



Guildford Lions Club

Guildford's Best Kept Secret!

Friends' and Supporters' News

March 2025

President's News

Spring is really in the air! I just hope that the blooming Spring flowers don't get caught out! February seems to have literally flown by! I chaired the board meeting and the Club meeting and it was great to see so many members and prospective members at the meeting.

The MD105 SE Convention in Canterbury was excellent and well supported by GLC. It was an excellent venue for a successful mix of Lions business and social activities and is always a great opportunity to network and meet those with the same goals from across the region. We also held a very successful dinner evening with Rt Hon. Jeremy Hunt MP on 28th February and congratulations to those involved for another successful fundraising evening with an interesting speaker. My thanks to all who supported the event.



Have a good March and let's hope the Spring flowers make it through to the Summer!

Community & Welfare News

- Donation of £1,560 to the Cancer and Surgical Innovation Campaign at the RSCH.
- £767 to Guildford and Godalming Food Banks

Fundraising News

Survival Football - is progressing well.

Classic Car Display, Sunday 13th April

Extracts of a newsletter circulated recently -

Good progress is being made with a great selection of classic cars booked to be present on the day. We will be holding a raffle and have some interesting prizes. One in particular is a free entry to a 100 mile car tour being held by Falcon Motor Club (FMC) which usually costs £60. The tour is on Saturday 21st June 2025 and crosses Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire taking in several worthwhile places to visit using simple navigation. There are no competitive elements, it's a simple drive around the countryside so no special insurance is required. It sounds like a great day for someone and whilst FMC would prefer a classic car to take part, if one of the public win the prize they will be welcome in their daily drive.

Arrangements have been made for the Prostate Project 'Man in a Van' to be present in the High Street where men can be tested. As we want to make sure we get a wide selection of different cars for the public to enjoy we have started a Reserves List where we have several duplications, but still have space for more cars should you know of owners wanting to bring their classic.

Guildford Lions
Classic Car Display

Sunday 13th April 2025
Guildford High Street
10am to 4pm

Free to the public

Feast your eyes on fabulous
veteran, vintage and classic cars

guildfordlions.com
guildfordlionsclasscars@gmail.com

Charity No. 1175962

Seymour's

Music in the Park, Hatchlands Park, Sunday 8th June
 Planning is progressing well. The programme this year will be quite different from previous years, refreshed for our 9th year. Save the date - tickets will be on sale soon.



Raft Race, Millmead to Waterside Centre, Saturday 5th July
 Planning progressing. Raft entries needed.

Golf Day, Friday 11th July

Good news on sponsorship, just need more teams to sign up to make the day a great success.

Fireworks, Saturday 8th November

A considerable amount of time and effort has already been put into the negotiations for the main items needed for the fireworks and it is pleasing to report very positive progress has been made. The indications are that we will achieve the reductions we require and should meet our projected expense budget. On the income side we were very disappointed to learn that GBC will not be sponsoring the event this year. Whilst anticipated to a degree and not budgeted for it is still a major blow and a distinct change of policy by GBC. Efforts to replace the sponsorship are continuing.

Of real concern is that, despite several requests, we still have not heard from GBC whether or not they will let us use Stoke Park under the same terms as before. This crucial decision is required before we can advance further discussions with our suppliers.

Guildford Lions 58th Charter Anniversary, Sunday 11th May, 12 noon to 4pm

Lion President Paul and Sveta look forward to your company at De Vere Horsley Towers, Ockham Road South, East Horsley, Surrey, KT24 6RT for our Charter Anniversary. The Great British Afternoon Tea, £31 per person.

Complimentary guided tour of the Cloisters and Chapel - once the home of some famous former residents including Ada Lovelace, daughter of Lord Byron as well as Sir Thomas Sopwith, designer of the Sopwith Camel and Horsley Hawker aircraft. If you are interested in joining us please reply to this email.



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