



## THE LIONS CLUB OF HENLEY ON THAMES

Report to the Annual town meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2010

The Lions Club of Henley, whilst part of a world wide international organisation, has as its focus the support of charitable organisations and individuals in the Henley area. We have now been operating in the community for over 38 years addressing a wide range of projects, by fundraising or giving practical help.

Lion's members were happy to support Mayor Councillor Elizabeth Hodgkin, at her 'Flipping Pancake Race'. Also at the request of our Mayor who is an honorary member of the club, two members organised a quiz in the Town Hall. This was attended by 180 people and raised substantial funds for the Mayors chosen charities, Henley Youth Centre, and the Staying Alive Foundation

Our Swimarathon held at LA Fitness in March, attracted support from local schools and organisations. The teams are sponsored per lap, and half is retained by the participating teams and half to Lions Charities. This year the main beneficiary will be Macmillan Nurses. The support from them is very much appreciated, and also we are extremely grateful to LA fitness for their generous use of there facilities free of charge. They did a marvellous job as always.

Our annual Duck Derby held on Bank Holiday Monday is greatly enjoyed by all, as some 3500 ducks race to the finishing line. This year's main beneficiary will be Samaritans.

Courtesy of the Town Council we are able to organise parking on the Fairmile, for those wishing to attend the Regatta.

We have for a number of years been asked to man the bouncy castle and slide at the Stonor Craft Fayre in August.

Our Art Show, which promotes local artists, has always been very popular and well supported.

Each year we deliver approx 100 Christmas parcels to residents, which are greatly received by the recipients and are largely funded by contributions from local businesses.

This year was the first year that we have organised Santa's Grotto at Toad Hall, and our thanks go to Martin Sheldrake for the use of his premises and for all the support he has given to us, which has ensured that the children have had a very magical experience. He donated the profits of £815 to the club.

We support many other local clubs either with finances for a specific project or in the case of Sue Ryder Home at Nettlebed, practical help.

The Lions Club members also have an enjoyable social programme and if you are interested in joining us do contact our membership secretary Ian Tritton on 01419 628266 or drop in to our interest meeting which is to be held in The Barn on the 28<sup>th</sup> April between 6.00pm and 9.00 pm.

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Henley Lions President.