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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 over recent months 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 - Saturday the 8th of August 2015

FLEET LIONS are promising a 'heavenly' time for all at this year's Fleet Beer Festival on August 8<sup>th</sup>, held once again at the popular Harlington in Fleet Road. The theme this year is 'Cloud Nine', in reference to it being the ninth year the town has played host to the festival, and the Lions are promising to offer 'nine years of over 44 heavenly beers and ciders'.



Drinkers will be entertained by the popular Stomping Nomads band during the lunchtime session -11am to 3pm and the appropriately titled Fleet Boozehound Blues Band performing in the evening from 5.30pm to 9.30pm. There will be a magician circling amongst the crowds to give a bit of a twist to proceedings, hopefully 'meet the brewer sessions' and a barbecue serving up burgers and hot dogs.

Punters can be sure that they're drinking to a good cause, with some of the proceeds from the beerfest being divided between the local Samaritans and Surrey Air Ambulance.

The Harlington is i the heart of Fleet town centre, next to the library. In order to avoid disappointment drinkers are encouraged to buy their tickets in advance, at £7, at [www.fleetlions.org.uk/beerfest](http://www.fleetlions.org.uk/beerfest). There will be tickets available on the door on a first come first served basis, priced at £8 but the event has sold out early in the evening for the last few years. The cost includes a special commemorative glass designed by local artist Andy Johnson, celebrating the 'Cloud Nine' theme.

You may like to help us, in which case contact [mike.collen@fleetlions.org.uk](mailto:mike.collen@fleetlions.org.uk)

## Classic Motorcycle Run and Concours - Monday 4th May 2015

This year's 32nd annual Classic Bike Rally welcomed hundreds of classic bike enthusiasts from far and wide with their very varied mounts from 50cc to 1000cc.

Bikes ranging from the early 1900s to the later classics, with condition varying from untouched original to gleaming concours restoration, were viewed by the public who came to share the day with the riders.

The Run started in Fleet, and followed a tried and tested route out to the Hampshire / Berkshire borders using good but not too busy roads. A lunch stop was made at the village of Sherfield-on-Loddon where the two adjacent pubs, the Four Horseshoes and The White Hart at Sherfield-on-Loddon, provided a warm welcome to all participants.

The event was organised by Fleet Lions and many enthusiastic supporters helping throughout the year and on the day to bring the event together, and we take this opportunity to thank them for their loyal support.

The money raised was in excess of £2,600 in aid of the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice and Naomi House Children's Hospice.

## Lions' Den

May 22nd saw representatives of the Lions Club of Fleet (assisted by Councillor Jenny Radley and the outgoing chairperson of the CAB, Ouida Grant) in action at their third annual Lions' Den event.

Inspired by the successful TV programme, local groups and individuals were invited to make a pitch for funding or help. Presentations were made by ten hopefuls and a decision on each request will be made shortly.



## Nepal Earthquake

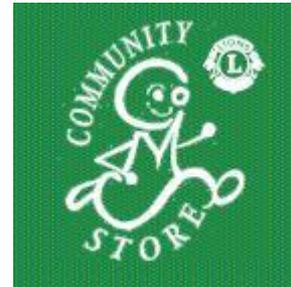
Fleet Lions have long had a "loose" twinning relationship with Kathmandu Lions in Nepal, with regular contact over the years between the two clubs. We were therefore very pleased to learn that, with the recent earthquakes in Nepal, Lions Clubs International, guided by Lions in Nepal, had respond by giving \$100,000 for emergency aid as well as water sterilising tablets and water filtration units capable of purifying millions of litres of contaminated water. Long term, Lions Clubs International are proposing longer term funding for longer-term rebuilding projects undertaken by Lions Clubs in Nepal. Fleet Lions has made a donation of £500 to that work.

## Fleet Food Festival

Fleet Lions again supported the increasingly popular Fleet Food Festival by running the Lions barbeque. Six members volunteered to help and spent ten hours on site, making a profit of £730 for local good causes.

## Lions Community Store

The mission of the Lions Community Store is to recycle redundant household goods, appliances, clothing etc. to benefit genuinely needy people in the area and thereby reduce unnecessary waste to the advantage of the environment. At the same time the Community Store provides valuable work experience and skills development for many young volunteer helpers from local hostels and other agencies. Every month the Store receives over 300 requests for household items, bedding and clothing, which are generously donated by local residents. All the people helped are referred to the Store by their Social Workers or other supporting organisation as being in genuine need.



The Store is staffed entirely by volunteers and is entirely dependent on donations from local people and organisations. All donations and help with fundraising will be much appreciated, and volunteer helpers are always welcomed with open arms.

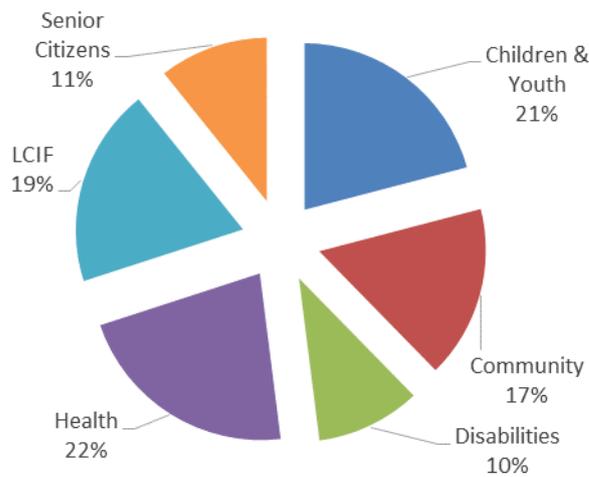
The Store urgently needs more furniture, bedding and clothes and especially "white goods" (washing machines, fridges, fridge/freezers, electric cookers). If you have any suitable items the Store will collect them at a time to suit you. Naturally there are some items the Store is unable to accept, due to legal, storage, handling or insurance requirements. If you do have something to donate please call, the Store's telephone is often engaged, please do keep trying - you will get through eventually.

The Community Store's telephone number is 01252 616998.

Alternatively contact the Store <http://communitystore.org.uk/contact.html>.

The Store is open Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday (10.15am to 3.30pm) and Friday (10.30am to 1.00pm).

## How the monies raised are spent



This chart shows how funds raised by Fleet Lions in the last year have benefitted the various sectors we help. LCIF represents monies given via the Lions' International organisation (that are often match-funded) and any other non-UK activities such as student overseas experiences.

In total, for the Lions year ending June 2015, your contributions have allowed us to donate over £29,000 to good causes.

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