

Swanwick Lions Club



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NEWSLETTER Autumn 2016

Presentation of cheque to the 'Wessex Haven' Charity

Our Presidents charity for 2015- 2016 was the 'Wessex Haven' in Titchfield. Collections from our Christmas December 2015 collections, and the profit from our Burns Night, made a total of £2,200. The cheque was presented to Sally Hillyear representing the charity, at a buffet supper on February 10th.



The Wessex Haven provides support to breast cancer patients and their families, in a non-hospital environment. The Titchfield base is run from a beautiful peaceful house in the village.

Our Presidents Charity for 2016-2017 is the local Fareham Community Hospital. After discussion with the staff and management, we hope to focus on a particular medical need, and our Christmas Sleigh collections will be for this cause.

Giant Chocolate Easter Egg Raffle-Total Profit £600

We had 14 giant Chocolate Eggs located in businesses, public houses and clubs throughout the community.

Thank you to the management, staff, and customers of all the establishments who helped us.

£300 from the profit from the Raffle was donated to the Fareham Basics Bank, and the balance of £300 used to fund various charitable needs in our local community

Garden of Good Wishes

The parents of a young man living in a residential home in Warsash started a project to renovate the neglected garden to meet the special needs of residents. The garden has been transformed, with a slide, roundabout, paving and stepping stones. Work is continuing with donations of materials and money from local business and organisations, and Swanwick Lions donated £250.



Solent Lions & Swanwick Lions Annual Duck Race

The crowds came out on August Bank Holiday Monday, along with the sunshine, to make this one of our most successful fund-raising events. The two clubs charity funds share the profit and Swanwick Lions share was £1151. Many thanks to all who bought duck tickets, and congratulations to the owner of winning number 2085, who won the £250 1st prize, which was sponsored again by the 'White Swan' pub & restaurant. Many people are involved in the various tasks which help us provide this event: canoeists patrolling the river; net loaders; ticket sellers; collecting and packing the ducks after the event. *A great big 'Thank-you' to all!!*





Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) supports and develops international

humanitarian programs that serve people in need. With the dedication and work of Lions, LCIF is able to improve millions of lives

Burns Night

Our fund-raising Burns Night at the Harmony Halls in Fareham was in aid of the 'Wessex Haven', and made a final profit of £200. After the Haggis was piped in by piper Robin Bartholemew, and the Address given by Lion Fred Mitchell, we enjoyed an excellent 3- course haggis dinner, provided by the in-house caterers.

Mrs Iris Doran gave the 'Reply' to the 'Toast tae the Lassies', which was presented by Lion Reg Norton of Crofton Lions Club.

The Birnie Boozle Band provided the music for the Gay Gordons and waltzes, and performed Burns and Scottish songs and melodies.



In Memoriam:

Ivor Dugdale-Jenkins, 25th August 1942-14th May 2016

Lion Ivor passed away at Mountbatten Hospice on the 14th of May. Ivor was our Club President in 2011-2012, and was well known in the Community. Ivor and his wife Rosemary returned to the UK in 2002 from Majorca, where they ran the successful Irish Bar, 'Rosie McIvors'.

He was a member of the Lions in Majorca, and joined Swanwick Lions on his return to Hampshire. For a few years he acted in productions at the Titchfield Theatre, and was the Manager for weddings at the 'Barn'.

He is sadly missed by us all, not only for his ridiculous jokes, but his indomitable personality.

New Members:-

Welcome to Matt Frost and his daughter Becci, who joined us in September. Both Matt & Becci have helped us at several events over the last few years, and finally decided to become Lions !!

40 th Charter Celebration

Swanwick Lions Club was formed in 1976, and we held our Charter Dinner & Dance in September, celebrating 40 years of service to the community. The venue was Brook House in Botley, and after an excellent dinner, and the speeches over, singer Liam White took to the stage, and the evenings dancing commenced.



We have two founder members still active in our club, so congratulations to Lion Barry and Lion Brian.

Other causes we have helped this year:

- CMMD- donation of one of our Chocolate Eggs for raffle
- Sign4USigners: £180 donation

'Youtube' video clips

Throughout this year students from Fareham College Media studies have recorded and edited some of our events and placed the 'clips' on 'youtube'. The project gives the students real events to record and edit, and provides our club with an excellent way of showing what we do.

'100 club' -

Winning numbers for September :-

No.11- £25

No1- £50

No. 63- £100

If you would like to join the '100 club' please contact us on: 0845-833-4359, or email swanwicklions@aol.com

DATES for your DIARY

* **Craft & Gift Fair- Nov 19th Lockwood Community Centre**

* **Christmas Sleigh- 3rd-20th December**

* **Burns Night 25th February 2017**



Q:What do you get if you cross a Lion with a Watchdog?

A: a terrified postman!!

Our 2017 Burns Night will be held on the 25th of February.- yes that's not a mis-print- the 25th of FEBRUARY. The event will be in support of the Fareham Community Hospital