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## Jungle Jottings

THE NEWSLETTER OF BRIGHTON LIONS CLUB  
TWINNED WITH FREEDOM DISTRICT LIONS CLUB  
**ORDINARY PEOPLE - AMAZING THINGS**  
AUGUST 2007

## BARBIE AT BILL'S

The August dinner meeting will be a barbecue at Bill Catchpole's country residence on 1 August. Bill suggests we meet at 7.00pm to make the most of the daylight.

Bill has sufficient crockery, cutlery and glassware, but please bring your own drink. The cost of the food will be shared between those attending.

Those attending are asked not to disappear while there is still washing up and clearing up to be done but to join in and help.

Please let Ron Fowler know whether or not you and your partner will be there - as soon as possible, please - so that adequate stocks of food can be acquired.

See page 9 for travel directions.



Let's hope it doesn't end up like this!



With Richard Lintott, outgoing President, unable to attend the July dinner meeting, it was left to incoming Region Chairman Pete Dilloway to install Brian Slater as President of the Club for 2007-08

## SEPTEMBER DINNER MEETING

As we advised last month, the dinner meeting on 5 September will be at the Brighton & Hove Golf Club, 7.15 for 7.45pm.

Names to Ron Fowler NO LATER THAN 31 August, please.

Menu: mixed hors d'oeuvres; steak & ale pie; choice of trifle, lemon tart or cheese & biscuits. Cost: £15.

The standard reminder: if a meal is ordered for you, you pay for it!

## CLUB DIARY

- 1 August . . . . Barbecue at Bill Catchpole's house, 7.00pm.  
3 August . . . . Book fair preparation, Lions Dene, 8.00pm.  
4 August . . . . Book fair, Lions Dene, 10.00am till 12 noon.  
7 August . . . . Zone meeting, Lions Dene, 8.00pm.  
8 August . . . . Bingo, Lions Dene, 7.30pm.  
10 August . . . . Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.  
14 August . . . . Blind club transport - Brian Slater.  
15 August . . . . Board & business meeting, Lions Dene, 8.00pm.  
21 August . . . . Stroke club transport - Hugh Barron  
22 August . . . . Bingo, Lions Dene, 7.30pm.  
24 August . . . . Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.  
27 August . . . . NPS Lions donkey derby, Martello Field, Seaford.  
31 August . . . . Book fair preparation, Lions Dene, 8.00pm.  
1 September . . . . Book fair, Lions Dene, 10.00am till 12 noon.  
5 September . . . . Dinner meeting, Brighton & Hove Golf Club, 7.15 for 7.45.  
12 September . . . . Bingo, Lions Dene, 7.30pm.  
14 September . . . . Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.  
19 September . . . . Board & business meeting, Lions Dene, 8.00pm.  
26 September . . . . Bingo, Lions Dene, 7.30pm.  
26 September . . . . Lewes Lions' 9-pin quoits competition.  
28 September . . . . Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.
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## JULY BUSINESS MEETING

Zone Chairman Ken Shipway made his official visit to the club, accompanied by several members of Lewes Lions Club.

The meeting agreed to make donations of £25 to Dorothy Stringer High School and £30 to the local RSPCA in respect of stalls we ran at their recent fetes. A donation of £564 to the Hangleton branch of the St John Ambulance Brigade was also agreed and a donation of £1,000 to District 105C to help people affected by the floods in Yorkshire.

It was agreed that the grant administrator be empowered to make grants of up to £250 in emergencies without reference to the club and a budget for the year of £1,000 was approved for the service committee chairman and the grant administrator to use for young people attending international camps or undertaking service projects overseas.

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## DIRECTORY AMENDMENTS

Please add under Administration:

Waffle Trophy:      Tony Crapnell  
Scrapbook: . . .      Lisa Dilloway

**The treasurer points out that there are plenty of Lions who have not paid their subs (£36).**

**Have you paid yours?**

## **BINGO ROTA**

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

If you are unable to undertake your allocated place on the rota, please find a replacement before contacting Jason. Perhaps a straight swap with another Lion?

LIONS DENE Contact: Brian Sivier (caretaker)		EVELYN GLENNIE Somerset Street Contact: Mrs Johnson (manager)	
8/8	Guy Butterworth *, Clare Elliott, Joe Matthews	10/8	Pete Dilloway *, Brian Slater
22/8	Hugh Barron *, Allen Bryan, Joe Matthews	24/8	Tom Novis *, Bruce Nunn
12/9	George Wood *, David Bryant, Joe Matthews	14/9	Jason Bristow *, Doug Taylor
26/9	Tony Crapnell *, Guy Butterworth, Joe Matthews	28/9	Ann Other *, David Sawyer

## **LCIF RANKED BEST NGO WORLDWIDE**

In a special report released Thursday, July 5, 2007, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) was ranked best among non-governmental organizations (NGOs) worldwide. From 34 global organizations, LCIF came in first for its execution of programmes, demonstrated accountability, communications internally and externally, programme adaptability to the surrounding community, and understanding the goals of its corporate supporters.

LCIF beat Rotary International, Habitat for Humanity, UNESCO and UNICEF, to name a few on the list.

The ratings were compiled by the Financial Times in association with the Dalberg Global Development Advisers and the United Nations Global Compact. The assessment was published in the Financial Times' Corporate Citizenship and Philanthropy special report and highlights companies' growing interest in long-term partnerships to tackle an expanding range of social issues.

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Have you paid your subs yet? If not please send a cheque for £36 to Tony Crapnell now.

## INTERNATIONAL SECTION

### FIRST FROM CALIFORNIA . . .

Skip O'Brien is the new Governor of District 4C1 and he has told us something of the travels (travails?) of a District Governor with less than a week in post.

"We arrived home from Chicago [from the international convention] late Sunday. We stayed an extra day so we could see some of the town and it turned out that it was a good idea in more ways than one.

"Monday was spent doing laundry and catching up with mail and email that accumulated while we were away. Also there were some 'immediate' district administrative duties to attend to. Yesterday was my first "official" visitation. It should have been simple enough. The club is about 85-90 miles east in the mountains and meets at 7pm (happy hour and dinner beforehand).

"There were a couple of errands to run so we left our house at 1:30pm to handle them and take a leisurely drive. The first sign that things would not go as planned came about 30 miles into the journey. Summer is the season for road repair and construction. We found a 20 minute delay and a five mile stretch of road that required a foot on the brake pedal for almost the entire distance to keep from running over the vehicle in front of us which was travelling at about 5 miles per hour (do the math).

"Beyond the construction zone traffic moved along famously for about another 40 miles where we came upon a roadblock on the highway. It seems that a wildfire had broken out between that point and our destination right on the highway we were travelling. Fortunately there was a detour available.

Unfortunately it added another 25 miles to our journey and had construction delays quite similar to the earlier ones. On the plus side, we were able to see parts of the district not otherwise visited and were able to arrive in time for happy hour. The wildfire had made it necessary for the power company to shut down electricity in the area. That wasn't so bad while it was full daylight, other than the fact that there was no ventilation in the Lions Hall so the room was smoky from cooking. The power was restored by dinner time.

"The journey home was not nearly as eventful, as the roadblock had been cleared and the detour was unnecessary. We just had to travel slowly because there were still many emergency vehicles on the road. The only other delay was at the original construction zone.

"We arrived home to find a message on the answering machine telling us that we might want to reschedule the visitation because of the fire.

"I don't have much information on the fire other than it was probably caused by human carelessness, it has burned about 500 acres so far and, although a number of people had to be evacuated, no dwellings or buildings have been damaged.

"Tomorrow I have two more visitations in the same general area ... we're leaving today."

## INTERNATIONAL SECTION *continued*

### PROPOSED BIKE FOR SIGHT

Many readers will remember Joe Wiz of Freedom District Lions from the visit they made last year. The following article is copied directly from Freedom District newsletter. Anyone who wishes to contribute should contact Brian Slater who will arrange for the funds to be donated to CSFII.

As most of you know I have been a bicyclist since I retired from work in 1994. During that time, I have cycled in many states nationally as well as in international countries. In September of this year, I will be headed to Spain and France to cycle the Pyrenees mountains for a 16 day adventure covering about 700 miles. After hearing Pres. Kent's speech on Sight First II and the club becoming a "model" club, I will attempt to help us attain the model status by asking you to sponsor me as I travel up and down the mountains in those two countries. With your help, it will give me the incentive to complete EVERY INCH OF THIS RIDE — especially when riding up several 8-9 mile mountain climbs

anywhere from 7-12 % road grade. A sponsorship of at least a penny will result in about \$7.00 for Sight First II. With 100 sponsors, \$700 will be realized for this campaign. Five cents per mile will result in \$3,500!

This fundraiser for Sight First II is NOT LIMITED to Freedom District members. Anyone that receives this bulletin can participate! Also those who receive this bulletin, I am asking you to share this information with your clubs and ask them to join with me in this extraordinary endeavour. Thank you for your support!

*Lion Joe Wisniewski*

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## 2006 - 2007 ADMIN ACCOUNTS

The accounts printed on the following page are as yet unexamined. However, I am confident that there will be few changes - if any - in the figures that are put before the club for approval later this year.

Total receipts for the year were some £400 down on the previous year because that year £434 was received from the sale of polo shirts etc. Both the

profit from the bar and raffle takings were up substantially on the earlier year.

On the expenses side, printing costs were up as a result of producing the recruitment leaflets. This increase was countered by a drop in the cost of raffle prizes, where stock had been carried forward from the previous year, and the fact that we had no twinning expenses.

*Brian Slater*

**ADMIN FUND ACCOUNTS 2006-07**

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Bar profit	550		435
Clothing sales	0		434
Dinner receipts	4288		4383
Members' donations	600		600
Raffle receipts	783		675
Subscriptions	1152		1152
Tail Twister	51		90
Interest received	0		2
Other receipts	<u>0</u>		<u>60</u>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		7424	7831
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
Clothing purchased	0		82
Dinner costs	4385		4416
Draw tickets bought	60		60
Dues - District 105SE	304		264
Dues - MD105	523		485
Dues - International	649		703
Honours & memorials	112		175
Insurance	19		23
Officers' expenses	419		544
Printing & stationery	287		113
Raffle expenses	51		182
Training	89		36
Twinning expenses	0		125
Miscellaneous expenses	<u>166</u>		<u>25</u>
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		7064	7233
<b>NET RECEIPTS</b>		360	598
Balance at 1 July 2006		<u>1162</u>	<u>564</u>
<b>BALANCE 30 JUNE 2007</b>		1522	1162

## A DAY AT THE ZOO

34 pupils and eleven teachers from Hamilton Lodge School for Deaf children were taken to Drusilla's Zoo Park on Thursday, 14 June 2007.

As well as being profoundly deaf, some of the children had severe physical problems but these did not in any way deter them from enjoying an exciting time in all areas of the park.

Lunch and the barbecue tea were much appreciated and the children were enthralled by the animals. Touching some of them - including a snake, a spider and a beetle - at the education centre added to the thrill.

Once back on the coach for the journey home all the children received a gift bag.

The children all agreed that it had been a great day out and numerous letters of appreciation were passed around at the business meeting on 18 July.

*David Sawyer*

### JUST A THOUGHT

An optimist is a person who sees a green light everywhere, while a pessimist sees only the red stop light. The truly wise person is colour-blind.

*Albert Schweitzer, 1875 - 1965*

## STRENGTH AND COURAGE

It takes strength to be firm;  
it takes courage to be gentle.

It takes strength to stand guard;  
it takes courage to let down your guard.

It takes strength to conquer;  
it takes courage to surrender.

It takes strength to fit in;  
it takes courage to stand out.

It takes strength to feel a friend's pain;  
it takes courage to feel one's own pain.

It takes strength to hide one's own  
pains;  
it takes courage to show them.

It takes strength to endure abuse;  
it takes courage to stop it.

It takes strength to stand alone;  
it takes courage to lean on another.

It takes strength to love;  
it takes courage to be loved.

It takes strength to survive;  
it takes courage to live.

*Author unknown, but reprinted from the newsletter of District 2-A2 (Texas)*

## AND FINALLY . . .

Fluffy was a small, white dog with very long, silky fur. He lived with a village publican and his wife who were childless and who subconsciously regarded Fluffy as their surrogate child. Fluffy was also very popular with the regulars at the pub.

The time came - as it always does - for Fluffy to leave this life and travel to the great dog kennel in the sky. The publican and his wife were, understandably, very upset and the atmosphere in the bar that night was very dismal.

"Why not cut off his tail," suggested one of the regulars. "You could nail it up over the bar as a sort of memorial." So the publican did just that.

When Fluffy arrived at the Pearly Gates St Peter asked what had happened to his tail. Fluffy explained how it had been cut off as a sort of memorial, but St Peter was adamant that Fluffy could not pass through the gates without his tail. He told Fluffy to trot along the lane to a layby where he would find a cloud parked. He was to tell the driver where he needed to go so that he could collect his tail. "But be sure to get back here before 7.30 tomorrow morning," warned the saint.

Fluffy found the cloud without any problem and the driver dropped him off

on the village green. It was turned midnight and there were no lights on in the pub or anywhere else in the village. That was no problem to Fluffy - all he had to do was scratch at the back door to be let in.

He scratched at the door: nothing happened. He scratched again, and still nothing happened. He stepped back, lifted his head and howled. A window shot open and the publican stuck out his head.

"You're right, dear," he exclaimed. "It is Fluffy. What do you want?"

Fluffy explained how St Peter had said he must have his tail before he could pass through the Pearly Gates and how a friendly cloud driver had dropped him off on the village green. "So you see," he ended, "I just need my tail so that I can go back to St Peter."

"You'll have to come back tomorrow lunchtime," answered the publican.

"That's no good," said Fluffy. "I have to be back at the Pearly Gates before half past seven in the morning!"

"I can't help you before lunch time," the publican responded. "You've been a pub dog all your life so you should know that it's against the law to retail spirits after hours!"

*That's all, folks!*