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## *Friends of Fleet Lions*

# Welcome to the Fleet Lions Summer / Autumn newsletter

## Donations Roundup

Fleet Lions have marked the end of their 2017/18 Lionistic year by making donations totalling £9,654 to various local groups who had applied to the Lions "Dragons Den" for funding support. The donations made by the Club included:

- £830 to the 101st Scout Group towards the purchase of pioneering and camp cooking equipment, whilst the Scout Group themselves are actively fundraising to refurbish an old MoD building at Quetta Park for use as their HQ;
- £600 to Hart Voluntary Action towards the setting up of a "coffee and colouring" group at their premises in Hart Centre to provide a friendly place for vulnerable people to spend time over a cup of coffee and doing a little colouring or other activities;
- £250 to each of four local scouts towards their respective fundraising efforts to raise money to attend World Scout events in the USA;
- £600 to the Live at Home Scheme towards the cost of three volunteers accompanying 12 vulnerable elderly Fleet residents for a weeks' holiday in Hayling Island;
- £1,115 to Fleet and Church Crookham Community First Responders for CPR training including the purchase of intelligent manikins which provide feedback on compression rates, depth, recoil and ventilation effectiveness;
- £1,550 towards the cost of furniture for the refurbished Home from Home accommodation for Hampshire families whose child is being treated at Southampton Hospital for cancer;
- £1,000 towards the Church Crookham and Fleet Mens Shed project to enable them to continue to fund raise for their own purpose-built accommodation;
- £250 to a local person proposing to raise funds for the Royal British Legion by walking for 4 days from Bray Military Cemetery to the Menin Gate
- £1,750 towards the purchase of playground equipment suitable for 8 - 18 year old children at Basingbourne Park; and
- £950 pledged to Fleet Town Football Club towards the cost of replacing the vandalised tea bar with a more robust facility.

## We Serve



as end of life care.

The Naomi House and Jacksplace hospices are, from time to time, named beneficiaries of some of our public fundraising events. The hospices provide expert hospice care to more than 325 life-limited and life-threatened children, young people and their families from Hampshire and elsewhere in the South of England. The hospices offer vital respite support, giving families chance to “recharge their batteries” in a calm, fun and welcoming environment as well

Similarly, we have supported Sebastian's Action Trust who run the UK's only purpose-built facility, based in North Waltham, which offers respite holidays to very sick children and their families.



**Phyllis Tuckwell**  
Hospice Care



Regular supporters at our fundraising events will also know we regularly support the Phyllis Tuckwell hospice; the only hospice care service for adult patients and their families across the whole of west Surrey and part of north east Hampshire. The hospice's care and out-reach services help patients living with an advanced terminal illness manage pain and improve the quality of life for both the patient and their family.

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The Mustard Seed Autism Trust is a small local organisation, based in Rushmoor and Hart, that offers support to families with children diagnosed with autism, including support for siblings of children with autism. Without specialist support, the challenges faced by children on the autistic spectrum can become overwhelming for both the child and their family.



Although Fleet Lions no longer run sponsored horse riding events at Tweseldown, we continue to support the local branch of Riding for the Disabled who provide therapeutic riding lessons for local disabled children, enabling them to grow in confidence. Interaction with ponies provide valuable lessons in balance, observation and communication.

The Lions are regular supporters of the Air Ambulance Service who rely on charitable support to bring advanced critical care to sick and injured people in the event of road traffic collisions, sporting accidents and many other incidents where ambulance vehicles may not be able to get to the incident.



Hampshire Search and Rescue were one of the voluntary groups to be supported by this years' Fleet Lions' Beerfest in August. The volunteers provide round the clock cover to assist the police and other agencies search for vulnerable missing people, including people with dementia. The volunteers are professionally trained to the standard required by the police and other search and rescue agencies.

Farnborough and District Samaritans have been serving our area for over 30 years and offer emotional support to people in distress or feeling suicidal, by phone, email or in person. The trained volunteers make an amazing difference to people who need someone to talk to or are going through a difficult time in their life.

**SAMARITANS**

## Upcoming Events

### Fleet Firework Fiesta - Saturday 3rd November

Fleet Lions are planning another great family fireworks event in aid of local charities with over £5,000 of fireworks in this year's 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 13th, 20th, 27th October and from 9.00 am to 2.00pm on 3rd November.

For further details go to [www.fleetlions.org.uk/fireworks](http://www.fleetlions.org.uk/fireworks).

### Free Seniors Christmas Concert

This year's Fleet Lions concert will be on Wednesday 5th December with local choirs providing wonderful entertainment for the elderly. If you would like to attend, or know someone who would, please contact: [concert@fleetlions.org.uk](mailto:concert@fleetlions.org.uk) with details.

### Christmas Float

The Lions Christmas Float will be touring Fleet and Church Crookham in aid of local charities during December. Details as to when the Lions will be accompanying Santa on his visits during December will be published nearer the time at [www.fleetlions.org.uk/Christmas](http://www.fleetlions.org.uk/Christmas)

### Wenceslas Winter Fuel Project

If you wish to donate your Government winter fuel payment to local people in fuel poverty, please contact [Wenceslas@fleetlions.org.uk](mailto:Wenceslas@fleetlions.org.uk)

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](mailto:membership@fleetlions.org.uk).

If you live in Aldershot, contact our Club Branch Aldershot Lions at [www.aldershotlionsclub.org.uk](http://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](http://www.fleetlions.org.uk/contactfriends)



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Amazing Things