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A Summary of what we got up to in December





Spring has sprung, will someone tell the weatherman?

Club Diary

January

- Lion Ian receives his chevron for 35 years service

February

- We're settling in nicely at the Sea Cadet Unit for our meetings. Our first meeting in February was celebrated by us welcoming our new member Michelle, fetching our current strength up to 25 members.
- There's 19 Easter Eggs out and about in our patch. Please have a go at winning one.

March

- Snow postpones our **Jumble Sale** It will now be held on 17th March
- March 17th after several days of bad weather forecasts our Jumble Sale finally took place for the few that braved the weather.
- March 24th - We held a Quiz Night with fish & chip supper at the Sea Cadet Unit and raised £200 for Macmillan Cancer Support





Rich pickings for the few who braved the weather 17th March 2018

Plan 1 - 3rd March

Our annual jumble sale this year has been much affected by the meteorological office and indeed, the weather.

Originally we planned to hold it on Saturday 3rd March and for the full-week before the weather folk on television channels told us we'd made a mistake; the Beast from the East was going clash with the weather coming up from Portugal and we would all be buried in snow drifts.

Plan 2 - 17th March

We took the sensible precaution of postponing our Jumble Sale for two weeks and decided to hold it on St Patrick's Day 17th March.

Unfortunately the news that week pointed to an unwelcome return of the Beast from the East; with the prospect of rapidly falling temperatures outside and the opportunity of watching the final weekend of the Six Nations Rugby with Ireland celebrating Paddy's day with a most precious Grand Slam.

Shortly after 9:00 we gathered to set up the hall, transport all the stock and lay it out ready for the 1:30pm opening. Three hours later we were ready and had time to have a hot drink, a sandwich and relax, ready for the opening.

We discovered that there were only a few hardy people waiting for the doors to open. We decided to let them wait in the building, lest they should freeze to death outside.

All this meant that our comparatively few customers did not suffer from the usual competition and we noticed a more leisurely pace as they were afforded more time to browse before purchasing.

Ultimately we had more stock to dispose of at the end of the day in order to return the Clifton Community to its previously pristine condition.



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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's winners are:-

Biggleswade

The Conservative Club	Trixie Walker
The New Inn	Lin Haslam
The Saxon Centre	Donna Huckle
The Yorkshire Grey	Gina Norman

Broom

The Cock	Kenny
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Clifton

The Admiral	Dean Horner
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Everton

Thornton Arms	Victoria Fielding
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Henlow

The Engineers Arms	Richie Robinson
The Five Bells	John Medlock

Moggerhanger

The Guinea	Denise
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Potton

John O'Gaunt Golf Club (2)	Keith Fuller & Dave Wilsher
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Sandy

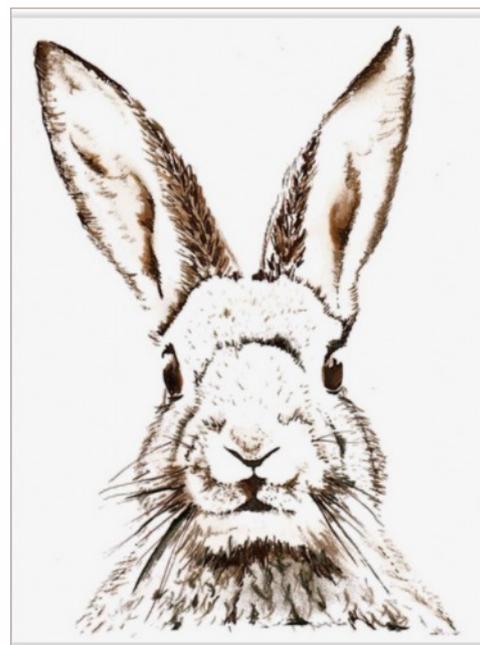
The Bell	Darren Finhurst
Keech Hospice Shop	Anne Wyatt
The Queen's Head	Nick Gaffne
The Roundabout Club	Theresa Toner
Sir William Peel	Jan Jackson

Southill

The White Horse	Michelle Meredith
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Tempsford

The Wheatsheaf	Gordon
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Sorry, we haven't received any photo's of the winners'



May The good weather continue

Club Diary April

- All the Easter Eggs have ben won and we've raised over £1,200 in the process. Thank you to all those businesses that enabled this to happen.
- **April 28th** - Spring has been a long time coming this year and it still hadn't arrived by the time we ran our bookstall in Biggleswade Market. Thank you to those who supported us on this cold and wet day.

May

- **May 7th** Ickwell May Day - Glorious weather - records were there to be broken. The hottest on record, we did pretty well too.
- **May 20th** - We are always pleased to support Shannon Express dress rehearsals and this year we were delighted to take along, as our guests, friends from HFT. After a splendid concert we all adjourned to the Anchor at Great Barford for a very enjoyable afternoon tea together. Thanks to all our new friends at HFT for a memorable afternoon.





Fêtes & Carnivals 1

Ickwell - Monday - 7th May

The weatherman was right on the button. He knew we'd had an atrocious spring; but he told us, well in advance, that this May Day Bank Holiday was going to be both hot and sunny. In fact he told us that the Monday would see record temperatures. He was right - Hallelujah!

Ickwell May Day was very hot, very busy and very rewarding.

If we'd been selling records, they would all have been broken!

We set up early in the morning with our Golf Game, Skittles, Mug Tombola, Lucky Dip, Quiz Sheets and bric-a-brac; we never stopped all day, and we all went home that evening, tired, but with big smiles on our faces.

Thank you to everyone who helped us on the day and thank you to everyone who came by our stall on Monday.

Shefford STMA Fête - 3rd June

We could get used to fine weather for our Village Fêtes.

Sunday marked the end of the school holidays and to be honest the weather throughout the holiday week could best be described as indifferent.

However on Sunday we had a scorcher, folk left their coats on the cloakroom peg and came down to try their hand at golf, skittles and lucky dip at our stall the Shefford STMA Fête

If you were there and wondered where all the footballs came from that the kids were carrying round. The answer is: "Probably our golf game" In the build up to World Cup Fever we had 10 winners at Golf, each of whom took away a football.

Thank you once again to everyone who helped with the stall or came by our stall on Sunday.

Sandy Carnival - 9th June

We were worried when we set up our Flying Chicken game in the morning. Whilst testing it, two chickens landed in the basket. Would we be able to afford to run the stall with every second shot landing in the basket? We shouldn't have worried! When the sun came out the chickens skirted all round the basket; except for Graham's. He showed his family how it was done and landed his chicken into the basket thereby collecting £5 prize money.

Thank you to everyone, who passed by our stall and had a go at the Mug Tombola, Lucky Dip, Chicken flying or bought one of our Logo Quiz sheets.



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June - Fêtes, Skittles, Wicksteed, Tea Parties & ½-a-horse.

Club Diary

June

- **June 3rd** - Fine weather is good news for Summer Fêtes. We were at Shefford with our Golf Game, Skittles, Lucky Dip and Quiz sheets; benefiting from both the weather and the resultant good attendance.
- **June 8th** - We met up with Royston Lions for a meal and game of skittles at the Cock in Broom
- **June 9th** Another brilliant day at Wicksteed, when we hired two coaches to take local youngsters and carers out for a day at the fair. Meanwhile our chickens were flying high at Sandy Carnival
- **June 20th** - A Mad Hatters Tea Party at Ivel Valley School
- **June 23rd** - We bought half a horse and Bedford Lions bought the other half for the Bedford Disabled Horse Riding Association
- **June 24th** - We held our annual Garden Party where we thanked Keith for serving as President for the past 3½ years before handing over to Steve.
- **June 30th** For 2 hours in the afternoon, Clifton was oh-so-busy. They held the Clifton Fête.. **We didn't take a camera!**



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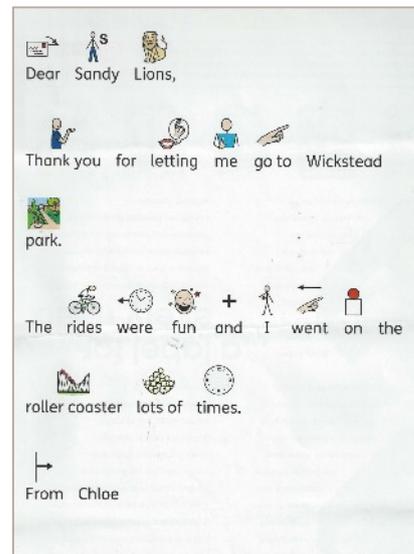
Wicksteed was at war this year

9th June 2017

The day dawned cloudy, but warm and dry! Two coaches picked up our eager guests in Sandy and Biggleswade Market Places around 9.30, full of anticipation for a fun packed day ahead.

Arriving at Wicksteed Park, we sent everyone off with two instructions, be back at the coaches for lunch at 12.30 and HAVE FUN!! To add to the interest of all the rides and activities around the Park, Wicksteed were also hosting a 'Wicksteed at War' weekend. The Park had a huge layout of tents and displays of tanks, troop carriers and all sorts of military equipment. There were stalls selling kit and one coach carried youngsters wearing flak jackets and at least one plastic gas mask home!!

So, after a fun packed day, the two coaches wound their way back home. Full of tired children and weary parents, but all saying they'd had a super day and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



Dear Sandy lions,

Thank you for letting me to come and enjoy our self, thank you for the food is the main part.

I went on the ride a lot of time I loved the log flume and the go- carts. We went on the train I found it really relaxing.

Thank you for letting me and my class friends to come and play hope to see you again soon!

Thank you
Einead

Dear Sandy Lions,

I would like to say a huge thank you for inviting me to Wicksteed Park.

I really enjoyed the food. My favourite rides were the roller coaster and the racing cars.

Yours Sincerely Edward from Stratton 1

Dear sandy lions, I loved

The log flume, umbrella's, roller coaster, and the go carts thanks for taking me to wick stead park from Becky.

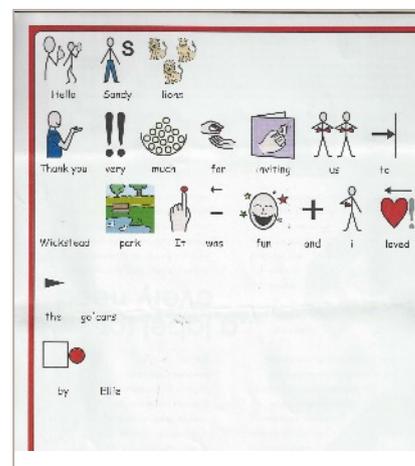
Dear Sandy Lions,

Thank you for the food and for a fun time at Wicksteed Park.

I liked the go-karts and the dodgems.

I hope I can go next time

From Mason



Dear Sandy Lions,

Thank you for a wonderful day out at Wicksteed Park. I really enjoyed playing mini golf, going on the go-karts and riding the train.

I would also like to thank you for a delicious lunch.

Anthony

From Anthony



The Mad Hatters Tea Party

20th June

The Ivel Valley School fun day was jointly organised with local Rotary Clubs. The theme this year was the Mad Hatter's Tea Party and many of the Staff, helpers & children were dressed up as various characters from the story.

We took our chicken in a basket game, setting up at 8.15am & by 10.30 our first customers were enjoying themselves - screams & laughter being heard all over the field as the chickens "took off" each time! The children didn't worry about hitting the target, they enjoyed the sight of the chickens flying & getting slightly damp from the "backfire". Having said that, two boys hit the target resulting in much cheering & applause. There were various other games laid on - such as splat the rat & a pedal horse racing game - & all the children had a great time.

The event finished with all the children, staff & helpers sitting down together to enjoy a Mad Hatters Lunch - ending only when everyone had a well deserved ice cream!





Fêtes & Carnivals 2

Clifton Fête - 30th June

The fete was held in glorious sunny weather thankfully under the shade of trees at Clifton Bury Farm. The event had a true country village fete feel about it. There was a stall from the WI selling cakes, another stall selling horticultural produce, Shefford Town Band playing and dancing around the maypole by a combination of adults and children. We were there with our Lucky Dip, Golf Game, books and Quiz Sheets,

Langford Summer Fête - 7th July

I would imagine that when this year's Langford Summer Fête was first planned, the organisers would have discounted the competition from Wimbledon and Silverstone. I'm sure that they would not even have dreamt that England would still be competing in the World Cup, never mind playing Sweden in the Quarter Finals that very afternoon!

So Langford had some competition.....

Once again we had constant sunshine & high temperatures, but fortunately today there was a pleasant breeze blowing through the gazebo. The Fete opened at 1 after the raft race had finished & we had a steady flow of customers enjoying the infectious laughter caused by the "chickens" together with the cooling shower they received at take off! When "The Match" kicked off at 3 the numbers reduced but we still got people coming to have a go & buy more lucky dips

The result, England won in Russia, Langford Summer Fête won in England!

Meppershall Academy PTA "MEPPFEST" Fête - 14th July

This was the first ever Meppfest and the plan is to keep interest going in a Meppershall Summer Fete now that a housing development is being built on the previously used playing field. There was a temporary bar in the school playground and a BBQ; both were manned by PTA volunteers. There was a range of stalls in the playground and several fairground rides on the grass. The Lions (us) were also accommodated on the grass with our skittles, golf game, Lucky Dip and sun glasses. There was live music with an excellent young lady singer and dancing by various groups of children. **WELL DONE MEPPERSHALL ACADEMY PTA!**... and thank you to everyone who supported us in our corner too.

Letchworth Lions Fun Day - 21st July

We're getting used to the hot weather, no longer can Tom Jones sing about the Green Green Grass of Home! We were at Letchworth with our Mug Tombola, Lucky Dip, Quiz Sheet, Books, Jig Saws and Bric-a-Brac. It was quiet-ish day and the heat was taking its toll, but we maintained steady trade through the day. Thank you to everyone who called by, we appreciate it.

Arlesey Fun Day - 1st September

Another busy day at a summer Fête, sadly our last this year. We were on the flight path of an WW2 Douglas C-47 Dakota. We were there with our skittles, golf, lucky dips, mug tombola, bric-a-brac and quiz sheets. - All the fun of the fair, Arlesey style.

Thank you Arlesey and everyone who stopped by.





Horses for Courses

The Bedford Disabled Horse Riding Association uses horses as therapy to help over 100 children in Bedfordshire each year. On a horse a child receives physiotherapy in a subtle way. The child is required to balance on a three dimensional object. It's a massive workout of the hips, pelvic area and leg muscles which helps develop motor and balance skills. The horses temperature - one degree warmer than humans - helps relax muscles.

So, this spring, when two of the BDHRA horses died, leaving them with only eight horses; Biggleswade Sandy Lions joined forces with Bedford Lions and they agreed between themselves to provide the £2,500 that it would cost to replace one of the horses.

The BDHRA immediately started looking for a suitable replacement. These ponies are most special. They need to have a very calm temperament. They take a lot of finding. Eventually they located Maisie and the money was needed.

Lion President Derek Beazley (Bedford) and Lion President Keith Lewis (Biggleswade Sandy) together with Lions from both clubs attended the BDHRA Summer Fete on Saturday 23rd June for the official presentation of cheques totalling £2,500 to Mrs Jean Bedford (Trustee and Treasurer) and the all-round introduction to the newest pony on the block, Maisie



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It was very dry this Summer

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July

- **July 7th** - Langford Summer Fête competed head-on with the England football team and did very well.
- **July 13th** - Biggleswade Chronicle report our help in keeping the Preen Food Bank open
- **July 14th** - The MEPPFEST was a great hit, we were there to help celebrate.
- **July 21st** - Letchworth Lions Fun Day was a bit quieter than usual, is the heat driving folk into the shade?
- **July 31st** - We present Yvonne Clark with a Certificate of Appreciation for her valuable work with the Purple Trust.

August

- **Aug 8th.** - We take a trip up the River Ouse to Bedford and beyond on the John Bunyan.
- **Aug 15th** - 2nd Vice District Governor Alastair and Gemma visit the Club.

September

- **Sep 1st** - Arlesey Fun Day, our last village Fête of the 2018 season
- **Sep 14th** - We raise a magnificent £290 at our Macmillan Coffee Morning.
- **Sep 15th** - We held a Beetle Drive at the Sea Cadet's unit





Logo Quiz

Over the course of the summer we sold 550 Logo Quiz sheets, 41 were returned for checking, of which 3 were completely correct.

The overall winner who receives the £100 prize was drawn from this list of 3 on Friday 12th October 2018 at our Annual Charter Dinner

The winner of the £100 prize was Amy Eymor of Flitwick

BIGGLESWADE SANDY LIONS CLUB ~ LOGO QUIZ 2018

	LOGO	ANSWER		LOGO	ANSWER
1		Alcan	26		Sheraton
2		Renault	27		Electrolux
3		Guinness	28		Smurfit Kappa
4		Malaysia Airways	29		Expedia
5		Swan Vesta	30		Fosters Lager
6		Trailfinders	31		Valvoline
7		Dunlop	32		Real Madrid
8		Compare the Markets	33		Adidas
9		LG	34		World Wildlife Fund
10		Office of National Statistics ONS	35		Singapore Airlines
11		Go Compare	36		Umbro
12		Omega	37		Aer Lingus
13		Under Armour	38		Pringles
14		Unichem/Alliance Healthcare	39		Sport England
15		ING	40		Essex Cricket
16		Thai Airways	41		Fairtrade
17		TomTom	42		University of London
18		Hungry Horse	43		BP
19		The Independent	44		DPD (Global Parcels)
20		Reuters	45		Johnnie Walker
21		Walls Ice Cream	46		Center Parcs
22		Gucci	47		Hewlett Packard
23		Interflora	48		Elizabeth Arden
24		Merck	49		Eurotunnel
25		Etap (Hotels)	50		Rolls Royce

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October and the Club is 40 years old

Club Diary

October

- Logo Quiz answers published
- **Oct 12th** - Our 40th Charter Anniversary.
- **Oct 27th** - A quiet day at at the Saxon Leisure Centre for the Halloween Fête

November

- **Nov 24th** - Our Christmas Dance at the Weatherley Centre
- **Nov 25th** - We join the District Lions in taking a party to the District Youth Celebrations

December

- **11 Days** at the Supermarket Doors
- **6 Nights** around town with the Sleigh
- **4 weeks** at the Garden Centre Grotto





40 Years and still Running

On the 12th October 2018 we gathered at the White Horse at Southill to Celebrate our 40th Charter Anniversary.

Normally we review the immediate past year at our Charter, but when the clock strikes 40 years, it is time to look back and thank the 26 local men who formed this Club back in 1978. They started a tradition in the Biggleswade and Sandy area of providing good "value for money fund-raising" and supporting those in need within our community and beyond.

Today, our Club comprises 27 men and women; one of whom, is an original Charter Member. Over the years Biggleswade Sandy have held many major fund-raising events including Motor Shows, Sponsored Walks, Half-Marathons, Big Band Concerts, a London Male Voice Choir concert and more recently by Shannon Express. During these 40 years we have raised in excess of £500,000; the majority of which has been used supporting local causes; the remainder has been allocated to both National and International Disaster Appeals through Lions Clubs International Foundation.

Of the previous 12 months since our 39th Charter:- We held our popular Christmas Dance, followed by a December full of collections with our Christmas Sleigh, Father Christmas went down to the Langford Garden Centre. In the Spring, the Beast from the East played havoc with our famous Jumble Sale; we postponed it; but the Beast returned on our newly appointed day. Our Easter Egg draws could be found in Biggleswade, Broom, Clifton, Everton, Henlow, Moggerhanger, Potton, Sandy Southill and Tempsford. Come May, the weather changed for the better, the sun came out and stayed. We took two coach loads of deserving kids with their carers to Wicksteed Park. We got sunburnt at local fêtes, sold over 500 Logo Quiz sheets. We combined resources with Bedford Lions to buy a horse, Maisie, for the Bedford Disabled Horse Riding Association. We kept busy all summer long. (Still running!)

According to the weatherman, we haven't had a summer like this in over 40 years!





Back at the Weatherley Centre and dancing the night away

The last weekend in November sees the start of our Christmas activities, beginning with our annual Christmas Dance, held in the Weatherley Centre on the Saturday.

A team of Club Members gathered in the afternoon to get the hall prepared, to greet the band, the very popular **New Vintage Plus**, & ensure they had everything they needed for the evening. Finally to prepare the plated supper in readiness for the interval. The Weatherley Centre staff had already created a Christmas Wonderland in the hall with fairy lights covering walls & ceiling.

By 7.30pm our first guests, of the 150 or so expected, were arriving & at 8 the music started & very soon the dance floor was crowded with people dancing. In true New Vintage Plus style, music was played to meet all people's tastes & dance styles including the Gay Gordon, which got everyone onto the floor at the same time. The evening ended traditionally with everyone joining arms & singing Auld Lang Syne.

All agreed that it had been a marvellous evening, & guests as they left told us that they'd definitely be back next year on Saturday 30th November 2019 for our next Christmas Dance.

We would like to thank all our guests for coming & for their generosity when purchasing tickets for our tombola.





The 2018 D.Y.C. - We Were There!

District 105A Youth Celebration

On the last Sunday in November, Allum Hall in Elstree has been the place to Party for the last eleven years. That's when 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. The Lions team arrive at the hall early on Sunday Morning to work their magic and convert the hall into a Party Palace fit for our guests

Biggleswade Sandy Lions booked early and our party occupied tables 2 and 3 right at the front of the hall. There were just short of 600 people including the Lions there that afternoon and for three hours the celebration never stopped. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves dancing to disco music; having their faces painted; balloons modelled into animals or shapes they chose. They also had plenty to eat & drink. At the end not only the parents & carers told us how much they had enjoyed the event, but many of the children came to us saying they couldn't wait to be invited again!

We Lions, most of whom had been involved with the Christmas Dance the night before, felt that it had been a thoroughly enjoyable & inspiring weekend.





This was Christmas 2018!

I must be getting old, it didn't seem long since last Christmas and here we were again.

The planning was all in place, our friends and volunteers that help us each year were all lined up and ready to go. We'd held our Christmas Dance on 24th November, so we'd limbered up and were now ready for the challenge; starting with Santa Claus at the Langford Garden Centre on the 1st December. He would be kept busy there, right the way through to the 23rd. We would have to plan his availability to join us on the sleigh runs and the Supermarket tin shakes.

We planned to stand outside our local supermarkets for 11 days and would like to thank Morrisons in Shefford, Tesco at Sandy; Asda, Sainsburys & Matalan in Biggleswade for letting us collect outside their front doors. On 6 evenings we took our sleigh around the streets, knocking on the doors of Biggleswade, Clifton, Langford, Potton and Sandy.

Thank you to everyone who helped us with our fund-raising; contributed to our collections; or gave us permission to stand outside their business to collect much needed funds.

We distributed 100 food parcels and gave £500 each to the Preen Food-bank and the Need Project.

The remaining funds raised will go a long way towards our 2019 programme of service to this community.

It's January now, planning for Christmas 2019 is in hand.

