



Guildford Lions Club

Guildford's Best Kept Secret!

Friends' and Supporters' News

November 2024

Best fiesta yet!

Another brilliant success

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the event



President's News



Paul presenting Sensory Services by Sight for Surrey a cheque for £5,500, proceeds from the golf day held in July at Clandon Regis.

Another month has flown by as President of Guildford Lions. The highlight of the past few weeks was the annual fireworks fiesta in Stoke Park recently. Another successful event!

I attended the Guildford in Bloom sponsors' and helpers' event and accepted a thank you certificate from the Mayor for Lions help at the Picnic in the Park event in Castle Gardens.

Paul waiting to lay a Lions wreath at the Remembrance Ceremony in the Castle Grounds on Sunday 10th November.



We now all move to the busiest time of the year... all those Christmas parties and fundraising activities! Good luck everyone!

Community & Welfare News

Donations this month include -

- £650 towards a programme supporting the mental health of victims of domestic abuse, via SW Surrey Domestic Abuse Service.
- £75 for reconditioned laptop, via SCC Support Worker.
- £731 to Guildford & Godalming foodbanks.

Fundraising News

Survival Football

All is going well - I now realise how to be successful - identify as a cat!

Fireworks, Saturday 2nd November

This was the fourth year of our revamped ticket only firework event and several people have said it was the best yet. Certainly we think the music, sound, food & drink offering, children's entertainment and general festival style layout was excellent and even the weather behaved itself! We estimate a similar number of people attended this year as last (c 8,000) but of course the cost of putting the event on had considerably increased. It will be some days yet before we have the final figures. The event lives or dies because of just a few critical components and we think it only right to mention them here and they are -

- Our sponsors without whom we wouldn't get past first base; Radical Systems, Martin Grant Homes, St Edward, Charles Stanley and Guildford Borough Council.
- The many volunteers including those very special people from Oakleaf, XRT and other Friends of Guildford Lions Club.
- Club members and partners who willingly give up their time on Saturday and Sunday .
- Simon Stewart our contractor, an amazing guy without whom we couldn't manage.

Santa Sleigh Collections

The outings of our Santa Sleigh are Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th December, volunteers very welcome.

Supermarket Collections and Gift Card Donations

Dates for our Christmas collections are Waitrose on Friday 13th and Saturday 14th December, Sainsbury's on Friday 20th and Tesco on Saturday 21st December. The funds raised from both the Santa Sleigh outings and the supermarket collections will fund the purchase of 300 supermarket gift vouchers of £20 each distributed to people in need across Guildford in time for Christmas. We will use the GBC Wellbeing Team and the Home School Link Workers at eight local junior schools to ensure that we identify those families most in need of the vouchers.

Classic Car Display, Sunday 13th April

SAVE THE DATE!
13 APRIL 2025



**GUILDFORD LIONS
CLUB CLASSIC
CAR DISPLAY**

We are aiming to follow this year's success with a similar format but with the numbers increased to 80 cars. We are planning a children's drawing competition as we have several smart classic car models to use as prizes. The web based registration system will be available very soon and promoted via car magazines, clubs, previous car owners etc.

Easter Monday 21st April, Easter Show on Shalford Park

The event is coming together.

Music in the Park, Sunday 8th June

Save the date.

Golf Day, Friday 11th July

Save the date.

More details of our events next year will follow.

Lions Clubs International Foundation News

You will be aware of the recent floods in Valencia, Spain where many lives have been lost and people left with next to nothing. LCIF has already actioned emergency grants to Lions Clubs in Spain to provide help to those affected and have asked Lions Clubs around the world to contribute to the LCIF Disaster Relief Programme in support thereof. Guildford Lions Club has donated £500 to the fund.

Lockwood Studios - Update

Many of you will remember the old Lockwood Day Centre in Slyfield. After several years of negotiations between Guildford Borough Council and Surrey County Council the vision to re-imagine the Centre into an 'Arts, Innovation and Wellbeing Centre' for the community has been granted the go ahead, launching in 2025.



An ambitious 'Vision for Lockwood' was curated with the input of many local professionals and organisations from the community. Please view their website <https://lockwoodarts.org.uk/> which gives much more information.

It is now undergoing refurbishment and is looking to attract artists, crafts people, those developing a new social enterprise or charity, those engaging with excluded young people, the disabled or those with learning difficulties, those specifically working to enhance peoples' wellbeing or the environment.

In addition to multiple indoor spaces from 50 sq ft to 1600 sq ft, Lockwood Studios has parking, a 500 seat capacity venue hall, meeting rooms, common spaces as well as outdoor areas. There will be high speed Wi-Fi, office services, exhibition space, an on-site multi-media team, catering facilities, mastering studios, social media booth, a café and a shop, selling many items made by those on site. Occupants already include individuals, businesses and charities involved in music, video, print, young people, wellbeing, events and festivals.

What can we do to help at present - they want to spread the word about what is available and get as much interest as possible from people who may wish to use the space, be it individuals, small start ups or charities.

Please spread the word!

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