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London Chilterns

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**December 2022 Dear Diary**

Monthly Bulletin from SI London Chilterns Region

 **“The Chilterns Challengers”**

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

***“The Future is Ours to Challenge”.***

***Rita Beaumont has included your Christmas/New Year messages for Clubs in the Region in the Newsletter. If any of you missed it please send for inclusion in the January Dear Diary instead of sending separate messages.***

**Please email any entries for the next edition to:** **silondonchilterns@hotmail.com** **by 29 Dec 2022 – plus anything for the SILC website.**

**25th of Every Month is Orange Day – UKPAC** [**https://sigbi.org/ukpac**](https://sigbi.org/ukpac)

**UKPAC has joined the UNiTE campaign to mark the 25th of each month as “Orange Day”**, a day to raise awareness and take action to end violence against women and girls.

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action/unite> As a bright and optimistic colour, orange represents a future free from violence against women and girls. UKPAC has produced posters, postcards and badges which have been sent to Clubs – please email silondonchilterns@hotmail.com if not received.

**SILC Region**

**Sat 10 Dec - SILC Region Meeting/Conference and Celebration of Human Rights Day - 10am to 1pm on Zoom -** the last day of **#OrangeTheWorld**and #16DaysofActivism to #EndGenderBasedViolence with two excellent speakers:

* **Major Kathy Betteridge**, Director for Anti Trafficking and Modern Slavery, National Lead from the Salvation Army
* **Chris Green OBE**, founder of the White Ribbon & Co Founder of Male Allies Challenging Sexism; Chris was awarded his OBE for Services to Equality

For more information please visit this page on the website[**https://sigbi.org/london-chilterns/2022/hrday22**](https://sigbi.org/london-chilterns/2022/11/19/hrday22/)All are welcome for part or all of the meeting. **To Book please email****silondonchilterns@hotmail.com** You will be sent the Zoom link and the agenda nearer to the time. **Please wear something orange if you can.**

Any problems accessing the call please email/call/text Jane Slatter pinkyslatter@hotmail.com or 07834345796

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

**Sat 10 Dec -** Come at meet some SI Thames Valley Soroptimists at the **Saturday Market in Bourne End** **9.30am to 1pm**they will bewearing **ORANGE** to **Orange the World** raising awareness of Gender based Violence from their base on the **Wellbeing Hub Stall.**

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

**Sat 3 Dec – Big Orange Party –**Fundraiser at Hatfield Social Club 7pm to 11.30pm.

This is an event for all ages, so please share with friends and family and let's have some orange fundraising fun!

Ticketed event – £12, book now! Please visit the website for all the info[**sigbi.org/st-albans/orange-party**](http://sigbi.org/st-albans/orange-party)**#OrangeTheWorldHerts**and click here to book on Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/big-orange-party-tickets-417464255827>

**Mon 5 Dec – from 5.30pm  “Shake, Rattle, Sing and Wear Orange”** – 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://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fsahwr.org.uk%2F&data=04%7C01%7C%7C4181bddcc23744a6251308d99ad548c2%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637711063107563234%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=qBfnLuuhw1zJCrm%2BjtGaxaEw3ei54MY9oCxlYQQGXcc%3D&reserved=0)marking **Human Rights Day**. We will then retire to the **White Hart Tap**for a well-earned supper. Come and join in the fun – **wear orange if you can** – exercise your vocal cords, shake a bucket or just come and socialise with us in the pub! For more details email: sistalbans@hotmail.com for more see <https://sigbi.org/st-albans-and-district/2022/carols22/>

**Mon 23 Jan – Zoom 7.30pm to 9pm “How St Albans communities are tackling climate change and building resilience to its effects”.** Speakers are **Kate Swindells** who was one of “The Independent’s Happy List 2020: Heroes in a crisis” – she set up a successful community garden in St Albans and is on a mission to empower and enable others to create many more. We will also hear from a St Albans City Council sponsored volunteer **“Climate Champion”.** To register your interest in attending please email:**sistalbans@hotmail.com**

**Looking further ahead…..**

**Sat 11 Mar 2023 -** **SILC Region Meeting/Conference and Celebration of International Women's Day - 10am to 4pm in person in London at the Lancaster Hall hotel** [**www.lancaster-hall-hotel.co.uk/**](http://www.lancaster-hall-hotel.co.uk/) **35 Craven Terrace, W2 3EL**

**Sat 10 Jun 2023 - SILC Region Meeting/Conference 10am to 1pm on Zoom.**

**Soroptimist International Thu 27 – Sun 29 July 2023 SI Convention Dublin “Challenge the Future”** [**sidublin2023.com**](http://sidublin2023.com) **“**Early Bird” booking by 21 Jan.

**Sat 7 Oct 2023 - SILC Region AGM/Conference 10am to 1pm on Zoom.**

**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 6.30pm**

Either by Zoom or at a members House in Aylesbury.

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.**

GSK Allenbury's Sports & Social Club in Ware SG12 0DJ. The Club operates a hybrid model of meetings to attend in person or via Zoom. Please contact the Club by the website.

**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** Acorn Nursery Training Room,4 Wimbourne Crescent, Westcroft, MK44DE Contact sorptimistsmk@gmail.com

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

**1st Thursday at 2.30pm**

Venue TBC. 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

**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/)