



# Guildford Lions Club

## Guildford's Best Kept Secret!

### Friends' and Supporters' News

May 2025

#### President's News

Sunday was our 58<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary Great British Afternoon Tea at De Vere Horsley Towers. Many thanks to everyone who attended and especially to organisers Andrew and Jacqui and the onsite team from De Vere for a very enjoyable afternoon.

#### Community & Welfare News

Donations made -

- Prostrate Project £500.
- Guildford Food Bank £410.
- Lions International Eye Camp Project £250.
- Lions International Water Aid £250.
- Lions International Blood Research Appeal £250.



#### Fundraising News

##### Classic Car Display, update

Once again the event was a success with more cars, more members of the public in the High Street, a great social media response, and we made about £3,500 for our funds. I have met some of the car owners at another classic car get together and they too enjoyed the display and look forward to the event being repeated.

##### VE Day Celebrations

It turned out to be a chilly evening on Stoke Park. Team Guildford Lions did a great job with all that we had been asked to do carried out to the letter. We had a great presence on the Park and the 200 or so members of the public that attended were well aware of the role we played in helping the event take place.

##### Music in the Park, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June

Just 4 weeks to go!

Everything is geared up for a magical open air concert with all proceeds going to two excellent charities promoting knife crime awareness - Charlie's Promise and Guildford Shakespeare Company with their Put Up Your Swords project.

Enjoy live performances from the high-energy Mission Impossible Band; the brilliant Andy Hart and friends with highlights from Les Misérables; and a touch of Shakespeare from GSC.

Fantastic raffle prizes include gifts from Loseley Park, Watts Gallery, West Horsley Place, Thatchers Hotel, The Royal Oak, Clandon Regis GC and many more.



Mission Impossible Soul Band featuring the amazing Bernadette on vocals, are a dynamic, engaging, fun loving eight piece band with relentless energy. A group of lifelong friends who share a collective love of Soul, Blues and Rhythm and Blues music, their motivation is to make you happy and get you moving.



The link for ticket sales is on our

website <https://www.guildfordlions.com/music-in-the-park-2025/>

### Surrey Hills Country Fair, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

The club will be managing the car park at Merrist Wood for this show. For more info see [www.surreyhills.org.uk](http://www.surreyhills.org.uk) There will be two shifts on each day from 10am to 1pm and 1pm to 4pm with 4/5 volunteers for each shift. If you can help please reply to this email.



### Raft Race, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July

### Golf Day, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July

I'm pleased to confirm that PW Mining International Ltd have agreed to sponsor the event again this year. We need a few more players and auction prizes, but this is lining up to be a great event



### Fireworks, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Contracts have now been agreed for all the principal infrastructure items and we remain within budget. Insurance cost remains as the largest item outstanding. We remain below budget for sponsorship and efforts to correct this are ongoing.

Our relationship with Ticketmaster is underway and initial discussions on all aspects have been very promising. This is particularly true when it comes to using their marketing expertise and sheer size.

We are in discussions with Hogs Back Brewery to provide the main bar.

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