

Biggleswade Sandy Lions 2022

Ordinary People Doing Amazing Things

Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club (CIO)1193179



2022



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Meetings held on 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 8:00 PM
The Biggleswade Sea Cadets Unit, 4 Station Road, Biggleswade, SG18 8AL
Visitors most welcome



This year's Jumble Sale Supporting the Ukraine

This year's Jumble Sale was planned well in advance, at a time when we weren't even aware of the Russians gathering on the border of Ukraine. We had hoped that it would perhaps mark the end of the Covid-19 restrictions and help us rebuild the funds that we use for supporting our local community.

At our Club meeting on 2nd March the members unanimously agreed that we should donate the proceeds of this year's Jumble Sale to the Lions Clubs International Foundations (LCIF) Special Fund for Refugees and Displaced Persons from Ukraine and in anticipation of the support we would receive from the local community, immediately sent a cheque for £500

Then the real work began, collecting and sorting all the donated jumble and laying it all out in time for the doors opening at 1:30 PM on the Saturday afternoon. We were not disappointed when the doors opened and our customers poured in to briskly sort through what was on offer and leave with their selected spoils, after which we cleared up in the hall. We then counted the takings and were really pleased with the amount.

In total we raised £688.50 and we can now send a further cheque for £200 to the LCIF Special Fund for Refugees and Displaced Persons from Ukraine.

We would like to thank everyone who supported us by donating items, helping sort through them, helping on the day and turned up on the day to buy the displayed goods. Without you the world would be a poorer place; thank you once again.



UPDATE: 4/4/22 A kind gentleman from Shefford has matched our initial donation of £500 to the LCIF Special Fund for Refugees and Displaced Persons from Ukraine and because we are now a CIO Registered Charity, we are also able to claim Gift Aid, thereby increasing the value of this to £625 making our current total donated to date to £1,325





Any Old Specs?

What do you do with your old spectacles, when every couple of years you get a new pair?

I put them to one side, just in case I break my new pair; but what to do with them in two years time when there's yet another new pair?

Unfortunately, the Lions specialise in best kept secrets and for well over thirty years our Club has been collecting old spectacles and forwarding them within our national organisation to be sorted for use by those in need in the third world, where a pair of spectacles changes the entire life of the new owner.

In this country Lions Clubs International started recycling spectacles way back in 1967 down in Chichester and nowadays Lions Clubs throughout the country collect both Spectacles and hearing aids for onward use in Africa, India and Eastern Europe.

Since we started collecting spectacles in the Biggleswade Sandy area we have recycled over 60,000 pairs to help those overseas clinics provide glasses to those in need and recently we have been able to significantly increase the number of collection points we have.

Please help us to continue helping in this way by putting your no longer needed spectacles &/or hearing aids into one of our bins at any of the locations listed below

Biggleswade	Adam Loveday	Opticians	99 High Street
	Clear Vision Direct	Opticians	54 High Street
	Allders	Opticians	39 High Street
	Harolds	Opticians	29a Market Square
	Ivel Medical Centre	Doctors Surgery	Chestnut Avenue
	Specsavers	Opticians	Market Square
	Specsavers	Opticians	Above Sainsbury's
Sandy	Sandy Health Centre	Doctors Surgery	Northcroft
	Wood Green (Animal Rescue)	Charity Shop	Shannon Court
	Allders	Opticians	Market Square
Clifton	Clifton Parish Church		
Shefford	Hing	Opticians	
Gamlingay	Potton View Nursing Home		



Recycle for Sight

Your local Lions Club is collecting spectacles that are no longer needed to be recycled and used to improve the eyesight of children and adults in other countries. Please place the spectacles in the box or bin provided. **Thank you.**



#LionsGetInvolved
 Step forward and join us!
 Visit: <http://bslionsclub.co.uk/Public/Volunteer/>
 Facebook: [@LionsClubofBiggleswade](https://www.facebook.com/LionsClubofBiggleswade/)
 Tel: 0446 833 8082
 Email: enquiries@bslionsclub.co.uk

To find out more about your local Lions Club, please contact:
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Our Easter Eggs - The Winners

Thank you very much to everyone who took on the responsibility of selling an egg for us, and all of you who bought a number on the off chance that they might win an egg. Thank you once again and better luck next year. This year we raised over £1,200

This year's winners are:-

Biggleswade	The Conservative Club	Ruby
	Kings Reach	Steve
	The Saxon Centre	Lisa Hussan
	Surfin' Cafe	Chloe
	The Yorkshire Grey	Hugh
Broom	The Cock	Nigel
Clifton	The Admiral	Simon Butler
Everton	The Thornton Arms	Unknown
Gamlingay	The Wheatsheaf	Jill Compton
Henlow	The Engineers Arms	Chris Newman
	The Five Bells	Mrs Wagstaff
Moggerhanger	The Guinea	Lara
Potton	John O'Gaunt Golf Club	Keith Molynoux
	The Rising Sun	Bob Abone
	The Royal Oak	Ivor Dodgson
Sandy	The Bell	Marriana
	Britannia Pharmacy	Unknown
	Pecora	Alice
	The Sir William Peel	John McCullum
Southill	The White Horse	Luke





Fêtes are a good indication that Summer's out there

2022 is really starting to shine.....

2022 is starting to respond to our hopes and prayers. After two years of Covid despondency we all hoped for the light at the end of the tunnel to appear and; fingers crossed, it's here.

We planned our March Jumble Sale back in January and diverted it to a Ukraine Fundraiser, with subsequent donations from the public, we have now donated £1350 to the LCIF Special Fund for Refugees and Displaced Persons from Ukraine.

Easter witnessed 20 Easter Eggs being won at various venues on our behalf

Monday the **2nd May** saw our return to an Incredible Ickwell May Day and what a magnificent day it was. We got there early, set up and relaxed, awaiting customers to arrive around lunchtime. They arrived early, at 10:00 am and we were kept busy all day; Brilliant! We sold out of Lucky Dips, Lucky Mugs and Quiz Sheets. The Golf Game and Skittles kept busy all day. The book sales, bric-a-brac and jigsaws went well too. Was this living proof that our traditional English Summer was returning? We certainly hope so.

5th June found with a Bigg Sandy PR stall in Sandy

Now all we need is a normal Calendar of Summer Fêtes. At the moment we have Langford, Arlesey, Letchworth and Gamlingay lined up.






'twas a hot and dry Summer

11th June Found us at **Sandy Carnival** and a good time was had by all. It was sunny, warm and well attended, we had a choice of Lucky Dip, Flying Chicken, Quiz Sheets, Marbles in the jar, Name the unicorn and bric-a-brac.

30th June - We had a Cruise on the Ouse in Bedford for Club Members and special guests

9th July It was a very hot and sunny day at **Langford Fête**; perhaps too early to call it exceptional; except the Flying Chickens decided that they were homing pigeons and three of our customers won £10 prizes. I think that is exceptional!

16th July - **Gothic Mede School Fête** - another hot and sunny day with skittles, Lucky Mugs, Lucky Dips and our Logo Quiz

 **Throughout July**, we joined forces with a local Parish Council Refugee Response Group and Rotary Clubs' Support Group to help with fully furnishing and equipping a three-bedroom house in readiness for a Ukrainian refugee family

10th Sept. - **Potton Village Show** - The weather is changing. - Today we had thick clouds, scorching hot sun and one very heavy shower. We also had Lucky Mugs, Lucky Dip, Bric-a-Brac, Logo Quiz Sheets together with a busy afternoon.

17th Sept. - **Gamlingay** - An excellent end to the season. A sunny day with a strong wind, building up from a slow start to a busy afternoon. We had our usual Lucky Mugs, Lucky Dip and Quiz Sheets which all went well. We also had our Flying Chickens, which if you remember, played at homing pigeons last time they were out, back in July. This time they remembered who they were and only one landed in the basket for a ten pound prize. Everyone who was there tells me it was the perfect flight, they all knew it was going to land in the basket from the very moment it took off.



<< Langford >>



Potton



Gamlingay





Logo Quiz 2022



















































We had a bit of a slow start with the Logo Quiz (our first since 2019) this year, but by the end of our last fête of the year at Gamlingay, we had sold just short of 400 quiz sheets.

We received a number of completed sheets for checking; of which 3 were completely correct.

We held a draw for the winner of the £100 prize at our Club's Charter Dinner on the 7th October.

This year's winner is Andrew Ashenhurst of Exeter

Thank you to everyone who bought a Quiz Sheet we hope you enjoyed participating.

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1	 Subaru
2	 Breitling
3	 Huawei
4	 National Trust
5	 BUPA
6	 Tesla
7	 Clinique
8	 Nuffield Health
9	 Skoda
10	 Dreamworks
11	 Hublot
12	 Great Rail Journeys
13	 TUI
14	 Barclays Bank
15	 Ssang Yong
16	 BP
17	 ABTA
18	 Dominos Pizza
19	 Marriott Hotels
20	 Dove toiletries
21	 Aer Lingus
22	 Premier Football League
23	 Canterbury
24	 Suzuki
25	 Lloyds Bank
26	 Saab
27	 Silversea Cruises
28	 Superdrug
29	 Holland America Line
30	 Ferrari
31	 Watford Football Club
32	 Maserati
33	 Saracens Rugby Club
34	 American Airlines
35	 Totenham Hotspur F.C.
36	 Sri Lankan Airlines
37	 Healthspan
38	 Dobies Garden Centre
39	 Japan Airlines
40	 Lotus Cars
41	 English Heritage
42	 Greggs
43	 Chef and Brewer
44	 Emirates Airline
45	 Hotels.com
46	 Twitter
47	 Viking Cruises
48	 HSBC Bank
49	 BMW
50	 Travelsphere

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44 Years and Back on Course

The 7th October saw the Club back at the White Horse in Southill to celebrate the Club's formation back in 1978.

We've had a year of building up to get back where we were: Jumble Sale, Easter Egg Draw, Village Fêtes, Christmas Dance, Planning the forthcoming Christmas activities throughout December and recruiting new members to ensure our continuity.

It's really a case of we've done that before, now that the pandemic is behind us, let's get going again and see if we can do it even better. We're a team, together we can succeed.





Would you be a Dementia Friend too?

On November 16th we were pleased to welcome an ambassador from Dementia Friends, an Alzheimer's Society Initiative, as our speaker.

After a very informative, interactive session where we learned how Dementia affects memory, thinking, communication and everyday tasks as well as gaining an understanding of how we can help those with Dementia in their daily lives, we are proud to say every Lion present signed up to be a Dementia Friend.



Contact details for those wanting information, support or advice about Dementia are in the following link:

<https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/about-dementia/five-things-you-should-know-about-dementia>

As a club we would highly recommend any organisation, workplace or health care setting to contact Dementia Friends to arrange a talk. Individuals can access the information on-line and become a Dementia Friend by watching the presentation. Information and contact details can be found at:

<https://www.dementiafriends.org.uk/>

Please share this article and get people talking. Thank you



Christmas Calendar 2022

Biggleswade Sandy Lions depend heavily on our Christmas Fund Raising activities to enable us to support our local community throughout the following year. We normally plan our Christmas activities during the summer, taking account of available resources within our membership and reliable helpers.

We are disappointed/sad that once again we have had to accept the fact that without new members joining our Club we have to consider our ability to carry out all the activities that we used to do. This continues to affect our capacity to effectively carry out street collections around the town and villages until a time arrives when we have sufficient new members to return to the streets.

Sat 26 th November		Christmas Dance
Sat 3 rd December	Tesco, Sandy	Tin Shake
Sun 4 th December	Tesco, Sandy	Tin Shake
Fri 9 th December	Asda. Biggleswade	Tin Shake
Sat 10 th December	Asda. Biggleswade	Tin Shake
Sun 11 th December	Asda. Biggleswade	Tin Shake
Mon 12 th December	Morrisons, Shefford	Tin Shake - Snowed off
Tue 13 th December	Morrisons, Shefford	Tin Shake
Thu 15 th December	G&M Growers	Tin Shake
Fri 16 th December	G&M Growers	Tin Shake
Sat 17 th December	Sainsburys, Biggleswade	Tin Shake
Sun 18 th December	Sainsburys, Biggleswade	Tin Shake
Mon 19 th December	Sainsburys, Biggleswade	Tin Shake
Tue 20 th December		Santa's Grotto - Biggleswade Market
Thu 22 nd December	Matalan	Tin Shake





Let's Twist Again

Like we did pre-Covid

Life's changing so quickly at the moment, so it's good to have the opportunity to have an evening out the way it used be and that's what we experienced on the 27th November at Biggleswade Sandy's Christmas Dance at the Weatherley Centre.

The Dance represents the start of our Christmas Activities. Once again New Vintage Plus (the band) kept everyone entertained and dancing. Part way through the evening a break for a plated supper to keep energy levels up and Tombola to raise some extra funds for our Community Service activities gave the band a break before playing through to the evening's finish.

"A good time was had by all" Many thanks to all our guests for supporting us this year. We enjoyed your company and look forward very much to seeing you again next year and extend a warm welcome to all who wish to enjoy a splendid evening.

Date for the diary – Saturday November 26th 2023.





The District Youth Celebration is back!

On the last Sunday in November, Allum Hall in Elstree has been the place for children to Party, dating back around 15 years. That was until the Pandemic and for a couple of years there was no partying. 2022 saw things back on track.

The Lions Clubs in our District which extends from Central London in the South to Bedford in the North, from Chipping Norton in the West to Ilford in the East are back in action and on November 27th we had a great party.

Thank you to all who support our fundraising efforts. The funds raised this year meant we were able to book four tables and take a coach full of young people to this year's party.

Great fun was had by all the children, parents and Lions members who attended. The hall was packed! No, packed is an understatement. The place buzzed with activity.

Party food, clowns, balloon modelling, face painting, Bollywood dancing and a disco were enjoyed and when all was done we headed for the coach and home, with sing-a-long Christmas music playing.

There were a lot of happy, sleepy heads at the end of the day!

Thank you for helping us make this happen.





End of the Calendar Year Let's have a Party!



Christmas is Coming

We generally go out for a meal for our last Club meeting of the year. This year we had a splendid evening at the White Horse in Southill



After the meal, we had a pass the parcels episode which appeared to attach our Club President Judi to a pole in the middle of the room, with everyone else sat round the perimeter following her somewhat random instructions on parcel distribution.





Christmas

MERRY CHRISTMAS 2022 TO ONE AND ALL

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting our Christmas collections in whatever way they can, every penny counts and adds up to help us achieve our goals in supporting our community.



We would also like to thank, in no particular order:

- Tesco in Sandy
- Asda
- Sainsburys
- G&M Growers
- Matalan
- Morrisons in Shefford

} In Biggleswade

For allowing us to bring our Sleigh. Play Christmas music and raise funds at their shops during December.



The proceeds are fundamental to our ability to support our local community over the forthcoming year.

