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

ORDINARY PEOPLE - AMAZING THINGS

AUGUST 2006

SOCIAL MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

Arrangements for August and September:

2 August

All Lions and partners are invited to a barbecue at Bill Catchpole's country residence. Bring your own drink, but food will be provided on by Bill at a nominal cost. Bill assures us that he has sufficient glasses, cutlery and crockery for our needs.

For your convenience, you will find a map at the end of this issue.

Please tell George Wood by 31 July if you will be attending.



Ron Fowler hands the chain of office to incoming President, Richard Lintott, at the July dinner meeting.

6 September

We will be back at Brighton & Hove Golf Club for a Ladies' Night dinner meeting. The meal will be served at 7.45pm to allow more time for socialising afterwards, and the cost will be £15 a head.

ALL members must notify Lion Ron Fowler by no later than Friday, 1 September whether it be yea or nay: phoning on the day will be too late. Please note that you will be charged for two meals unless you have sent your apologies.

NEWS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Jimmy M. Ross of Quitaque, Texas, USA, was elected to serve as 2006-2007 International President. President Ross is a rancher and a retired judge.

Mahendra Amarasuriya of Colombo, Sri Lanka, was elected to serve as 1st vice president and Al Brendel of New York was elected 2nd vice president.

A family membership category is to be introduced in 2007. International dues for the second member from a family will be half those for the first member. Note that this applies only to International dues, not MD or District dues.

JULY BUSINESS MEETING

With visiting Lions from Adur East and Lewes, Lions Dene was just a bit crowded on what was probably the warmest night of the year so far.



Clare Elliott

The President welcomed the newest member of the club, Clare Elliott, on her transfer from Groote Schuur Lions Club, Cape Town.

It was agreed to make a donation of £250 to Martlets Hospice in memory of Peter Price.

Geoff Edwards will continue dealing with welfare cases etc despite no longer being a member of the club. He will liaise with Ron Fowler for board decisions.

The treasurer announced that the admin accounts for the year to 30 June had been examined by Peter Pannett. (The receipts and payments account is published later in this issue.)

CLUB DIARY

- 2 August Barbecue at Bill Catchpole's house (see page 8 for directions).
- 9 August Bingo, Lions Dene, 7.30pm.
- 11 August Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.
- 15 August Zone meeting, Lions Dene, 8.00pm.
- 16 August Board & business meeting, Lions Dene, 8.00pm.
- 19 August Westdene summer fair.
- 23 August Bingo, Lions Dene, 7.30pm.
- 25 August Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm
- 28 August Seaford Donkey Derby.
- 6 September Ladies' Night dinner meeting, Brighton & Hove Golf Club, 7.15 for 7.45.
- 8 September Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.
- 13 September Bingo, Lions Dene, 7.30pm.
- 20 September Board & business meeting, Lions Dene, 8.00pm.
- 22 September Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.
- 27 September Bingo, Lions Dene, 7.30pm.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Still eight outstanding. Is yours one?



PDG David Richards (left) and Council Chairman Chris Iles (right) with Wendy & Yvonne paid a visit to Freedom District Lions Club after the International Convention.

LIONS VISIT ZOO

Just after 10.00am on 6 July, 39 excited children and 11 adults left Castledean School for a visit to Drusillas Zoo Park at Alfriston.

On arrival at Drusillas, the children and teachers were sent off to do their own thing for an hour or so, while David Sawyer, Allen Bryan and Joe Matthews met with the catering manager to finalise lunch arrangements for the children and to have coffee. This was followed (in the case of Allen and Joe) by an adjournment to another place of refreshment while David remained to supervise lunch.

After lunch the children were divided into

two groups for education sessions lasting about half an hour, followed by more free time in the zoo. The day at Drusillas ended with a barbecue so the children returned to the coach well fed.

On arrival back at school, each child was presented with a goody bag containing a pencil, a notebook, a postcard to be coloured in and an animal mask.

The children's verdict: 'Super day'.....'Great' etc.

Well done, David, and thanks to Allen and Joe for their support.

ZONE HAPPENINGS

Zone meeting

The first 2A zone meeting of the new Lions' year will be held on Tuesday, 15 August, at Lions Dene starting at 8.00pm.

While the president and secretary of each club in the zone are expected to attend, other Lions are welcome to do so as well. This is a splendid opportunity to get to know fellow Lions from other clubs and to learn what other clubs do. Many of our successful activities have been copied from others, so we shouldn't think that we have a monopoly on good ideas!

Weekend in France

This trip is proposed for the weekend of 22-24 September 2006, and will cost £115 per person. This will include travel and 2 nights bed & breakfast in Boulogne, leaving on Friday (venue & time to be confirmed, but probably am). On Saturday there would be a trip to Le Touquet for a stroll and a break followed by a trip to a hypermarket. On Sunday there would be a ride in the countryside before returning to Calais for lunch and catching the shuttle for the journey home, arriving back early evening on Sunday. A minimum of 30 is required for this and deposits will be required 48 days before travel.

This could be a fun weekend and I hope that it will be possible to get sufficient numbers for it to take place. John Taylor will need to know whether we have sufficient numbers by the beginning of August in order to finalise arrangements so it will be a big help if you can let me have responses by 1 August.

Pete Dilloway

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)	
9/8	Tony Crapnell *, Richard Lintott, Joe Matthews	11/8	Brian Slater *, David Sawyer
23/8	Jason Bristow *, Guy Butterworth, Joe Matthews	25/8	Tony Crapnell *, Ron Fowler
		8/9	George Wood *, David Bryant
13/9	Pete Dilloway *, Bruce Nunn, Joe Matthews	22/9	Jason Bristow *, Guy Butterworth
27/9	Hugh Barron *, Allen Bryan, Joe Matthews		

ON-LINE MAG

New this month on the Lions International web site is the Lions News Network (LNN) featuring LQ, Lions new quarterly video magazine. From LNN you can view Lions Quarterly (LQ), video programs and public service announcements (PSAs). Lions can also order videos to present at a club meeting or community event and encourage local television stations to download PSAs for broadcast.

CORRECTION

We are not possessed of the gift of seeing into the future and incorrectly stated the date of Peter Price's death as 29 July in the last issue. It should, of course, have read 29 June.

Our apologies, but we believe Peter would have seen the funny side.

NEW WEB SITE

The Club's web site has been kept to the same design for several years now and I felt that a new look might be appropriate. I have therefore produced a new design but will not 'go live' with it unless it meets with approval.

If you log on to www.brightonlions.freemove.co.uk/poll.htm you will find links to both the old and new looks and you can cast your vote for which you prefer.

Please do give me some feedback.

Brian Slater

SLOW DANCE

This poem was allegedly written by a teenage girl who had just been told she had six months to live. We cannot vouch for the accuracy of that statement, but consider the poem worth reproducing here.

Have you ever watched kids
On a merry-go-round?
Or listened to the rain
Slapping on the ground?
Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight?
Or gazed at the sun into the fading
night?

You'd better slow down.
Don't dance so fast.
Time is short.
The music won't last.

Do you run through each day
On the fly?
When you ask 'How are you?'
Do you hear the reply?
When the day is done
Do you lie in your bed
With the next hundred chores
Running through your head?

You'd better slow down.
Don't dance so fast.
Time is short.
The music won't last.

Ever told your child,
We'll do it tomorrow?
And in your haste,
Not seen his sorrow?
Ever lost touch,
Let a good friendship die,
'Cause you never had time
To call and say, "Hi".

You'd better slow down.
Don't dance so fast.
Time is short.
The music won't last.

When you run so fast to get somewhere
You miss half the fun of getting there.
When you worry and hurry through your
day,
It is like an unopened gift thrown away.

Life is not a race.
Do take it slower.
Hear the music
Before the song is over.

ADMIN ACCOUNT 2005-06

	<u>2006</u>		<u>2005</u>	
RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£
Subscriptions	1,152.00		1,114.00	
Dinner receipts	4,383.15		2,912.55	
Tail Twister	90.28		87.11	
Raffle receipts	674.55		445.40	
Bar profit	435.00		400.00	
Members donations	600.00		600.00	
Auction	60.00		0.00	
Sale of polo shirts etc	433.82		0.00	
Interest received	1.55	7,830.35	1.31	5,560.37
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less PAYMENTS				
Dinner costs	4,415.80		2,883.75	
Lions' dues	1,452.40		1,350.50	
Club supplies	0.00		28.43	
Officers' expenses	544.00		538.95	
Raffle costs	182.36		309.00	
Printing & stationery	112.68		0.00	
Convention draw tickets	60.00		50.00	
Insurance	22.85		27.35	
Training	36.00		70.00	
Honours & trophies	175.06		564.61	
Polo shirts etc purchased	81.66		349.65	
Twinning expenses	125.00		0.00	
Miscellaneous expenses	25.00	7,232.81	20.00	6,192.24
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Surplus/(deficit)		597.54		(631.87)
Admin fund at start of year		564.34		1,196.21
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Admin fund at 30 June 2006		<u>1,161.88</u>		<u>564.34</u>

BRIGHTON LIONS IN WITH THE BIG BOYS

DIRECTORY AMENDMENT

This information is omitted from the copy published on our web site.

According to a survey recently undertaken by GuideStar UK there are over 167,000 registered charities in England and Wales. Of these, only 30% have an annual income of £25,000 or more – and our Charity Trust Fund is one of that 30%. Now it's no mean achievement for a bunch of amateurs running a local charity like ours to be mixing it with some of the country's largest. Definitely something we should crow about! By the way, Leo House is actually in the top 15%.

Here is a profile of charities based on their latest income figures:

No income or no recorded income . . .	9,248	5.5%
£1 to £10k	81,774	48.8%
£10k to £25k	27,430	16.4%
£25k to £100k	25,103	15.0%
£100k to £250k	10,451	6.2%
£250k to £1m	8,321	5.0%
£1m to £5m	3,721	2.2%
£5m to £10m	687	0.4%
£10m to £25m	447	0.3%
Over £25m	223	0.1%
TOTAL	167,405	100.0%

SNIPPETS

We learn that Freedom District Lions Club raised some \$4,000 selling 'Freedom fries' during four days of the local firemen's carnival, the fifth day having been washed out.

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It is always good to get some complimentary feedback. In the bank the other day the cashier told us that her son is at St Joseph's school and they are all tremendously proud of the soccer strip we donated last year. This has been translated into better performances as well. Maybe we should sponsor the England strip?

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We have no photographic evidence to prove that one of our members has obtained a Lions polo shirt in a different design although he did wear it to the July business meeting. Made in a bright yellow, it has the Lions logo on the right breast, surrounded by the words 'Brighton Lions Club'. On the left breast, in a very fetching purple script, is the Lion's name – 'Jason'. We understand that the shirt in question was specially imported from the USA.

AND FINALLY . . .

A pirate walked into a bar and the bartender said, "Hey, I haven't seen you in awhile. What happened? You look terrible."

"What do you mean?" said the pirate, "I feel fine."

"What about the wooden leg? You didn't have that before."

"Well, we were in a battle and I got hit with a cannonball, but I'm fine now".

"Ok, but what about that hook? What happened to your hand?"

"We were in another battle. I boarded a ship and got into a sword fight. My hand was cut off. I got fitted with a hook. I'm fine, really."

"What about that eye patch?"

"Oh, one day we were at sea and a flock of birds flew over. I looked up and one of them s**t in my eye."

"You're kidding," said the bartender, "you couldn't lose an eye just from some bird droppings"

"It was my first day with the hook."

Lion Bill Fraser, Dunfermline

And from the letters page of the *Sunday Telegraph*:

Sir,

I recently bought a clockwork radio which was made in China. To guide the user a manual was provided, a faithful sample of which I append:

(2) meet an emergency to shake to refresh

1. Choose the switch (10) the power supply to stir the "to close the machine" position.

2. Can the turn hour hand or Converse hour hand revolve to shake the generator or turn to move handle to inside to place to refresh the battery to refresh.

3. General circumstance bottom, in a minute of continuous 120 turn, and the audibility half an hour is or so.

Normal circumstance bottom, each one refresh battery can power, turn on electricity 500 times or so. Mightiness suggestion you at Normal circumstance bottom, each one refresh battery can power, turn on electricity 500 times or so. Mightiness suggestion you at Circumstance that there is municipal give or get an electric shocking bottom, use appropriation charges to battery to long hours refresh, since exhausting of low generator, guarantee to refresh the usage number of times of the battery.

That's all, folks!