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**May 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**](mailto:silondonchilterns@hotmail.com) **by 30 May 2023 – 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](mailto:silondonchilterns@hotmail.com) if you need any help.

**SI Oxford & District** <https://sigbi.org/oxford-and-district>

**Wed 17 May, Soroptimist International Oxford and District**are holding a face-to-face meeting, with theHead of the **Thames Valley Probation Service**. Coach House, 46 Quarry Rd, Headington OX3 8NU. The meeting starts at 6.30 for 7pm and will last until 9 pm latest. If you wish to attend please contact Jenny Vince [jvincesi@googlemail.com](mailto:jvincesi@googlemail.com)

**SILC June Region Meetings – in June we have split the Clubs in the “North” of the Region (Aylesbury, Bedford, Hertford, Milton Keynes, St Albans) and Clubs in the “West” of the Region (High Wycombe, Newbury, Oxford, Slough Windsor and Maidenhead and Thames Valley). We hope that meeting in a location closer for everyone and in these smaller clusters will enable more members to attend and closer inter-Club working** (the London Collective has been meeting separately).

**Sat 3 Jun**, **SILC Northern Group Regional Meeting 10-2pm** Redbourn Village Hall, 63 High St, Redbourn, AL3 7LW. There will be no charge for the event: coffee/tea will be provided and members are invited to bring their own “picnic” lunch. We hope that as many Members as possible can join us from these 5 Clubs: **Aylesbury, Bedford, Hertford, Milton Keynes, St Albans.** Our speaker is **Kate Belinis, SILC President-Elect, CEO of CDA Herts and a Deputy Lieutenant of Hertfordshire** – please see the website for more information: [**https://sigbi.org/london-chilterns/northjun23/**](https://sigbi.org/london-chilterns/northjun23/)and please book on Eventbrite[**www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/soroptimist-international-london-chilterns-northern-group-meeting-tickets-625286598047**](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/soroptimist-international-london-chilterns-northern-group-meeting-tickets-625286598047) If you have any queries please email [silondonchilterns@hotmail.com](mailto:silondonchilterns@hotmail.com).

**Sat 17 Jun, SILC Western Group Regional Meeting 10-2pm** Bourne End Community Library, Wakeman Rd, Bourne End SL8 5SX. There will be no charge for the event: coffee/tea will be provided and members are invited to bring their own “picnic” lunch. We hope that as many Members as possible can join us from these 5 Clubs: **High Wycombe, Newbury, Oxford, Slough Windsor and Maidenhead, and Thames Valley.** Our speaker is to be confirmed –please see the website for more information:[**https://sigbi.org/london-chilterns/westjun23/**](https://sigbi.org/london-chilterns/westjun23/)and please book on Eventbrite[**www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/soroptimist-international-london-chilterns-western-group-meeting-tickets-625329606687**](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/soroptimist-international-london-chilterns-western-group-meeting-tickets-625329606687)If you have any queries please email [silondonchilterns@hotmail.com](mailto:silondonchilterns@hotmail.com).

**Looking further ahead…..**

**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/)

**Sat 9 Dec – SILC Region Human Rights Day Conference – venue and timings TBD**

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**Sat 16 Mar – SILC Region International Women’s Day Conference – venue and timings TBD**

**Jun SILC Region Conference – TBD – the review of the June 2023 events will inform the planning of this meeting.**

**Sat 12 Oct – SILC Region AGM/Conference – 10am to 1pm on Zoom**

**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](mailto: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**](mailto: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** [**https://sigbi.org/london-chilterns/programme**](https://sigbi.org/london-chilterns/programme)