



Guildford Lions Club

Guildford's Best Kept Secret!

Friends' and Supporters' News

November 2025

President's News

In October we finally managed to hold our postponed bowls challenge match against Burpham Bowls Club indoors at the Wey Valley Indoor Bowls Club. The match occupied all six rinks but our performance on the quicker surface meant we went down six rinks to nil despite some heroic performances. Friends and partners swelled our ranks so that nearly 60 of us sat down afterwards for a very enjoyable meal - including an excellent selection of puds - catered by Gilly who now runs Gilly's Yard at the bowling club.

8th November saw our annual Fireworks Spectacular in Stoke Park. Weather conditions were perfect and we appeared to have had a great turn out. Well done and thank you Mike and Eric and all of the stalwart Lions and helpers who made the event possible.



On Sunday 9th November Andrew and I had the honour of laying wreaths on behalf of the club at Guildford's Remembrance Service as President and 1st Vice President.

Community & Welfare News

Donations made - Guildford Food Bank £446.

Fundraising News

Survival Football

It's getting quite exciting with very few in contention for the top prize.

Fireworks Festival

Wow! That really was a spectacular event. The combination of an excellent band, The Hired Guns; fluorescent stilt walker & jugglers; the fun fair; 45 food & drink outlets and an amazing firework display from Pains to cap the evening off. All of this against a backdrop of the best weather we have had for the fireworks in a number of years.



The evening attracted an audience of over 8,500 and it was a delight to see so many families leaving Stoke Park with smiles on their faces. All of this was only made possible because of the great support from Lions Club members, partners, friends of Lions, Explorer Scouts and others who gave up their time as volunteers. Thank you so much one and all.

It will take a while to determine the financial success of the event but at this

stage we can confirm that both the Fountain Centre and the Lions Welfare Fund will receive some funds in due course.



Supermarket Collections

Our collections this year start on Friday 5th December at Tesco with Sainsbury's Burpham and Waitrose to follow. Many thanks to those Lions and friends who have volunteered to undertake a session (or several in some cases) on our rota. Alongside the collections, the plan, as in previous years, is to arrange for the distribution of 300 supermarket gift vouchers to families and people in need across Guildford in time for Christmas, using the help of local schools and the GBC Wellbeing Team.

Santa Sleigh

The sleigh is being revived after its summer hibernation. We are planning four days of evening trips on Monday 15th to Thursday 18th December, to give opportunities for children to see Santa and to raise money for the of purchase supermarket vouchers for those in need.

High Street Classic Cars, Sunday 26th April

Organisation is underway for our third event.

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