

S.I. Llandudno & District



S.I. Llandudno & District was Chartered on 26 May 1963. The inaugural meeting was held on 26 June 1962 with 22 members present. It was the “daughter” club of S.I. Colwyn Bay, Chartered in 1952 and closed in 2012. S.I. Dyffryn Conwy was the “daughter” club of S.I. Llandudno & District, Chartered in 1977 and closed in 2017. Members from both clubs joined S.I. Llandudno & District. Two members of S.I. Llandudno have been Soroptimists for 49 years and 48 years, both joined other clubs before joining S.I. Llandudno and have served both clubs as Presidents as well as other club offices. In 2021 there are 33 members.

The President Chain of Office shows St. Tudno’s Church, a Daffodil and the Welsh Dragon.

At the business meeting on 18 October 1962, the design of the President’s Chain of Office was submitted for a three and a half inch badge with chain and case in silver and gilt and hand painted enamel at a cost of £61.15.0. There is no information about who designed or made the President’s Badge.

St. Tudno’s Church - is on the Great Orme, the original parish church of Llandudno. It was licensed in the Archdeaconry of Meirioneth about 1603. The roof was blown off in 1839, the main timbers survived and were retained when the church was restored in 1855. Tudno, from which Llandudno derives its name, was the son of a notorious 6th Century drunkard, Prince Seithenyn of Dyfed. Llandudno, town and seaside resort of today was conceived in 1846 at The King’s Head, the focal point of the old village with a path, Old Road leading up to the Great Orme and St. Tudno’s Church. **The Daffodil** - is the National Flower of Wales, welsh people worldwide wear the Daffodil with pride on 1 March, St. David’s Day. Welsh archers fought bravely in a field of leeks, and as a reminder of their bravery and loyalty the Welsh began to wear a leek in their caps every St. David’s Day. Lloyd George wore the Daffodil on this day and encouraged its use at the investiture of the Prince of Wales in 1911.

The Red Dragon - Y Ddraig Goch - is the National Flag of Wales and is not represented in the Union Jack. The flag incorporates the red dragon of Cadwalader King of Gwynedd, with the Tudor colours of green and white. It was used by Henry VII at the Battle of Bosworth in 1485 after which it was carried in state to St. Paul’s Cathedral. The Red Dragon was then included as a supporter of the Tudor royal arms to signify their Welsh descent. It was officially recognised as the Welsh National Flag in 1959.

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