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

ORDINARY PEOPLE - AMAZING THINGS

JUNE 2006

FREEDOM LIONS IN BRIGHTON

What a pleasure it was to welcome a delegation from our twin club, Freedom District Lions Club, to Brighton for a week in May.

Unfortunately, Lion Roger Wolfe had broken his leg falling off a ladder less than three weeks before the trip, so he and his wife, Jane, were unable to come.

During a pretty packed week, we visited Canterbury, Alfriston, Lewes, London, Rye, Windsor and Runnymede.

At Canterbury we were given a guided tour of the cathedral by PDG Lion Cliff Critchett and at Lewes the Mayor, Lion Jim Daly, entertained us in the Mayor's Parlour.

In addition to the days out, we fitted in a skittles match against Adur East Lions,



Allen Bryan with the Freedom Lions at Buckingham Palace.

a Ladies' Night dinner meeting at the golf club (where we were joined by Lions from Adur East, NPS and Rottingdean), and a farewell dinner at Blind Lemon Alley.

ZONE CHAIRMAN PETE

We offer our sincere congratulations to Pete Dilloway on his appointment as Chairman of Zone 2A for the 2006-07 Lions year.

We hope that he will be supported by members of the Club as he carries out his official visits and by attendance at Zone meetings.

Dates will be published in future issues.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Yes, it's that time again.

The annual subscription remains at £36 and is due to be paid to Brian Slater by 30 June.

As the Club has to pay International, Multiple District and District dues for each Lion early in July, please make life easier for our treasurer by sending your cheques before the end of the month.

BRIGHTON LIONS 2006/07

I am honoured to be President again next year, but at the same time apprehensive about the club's future. I looked down the impressive looking list of names in our directory and did a few calculations.

There are 33 names, a healthy looking club.

BUT:

4 are permanently at large, which I did not think was supposed to happen.

3 are Privileged and we never see them.

2 are Affiliate members and we never see them either.

3 have just resigned.

Real total 21.

At any one time there are several people either away or unavailable through business or some other very valid reason, and a few who very rarely attend any meetings at all. Available total: between 10 and 12.

We discussed the problem of continuing dinner meetings at the May business meeting, and it was agreed to change the format of regular formal monthly dinner meetings. We simply do not have enough members attending to book hotels, or in our case, the Rendezvous Casino, to provide a private room, staff and a meal for about 10 or 12 people.

We are booked at the Rendezvous for the hand over meeting on Wednesday 12th July. (Please note this is the second Wednesday). I would like to extend the invitation to all wives, partners and friends who would like to come and enjoy an evening with us. In future, and certainly throughout my year, all dinners and social events will be open to all.

Lion George is contacting Brighton & Hove Golf Club to try and book the following nights: September 6th, December 13th (please note second Wednesday again), and a date in March 2007. These will follow the usual format with ladies and guests welcome.

It is not envisaged we will have an event every month. Any member wishing to arrange a social event will be very welcome. It is not essential that these events happen on a Wednesday, they could well be a joint function with others clubs.

Many clubs are struggling with meetings, membership and attendance, and many have already gone down the social route.

Please give this some thought, and as always, any help or ideas will be gratefully received.

Richard Lintott

MAY BUSINESS MEETING

This month we were pleased to welcome four members of Hove Lions Club. We managed to keep up our record of hospitality by allowing a guest (Lion John Lewry) to win a prize in the raffle!

A donation of £500 to Assert, a local charity helping families with a member suffering from Asperger's syndrome, was approved, as was a pledge of £5,000 to Sussex Lantern (formerly Brighton Society for the Blind) to assist with the cost of buying an aquagym for their hydrotherapy pool. It was also agreed to support the second zone project, an Actventure day, at a cost of £50.

A small group agreed to meet to sort the club's equipment which is now stored in a temporary facility at Lions Gate.

MORE CONGRATULATIONS

At the May dinner meeting the President presented a 25-year chevron to Bruce Nunn. As the President remarked, Bruce has been one of the hardest-working members of the club for many years and, during his 25 years, has held virtually every position in the club.



CLUB DIARY

- 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
- 11 June Zone Actventure day, Blacklands Farm.
- 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
- 5 July Bingo, Lions Dene, 7.30pm.
- 6 July Children's outing to Drusilla's Zoo Park
- 12 July Dinner meeting, Rendezvous Casino, 7.30 for 8.00pm.
- 14 July Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.
- 16 July RSPCA open day, Braypool.
- 19 July Board & business meeting, Lions Dene, 8.00pm.
- 26 July Bingo, Lions Dene, 7.30pm.
- 28 July 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.

The current programme means that members are normally called upon up to three times in six months – excepting emergency cover.

I understand that fellow Brighton Lions Club members are all busy people with other commitments, but it would be helpful if you would make the rota a priority, giving me as much notice as possible if you are unable to help on the evenings listed below.

I have tried to reflect members' preferences as to time and place, but if there are any others, please let me know.

Tony Crapnell

LIONS DENE Contact: Brian Sivier (caretaker)		EVELYN GLENNIE Somerset Street Contact: Mrs Johnson (manager)	
		2/6	Brian Slater *, David Sawyer
14/6	2 volunteers needed! Joe Matthews	16/6	Hugh Barron *, Guy Butterworth
28/6	Ron Fowler *, Alan Pratt, Joe Matthews	30/6	Pete Dilloway *, Sheridan Lynch
5/7	Ron Fowler *, Tom Novis, Joe Matthews	14/7	Hugh Barron *, Allen Bryan
26/7	George Wood *, David Bryant, Joe Matthews	28/7	Pete Dilloway *, Alan Pratt

MD CONVENTION

Those members who were present at the April business meeting may recall that our secretary read out a letter from Sylvia Fosberry, Chairman of the Council of Governors, concerning a proposal to employ a CEO for MD105. Further information was given in an article by Lion Sylvia in the April/May edition of *The Lion* magazine.

The matter was the subject of an emergency resolution at MD Convention in Scarborough. This resolution was passed and there will therefore be no CEO until a full budget has been presented to and approved by MD Convention.

Other results from Convention: MD dues £18.00 pa (2006/07), & Chris Iles elected Chairman of the Council of Governors for 2006/07.

SKITTLES

Despite boosting our team with the members of Freedom District Lions Club, we managed once again to lose the annual skittles match against Adur East Lions by 326 points to 275. The prize for the highest individual score of the evening went to a member of the Adur team, but Allen Bryan managed to win the trophy for the lowest score with 6 points over 3 rounds. Our highest scorer was Sheila Slater, with 18 points.

As one of the Freedom Lions remarked, we might have come only 2nd, but Adur East were next to last!

WANTED - PREFERABLY ALIVE

We have lost some of our bingo regulars during the last month so more volunteers will be very welcome. It is unlikely that you will be called upon more than a couple of times in each 6-month period, so the duties are not particularly onerous. Please contact me if you can help.

Tony Crapnell

RESIGNATIONS

It is with regret that we have to announce the resignation from the Club of Geoff Edwards, Peter Price and Derek Smith.

They will be sorely missed.

YET MORE CONGRATULATIONS

This time to John Wilkinson, of NPS Lions Club, on being appointed Chairman of Region 2 for the year 2006-07.



JULY DINNER MEETING

Remember - the date has been changed to 12 July. The venue will again be the Rendezvous Casino at Brighton Marina and the cost will be £16.



Freedom Lions greeted by the Mayor of Brighton



and in the Mayor's Parlour at Lewes

THANKS

For the four Lions from Freedom District and Jacquie Self, we thank you for inviting and hosting us in your city. It was a truly enjoyable stay and experience. But most of all, we meet a group of people who opened their hearts to strangers from another country with warmth and generosity. We will never forget you and hope that some day we will see you again whether it be here in the USA or England or perhaps at a Lions International Convention.

The places you arranged for us to visit

were outstanding. The time and effort you gave to get us there will always be remembered. Our hosts were "special people" and a big THANK YOU for your efforts.

We are so thrilled that you accepted to twin with our club. We believe this venture is just the beginning of sharing ideas between us for the betterment of our respective communities. Again, THANK YOU to the Brighton Lions for allowing us to be with you! You are truly marvellous people.

Joe Wiz, AD, Barb, Joe Self and Jacquie.

HOW TO BE A RESPONSIBLE LION

- Take an active interest in the community.
- Become informed about the history, traditions and accomplishments of the club and the association, and share these with family, friends and associates.
- Attend club meetings regularly.
- Reach out the hand of friendship to fellow club members, and be tolerant of those who differ in opinion and custom.
- Share ideas and comments on current and future club activities.
- Work hard to make a success of all club activities.
- Enter enthusiastically into the social life of the club; friends make better partners.
- Contribute your share to operate the club and the association (subscriptions).
- Take great pride in helping make a positive difference in the lives of people locally and around the world.

Reprinted from 'The Lions Den', the bulletin of Converse Lions Club, Texas.

GREYHOUND RESULT

The sponsored greyhound evening towards the end of April raised a magnificent £1,600 for Leo House. Congratulations to all concerned.

FANCY A DAY OUT?

The annual trip to Drusilla's will be on Thursday, 6 July and this year we are taking pupils from Castledean School. The coach will leave the school at 10.00am and should arrive at Drusilla's at approximately 10.30. There will then be a educational session of about half an hour.

The children will be given lunch at about 11.30 and a barbecue at 3.00pm before leaving the zoo at 4.00pm.

All members of Brighton Lions will be welcome to join the party, but please contact David Sawyer if you intend to be there.

LEINZ VARIETIES

As we all know, Lions Clubs come in different shapes and sizes; some are large, some small; some are all male, some are of mixed gender. But as well as the 'bog standard' Lions Club, there are three other varieties: the club branch, the New Century Lions Club and the Campus Lions Club.

A club branch is a small group of people who become members of an existing "parent" Lions club, but who hold meetings and conduct service activities at a location that is separate from the parent club. Branch members are full members of the parent Lions club, with all privileges and responsibilities.

In many communities, it is difficult to reach the 20-member minimum necessary to charter a new club. Club branches can solve this problem. Because branches may be formed with a smaller number of members, they can flourish where chartered clubs cannot be established: small towns, remote rural areas, ethnic neighbourhoods, business parks and medical complexes.

The New Century Lions Club gives adults up to the age of 35 the ability to create a Lions club that fits their lifestyle and need for flexibility. Providing hands-on projects and more extensive use of technology to ease club administration, the New Century Lions Club offers young professionals, emerging community leaders, current and former Leos, young parents and children of Lions the opportunity to share the benefits of Lions Clubs International in a different format.

A Campus Lions Club is designed for college or university students, administrators, faculty, alumni or other community-minded individuals. It allows students to serve the campus community with their peers while developing valuable leadership and business skills.

JUST A THOUGHT

Only a life lived for others is a life worth while.

Albert Einstein

MORE PICTURES

of the visit by Freedom District Lions, including the Ladies' Night at Brighton & Hove Golf Club, can be found on the Internet at <http://photos.yahoo.com/westfieldebonny>. We plan to add to the pictures over time to build up an on-line photograph album of the activities of the club.

AND FINALLY . . .

Far away in the tropical waters of the Caribbean, two prawns were swimming around in the sea - one called Justin and the other called Christian. The prawns were constantly being harassed and threatened by sharks that patrolled the area. Finally, one day, Justin said to Christian, "I'm bored and frustrated at being a prawn. I wish I was a shark, then I wouldn't have any worries about being eaten."

As Justin had his mind firmly on becoming a predator, a mysterious cod appeared and said, "Your wish is granted", and lo and behold, Justin turned into a shark. Horrified, Christian immediately swam away, afraid of being eaten by his old mate.

Time went on (as it invariably does...) and Justin found himself becoming bored and lonely as a shark. All his old mates simply swam away whenever he came close to them. Justin realised that his new menacing appearance was the cause of his sad plight.

While out swimming alone one day he saw the mysterious cod again and could not believe his luck. Justin figured that the fish could change him

back into a prawn. He begged the cod to change him back and, lo and behold, he was turned back into a prawn.

With tears of joy in his tiny little eyes, Justin swam back to his friends and bought them all a cocktail.

Looking around the gathering at the reef, he searched for his old pal. "Where's Christian?" he asked. "He's at home, distraught that his best friend changed sides to the enemy and became a shark", came the reply.

Eager to put things right again and end the mutual pain and torture, Justin set off to Christian's house. As he opened the coral gate the memories came flooding back. He banged on the door and shouted, "It's me, Justin, your old friend, come out and see me again."

Christian replied, "No way man, you'll eat me. You're a shark, the enemy, and I'll not be tricked".

Justin cried back "No, I'm not. That was the old me. I've changed. I've found Cod. I'm a prawn again, Christian."

That's all, folks!