



SWANWICK LIONS NEWSLETTER

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Solent & Swanwick Lions

Grand Annual Duckrace

Tickets NOW available.

See Page 4 for details

Parachute Jump in aid of the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance:-



Lion Sharon's tandem parachute jump in June, supporting the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance.



"I decided some time ago that a Tandem Parachute Jump was on my 'list of things to do' and who better to benefit from this than the Air Ambulance. Since deciding to jump out of a perfectly good aeroplane, I have been invited to become a Swanwick Lion, which I very proudly accepted. If I can give some of my time and encourage others to dig into their pockets, purses and money jars to sponsor me, then I feel happy to have been able to help"

A Message from Lions Club President Fred.....

The start of another Lions' Year- The Club Officers have been appointed, and we have selected the 'Presidents' Charity'. This year, we have decided to focus our charity support on more local organisations, and we will donate the funds raised by our Christmas Sleigh collections to the Countess Mountbatten Hospice Charity . An outline of the work of the Hospice is given on page 3. Funds raised at other events will be used by our Welfare committee to support local needs.

Lions international President Sid Scruggs theme is that Lions Club members throughout the world should "continue to be a symbol of light and hope for those who are in need, and for those who are searching for a safe harbor and a better tomorrow".....that Lions will be be a 'Beacon of Hope' for those in need. With the help of our Friends of Lions , and the generosity of our local public, Swanwick Lions Club will continue to serve our community, providing that little extra assistance and hope that makes a difference.

Activities.....

Since January, the Club have been involved with several events:-

- Easter Craft Fair at the Lockwood Centre
- Giant Chocolate Easter Egg Raffle
- Stubbington Lions St Georges Day Fete
- Tandem Parachute Jump for the Air Ambulance
- Sarisbury Green Fete- at this fete, we presented a cheque for £3,500 to the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance This was our Immediate Past President Marion Roses' charity for last year.
- Swanmore Fete

Do you have an event you would like us to support or attend? Do you have an idea that may be of use to our Fund raising team? If so, please see page 4 for our contact information.



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Update on the progress of 'Shumba'

Little puppy

Big expectations



Shumba is the Guide Dog puppy we named through our support from Past President Barry Noolcotts' charity for 2007-2008. She is still in the care of her 'puppy walker' who reports that she is now attending puppy classes, has been camping and is confident on trains, and good in shops, butchers, and supermarkets. She is also fine on stairs, but is cautious on open tread stairs, or ones with unusual surfaces. She is fond of sirens, and tries to chase fire-engines and ambulances as they whizz past, so her puppy walker will be helping her to become more calm in these situations.

Shumba has developed into a generally quiet and placid pup who has her mad moments!! Over the next few weeks she will be gaining experience on buses, and will be ready to go to Dog Training School later this year.

We are in urgent need of accessible storage space !!!!

- either space to site a small garden shed, ,or space in a garage etc.

Are you able to help? Please see our contact details on Page 4,

Countess Mountbatten Hospice

Countess Mountbatten House is an NHS hospice that opened in 1977 and is currently part of the Southampton University Hospitals Trust. The hospice serves a population of around 720,000 people.

The Hospice service provides specialist palliative care for patients with cancer and other life-limiting illnesses in the in-patient unit and Day Care Centre located at the hospice in West End, Southampton; a hospital palliative care team providing support in Southampton General Hospital, and through a community team of clinical nurse specialists led by consultants in palliative medicine who support patients in their own homes throughout the catchment area.

The Hospice provides a special kind of care that supports people, to achieve the best possible quality of life, enabling them to live as actively and creatively as possible as their illness progresses.

In addition, support is provided to families and carers of patients during illness and bereavement, ensuring they too are cared for and supported through this difficult time.

The services provided by the Hospice include many vital teams comprising occupational therapists, physiotherapists, social workers, chaplains, housekeeping staff and over 180 volunteers.

The Hospice has an important Education programme, passing on the expertise of the specialist palliative care services to medical students from the University of Southampton, along with courses specific to a variety of health workers in the NHS and the independent sector.



Lions Clubs International

Haiti update - total MD105 donations US\$629,891:-

Donations from Lions Clubs throughout the world have now almost reached US\$5,000,000 through the "Lions for Hope" programme.

Day to day supplies and assistance at the Lions tented camps are being provided by LCIF working in conjunction with the International Organisation of Migration



and partnership arrangements are being concluded with USAID and Catholic Relief Services. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) are continuing to work alongside other NGO's (Non-Government Organisations) and the Haitian Government to put in place a comprehensive rebuilding plan to restore major facilities. LCIF plans still identify education and medical facilities as its major objectives.

Lions in Haiti and LCIF are also currently evaluating the construction of more than 600 semi-permanent

homes in partnership with NGO (HELP).

A Memorandum of Understanding is now in place to partner Humani Terra to provide orthopaedic surgeons and in the longer term, a national trauma and burns treatment unit. SightSavers Vision 2020 also has a planned project for the area and the LCIF SightFirst Grants coordinators are also involved in the planning work.



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We serve the local community by raising funds at Fetes, and other charitable events.

Funds raised at these events are used to provide a service to our local community. By enhancing the work done by official service organisations, we are able to offer additional assistance when the official route has been exhausted, and our Welfare Committee appraises every request for help.

As part of the Lions International organisation, we also use some funds to assist charitable needs throughout the world, eg, the Haiti disaster of 2010.

2010 Diary of Events:



The Solent and Swanwick Lions annual Duck Race will once again take place at Mansbridge on August Bank Holiday Monday. This is an enjoyable way to spend a Bank holiday afternoon. Come along and watch the Lions release the net containing 2000 yellow plastic ducks, and wait to see if YOURS is the first across the finishing line further down the river !!!



1st prize is £250, and tickets, at £1 each, are now available: contact Lion Helen Mitchell on 01489-602981, or send us an email.

- August 30th
Lions Duck Race
- September 18th-
Swanwick Lions Charter Dinner & Dance
- Winter Craft & Gift Fair-
Date TBA

.....we will be adding more events as the year progresses- see our website for updated information.

***Membership of Lions:-
Swanwick Lions welcome enquiries from local people who would like to give some time to helping in the community.***

If you know of anyone who would like information on Lions International, and how to become a member of Swanwick Lions Club, just send an enquiry to us using the contact information at the top of this page.

and finally.....

A man was walking a lion down the street when they were stopped by a police officer. The police officer said, "You shouldn't be walking that lion down the street, you need to take him to the zoo." The man replies, "OK, I will." The next day the same police officer sees the man out walking the lion again. The police officer said, "I thought I told you to take that lion to the zoo!" The man replies, "I did, and today I'm taking him to the movies!"

.....and don't forget our Charter Anniversary on September 18th. This year we are hosting a Charter Dinner & Dance, to be held at Brook House Masonic Centre in Botley.contact Lion Fred Mitchell for details.
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