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**Jan 2021 Dear Diary**

Monthly Bulletin from SI London Chilterns Region

**President Helen Byrne’s Message for the Year is**

**“Celebrate the Past, Create the future”**

**Please keep on sending details of your events for us to share including any events you have planned for the 2021 Soroptimist International Centennial.**

**Please email any entries for the next edition to:** [**silondonchilterns@hotmail.com**](mailto:silondonchilterns@hotmail.com) **by Saturday 27 February 2021 – please also send anything for the SILC website.**

**SI London Chilterns** [**www.sigbi.org/london-chilterns**](http://www.sigbi.org/london-chilterns)

**Sat 13 Mar - SILC Region Meeting/Conference and International Women’s Day Celebration – Zoom 10am to 1pm** Speakers are Kerrin Wilson, Assistant Chief Constable of Lincolnshire Police and Shrabani Basu author of the “Spy Princess” who will talk to us about Noor Inayat Khan - see website for full details including the Eventbrite link to book your place: **[www.sigbi.org/london-chilterns/2021/01/30/iwd21](https://sigbi.org/london-chilterns/2021/01/30/iwd21/)**

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

**Fri 5 Feb – THE NOT-SO-SERIOUS-QUIZ NIGHT** 7.30pm to 9pm - even though our usual quiz night had to be cancelled the replacement event by Zoom was so successful that we are repeating it! Our new date is FRIDAY 5th FEBRUARY and will again be a Zoom event. Please contact Anne Miles at [contrannie@btopenworld.com](mailto:contrannie@btopenworld.com) We look forward to seeing

you.

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

**Mon 8 Feb – Club Meeting  7.30pm Zoom – Nicky Thompson Chair of The Dianne Oxberry Trust**[dianneoxberrytrust.org](https://dianneoxberrytrust.org/) The Charity’s efforts are focused on raising awareness of the symptoms of ovarian cancer to secure faster diagnosis and better outcomes so that other families have more time together than Dianne had with hers. All are welcome, if you’d like to join us please email [sistalbans@hotmail.com](mailto:sistalbans@hotmail.com)

**SI East Grinstead** (SI South East England Region)

**Wed 10 Feb 7.30pm on Zoom** – Speaker is author **Tessa Boase** who writes about invisible British women of the 19th and early 20th century. Tessa is an experienced speaker, appearing at literary festivals from Rye to Harrogate, lecturing for the V&A, the National Trust and English Heritage among others. Tessa's book, **Mrs Pankhurst's Purple Feather**, involved such moments. Please email Alison Tarada [alisontarada@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:alisontarada@yahoo.co.uk) for the Zoom link.

**SI Milton Keynes** [**www.sigbi.org/milton-keynes**](http://www.sigbi.org/milton-keynes)

**Tue 16 Feb 6pm on Zoom -** speaker is Val Williamson former Paraplegic champion. Email [soroptimistsmk@gmail.com](mailto:soroptimistsmk@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

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

**Mon 22 Feb – 7.30pm Speaker Meeting  on Zoom** [**Dr Margaret Ashwell OBE**](http://www.ashwell.uk.com/drmargaretashwell.htm)**will speak about the relationship between food and health.**Margaret is a public health nutritionist and she is also the biographer of **Elsie Widdowson** so we will learn about this inspiring woman too <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elsie_Widdowson>

**Email:** [**sistalbans@hotmail.com**](mailto:sistalbans@hotmail.com) **or tel: 07834345796** to be sent Zoom details

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

**APRIL 2021** Due to the Covid restrictions we have to announce the postponing of our planned  65th anniversary celebrations.

**SI Milton Keynes** [**www.sigbi.org/milton-keynes**](http://www.sigbi.org/milton-keynes)

**Fri 16 April - Violet Awards**. Named after Violet Richardson SI founder.  Celebration Event to establish and reward outstanding contributions from the Club’s four linked Charities. Email [soroptimistsmk@gmail.com](mailto:soroptimistsmk@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

**Sat 11 – Sat 18 Sept** – Arts, Crafts and Soroptimist History event to be 11-18 September in the Gallery at the Milton Keynes City Centre Church. It will include stalls to put our crafts on for sale, a section for an arts and history exhibition.

**SIGBI Conference** [**www.sigbi.org/llandudno2021**](https://sigbi.org/llandudno2021/)

**SIGBI Conference Llandudno - now online afternoons of Fri 29 Oct and Sat 30 Oct**

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

**26/27 Mar 2022 - Diamond Anniversary** – planning in progress…

**Monthly Meeting Details of the Clubs in SI London Chilterns Region**

**NB Most Face to Face Meetings are suspended due to COVID-19**

**– please contact the Club directly to confirm any arrangements**

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

**1st Wednesday at 7pm**

Community Room at Tesco Extra, Broadfields Retail Park, Bicester Road, Aylesbury HP19 8BU.

Chartered 14th June 1958

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

**3rd Monday at 7pm**

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

**2nd Tuesday at 7pm** Chartered on 5th May 1927 & 27th July 1927

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

**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/milton-keynes**](http://www.sigbi.org/milton-keynes)

**3rd Tuesdays 5.45pm** MK SNAP, Walnut TreeMK7 7DE Contact [sorptimistsmk@gmail.com](mailto: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**](http://www.sigbi.org/st-albans)

**2nd and 4th of most Mondays at 8pm**

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

email: [**sistalbans@hotmail.com**](mailto: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 Region Meetings/Conferences 2021***

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**Sat 12 Jun 2021 - SILC Region Meeting/Conference – now on Zoom**

**Sat 9 Oct 2021 - Lancaster Hall, London - SILC Region AGM/Conference**

**The programme and back-issues of Dear Diary are available on the Region website** [**www.sigbi.org/london-chilterns/programme/**](http://www.sigbi.org/london-chilterns/programme/)