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**February 2023 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”.***

**Please email any entries for the next edition to:** **silondonchilterns@hotmail.com** **by 26 Feb 2023 – plus anything for the SILC website.**

**International Women’s Day Wed 8 March 2023**

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**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 you need any help.

**SIGBI**

**Sat 4 Mar - International Women’s Day Webinar—1.30-4pm** SIGBI’s first International Women’s Day Webinar. There will be a packed programme, with speakers and entertainment featuring women from around the world between speakers. This event will appeal to Soroptimists and non-Soroptimists, so let your friends, families and colleagues know to save the date. Details of how to register, together with the full programme, will be released shortly. This will also be recorded.

**SILC Region** [**https://sigbi.org/london-chilterns**](https://sigbi.org/london-chilterns)

**Sat 11 Mar - SILC Region Meeting/Conference and Celebration of International Women's Day - 10am to 4pm at the Lancaster Hall hotel** [**www.lancaster-hall-hotel.co.uk/**](http://www.lancaster-hall-hotel.co.uk/) **35 Craven Terrace, W2 3EL** We are excited to be meeting face to face in London (trains permitting of course!). A full day with great speakers and networking and development opportunities - only £11.50 including a light lunch and refreshments. Click here for all the information to book your place - don't miss it! [**https://sigbi.org/london-chilterns/iwd23**](https://sigbi.org/london-chilterns/iwd23) Please try to come if you can, even if only for part of the day – it promises to be inspiring and a great way to find out more about our wonderful organisation. Any queries please email **silondonchilterns@hotmail.com**

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

**Mon 27 Feb - Zoom 7.30pm - 9pm "Women's Justice" with Dame Vera Baird DBE KC.** Dame Vera is a British barrister and politician who has held roles as a government minister, police and crime commissioner, and Victims' Commissioner for England and Wales. She is also a Soroptimist and a terrific speaker so don't miss it! All are welcome. Click here for more information and to book [**https://sigbi.org/st-albans/womens-justice**](https://sigbi.org/st-albans/womens-justice). If you have any queries please email:**sistalbans@hotmail.com**

**Sat 25 March - Charity Quiz Night** [**https://sigbi.org/st-albans/quiz23**](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fsigbi.org%2Fst-albans%2Fquiz23&data=05%7C01%7C%7Cbef59eb935d94f9dd06908daeffac3af%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638086158818526920%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=pib5oLXArw8d6wfRsMR04migAyhTzE9VZ8d4IY5%2BTRU%3D&reserved=0)

**Come and have some fun, give your brain some light exercise and raise funds for great causes at this ever popular event:**

Homewood Road Church Hall, St Albans AL1 4BH (Junction Homewood Rd and Sandpit Lane).**7pm for 7.20pm** start. Fish & chip supper (with chicken or veggie option) £14 adults, £10 kids under 16 – up to 8 in a team - we are happy to make up teams if you are less than 8. Licensed cash bar. Proceeds to the St Albans & Hertsmere Women’s Refuge plus other charities supported by the Club. Email: sistalbans@hotmail.com Tel: 07834345796

**Looking further ahead…..**

**Sat 10 Jun 2023 - SILC Region Meeting/Conference TBC plans are under review…**

**Soroptimist International Thu 27 – Sun 29 July 2023 SI Convention Dublin “Challenge the Future”** [**sidublin2023.com**](http://sidublin2023.com) **“**Standard” booking fee until 25 Mar.

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

**Fri 3 – Sat 4 Nov – SIGBI Conference London**

[**https://sigbi.org/london2023/**](https://sigbi.org/london2023/)**Friends House, Euston Road, London NW1**

[**https://www.friendshouse.co.uk/**](https://www.friendshouse.co.uk/)

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

**Many Clubs hold a mix of Online and Face to Face Meetings – please contact the Club directly to confirm any arrangements.**

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

**1st Wednesday at 6.30pm**

Either by Zoom or at a members House in Aylesbury.

Chartered 14th June 1958

**SI Bedford,** [**https://sigbi.org/bedford**](https://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** **<https://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** [**https://sigbi.org/high-wycombe-and-district**](https://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** [**https://sigbi.org/london-central-and-southwest**](https://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** [**https://sigbi.org/london-greater**](https://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** [**https://sigbi.org/milton-keynes**](https://sigbi.org/milton-keynes)

**3rd Tuesdays 5.45pm** Acorn Nursery Training Room,4 Wimbourne Crescent, Westcroft, MK44DE Contact sorptimistsmk@gmail.com

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

**1st Thursday at 2.30pm**

Venue TBC. Chartered on 1st January 1956

**SI Oxford & District** **<https://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** **<https://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** [**https://sigbi.org/st-albans**](https://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** **<https://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/)