Soroptimist International Great Britain & Ireland

SI Llandudno & District SI Newsletter

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Welcome From Our Presidents – Pam & Cynthia

Dear Members,

What a privilege it has been to serve as your Joint Presidents over the past three months.

Following our Annual General Meeting in April, we were honoured to accept the Presidential Chain from Mary and Sue and continue the wonderful work of our club. Looking back over the quarter, we are reminded just how much can be achieved when friendship, enthusiasm and teamwork come together.

From supporting Maggie's Cancer Centre and helping women and families in Ukraine to enjoying inspiring speakers, welcoming a new member and spending time together on our social outings, these past few months have truly reflected the values of Soroptimism.

We would like to thank every member for your support, kindness and willingness to help. Every contribution, however large or small, has helped make these months so successful.

We hope you enjoy looking back at some of our highlights.

With warmest wishes,

Pam and Cynthia



Club News

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM in April provided an opportunity to reflect on another successful year of friendship, service and achievement. Members enjoyed an excellent review of the year's activities before Pam Farr and Cynthia Poyser officially took over the Presidency for the April to June quarter.



We were also delighted to celebrate Sandra Bainbridge, who was presented with her 35 Years of Service Certificate in recognition of her long-standing commitment and dedication to Soroptimism.



Inspiring Speakers

April's speaker was Philip Evans, Trustee of



Llandudno Museum, who entertained members with a fascinating talk on the history of Llandudno's street names. Philip has carried out extensive research into how the town's streets acquired their names, bringing

local history to life through many interesting stories.

In May, members enjoyed hearing Chris Copeman speak about the remarkable work of Guide Dogs, while June's meeting featured the entertaining Codman's Punch & Judy, another enjoyable evening of friendship and learning.

Social Activities

One of the highlights of June was our visit to St Winifred's Well, Holywell, followed by a delicious afternoon tea at the famous Pet Cemetery Tea Rooms. Although an unusual location, it certainly lived up to its excellent reputation for wonderful food, and everyone enjoyed a relaxed afternoon together.





Our regular coffee mornings at The Links also continue to provide a lovely opportunity for members to catch up socially.

Caring for Our Community

Many members support the **Friends of Happy Valley** through an annual donation. This spring, new plants were purchased and planted in the Soroptimist area of Happy Valley, helping to keep this much-loved community space colourful for residents and visitors alike.





Welcoming New Members

We were delighted to welcome Sheryl Viercant into SI Llandudno & District.

Sheryl was introduced by Celia and Sandra Snow before being formally enrolled by Presidents Pam and Cynthia. We hope she enjoys many years of friendship and service with our club, and we look forward to welcoming other prospective members who have recently visited our meetings.



Remembering Friends

During the quarter we were saddened by the loss of Maureen Roberts, who was remembered with affection by members. Our thoughts remain with her family and friends**.**

Programme Action & Community Impact

One of the highlights of this quarter was the presentation of a cheque for **£4,175 to Maggie's Cancer Centre** following the outstanding success of **The Grand Evening**.



Our Programme Action work continues to make a real difference both locally and internationally. Highlights this quarter include:

- Support for **Ukraine** has also remained a major focus. Members have organised fundraising activities to help refurbish a shared community space providing support, activities and counselling for women and children living in temporary accommodation.
- Members have also collected children's books to be transported to Ukrainian schools, where English is now an increasingly important language for young people.
- Our Clothing Bank continues to support local families. 

- Work has also begun, alongside partner organisations, on the development of an All-Wales Domestic Abuse information booklet to improve access to support for women across Wales.

Fundraising and Events

One of the highlights of our Presidents' quarter was the **Charity Fashion Show** held at the **Imperial Hotel, Llandudno**, in aid of **Helping Hands for Ukraine**.

The event attracted a fantastic audience, including the **Mayor of Llandudno**, members, friends and supporters from across the community. The colourful promotional poster generated lots of interest beforehand and undoubtedly helped make the evening such a success. 

Guests enjoyed an entertaining fashion show featuring affordable clothing, raffles, Ukrainian craft sales and refreshments.

Thank you to everyone who organised, modelled, volunteered, donated prizes and came along to support such a worthwhile cause.





- Coffee Morning supporting the Regional Ukraine Project.









The Coffee Morning and Fashion Show raised an excellent **£796** for the Regional Ukraine Project, alongside jewelry sales, raffles and Ukrainian craft stalls.

Our fundraising activities also included:

- Jewellery sales supporting Ukraine.
- Clothing Bank events within the community.
- Preparations for our stall at the Holy Trinity Family Fun Day in August selling jewellery. Volunteers required to help please.

Thank you to everyone who organised, modelled, volunteered, donated prizes and supported these events. Your generosity and enthusiasm continue to make a real difference.

Regional and Federation News

SI Llandudno & District continues to play an active role within the Cheshire, North Wales & Wirral Region. The Region continues to focus on attracting new members, strengthening Programme Action and raising the profile of Soroptimists across Cheshire, North Wales and the Wirral.

Our Ukraine Project has been entered for this year's **Barbara Dixon Award**, showcasing the impact of our work supporting women and families affected by conflict.

Members also supported preparations for the July Regional Meeting, while Federation news included nominations for SIGBI Officer positions and early planning for the SIGBI Conference in Cardiff later this year.

Friendship Links

Friendship remains at the heart of Soroptimism. We were pleased to receive updates from **SI Pendleside** and our international friends, including **Madhu, Shipam and Waldtraut**, reminding us of the strong friendships that connect Soroptimists around the world. Our sincere thanks also go to **Jane Hughes** for her many years of dedicated service as Friendship Link Co-coordinator.

Member News

Congratulations once again to **Sandra Bainbridge** on receiving her 35 Years of Service Award.

A warm welcome to our newest member, **Sheryl Viercant**. We are also pleased that **three prospective members** have shown an interest in joining the club, which is very encouraging for the future.

Best wishes to everyone celebrating birthdays during April, May and June.

Looking Ahead - Dates for the Diary

We hope you'll be able to join us at some of the activities planned over the coming months.

July

23rd July - Social Visit – Aber Falls Distillery

24th July - Parkinson's Charity Concert - St Asaph Cathedral

August

20th August – Coffee at the Links

22nd August - Holy Trinity Family Fun Day – Club Stall

September

20th September - International Day of Peace, St Tudno's Church & afternoon tea

24th September- Speaker Evening - Incredible Edibles

October

30-31st October - SIGBI Conference – Cardiff

Presidential Handover

As the Presidential Chain passes to **Celia and Sue**, we would like to thank **Pam and Cynthia** for their dedication, enthusiasm and leadership during the past three months.

Their Presidency has been filled with friendship, successful events and continued commitment to supporting women and girls locally, nationally and internationally.

We warmly welcome **Celia and Sue** as our incoming Presidents and wish them every success for the months ahead.

Thank You!

Thank you for helping make SI Llandudno & District such a welcoming, active and inspiring club. Together we continue to make a real difference—locally, regionally and internationally—and we look forward to another busy and successful season ahead.

With friendship,
SI Llandudno & District Presidents and Officers
Women inspiring action, transforming lives.