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**July 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** **by Monday 28 June 2021 – please also send anything for the SILC website.**

**READ ALL ABOUT IT -** **SI London Chilterns** [**www.sigbi.org/london-chilterns/12jun**](http://www.sigbi.org/london-chilterns/12jun)

**On Saturday** **12 Jun we held the SILC Region Meeting/Conference and Celebration of our Soroptimist Centenary - Hosted by SI Milton Keynes.**

The event was wonderful, it included, among other things, a play about the history of Soroptimist International and a meet up online with founding club **SI Oakland in California.** Please click on the website [**www.sigbi.org/london-chilterns/12jun**](http://www.sigbi.org/london-chilterns/12jun) to see videos, presentations, photos and more!

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

**Mon 5 Jul** Although still enjoying meetings by Zoom, not yet face-to-face, we would welcome any friends who wish to join us. We welcome Dr Sham Qayyum, a legal academic from University of Hertfordshire to discuss  'Inter-sectional Diversity'  including race, religion, ethnicity and the law. Please contact us via our website for details and links.

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

**Mon 12 Jul – 7.30-9pm on Zoom**– we will hear from **Richard Ratcliffe** about his fight to free his wife **Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe**who has been detained in Iran since 3 April 2016. Book on Eventbrite: [**www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/si-st-albans-hear-from-richard-ratcliffe-on-his-fight-to-free-nazanin-tickets-161526089883**](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/si-st-albans-hear-from-richard-ratcliffe-on-his-fight-to-free-nazanin-tickets-161526089883) For full details, click here [www.sigbi.org/st-albans/richard-ratcliffe](https://sigbi.org/st-albans-and-district/2021/richard-ratcliffe/) all are welcome so please share. For more info Email sistalbans@hotmail.com  or phone Jane on 07834345796

**Wed 14 Jul evening – SIGBI Day of Action on Climate Change – Tree Walk with the SISTA Planet Team – Highfield Park 7pm.**All are welcome including family and friends. Meet at YMCA car park Russett Drive St Albans AL4 0DB to start the walk at 7pm.  If you’d like to join us please let us know by emailing sistalbans@hotmail

**Mon 26 Jul – 7.30pm on Zoom – SISTA Speaker Meeting with Shelley Hayles and Raihaanah Ahmed**– two inspiring women in our community. For more info Email sistalbans@hotmail.com  or phone Jane on 07834345796

**Sat 7 Aug– 100 Years, 100 Laps –** join **SISTA** and celebrate 100 Years of Soroptimist International with 100 laps of the lake in Verulamium Park from 1.30pm – all are welcome – please see the website for information  [www.sigbi.org/st-albans/100-laps](https://sigbi.org/st-albans-and-district/2021/100-laps/) Email sistalbans@hotmail.com  or phone Jane on 07834345796

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

**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.

**Soroptimist International**

**Sat 2nd and Sun 3 Oct 5-9pm - 100th Anniversary of Soroptimist International** [**www.100.soroptimistinternational.org/si100**](https://100.soroptimistinternational.org/si100)

**Registration for the celebration is now open, and we encourage you to sign up as soon as possible to receive the greatest savings!**

* Early Bird Registration: Closes 15 July, 2021 / $40.00 (about £29)
* Regular Registration: 16 July – 14 September, 2021 / $50.00 (about £36)
* Last Minute Registration: 15 September – 2 October, 2021 / $75.00 (about £54)

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

**Sat 9 Oct – 9.30am on Zoom – SI London Chilterns Region AGM/Conference**

The Region will continue the Soroptimist International 100th Anniversary celebration by recognising the top #WhoIsShe Soroptimists not presented at the June meeting. There will be excellent speakers. Time will also be spent remembering our dear Member, Johanna Raffan MBE SIGBI President and Member of SI Thames Valley in our Region, who sadly died in June. More details will be available soon.

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

**Fri 29 and Sat 30 Oct 12-6pm – Online SIGBI Conference Llandudno**

with workshops and speakers 12 to 6pm both days and a celebration of our 100th Anniversary. Book now – the price is per person:

1. Early Bird Registration: until 16 August 2021 – £60
2. Normal Registration:  17th August – 30 September 2021 – £70
3. Late Registration: 1st October – 22 October 2021 – £80

**It is planned that after Conference closes Club Members will continue celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Soroptimist International**

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

**Sat 20 Nov - new date for the 65th Anniversary Celebrations**. The Club would love you to join them. More details later.

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

**Sun 21 Nov** – join SITV to celebrate Thirty [one] years of services to women locally, nationally, and internationally. Like many celebrations, this event was postponed in 2020 with the date moving a couple of times. Hopefully, we will be able to celebrate this November! Charter lunch will be at the River and Rowing Museum, Henley-on-Thames.

Reception time 12 noon, for 12.30pm lunch. The cost per head is £50.00 to include a welcome drink and a glass of something special for the toast, a prize draw ticket, a small donation to charity. Enquiries to sithamesvalleysecretary@gmail.com

**Looking further ahead…..**

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

**Sat 26 - Sun 27 Mar 2022 - Diamond Anniversary Weekend**

There will be a celebratory lunch at Ditton Park Manor, Langley, on Sun 27 March.

**Soroptimist International Convention Dublin Thu 27 – Sun 29 July 2023 “Challenge the Future”** [**sidublin2023.com**](http://sidublin2023.com)

**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

**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** 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 2021/22***

**Sat 9 Oct 2021 - Zoom -** **SILC Region AGM/Conference**

**Sat 11 Dec – Zoom – SILC Region Conference - Human Rights Day**

**Sat Mar 5 or 12 2022 TBD – Face-to-Face – London - SILC Region Conference – International Women’s Day**

**Sat Jun 11 ? 2022 TBD – Face-to-Face – SILC Region Conference Hosted by SI Slough Windsor and Maidenhead Club**

**Sat 8 Oct 2022 – Zoom - 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/)