



Friends of Fleet Lions

Welcome to the Friends of Fleet Lions Summer newsletter

Lions Centennial Concert

Fleet Lions are celebrating 100 years since the foundation of Lions Clubs International.

We are hosting a wider range of events than ever this year to commemorate this milestone, including a free concert for senior citizens by The Pelly Concert Orchestra at The Church on the Heath on Tuesday 12th July. Light music will include extracts from Evita and the Dad's Army theme.



The Lions Club of Fleet



Unwanted Spectacles

Over the past year Fleet Lions have collected over 5,000 pairs of unwanted spectacles from Lions collection points at Specsavers, Harwoods, Brown & White and Leightons in Fleet. These glasses, together with those collected by other Lions Clubs across the south of England, will be cleaned, checked and graded for shipping to third world countries where they will help transform the lives of people blighted by poor sight.

The value of these otherwise unwanted spectacles cannot be over emphasised so, if you have any unwanted spectacles, please help with this important work by dropping them off at one of our collection points the next time you are in Fleet.

Supporting Community Events



As well as running their own events, Fleet Lions can be found supporting other Fleet based community events. One of the ways the Club helps is by joining with other trained volunteers to organise temporary traffic management/road closures for public events. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, we do provide training.

If you are running an event which need traffic management, the Club has access to over 150 road signs and high visibility clothing for volunteer marshals, at a considerable saving compared to the cost of hiring equipment commercially.



To volunteer, or to use this service please contact traffic@fleetlions.org.uk.

Prostate Cancer Screening

In conjunction with retired consultant urologist Mr David Baxter-Smith, Fleet Lions held their first prostate screening event at Fleet Hospital in May. Some 250 men took advantage of the Lions free PSA blood test. Trained phlebotomists took the blood samples which were taken to Frimley Park Hospital for analysis, with Mr Baxter-Smith notifying everyone who took part with their individual results.



The event was due to run from 4pm until 8pm but within an hour of opening the doors there was a queue of over 100 men. The event was massively oversubscribed so we will be organising a further event on July 22nd for those men turned away. The Lions are now looking for sponsorship to help fund future events, possibly on an annual basis.

It is estimated that one-in-eight men will contract prostate cancer but early diagnosis and treatment results in a better outcome for sufferers.

Car Boot Sale

Fleet Lions organise a monthly car boot sales at the Key Centre car park at Elvetham Heath. The sales are held on the third Sunday of each month, initially through to September, running from 10am until 1pm. Admission is free for buyers who will find all sorts of items on sale including a wide selection of quality clothing, DVDs, books, rugs, children's toys and games and a variety of household items. Stallholders pre-book through the Fleet Lions web site.



Lions Golden Pride



Tickets are selling well for the **Fleet Lions annual Beerfest** at the Harlington on Saturday 6th August in aid of local good causes. To celebrate The Lions' centennial and the Clubs tenth Beerfest, the Club has joined forces with Langham Brewery near Midhurst, which is also celebrating its 10th birthday, to commission a new beer called Lions Golden Pride. Said Lion Jim Storey, "Lions Golden Pride is a tasty, aromatic, generously hopped, deep golden, cask-conditioned celebration ale. It is very quaffable at 4% ABV.

Lions Funfest

Funfest is an annual fun day for the disabled organised by the Lions Clubs of Aldershot, Farnborough, Fleet, Hart, Hook & Odiham, Lodden Valley and Yateley & District. The event has taken place for nearly 30 years and aims to give people with disabilities and learning difficulties from across the region a great day out with their families and carers. 500 to 600 people attend and more than 100 Lions, their friends and families volunteer on the day.



This year's event was held on Sunday 26th June at Yateley Manor School and included fair-ground rides, pony rides, bungee trampoline, inflatable slides, mini train rides, face painting, coconut shy and water games. Entertainment was provided by The Dale Fontaine Show- Echoes of Elvis, the Farnham Sea Cadets Band and the Sandhurst Corps and Drums.

Said Funfest chairman, Fleet Lion Brian Proctor, "*The event was a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, including the Lions and volunteers.*"

Classic Motorcycle Run

More than 200 bikers proudly displayed their machines to a record number of spectators at Fleet Lions 33rd Classic Motorcycle Run and Concours in May. The event raised over £1,800 which has been used to support Phyllis Tuckwell and Naomi House children's hospices.

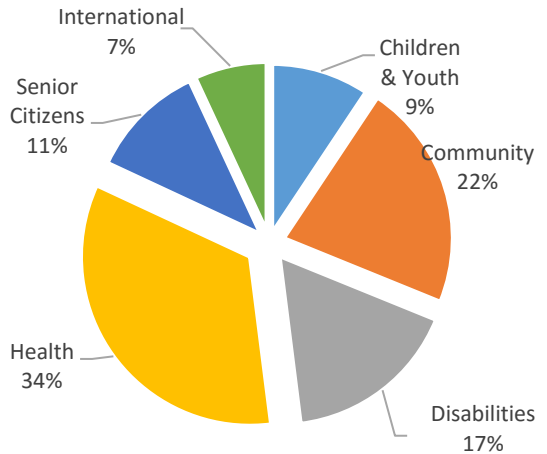
Donations to Fleet Lions Charitable Trust

Fleet Lions run various fund raising events throughout the year.

Every penny raised is spent on good causes. Lions Club administrative costs are met by Lions members. The chart shows the areas where Fleet Lions have given financial support.

If you would like to support us, why not join us and help out at one of our events or support our charitable work by making a donation to our Charity Trust? Amounts up to £10 can be donated via Text Giving. Text LCIF40 £10 to 70070. As confirmation you will receive a message "LIONSOFFLEET £10". This or lesser amounts will be charged to your mobile account.

Donations over the last 12 months



Alternatively donate through our MyDonate page <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/lionscluboffleet>



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