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Friends of Fleet Lions

Welcome to the Fleet Lions Autumn newsletter

Fleet Firework Fiesta - Saturday 4th November

Fleet Lions are planning another great family fireworks event in aid of local charities. Over £5,000 of fireworks will be used in an exciting display.

Get your tickets at Serendipity and online through the Best of Fleet's Online Ticket Service (Fatsoma) from 1st October.

Tickets are also being sold in the Hart Shopping Centre from 9.30am to 4.00pm on the 14th, 21st, 28th October and from 9.00am to 2.00pm on 4th November.

There will be a fantastic choice of food stalls at the event so you can enjoy the fireworks and supper. Adults can also have a mulled wine to wash it down and there will be lots of trinkets for the youngsters.

For further details go to: www.fleetlions.org.uk/fireworks

It takes up to 100 volunteers to make this event a success. If you are interested in helping, please email john.geering@fleetlions.org.uk.



Wenceslas Winter Fuel Project



Fleet Lions are looking to extend the highly successful Wenceslas Project (as run by Lions in Farnham and elsewhere in the Country) to Fleet and surrounding areas.

People in receipt of the Government winter fuel payment who do not feel in need of the payment (and others) are invited to help alleviate fuel debt and poverty by making an appropriate donation to a fund being set up to help those in need locally.

We know of many local people who have difficulty in keeping warm in winter. By working with agencies like the Citizens Advice Bureau we will ensure all donations go directly to help the fuel needy. We will ensure that all payments are made direct to the fuel utility companies on behalf of the families.

All administration costs associated with the scheme will be funded by the Lions.

If you wish to donate, please contact wenceslas@fleetlions.org.uk.

Free Seniors Christmas Concert



We are holding this year's Fleet Lions concert on Wednesday 6th December with local choirs providing wonderful entertainment for the elderly and other invited guests.

If you would like to attend this concert, which will be held at the Church on The Heath on Elvetham Heath, or know someone who would, please contact concert@fleetlions.org.uk with details.

If you are in a position to help with this event, please contact president@fleetlions.org.uk.

Christmas Float

Fleet Lions and Fleet Rotary's Christmas Floats tour different parts of Fleet and Church Crookham each year during December. The Fleet Lions Christmas Float is a joint venture with Hart Lions and usually raises over £7,000 for the community. The Lions start touring at 6.00pm and finish at 8.00pm as well as having static days at various locations in Fleet.



Find details as to when the Lions will be accompanying Santa on his journeys from the beginning of December at www.fleetlions.org.uk/christmas.

Fleet Lions 11th Hour Beerfest

We had 900 people at our 11th Hour Beerfest in August and they put away 450 gallons of beer and cider between them. They also raised just under £10,000 for Lions funds. Extra income of £900 was raised this year by Barclays match-funding our raffle.

£3,000 of the funds was committed to be donated to our region's centennial target of sponsoring a Hearing Dog.

Hearing Dogs for Deaf People train clever dogs to help deaf people by alerting them to sounds they would otherwise miss. They bring them independence, confidence and companionship. They train dogs to hear simple sounds that many people take for granted like the doorbell, alarm clock and even danger signals like the fire alarm. Being aware of these – thanks to a hearing dog – makes a real difference to deaf people's lives.

Best dressed visitor of the day was Maxime Regad from the Four Seasons Hotel at Dogmersfield who arranged to come along for training on local beers (and to give us a free meal for two for our raffle!).



Here's Steven who ran our bars and personally sponsored a rather potent barrel on behalf of St Lukes.

Fleet and Church Crookham Men's Shed

As well as making use of our own craft skills in the cause of Lions projects, Fleet Lions are also supporting the development of the Fleet and Church Crookham Men's Shed, a place where men can come together and share the tools and resources they need to work on projects at their own pace and in a safe, friendly environment. This community based network offers men who are retired or out of work, somewhere to meet, have a coffee and use existing or learn new skills, often for the benefit of the wider community.

If you are interested in joining the Fleet and Church Crookham Men's Shed, go to www.ccandfmensshed.org.uk.

High-visibility helpers

Invariably you can spot a Lions Club member by their high visibility clothing. Being safe and professional is essential whenever working in public places. Event organisers rely on our expertise to steward, marshal and control traffic at various Fleet events.

We are part of a wider team providing this help and always require new volunteers. If you are interested, please contact fittm@fleetlions.org.uk.

Lions responding to disasters

Fleet Lions, and Lions Clubs worldwide, regularly donate to the Lions Club International Foundation. Just this year, these donations have enabled Lions to respond promptly to disasters from Japan to South Asia to the U.S. Gulf Coast, Mexico and the Caribbean. Last month, hurricane Harvey devastated the south central coast of Texas and areas of Louisiana. More recently, hurricane Irma struck Florida and laid waste to islands in the western Atlantic and Caribbean Sea.



Mexico has been rattled by its strongest earthquake in 100 years. Nepal and Bangladesh have also experienced monsoon rains not seen in many years with extensive flooding. Lions are supporting relief efforts for all these disasters.



LCIF work directly with Lions in the affected areas to ensure they have what they need to respond in these emergencies, and disaster relief funds have been made available in all the affected areas. In turn Lions are co-ordinating their efforts with local agencies to determine the greatest need and how Lions can help.

A Year in the Life of Fleet Lions

A snap shot of some of the things Fleet Lions do in the local community can be viewed at www.fleetlions.org.uk



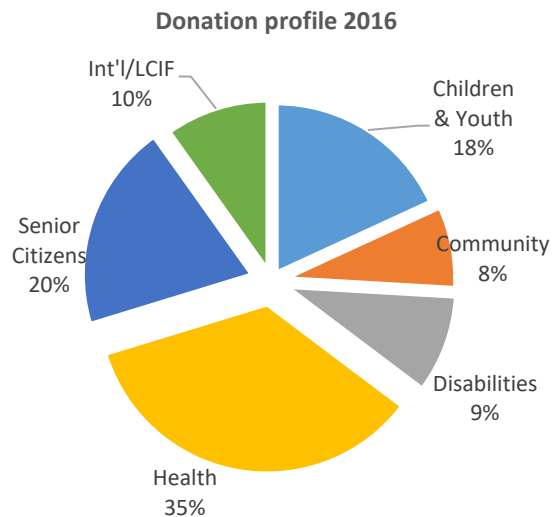
Donations to Fleet Lions Charitable Trust

Fleet Lions run various fund raising events throughout the year.

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

Recent beneficiaries have included the 'Hearing Dogs' charity, several local scouts groups, Fleet & CC Men's shed.

If this is the sort of thing you would like to support, 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 amount will be deducted from your mobile account. Lesser amounts may be used.



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

Interested in becoming a Lion?

Lions are ordinary people who do extraordinary things to help others. We support a range of good causes and projects in Fleet and we enjoy ourselves doing it. Every penny we raise goes direct to good causes. We love to help others and make things happen. And you can get involved.

Fleet Lions always welcome New Members - contact Mike Collen on membership@fleetlions.org.uk.

If you live in Aldershot, contact our Club Branch Aldershot Lions at www.aldershotlionsclub.org.uk.



If you would like to receive future updates of this newsletter or other information about the activities of Fleet Lions, please go to www.fleetlions.org.uk/contactfriends



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