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

ORDINARY PEOPLE - AMAZING THINGS

NOVEMBER 2006

REMEMBER, REMEMBER THE 4th NOVEMBER

ALL members are asked to turn out for the club's biggest fund-raiser of the year at the County Ground, Eaton Rd, Hove on 4 November. Please report at 4.30pm (unless you are a member of the firing party) so as to be ready for the 5.00pm briefing. Friends, acquaintances and members of the family will be welcome to join us to act as stewards.

Members who have Brighton Lions luminous tabards are asked to bring them - and a torch might be handy as well.

The rota for the event is on page 9 of this issue.

CLUB DIARY

It looks like being a busy couple of months!

- 3 November . . . Book fair set-up, Lions Dene, 8.00pm.
- 3 November . . . Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.
- 4 November . . . Book fair, Lions Dene, 10.00am - 1.00pm.
- 4 November . . . Fireworks, County Ground, Eaton Rd, Hove.
- 5 November . . . Seahaven Lioness foundation lunch, Hydro Hotel, Eastbourne.
- 8 November . . . Bingo, Lions Dene, 7.30pm.
- 15 November . . . Board & business meeting, Lions Dene, 8.00pm.
- 17 November . . . Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.
- 18 November . . . Worthing Lions Charter Night.
- 21 November . . . Stroke club transport - Jason Bristow.
- 22 November . . . Bingo, Lions Dene, 7.30pm.
- 1 December . . . Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.
- 5 December . . . Zone meeting, Lions Dene, 8.00pm.
- 9 December . . . Seahaven Lioness Christmas Big Band Dance
- 11 December . . . Zone Chairman's visit to Rottingdean & Saltdean, 8.00pm.
- 13 December . . . Bingo, Lions Dene, 7.30pm.
- 13 December . . . Ladies Night dinner meeting, Brighton & Hove Golf Club, 7.15 for 7.45.
- 15 December . . . Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.
- 19 December . . . Stroke club transport - Brian Slater.
- 20 December . . . Board & business meeting, Lions Dene, 8.00pm.
- 29 December . . . Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.

SEE THE NOTE ON PAGE 7 about the December dinner meeting.

OCTOBER BUSINESS MEETING

The board approved several donations:

- Hearing Dogs for the Deaf - £100
- The Sussex Air Ambulance Appeal - £1000
- Leo House - £500
- Survivors Network - £500
- Brighton & Hove branch of Cruse - £350

A pledge of £1000 was made to the Outlook Foundation.

David Sawyer reported that the children's outing this Christmas will be to see Peter Pan at Worthing on 4 January. The children will be from St Bartholomew's school.

The 4 November book fair will be set up on the Friday evening, 3 November, at 8.00pm.

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)	
		3/11	Brian Slater *, David Sawyer
8/11	Tom Novis *, Richard Lintott, Joe Matthews	17/11	Hugh Barron *, Allen Bryan
22/11	Tony Crapnell*, Alan Pratt, Joe Matthews	1/12	Tony Crapnell *, Jason Bristow
13/12	VOLUNTEER NEEDED *, Tom Novis, Joe Matthews	15/12	George Wood *, VOLUNTEER NEEDED
		29/12	Tony Crapnell *, Brian Slater

SWIMARATHON 2006

All the sponsorship money due from this event has now been received and the details are as follows:

TEAM	AMOUNT RAISED £	50% RETAINED BY TEAM £	AMOUNT TO CHARITY TRUST FUND £
Balfour Infants School (Organised by Lion S. Lynch)	421.00	210.50	210.50
Belly Flops (Regular supporters & Friends of Lion G. Wood)	421.00	200.00 (to The Martlets Hospice)	221.00
Jenny Searle Associates (Lion S. Lynch & Family/Friends)	193.42	-	193.42
Splinters (Lion G. Wood & Family/Friends)	263.00	-	263.00
The 'A' Team (Sue Rolf / Friends of Lion A. Bryan)	677.00	-	677.00
The Sackville Players (Regular Supporters)	241.00	120.50	120.50
Lion Tom Novis	68.00	-	68.00
TOTALS	2284.42	531.00	1753.42

Less Expenses:

Pool Hire	£50.00
Printing, Postage, etc.	£33.35

Net Income **£1670.07**

I wish to thank all members who participated in this event especially Lion Sheridan for organising the Balfour School morning session and also for taking part in the afternoon session. The total amount raised is very good considering the number of teams who entered. I have taken the unprecedented step of naming either the Lion who took part or the source of contact for each team. I am aware that there are other Lions who have entered a team or participated themselves in previous years but despite appeals over many years for more new teams the numbers have fallen. I have sent out countless letters/forms/posters to other organisations in the city but received a

nil response for new entrants. This I have concluded is because in our cosmopolitan city either they raise funds for their own cause and are not willing to share or they appeal to others, such as ourselves, for grants of aid. I believe the public are fed up with sponsored fund raising events and the endless requests to in effect give a donation to the charity.

For those of you who are not aware I will no longer be the Organiser and the continuation of this event is uncertain unless another member volunteers to organise the event next year.

Lion Allen Bryan

BENEFITS OF BEING A LION

What benefits have **you** gained from being a Lion? According to the International Association,

“The benefits of Lions clubs membership are numerous, and include:

- The unparalleled satisfaction of helping those in need.
- Making a difference in your community.
- Having an impact on those in need worldwide.
- Developing leadership skills.

- Enhancing communication skills.
- Utilizing planning and organisation skills.
- Working hands-on to meet community needs.
- Meeting new people – from your community and abroad.
- Opportunities to network.
- Opportunities to travel.”

It might be instructive to list the benefits that you have gained from your membership of Brighton Lions Club.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Although the Trust Fund accounts have not yet been finally agreed by our independent examiner, the figures will not alter much (if at all) and I am now able to publish them, albeit in unexamined form.

Over the years the accountancy profession brings in new ‘Statements of Recommended Practice’ (SORPs) as a result of which the old income and expenditure account, whose purpose seemed pretty obvious to me, became a ‘Statement of Financial Activity’ (SOFA). Similarly, ‘Income’ became ‘Incoming Resources’ and has now become ‘Incoming Resources from Generated Funds’ and ‘Expenditure’ has become ‘Resources Expended’. ‘Fund raising income’ is now described as ‘Activities for generating funds’ while ‘Administration and management costs’ have become simply ‘Governance’. Despite these changes, I hope the trust fund accounts for the year 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006, shown on the next page, are reasonably easy to follow.

A few comments are, perhaps, in order.

Total income for the year rose to £65,000, an increase of £5,500 on the previous year. This increase was due to a particularly successful fireworks display. Donations received were down from £6,000 to under £700, but in the year 2004/05 we received a donation of £6,000 intended for Leo House.

Fundraising expenditure rose sharply but this was because of extra costs involved with the fireworks display (we spent more on fireworks to celebrate the 400th anniversary). Grants and donations made to other organisations and individuals fell significantly, from more than £33,000 to less than £17,000. Of course, in the previous year we had made a donation of £10,000 in respect of the Asian tsunami. The overall result was that for the year just past we had a surplus of more than £15,000.

One last point. The restricted funds refer to the Manison Legacy, which is to be used only for elderly people of Brighton.

Brian Slater

TRUST FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006

INCOMING RESOURCES FROM GENERATED FUNDS	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2006 £	<i>Total Funds</i> 2005 £
Voluntary income - Legacies	0	0	0	543
Voluntary income - Donations	679	0	679	6,025
Activities for generating funds	39,979	0	39,979	26,459
Investment income	25	24,415	24,439	25,469
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	40,683	24,415	65,097	58,497
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Costs of generating funds:				
Fund raising expenditure	28,510	0	28,510	13,861
Purchase of fund raising equipment	0	0	0	246
Charitable activities:				
Grants & donations:				
Organisations	4,106	11,120	15,226	29,884
Individuals	1,390	123	1,513	3,779
Other charitable expenditure	262	2,113	2,374	3,515
Governance	821	1,080	1,901	2,001
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	35,088	14,435	49,524	53,286
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES	5,594	9,979	15,574	5,211
ACCUMULATED FUND BALANCES:				
As at 1 July 2005 (2004)	8,533	569,721	578,254	573,043
As at 30 June 2006 (2005)	14,128	579,700	593,828	578,254

DECEMBER DINNER MEETING

Remember, the December dinner meeting is scheduled for 13 December, the **second** Wednesday of the month. It will be at the Brighton & Hove Golf Club, Devils Dyke Road, 7.15pm for 7.45pm. The price will be £15 and the menu will be as follows:

Parma ham with melon.

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Roast beef etc.

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Christmas pudding OR lemon tart (choose on the night).

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Coffee & mints.

Vegetarian or other dietary requirements should be notified to me beforehand.

Kindly contact me before Friday, 8 December, with relevant information, including the names of any guests.

Ron Fowler

DISTRICT CONVENTION

The 2007 District Convention will take place in Hove on 9, 10 & 11 February.

The Friday social event will have a Guys & Dolls theme, tickets £17.50.

Saturday lunch will be lasagne or shepherds pie (£7.50).

The DG's banquet & ball on Saturday evening will cost £27.

Full details next month.

SEAHAVEN LIONESS CLUB CHRISTMAS BIG BAND DANCE

Dance to the big band sound of the Johnny Spice Swing Orchestra.

Downs Leisure Centre, Seaford
Sat 9 December, 7pm - 11pm

Tickets £15 to include supper and a glass of wine from
Lioness Pauline White (01323 895216)
or Lioness Pam Burns (01323 895167)

Licensed bar.

JUST A THOUGHT

Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

NEWS FROM FREEDOM

Kent Eitemiller, president of our twin club, was the subject of an 'in depth' article in the *Gazette*, one of the local newspapers for the area. The article gave details of the community and service projects undertaken by the club and should be good publicity for Freedom District Lions.

Anyone interested in reading the article can find it online at:
<http://www.gazette.net/carrollcty/>

November sees Freedom's 60th charter anniversary. They will be having a joint Charter Night with the Freedom District Lioness Club. Richard Lintott has sent a message of congratulation on behalf of our club.

At the club's meeting on 11 October, a 40 minute Powerpoint presentation was given. The subject - the trip to Brighton last May. We hope to obtain a copy of the presentation so that a screening can be arranged for our club.

LEO HOUSE UPDATE

Our 'hospice at home' service for life-limited children and their families continues to do well. After a slightly rocky spell earlier this year, the partnership with South Downs Health NHS Trust is now working better. The two Leo House nurses attached to Finches are servicing 15 children and their families with respite care per family ranging from 4 hours a month to as much as 22 hours a month. The partnership with Chestnut Tree House is also working well, although there is a vacancy here for another nurse and the team leader is on maternity leave so the service they are providing has suffered recently.

Back in the spring the trustees took steps to reduce overheads dramatically. When Lydia Davis resigned as project director she was not replaced and the community fund raiser had his hours

reduced from 4 days a week to just one. *Roar*, the Leo House newsletter was amalgamated with *Chestnuts*, the newsletter for Chestnut Tree House, thereby producing further substantial cost savings. As a result, the accounts for the three months to September this year show that out of every pound donated, just 5p was taken up by administrative and non-nursing costs, including the fund-raiser's salary.

Fund-raising efforts are concentrated on persuading others to do the work and the trustees are grateful to the Captain of East Brighton Golf Club, whose charity day raised over £7,800; to Ivan Jones, who raised more than £1,400 trekking through the jungle in Thailand; and to Shoreham Port Authority who donated over £900 raised at their open day.

AND FINALLY . . .

The world expert on European wasps and the sounds that they make is taking a stroll in his local town. As he passes by the record shop, a sign catches his eye: "Just Released - New LP - Wasps of the World and the sounds that they make - available now".

Unable to resist the temptation, the man goes into the shop.

"I am the world expert on European wasps and the sounds that they make. I'd very much like to listen to the new LP you have advertised in the window."

"Certainly, sir," says the young man behind the counter. "If you'd like to step into the booth and put on the headphones, I'll put the LP on for you."

The world expert on European wasps goes into the booth and puts on the earphones. Three minutes later, he comes out of the booth and announces, "I am the world expert on European wasps and the sounds that they make and yet I recognised none of those."

"I'm very sorry, sir", says the young assistant. "If you'd care to step into the booth again, I can play you have another track."

The world expert on European wasps and the sounds that they make steps back into the booth and replaces the headphones.

Three minutes later, he comes out of the booth shaking his head. "I don't understand it", he says, "I am the world expert on European wasps and the sounds that they make, and yet I still can't recognise any of those!"

"I'm terribly sorry, sir" says the young man, "perhaps if you'd like to step into the booth again, you could hear another track."

Sighing, the world expert on European wasps and the sounds that they make steps back into the booth. Five minutes later, he comes out again, clearly agitated.

"I am the world expert on European wasps and the sounds that they make and yet I have recognised none of the wasps on this LP."

"I really am terribly sorry", says the young assistant, "I've just realised I was playing you the bee side."

That's all, folks - except for the fireworks rota!

BRIGHTON LIONS FIREWORKS
Saturday, 4th November 2006
SUSSEX COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

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Early Working Party
(report to Hospitality Suite at 3.30 p.m)

Bill Catchpole
Brian Slater
Bruce Nunn

Alan Pratt
Tom Novis
Sheridan Lynch

All others please report to the Cricket Ground by 4.30 pm

Gates Open: 6.00 pm
Adults: £8.00

Fireworks: 7.30 pm
Children: £4.00

Co-Ordinator
Sheridan Lynch

Announcer
Cricket Club Announcer

Fireworks
Robin Windus
Bill Catchpole
Sandra Windus
Guy Butterworth
+ helpers

Gates: Briefing by SCC H&S 5 pm**

Bruce Nunn*
Jason Bristow
Joe Matthews
Richard Lintott
Clare Elliott
Nichola Willett
Ron Fowler
Doug Taylor
Tony Crapnell
Nicola Willett
Gordon Eaton

Stewards: Briefing by SCC H&S 5 pm

Tom Novis *
Brian Tyrer
David Bryant
David Sewell
Chris Nutley
Jane Lynch
Lisa Dilloway
Allen Bryan
+ helpers (Allen Bryan)
+ Lions from Adur East, Hove,
Rottingdean etc
+ ladies and other helpers
+ helpers from Lucrafts

Treasurer
Peter Pannett*
Pete Dilloway (Runner)
Brian Slater
Hugh Barron
Gillian Barron
Eileen Bryant
George Wood

*The first named is in charge of each group

**After gates close gate personnel become stewards

NOTE:

VENUE: Sussex County Cricket Club, Eaton Road, Hove, East Sussex, BN3 3AN.

NOTE: If you are unable to attend or do the duty on the rota, please phone Sheridan Lynch immediately. We are likely to be a little understaffed. Please bring any friends, family, colleagues or other prisoners to assist.

We would be delighted if all on the rota, guests and helpers met at the gate to the cricket ground 20 – 30 minutes after the end of the fireworks to walk down to the Church Road for a meal (very likely to be a curry, more details to follow). Pay for you own meal and drinks. Please let Sheridan Lynch know if you intend to come to the meal.