



Friends of Fleet Lions

Welcome to the Fleet Lions Winter newsletter

Health Awareness

Fleet Lions are involved in a number of health related initiatives both locally and further abroad. Two local projects concern diabetes screening and prostate cancer awareness.

Diabetes Screening - Are you at risk? We have teamed up with Diabetes UK and are offering free screening between 10am and 3.30pm on Saturday 1st February in the Hart Shopping Centre. The screening does not involve taking blood samples so why not come along and have a chat as education and early awareness can make a huge difference?

www.fleetlions.org.uk/diabetes



Prostate Cancer Screening

We will be arranging further prostate screening events for men over 45 years during 2020. Last year in association with Aldershot Lions we screened nearly 150 men at Aldershot Centre for Health and a further 250 men came along for a simple blood test at Fleet Hospital. We know these checks and early prostate cancer awareness saves lives. The events cost around £20 per person to put on and donations through our web site will help us fund future screenings. For those that like to have a flutter on the lottery, It is also possible to contribute towards our costs by purchasing tickets in the Hart Lottery.

www.fleetlions.org.uk/prostate

Lions Community Store

The Lions Community Store is in desperate need of household goods and appliances in reasonable condition to support needy families and individuals in our area. They urgently need more furniture such as small settees and chests of draws as well as washing machines, fridges and fridge freezers, toasters, kettles, microwaves, TVs, and vacuum cleaners. If you have any suitable items the Community Store will arrange to collect them at a time to suit you. Please contact the Store by phone (01252 616998) or email admin@communitystore.org.uk

www.communitystore.org.uk

Lions Volunteer Team

Fleet Lions organise some of the biggest events for the people of Fleet and neighbouring areas to enjoy. Most of the events need more helpers on the day beyond the members of our Club. For example, it takes 120 people to put on Fleet Lions annual fireworks display. We now have a group of people we can call upon to help from time to time and to join in the fun as well. Please let us know if you may be interested by contacting us through our web site.

www.fleetlions.org.uk/volunteers



Looking forward to our events

May 8: Vintage Motorcycle Run and Concours, Key car park, Elvetham Heath:
www.fleetlions.org.uk/mc

August 1: Fleet Lions 20:20 Beerfest, the Harlington
www.fleetlions.org.uk/beerfest

November 7: Fireworks Fiesta, Calthorpe Park
www.fleetlions.org.uk/fireworks



Looking Back Over Recent Events

www.fleetlions.org.uk/news

Lions Christmas Float - During December Fleet and Hart Lions toured Fleet and Church Crookham with the Lions Christmas Float and were also found at the Hart Shopping Centre and outside Morrisons. Well-wishers donated just under £7,000 which the Lions will spend wisely and started by providing seasonal food parcels to people identified by the Community Store.

Christmas Carol Concert - Our Christmas carol concert for elderly citizens took place at the Church on the Heath on 4th December. It was our pleasure to welcome nearly 200 guests. A big thanks to our artists: Beginners on Stage, Stagecoach Performing Arts and Shuffletunes who did a marvellous job entertaining everyone.

Bavarian Evening - Thanks to our supporters who joined us on 23rd November for a fantastic evening of German themed entertainment from Bettesteiner Footstompers Oompah Band. It was all a bit crazy and raised a tidy sum that we will use to help others. Next years' event will be on 24th October 2020.



Firework Fiesta - We did not let a drop of rain spoil our fabulous show on 2nd November. The weather gave us problems so apologies for the late start and the funny ending of the display; the wind broke our "goodnight to you" display!

Fleet Lions Annual Report

The Fleet Lions annual report for 2018/19 can be downloaded from our website.
fleetlions.org.uk/public/Annual_Report_2019.pdf

The Club changed its charitable status in February 2018 when it became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The activities of the "new charity" commenced on 1st July 2018 when the assets and liabilities of the "old charity" were transferred and the "new charity" granted an indemnity under the Charities Act 2011.

The objects of the Charity/Club can be found in the Annual Report as well as details of the Club's finances. The Club relies on fundraising events and on occasional donations from the public, to provide the funds with which to carry out our objectives. All administrative expenses of the Club are met from subscriptions paid by Club members.

During 2018/19 the Club was active with local Primary Schools, helping with children's reading and giving financial assistance where needed. Essential funds were provided to support sports activities, such as Fleet Ladies FC footballs and six months tuition for a young gymnast. Funds were provided to support young people in their voluntary work overseas and travelling to Jamborees and Dance Contests. Scouts and Guides groups were helped with equipment and Fleet Phoenix Youth Charity was funded to enable them to organise a Summer Holiday project for disadvantaged children. A fun day out was also organised by members to Paulton's Park for mothers and children.



We work with the community for the community and funded First Responders in their training and activities, which includes maintenance of the area's respirators, with renewals where needed. We continue to support the Lions Community Store which collects, sorts and redistributes household items for those who need help in setting up home. The Club has secured a new 25 year lease on the land and buildings that serve both the Community Store and Club storage.

The other main projects of the Club are that of providing free blood tests for men to detect prostate cancer and the setting up of a fund to help in paying fuel bills for those that are unable to meet the cost. The fund known as the Wenceslas Project is made up from donations from people's Winter Fuel Allowance and distributed through the local CAB to secure privacy.

During 2019 Lions Club International made a grant to the Club towards funding a diabetes awareness programme. With this money, the Club has purchased equipment and training in its use, to help and advise people.

The Club also has a project that funds the purchase of temporary road signs and training for use by the community for road closures such as for Fleet Carnival or Christmas festivities.



Senior citizens were helped in several ways during 2018/19 from funding a drop-in for companionship to organising a free concert at Christmas and providing household items for people in transit to retirement accommodation.

The wider community were supported by a grant to Hampshire Search & Rescue and Hart Voluntary Action in the provision of a meeting place for voluntary groups.

Disabled people benefitted from grants to Sailability (sailing for the disabled) and MIND. We also joined other Lions Clubs in providing an annual Fun Day for the disabled and their families with over 600 people attending.

Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice was supported with grants from the Lions, as well as The Elizabeth Foundation and CLIC Sargent for family accommodation to be with their sick child.

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



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