<u>SI Wrexham</u>

Wrexham was Chartered in 1936 but sadly closed in 2016.

To help create the design and research the club's history. I contacted Marlene Ayling the last President of SI Wrexham. Although Marlene could not remember any special emblem, her suggestion of a daffodil was included. The club's founder member was a Dr Eleanor Brock an Eye Consultant at Liverpool Hospital. Liverpool being their mother club, with

meetings beginning around 1934/35. Wrexham is the second oldest club in the Region after Birkenhead. The Club's Chain of Office is now housed in the Wrexham Museum and last year was put on display. Their final meeting was held at the Ramada Hotel, Wrexham.

Wrexham is a large market town located between the Welsh Mountains and Lower Dee Valley. It was founded prior to the 11th century and in the Middle Ages developed into a regional centre for trade and administration.

<u>Top left: Miner's lamps:</u> In 1934 ironically when Wrexham Soroptimists first met, a large mining disaster occurred at Gresford Colliery nr Wrexham following an underground explosion when 266 men died. This mine closed in 1973.

<u>Top right: Pontcysyllte Aqueduct:</u> by Thomas Telford, a Monument to the Industrial revolution. Opened in 1805 taking ten years to design, build and test. Costing £47,000 close to £3,000,000 in today's money. A World Heritage Site. Although, it is nearer Llangollen it towers over the River Dee. Carries the Llangollen canal and used to transport industrial goods between Wales and England.

<u>Bottom left: St Giles Parish Church:</u> is one of the 'Seven Wonders of Wales'   The iconic 16th century tower rises to a height 136 ft. with the body of the church being built at the end of 15th century. Is a local landmark that can be seen for many miles around and is quite magnificent?

<u>Bottom right: Football:</u> the town is noted for hosting Wrexham A.F.C. one of the oldest professional football teams in the World. The club is now owned by two famous American actors Ryan Reynolds and Rob McElhenney.

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