

Swanwick Lions Club



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NEWSLETTER Summer 2017



THE UK
SEPSIS
TRUST

Our Presidents Charity for this year is the 'UK Sepsis Trust'. Sepsis or blood poisoning (septicaemia), is the third largest cause of death in the UK.

Every year, 44,000 people die in the UK from this 'silent killer'. It's more common than heart attacks, and kills more people than bowel, breast cancer, prostate cancer, and road deaths COMBINED. But very few people know about this condition.

Commenting on the condition, Lion President Helen said:

"I suffered from sepsis last year, and know from personal experience what a dangerous condition it is, and how early diagnosis probably saved my life".

The Trust was set up to raise awareness of sepsis, and their mission is to educate the public and healthcare professionals, and to support survivors and bereaved families.

Our Christmas Sleigh run in December will be in support of the Trust.

Giant Chocolate Easter Egg Raffle-Total Profit £571

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.

Fareham Community Hospital Equipment Fund

The fund to raise money for medical equipment was initiated by our last years' President, Lion Vic Smith. We have now closed the Fund at £3,000, and agreement made with the hospital on what equipment is to be purchased. The list will be published on our website.

The money was raised by our Christmas Sleigh, Burns Night, Easter Egg Raffle, and monies from our general charity fund.

Many thanks to all who contributed, and to all those who gave their time to help us raise the £3,000.

Solent Lions & Swanwick Lions Annual Duck Race August Bank Holiday Monday August 28th 2017- 2:30pm



Once again, our joint venture with Solent Lions Club will take place on August 28th, at Mansbridge, on the River Itchen. We will drop several thousand plastic ducks into the river from the Old Bridge, and the first duck to cross the finish line at Woodmill will win £250. The ducks are numbered corresponding to the tickets, which cost £1 each. There will be numerous other prizes for the next few ducks to cross the line. Tickets are now being sold on the riverbank, at Veals supermarket, and at Locks Heath Shopping Centre.

All profits are shared by the two Lions Clubs charities funds, so buy some tickets, and come along on Bank Holiday Monday for a fun afternoon!!

(Hot Tip- arrive early for a last chance to buy tickets)



New Members:

We welcome new member Jeanette Cooper, who has helped us with our activities for some time, and finally decided to join us officially !!

'Net' is married to Tim Cooper, whose company, Trafalgar Brickworks Ltd, sponsored the cost of our tables at the Sarisbury Green Fete in June. Many thanks to Tim, as sponsorship of this kind is a great help in keeping our club financially viable.

This year is the Centennial Year for Lions Clubs, as the organisation was formed in Chicago in 1917. Since then, we have grown to be the worlds largest service organisation, with over 47,000 clubs spread over 200 countries. With this substantial membership, the organisation is able to carry out many worldwide projects, and provide disaster relief to affected countries.

There are active programs in Diabetes, Hunger Relief, Pediatric Cancer, Vision, and the Environment, to name a few.

Although Lions Clubs are part of an international organisation, clubs primarily serve their local communities. If you know of anyone who needs assistance, where the official channels may have been exhausted, please contact us- we may be able to help.

-.....and if you would like to find out more about becoming a member of Swanwick Lions Club please contact us- we will be delighted to talk to you !!

Charter Anniversary Dinner & Dance September 16th

Our Charter Evening will be held at the Harmony Hall in Fareham. Tickets are £29- for information please contact:-

Email: secretary@swanwicklions.org.uk
Tel: 0845 833 4359

Garden of Good Wishes Fete:

Swanwick Lions members supported the Garden of Good Wishes fundraising fete in July.



As we reported in our last Newsletter, the garden was built to meet the special needs of its residents in their residential home in Sarisbury Green. The fete was a great success, and enough funds were raised to establish the idea of making it a Sensory Garden. The Fete featured reptiles and arachnids exhibited by the Portsmouth Reptile & Amphibian Society, and visiting children and adults enjoyed the interaction with these creatures.



'Youtube' video clips

Fareham College Media studies have recorded and edited some of our events and placed the 'clips' on 'youtube', and this will continue in the next year.

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' -

The Winning number for August was 68, and wins £20,

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

*Duck Race-

August 28th - Mansbridge

* Craft & Gift Fair-

October 28th-

Lockwood Community Centre



Q: What happened to the Lion who ate a Comedian?

A: he felt funny!!