

# The ROAR

*The Newsletter of the Lions Club of Windsor*

Issue 04 Winter 2010/11

## Sterling Work: Windsor Lions get set 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 Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 *chef par excellence*. Fine wines served by our hand-picked sommeliers. Post-lunch entertainment fit for Royalty keeps the party swinging. Then home we all go.

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 – it's their highlight of the year. And of course all so much fun for Club members to organise."

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

### **Good Neighbours Good Causes (GNGC) is the Windsor Lions local community initiative to help the needy in and around Windsor**

It is tough out there if you are in need of help – a harsh winter, tough economic times, fuel bills rising, cuts in Social Services, reduced benefits promised, just to name a few of the challenges faced by the elderly and disabled or those on low incomes or worse those living below the poverty line. Who do you turn to? Where do you go for help? Perhaps to a friendly neighbour? Or maybe someone to help with the shopping or do a bit of gardening.

And this is where GNGC comes in. We aim to provide help for just these things to those in our community who need it most, to those with nowhere else to go. But we need volunteers, those willing to help, to do this. And the more volunteers we have on our 'books', the more we can do.

So let's keep our Neighbours in mind. Let's keep a watchful eye for them. If any of our Readers – our Supporters and Friends - could provide even a little bit of help every now and then, please get in touch with **The Editor. Thank you!**

### **It's time for the Windsor Lions Horseride**

A Charity Event to support local Good Causes – over £1.6m raised to-date

#### **Sponsored Horse Ride - 7th and 8th May 2011**

By kind permission of the Crown Estate Commissioners, you have a rare and fantastic opportunity to ride your horse in the Windsor Great Park.

**A magnificent and unique day riding through some of England's most beautiful** scenery, comprising of a jumping and non jumping courses to accommodate all standards of riding. A cross-country course of more than eight miles, through magnificent Royal Parkland, with over 20 novice or 20 advanced level jumps. Entries are restricted to 1,000 riders, over both days, so first come first served.

**To enter see [www.windsorlions.co.uk](http://www.windsorlions.co.uk)**

### **Just another busy day**

**'It started in the morning and finished late at night...'**

A day in July – at the crack of dawn saw The Windsor Lions amassing in Windsor Great Park to help marshal the Horses for Heroes event where 'high profile' horsemen were invited to ride a distance course through Windsor Great Park to raise money for Help for Heroes.

It is now Noon the first event done and dusted, thousands of pounds raised. Now for the infamous WAMDSAD Wheelchair Push, another charity event but this time benefitting sport for the disabled. WAMDSAD have several hopefuls in training for the 2012 Paralympics so the cash raised will go to a great cause. The target is the shoppers and race-goers – all great fun and much cash coerced in buckets from the poor unsuspecting.

Just another busy day for the Windsor Lions and what great fun!

### **It went with a Bang!**

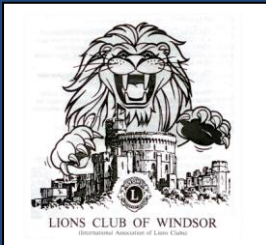
5<sup>th</sup> November saw Windsor Lions celebrate our 49<sup>th</sup> birthday – our formal Charter Night. And this year's event, hosted by Lion President Richard Winrow, was celebrated in style with a firework display. Guests included members of neighbouring Lions Clubs in our Zone – Burnham, Reading and Bracknell Lions.

Plans are already underway to ensure we celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Charter in appropriate fashion under the watchful eye of Incoming President Mark Fraser. Watch this space as our plans are unveiled.

### **Welcome!**

A very warm welcome goes to two new members of Windsor Lions, Judy and Christian, both signing up in the last 6 months. We are always seeking new members to help do all the things we want to do.

Judy and Christian – you are very welcome. Enjoy your times with Windsor Lions!



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## **Windsor Lions Swimathon Awards Evening Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January at Eton College.**

What another great event we had!! Our annual Swimathon held on 10<sup>th</sup> October at the Windsor Leisure Centre saw a record number of Teams – and what a great success it was! 45 teams from all over the district entered and swam their hearts out to raise money for their own nominated charities. Teams gained their 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 plus mark – a great achievement!”

Members of our Supporters Club are very welcome to attend the Awards presentation evening on 10<sup>th</sup> January. It will be a good opportunity to see the Windsor Lions in action. For more information contact the Editor.



Our wonderful Swimathon swimmers.  
*Photographs courtesy of The Windsor Express*

### **Some dates for your 2011 diaries**

- 8<sup>th</sup> January Maidenhead Lions Swimathon (Windsor Lions Team entry)
- 10<sup>th</sup> January Windsor Lions Swimathon Awards evening
- 19<sup>th</sup> February The Silver Lunch
- 7<sup>th</sup> March Challenge Skittles Match v M’Head Lions
- 7/8<sup>th</sup> May Annual Horseride
- Tba June Golf Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> July WAMDSAD Wheelchair Push (Team entry)
- 9<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.

### **And finally .....**

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

## **Santa Dash 2010**

**Windsor Lions’ finest** turned out in force on a cold and frosty morning in November to raise money for the wonderful cause that is Thames Hospice Care.

Both this cause and event are close to the hearts of every Windsor Lion. Our much respected colleague, Geoff Beck, who sadly died in June after a short stay in the hospice, had taken part in the inaugural event last November at the grand age of 83, proudly showing off his new knees and even more proudly collecting the accolade of highest sponsored entrant.

This inspired 12 members of the club – plus one or two faithful wives and children - to sign up to the event and raise a total of almost £2000!

It was a magical scene: pristine woodland in Swinley Forest, the air thick with the vapour from several hundred middle age Santas gasping their way round the 5K course, many wishing they had put in just a bit of training – or at least refrained from that last pint the night before!

But the team all completed the course safe and sound – the fastest in 36 minutes (well done Christian!) and some considerably slower – but still with a sense of satisfaction at a job completed and a great cause well served. Everyone agreed that it was a fantastic event and next year we hope to have an even bigger team, to all run much faster and raise even more money!

### **Diane Purchase**



The Santa Dashers in action. Diane is front row right, holding her beard on!

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

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

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