



Guildford Lions Club

Guildford's Best Kept Secret!

Friends' and Supporters' News

August 2025

President's News

Along with many fellow Lions I attended Geoff Breckell's funeral on 25th July. Geoff's funeral was also attended by many of his former colleagues from Surrey Police. The large attendance confirmed what great regard Geoff was held in by his friends, former colleagues, and fellow Lions. Geoff was an example to all of us of how it should be done!

On a happier note I had the pleasure of attending not one but two cheque presentations. The first, in the lovely setting of West Surrey Golf Club, from the proceeds of Music in the Park, was to the Guildford Shakespeare Company for their Put up your Swords campaign jointly with a presentation also to Martin and Tara Cosser the tireless campaigners of the Charlie's Promise charity, both concerned with knife awareness. Martin speaks regularly to schools and is a member of a Government working party tackling this problem. We also presented a cheque for £500 to Guildford Shakespeare Company for the SEND Holiday Club project. Moving on to Clandon Regis Golf Club (golf clubs seem to have been a theme this month!) my second cheque presentation was for £5,500 from the proceeds of our Charity Golf Day to the Sight for Surrey charity.

Last weekend to some down to earth marshalling at the Live at Loseley music event where the proceeds of our labours will be in support of the St Luke's Fountain Centre.

Community & Welfare News

Donations made -

- £1,000 to Guildford Action Winter Appeal.
- £60 per month to supply fresh eggs to Godalming Food Bank.
- Guildford Food Bank £397.

President Geoff presenting a cheque to Sarah and Matt from Guildford Shakespeare Company for TOGETHER - SEND Holiday Club activity week which takes place later in August. TOGETHER is a free holiday club for children aged 12-25 with special educational needs and disabilities. It is run by professional facilitators, exploring a story from Shakespeare, rehearsing scenes, fun drama games and crafts to create props, masks and more!

£500 was donated in June this year.



Fundraising News

Music in the Park, update



Geoff presenting our proceeds from MITP .

Left to right -

Tara & Martin, Charlie's Promise; President Geoff;
Matt & Sarah, Guildford Shakespeare Company.

Tara and Martin attended a summit with the King and Prime Minister last month. The BBC carried a report, full details – www.bbc.com/news/articles/c75r95nd9720

Charity Golf Day, update

The final result of the golf day was a profit of £5,978, of which £5,500 was presented to Sensory Services by Sight for Surrey and earned the Club £478. Provisional date for next year is Friday 10th July.



Fireworks, Saturday 8th November



Planning is progressing and tickets will be on sale online in early September.

Geoff presenting the proceeds from our Charity Golf Day to Lisa from Sensory Services by Sight for Surrey.

Geoff Breckell

What a truly memorable send off for Geoff - a full house with standing room only. Geoff was a member of Guildford Lions Club for 45 years; President 1989/90; Chair of the welfare committee for many years, earning acknowledgement as 'Mr Welfare'; continuing to be active in welfare matters and other club affairs right to the end.



One lasting memory of Geoff (along with so many others) is that after he had attended a fundraising or social event, a handwritten thank you note from him would drop onto the door mat of the organiser a few days later.



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