



## 2013 Résumé

### **Jumble**

Every February Clifton Community Centre is the venue for our Grand Charity Jumble Sale

### **Easter** - [Details >>](#)

A very big thank you to everyone who helped by taking one of our Easter Eggs and running a raffle on our behalf.

### **Fêtes** - [Details >>](#)

We expect Summer Fetes to be a challenge, 2012 didn't disappoint.

### **Wicksteed** - [Details >>](#)

The weather man spent the week telling us all how wet it would be, he was wrong. Which meant that the queues for the rides were not as long as usual. Every cloud has a silver lining.

### **Message in a Wallet** [Details>>](#)

The Biggleswade Chronicle play a major part in helping to launch Message in a Wallet

### **Young Leaders in Service Awards** [Details >>](#)

Our first YliS awards.

### **Steam Fayre**

Once again we managed the main gate on the Bedfordshire Steam Fayre, poor weather came too, but it didn't stop people enjoying themselves.

### **Charter** - [Details >>](#)

We held our 35th Charter Dinner at the White Horse in Southill

### **Race Night** - [Details >>](#)

We combined forces with Clifton Colts to run a Race Night at Clifton Community Centre.

### **Peace Poster Competition** - [Details >>](#)

Marie Watkins Peace Poster won 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize at the Lions 105A District Peace Poster judging.

### **Christmas** - [Details >>](#)

December was a very busy month with sleigh runs, can shakes parcel packing & delivery and Santa Claus visiting Langford Garden Centre.





## 16 Eggs pave the way to Wicksteed

Winter just didn't know when to leave this year, but thanks to some of the local Pubs and Clubs there was just a hint that Easter was round the corner. They were the sound fellows who promised to sell the numbers for our Easter Eggs and once again ensure that we could run our Day-Out at Wicksteed Park for disadvantaged Children/Families & Young Carers. We would like to say a **big thank you** to everyone who took part, and to those who didn't win; there's always next year!



### The Easter Egg Draws took place at:

#### Biggleswade

- The Conservative Club Winner - Mike Haslam
- The New Inn Winner - Kara
- Saxon Centre Winner - Bun

#### Henlow

- The Engineers Arms Winner - Steve Hart
- The Five Bells Winner - Jo Stirling
- RAF Henlow Winner - Lee Gadsden

#### Northill

- The Crown Winner - Nick

#### Potton

- Potton Social Club Winner - Roy White
- John O'Gaunt Golf Club Winner - Peter Tyler, Roger Jakes (they sold 2 eggs)

#### Sandy

- The Roundabout Club Winner - Leah Dennis
- The Bell Winner - Alan Clarke
- Sir William Peel Winner - Toner & Jenn

#### Shefford

- The Brewery Tap Winner - Marcus (Firework Cmtee)

#### Southill

- The White Horse Winner - Matt Rook

#### Tempsford

- The Wheatsheaf Winner - Tom & Pauline Maddans



## Fêtes and Carnivals - 1

### Ickwell May Day - Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May

What a difference a year makes.

Last year was cancelled due to rain followed by a much colder winter than we are used to and daffodils still in splendid bloom in May!

However, come the 6<sup>th</sup> of May, the May Day Committee, said "Enough is enough, let's have some sun!"....

We had Splendid weather, happy customers, non-stop all day and finally, to cap it all, our Club Treasurer said "Didn't we do well!"

### Sandy Carnival - Sat 15<sup>th</sup> June

The weather was good as the crowds arrived after the Carnival Procession. Unfortunately the outlook changed drastically at 2:15 when the heavens opened.

This didn't deter the various performers who carried on with their dance routines or the Lions selling the mug Tombola and lucky dip. It was amazing how many braved the rain.

Our new Gazebo coped well with the wind and the rain and served as an excellent shelter in the storm...

.. and our reward for staying all afternoon?

.... The gazebo was dry when it came to packing it up.

### Arlesey Fun Day - Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Arlesey lived up to previous years with rain and high winds. We were fortunate to be able to pack the equipment and erect the gazebo in the dry but then the rain started. The organisers announced at noon that stalls could transfer to the Village Hall. We stayed in place and it eventually paid off when the rain ceased and the sun shone. In the meantime Pauline and Maureen walked around the village hall selling lucky dips. By the time they returned with an empty bag, we were doing good business on the skittles.

### Meppershall Village Fair - Sat 29<sup>th</sup> June

Meppershall doesn't worry about competition. This year they chose to hold their Village Fair on the same afternoon that Lewis Hamilton got pole position at the British Grand Prix; Laura Robson won through to the second week at Wimbledon, and the folk down at Glastonbury prepared themselves for the Rolling Stones to appear on the Pyramid stage.

Meppershall Village Fair was a good place to be on this Saturday afternoon. The weather behaved itself; the only hurricane that showed up belonged to the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight who did several fly-pasts and even the Red Arrows looked in. We had a very good afternoon. Things started quite slowly but by 1.30 the crowds were pouring in and soon we were doing a roaring trade. The teddy bear Tombola went well and we sold a fair number of paperbacks and a few jigsaws. Business was steady on the skittles and the golf game. The event was very well supported

### Clifton Church Fête - Sat 6<sup>th</sup> July

If we thought Meppershall were brave, then Clifton must have divine rights! They ran their Church Fete on the same weekend that those "other" Lions showed the Australians how to play Rugby down under; and that young "Brit" from Dunblane, Scotland showed the world how to play tennis on a hot Sunday afternoon in Wimbledon. With all this excitement going on we felt it appropriate to prepare for a busy afternoon with some punnets of local grown strawberries. By 2pm we were fortified and ready for business when the gates opened.

Books, lucky dips and the golf game all proved popular. The "Play Your Cards Right" game attracted a lot of knowledgeable punters and may well have proved to be the loss leader that helped us have a very good afternoon. Oh! I nearly forgot.... The weather was brilliant.





## Fêtes and Carnivals - 2

### Letchworth Lions Fun Day - Sat 20<sup>th</sup> July

The weather's holding out the score's now Sunshine **4** Wind & Rain **2**  
It was a warm but cloudy day which was probably good news.  
All items sold well. We probably sold around 4 trays of books, approx 160 mug tom-bolas and a reasonable number of lucky dips and jigsaws. Sales of bric-a-brac defied logic with some unexpected sales although we disposed of some plates at the end of the day on another charities plate smashing stall.

### St John's Country Fête - Sun 11<sup>th</sup> August

Once again it was our pleasure to assist Sue Ryder at their Country Fête. This year we moved outdoors under canvas to serve refreshments (Tea, Coffee, Sandwiches, cakes, crisps and "not especially cold" cold drinks) all supplied by St John's and served by Biggleswade Sandy Lions and their friends on Sue Ryder's behalf.  
The weather was ideal for an English Summer Fête, business was brisk and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves

### Old Warden Fête - Sat 31<sup>st</sup> August

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August saw 9 members of the club make a maiden appearance at Old Warden Village Fete with a fund raising stall following an invitation given at Ickwell May Day.  
The fete was a traditional village event at a delightful location on the village cricket field. We were made very welcome with our Bric-a-Brac, Books, Lucky Dip, Golf Game and Skittle Alley. Our free "Message in a Wallet" also met a steady demand.  
It was a lovely evening and it was an event that didn't know when to stop. Everyone went home tired but well pleased with the the day's fund raising. Thank you Old Warden! We look forward to being there next year.

### Upper Caldecote Village Show - Sun 8<sup>th</sup> September

As if to remind us that not all Fêtes this year will be fine we had two fairly heavy showers, the first at 2:30 when things were just starting to get busy, and the second around 4:00pm to encourage us to pack our things up a bit quicker.  
This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the Upper Caldecote Village Show, and the first which we have attended. We had Books, bric-a-brac, lucky dip, skittles and the golf game and were to be found between the Community Police Officer showing off her van on one side and the funfair on the other.  
The show started quite slowly at noon but built up nicely in time for the first shower. We had a reasonable day; it could have been worse... the weather forecast might have been right!





## Wicksteed Park

8<sup>th</sup> June 2013

You can tell from the photographs that the weather had still lost track of the calendar and it was not quite the summer weather that one anticipates in June but hey.....

- Everything was organised
- Wicksteed Park was booked
- The Picnic Lunch was packed
- The families and young Carers, who really needed that day free from their cares and worries, were ready to go.
- The coach was ready to take them
- Nothing was going to spoil their day....

Smiles were in place.

One of our newest members, Lion Jean recorded her experience of the day:-

*"A day out for families but particularly the children. Lions Dave H, Catriona, Mo, Julie, Keith and Jean arrived separately by car and before the coach.*

*It turned out that along with the normal amusements, the Park was also holding a Militaria day, with a huge variety of military vehicles on show. Something additional to interest adults and children alike.*

*The full coach arrived shortly after the Lions and the look of joy and anticipation on the faces of the children on the coach was a joy to behold.*

*Everyone disembarked, including Lions Ian and Mary who had accompanied the coach and families on the journey. After being told to return at 12.30 for lunch the families dispersed and went their separate ways to enjoy the day in whichever way they chose.*

*They all returned to a lunch, supplied and served by the Lions in attendance, consisting of sandwiches, crisps, cakes, chocolate biscuit and an apple to eat. As well as a fruit drink.*

*Everyone appeared to enjoy the lunch and the adults were particularly appreciative that it was all included. Unusually in my experience everyone also arrived back in good time for the departure. The children still seemed to have plenty of energy playing around for the last few minutes before boarding the coach and departing at 4.30."*





## Message in a Wallet Launched by Press and Radio

The Biggleswade Chronicle heralded the launch of our Message in a Wallet (MiaW) scheme.

Biggles FM picked up on the news and interviewed Roger Wolburn (the driving force behind the launch) on the Saturday morning. Later the same day Boots asked Lynn Walker, if they could have a supply of MiaW too? Of course they could, we are only too happy to supply them.

A special thank you, for their support, is owed to :

- Biggleswade Town Council
- Sandy Community First
- Biggleswade Chronicle



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### Lions launch life-saving Message In A Wallet

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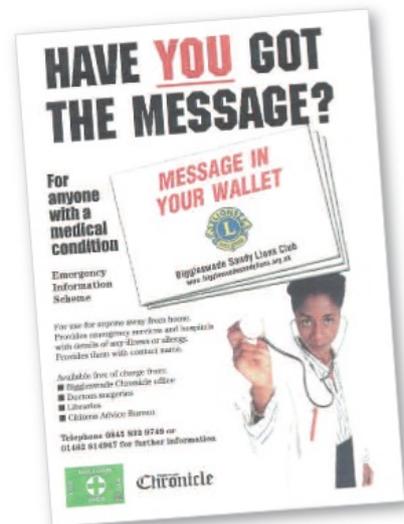
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## A little something for your wallet

When Lion Roger Wolburn read the June/July 2012 *The Lion* magazine, he proposed that Biggleswade Sandy Lions should pick up on Wrexham's article on Message in a Wallet.

This scheme picks up at the point that Message in a Bottle ceases to be effective; when you walk out of the door. It's the size of a credit card, with its own clear plastic cover, and contains the same information as Message in a Bottle. So should the occasion arise that you are anywhere but in your house and need urgent medical attention, that all important medical information is on hand to inform the emergency services and A&E upon admission.

The idea was good, the Club liked it and gave their approval. Roger applied to the local councils for grants, and two responded. We've had 5,000 printed, which are now folded and inserted in their clear plastic covers and distributed to the local CAB, doctor's surgeries, libraries and council offices (22 outlets across 7 Towns and Villages). We have the support of the emergency services and air ambulance and we've launched via the local press. In fact the Biggleswade Chronicle has actually designed and printed posters for us to coincide with the launch of the scheme.

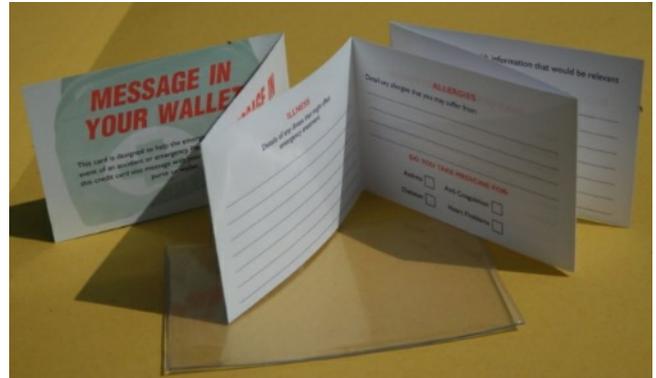
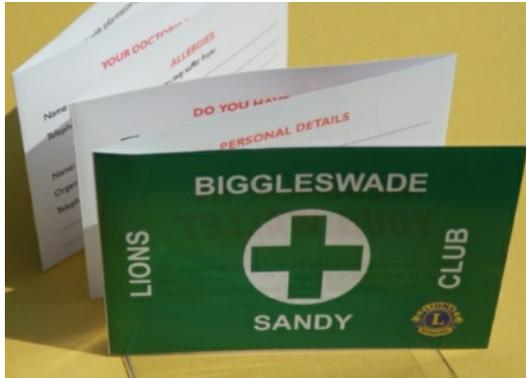


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## Message in a Wallet



Four friends were on holiday in Turkey when one of them fell down a long flight of stone steps. Badly hurt she was taken to hospital. When seen by a consultant she was asked about her medical history but understandably, she was in no condition to remember all this. However, she was carrying a trump card – her Message in a Wallet giving all her medical details. This enabled the doctor to take her straight through for treatment and onto the hospital ward. This is a true story.

The need to be taken to hospital following an accident or sudden illness can happen anytime you are on holiday at home or abroad or perhaps just on a day trip. Could you remember all your medical history and medication and allergies at what could be a traumatic time? The hospital needs this vital information to ensure you get the right treatment.

This is why Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club has introduced to this area the credit card size **MESSAGE IN A WALLET** contained in a clear plastic wallet so you can carry it in your purse or wallet. This highly successful scheme is already in use in North Wales and the Midlands. The fold out card in the plastic wallet contains the same information as is found in Message in a Bottle, introduced into Bedfordshire by Biggleswade Sandy Lions in 2002.

**MESSAGE IN A WALLET** is available free of charge at local CAB, doctors surgeries, libraries and council offices for anyone with a medical condition or an allergy. The Lions have also given details to the emergency services and air ambulances.

So get your **MESSAGE IN A WALLET** today and go on your travels with confidence.

### Distribution Points

#### Biggleswade

- Biggleswade Chronicle - High Street
- CAB - Market Square
- Library - Chestnut Avenue
- Town Council Office - Saffron Road
- Sainsburys Pharmacy
- Ivel Medical Centre - 35 /39 The Baulk
- Saffron Road Surgery
- Boots - Market Square

#### Sandy

- Library - Market Square
- Town Council Office - Cambridge Road
- Health Centre - Northcroft
- Surgery - Kings Road

#### Arlesey

- Town Council Office - Community Centre High Street
- Resource Centre - High Street

#### Langford

- Pharmacy - Church Street
- Library - Church Street

#### Shefford

- Library - High Street
- Surgery - Robert Lucas Drive

#### Stotfold

- Library - Simpson Centre, Hitchin Road
- Town Council Office - Simpson Centre, Hitchin Road

#### Potton

- Library - Market Square
- Vineyard Church Drop in centre - Market Square
- Surgery - Brook End

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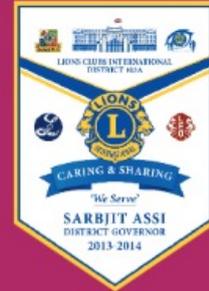


## Young Leaders in Service



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## Young Leaders in Service strike Gold

Lion President Lynn Walker (Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club) presented On October 2nd, Young Leaders in Service Gold Awards to four of Biggleswade Sandy's finest youngsters. The fifth winner, Sea Cadet Charlotte Warren was unable to attend as she was up in Edinburgh training other Sea Cadets.

The five award winners had enlisted in the Lions Young Leaders in Service and completed well over 100 hours community service in the last twelve months. The four winners who attended to collect their prizes were Joshua Warburton, Matthew Wallace, Toby Simpson and Jamie Bate. All five received a personal letter of thanks from Lions Club International Past President Wayne A Madden.

At present there are another 10 young people completing their 12 month log books and Biggleswade Sandy Lions are actively looking for more.

Lion Steve Foott



Lion President Lynn Walker and Matthew Wallace... someone to look up to.



Award Winners: Joshua Warburton, Matthew Wallace, Toby Simpson and Jamie Bate with Biggleswade Sandy Lions.



## 35<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary Dinner

4<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Each year we celebrate the formation of our Club in 1978 by holding a Charter Dinner. Once again we held the Dinner at the White Horse in Southill.

We were celebrating another busy year.

In the previous 12 months our activities have included:

### Fund-raising

Christmas Floats and Tin shakes; Jumble Sale, Easter Egg Raffle, run stalls at 8 local summer fêtes

### Community Service

We have continued with our regular activities such as Christmas Parcels for the needy and the Wickstead Park trip for families in need and young carers

We have also introduced the Young Leaders in Service Award Scheme, the Lions Peace Poster Competition in 6 local Middle Schools and more recently the Message in a Wallet scheme.



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# Biggleswade Sandy Lions 2013

Ordinary People Doing Amazing Things



Jason packed them in  
Simon ran the show  
We did the rest



The deal was :-

- Biggleswade Sandy Lions had teamed up with Simon Gentle to run a Race Night.
- Clifton Colts Youth under 12 Football Team represented by Jason Shacklock would sell enough tickets to fill Clifton Community Centre on the evening of Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2013
- We would share the proceeds on a 50/50 basis between Clifton Colts Youth under 12's Football Team and Biggleswade Sandy Lions' Charities.



The eight races were sponsored by:

- George Hay
- Woodman & Son
- Bennett Mechanical Services
- Spectra Carpets Ltd
- Quince Stoneworks
- Adept Fabrications Ltd
- Maxwells
- I.R.Quince Monumental Mason Ltd



The ownership of the 70 horses from the first 7 races were sold in advance. Over 100 tickets were sold; a well stocked bar was organised; Ploughman's supper for 120 prepared; the tables laid out and at 7:30 on the evening the audience started to arrive.

Shortly after 8:00 pm the bets for the first race had been placed; with drinks served, the evening settled down for the first race. We could all relax, everything was going as planned and Simon had control of the show.



After 5 races we stopped for supper, then continued with two more races before the highlight of the evening; the auction. The 10 horses from race 8 were auctioned to a very competitive set of bidders.

The evening ended around 11:00pm in the knowledge that we had had a most successful evening, everyone had enjoyed themselves and we raised just short of £1,600 to be shared equally between Clifton Colts Youth under 12's Football Team and Biggleswade Sandy Lions' Charities.



Thank you to everyone who sponsored us, bought our horses, attended on the night or generally helped this evening to be a total success.

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## Peace Poster Competition

“Our World, Our Future”

Each year Lions Clubs International holds a Peace Poster Competition. It has now been running for over 25 years and to date more than 8 million children from nearly 100 countries have participated.

This year's theme is “Our World, Our Future” These are the winners from our schools. These Posters have been forwarded to the District Competition.

Marie Watkins Peace Poster won 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize at the Lions 105A District Peace Poster judging.



Biggleswade Academy  
Marie Watkins (11)



Burgoyne Middle School  
Chrissie Anker (12)



Sandye Place Academy  
Adam Glen (10)



Edward Peake Middle School  
Amy Williams(13)



Etonbury Academy  
William Thurlby(11)



Robert Bloomfield Academy  
Kiran Flora (12)

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## January our time for saying *THANK YOU..... Again!*

Christmas comes but once a year, but these days it doesn't seem to be much time between this one and the last.

Our preparations started with major transplant surgery on Rudolph, he'd had a much tougher summer than normal, but when the sleigh finally rolled out he was as sprightly as ever.

Come December, our sleigh toured the streets of Biggleswade, Clifton, Henlow, Langford and Potton and we'd like to thank everyone who answered when we knocked on their door.

If you didn't see us then; you possibly ran into us collecting at the weekends outside G&M Growers, Asda, Sainsbury and Tesco. Thank you to everyone who responded to our shaking buckets.

Meanwhile over at the Langford Garden Centre our Father Christmas visited the Grotto each weekend and checked that all the children were behaving and looking forward to Christmas Eve.

On Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> we were all to be found at Sutton Village Hall packing Christmas Food parcels. We distributed 170 parcels, 30 plants and 2 boxes of sweets to local people on their own at Christmas or who have recently been through bad times.

We wish to give our special thanks to all the Friends of Lions who turned out when we needed them most. These are our special friends, who make sure that there is someone to tow the float, shake our collection buckets, ring your doorbells, pack and deliver the food parcels. We would struggle without their help and value their company at this most busy time of the year.

We reserve special thanks to The Jordan & Ryvita Company for their generous contribution towards our Parcels; Bedfordshire Growers for their help throughout the year; Rainbow Rentals of Upper Caldecote for providing us with a van to transport the food; Sutton Village Hall for providing somewhere to pack the parcels and Biggleswade's Aldi for their keen pricing in supplying the main food items.



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