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

ORDINARY PEOPLE - AMAZING THINGS

SEPTEMBER 2006

CLUB RENEWAL INITIATIVE

From **Jimmy M. Ross**, 2006-07 Lions International President

During the next 12 months, you will encounter many opportunities to contribute to the success of your Lions club.

One such opportunity is the **Club Renewal Initiative**. At a full meeting early this year, please consider conducting a review of club practices. This can include the success of your club meetings, member recruitment, member relations, service projects, and fundraisers.

A **Club Renewal Initiative** form may be accessed and submitted online through the Lions web site: www.lionsclub.org. The form is available in paper format from executiveservices@lionsclubs.org. It will help you and your club through the renewal process by identifying:

- **Highly successful** club activities/practices that should be continued and

expanded.

- **Less successful** club activities/practices that should be changed and improved.
- **Unsuccessful** club activities/practices that should be replaced by something brand new.

This discussion will help strengthen your club. Your fellow members may decide to eliminate an unprofitable fundraiser, or perhaps introduce a new service project.

For your club's participation in the renewal process, the club will receive from Lions Club International a **Club Renewal Banner Patch**. Through your participation, your fellow Lions will benefit as members of a renewed, invigorated club.

Thank you for participating in the Lions Club Renewal Initiative.

CLUB WEB SITE

My thanks to all those who voted for the web site design they preferred – all four of you. The unanimous choice was for the new design which has therefore now gone live.

Brian Slater

AUGUST BUSINESS MEETING

Attendance at this meeting was thin and although there were plenty of notices and announcements (most of which are covered elsewhere in this issue) there was little momentous discussion. The only real decision was that we would buy our usual £60-worth of tickets in the District draw for a trip to the international convention at Chicago next year.

CLUB DIARY

- 1 September . . . Book fair set-up, Lions Dene, 2.30pm.
- 2 September . . . Book fair, Lions Dene, 10.00am - 1.00pm.
- 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.
- 19 September . . . Stroke club transport.
- 20 September . . . Board & business meeting, Lions Dene, 8.00pm.
- 22 September . . . Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.
- 22-24 September . . . Zone trip to Boulogne?
- 27 September . . . Bingo, Lions Dene, 7.30pm.
- 30 September . . . Dance, Saltdean Community Centre, £8.50 a head. Details from Pete Dilloway.
- 1 October Woodingdean charter lunch, Princes Marine Hotel Hove. £18.
- 4 October Social meeting.
- 6 October Book fair set-up, Lions Dene, 2.30pm.
- 6 October Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.
- 7 October Book fair, Lions Dene, 10.00am - 1.00pm.
- 11 October Bingo, Lions Dene, 7.30pm.
- 17 October Stroke club transport.
- 18 October Board & business meeting, Lions Dene, 8.00pm.
- 20 October Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.
- 25 October Bingo, Lions Dene, 7.30pm.

SEPTEMBER DINNER MEETING

We will be back at Brighton & Hove Golf Club for a Ladies' Night dinner meeting on 6 September. The meal will be served at 7.45pm to allow more time for socialising afterwards, and the cost will be £15 a head.

The menu will be egg mayonnaise, chicken surprise (?), and lemon tart with ice cream.

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.

THANK YOU

I am writing to thank the Brighton Lions, and especially [David], for arranging the trip to Drusilla's [in July].

The pupils (and staff!) had a wonderful time and the children were highly motivated to write about their experiences the following day. It really was a marvellous opportunity for them and one that will remain in their memories for some time.

Please pass on our thanks to the Brighton Lions for their wonderful generosity. We really are extremely grateful.

Yours sincerely
Sue Furdas, Headteacher

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)	
		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	6/10	A N Other *, David Sawyer
11/10	Ron Fowler *, Richard Lintott, Joe Matthews	20/10	Brian Slater *, Alan Pratt
25/10	Pete Dilloway *, Bruce Nunn, Joe Matthews	3/11	A N Other *, Guy Butterworth

AYE, AYE, AYE

Or, to be more accurate, the three I's: inform, instruct, inspire. That is what we consider to be the function of a club newsletter. How well we manage to perform that function is, of course, a matter of opinion.

However, we can do a lot better if we have the support of our fellow Lions. We are grateful to those who submit reports of activities, schedules, duty rosters, inspirational pieces and shaggy dog stories. But there must be more.

So don't be shy. Put pen to paper and send us something - ghastly jokes, your personal thoughts about something - *anything at all!*

This is **YOUR** newsletter after all.

Editor

DRIVERS WANTED

It was a good few years ago that the Club agreed to provide transport for a number of people who had suffered strokes so that they could attend a monthly therapy/social session. Because of deaths, we now transport only two people, one of whom is the chair/organiser of the sessions.

This involves picking up in Jersey Street (off Southover Street) and High Street (between Edwards Street and St James's Street), dropping off at Stanford Avenue Methodist Church, and then taking the passengers back home again. The first pick-up is at 10.00am and the

return is at about 12.15pm. This is on the third Tuesday of each month.

Cyril Pretlove was the regular driver for quite some time and after his death, Peter Price took over the job. It would seem to make sense to organise a rota for this – and it certainly won't be an onerous task if we can find, say, half a dozen volunteers. Obviously they will need to be retired and car owners, but that covers just about 90% of our members.

Please give Ron Fowler a call to put your name on the list.

YOUR DESTINY

Watch you thoughts; they become words.
Watch your words; they become actions.
Watch your actions; they become habits.
Watch your habits; they become character.
Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

So don't say or think this: *If I could, I would.*
Think and say this instead: *If I can, I will.*

JUST A THOUGHT

I like to believe that people in the long run are going to do more to promote peace than our governments. Indeed, I think that people want peace so much that one of these days governments had better get out of the way and let them have it.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

DID YOU KNOW . . .

THE ASSOCIATION'S NAME: The official name of the association is "The International Association of Lions Clubs" or simply "Lions Clubs International." The name Lions was chosen because of the symbolism of what a lion animal represents – courage, strength, activity and fidelity.

MISSION STATEMENT: To create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation.

MOTTO: The Lions motto is "We Serve." It was adopted at the 1954 International Convention, after being selected from more than 6,000 suggestions from members worldwide.

SLOGAN: Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation's Safety. It was adopted at the 1919 International Convention.

OFFICIAL COLOURS: Purple and gold were chosen when the association was founded in 1917. The purple represents loyalty to country, friends, to one's self and to the integrity of mind and heart. It is the colour of strength, courage and dedication to a cause. Gold symbolizes sincerity of purpose, liberality in judgment, purity in life and generosity in mind, heart and commitment to mankind. Often, a dark blue is used in place of the purple.

OFFICIAL EMBLEM: The current Lion emblem (or logo) was adopted at the 1919 convention. Today, Lions worldwide are recognized by it. It consists of a gold letter "L" on a circular purple (or blue) field. Bordering this is a circular gold area with two Lion profiles facing away from the centre. The Lions face both past and future – showing both pride of heritage and confidence in the future. The word "Lions" appears at the top, and "International" at the bottom.

BEAUTIFUL TO BEHOLD

Even the smallest light cuts a path through the deepest darkness. Let the light of your own goodness fully shine, and experience the positive impact it imparts.

Those who can only tear down and destroy grow weaker and more vulnerable with every action. Those who sincerely respect and value life have infinitely more possibilities open to them.

Those things gained through deception, repression, fear and intimidation are never worth having. They begin to crumble even before they are realized.

Those things gained through creative,

positive, loving and respectful pursuits, on the other hand, quickly spread and multiply. That's because within each act of genuine goodness are fertile seeds of even greater goodness.

Each day life presents many and varied challenges. Every one of those challenges is an opportunity to confirm and intensify the truth and goodness with which life is filled.

Though it is often difficult, choose in each word, each thought, each action, to shine your positive light on the world. For it is in that choice that you will find a world and a life that is rich, and full, and truly beautiful to behold.

VULNERABLE PERSONS OFFICER

There was some discussion at the August business meeting about a request from District that all clubs should appoint a vulnerable persons office. It was felt by many that the present activities of the club do not involve vulnerable persons unless they have responsible carers with them. However, Alan Pratt volunteered to take on the role. Please therefore add this position to the administration section of your directory.

COMPUTERISED CARS?

At a recent computer expo (COMDEX), Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the car industry and stated, "If GM had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25.00 cars that got 1,000 miles to the gallon."

In response to Bill's comments, General Motors issued a press release stating: If GM had developed technology like Microsoft; we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics:

1. For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash twice a day.
2. Every time they repainted the lines in the road, you would have to buy a new car.
3. Occasionally your car would die on the freeway for no reason. You would have to pull over to the side of the road, close all of the windows, shut off the car, restart it, and reopen the windows before you could continue. For some reason you would simply accept this.
4. Occasionally, executing a manoeuvre such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine.
5. Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive - but would run on only five percent of the roads.
6. The oil, water temperature, and alternator warning lights would all be replaced by a single "This Car Has Performed An Illegal Operation" warning light.
7. The airbag system would ask, "Are you sure?" before deploying.
8. Occasionally, for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key and grabbed hold of the radio antenna.
9. Every time a new car was introduced car buyers would have to learn how to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.
10. You'd have to press the "Start" button to turn the engine off.

AND FINALLY ...

BRAIN SYSTEM: Attention. Alert registered.

CENTRAL: Alert? Number One, report!

NUMBER ONE: Sir! We're picking up loud music.

CENTRAL: Music? We were just asleep!

NUMBER ONE: Yes sir. Ears report it's "The Last Train to Clarksville."

CENTRAL: Good lord, are we being tortured?

NUMBER ONE: Sir, Eyes are functional and request instruction.

CENTRAL: Tell them to open up and try to find out what is going on.

NUMBER ONE: Scope! Okay, I see darkness... darkness... Wait, there's a woman sleeping there.

CENTRAL: A woman?

NUMBER ONE: Sir, Libido Station wants to know if it is Anna Kournikova.

CENTRAL: Forget about Libido. What can you tell me?

NUMBER ONE: Sir, Memory reports a near perfect match to "wife," sir.

CENTRAL: Well of course. Keep looking.

NUMBER ONE: Sir, urgent report from Stomach on the horn, do you want to take it?

CENTRAL: Stomach, what's going on?

STOMACH: Sir, we've taken a hit, it... it looks bad, sir.

CENTRAL: Get hold of yourself, man!

STOMACH: Yessir. It looks like a burrito, sir. It exploded at about 1900 hours and we've been out of action ever since. I don't... I don't know if she can take much more, Captain.

CENTRAL: Stomach! Now you listen to me, son. We're all counting on you up here. Don't give up now. Remember the chilli of '94? We made it through that, we can make it through anything.

STOMACH: Yessir. You can count on me, sir.

CENTRAL: Good man.

NUMBER ONE: Sir, I've got a visual on the clock!

CENTRAL: Tell me, Number One.

NUMBER ONE: Oh my God, sir. It's horrible.

CENTRAL: Dammit sailor, get a grip on yourself!

NUMBER ONE: It's... It's six thirty, sir. In the morning.

CENTRAL: In the morning? Not again. I thought... I thought that we'd had the worst of it yesterday.

SYSTEM: Sixty seconds to consciousness.

CENTRAL: This is madness. Do you know what's going to happen if we go conscious now, this early?

NUMBER ONE: Work, sir?

CENTRAL: That's right, Number One. It'll be work, all right. I don't... I don't know if I can live through that hell again.

SYSTEM: Fifty seconds to consciousness.

NUMBER ONE: Sir? Do you have orders?

CENTRAL: Hmmm?

NUMBER ONE: Orders, sir. Do you have orders for us?

CENTRAL: Orders? Orders, Number One? Damn right there are orders! Let's get ourselves moving.

NUMBER ONE: Aye aye, sir!

SYSTEM: Forty seconds to consciousness.

CENTRAL: Shut that damn thing off, I'm trying to think. Get our remote stations on line. I want a Search and Acquire on anything that feels like a snooze button. Tell them to MOVE. Bladder!

BLADDER: Yes sir?

CENTRAL: How are you holding?

BLADDER: All systems are flush and ready, sir. We can go another three hours, easy.

CENTRAL: Very well, Bladder. Number One, get me Nose on the horn.

NOSE: Sir, Nose reporting, sir!

CENTRAL: Good to hear from you, Nose. How are you doing up there?

NOSE: Sir, ah, we registered cat breath about twenty minutes ago, but it was

pretty faint and I didn't think...

CENTRAL: Steady on, nose. You were right not to trigger an alert.

NOSE: Thank you, sir.

CENTRAL: Nose, I'm afraid I have bad news for you, son. We took a burrito last night.

NOSE: Oh no, sir, not again!

CENTRAL: I said steady! You're going to have to hold on, you hear me? Hold on, and it will pass. I don't want ANYTHING getting through to consciousness.

NOSE: Yes sir. I'll try, sir.

CENTRAL: That's the spirit. Stomach!

STOMACH: Sir?

CENTRAL: How are you doing down there?

STOMACH: We've been breached, Captain. The whole alimentary is in flames. I'm trying to keep it contained, but I can't promise anything.

CENTRAL: Damn!

NUMBER ONE: Sir, Libido Station reports it is ready for battle!

CENTRAL: Tell Libido to calm down, I'll call him when I need him. Any report from our search party?

NUMBER ONE: Sir, Fingers report they located and toppled a glass of water, a pair of glasses, and a box of Kleenex. No luck on the snooze, sir.

CENTRAL: Number One, I don't mind telling you, if we don't get this under control we're going to lose her.

NUMBER ONE: Yes sir. Sir, Libido requests positive verification that the woman sleeping next to us is not Anna Kournikova.

CENTRAL: For crying out loud.

NUMBER ONE: Sir, Ears reports the song

is over. It's going to commercial, sir.

CENTRAL: How much time on the system clock?

NUMBER ONE: Ten seconds to consciousness, sir. We've lost smile control in the lower facial and we're developing a frown.

CENTRAL: Brace yourself, Number One. I'm afraid we've had it.

NUMBER ONE: Sir! Fingers has located target. Repeat, Fingers is on target!

CENTRAL: Fire!

NUMBER ONE: Hit! Sir, direct hit!

CENTRAL: Ears!

NUMBER ONE: It's gone, Captain! Ears reports the music is gone!

CENTRAL: We've done it!

SYSTEM: Consciousness cancelled.

NUMBER ONE: Sir, all systems are ready for sleep mode. Repeat, sleep mode now ready.

CENTRAL: Trigger sleep mode NOW.

NUMBER ONE: Sleep mode triggered, aye aye, sir.

CENTRAL: Shut Eyes.

NUMBER ONE: Eyes off, sir. Frown relaxed, smile restored.

CENTRAL: By golly, that was a close one.

NUMBER ONE: Yes sir. Sir, Dream Team requests selection. Libido asking for something naked, sir.

CENTRAL: Request denied. Let's roll the one where we show up for church wearing only our underwear, I like that one.

NUMBER ONE: Roger that, sir. Dream selection completed and tape is rolling, sir.

CENTRAL: Good work, Number One. You take the helm.

NUMBER ONE: Aye aye, sir

I'm sorry, but I really cannot remember who to blame for that one! Editor

That's all, folks!