

WELCOME TO THE FLEET LIONS AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

With more than a little help from our friends

Fleet Lions run various fundraising events throughout the year to support a range of good causes and community groups in the area. However, the Lions would be unable to continue this charitable work without a little help from our friends and supporters. See below for just some examples!

Fleet Fireworks Fiesta 2nd November 2019



The Lions are planning another great family fireworks event, in aid of local good causes, particularly the Starburst Foundation, for Saturday 2nd November. This event takes up to 100 volunteers to ensure its success. If you are interested in helping, please email arie.vannieuwenhuijzen@fleetlions.org.uk

Over £6,000 of fireworks will be used in this year's exciting

display. Tickets will be available to purchase in advance from Serendipity in Fleet and through the Best of Fleet's Online Ticket Service (Fatsoma) from 1st October.

Tickets are also being sold in the Hart Shopping Centre by the Lions from 9.30am to 4.00pm on 12th, 19th and 26th October and from 9.00am to 2.00pm on 2nd November. Family tickets are great value and can be bought in advance of the event. There will be a fantastic choice of food stalls at the event so you can enjoy the fireworks and supper with your friends and family.

For further details:

<https://bit.ly/2TLQjXz>

Fleet Beer Festival



Dozens of helpers are required to assist with the Lions annual beer festival. This year's festival was held on 3rd August with 48 beers on tap and a wide range of ciders. Particular thanks not only go to our regular helpers but also the volunteers from Hampshire Search and Rescue (one of the groups supported from our 2018 festival).

This year's festival was another roaring success, with record visitor numbers of around 1,000 people sinking 450 gallons of beer and cider. This was great news for this year's chosen charities, the Royal National Institute for the Blind and the Macular Society, with the money being spent on local projects. Other donations from the profits will go to other local charities.

The Lions thanks also go to our food concession, Arborfield Hog Roast and the Surrey Copper Distillery - the latter making their first appearance at the festival. Music was provided by the eclectic Kindred Spirit band during the day time session and the Fleet Booze Hound Blues Band in the evening.

Next year's Beerfest will be at the Harlington on 1st August 2020. It is never too early to volunteer to help.

Lions Bavarian Evening



The Bettesteiner Footstompers Oompah Band return to Fleet at 7:30pm on 23rd November 2019 at Zebon Community Centre,

Danvers Drive, Church Crookham GU52 0ZE. Join us for a fantastic evening of German themed entertainment and music with a meal included. A cash bar will be serving a range of authentic German themed beers as well as cask ale, wine and soft drinks. Traditional German dress is encouraged - Strictly over 18's only. More details and ticket booking at <https://bit.ly/2ZjtJLO>

Fleet Remembrance Parades

We will be helping the Royal British Legion organise their parades and wreath laying on 10 November. If you would like to help us then please contact fittm@fleetlions.org.uk

Fleet Christmas Festival



This year's Christmas Festival is on Wednesday 27th November. Invariably you can spot a Lions Club member or helper 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 this sort of event. Fleet Lions are part of the team providing help

at this hugely popular event. New helpers are always needed. If you are interested, please contact flltm@fleetlions.org.uk It's also pretty likely we'll be doing our fabulous gluhwein too.

Free Seniors Christmas Concert

This year's Fleet Lions concert is on Wednesday 4th 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 Similarly, if you're in a position to help with the event, please drop us a line.

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.

Details of when Lions will be accompanying Santa on his journeys will be published from the beginning of December at <https://bit.ly/31SxZ1L>

Wenceslas Winter Fuel Project



Fleet Lions will be continuing the Club's highly successful Wenceslas Project to support families who find themselves in fuel debt this coming winter by inviting people in receipt of the Government winter fuel payment, and others, to make a donation to the fund set up by Lions to help those in need. The Lions work directly with agencies like the Citizens Advice Bureau to ensure all donations go directly to help the fuel needy. All payments are made directly to the fuel utility companies on behalf of the families in need.

All administration costs associated with the scheme are funded by the Lions.

If you wish to donate to the scheme, please contact Wenceslas@fleetlions.org.uk

Prostate Cancer Checks

Prostate cancer kills around 11,800 men in the UK each year and around 47,000 new cases are diagnosed annually. Although men over the age of 50 are entitled to have a free NHS test to measure the level of Prostate Specific Antigen in their blood many do not ask and, at the moment, there is no national screening programme. However, from time to time, Fleet Lions offer free tests to men over 45yrs who have not had a PSA test before. This year's testing session was held at Fleet Hospital on the 19th September. Those tested will be individually notified of their results.

Free PCs and Laptops

Fleet Lions have teamed up with other Lions Clubs in the area and as part of the Microsoft Registered Refurbisher scheme are now refurbishing PCs and laptops and donating them with preinstalled Microsoft software to local non-profit organisations, charities, preschools and families in need. Each PC is loaded with an official copy of

Windows 10 Pro and a range of free software, including Libre Office. Contact it@fleetlions.org.uk

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. We also welcome people who just want to help and have fun with us at our events. And if you live in Aldershot, contact our Club Branch, Aldershot Lions via www.aldershotlionsclub.org.uk.

We will have a stall at the Fleet Volunteer Fair in the Hart Shopping Centre on 28th September. Do say hello and have a chat if you fancy. Lions are quite friendly beasts really!

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/contactfrinds.