Friends of Farnborough Lions Club January 2023 Newsletter.



Welcome to the first edition of the Friends of Farnborough Lions Club Newsletter. Happy New Year to you all.

The object of this newsletter is to be a source of information about the help we give within the community as well as the activities and events being carried out by Farnborough Lions, together with details of upcoming events which may interest you. You are receiving this newsletter as you have expressed an interest in Farnborough Lions work at events such as our regular Quiz Nights, or through contact with our club secretary. If you wish to no longer receive these newsletters please email 'unsubscribe' to friends@farnborough-lions.org.uk

2022 has been a busy year for us with a number of major activities throughout the year. Here is a quick roundup:

November & December



Many of you will have seen our trusty mascot Leo the Lion in the entrance areas of Asda and Tesco Supermarkets during our Christmas collections. These charity collections play a vital part in funding the care we give to the community during the Xmas period and the cold winter months. This includes food parcels for needy families in Farnborough and presents for their children when they might otherwise receive nothing.

It is thanks to the outstanding generosity of the people of Farnborough that our Christmas Charity collections raised a magnificent £2009. Our grateful thanks go out to you all, especially during these difficult financial times.

Parkside Centre Christmas Party

Every year for more than 40 years Farnborough Lions Club has supported Aldershot and District Learning Disability by providing the catering at the Gateway Club Christmas Party.





Our connection with the Parkside Centre started before it was built in 1960's when one of our members children used the centre on a regular basis. Members of Farnborough Lions Club helped build the current Parkside premises. Our connection has remained with Lions helping at every Christmas party since. More recently our friends at Aldershot Lions Club joined with Farnborough Lions to help stage the party.

Our pictures show Lion Ray Bentley delivering the the buffet food and the centre users enjoying the party atmosphere. For more details and pictures from the Parkside Party **Click Here**

ROAR 2022

For the last 2 years Farnborough Lions have sponsored local primary and junior schools to take part in the national ROAR Competition.

This educational contest is run by the online educational company '8 Billion Ideas' to make the children 'think big' and create world changing ideas to benefit mankind and the environment globally. Between September and December 2022 teams from 3 Farnborough Schools thought through many 'world changing ideas', put together a presentation to explain these ideas with a promotional radio jingle, poster and prototype model before each team pitched their idea to a panel of judges Dragons Den style. The winning team from Cherrywood Community Primary, Manor Junior and Tower Hill Junior Schools then went forward to the national final against more than 200 other schools on Zoom. They all did very well being narrowly beaten by Church Crookham Junior School sponsored by Fleet Lions Club. Our congratulations go out to Church Crookham Junior School



One exciting aspect of this competition was having the Farnborough radio station **B Radio** on board recording a podcast at the Cherrywood School final to get the competition perspective from the teachers and children involved, with words added from Farnborough Lions. To watch this podcast & see full details click on the picture. alongside.

Farnborough Lions Winter Fuel Poverty Campaign

With domestic fuel costs souring and the cost of living rising on a weekly basis Farnborough Lions are running their annual winter fuel poverty campaign to assist those in our community who face the choice of heating their home or feeding their families. Click the fuel poverty icon for more details.



Farnborough Lions Quiz Night

In March and October Farnborough hold their regular quiz nights attracting many teams from throughout the area. Many of these quizzes raise money for specific causes. At the March quiz last year thanks to the generosity of the Farnborough Quiz Nights Community we raised nearly £1,000 for the Lions Clubs International Foundation Ukraine Appeal. This year the **Farnborough Lions Spring Quiz Night** is being held on **Saturday 18th March at St Marks Church Hall** from 7.00pm. **Click here** for more details and to download an entry form.

Farnborough Classic Motor Vehicle Show.

A popular event held in the Queensmead Shopping Centre each year is the Farnborough Classic Motor Vehicle Show. The shopping precinct is lined with vintage and classic cars, military vehicles and vintage motor cycles. Preparations are still under way for this year's event which we are hoping to hold on 29th April 2023. Once all permissions are in place we'll advertise it on Facebook and through our website www.farnborough-lions.org.uk

We look forward to staging this event, which thanks to the classic car owners who bring their vehicles and the generosity of visitors from the Farnborough community has raised thousands of pounds for good causes in our area through the years. **Click here** to see a reminder of the 2022 Classic Motor Vehicle Show.





Farnborough Lions Club enjoy helping those in need within our community. Our objective of helping others with practical help and fundraising events is balanced by an excellent mix of social happenings throughout the year. If you would like to find out more, or you would like to help at future fundraising or community events and please call 0345 833 4345, 01252 665804 or email secretary@farnborough-lions.org.uk