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London Chilterns

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**September 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 Monday 30 August 2021 – please also send anything for the SILC website.**

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

**Mon 6 Sep** Speaker meeting with **Christine Roach,  Chair of the Herts Domestic Abuse Helpline.** This will be a Zoom meeting, and  if anyone would like to join please contact via the Club’s website for the necessary link.

**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.

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

**Mon 27 Sep – Zoom 7.30pm to 9pm Step up to COP26 – whilst stepping down Carbon Footprints** [**www.sigbi.org/st-albans/cop26**](http://www.sigbi.org/st-albans/cop26)

The Club’s Planet Team are hosting a follow up on theClub's Sustainability Event in March. The speaker is Club Member and Carbon Literacy Trainer Linda Shall. You don't need to have attended the March session to benefit from this one. Booking information will be available soon – to register interest please **Email** [**sistalbans@hotmail.com**](mailto:sistalbans@hotmail.com)

**Soroptimist International**

**This is a one-off event attended by Soroptimists from all around the world!**

**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!**

* 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 to 1pm on Zoom – SI London Chilterns Region AGM/Conference**

Speaker: **Dame Sarah Mullally, Bishop of London on Career and Gender**. Dame Sarah will share her personal experience of rising to senior roles in two professions with the exact opposite gender mix – in nursing she was England’s Chief Nursing Officer and now she is a Bishop in the Church of England.

The Region will continue the Soroptimist International 100th Anniversary celebration by recognising more of the top #WhoIsShe Soroptimists. 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. Click here to view updated information about the event [**www.sigbi.org/london-chilterns/agm2021**](https://sigbi.org/london-chilterns/2021/08/28/agm2021/)**Booking information will also be sent directly to Clubs.**

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

**Fri 29 and Sat 30 Oct Online SIGBI Conference Llandudno Workshops from 12pm, Conference 1.30-6pm** with speakers and a celebration of our 100th Anniversary. Book now – the price is per person:

1. Normal Registration:  17th August – 30 September 2021 – £70
2. Late Registration: 1st October – 22 October 2021 – £80

Workshop spaces are limited and are £5 to attend.

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

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

**Thu 4 Nov – Abbey Theatre St Albans Charity Night 8pm – Private Lives by Noel Coward**In aid of the Women’s Refuge and other Club Charities. To register interest please **Email** [**sistalbans@hotmail.com**](mailto:sistalbans@hotmail.com)

**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** **– 30th (Now 31st) Anniversary Charter Lunch.** Please come and pay tribute to the life of one of our founders, Johanna Raffan, who sadly died in June this year. We send our sincere thanks to all those who sent such kind letters and cards to us.

Johanna gave so much to Soroptimism and we will be delighted if you will join us to celebrate her life and achievements.

Venue-: The River and Rowing Museum, Henley, OXON RG9 1BF

Date -: 21st November 2021 12.30 for 1pm

Cost-: £50 to include a welcome drink, a meal, a toast and a small donation to club charities

Enquiries to -: [sithamesvalleysecretary@gmail.com](mailto: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](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 2021/22***

**Sat 9 Oct 2021 - Zoom –** **9.30am to 1pm SILC Region AGM/Conference**

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

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

**Sat 11 Jun 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/)