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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

Now that we have all finished over-indulging in mince pies and Christmas cake our thoughts might be turning to the future and what the new year will bring.

But let us spare a few moments to consider the year that is drawing to a close and what has been achieved by Brighton Lions Club.

There are, as always, things about which we can be pleased. On the fundraising side, we had one of our most successful fireworks displays ever, while the swimathon produced a very satisfactory result.

Service activities have not been overlooked and we have continued to circulate large-print books among a number of retirement homes, provide transport for the stroke patients' club and run bingo sessions four times a month. Once again we took a party of children to Drusilla's in the summer, and we have spent over £20,000 making donations to worthwhile causes, not forgetting the defibrillator we bought for the doctors' surgery in Lions Dene.

As for membership, we have gained three new members during the year, although one long-serving members felt the time had come to leave and we were

saddened by the death of Peter Price.

Then there has been the social side, of which the highlight must be the visit in May of members of our twin club. We have enjoyed some excellent dinner meetings, social action with other clubs, a good Charter Night, and some members enjoyed a day at Lords for the C & G cup final.

But what does the future hold? Can we improve on things during the year just starting? That is a matter which is very much in your hands. Introduce a new member - don't just leave it to the membership committee. Think of ways in which we can spend some of the funds building up in the Manison legacy account. Could we introduce a new service activity? Could you do more to help with one of our existing activities?

The future of the club is in your hands.

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## JUST A THOUGHT

Cheerfulness keeps up a kind of daylight in the mind, and fills it with a steady and perpetual serenity.

*Joseph Addison, 1672 - 1719*

## CLUB DIARY

- 3 January . . . . Dinner meeting, White Horse Hotel, Rottingdean, 8.00pm. £12.
- 4 January . . . . Children's pantomime outing.
- 5 January . . . . Book fair preparation, Lions Dene, 8.00pm.
- 6 January . . . . Book fair, Lions Dene, 10.00am till 1.00pm.
- 10 January . . . Bingo, Lions Dene, 7.30pm.
- 12 January . . . Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.
- 17 January . . . Board & business meeting, Lions Dene, 8.00pm.
- 24 January . . . Bingo, Lions Dene, 7.30pm.
- 26 January . . . Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.
- 31 January . . . New Lions orientation evening, Uckfield, 7.30pm.
- 2 February . . . Book fair preparation, Lions Dene, 8.00pm
- 3 February . . . Book fair, Lions Dene, 10.00am till 1.00pm.
- 7 February . . . Dinner meeting.
- 9 February . . . Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.
- 9 February . . . Guys & Doll Fun Night, Hove Town Hall, 7.30 for 8.00pm.
- 10 February . . District convention, Hove Town Hall, 9.45am (registration from 8.30am).
- 10 February . . District Governor's Banquet & Ball, Hove Town Hall, 7.15 for 7.45pm.
- 14 February . . Bingo, Lions Dene, 7.30pm.
- 18 February . . Uckfield charter lunch, Barnsgate Manor, £16.50.
- 20 February . . Stroke club transport.
- 21 February . . Board & business meeting, Lions Dene, 8.00pm.
- 23 February . . Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.
- 24 February . . NPS charter night, White Hart Hotel, Lewes, £25.
- 28 February . . Bingo, Lions Dene, 7.30pm.

## DECEMBER BUSINESS MEETING

There was comparatively little business needing attention at this rather sparsely attended meeting. The examination of the trust fund accounts having been completed, these were explained by the treasurer and accepted by the club. A donation of £100 to the Brighton & Hove Schools Rugby Association was approved, as was a donation of £100 to the fund set up for the families of firemen killed in the Ringmer fireworks explosion. It was also agreed to contribute £50 towards the cost of the zone project and £88 towards rounding up the profit from the Jungle Rock evening so that the Mayor's charities could benefit by £1,000.

## JUST AS I THOUGHT

I was having trouble with my computer. So I called Harold, the computer man. Harold clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem. He gave me a bill for a minimum service call. As he was walking away, I called after him, "So, what was wrong?"

He replied, " It was an ID ten T error."

"An ID ten T error? What's that, in case I need to fix it again?"

The computer guy grinned. "Haven't you ever heard of

an ID ten T error before?"

"No," I replied.

"Write it down," he said, "and I think you'll work it out."

So I wrote it down  
.....ID 10 T.

## YOUR STARTER FOR 10

While waiting for the clock to strike twelve on New Year's Eve you could pass the time by trying our special general knowledge quiz. There are no prizes and the answers are given on page 7.

1. Which Liberal Democrat MP was cheeky enough to ditch TV weathergirl Sian Lloyd? (a) Lempit Opik (b) Simon Hughes (c) Mark Oaten
2. Melvin Jones founded Lions Clubs in 1917. Where was he born? (a) Chicago (b) Fort Thomas, Arizona (c) Swansea
3. During the pre-Christmas rush, Heathrow air traffic controllers were forced to increase the distance between inbound aircraft on safety grounds. What is the normal minimum distance between inbound flights? (a) 1 mile (b) 3 miles (c) 5 miles
4. International President Jimmy Ross comes from which American state? (a) Arkansas (b) Georgia (c) Texas
5. 'The holly and the ivy' is a well-known Christmas carol and both holly and ivy are traditionally used as Christmas decorations. Many of us know that the Latin name for holly is ilex, but what is the Latin name for ivy? (a) hедера (b) viscum (c) oleaceae
6. Over what distance is the Derby run? (a) 1 mile 2 furlongs 40 yards (b) 1 mile 4 furlongs 10 yards (c) 1 mile 6 furlongs 20 yards
7. Lions Clubs International have a float each year in the Pasadena Rose Parade in Los Angeles. On what day is the parade held? (a) New Year's Day (b) Easter Monday (c) Midsummer Day
8. The first FA Cup final was played at Kennington Oval in 1872. Which team won? (a) Corinthian Casuals (b) The Wanderers (c) Woolwich Arsenal
9. Brighton Lions Club was chartered in 1951. Who was the charter president? (a) Charles Allison (b) Dennis Venning (c) Frank Nixon
10. Christmas pudding is a traditional way to finish Christmas dinner but in the 14th century it would be eaten before Christmas. What were the two main ingredients then? (a) Beef & mutton (b) Plums & apples (c) Fish & breadcrumbs
11. What was the last Christmas No 1 single to have the word 'Christmas' in the title? (a) White Christmas (b) Merry Christmas Everyone (c) Do They Know It's Christmas?
12. Brighton Lions Housing Society named its first purpose-built block of flats 'Lions Court'. When was this 12-flat block opened? (a) 1961 (b) 1968 (c) 1972

## DEFIBRILLATOR PRESENTED



A practice nurse demonstrates the use of the machine.

Several Lions were present at the Lions Dene surgery on 27 November when the defibrillator bought by the club was officially handed to Dr Khan and to see its use demonstrated by one of the practice nurses. We were advised at the December business meeting that it had already been used on at least one occasion when paramedics from an ambulance attending a Lions Dene resident called into the surgery to ask if they had such a machine.




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## BINGO ROTA

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

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)	
10/1	George Wood *, David Bryant, Joe Matthews	12/1	Hugh Barron *, Allen Bryan
24/1	Richard Lintott *, Tom Novis, Joe Matthews	26/1	Ron Fowler *, Doug Taylor
		9/2	Jason Bristow *, David Sawyer
14/2	Guy Butterworth *, Bruce Nunn, Joe Matthews	23/2	Tony Crapnell *, Brian Slater
28/2	Jason Bristow *, Alan Pratt, Joe Matthews		

## DISTRICT CONVENTION - RESOLUTIONS

There are eight resolutions to be considered at the District convention in Hove on Saturday, 10 February. Space restrictions preclude us from publishing the resolutions and explanatory notes is full and what follows is merely a précis. Any Lion requiring further information should contact the editor.

- 13. A request that the International Board of Directors reviews and revises the Lions Code of Ethics to make the order more appropriate and to make the code more relevant to the modern age.
- 14. District dues for 2007/08 to be £9.50 per member.
- 3, 4 & 5 Changes to the District constitution as required by UK law and/or the International constitution.
- 6. To fix the level of the District reserve fund.
- 7. The International family membership rebate scheme to be applied to District dues as well.
- 8. Reduction in District dues for full-time students under 25.

Farnham Lions Club (who are proposing resolution 1) have provided a suggested revised wording which is printed below alongside the existing code of ethics.

<b>EXISTING</b>	<b>SUGGESTED</b>
To show my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.	1. To bear in mind at all times my obligations as a citizen to my nation and my community, and to give to them my unswerving loyalty in word, act and deed.
To seek success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.	2. To aid others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.
To remember that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.	3. To hold friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.
Whenever a doubt arises to the right or ethics of my position or action towards my fellow men, to resolve such doubt against myself.	4. To be careful with my criticisms and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.
To hold friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.	5. To carry out my activities to the best of my ability, and to the highest standard possible, be it in business, vocation, family or in helping others.
Always to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state and my community, and to give to them my unswerving loyalty in word, act and deed. To give them freely of my time, labour and means.	6. To seek success in all my activities but not at the price of my reputation nor by taking unfair advantage of others or acting in any questionable way.

<p>To aid my fellow men by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.</p>	<p>7. To carry out my activities without detriment to others.</p>
<p>To be careful with my criticisms and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.</p>	<p>8. To take responsibility for resolving any doubts about the rightness or ethics of my position or actions towards others.</p>

## BUT, BEFORE THAT . . .

. . . we have the Friday Fun Night to look forward to! The whole evening has a 'Guys and Dolls' theme with a hot buffet supper and mock gambling. (We have not yet learned who will be playing the part of Sister Anna.) We are also promised some musical entertainment.



Time is 7.30 for 8.00pm until 11.30pm and tickets to join in the fun cost £17. These have to be booked using the form sent to Hugh Barron, so send your names to him (with cheques payable to Brighton Lions Club) no later than 14 January. Let's get a good party together for this one.

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## THE SMELL OF MONEY

Old Abraham was a poor tailor whose shop was next door to a very upmarket French restaurant. Every day at lunch time, Abraham would go out to the back of his shop and eat his black bread and herring while smelling the wonderful odours coming from the restaurant's kitchen.

One day, Abraham was surprised to receive an invoice from the restaurant for "enjoyment of food." So he went to the restaurant to point out that he had not bought anything from them. The manager said, "You're enjoying our food, so you should pay us for it." Abraham refused to pay and the restaurant sued him.

At the hearing, the judge asked the restaurant manager to present his side of the case. The manager said, "Every day, this man comes and sits outside our kitchen and smells our food while eating his. It is clear that we are providing added value to his poor food and we deserve to be compensated for it." The judge turned to Abraham and said, "What do you have to say to that?"

Abraham didn't say anything but stuck his hand in his pocket and rattled the few coins he had inside.

The judge asked him, "What is the meaning of that?" Abraham replied, "I'm paying for the smell of his food with the sound of my money."

*Regrettably we are unable to attribute this story.*

## ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ

1. (a) Lempit Opik has recently been dating Gabriela Irimia, one of the Romanian 'Cheeky Girls' pop singers. ([www.gq-magazine.co.uk/Daily\\_News/](http://www.gq-magazine.co.uk/Daily_News/))
2. Despite his Welsh name, Melvin Jones was not born in Wales. He was born on 13 January 1879 at Fort Thomas, Arizona, where local Lions have built a memorial. ([www.lions-mjm.org/](http://www.lions-mjm.org/))
3. (b) The normal distance between inbound flights at Heathrow is 3 miles but this was doubled to 6 miles during the heavy fog. ([www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2006/12/22/nfog22.xml](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2006/12/22/nfog22.xml))
4. (c) Jimmy Ross, a rancher and retired judge, has been a member of Quitaque Lions Club in Texas since 1969. ([www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lions\\_leaders\\_bio.shtml](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lions_leaders_bio.shtml))
5. (a) Hedera. Viscum is mistletoe and olaceae is olive. ([www.flowers.org.uk/plants/plantfacts/ivy.htm](http://www.flowers.org.uk/plants/plantfacts/ivy.htm))
6. (b) Since 1784 the Derby Stakes have been run over 1 mile 4 furlongs, but in 1991, when the course was remeasured, it was found to be 1 mile 4 furlongs 10 yards. ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Epsom\\_Derby](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Epsom_Derby))
7. (a) The Pasadena Rose Parade is held on New Year's Day, unless that falls on a Sunday when the parade is held on 2 January. ([www.tournamentofroses.com/roseparade/](http://www.tournamentofroses.com/roseparade/))
8. (b) The Wanderers beat the Royal Engineers 1-0. Neither Corinthian Casuals nor Woolwich Arsenal ever appeared in an FA Cup Final. ([www.thefa.com/TheFACup/TheFACup/History/Postings/2003/11/FACupStatistics.htm](http://www.thefa.com/TheFACup/TheFACup/History/Postings/2003/11/FACupStatistics.htm))
9. (c) Frank Nixon was President in 1951/52, Dennis Venning in 1952/53 and Charles Allison in 1956/57. ([www.brightonlions.freeseve.co.uk/presidents.htm](http://www.brightonlions.freeseve.co.uk/presidents.htm))
10. (a) Christmas pudding can be traced back to the 14th century when a porridge-like mixture called 'frumenty' was made of beef and mutton with raisins, currants, prunes, wines and spices. This would often be more like soup and was eaten as a fasting meal in preparation for the Christmas festivities. (<http://themagicofchristmasshop.co.uk/html/TheOriginofChristmasPudding.htm>)
11. (c) 'Do They Know It's Christmas' was a hit for Band Aid 20 in 2004. Shakin' Stevens had a hit with 'Merry Christmas Everyone' in 1985, but 'White Christmas' was recorded before the days of charts. ([http://philbrodieband.com/muso\\_xmas-no1-hits.htm](http://philbrodieband.com/muso_xmas-no1-hits.htm))
12. (b) The first block at Lions Court was opened by the Mayor of Brighton in 1968, with the second block (18 flats) being opened in 1972. ([www.brightonlions.freeseve.co.uk/housing.htm](http://www.brightonlions.freeseve.co.uk/housing.htm))

## AND FINALLY . . .

### HOW TO GIVE A CAT A PILL

1. Pick cat up and cradle it in the crook of your left arm as if holding a baby. Position right forefinger and thumb on either side of cat's mouth and gently apply pressure to cheeks while holding pill in right hand. As cat opens mouth pop pill into mouth. Allow cat to close mouth and swallow.
2. Retrieve pill from floor and cat from behind sofa. Cradle cat in left arm and repeat process.
3. Retrieve cat from bedroom, and throw soggy pill away.
4. Take new pill from foil wrap, cradle cat in left arm holding rear paws tightly with left hand. Force jaws open and push pill to back of mouth with right forefinger. Hold mouth shut for a count of ten.
5. Retrieve pill from goldfish bowl and cat from top of wardrobe. Phone friend to come over and help.
6. Kneel on floor with cat wedged firmly between knees, hold front and rear paws. Ignore low growls emitted by cat. Get friend to hold head firmly with one hand while forcing wooden ruler into mouth. Drop pill down ruler and rub cat's throat vigorously.
7. Retrieve cat from curtain rail, get another pill from foil wrap. Make note to buy new ruler and repair curtains. Carefully sweep shattered figurines and vases from hearth and set to one side for gluing later.
8. Wrap cat in large towel and get friend to lie on cat with head just visible from below armpit. Put pill in end of drinking straw, force mouth open with pencil and blow down drinking straw.

9. Check label to make sure pill not harmful to humans. Apply Elastoplast to friend's forearm and remove blood from carpet with cold water and soap.

10. Retrieve cat from neighbour's shed. Get another pill. Place cat in cupboard and close door onto neck leaving head showing. Force mouth open with dessert spoon. Flick pill down throat with elastic band.

11. Fetch screwdriver from garage and put cupboard door back on hinges. Apply cold compress to cheek and check records for date of last tetanus shot. Apply compress to cheek to disinfect. Throw T-shirt away and fetch new one from bedroom.

12. Ring fire brigade to retrieve the cat from tree across the road. Apologise to neighbour who crashed into fence while swerving to avoid cat. Take last pill from foil-wrap.

13. Tie the little bastard's front paws to rear paws with garden twine and bind tightly to leg of dining table. Find heavy-duty pruning gloves from shed. Push pill into mouth followed by large piece of fillet steak. Be rough about it. Hold head vertically and pour 2 pints of water down throat to wash pill down.

14. Get friend to drive you to casualty, sit quietly while doctor stitches fingers and forearm and removes pill remnants from right eye. Call furniture shop on way home to order new table.

15. Arrange for RSPCA to collect mutant cat from hell and ring local pet shop to see if they have any hamsters.

### HOW TO GIVE A DOG A PILL

1. Wrap the pill in bacon.

OK, so you've seen it before, but we thought it was time to bring it out again.

*With thanks to Allen Bryan for reminding us.*

*That's all, folks!*