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

PRESIDENTIAL NAVEL GAZING

Frankly, I'm not much into that - navel gazing, I mean. It seems to me that while you are gazing at your navel, you miss seeing opportunities in the real world. Nonetheless, I am going to ask all Brighton Lions to indulge in a little collective navel gazing this month.

I would like us to take a look at the way our club operates - what we do, how we do it, and how we work together - to see if there are any changes we should make to bring our club more into line with what we, the members, would like. And to make the club a more attractive proposition to potential members. During the last few months, two potential members have decided that we are not for them. Maybe there is nothing we can do to stop that happening on occasions, but I for one would prefer not to take the chance.

At the end of this issue is a two-page questionnaire. Please take the time to complete it and return it to me - preferably before the end of November. And I would like ALL Brighton Lions to do so, whether or not you attend our meetings regularly. The response can be completely anonymous or you can give your name. Either way is good, just so long as I get a response!

Thank you (hopefully) for your co-operation.

Brian Slater

NOVEMBER DINNER

7 November, Hangleton Manor, 7.30 for 8.00pm - £18 a head.

Menu: pork & herb pate with hot toast & onion marmalade; Sussex smokey (smoked & white fish, spinach leaves & chopped tomato in cheese sauce topped with savoury crumble), mixed salad & French fries; Purbeck ice cream (various flavours).

Names to Ron Fowler no later than Sunday, 4 November.

FIREWORKS

The duty list for Monday, 5 November is on page 7. All Lions are asked to ensure that they will be available for this, the club's largest annual fundraiser.

This year's event promises to be the biggest ever and we will need as many people as possible manning the gates so as to get the crowd into the ground with the minimum delay.

Duty list: page 7.

CLUB DIARY

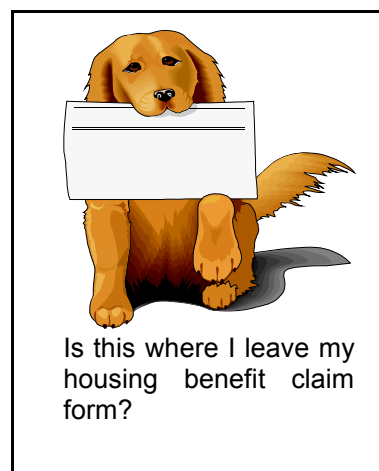
- 2 November . Book fair preparation, Lions Dene, 8.00pm.
 2 November . CSF II committee meeting, Lions Dene, after book fair preparation.
 3 November . Book fair, Lions Dene, 10.00am till 12 noon.
 3 November . Adur East Lions Country Music & Lion Dance evening.
 5 November . Fireworks, Sussex County Ground, Eaton Road, Hove.
 7 November . Dinner meeting, Hangleton Manor, 7.30 for 8.00pm.
 13 November . Blind club transport (Ron Fowler).
 13 November . Region Chairman's visit to Bexhill-on-Sea Lions Club.
 14 November . Bingo, Lions Dene, 7.30pm.
 16 November . Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.
 18 November . Seahaven Lioness' Formation Lunch, English Wine Centre. £24.50
 20 November . Stroke club transport (Brian Slater).
 21 November . Board & business meeting, Lions Dene, 8.00pm.
 24 November . Henfield Lions Charter Night.
 28 November . Bingo, Lions Dene, 7.30pm.
 30 November . Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.
 30 November . Book fair preparation, Lions Dene, 8.00pm.
 1 December . Book fair, Lions Dene, 10.00am till 12 noon.
 4 December . Zone meeting, Lions Dene, 8.00pm.
 5 December . Dinner meeting, Brighton & Hove Golf Club, 7.15 for 7.45pm.
 10 December . Region Chairman's visit to Battle & Villages Lions Club.
 12 December . Bingo, Lions Dene, 7.30pm.
 13 December . Region Chairman's visit to Newhaven, Peacehaven & Seaford Lions Club.
 14 December . Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.
 18 December . Stroke club transport.
 18 December . Blind club transport (Richard Lintott).
 19 December . Board & business meeting, Lions Dene, 8.00pm.
 28 December . Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.

OCTOBER BUSINESS MEETING

The meeting approved a donation of £200 to the PDSA, Brighton, to assist with the cost of treating the pets of elderly Brighton residents who are in receipt of housing benefit (that is the residents, not the pets!).

David Sawyer reported that he was arranging a trip to see Aladdin at Worthing on 3 January and it was agreed that the children should be from Hillside School.

Costs involved with the zone project have increased this year and the club approved a contribution of £60, an increase of £10 on previous years.



BINGO ROTA

An asterisk (*) indicates the Lion responsible for collecting the equipment from Jason Bristow and returning it to him 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)	
24/10	Hugh Barron *, Allen Bryan, Joe Matthews	26/10	Brian Slater *, Pete Dilloway
14/11	George Wood *, David Bryant, Joe Matthews	16/11	Jason Bristow *, Guy Butterworth
28/11	Tony Crapnell *, Brian Slater, Joe Matthews	30/11	Ron Fowler *, Doug Taylor
12/12	Pete Dilloway *, Richard Lintott, Joe Matthews	14/12	Tony Crapnell *, Clare Elliott
		28/12	Hugh Barron *, Allen Bryan

BIKE FOR SIGHT

It's good to be back in the USA and be home after 12 gruelling days of biking in the Pyrenees. The trip was great and I met some very nice and dedicated bikers. The mountain sites and scenery were fantastic. I remembered all of your pledges and donations whenever things were hard to do and it kept me going.

We cycled 635 miles and did not do the last leg on Sunday because of the

danger riding into Barcelona - a city of some 6 million and a huge festival that ran Thursday to Monday.

Thanks to all who participated in this project! CSF II should realize \$2,500 if all pledges are paid. Included in that figure are the donations from New Windsor, Taneytown and Brighton Lions Clubs.

Lion Joe Wisniewski

AN ALTERNATIVE VERSION



Hey diddle diddle, the cat did a piddle
All over the kitchen floor.
The little dog laughed to see such fun
So the cat did a little bit more.



WHERE THE MONEY WENT

During the year ended 30 June 2007, we made donations, grants and other charitable expenditure amounting to £27,387. This is how we spent it.

Martlets Hospice	7950
WRVS Meals on Wheels	5000
Defibrillators	4062
Children's outings to Drusilla's (2)	1922
Bingo prizes	1632
Sussex Air Ambulance	1000
Downsview School	1000
Children's outing to pantomime	741
East Sussex Guides	540
Leo House	500
Survivors' Network	500
Brighton & Hove Cruse	350
Water Aid	250
SightSavers	250
District Shoebox Appeal	250
East Sussex Fire & Rescue Memorial Fund re Ringmer tragedy	100
Balfour Infant School (swimarathon)	157
Mattresses for needy family	150
Christmas gifts for Lions' widows & Evelyn Glennie House	120
Hearing Dogs for the Deaf	100
Brighton & Hove District Schools Rugby Assn	100
LIBRA	100
Brighton & Hove Foster Care Assn	100
District youth camp	100
Other Lions charities	100
Mayor's charities	88
Zone project (It's a Knockout)	50
St Barnabas Hospice	50
MD105 Flood appeal (originally for Spikeys)	50
RSPCA	30
Dorothy Stringer	25
Remembrance Day wreath	20

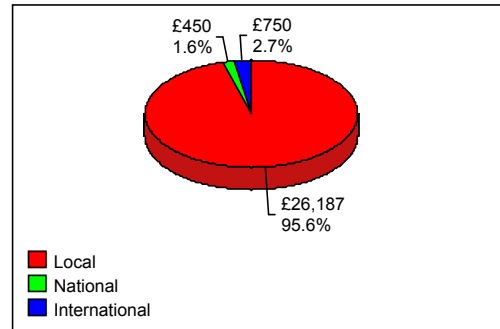
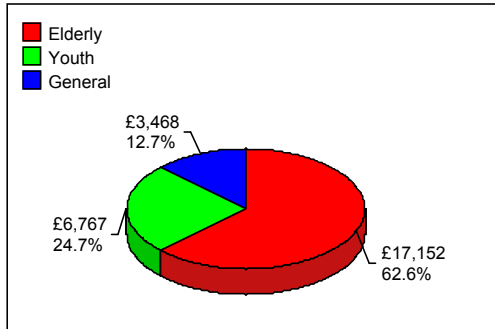
Overleaf are pie charts showing how these donations etc are split between elderly, youth and general, and local, national and international.

JUST A THOUGHT

"Sometimes when we are generous in small, barely detectable ways it can change someone else's life for ever."

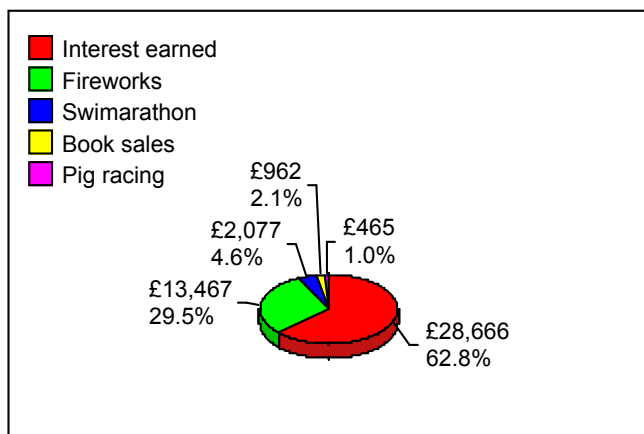
Margaret Cho, American comedienne born 1968.

WHERE THE MONEY WENT continued



It should not be forgotten that a condition attaching to the Manison legacy is that both the principal and income are used for elderly residents of Brighton.

WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM



In the chart on the left, the figures shown are the actual profits from each fund raising event.

BOOK FAIR

Help needed to clear away at 11.45am, Saturday, 3 November.

Can you be there?

DUTCH LION IN BRIGHTON



Lion Peter Bom, of Drachten Livius Lions Club in northern Holland, is currently based in Brighton and likely to remain so for another two or three months. We were pleased to welcome him to our October

dinner meeting.

Peter told us that his club, although only chartered for two years, has already raised €40,000 to buy two horses and a carriage converted to take a wheelchair which they have donated to a riding for the disabled club. Drachten Livius Lions have promised to buy another two horses and another converted carriage.

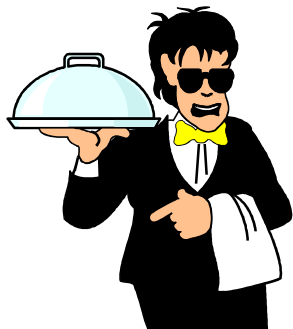
We look forward to seeing Peter at more of our events and learning more about his very active club. Maybe we can steal some of their ideas!

EARLY WARNING ...

DECEMBER
DINNER
MEETING



What better way is there to start the festive season than by attending our grand December dinner meeting?



It's a secret!

At the time of writing the menu has not been agreed, but we can advise you that the venue will be the Brighton & Hove Golf Club and the time will be 7.15 for 7.45pm.

And of course it will be on the first Wednesday in December. For those readers with a bent for figures, and even for those without, that is Wednesday, 5 December.

Even if we are unable to tell you what you will be eating, we can guarantee an evening of fun and fellowship, so make a note in your diary now, and start inviting friends, neighbours - even family if you have to!

See you there - Wednesday, 5 December, Brighton & Hove Golf Club.



He's not coming.

[We promised you a full page, Tricia, and you've got it! Editor]

**FIREWORK DISPLAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2007
SUSSEX COUNTY CRICKET GROUND, EATON ROAD, HOVE**

Early working party (report to Hospitality Suite, 3.30pm)

Guy Butterworth, Bill Catchpole, Brian Slater

All other please report to the ground by 4.30pm.

Gates open 6.00pm Fireworks 7.30pm
Adults £8.00 Children (up to 15) £4.00

Co-ordinator

Tom Novis

Announcer

Sussex County Cricket Club

Fireworks

Guy Butterworth*

Beth Butterworth

Sandra Windus

Bill Catchpole

Robin Windus

+ helpers

Gates** (Briefing 5.00pm)

Pete Dilloway*

Jason Bristow

Hugh Barron

Joe Matthews

Alan Bryan

Bruce Nunn

Ron Fowler

Sheridan Lynch

Richard Lintott

Angie Lintott

Robin Clifton

Gordon Eaton

Clare Elliott

Chris Nutley

Old Uncle Tom Cobby and all

Stewards*** (Briefing 5.00pm)

Brian Slater*

Tom Novis

David Bryant

David Sewell

+ helpers

+ Adur East Lions

+ helpers from Lucrefts

+ SCCC Supporters Club

Treasury

Peter Pannett*

Tony Crapnell

Gill Barron

Eileen Bryant

George Wood

Lisa Dilloway

* The first named is in charge of each group.

** After gates close, gate personnel become stewards.

*** Some stewards may be used as gate personnel before the display.

We are likely to be a little understaffed so please bring friends, family, colleagues or other prisoners to assist.

AND FINALLY . . .

I recently chose a new primary care physician. After two visits and exhaustive lab tests, he said I was doing "fairly well" for my age.

A little concerned about that comment, I couldn't resist asking him, "Do you think I'll live to be 80?"

He asked, "Do you smoke tobacco or drink alcoholic beverages?"

"No," I replied. "I don't do drugs either."

Then he asked, "Do you eat rib-eye steaks and barbecued ribs?"

I said, "No, my other doctor said that all red meat is unhealthy!"

"Do you spend a lot of time in the sun, like playing golf, sailing, hiking, or bicycling?"

"No, I don't," I said.

He asked, "Do you gamble, drive fast cars, or have a lot of sex?"

"No," I said. "I don't do any of those things."

Then he looked at me and asked, "Then why do you give a monkey's?"

With thanks to Lion Skip O'Brien, Anderson, California

A woman comes home from the hypnotist and tells her husband: "Remember those headaches I've been having all these years? Well, they're gone."

"No more headaches?" the husband asks. "What happened?"

His wife replies: "Margie referred me to a hypnotist. He told me to stand in front of a mirror, stare at myself and repeat 'I do not have a headache, I do not have a headache, I do not have a headache. It worked! The headaches are all gone.'"

The husband replies: "Well, that is wonderful."

His wife then says: "You know, you haven't been exactly a ball of fire in the bedroom these last few years. Why don't you go see the hypnotist and see if he can do anything for that?"

The husband agrees to try it. Following his appointment, the husband comes home, rips off his clothes, picks up his wife and carries her into the bedroom. He puts her on the bed and says: "Don't move. I'll be right back." He goes into the bathroom and comes back a few minutes later and jumps into bed and makes passionate love to his wife like never before.

His wife says: "Boy that was wonderful!"

The husband says: "Don't move! I will be right back." He goes back into the bathroom, comes back and round two was even better than the first time. The wife sits up and her head is spinning.

Her husband again says: "Don't move, I'll be right back." With that, he goes back in the bathroom. This time, his wife quietly follows him and there, in the bathroom, she sees him standing at the mirror saying: "She's not my wife. She's not my wife. She's not my wife!"

That's all, folks!

BRIGHTON LIONS CLUB SURVEY FORM

Please complete this special Club Survey Form and return it to the President. The responses received will enable recommendations to be made that are in accordance with the wishes of the majority of our members.

Please use the 5 - 1 rating values:

5 - Strongly Agree 4 - Agree 3 - Neither Agree or Disagree 2 - Disagree
1 - Strongly Disagree

CLUB MEETING

- 1. Our meetings start on time []
- 2. Our meetings finish on time []
- 3. Our meetings follow a regular agenda []
- 4. Our meetings are too formal []
- 5. Agenda is too long and complicated []
- 6. I enjoy club meetings []
- 7. We all have the opportunity to participate & communicate []
- 8. Our meetings are too long []
- 9. We are kept informed by various committee reports []
- 10. The meeting room layout is satisfactory []
- 11. Our meeting venue is satisfactory []
- 12. Our meeting atmosphere is friendly []
- 13. Guests are properly introduced []
- 14. The tail twister is a fun addition to our meetings []
- 15. I received minutes of the last meeting []
- 16. Some members monopolise the meeting []
- 17. I would like to see the time of the meeting change to: _____ []
- 18. I would like to see the day of the meeting change to: _____ []
- 19. Our partners should be encouraged to attend club meetings []

CLUB SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- 1. The Club has sufficient social activities []
- 2. Our social programme is varied []
- 3. Social events are well planned and executed []
- 4. Social events are affordable []
- 5. I enjoy our Club social events []
- 6. My partner enjoys our club social events []
- 7. We should have a weekend away during the year []

Continued overleaf

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 1. Our club is active in community service []
- 2. Our club concentrates too much on fund raising []
- 3. There is enough variety in our projects []
- 4. I feel that I could do more community service project work []
- 5. I feel that I am too involved in community service project work []
- 6. Members efforts are recognised within the club []
- 7. We have good PR in our local community []
- 8. The clubs project work meets the needs of our community []
- 9. Our projects focus too much on the elderly of our community []
- 10. Our projects focus too much on the youth of our community []
- 11. We support too many other charities []
- 12. We give too much support to District & MD projects []
- 13. We give too much support to LCI and LCIF worldwide projects []
- 14. I would like to make the following suggestions for service projects
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MEMBERSHIP

- 1. The local community is fully aware of the work of my Club []
- 2. This club is active in recruiting new members []
- 3. My club recruits quality members []
- 4. New members are given a positive briefing on Lions Clubs International . []
- 5. My club recruits the right mix of new members between male and female []
- 6. This club ensures new members are given a role immediately []
- 7. The membership of this club is reflective of the community which we serve []
- 8. We do not need to attract new members []
- 9. We should look at forming a new club in a nearby location []
- 10. The average age of our members does not matter []
- 11. We have the right mix between business/professional/employed/retired .. []
- 12. The cost of dues is prohibitive to attracting new members []
- 13. I feel I have the opportunity to hold an office in the club []
- 14. There are cliques in our club []
- 15. This club is good at looking after fellow Lions []
- 16. I would like to see more co-operation with other clubs in the Zone []
- 17. I would like the club to attend more District activities []
- 18. I feel that we should have a dress code for club meetings []
- 19. I enjoy being a Lion []

I have been a Lion for:-

- Less than 1 year [] 1 - 3 years [] 4 - 10 years [] 10 - 15 years []
- 16 – 20 years [] 21 – 30 years [] 31 – 40 years [] Over 41 years []

Name (Optional) _____