



Guildford Lions Club

Guildford's Best Kept Secret!

Friends' and Supporters' News

May 2023

President's News

This month I had the pleasure of presenting a cheque of just over £6,000 to North Guildford Food Bank's fuel poverty fund, which was the result of our Weathering Winter Together appeal. I was accompanied by our two Barrys, as well as Ali Fisher of Plans with Purpose Ltd, who helped design the campaign, and Keith Churchouse & Esther Dadswell of Chapters Financial who helped to boost the campaign to the business community. Zoe Watts of NGFB kindly gave us a guided tour of their operation, which is very impressive, and she was effusive in their thanks for our WWT donation and also our weekly help paying for some of the food that they distribute.



Afterwards, I had the added pleasure of presenting Ali Fisher with a Certificate of Appreciation and a bouquet, as a thank you for all the time and advice which she donated to us helping with the WWT campaign.

Jim D, Brian and I paid a visit to Woking Lions monthly meeting. Interesting to hear about some overlaps where we both help certain parts of the community, notably Normandy Therapy Garden, about which I think we will hear more soon!

Community & Welfare News

Donations made this month -

- £500 to Air Ambulance Kent Surrey Sussex.
- £500 for furniture for single mum, via SW Surrey Domestic Abuse Outreach Team.
- £1,000 for gardening equipment and hi viz clothing for residents of The Grange, Bookham.
- £1,500 to Guildford Action.
- £135 to fund 10 year old looked after child to attend drama and drum lessons for half a term.
- £418 to Food Banks.
- Two donated microwaves (PAT tested) re-located to Ukrainian refugee family in Godalming and family in Bellfields.
- Donated floor covering and garden furniture re-located to a garden shed on an allotment run by Halow for the benefit of the teenagers they support.

Youth News

ROAR23

ROAR23 is now live and resources are available to us and schools. A small group are approaching eight of our local primary schools with whom we have strong links thanks to other recent initiatives. There is a strong emphasis this year on the pre-prepared teacher lesson plans to help make it a reality for them - as well as it being free for them through our sponsorship. Further information at <https://www.lions-roar.com/>

Fundraising News

Special thanks go to Graham for another great season of Survival Football with this last session being a real nail biter at the finish. Thanks too to Bob for organising a gathering at the Britannia to help him spend his winnings which had the additional benefit of reminding the staff of the forthcoming raft race.

Music in the Park, Sunday 11th June

Planning for this year's MITP is progressing well with an excellent mix of musical talent to enjoy - Voices Choir; Andy and Olivia providing us with a selection of British love songs; Celtic Mashup promises to be a real shindig; and rounding off the evening with a return of the B3's, a real party band getting us up dancing. Ticket sales are going well. If you are yet to buy yours please go to - www.guildfordlions.com and follow the link to the Little Box Office. Thank you for your support.



Raft Race, Saturday 1st July



Saturday 4th November 2023, Firework Fiesta

Stoke Park

A fantastic evening for all the family.

Full details to be announced soon.

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