/diary)

**95th Charter Celebrations, the first Soroptimist Club in the UK**

**More details about this momentous event will be available in the** March Dear Diary and on the London Chilterns website. Irene Cockcroft is the lead Club member **email:** **hotshot@blueyonder.co.uk**.

**SIGL members look forward to welcoming Soroptimists and other friends and family, particularly those who represent professions.**

**To help us gauge prospective numbers, please email:** **sigl.club@gmail.com** **.**

**SIGBI Growth Plan – Phase 3 will be launched at SIGBI Development Day**

**Saturday 1st June 2019**

**East Midlands Conference Centre, University Park, Beeston Lane, Nottingham NG7 2RJ**

To access the letter from Isobel Smith re: Growth Plan Phase 3 please see the SIGBI News Briefing on 21st December 2018. So reserve the date and I am sure more details will follow nearer the date.

**85th SIGBI Federation Conference**

**Bournemouth International Centre**

**Thursday 24th to Saturday 26th October 2019**

The theme for 2018-2019 is “Think on it” and the challenge for the year is to improve our own mental health and to raise awareness of the wellbeing and mental health of the women and girls we help.

As the programme for conference develops full details will be posted on the website so please watch out for updates via [**www.sigbi.org/bournemouth2019/**](http://www.sigbi.org/bournemouth2019/).

**Club Monthly Meeting Details**

**SI Aylesbury & District,** [**www.sigbi.org/aylesbury**](http://www.sigbi.org/aylesbury-and-district)

**Monday or Wednesday at 7pm [dates vary]**

At Aylesbury Town Hall, Council Chamber, 5 Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP.

Chartered 14th June 1958

**SI Bedford,** [**www.sigbi.org/bedford**](http://www.sigbi.org/bedford)

**1st and 3rd Wednesday at 7.30pm**

Meet at St Andrews Church Centre, Kimbolton Road, Bedford MK40 2PF. Chartered 6th October 1931.

**SI Hertford & District,** [**www.sigbi.org/hertford-and-district**](http://www.sigbi.org/hertford-and-district)

**1st and 3rd Monday, meet at 7.15, for 7.30pm start.**

At The Hertford Club, Lombard House, Bull Plain, Hertford SG14 1DT. Chartered on 28th April 1956

**SI High Wycombe & District,** [**www.sigbi.org/high-wycombe-and-district**](http://www.sigbi.org/high-wycombe-and-district)

**1st Tuesday at 7pm** Chartered on 1st January 1962

At Brewers Fayre Papermill, London Road, Loudwater, High Wycombe HP10 9YL.

**SI Lewisham and South East London,** [**www.sigbi.org/lewisham-and-south-east-london**](http://www.sigbi.org/lewisham-and-south-east-london)

**2nd Monday [except August] at 7pm**

At TRA Consort Hall, 29 Philip Walk, London SE15 3NH. Chartered on 1st January 1966

**SI London Central and South West,** [**www.sigbi.org/london-central-and-southwest**](http://www.sigbi.org/london-central-and-southwest)

**2nd Tuesday at 7pm**

Number 63 (Soroptimist) Ltd., 63 Bayswater Road, London W2 3PH.

Chartered on 5th May 1927 & 27th July 1927

**SI London Greater,** [**www.sigbi.org/london-greater**](http://www.sigbi.org/london-greater)

**1st Thursday, meet at 6.30, for 7pm start.**

Number 63 (Soroptimist) Ltd., 63 Bayswater Road, London W2 3PH. Chartered on 14th February 1924

**SI Milton Keynes,** [**www.sigbi.org/m ilton-keynes**](http://www.sigbi.org/m%20ilton-keynes)

**Our Meetings Vary, Dates and Venues.** General enquiries contact sorptimistsmk@gmail.com

**SI Newbury & District,** [**www.sigbi.org/newbury-and-district**](http://www.sigbi.org/newbury-and-district)

**1st and 3rd Thursday [except August] at 7.30pm**

St Georges Church Annex, Wash Common, Newbury RG14 6NU. Chartered on 1st January 1956

**SI Oxford & District,** [**www.sigbi.org/oxford-and-district**](http://www.sigbi.org/oxford-and-district)

**3rd Wednesday, meet at 6.30 for 7pm start.**

The Coach House, Quarry Road, Headington, Oxford OX3 8NU. Chartered on 1st January 1958

**SI Slough, Windsor & Maidenhead,** [**www.sigbi.org/slough-windsor-and-maidenhead**](http://www.sigbi.org/slough-windsor-and-maidenhead)

**3rd Wednesday at 7pm**

Fredrick’s Hotel, Shoppenhangers Road, Maidenhead SL6 2PZ. Chartered on 1st January 1961

**SI St Albans & District,** [**www.sigbi.org/st-albans-and-district**](http://www.sigbi.org/st-albans-and-district)

**2nd and 4th Monday at 8pm**

**Chiswell Green United Reformed Church Hall, Watford Road, St Albans AL2 3HG**

email: **sistalbans@hotmail.com** or Tel Jane: 0783 4345796. Chartered 1st January 1957

**SI Thames Valley,** [**www.sigbi.org/thames-valley**](http://www.sigbi.org/thames-valley)

**3rd Tuesday, meet at 7.30pm.**

Bourne End Library, Bourne End, Buckinghamshire SL8 5SX. Chartered on 31st March 1990

*Dates of Regional Meetings 2019*

*29th June 2019 - 10am to 4pm at Redbourn Parish Centre, The Park, Redbourn AL3 7LR. Hosted by*

 *SI St Alban’s & District - Regional Meeting/Conference*

*12th October 2019 - 10am to 4pm at Lancaster Hall Hotel, Regional Meeting/Conference and AGM*

*30th November 2019 - 10am to 4pm*

 *Venue TBC - Region Meeting/Conference and Human Rights Celebration*

*7th March 2020 - Lancaster Hall Hotel-Region Meeting/Conference and International Women’s Day*

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**N.B. Check UN Days and Significant Dates in the Soroptimist Calendar by visiting:**

[**www.sigbi.org/members/programme/un-days-and-significant-dates**](http://www.sigbi.org/members/programme/un-days-and-significant-dates)