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London Chilterns

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**December 2021 Dear Diary**

Monthly Bulletin from SI London Chilterns Region

 **“The Chilterns Challengers”**

**Shared Presidents’ Message for the Year is**

***“Respecting Differences, Celebrating Similarities”***

**Please keep on sending details of your events for us to share.**

**Please email any entries for the next edition to:** **silondonchilterns@hotmail.com** **by Wed 29 Dec 2021 – plus anything for the SILC website.**

***Please also send all of your Christmas/New Year messages for Clubs in the Region for inclusion here and in the Jan Dear Diary instead of sending separate messages***

***“SI London Chilterns*** *wishes the Members of all the Clubs in London Chilterns Region a very Merry Christmas and a happy, peaceful, successful and inspiring 2022.”*

***“SI Aylesbury & District:*** *To our Soroptimist friends in London Chilterns Region: Best wishes for a Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year 2022 from all of our Members”*

***“SI Bedford:*** *To All our Friends across London Chilterns Region: Wishing you a Peaceful & Happy Chrismas and Fun & Friendship in 2022. From Everyone at SI Bedford xx*🤶🎄🥂

***“SI Hertford & District:*** *we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Happy, Healthy 2022*

***“SI Newbury:*** *Members want to send their warmest wishes and virtual hugs to Members throughout the Region. We look forward to being able to see you all in person soon and wish you a happy, healthy 2022.*

***“SI St Albans & District*** *would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a happy, healthy and peaceful 2022. Instead of sending Christmas cards we are making a donation to the Soroptimist International President’s Appeal* ***Opening Doors to a Brighter Future****.”*

***“SI Slough Windsor & Maidenhead:****All the Members wish the Clubs in London Chilterns Region a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and Season’s Greetings. It’s been yet another challenging year but may you all look forward to brighter times ahead!* 🔔🔔🔔

***“SI Thames Valley:*** *Wishing all of our friends and sister Soroptimists a peaceful Christmas and a healthy and successful 2022. Our sincere thanks for your continued interest and support for the Kori project in Sierra Leone, and especially the Memorial Orchard in remembrance of Johanna Raffan.*

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

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

After our busy November we are looking forward to our planned programme for the New Year.  Our Speaker meetings are:  **Wed Jan 3rd - Irene Austin,  Chair of  'Herts Welcomes Refugees'.**

**Mon Feb 7th  -  Kat  Rolle,  'Modern Day Slavery'**, **Mon Mar 7th -   Carol Lee, MBE,   'My life as a woman  with learning difficulties'.** **Mon Apr 4th will be an open discussion on equalities and diversity.**

Any members of our sister clubs will be welcome but some, if not all, will be by zoom so please contact us in advance via our website.

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

**25 Nov-10 Dec “Orange the World”** – 16 days of action to end gender based violence ending on Human Rights Day. Click here [www.sigbi.org/st-albans/orange21](https://sigbi.org/st-albans-and-district/2021/orange21/) to find out how you can turn St Albans and neighbouring towns and villages orange.

**Mon 6 Dec – from 5.30pm  “Shake Rattle and Sing”** – Soroptimists and friends (2 and 4 legged!) will be singing carols and festive songs at **St Albans City Station**from**5.30pm to 7pm** in aid of the local **Women’s Refuge**[**www.sahwr.org.uk**](https://sahwr.org.uk/)marking **Human Rights Day**. We will then retire to the White Hart Tap**from 7.30pm** for a well-earned supper. Come and join in the fun – exercise your vocal cords, shake a bucket or just come and socialise with us in the pub! For more details email: sistalbans@hotmail.com

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

**Sat 11 Dec – 10am to 1pm on Zoom – SI London Chilterns Region Conference and Human Rights Day Celebration**

With three great speakers, all on message for Human Rights Day: Dr Sham Qayyum will talk on ‘Inter-sectional Diversity’, Roni Cherneva on “Modern Day Slavery and Linda Shall on the link between Human Rights and Climate Change.

Click here to view information about the event [**www.sigbi.org/london-chilterns/hrday21**](http://www.sigbi.org/london-chilterns/hrday21) **Please book on Eventbrite** [**www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/soroptimist-international-london-chilterns-region-human-rights-day-2021-tickets-204378350147**](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/soroptimist-international-london-chilterns-region-human-rights-day-2021-tickets-204378350147)

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

**Mon 24 Jan – 7.30pm on Zoom, Speaker Meeting – COP26** The 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference, also known as COP26, was the 26th United Nations Climate Change conference held in Glasgow, Scotland, from 1 to 12 November 2021 under the presidency of the United Kingdom. We will hear about outcomes and plans for the future. More info on website soon – Email: sistalbans@hotmail.com or tel: 07834345796

**Sat 5 Feb – Fun Charity Quiz Night goes virtual!** 7.30pm to 9pm in aid of St Albans and Hertsmere Women’s Refuge plus Club Charities. More info on website soon – Email: sistalbans@hotmail.com or tel: 07834345796

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

**Sat 5 Mar – 10am to 1pm on Zoom – SI London Chilterns Region Conference and International Women’s Day Event –** details will be available on the website soon.

**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.

**SIGBI Conference 2022 Thu 27 Oct to Sat 29 Oct – SI Great Britain and Ireland Conference Belfast** [**www.sigbi.org/belfast2022**](https://sigbi.org/belfast2022/)

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

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

**NB Since COVID Clubs are holding a mix of Online and Face to Face Meetings**

**– 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 7.30pm either on Zoom or at**

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

**Sat 5 Mar 2022 – Zoom - SILC Region Conference – International Women’s Day**

**Sat 11 Jun 2022 – 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/)