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London Chilterns

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**Sep 2023 RED SILC**

Region Events Diary SI London Chilterns Region

 **“The Chilterns Challengers”**

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

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

**Welcome to** **“RED SILC” the relaunched Region Events Diary for SI London Chilterns Region – replacing “Dear Diary”.**

**Please nominate a person or two in your Club to submit content for “RED SILC” and they will be sent a reminder a couple of days before the due date.**

**Distribution to your Club will be by the regular contacts Regional Secretary Rita Beaumont holds for your Club.**

**Please email any entries for the next edition to:** **silondonchilterns@hotmail.com** **by 29 Sep 2023 – plus anything for the SILC website.**

**Soroptimist International Convention Dublin 27-29 July 2023**

**The theme was “Challenge the Future”** – click here to read about this amazing event from the Region’s perspective[**https://sigbi.org/london-chilterns/dublin**](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fsigbi.org%2Flondon-chilterns%2Fdublin&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4aaa1a2f9f56403fd9bd08dba657324b%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638286665651068657%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=8xo7xTbdwyVTyf%2BVwipWxp8auQzUZU76dheSjRtUOqk%3D&reserved=0)

**25th of Every Month is Orange Day –** [**https://sigbi.org/ukpac/2023/04/30/orange-cafes/**](https://sigbi.org/ukpac/2023/04/30/orange-cafes/)

**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. Are you hosting an “Orange Café” or other Orange event? Let us know, just

email: **silondonchilterns@hotmail.com**

<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.

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

**Mon 25 Sep** - **Speaker Meeting on Zoom  7.30pm - 9pm** with **Sarah Mitcherson Head of Ridgeway Academy** in Welwyn Garden City <https://ridgeway.herts.sch.uk/>   Find out what the challenges are for the Head of a Secondary, Co-Ed school with 900 pupils. The school's vision is "Everyone Can Achieve". What are the barriers and problems for girls in the current education system?  How do we engage boys with our "orange the world campaign" to end violence against women and girls? There will be plenty of time for questions. Email sistalbans@hotmail.com if you’d like to join us.

**SI Aylesbury & District**[**www.sigbi.org/aylesbury**](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.sigbi.org%2Faylesbury&data=05%7C01%7C%7C57d62a485b344c5ba09508db7990e2b6%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638237435406833891%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=8IBYsMQelm9Raagjd8mFTtwKaXumhS%2FbaBm6H6rbzdU%3D&reserved=0)

**Sat 23 Sep 7.30pm Quiz Night**in aid of Aylesbury Women’s Refuge and the Club’s Diamond Engineering Grant.

Bedgrove Community Centre Bedgrove Park, Ambleside, Aylesbury, HP21 9TT. Tickets £15 to include fish & chip supper and dessert (vegetarian options).

Tables of 8, bring your own drinks. To book email Sheila.cadge@gmail.com

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

**Sat 7 Oct 2023 - AGM/Conference 10am to 1pm on Zoom.** More detail including speakers will be issued soon.

**SI Milton Keynes** [**https://sigbi.org/milton-keynes**](https://sigbi.org/milton-keynes)

**Sat 14 Oct Charity concert** with Hearts and Music singing group. Varied programme of music & songs 7.30pm The Mead Centre Newport Pagnell There will be refreshments, a raffle, craft stall All funds go to our charities. £12 – email soroptimistsmk@gmail.com

**Looking further ahead…..**

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

**Fri 17 Nov Popular Quiz** at Wodson Park, Ware. 7:15 for a 7:45pm start.
More details will be available in September and, if you are interested, please contact Anne Miles, contrannie@btopenworld.com or 01992 558539

**Fri 3 – Sat 4 Nov – SIGBI Conference London – book now! Guests are welcome.**

[**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**

**2024**

**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 via 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>**

**2nd and 4th of most Mondays at 7.30pm either on Zoom or at**

Cottonmill Community and Cycling Centre, Old Oak, Cottonmill Lane, St Albans AL1 2EF

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 RED SILC and Dear Diary are available on the Region website** [**https://sigbi.org/london-chilterns/programme**](https://sigbi.org/london-chilterns/programme)