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Jungle Jottings

THE NEWSLETTER OF BRIGHTON LIONS CLUB
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ORDINARY PEOPLE - AMAZING THINGS

JUNE 2007

AS THE YEAR DRAWS TO A CLOSE –

well, the Lions' year if not the calendar year – there are a number of administrative matters to be dealt with. Two of them require YOUR action NOW.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The subscription for 2007-08 should be paid by 30 June as International, Multiple District and District dues all have to be paid by the Club early in July.

The subscription remains at £36 for the year - unchanged for the umpteenth year in a row - and cheques should be sent to the **incoming treasurer, Tony Crapnell**.



In past years the treasurer has had to chase members for payment as late as September or even October. There is no valid excuse for paying your subscription late like that, so why not get your cheque book out now and get it over and done with?

£36, payable to Brighton Lions Club, to Tony Crapnell by 30 June.

DIRECTORY



As usual, all Lions are asked to check that their details in the Club directory are up to date. A copy of the membership list is attached (last page - not published on the Club's web site). Please check your details **NOW** and advise Brian Slater of any amendments **no later than 16 June**.

(What, you ask, has this picture got to do with a directory? We searched Google for a picture of a directory - and look what came up!)

MONTHLY DRAW

As there were insufficient numbers showing an interest in reviving the monthly draw, the proposal has been abandoned.

CLUB DIARY

- 1 June Book fair preparation, Lions Dene, 8.00pm.
 1 June Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.
 2 June Book fair, Lions Dene, 10.00am till 12 noon.
 3 June Charter celebrations, County Cricket Ground, Hove, 10.00am onwards.
 6 June Meet the Lions evening, Lions Dene, 8.00pm.
 12 June . . . Blind club transport - Richard Lintott.
 13 June . . . Bingo, Lions Dene, 7.30pm.
 14 June . . . Children's outing to Drusilla's.
 15 June . . . Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.
 16 June . . . Rottingdean Lions' fair.
 19 June . . . Stroke club transport - volunteer required.
 20 June . . . Housing Society outing to Windsor.
 20 June . . . Board & business meeting, Lions Dene, 8.00pm.
 23 June . . . Rottingdean & Saltdean Lions' barbecue, Whiteway Centre. £8.50.
 27 June . . . Bingo, Lions Dene, 7.30pm.
 29 June . . . Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.
 4 July . . . Dinner meeting, 8.00pm.
 6 July . . . Book fair preparation, Lions Dene, 8.00pm.
 7 July . . . Book fair, Lions Dene, 10.00am till 12 noon.
 8 July . . . NPS Lions donkey derby, the Dell, Peacehaven.
 10 July . . . Blind club transport - Doug Taylor.
 11 July . . . Bingo, Lions Dene, 7.30pm.
 13 July . . . Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.
 15 July . . . RSPCA open day & fair, Braypool Lane.
 17 July . . . Stroke club transport - Brian Slater
 18 July . . . Board & business meeting, Lions Dene, 8.00pm.
 25 July . . . Bingo, Lions Dene, 7.30pm.
 27 July . . . Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.

MAY BUSINESS MEETING

Lion Jason Bristow spoke movingly of PDG Lion Peter Bennett's influence on Brighton Lions Club and Lions clubs generally in Great Britain during the formative years of Lionism in this country, after which the meeting observed a minute's silence.

A meeting had been held with Sussex

County Cricket Club as a result of which it is confirmed that the fireworks display will be at the County Ground on Monday, 5 November.

Approval was given for two donations of £250 each to Water Aid and Sight Savers.

If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.

BINGO ROTA

An asterisk (*) indicates the Lion responsible for collecting the equipment from me (up to the end of June) or from Jason Bristow (from the beginning of July) and returning it to 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 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 Jason know.

Tony Crapnell

LIONS DENE Contact: Brian Sivier (caretaker)		EVELYN GLENNIE Somerset Street Contact: Mrs Johnson (manager)	
		1/6	Ron Fowler *, Doug Taylor
13/6	Tony Crapnell *, Clare Elliott, Joe Matthews	15/6	Bruce Nunn *, David Sawyer
27/6	Jason Bristow *, Alan Pratt, Joe Matthews	29/6	Hugh Barron *, Allen Bryan
11/7	George Wood *, David Bryant, Joe Matthews	13/7	Ron Fowler *, Doug Taylor
25/7	Brian Slater *, Richard Lintott, Joe Matthews	27/7	Jason Bristow *, David Sawyer

LEO HOUSE

The sixth Leo House nurse has now started providing respite care in the home.

2007 marks the centenary of the Scout Association and throughout the year various events are planned across the county. Leo House has been adopted by the Scouts as their charity to receive funds raised during their special year.

East Brighton Golf Club is once again supporting Leo House on their Captain's charity golf day. In the past the club has raised several thousands of pounds on these days and Leo House has been a beneficiary on more than one occasion. Contact Richard Lintott if you are interested in entering a team.

If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.

MEMBERSHIP

We make no apologies for returning to this, a highly important subject.

Last month we considered the benefits to be gained from being a Lion. This month we consider who might be approached to receive those benefits. This is something in which we can each play a part.

In each of the categories below, ask yourself **“Who is the one?”** For example, who is the one member of your family you feel would like to make a contribution to improving the community? There is room to make a note of the names, so when you have completed the page, tear it out and keep it to remind you to talk to those people about what Lions do and what we get out of it.

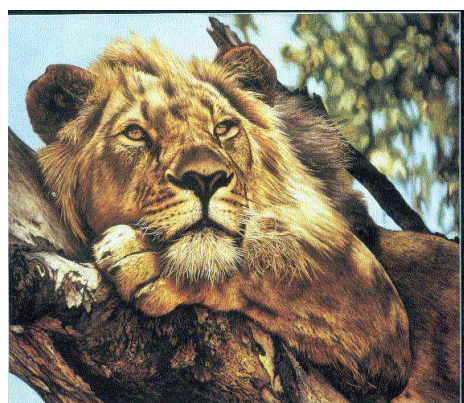
And remember:

**He who whispers down a well
About the goods he has to sell
Will never reap the silver dollars
Like he who climbs a tree and hollers.**

1. Relative/family member:
2. Business associate/colleague:
3. Friend:
4. Neighbour:
5. Social contact, eg tennis club, church, PTA etc:
6. Professional or tradesman you deal with:

Now is the time to climb a tree and start hollering: we need the members!

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Oh yes, thanks to Lion Bill Fraser, City of Edinburgh Lions Club, for supplying the verse. He has recently sponsored five members into his club so he must holler pretty well!



Don't just lie there ...



Holler!

PETER BENNETT 1921 - 2007

To illustrate how great a Lion Peter was would be very straightforward. A list of the many offices he held would suffice. However, to capture his commitment to the local community, his care for the less able and his total devotion to the ethics of Lions International is much more difficult.

Peter was a Charter Member of Brighton Lions Club, President of the Club in 1953/54 and subsequently became District Governor of 105A at a time when all of what is now MD105 was split into just two Districts. He and a small number of dedicated Lions were so impressed with the ethics of Lions International that he and fellow pioneers worked tirelessly for the promotion of Lionism in Great Britain. They were determined to spread the qualities of the movement far and wide.

Despite his keen interest in furthering the development of Lionism on a grand scale, Peter continued to devote time to the many important posts he held in the Brighton Lions Club. He never forgot the needs of his local community and was always willing to take off his jacket and immerse himself in activities such as wood chopping, parcel wrapping, bingo calling etc.

When he retired, Peter and Jean moved away from Brighton and he was no longer able to continue his work with Brighton Lions. Sadly, Peter's sight deteriorated but on his return to Sussex, he renewed his Brighton Lions Club membership. He continued to take an active interest in work for the less able.

Perhaps Peter's Lionistic devotion is best illustrated by his actions in March this year. Having been diagnosed with incurable cancer of the throat and with

his sight severely impaired, he arranged for his son, Christopher, to drive him from Worthing to enable him to attend a board and business meeting. This was a special trip for Peter as he had decided to make a presentation to the Brighton Lions Club. As a young boy, Peter and his father had crossed the Atlantic on the maiden voyage of the Queen Mary. Fifty years later, Peter and his wife, Jean, enjoyed another voyage to America as they took part in the 50th anniversary celebrations of the



Peter Bennett and his father on board the Queen Mary on her maiden voyage.

maiden voyage. Peter donated all his memorabilia from the maiden voyage of the Queen Mary to Brighton Lions Club. He requested that the items should be sold and the proceeds given to a Lions charity for the blind.

Typical of Peter, before he made his presentation to the Brighton Lions Club he had discussed the matter with his family. How fortunate he was that they gave him their unswerving support as they had with all his activities. After a marriage lasting over 60 years, he leaves behind his devoted wife Jean, his daughter Jennifer and sons Graham, Anthony and Christopher. They must be very proud of his achievements and we send them all our heartfelt thanks and condolences.

JUST A THOUGHT

“Never look down to test the ground before taking your next step; only he who keeps his eye fixed on the far horizon will find the right road.”

Dag Hammarskjold, 1905-1961

SURF ON

If you have no Internet access you might as well skip this piece as it will be of little interest to you.

Our club web site can be found at www.brighton-lions.org. On there you will find back numbers of Jungle Jottings, photo albums and links to various other sites.

The Leo House web site is at www.leohouse.org.uk. Do look at the page entitled ‘Help us online’ where there are links to a search engine and a shopping arcade, both of which raise funds for Leo House.

Our twin club, Freedom District of

Maryland, has a web site at www.freedomdistrictlions.com. Take a look and see what they are up to nowadays.

The district web site can be found at www.lions105se.org.uk, and the MD105 site is at www.lions.org.uk while the Lions International site is at <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.shtml> - quite a lot to type but it does take you straight into the English version.

And no round up of web sites could be complete without a reference to our message boards Under the Pier at www.brightonlions.proboards76.com.

FIRST LIONS CLUB CHARTERED IN IRAQ

OAK BROOK, IL (USA) — The Iraq Host Lions Club was chartered by Lions Clubs International President Jimmy Ross on 5 April 2007 in a solemn ceremony in Amman, Jordan. According to Ross, “This is a historic event for Lions clubs, but, more importantly, it is a sign of hope for the people of Iraq. I commend the 20 charter members of this new club for their personal courage in

stepping forward at a time of great insecurity in the homeland and for their desire to work to improve the lives of people in their war-torn country.”

Most of the new club members are young professionals. Charter President Akeel is a contractor. Other members include a poet, civil engineer, jewellery merchant and other business leaders.

It's always darkest just before dawn.
So if you're going to steal your neighbour's newspaper, that's the time to do it.

SENIOR LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTES

Senior Lions Leadership Institutes focus on building the skills of Lions leaders to prepare them for leadership responsibilities at zone, region and district levels.

Qualified candidates are Lions in good standing who have completed a successful term as club president, but have not yet attained the position of Vice District Governor. Candidates do not have to hold a position currently.

Candidates must be willing to commit to a five-day institute.

Cost of the Institute

Lions Clubs International will pay for each participant's meals and lodging during the actual days of the institute at the training facility. Participants are responsible for their own transport and related travel expenses to and from the institute.

Applications

Lions who meet the qualifications may apply to the Senior Lions Leadership Institute. Applications will be available four months prior to the institute. If you are interested in applying to the institute, please obtain a copy of the application from your district governor or download the application for the institute you are eligible to attend from http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/news_train_senior.shtml.

2007-2008 Senior Lions Leadership Institutes

The following Senior Lions Leadership Institutes will be offered during this fiscal year. This list will be updated as dates, languages and locations are confirmed.

Constitutional Area: Europe

September 13-17, 2007

Location: Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Language: English

JUNE IT'S-NOT-A-DINNER DINNER MEETING

Several members of the club have been busy stalking the streets of Brighton, chiefly in the Westdene, Withdean and Patcham areas, delivering just over 5,000 leaflets inviting people to a 'meet the Lions' evening at Lions Dene on 6 June. So this will be a social meeting with a difference – no dinner, but there should be some nibbles.

The idea is to give people the chance to learn about Lions Clubs, and Brighton in particular, over a drink and a chat. It is hoped some of the attendees will go on to join the club.

It is an advertising industry rule of thumb that the response from a mail shot will be in the region of 1% - 1½%. On that basis, we could have as many as 50 visitors; the cynics amongst us will say that we will be lucky to have 5! Be that as it may, this is a method that has been used successfully by other clubs and there is no reason to suppose that we should be any different.

But whether there be 5 or 50 who come along, we Lions need to be there. So swot up on what Lions Clubs do for the local, national and international communities, remind yourself what you gain from membership of Brighton Lions Club, and come along ready to holler!

AND FINALLY . . .

A certain lawyer was quite wealthy and had a summer house in the country. Each summer the lawyer would invite a different friend to spend a week or two.

On one occasion, he invited a Czechoslovakian friend to stay with him. The friend, eager to get a freebie off a lawyer, agreed.

Early one morning, the lawyer and his Czechoslovakian companion went out to pick berries for their breakfast. As they went around the berry patch gathering blueberries and raspberries, along came two huge bears, a male and a female.

The lawyer, seeing the two bears, immediately dashed for cover. His friend, though, wasn't so lucky. The male bear reached him and swallowed him whole.

The lawyer ran back to his Mercedes, tore into town, and got the local sheriff. The sheriff grabbed his shotgun and dashed back to the berry patch with the lawyer.

Sure enough, the two bears were still there. "He's in that one," cried the lawyer, pointing to the male, while visions of lawsuits from his friend's family danced in his head.

He just had to save his friend. The sheriff looked at the bears, and without batting an eye, leveled his gun, took careful aim, and shot the female.

"What did you do that for?" exclaimed the lawyer. "I said he was in the other one!"

"Exactly," replied the sheriff. "Would you believe a lawyer who told you the Czech was in the male?"

During Desert Storm, an American Air Force

officer met a Saudi Air Force officer. They began to make small talk, and after the discussion had been carrying on for a little while, the Saudi officer decided to pull out his wallet and show pictures of his family to the American.

When the American saw the picture of the Saudi's family, he was shocked. "Hey, that looks like my son," he said, referring to one of the Saudi officer's children. "That looks just like my Juan!"

The Saudi officer explained. "About 15 years ago, I went to Mexico to drill for oil. While I was there, my wife and I decided to adopt a young boy. We named him Amal and he's grown up with us."

The American said, "Well, about 15 years ago, my wife and I were stationed at the Mexican embassy. We adopted Juan and now he's in high school. I wonder if your boy and mine are twins!"

Sure enough, the boys had the same birthday and they agreed that the two boys must have been twins. After the war ended, they agreed to meet in Los Angeles and have a big reunion. Of course, the news media received word of this and were eagerly anticipating the arrival of the young boy from the Middle East.

However, to the disappointment of the crowd that had assembled, it was announced that the plane would be over four hours late. Juan's mother said to the media, "You might as well go home. There's no point in waiting here."

"Why would we want to do that?" asked a reporter.

"Well," she replied, "they're identical twins. If you've seen Juan, you've seen Amal."

That's all, folks!