

The ROAR

The Newsletter of the Lions Club of Windsor

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Windsor Lions polish up for The Silver Lunch

- 120 local elderly folk to be wined and dined courtesy of Windsor Lions

It is probably one of the Club's most worthwhile events of the annual calendar – our annual party for Senior Citizens from the local community in a light-hearted fun event in Old Windsor.

The date is set for Sunday 7th February in Old Windsor Memorial Hall. Transport arrangements are in hand for the Windsor Lions to ferry groups of guests from all parts of the Windsor area. Sit down at Noon or shortly afterwards and a two course lunch, cooked to perfection by Windsor Lions' own masters of cuisine, will be served by club members. Copious amounts of wine will flow and the entertainment, provided by recording artist Tony Liotti, great singer and guitarist, and Phil Phillips, a very talented musician, will soon have the party in full swing! Old Time Music Hall will guarantee a great sing-along; total frivolity will prevail! And then, back into the coaches and home, complete with a bag of goodies to the value of £15 for each guest – and we look forward to the next time

Lion President Richard Winrow commented: "The party is just the sort of event the Windsor Lions ought to be involved in. It gives so much pleasure to so many of our needy old folk – and so much fun for Club members to organise. We see many of the same people year after year, albeit perhaps a little bit older, and they just love it. For many, it is probably their one and only highlight of the year".

Editor's Note: If any our Supporters wish to help on the day they will be very welcome indeed! Contact The Editor.

It's Party Time!

It's that time of year again – when Club members, with partners, let their hair down in true Lions style! The notorious Club Christmas Party this year is on Monday 21st December at the Cornucopia Bistro, Windsor commencing at 7.30pm.

Supporters are very welcome to join us all – for a very modest £24.08 per head. How's that for precision costing!

For more information, contact The Editor.

Good Neighbours Good Causes (GNGC) is the Windsor Lions initiative to help the needy in the community. Our aim is to match those in need with someone – a volunteer – who can help: whether it be gardening, shopping, transport or perhaps a bigger job like decorating. Below is just one example of GNGC in action.....

Our Community Services Team in action – A Case Study

We work closely with the Royal Borough's Social Work teams so when we received a request for help from them we swing into action to investigate. All enquiries to the Lions – whether for practical help or finance - are fully investigated to make sure they are a good use of resources: we are trustees of other peoples' generous donations.

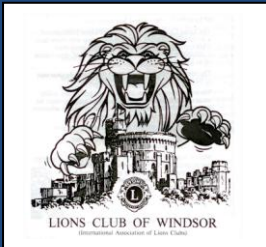
The case of Simon (not his real name) certainly was deserving. This young father had been coping with a lively 4 year old daughter after his partner had left father and daughter with debts and a stripped down flat.

He needed financial help to make the flat a home for him and his daughter but, more importantly, he needed someone to believe in him.

John Peters, one of our founding members, really got stuck into this case. He and Diane Purchase (Chair of our Community Services committee) visited the flat and, with Simon's input, made a list of household items that would make their flat homely. John scoured the charity shops, reputable second hand dealers, as well as Argos, to find everything from light bulbs to duvets. Another of our members, Bob Tavinor, was able to help supplying flooring through his business and soon the flat was looking much cosier.

Simon has professed his delight with the results and has been working extra shifts to help with extra items.

John Peters commented 'Its cases like this that are the backbone of the work we do – local people in our community who need a helping hand. Helping Simon and people like him are why I joined Windsor Lions'



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Windsor Lions Swimathon Awards Evening Monday 11th January at the Guildhall, Windsor.

What a great event we had!! As reported in the September *The Roar*, we held our annual Swimathon on 11th October at the Windsor Leisure Centre – and what a great success it was! 43 teams from all over the district entered and swam their hearts out to raise money for their own nominated charities. Teams gained their own sponsorship all of which will be returned to them plus a 10% bonus courtesy of Windsor Lions. Lion Mike Sells, event organiser, commented “We had a super day and I believe the money raised will hit the £9,000 mark - an event record!”

Members of our Supporters Club are very welcome to attend the Awards presentation evening on 11th January. It will be a good opportunity to see the Windsor Lions in action. For more information contact the Editor.



Our swimmers celebrate their achievement – photographs courtesy of The Windsor Express

Some dates for your 2010 diaries

10 th January	Maidenhead Lions Swimathon (Windsor Lions Team entry)
11 th January	Windsor Lions Swimathon Awards evening
7 th February	The Silver Lunch
8/9 th May	Annual Horseride
Tba June	Golf Day
10 th July	WAMDSAD Wheelchair Push (Team entry)
10 th October	Annual Swimathon

We extend a very warm welcome to all Supporters of the Windsor Lions to participate in any or all of these events.

And finally

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all readers of *The Roar* a very merry and peaceful Christmas and a highly prosperous New Year!

Good Neighbours, Good CausesUpdate

The last edition of *The Roar* talked about the problems that we have in recruiting volunteers. Since then, by working closely with Windsor and Maidenhead Voluntary Association (WMVA), we have gained 3 new volunteers. One volunteer has been matched with an elderly lady in Windsor who has recently undergone surgery on her hip and can no longer tend to her late husband’s beloved garden. This was causing her much anxiety until one of our new recruits stepped in to help out. She now visits Mrs P on a regular basis to help keep the garden tidy. This is a win-win situation as our volunteer loves to garden but, living in a flat, has no garden of her own.

Community Services Chair, Diane Purchase commented ‘it is really rewarding when we are able to match up a volunteer with someone who needs a helping hand. It’s what Good Neighbours, Good Causes is all about and we couldn’t run the scheme without them. It is also great to be working so well with Fiona Winrow and her team at WMVA’.

All offers by volunteers willing to be added to the ‘help bank’ should be made to Diane at email dianepurchase@aol.com. Contact the Editor for more information on GNGC.

Well done, Harry!

Windsor Lion’s own Lion Harry Purchase was announced as the RBWM annual ‘Volunteer of the Year’ award winner at a recent ceremony at Dorney Lake. The judges for the various categories were looking at different areas including; commitment, impact on individuals and on the community, range of activities undertaken and fundraising. Good on yer, ‘Arry!

For More Information on the Windsor Lions

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