



# Guildford Lions Club

**Celebrating 60 years serving Guildford  
Guildford's Best Kept Secret!**

## Friends' and Supporters' News

October 2026

### President's News

I was delighted to welcome The Mayor of Guildford, Cllr Jane Tyson, to our September meeting. She attended as an informal observer to gain an insight into our activities.

34 of us enjoyed a weekend away near Oxford at the end of September. There were various activities to get involved in including a guided walk around Oxford. Oscar, our student guide, entertained us for two hours as he showed us around the City Centre and recalled stories of gruesome happenings. He certainly wasn't the typical Maths student, and it wasn't a surprise when he told us that he had performed at the Edinburgh Fringe this year.

Early in October I attended a reception at St Nicolas Parish Centre organised by the Trustees of Caleb Lovejoy's Almshouses in Bury Street, four Grade 2 listed one-bedroom cottages built in the 1840's. I chatted with all the residents, some of the Trustees and other supporters including The Mayor and Michael & Sarah More-Molyneux.

### Community & Welfare News

Donations made -

- £618 to Guildford & Godalming Food Banks.
- £500 to Gaskin's Free Christmas Lunch, which aims to provide 1,000 free lunches on Christmas Day.
- £380 to support family whose under 5 year old son is in a wheelchair to provide funds to purchase some sensory pieces and IT equipment.
- £142 for Message is a Bottle supplies.

### Fundraising News

#### Survival Football

Graham has organised nearly 100 participants into this exciting fundraiser. It is a great contribution to our welfare funds.

#### Guildford Lions Firework Festival, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November

Early Bird tickets sold very well and normal price tickets are now progressing, supported by a strong marketing campaign. We are delighted with the response from the traders who have

booked and paid for all the available pitches. Everything else is in place, including the satellite system we are using to enhance the scanning of tickets. All we need now is some good weather and a sellout crowd.



### AAKSS Carol Service, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

We will be marshalling at the Air Ambulance Carol Service held at Guildford Cathedral. To purchase tickets to support this event go to [aakss.org.uk](http://aakss.org.uk).

### Christmas Collections and Santa Sleigh

We have collection dates at three large supermarkets around the town - Tesco on 11<sup>th</sup>, Waitrose on 12<sup>th</sup> and Sainsbury's on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December. We also plan to accompany Father Christmas when he tours several residential areas in the run up to Christmas. If you can help with either of these please reply to this email.

### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Races, 9<sup>th</sup> February

Guildford Wey Rotary Club have agreed to ensure this classic community event will continue and we have committed to provide an entry for the mascots' race and to help marshal the event.

### High Street Classic Cars, 9<sup>th</sup> May

Planning is underway and Vic is obtaining interest from many other classic car gatherings so we can be assured of a very good display.

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