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# Jungle Jottings

THE NEWSLETTER OF BRIGHTON LIONS CLUB  
TWINNED WITH FREEDOM DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

**ORDINARY PEOPLE - AMAZING THINGS**

MAY 2006

## LCIF IN CHINA

Lions Clubs International has supported 4.3 million cataract surgeries in China since 1997 when it partnered with the Chinese government to improve eye health.

Lions also worked with Chinese health officials on its SightFirst China Action project to establish surgical eye units in 104 rural counties that previously had none. Current initiatives include creating secondary eye care units at hospitals in 200 less developed counties, cities and provinces and establishing eye health training courses for paramedics who work among the poor in western and northern provinces.

The World Health Organization estimates that twenty percent of those blind in the world live in China.

“The commitment by the Chinese government and the China Disabled Persons’ Federation to SightFirst China Action is a key to this successful partnership. Working together, we have increased the number of persons in China receiving surgeries annually from 200,000 in 1996 to over 600,000. This is one of our largest and most successful SightFirst programs,” said Dr. Clement F. Kusiak, chairperson of Lions Clubs International Foundation, the grant-making arm of Lions Clubs International.

## FIREWORKS

The date for this year’s display at the County Ground, Eaton Road, Hove, has been fixed as Saturday, 4 November.

It has been decided on safety grounds that the Southwick Football Club is unsuitable for fireworks displays so there will be no Southwick display this year.

## FREE BARBECUE GRILLS

Available from:

Asda

B & Q

Homebase

Sainsburys

Tesco

Waitrose

Get ready for the summer! Just call by the most convenient store and pick up your free grill.

## APRIL BUSINESS MEETING

This month we were pleased to welcome our Zone Chairman, Lion Derek MacGarvie of NPS, and a substantial contingent from Uckfield & District Lions Club. (We were less happy to see the Uckfield Lions leave as they had won both raffle prizes.)

## BOOK FAIRS

The book fair held at the beginning of April was again a success with a profit of £139 but regrettably, there were just three Lions at the end to clear away the books and tables.

It was therefore agreed at the last business meeting that we would establish a rota of volunteers to attend on the Friday afternoon before a book fair to set it up, and to attend on the Saturday morning

to assist during the morning and, in particular, to help clear away.

The timings for Friday afternoons will be approximately 2pm till 3pm and Saturdays will be 10am till as soon after 1pm as everything is cleared.

Volunteers should contact Pete Dilloway.

## CLUB DIARY

- 3 May . . . . . Bingo, Lions Dene, 7.30pm.
- 5 May . . . . . Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.
- 6 May . . . . . Book fair, Lions Dene, 10.00am - 1.00pm.
- 8 May . . . . . Freedom District Lions arrive.
- 9 May . . . . . Skittles match, Royal Oak, Barcombe, against Adur East Lions.
- 10 May . . . . . Ladies' Night dinner meeting, Brighton & Hove Golf Club, 7.15 for 7.45pm.
- 13 May . . . . . Rottingdean & Saltdean Charter Night
- 15 May . . . . . Dinner at Blind Lemon Alley, Middle St, Brighton, 7.00 for 7.30pm.
- 16 May . . . . . Freedom District Lions leave.
- 17 May . . . . . Board & business meeting, Lions Dene, 8.00pm.
- 19 May . . . . . Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.
- 21 May . . . . . Spring Forum.
- 29 May . . . . . Adur Vintage Transport Rally, Buckingham Park, Shoreham.
- 2 June . . . . . Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm
- 3 June . . . . . Book fair, Lions Dene, 10.00am - 1.00pm
- 3 June . . . . . Charter Night
- 4 June . . . . . Uckfield & District Lions Day fete, 2.00pm - 5.00pm
- 14 June . . . . . Bingo, Lions Dene, 7.30pm.
- 16 June . . . . . Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm
- 17 June . . . . . Rottingdean & Saltdean Lions fair
- 21 June . . . . . Board & business meeting, Lions Dene, 8.00pm.
- 28 June . . . . . Bingo, Lions Dene, 7.30pm.
- 30 June . . . . . Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm

## BINGO ROTA

An asterisk (\*) indicates the Lion responsible for collecting the equipment from me and returning it to me after the session.

**Please note a change in the schedule. The 10 May session at Lions Dene has been cancelled and an additional session has been booked for 3 May.**

*Tony Crapnell*

LIONS DENE Contact: Brian Sivier (caretaker)		EVELYN GLENNIE Somerset Street Contact: Mrs Johnson (manager)	
3/5	Tony Crapnell *, Ron Fowler, Joe Matthews	5/5	Hugh Barron *, Tom Novis
		19/5	Sheridan Lynch *, Bruce Nunn
24/5	George Wood *, David Bryant, Joe Matthews	2/6	Brian Slater *, David Sawyer
14/6	Peter Price *, Derek Smith, Joe Matthews	16/6	Hugh Barron *, Guy Butterworth
28/6	Ron Fowler *, Alan Pratt, Joe Matthews	30/6	Pete Dilloway *, Sheridan Lynch

## FUNDRAISING

The fundraising committee has announced that we will be taking our racing pigs and book stall to various events during the summer.

Last year there was too much reliance of a small handful of Lions and their families. At the end of this issue is a table listing the events it is planned we should attend and Lions are asked to indicate the times they will be available for those events.

Please return the completed forms to Pete Dilloway.

## FREEDOM LIONS VISIT

Several Lions have yet to indicate their attendance or otherwise at events during the visit of Lions from our twin Club.

The booking form is reprinted in this issue and Lions are asked to complete this and return it to Brian Slater as soon as possible if they have not already done so.

### JUST A THOUGHT ...

“There is no greater calling than to serve your fellow men.  
There is no greater contribution than to help the weak.  
There is no greater satisfaction than to have done it well.”

*Walter Reuther*

## THE SWIMARATHON . . .

... is fast approaching. Have you done anything about getting a team to swim? Don't forget, each team can nominate a charity or similar organisation to receive half their sponsorship money making this an ideal fund-raiser for youth groups and other community organisations.

Contact Allen Bryan for information and forms.

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## PERSONALLY SPEAKING

I am sure that, like me, many Lions will have agonised over the pictures of refugees in Darfur and wished there were something we could do. Well, I have now found that there is.

Kids for Kids is a Surrey-based charity which lends 6 goats to a Darfur family for 2 years - providing milk for the children, and kids produced are theirs, forming the nucleus of a little flock. Local people are trained to man veterinary dispensaries to safeguard the goats welfare.

They also lend donkeys to families to help transport water.

A donation of just £12 will buy a goat: a donkey costs £50.

Donations can be made by cheque payable to Kids for Kids and sent to: PO BOX 456, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 2WS or you can donate on-line at: [www.justgiving.com/underthepier](http://www.justgiving.com/underthepier)

I like to think that we could, as a club, buy a small flock of six goats to set up a family which so desperately needs help.

*Brian Slater*

## MAY DINNER MEETING

Remember - the date has been changed to the second Wednesday in the month - 10 May. This will be a Ladies' Night and the venue is the Brighton & Hove Golf Club. Cost - £15.

Let George Wood or Pat Burns know whether or not you will be present.

## CHARTER NIGHT

We are reprinting the information and booking form for those Lions who have not yet booked their places.

## HERE IT IS - YOUR FREE BARBECUE GRILL!



*With thanks to Lions Skip O'Brien,  
Anderson Lions Club, California*

# CHARTER NIGHT

**You are invited to join Lion President Ron Fowler to celebrate the 55th charter anniversary of Brighton Lions Club**

in the Terrace Room, Courtlands Hotel, The Drive, Hove, on Saturday, 3 June 2006 at 7.00 for 7.45pm.

Price: £25 per person.

The menu will be:

Gravad Lax served with red onion and orange zest salad with cinnamon dressing.

Beef Carbonade, a rich, dark, northern French stew served in a half loaf, with Dauphinoise potatoes and market vegetables  
(A vegetarian option will also be available.)

Crème brûlée

Coffee and mints

Dancing will follow.



To reserve your places at this special dinner, please complete the form below and return it to Pete Dilloway.

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Please reserve me . . . . . places at Brighton Lions 55th Charter Anniversary dinner at Courtlands Hotel on Saturday, 3 June 2006.

Those attending will be:

Name	Tick if vegetarian	Any specific dietary requirements

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Name: .....

## AND FINALLY . . .

The tribal wisdom of the Highland clans, passed on from generation to generation, says: "When you discover that you are riding a dead horse, the best strategy is to dismount."

However, in government, education and in corporate United Kingdom more advanced strategies are often employed, such as:

1. Buying a stronger whip.
2. Changing riders.
3. Appointing a committee to study the horse.
4. Arranging to visit other countries to see how different cultures ride dead horses.
5. Lowering the standards so that dead horses can be included.
6. Reclassifying the dead horse as living-impaired.
7. Hiring outside contractors to ride the dead horse.
8. Harnessing several dead horses together to increase speed.
9. Providing additional funding and/or training to increase the dead horse's performance.
10. Doing a productivity study to see if lighter riders would improve the dead horse's performance.
11. Declaring that the dead horse does not have to be fed, costs less, has lower overheads and therefore contributes substantially more to the bottom line of the economy than do other horses.
12. Rewriting the expected performance requirements for all horses.
13. Promoting the dead horse to a supervisory position.

*With thanks to our President, Lion Ron Fowler*

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 CHARTER NIGHT BOOKING FORM continued

Name	Tick if vegetarian	Any specific dietary requirements

## FUNDRAISING AVAILABILITY

Date	Event & venue	Time	Activity	Number needed	Indicate time available
Mon 29 May	Adur East Lions Vintage Transport Fayre, Buckingham Park, Shoreham	10am - 5pm	Pig racing & books	1 per hour for books, 2 per hour for pigs	
Sun 2 June	Uckfield Lions Day fete, Luxfords Field, Uckfield	2pm - 5pm	Pig racing (possibly)	2 per hour	
Sat 17 June	Rottingdean & Saltdean Lions fair, Village Green, Rottingdean	?	Pig racing & books	1 per hour for books, 2 per hour for pigs	
Sun 9 July	NPS Lions donkey derby, Peacehaven	12 noon - 5pm	Pig racing & books	1 per hour for books, 2 per hour for pigs	
Sat 15 July	Rottingdean & Saltdean Lions Saltdean gala, Saltdean	?	Pig racing & books	1 per hour for books, 2 per hour for pigs	
Sun 23 July (?)	RSPCA fair, Braypool, Brighton		Pig racing & books	1 per hour for books, 2 per hour for pigs	
Sun 30 July (?)	Worthing Festival Lions Charity Day, the promenade, Worthing	9am - 4/5pm	Pig racing & books	1 per hour for books, 2 per hour for pigs	

Please indicate the times you will be available, add your name, and return the form to Pete Dilloway.

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## ANGLO-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES BOOKING FORM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Number attending</u> (other halves are welcome)
Monday 8th	Heathrow pick-up (2 Lions would be helpful)	
Monday 8th	Evening reception (booking not essential but helpful)	
Tuesday 9th	Tour of city etc (numbers in the minibus are limited)	
Tuesday 9th	Skittles evening	
Wednesday 10th	Visit to Canterbury (numbers in the minibus are limited)	
Wednesday 10th	Dinner meeting	
Thursday 11th	Alfriston & Lewes (numbers in the minibus are limited)	
Friday 12th	London	
Saturday 13th	Rye (numbers in the minibus are limited)	
Sunday 14th	Windsor & Runnymede (numbers in the minibus are limited)	
Monday 15th	Farewell dinner	
Tuesday 16th	Heathrow drop-off (2 Lions would be helpful)	

Your name: .....

Please return the completed form to Brian Slater as soon as possible.