



# Guildford Lions Club

## Guildford's Best Kept Secret!

### Friends' and Supporters' News

December 2025

#### President's News

What an amazing night our Firework Festival was! I'm delighted to let you know that together we raised £36,200. This is an incredible result and it will go directly toward supporting those in need in our community. This year our chosen charity is the Fountain Centre, which supports those living with cancer and their families, and I'm pleased to confirm that the club has agreed to donate them £10,000. This will allow them to fund 400 one-on-one exercise classes for cancer patients - helping them in their recovery in a practical and meaningful way. None of this would have been possible without your support. Thank you for being part of something that makes such a real difference.

A huge thank you to Peter Gordon for being our brilliant MC once again, his enthusiasm, humour and community spirit help bring the whole event to life, we know we were so lucky to have him as part of the team. We couldn't do it without the support of Guildford Borough Council and our amazing sponsors, Martin Grant Homes, Big Yellow Self Storage Slyfield and Enterprise Mobility. Your generous support helped make the Firework Festival possible and ensured that every penny raised goes to local charities.

December 5<sup>th</sup> saw the start of our drive to raise money to buy supermarket vouchers for families in need this Christmas. I attended the first collection at Tesco and also Waitrose. We have collections at Sainsbury's on 13<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> and again at Tesco on 20<sup>th</sup> December.

As part of that fundraising drive Santa will also be out and about on his sleigh with his elves on the evenings of 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> December. Local scouts and some of our ex-RT friends will be helping us. A warmer assignment was my invitation to Stoke Hospital's Christmas coffee morning on the 12<sup>th</sup> along with the Mayor of Guildford. I'm very pleased to report that we will once again be funding a Christmas tree and decorations for the SW Surrey Refuge in Guildford supporting families seeking refuge from domestic violence.

I'd like to wish well those fellow Lions, spouses, friends and supporters who are hors de combat at the moment.

Wishing you all a very enjoyable Christmas and a healthy 2026.



## Community & Welfare News

Donations made -

- £10,000 to Fountain Centre from Fireworks.
- A Christmas tree plus £200 for replacement decorations for SW Surrey Refuge.
- £360 SW Surrey Domestic Abuse Service, for counselling for clients.
- £437 Guildford & Godalming Food Banks.

## Fundraising News

### Survival Football

Jim Collins won the top prize of £250 with a 100%. £225 was shared by the next three participants and £475 was paid to Guildford Lions Welfare Fund.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Classic Car Display, High Street, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April

A start has been made on plans for the event with enquiries from car owners starting to come in already. The Street Trading Consent has been approved and the Event Management Plan and Risk Assessment will be with GBC very soon.

We have found that our date coincides with Drive-it-Day, a national event in aid of Childline/NSPCC, when classic car owners are encouraged to give their cars an airing. We are investigating how we can link the two for mutual benefit.

Initial social media work has started and a press release will be sent to about 150 car clubs with our event information. Registrations should start immediately after Christmas with an increase in the fee from £20 to £25, with similar modest increases in advertising costs.

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