



# The ROAR

*The Newsletter of the Lions Club of Windsor*

## **Preparations for Annual Cross Country Horseride get under starters orders - New additional course for non jumpers**

Preparations are now well under way for the Windsor Lions number one fundraising event of the year – our annual cross country Horseride, to be held in Windsor Great Park on 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> May.

Over 400 riders from all over Southern England will take advantage of the opportunity to jump over 20 purpose-built jumps in the Great Park raising sponsorship for their efforts. All monies raised are donated to the Windsor Lions for the support of local charities and good causes in the community. And this year, it is the Horseride with a difference – the addition of a new course for non jumpers, allowing riders to opt to take a lovely ride in the Windsor Great Park, in all its glories, without doing the jumps.

Lion Mark Fraser explained: “Some of the fences we build are indeed challenging which may not be the cup of tea of everyone. Hence, this year, in an attempt to attract new entries and hopefully young riders too, we are introducing the additional non jumping course.

Mark continued: “We started planning the Horseride last Autumn – over 5,000 entries have been distributed and we are expecting a huge entry this year. The new non jumpers course will make a difference, I’m sure. We will start building the course in the second half of April and would very much welcome help from our Supporters. It’s a lot of fun and in early Spring, the Great Park is magnificent.”

Anyone wishing to volunteer to help construct the course – or even better enter the Horseride - should please contact Lion Mark Fraser on email [mark.fraser@airav.co.uk](mailto:mark.fraser@airav.co.uk) or via the Editor.

*The Lions Club of Windsor would like to thank our generous patron **The Shanly Group** for their continued support .*

### ***Probably our best Silver Party ever!!***

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.

Fondly known as the Silver Party, the event took place on 7<sup>th</sup> February in the Old Windsor Memorial Hall and was a fantastic success! 125 guests, all from the local area, crammed into the Memorial Hall for a two course lunch, cooked to perfection by Windsor Lions’ own masters of cuisine, elegantly served by club members. Copious amounts of wine flowed and the entertainment provided by local recording artists including Phil Phillips, a very talented musician, soon had the party in full swing! Old Time Music Hall always guarantees a great sing-along and this party was certainly no exception!

#### **And what did our guests make of it all?**

*‘A wonderful afternoon ....it has been a long time since we enjoyed ourselves so much’ Mr and Mrs S – Old Windsor.*

*‘The meal was superb, and the service excellent, as was the entertainment’ - The Bluebell Club, Windsor.*

*‘It was just what we needed to lift us out of the winter doldrums’ – Mrs S, Windsor’*

*‘We had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves’ – Residents of Sir Sidney Camm House, Windsor’*

*‘I had a lovely day – thank you for inviting me’ – Mrs P, Windsor.*

A unique opportunity to ride in the beautiful surroundings of

**WINDSOR GREAT PARK**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

Lions Club of Windsor

[www.windsorlions.co.uk](http://www.windsorlions.co.uk)

Every penny raised and donated goes to good causes

**New course available for non jumpers**



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## **Windsor Lions Swimathon Awards Evening Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January at the Guildhall, Windsor.**

The Mayor of Windsor and Maidenhead, in the company of 60 guests plus members of the Lions Club, attended the 13th annual Awards Evening in the Guildhall, Windsor. The Mayor presented four Cups for outstanding achievement, plus Certificates to all the swimmers and cheques totalling £10,469 to the swimmers nominated charities and good causes.

These ranged from Brownies, Guides and Scout groups, The Alexander Devine Children's Cancer Trust, The Pony Club, Thames Hospice, TVAP and WAMDSAD

The guests were treated to an excellent presentation from the Mayor detailing the history of the Guildhall, a very successful event and this year's swimathon 101010 will be held at the Windsor Leisure Centre on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2010, advance booking available by contacting Lion Mike Sells on 01753 643581

The 2008 Swimathon. Photographs by courtesy of The Windsor Observer



### **Some dates for your 2010 diaries**

12 <sup>th</sup> April	Fun Quiz Night
8/9 <sup>th</sup> May	Annual Horseride
10 <sup>th</sup> July	WAMDSAD Wheelchair Push
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Charity Golf Day
10 <sup>th</sup> 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. See future issues of *The Roar* for more diary dates.

### **For More Information on the Windsor Lions**

Please contact the Editor, Lion John Jenkins at email [john.jenkins@jjassociates.com](mailto:john.jenkins@jjassociates.com) or telephone (office) 0118 903 4073

See the Windsor Lions website at [www.windsorlions.co.uk](http://www.windsorlions.co.uk)  
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**"We serve"**

## **What some of our Members get up to .....**

### **Santa Dash – 29<sup>th</sup> November 2009 - by Lion Geoff Beck**

Our oldest and long serving member, Lion Geoff Beck, took it upon himself recently to enter the 'Santa Dash' organised by Thames Hospicecare, on behalf of Windsor Lions.

On the day, following 24 hours of continual heavy rain, the course of 5km through the forest at Bracknell's 'Look Out' was very wet, muddy and, in parts, flooded. In spite of the conditions, 315 'Santas' took part and our intrepid member completed the course in 49 minutes. Geoff probably tells the story that many Santas finished behind him!

With financial support from the Club and many of its members, and playing on his age and the fact that 3 years ago he had both knees replaced, he was able to obtain many sponsorships from friends and neighbours bringing his total money being donated to the Hospice to £1,800!

And the amazing thing about Geoff's little escapade – he is 82 years young!!

### **Windsor Lions Charity Golf Day Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2010**

The date for this year's Golf Day has been fixed for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July again at Mill Ride Golf Club, Ascot. This is our 16<sup>th</sup> year and many people come back every year because we are told that it is one of the most enjoyable golf days of the year. Each year we give out generous prizes for all the categories and all the funds raised go to very worthwhile local charities. We have managed to keep the cost for the day at £80, which includes lunch, dinner and green fee.

Put this date in your diary – take advantage of this amazing opportunity and enter a team. Contact event organiser Lion Peter Darville on email [peter@darvilles.co.uk](mailto:peter@darvilles.co.uk) or via the Editor

### **Attention all Supporters!**

Join members of the Windsor Lions at our fun Quiz Nite 8pm on 12<sup>th</sup> April at the Oxford Blue, Old Windsor

Let's make sure we have the winning Team!

**Contact The Editor**