

# Lions Club of Swanwick

## Newsletter

Members would like to say a very big and heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Sleigh Appeal in December. We collected and delivered to the Basics Bank over £300.00 worth of food donated by you. Money collected, which this year totalled £2215.70 will be used throughout the year to help our local community.

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Harvey's Trike

Harvey is 4-years old and is a happy and inquisitive little boy with an infectious laugh. He was born on 18th January 2010, six weeks early, his eagerness to join the world leaving him suffering spastic diplegia cerebral palsy, meaning he is unable to use his legs properly and cannot currently walk.

In the long term, without adequate intervention, his legs will eventually become deformed and he's likely to suffer quite a bit of pain!

To mitigate his condition Harvey's parents decided to raise £50,000 to give him the opportunity to have a life changing operation called selective dorsal rhizotomy performed in St Louis, Missouri, USA, which is the world's leading hospital for this operation, with over 2500 successful operations.

The operation is available on the NHS, but it's a post code lottery whether they would get funding or not with recent applications in his area having been refused.



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Additionally, it often takes in excess of 18-months from referral to getting a decision on the operation on the NHS.

Harvey had the operation during June of 2013, completely removing his spasticity.

He's now doing the hard work to learn to use his legs in a completely different way to what he's used to with the aim of eventually learning to walk independently in all environments. To achieve this he has physiotherapy, training and exercise regime pretty much every day.

Swanwick Lions have helped by funding a specially adapted tricycle for Harvey. This assists him in learning to use his leg properly while providing support and training to strengthen and develop his hips, at the same time as giving him a little independence and fun. He loved it from the second he saw it and is for ever asking to go on it, no matter the weather.

### Our Giant Easter Egg Raffle.

Fourteen Giant Chocolate Easter Eggs will again be in local shops and pubs to be raffled. Each egg will be accompanied by a page of 100 numbered squares. All you need to do is select a number, add your name phone number, put £1.00 in the tin.

Just before Easter or when all squares are filled the winning number will be announced and we will deliver your egg.

All money this year will be going to help Young Carers.

## Basics Bank

Swanwick Lions continue to support The Basics Bank and this month helped with a donation of milk and sugar.

**World Sight Day**, which is an international awareness day, is in October.

Crofton, Fareham and Gosport Lions regularly support this by hosting an event in their own area. This year Swanwick Lions members are hoping to hold a similar event in Locks Heath Shopping Centre

**watch this space**

## Calendar

### April

Giant Easter Egg Raffle  
St George's Day Fair -  
Stubbington  
Spektrek

### May

Pleasure and Leisure  
Exhibition  
Locks Shopping Centre  
Paultons Park

### June

Sarisbury Green Fete

### August

Solent and Swanwick Lions  
Annual Duck Race

### September

Charter Dinner

### October

World Sight Day

### November

Annual Craft and Gift Fair

### December

Santa Sleigh Appeal

We are always keen to hear from people who might consider joining us. We are a small friendly group from all walks of life and would welcome some new members and new ideas.

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Please note that we have the ability to store small amount of furniture and electrical goods for use in the community. Electrical items will be PAT tested before being given away. If you need items or have items to donate please use contact number above.