



WIMBORNE  
AND  
FERNDOWN  
LIONS CLUB  
2014/15



[www.lions.org/wimborne-ferndown](http://www.lions.org/wimborne-ferndown)



## About our Club

Established over 40 years ago, the club exists to serve the community by fund-raising and donating the funds to those in need, whilst enjoying a full social program along the way.

We have about 25 members, about one third women, and over this year period we donated many thousands of pounds to local good causes.

The map shows most of our area of activity but we also extend to Verwood and Corfe Mullen on occasions.



### Club officers for 2014/15:

President	Ken Taylor
First vice president	Barry Duxbury
Secretary	Derick Smith
Treasurer	Anne Lippitt

This booklet lists a selection of some of the things we did in 2014/15. Besides the items here, members enjoyed a social side including Charter dinner, barbecue, games and quiz evenings together with sharing events with other local Lions Clubs.

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# How we spent the money in 2014/15:

<b>2015 Community Service Donations</b>	
<b>JUNE 2015</b>	
	€
Purchase of Food and kitchen equipment for the 'Bus Stop Club' in Ferndown	318
Providing Display Banner for both the Wimborne and the West Moors Dementia Committees	562
<b>MAY 2015</b>	
	€
Donation towards local Lions Clubs purchasing an Ice machine for Poole Hospital.	50
Donation towards a special wheelchair for a disabled lady Rugby player.	500
Payment of Removal Van costs for an elderly lady going into Sheltered accomodation.	200
Donation towards the Lions UK & Ireland Disaster Fund re Water Purifyiers for the Nepal Earthquake appeal	500
Donation towards the Lions Clubs International Nepal Earthquake appeal.	750
Taking Vulnerable Adults and Youths to our Annual Paultons Park day	1,375

<b>APRIL 2015</b>	
	€
Donation towards Lions-sponsored sports event for people with Disabilities.	250
Donation towards the Wimborne Girls Brigade Annual Camp.	300
Providing a 'day out' for a single parent with young children	100
Donation towards the cost of a purchasing a Defibrillator to be sited in Ferndown.	1,020
Providing a MedicAlert Bracelet for a Young lady.	55
<b>MARCH 2015</b>	
	€
Donation towards the cost of a Defibrillator at the Ferndown British Legion.	200
Providing display Banners for the Wimborne and the West Moors Dementia Groups	523
Donation to Marie Curie, following the Annual collection event.	249
Contribution towards a special Trike for a handicapped youngster.	200
<b>FEBRUARY 2015</b>	
	€
Donation towards Lions Clubs International "Sewing Machines for Widows in India" appeal.	250
Donation towards the Ferndown Golden Ferns Club Annual outing.	157

## 2014 Community Service Donations

<b>DECEMBER 2014</b>	
	€
Cost of providing Caravan Holidays, for 'people in need' during 2014	2,620
Providing 96 Xmas Parcels to nominated Elderly persons and families.	1,946
Purchase of Message In A Bottles - see web page.	728
Contributing part cost of a replacement Boiler, for an Elderly person.	675
Providing Wood chippings for the outdoor area of "Riding for the Disabled".	150
<b>NOVEMBER 2014</b>	
	€
Providing display Banners for the Verwood & Three Legged Cross Dementia Group	261
<b>OCTOBER 2014</b>	
	€
Purchase of equipment for the Heatherlands Parents and Toddlers Group	100
Coach outing for the Oak Tree Park Welfare Group	200
Equipment for St Catherine's Kindergarten at Colehill	175
Annual donation to East Dorset Citizens Advice Bureau	1,500
Annual donation to the Ferndown St. Mary's Church Care Group	800
<b>SEPTEMBER 2014</b>	
	€
Donation to Sturts Farm	120
<b>JULY 2014</b>	
	€
Purchase of a Fridge/Freezer and Mattress for a single parent with 2 children	200
Funding Activities during School holiday for Children of 2 needy families.	100
<b>JUNE 2014</b>	
	€
Taking Vulnerable Youths and Adults to our Annual Paultons Park Day.	1,850
Taking out Vulnerable Youths to our annual Zone Fun Day in Wareham.	392



## Some of our events in 2014/15

Wimborne and Ferndown  
Lions Club present the



# 2014 QUIZ

at 7.30  
Thursday

Barrington  
Centre  
2<sup>nd</sup> October  
Ferndown

IN AID OF LIONS CHARITIES AND THE  
JOHN THORNTON YOUNG ACHIEVERS FOUNDATION

Competition is for teams of (up to) 6 players  
Entry £6 per player, includes refreshment and  
a bottle of wine on each table. Bar also open.

BOOKING FORM Team name:  
Your contact details (name, tel.):  
Please send applications to:  
Lion Peter Burnett, 7 Crescent Walk, West Parley, Ferndown, BH22 8PY  
Telephone 01202 892295 or e-mail peter@burnett7.co.uk  
Cheques payable to Wimborne and Ferndown Lions Club  
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# SPRING '15 QUIZ

at 7.30  
Friday


Allendale  
Centre  
24<sup>th</sup> April  
Wimborne

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Giant Easter Egg Draw  
in aid of  
Dorset and Somerset  
Air Ambulance



and  
John Thornton  
Young Achievers  
Foundation



Wimborne and Ferndown Lions Club



**FAMILY  
15 MILE**



## CHARITY CYCLE RIDE

in aid of



Dorset Somerset  
Air Ambulance

RDA  
Riding for  
the disabled

John Thornton  
Young Achievers

Lions club  
charities

## SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JUNE

START BETWEEN 10.30 AND 11.30

Start and finish at  
The Barley Mow  
Colehill, Wimborne



For entry forms and further information visit  
[www.ilcy.20m.com/Cycle\\_Ride.html](http://www.ilcy.20m.com/Cycle_Ride.html)



## Barrington boost for hard of hearing.

Wimborne and Ferndown Lions Club have given the Barrington Centre, Ferndown a donation of £822 for a new hearing loop for the theatre main hall

This new version of an induction loop, made by Ampertronics of Nottingham, enables people with hearing aids to hear, clearly, the sound they want with no background noise. It works by creating a magnetic field direct from the sound source which can be picked up by the hearing aid coil.

Office manager Rosemary Handscomb said that the new loop is already in operation and is a big improvement on the old system



Picture shows Rosemary with Lions stalwarts (from left) Albert Whittle, Ken Taylor, Joan Budden, Frank Fortey, Brenda Gait, Barry Duxbury and Anne Lippitt.

A plaque has now been fixed to the Barrington wall in recognition of the gift.



## 96 Christmas Food Parcels from the Lions

The annual delivery of Christmas food parcels to local people has been made again by Wimborne and Fern-down Lions club.

Club members fill bags with about 25 food items from bulk supplies purchased from Morrisons of Verwood. In a well established process, stacks comprising 96 pieces of each food item are assembled on tables in the Scout Hut. Club members then circulate, filling the bags with one from each stack (see below). The bags are then delivered to people most in need who have been notified to the Lions from local Social Services , CABs and GPs etc.

This year the Club was ably assisted by Verwood's new Mayor, Mrs Pat Morrow, who took an active part in the bag-filling process.

We would like to thank the Mayor for her support and also thank the Verwood Scouts for the use of their hall for the parcel assembly

Pictured with the Mayor is Lion President Ken Taylor.



## Toddlers get some onesies from the Lions

Children at St Catherines School Kindergarten in Wimborne now have some new waterproof suits and an outdoor storage box for their toys courtesy of Wimborne and Ferndown Lions club.

They can now play outside and not worry about splashing in the puddles!

Clare Joint, Kindergarten leader, said this gift will help to enhance the use of the outdoor environment which the Kindergarten are striving to embrace.

The photo shows them “kitted up” and sitting on the box, ready for any weather.

Also in the picture are Clare Joint (kneeling) and Godwin Micallef of the Lions.



## Lions Quizzes 2014/15

2nd October

We traditionally hold an Autumn quiz and this year over 100 people making up 18 teams came to the Barrington Centre, Ferndown on October 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Wimborne and Ferndown Lions annual quiz, despite another quiz having been held the week before.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the format which involves six rounds with a short session of card bingo as a “brain- break” in the interval. The platter of food and bottle of wine on each table also went down very well. Our president handled the quizmasters’ job with his usual aplomb.(And he called the numbers for the card bingo). The event raised approximately £500 for local charities.

24<sup>th</sup> April

As a new venture this year, we held a Spring quiz, at the Allendale Centre in Wimborne. Despite being new, 18 teams turned up to enjoy a successful evening which raised £350 in the end..

The pattern was the same as in October, with Ken again asking the questions





## Easter Egg draws

In this annual event, organised by Lion Brenda Gait, some 54 boards were set up in local pubs and shops, Sports clubs and garden centres.

Each board contains 60 squares which members of the public can buy for £1 a square. When the board is full a draw is made to pick the winning square, the winner receiving a giant Easter egg..

The 54 draws raised £2833 (less cost of the eggs).

This year the draws profit went to two of our major beneficiaries, the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance and the John Thornton Young Achievers Foundation.



N.B. The eggs are 15 inches high but the press report somehow made them 15 **feet** tall, as shown with Brenda at left

Wimborne and Ferndown Lions Club  
Giant Easter Egg Draw



## Social activities...

The club maintained an active social program in 2014/15 thanks to organiser Debbie Burnett. This included a barbeque , Christmas party, short mat bowls evening and of course the Charter dinner.



What is Peter saying?



## Record numbers at Lions Annual Dinner

Wimborne & Ferndown Lions club Charter dinner this year was on November 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Canford Magna Golf Club. There were many guests from other clubs and elsewhere, including friends and families. In all, over 100 people enjoyed an excellent dinner and dance.

During the evening the president, Ken Taylor presented a cheque from the Lions to Linda and Peter Thornton for the John Thornton Young Achievers Foundation.

Vice president Barry Duxbury thanked the guests and listed no fewer than

14 clubs who were represented on the guest list. Picture shows Barry (right) chatting to Peter Thornton after the meal.



## **Combining to keep someone warm**

The Lions club of Wimborne and Ferndown have combined with the Lighthouse Trust and Bournemouth Health to enable a local man stave off winter's worst.

Following advice from the Citizens Advice Bureau that this man was suffering with a broken boiler and no funds to replace it, the three parties agreed to split the cost of a new boiler and installation (£1800) with a happy result.

## **Combining to save lives**

After lengthy discussions the club agreed to pay roughly half the cost (just over £1000) with Ferndown Town Council for a defibrillator for Ferndown.

The defibrillator will be positioned on the outside wall of the Barrington Theatre facing Tescos and will be installed and maintained by the Barrington

## **Bingo at Wimborne**

This year in conjunction with Wimborne RBL we ran a series of monthly bingo sessions on the last Tuesday in the month. Six evening sessions were run, with the President as team Leader. Most such events are afternoon affairs and the evening attendance was a bit disappointing



## Helping Dementia Awareness

We donated some full height banners and pop-up stands to help the local Dementia Friendly societies publicise their work. These have been presented to Verwood and Wimborne and will be Presented shortly to West Moors societies



A pop-up banner with the Mayor of Verwood flanked by Lion Ken Taylor (president) and Lion Godwin Micallef

Ken and Godwin again with a horizontal and a pop-up banner, together with members of the Wimborne Dementia Friendly Community.



## SPECTREK – recycling your specs

New glasses can be expensive and are quite unaffordable in many parts of the world. Old glasses are often thrown away, but they can be recycled.

Wimborne and Ferndown Lions, along with other Lions clubs, have been collecting unwanted pairs of spectacles which are then refurbished, cleaned and graded and prepared for distribution in third world countries where eye care is often unavailable and lens making facilities are non-existent.

This year Wimborne and Ferndown Lions have provided the local collection centre. The club themselves have collected 4,700 pairs and the total assembled from our area is over 23,000 pairs. Bournemouth, Boscombe, Christchurch, Lymington, Poole and Ringwood & Fordingbridge Lions Clubs all contributed. The club would like to thank the local opticians and doctor's surgeries who have contributed to the collecting process.\*It has been calculated that the cost of the scheme (paid by the Lions) is around 5p per pair.

Pictured are Barry Duxbury and Ken Taylor with some of the specs.



## Caravan holidays for disabled families

Our caravan at Weymouth again proved popular in 2014/15 giving disadvantaged families a week by the sea.



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## LIONS CLUB

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### **About Lions Clubs International**

Lions Clubs International Federation (LCIF) has 1.35 million members in over 208 countries, making it the largest service club organisation in the world. It has 19,000 active members belonging to 900 Lions Clubs located throughout Great Britain and Ireland. Each Club supports a range of projects in its local community, including health and youth initiatives.

Lions Clubs undertake hundreds of fund-raising activities in cities, towns and villages, with 100% of monies raised going direct to good causes.

One example of LCIF in action followed the earthquake in Nepal in late April, when thousands were without water. (See below)

