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## Welcome to Fleet Lions quarterly newsletter.

The purpose of this note is to update "friends of Fleet Lions" on some of the Lions activity and to invite you to register an interest in receiving future quarterly updates.

This can be done by going to <http://www.fleetlions.org.uk/contactfriends>

## Cloud Nine BeerFest

Our annual Beerfest, which this year raised well over £6,000 for charity, would not have been the success it was without the help of our willing volunteers. In addition to our regular helpers, we also had volunteers from the Farnborough Branch of the Samaritans, one of the event's named beneficiaries. The other named charity was the Air Ambulance; with £1,500 going to both organisations and the balance to local good causes.

For those who like to crunch the numbers, this year nearly 800 thirsty punters turned out to enjoy the event and drank over 3,000 pints of beer over the lunchtime and evening sessions. A total of 44 real ales were on offer as well as traditional ciders.



## Oktoberfest

Whilst talking about enjoying a good beer and at the same time raising money for charity, SIRIUS Lions (a branch of Fleet Lions) will be holding a traditional Oktoberfest on Saturday 17th October at Crondall Village Hall in Croft Lane, Crondall. With an authentic German Oompah Band, German Sausages and, most importantly German Beers, the night will be great fun in aid of the Surrey Boarders Group of the Riding for the Disabled Association who provide therapeutic riding for disabled children.



For details of to how to get tickets go to our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/SiriusLions](http://www.facebook.com/SiriusLions)) or, Email [siriuslionsfleet@gmail.com](mailto:siriuslionsfleet@gmail.com).

## Fireworks Fiesta Saturday 7th November 2015

Over 100 helpers are also needed to put on Fleet's only public fireworks display in aid of local charities. If you are able to assist either during the day or on the night itself, please contact [fireworks@fleetlions.org.uk](mailto:fireworks@fleetlions.org.uk)



For those interested in attending the event, Fleet Lions will be selling tickets in the Hart Centre on Saturdays 17th, 24th and 31st October between 9.30am and 4.00pm. Tickets can also be purchased from Serendipity in Fleet Road (opposite Gurka Square) or online at [www.fleetlions.org.uk/fireworks](http://www.fleetlions.org.uk/fireworks)

Ticket prices and conditions are on the Fleet Lions website.

## Christmas Float

The other major fund raiser for Lions Club Charities, is the Lions Christmas Float, which tours the streets of Fleet and Church Crookham during December. This joint venture with Hart Lions usually raises over £7,000 for the community. We start touring with the float at 6pm and finish at 8pm. We also have static days at Morrisons Supermarket or in Fleet Road on the corner with Branksomewood Road. We are helped out at this event by a number of cheerful "friends of Fleet Lions" without whom we would not be able to operate. Our thanks to them all.



If you are able to join us one evening – we always need volunteers - contact [xmas@fleetlions.org.uk](mailto:xmas@fleetlions.org.uk)

## Carol Concert 2015 Wednesday 2nd December

The Fleet Lions Carol Concert is an annual event held on the first Wednesday in December with local choirs providing seasonal entertainment for the elderly from the Fleet and Church Crookham area. This year's free event is again being held at The Church on the Heath. If you would like to attend or know someone who would like to attend, please email [concert@fleetlions.org.uk](mailto:concert@fleetlions.org.uk) with your details.

## Lions help for local good causes

Since our last newsletter, we have given a number of grants to local clubs, charities and individuals, following earlier presentations to the Club's "Lion's Den" (based on the popular television series) for financial and/or practical assistance towards various projects.



Grants were awarded to:

The **Vox Choir** for £800 towards well-being group singing sessions for the elderly. The Vox Choir already work with different age groups and propose to start up singing clubs for older folk who attend Brendancare lunches at the Red Cross Centre in Fleet. The Lions grant was for the purchase of the equipment needed to run the sessions.

The **1st Crookham Scouts** for £600 towards the cost of additional safety fencing at the Scouts new archery range off Basingbourne Road which serves numerous packs and troops with over 200 young people using the range regularly. As well as being fun, archery teaches discipline, mental focus, attention to detail, patience and self-confidence.

**Transition Fleet** with £250 towards the start-up costs of the proposed Hart Community Farm. This newish group is about improving the sustainability of Fleet and is run by volunteers. The group propose to use the grant to publicise the project to get people involved. The project will involve local farmers, beekeepers and allotment holders with clubs, schools and other organisations.

**Aerobility** (who have three specially adapted planes so that people with physical and mental disabilities actually get to fly themselves) with £750 towards the cost of painting the floor of their new hanger to keep the dust down to help wheelchairs get around, maintain the planes and protect the floor from damage. Aerobility serve the local area, not just Fleet. They have 80 volunteers and 25 pilots.

**Home Start** with £500 towards the cost of training more volunteers to work in the Fleet area. Home Start support families in crisis with at least one child under five years by assessing the professional help they need and putting a support package in place. They spend on average six months with the family for a couple of hours a week.

**The Mustard Seed Autism Trust** (a support group for the siblings of youngsters with Autism) with £370 towards the cost of cameras and video cameras to help youngsters create virtual scrapbooks to make positive memories and make fun films.

**The Friends of Basingbourne Park** with £500 towards the cost of providing play equipment for children over eight years of age to supplement the facilities already at the Park for younger children.

The parents of a disabled youngster with £1000 towards the cost of a new buggy that is suitable for all terrains, not just flat footpaths, so the whole family can go out and do things together.

A local young man with £300 bursary towards the cost of a “personal development expedition” rebuilding and redecorating a school in Nicaragua.

**Fleet Phoenix** with £1,000 towards the cost of purchasing an Alcohol Awareness Resource Kit. Fleet Phoenix provide many kinds of support and advice to over 1000 young people in Fleet including alcohol misuse.

The presentations at our August Club meeting:



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Amazing Things