



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Lions Mission statement reads:

To Create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation.

So how do Romiley and Marple Lions carry out their mission?

We are the local Lions club in that our members live in Romiley, Marple, Compstall, Woodley, as well as far-flung and exotic places like Dukinfield. So we know what is happening locally and we can offer our services where they are needed.

During this year we have worked at the Mellor Home and raised money for many local charities including:

- The Children's unit at Stepping Hill
- The Children's Adventure Farm trust
- Etherow Riding Centre for the Disabled
- The Girl Guides of Marple
- And many others.

That's not to say we only help out in our own areas. One of the schemes that we are most proud to be associated with is Message in a Bottle. This is an international idea providing vulnerable people with containers to record their medical requirements to be kept in their fridge to be retrieved by the medical services in case of an emergency. Thousands of these bottles have been distributed and we are always looking for new recipients.

Even further afield, we are able to donate money to International causes. No one will forget the terrible disaster in Thailand Indonesia and other Asian countries as a result of the Tsunami. We were able to donate £750. This along with a massive international donation from Lions International went directly to help those in most need.

All this money has to be raised in some way. We would like to thank all our friends, partners and associates who have helped out in any way during the

past year. We have raffled Easter eggs, attended Fairs and as always, organised one of our most important fund raising events for us and the many organisations that take part, the Swimathon.

In the next few months we have two more fund raisers: Bonfire night at Marple where we sell novelties and Father Christmas at Wyevale.

The Lions need you!

We are desperately short of help for the Xmas grotto so if anyone, man or woman can offer a helping hand for any of the sessions we would be very grateful. It's a lot of fun as well as being a local service to which parents bring their children year after year.

We will be at Wyevale every weekend from November 26th to December 24th, Saturday and Sunday. If you can give even one morning or afternoon to be a helper that would be great and you only have to wear the green tights if you want to.



Romiley, Marple & District Lions Club Official Newsletter

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President: Lion Harold Hill

A message from 'The Pres'

Hello and welcome to this special edition of the Romiley, Marple and District Lions Newsletter. Much has happened over the last year and we are pleased to report that we have expanded our membership with three new members having joined since the last newsletter was produced.

Sadly I need to report the sad news about Peter Hibbert who has recently passed away. Peter was the 'father' of our club - the longest serving member and he will be greatly missed. There is a special article overleaf.

Lion Dave Buckley has been a revelation with his work with our Message In A Bottle Scheme. Dave has worked tirelessly along with Lions Jack and Cliff to ensure the scheme has taken off in our area.

Another new member is Lion John Perkins who somehow manages to fit Lions into a busy schedule which includes the local Scout Troop. John has heroically volunteered for this year's 'Breakfast with Santa'.

Last but not least is Lion Tony McKenna who has just joined. Tony has a long history of community service and used to work with Lion Phi in the printing industry.

Lion Peter Owers has moved out of the area and although still a member is not local enough to help out on a regular basis. Illness has caused long-term absence for Lions Terry Harding and David Burnham and the membership has rallied around managing to complete all our usual activities and the music night which we held last June.

Please read the article opposite and do all you can to help us out over Christmas - we really do need your help this year.

Message in a Bottle
Just keep it in the fridge!

A scheme to benefit everyone. Provides essential information for the EMERGENCY SERVICES when they need it.

Call Dave Buckley on 0161 427 5573

ordinary people amazing things

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

Romiley, Marple & District Lions Club have successfully launched their Message In A Bottle Initiative.

The Lions 'Message In A Bottle' scheme is a simple idea designed to encourage people to keep their personal and medical details on a standard form and in a common location - the fridge!

Whilst it is focussed on the more vulnerable people in our community, anyone can have an accident at home, so this scheme can benefit anyone, including you.

It's simple - complete the details on the form; put it into the bottle supplied and place in the door compartment of your fridge. The Emergency Services will know to look for it in the event of being called to your home. They will be alerted by the use of the two special Green Cross Emergency Stickers one on the inside of your front door and one on the fridge door. - Call Lion Dave Buckley on 0161 427 5573 for more details.

We donate £1,000 each to Leukaemia and Genesis Breast Cancer Research



Pictured left to right are: Genesis Appeal Chairman Nigel Bundred (Consultant), Lion Phil Daniels; Lion Harold Hill, Lion Dave Buckley, Lion Jack Farrell and Lester Bunn (Chairman of the Genesis Appeal). Photographer Ged Byrne (Consultant).

Romiley, Marple & District Lions Club has recently made two donations of £1,000 each to the Lions LIBRA Leukaemia Research fund and the Genesis Breast Cancer Research Fund.

Outgoing President, Phil Daniels, organised a charity musical gig at Chorlton.

Performers included: The Deadbeats; Sue Barron Jazz Quartet; Isobel Heyworth; Pete Boydell's Double O Diddy; DJ Gerald Mentalman with the sound system donated by Donna Onions.

Phil told our reporter: "It was hard work but well worth it. "I had a vision of younger and

'mature' folk like us mixing in and having a good time and raising much-needed funds at the same time.

We donated the funds from the evening topped up to £1000 from our charity funds to the Lions LIBRA charity for Leukaemia Research.

We have also donated £1,000 to the Genesis Breast Cancer Appeal which is currently based at Withington Hospital and a new purpose built breast cancer prevention centre is now going to be built at Wythenshawe.

Appeal chairman Nigel Bundred thanked the Lions for all their 'great contribution'.

Please express to your club members the most grateful thanks of myself and my fellow Trustees for the very generous gift of £1,000 to be made to the LIBRA Blood Research Appeal. The money will be used towards the purchase of a 16 capillary upgrade for the ABI 3100 Avant which is a DNA sequencer. On behalf of the trustees and the patients and staff at the hospital thank you very much indeed

PID Colin J Vincent Chairman of LIBRA Trustees

On behalf of the Genesis Appeal I would like to thank you for your very kind and generous donation of £1,000, which we have recently received from your Lions Club. As I explained the foundations for the building will begin shortly and we are hopeful that the Breast Cancer Prevention Centre will be completed by early 2007. Our sincere thanks once again to everyone for their very generous support and our best wishes for your own continued success in raising funds for the many local charities you support.

Lyn Devall - on behalf of the Genesis Appeal



Lion Peter Carson Hibbert MJF

Peter passed away peacefully on Sunday 2 October 2005, a week or so after his 72nd birthday, having had a very painful time for many months.

Pete was a cook in the RAF during his National Service, he had been a window cleaner (and he had lots of stories too), a fitter in a plastics factory, and owner of a couple of Chipshops in Stockport. He reckoned that he was the best fish fryer in the area, if not in England. A modest man of course.

After his stroke a few years ago he lost most of his sight, but this only hampered him, and didn't stop him doing all sorts of things for the club. He was certainly a good Santa at Wyevale, and was always at any event we were involved with.

He had a passion for the Lions, and was the senior and probably the most respected member of our club. Our first and only Melvyn Jones Fellow, an award that we all felt he so well deserved.

Amongst his other attributes were :- Bingo specialist, pensioners Christmas concert organiser, Hot-Pot supper maker extraordinaire, and all round good man.

Pete was a good family man who doted on his son and two daughters, and a multitude of grandchildren.

He was caring and a very amusing geezer, a superb friend to us all, and he will be greatly missed.

Obviously we are all upset at his leaving us, but we are all happy that we knew Pete and were privileged to have spent so much time with him.