

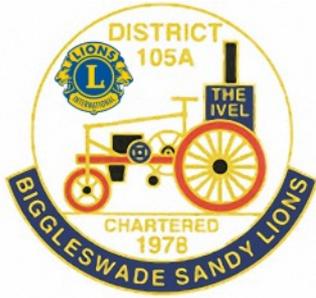


2019



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Almost certainly the best Dance in Biggleswade that night!
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Another busy December





April - We're out and about

Club Diary

March

Mar 2nd We raised £415.99 collecting for Marie Curie outside Morrisons in Shefford.

We won the District Newsletter Award for our "40 Years" PhotoBook.

Our Easter eggs are out and about town

Mar 16th - We gathered for an excellent Chilli night at the Clifton Embassy.

March 30th A fine day for a Jumble Sale

April

Apr 5th - Work starts on the Christmas sleigh upgrade

Apr 6th - We're one of the 7 Lions Clubs in Zone I that combined to hold a Swimming Gala at which 4 very special swimming clubs competed



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A Fine Day for Good Jumble in Clifton 30th March 2019

Last year we hosted the beast from the east which kept our customers mostly at home. This year we held our Jumble Sale on the last Saturday in March. I believe our forward planning team thought it would give the snow time to melt and the daffodils time to show their faces. Little did we know that we would have a heat wave in February, cherry blossom in mid-March and Mad March Hares eclipsed by a shower in Westminster!

Back to our Jumble Sale, Saturday 30th March dawned as a beautiful day for a trip to the coast and as we laid out all our wares, that morning; we hoped our regular customers would know that there should be more fine Saturdays this year. Our bargains that day would be too good to miss.

I do believe they did; because at 1:30PM when the doors opened we greeted an eager queue of bargain seekers and for the next hour and a half experienced brisk trade in every department.

By 4:00PM Clifton Community Centre had returned to normality, the left-overs were sorted, packed and removed with our Jumble Team heading home.

I would like to thank everyone who helped us by donating or gathering the jumble, sorting it, setting up the hall, serving our customers and putting it all away afterwards. You were a brilliant team, we couldn't have done it without you. What are you doing next year?

Thank you too, to everyone who didn't go to the coast for the day, but came to Clifton Community Centre instead and made it all worthwhile. We really appreciate your participation.

Last but not least, our long-term planning team would appreciate an accurate weather forecast for Spring 2020





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 nearly £1,500

This year's winners are:-

Biggleswade

The Conservative Club
Kings Reach
The Saxon Centre
Surfin' Cafe
The Yorkshire Grey

Trixie Walker
Rebecca Moffat
Sian Whitehead
A'tille McKinley
Name not known

Broom

The Cock

Mel

Clifton

The Admiral

Steve Dowdeswell

Everton

Thornton Arms

Andy Cussen

Henlow

The Engineers Arms
The Five Bells

Issy
Jim & Veena

Moggerhanger

The Guinea

Angie Baines

Potton

John O'Gaunt Golf Club (2)

Sue College & Phil Farrow

Sandy

The Bell
Britannia Pharmacy
The Queen's Head
The Roundabout Club
Sir William Peel

Steve Reynolds
Mick Reynolds
Brian Dainty
Katy Robson
Ellie Skirving & Ellie Hutchinson

Southill

The White Horse

Michelle nee Sutton

Tempsford

The Wheatsheaf

Barry Francis



Two of our winners from Surfin'Cafe and The Thornton Arms.



Here comes Summer

Club Diary

May

- **May 6th** - Probably our best ever May Day at Ickwell
- **May 11th** - We ran a book stall at Biggleswade Market. In the evening we held a Quiz Night.
- **May 19th** - We took a party of Carers and a party from HFT to a Shannon Express dress rehearsal at Stratton School, followed by afternoon tea at The Anchor in Great Barford.
- We're making steady progress with the Christmas Sleigh renovation.

June

- **June 1st** - A busy day at Shefford Fête and at the Beaver Day in Henlow where we were making bird feeders using recycled yogurt pots as part of the Lions environment initiative.
- **June 8th** - The weather could have been a lot kinder, we were holding a party in Wicksteed and flying chickens in Sandy
- **June 22nd** - The Longest day of the year and we took Rudolph out on the town.





Fêtes & Carnivals 1

Ickwell - 6th May

We generally do well at Ickwell, it's one of those landmark events that shouts "Winter's over, Spring is starting to behave itself, get your coat on and come and enjoy yourself" People just turn up!

This year, we were set up and ready by mid morning with mug tombola, bric-a-brac, jigsaws & games; logo quiz sheets, lucky dip, skittles and golf. Woolworth's would have been proud of us.

Shefford - 1st June

It was a lovely warm day and everyone turned up for Shefford Fête. We were a little short of space so had to leave the Skittles and Golf game behind. We'll have to see what we can do next year. This year, we had our Quiz sheets, Lucky Dip and Mug Tombola and were kept busy throughout the afternoon.

Sandy - 8th June - The day that the rains came

Our Chickens (and ducks) got their first outing this year at Sandy Carnival. In the morning we discovered that many of them had forgotten how to fly over the winter, or may be it was the rain in the morning that put them off. Anyway it was approaching two before people arrived at the show-ground and by that time normal flying service had resumed. We had one winner of the £10 prize for landing a chicken in the basket.

Our very popular Lucky Dip sold out yet again.





A Wet Day at Wicksteed Park

Over the years that we've been taking parties to Wicksteed, we've done pretty well as regards the weather; this year was different. Still the show must go on....

Rain and wind welcomed our coach full of excited families to Wicksteed! The morning was, wet, sorry; very wet and cold! We normally lay the lunch out on tables, in the open air. This was going to be a problem as sandwiches lose their appeal when they get wet.

However, the kind staff at Wicksteed gave us a room to lay out the picnic lunch and by the time we'd eaten, the sun was shining and the ground drying, everyone raced out to enjoy the rides! The coach returning home was full of happy, tired youngsters, about a third of them were asleep before we reached the A14!!

Our thanks to Wicksteed for their help with the room, a wonderful, dry kindness.



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Christmas in June?

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Get Ready...



Get Set...



Go!



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50 Years ago, It was men on the Moon Now....



Club Diary July

- **Jul 6th** - The chickens were out in Langford again.
- **Jul 13th** - Letchworth Lions Fun Day was a relatively quiet day.
- **Jul 14th** - Sandye Place Academy Final Farewell - 2 brothers achieve the impossible by landing their chickens in the basket. It was also a good day for cricket down at Lords.

August

- **Aug 24th** - It's a long time since we had a Bank Holiday that was this hot. Everyone came to Kempston Fun Day. It kept us very busy

September

- **Sept 7th** - Arlesey Fun Day A busy start to the end of our summer season.
- **Sept 8th** - Upper Caldecote Village Show - Our Logo Quiz Sheets have sold out and the chickens landed in the basket twice, though there were several near misses.
- **Sept 13th** - A most successful Macmillan Coffee Morning raising over £275. Over 12 years our Coffee Mornings have raised £2,582 for Macmillan



World Champions?





Fêtes & Carnivals 2

Langford - 6th July

You only have to look at the photos to notice that the sky wasn't blue, It was a grey day, which was a shame for this well organised Summer Fête in Langford. The day before had been a scorcher! Never the less, it was a well attended Fête and the few drops of rain that did appear caused no alarm. We were there with our team of Lions and flying chickens and were kept busy throughout the day. There were some very near misses, but alas this was one of those rare days when no-one managed to guide their chicken into the basket. Better luck next time.

Letchworth - 13th July

This was the start of a grand sporting weekend, with Wimbledon Ladies Final so that sun had no plans for showing its face, thankfully it didn't rain. We took our Mug Tombola, Lucky Dip, Quiz Sheets, Jigsaws and books etc, but the afternoon was quieter than previous years

Sandy Place Academy Final Farewell - 14th July

Today's competition was Wimbledon Men's Final; The World Cup Cricket Final and the British Grand Prix; so we would like to thank everyone who turned up to say farewell to Sandye Place Academy. It was a day for breaking records, and Sandye Place Academy was no exception. Two young brothers demonstrated how easy it was to land a chicken in the basket. To the best of our knowledge **this is a world first**; a most fitting celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of those two Americans landing on the moon. Well done you two, we'll be looking out for your return.





Fêtes & Carnivals 3

Kempston Fun Day - 24th August

It was an energy sapping, scorching hot day. We had wanted to take our flying chickens, but were unable to book the required space. The spray from the chickens taking off would have been most welcome.

The Fun Day, organised by Bedford Lions, was very well attended with a large number of stalls, a fun fair, classic cars, a full programme in the arena and even a fly past by the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Dakota. We took our Mug Tombola, Lucky Dips, Logo Quiz sheets, golf game and sun glasses and were kept busy all day

We'll book it a little earlier next year and take our chickens..

Arlesey Fun Day - 7th September

The weather was fair to middling. The Fun Day was well organised with a full programme in the arena throughout the day. There were a good number of stalls, fairground stalls and even a dog show. Unfortunately the wind was too strong for the BBMF Lancaster fly past. We took our lucky dip, mug tombola, skittles, golf game, jigsaws, DVDs & quiz sheets and were kept pretty busy throughout.

Upper Caldecote Village Show - 8th September

The weather was warm and a lot sunnier than the day before in Arlesey. It was very well attended with a full programme (Pilates demonstration, dog show, birds of prey demo, children's games etc.) in the arena. We took along our Flying Chickens, Lucky Dip, bric-a-brac and our Logo Quiz sheets. Two young ladies, Nancy and Casey, landed their chicken in our basket, winning ten pounds each and we finally sold the last of this year's quiz sheets.

We attended nine Village Fêtes throughout the summer, the proceeds are used to help deserving local causes. We'd like to thank everyone who supported us at these events either by paying to have a go or by helping us run the stalls; you make it all possible; we'd be lost without you.





Logo Quiz

Over the course of the summer we have sold 600 Logo Quiz sheets, 83 were returned for checking, of which 33 were completely correct.

The overall winner who receives the £100 prize was drawn from this list of 33 on Friday 4th October 2019 by our District Governor, Lion Kamal Sharma, at our Annual Charter Dinner.



This year's winner is Mr & Mrs Giddings of Sandy

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

BIGGLESWADE SANDY LIONS CLUB - LOGO QUIZ 2019

1		Royal Dutch Shell	26		MSN
2		Tommy Hilfiger	27		Indesit
3		Derby County FC	28		Lyle Golden Syrup
4		NFU Mutual	29		Lowenbrau
5		Stena Line	30		Wolverhampton Wanderers FC
6		Swiss Air Lines	31		NBC
7		TNT	32		Kiwi Shoe Polish
8		Ralph Lauren	33		EDF Energy
9		Autoglass	34		Aldi
10		New Balance	35		Peugeot
11		Mandarin Oriental	36		Mick George
12		Cisco Systems	37		Spar
13		The Rank Group	38		Lions International
14		Princess Cruises	39		Kuehne & Nagel
15		Fuji Xerox	40		Ocado
16		McCarthy & Stone	41		National Grid
17		Strongbow	42		Santander
18		Kitemark	43		Premier Inn
19		Pepsi	44		Norvatis
20		Rolex	45		Unilever
21		Uniroyal Tyres	46		Berghaus
22		Patek Philippe	47		Barnardo's
23		Mazda	48		Iberia Airlines
24		Thomas Cook	49		MK Dons Football Club
25		Travis Perkins	50		Food Standards Agency

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Come December - It's all hands on deck

Club Diary

October

- **Oct 4th** - We hold our 41st Charter Dinner at the Mount Pleasant Golf Club.
- **Oct 4th** - Mr and Mrs Giddings of Sandy win our 2019 Logo Quiz Prize

November

- **Nov 24th** - DYC. We took a party to the Party in Elstree
- **Nov 30th** - Another great Dance took place at the Weatherly Centre

December

- **6 Nights** with our sleigh around the Towns and Villages, knocking on doors
- **!2 Days** at the Supermarket doors
- **2½ Weeks** with Santa at Langford Garden Centre





The 2019 District Youth Celebration

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Bigg Sandy's Dance get even better

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 140 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 28th November 2020 for our next Christmas Dance.

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





We had a long Christmas this year

Christmas has occupied more of our time than usual this year. We spent the summer refurbishing our sleigh and it was well received throughout December.

At the end of November our planning was all in place, our friends and volunteers were lined up and we were ready to go. It all started on 30th November with our Christmas Dance. From 2nd December and over the next two weeks, we took our sleigh around the streets, knocking on the doors of Biggleswade, Clifton, Henlow, Langford and Potton. Santa was kept busy too; attending the Langford Garden Centre as well as our sleigh runs and Supermarket tin shakes.

For 12 days we collected at our local supermarkets and would like to thank Morrisons in Shefford, Tesco at Sandy; Asda, Sainsburys & Matalan in Biggleswade.

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 2020 programme of service to this community

After Christmas, comes January, we'll then have to start planning for Christmas 2020.

