



Hook Odiham & Hartley Wintney Lions Club (CIO)

Registered Charity # 1176812

Newsletter – August to October 2025

Dear Lions & Friends of Lions,

Welcome to the latest edition of the Hook Odiham & Hartley Wintney Lions Club Newsletter.

We always think that autumn is a quiet time for us, but it is never quiet with the Lions! We continue with our monthly Hook litter picks, assisting Hook Foodbank, planning the November prostate screening event and finalising our Christmas fundraising activities. In addition our Marketing team has been working hard on updating our website and on social media spreading the word of the great work that we do within our community.

Now for some very sad news, the recent passing of Lion Pete Ingamells. Lion Pete passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on 13th October. Our thoughts are with Pete's wife, Iris, and his family.



Lion Graham knew Lion Pete very well and paid this tribute.

"Pete was a member of our club for nearly 9 years. He was always a very influential friend who supported us in every activity, and helped us to understand the importance of gaining corporate sponsorship in the Hook Village Show.

He worked hard for the Club in a constructive and friendly way and inspired us to think of our contribution to the lives of those who were less fortunate than ourselves.

One thing is for certain – he was very passionate in matters that were important to him on a personal level and he was not afraid to speak up when he thought that our decision making was flawed!

Like those of us who had the pleasure of working with Pete, I will miss him greatly for his humour, support in both a practical and professional way, friendship, and his kindness to all of those he helped along life's sometimes difficult path."

Lions Socials

It is not often that we as a Club manage to socialize outside of our Club activities. To correct this it was decided that we should meet once a month in relaxed surrounds, and also where prospective members can also come along to meet us. Below is the schedule of the meetings. Please come along!

Day	Time	Venue	Club area	Opening
1 October 2025	3pm	The Waterwitch	Odiham	11:00-22:00
5 November 2025	7pm	The Phoenix	Hartley Wintney	11:30-22:30
3 December 2025	3pm	The White Hart	Hook	07:00-23:00
7 January 2026	7pm	The Red Lion	Odiham	12:00-23:00
4 February 2026	3pm	Waggon & Horses	Hartley Wintney	11:00-23:00
4 March 2026	7pm	The Crooked Billet	Hook	18.00-20.30
1 April 2026	3pm	The Mill House	North Warnborough	11:30-23.00
6 May 2026	7pm	The Barley Mow	Winchfield	17:30-22:00
3 June 2026	3pm	The Leather Bottle	Mattingley	11:30 - 23:00
1 July 2026	7pm	The New Inn	Heckfield	12:00 - 23:00
5 August 2026	3pm	The Fox & Goose	Greywell	12:00-23:00
2 September 2026	7pm	The Coach and Horses	Rotherwick	17:00-22:30
7 October 2026	3pm	The Derby Inn	Odiham	12:00-22:00
4 November 2026	7pm	The Cricketers	Hartley Wintney	11:00-23.30
2 December 2026	3pm	The Hogget	Hook	17.00-22.30

Grants



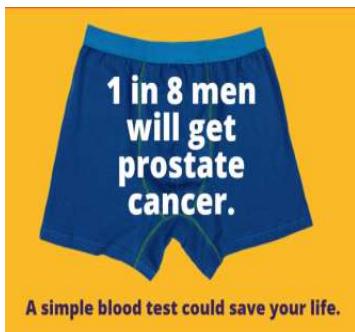
We are pleased to announce that the Hook Fun Run have provided a grant to support our forthcoming prostate screening events in November 2025 and May 2026.

In addition to the Hook Fun Run grant we are also grateful to Hook Parish Council, Odiham Parish Council, Hart District Council and Simply Health for supporting our prostate screening events.

Defibrillator News

With Hook Parish Council we have now commenced with the installation of a defibrillator at Hook Bowls Club in North West Hook. It is anticipated that the works will be completed within the first quarter of 2026. More updates in the next Newsletter.

Prostate Screening



Our next Prostate Cancer Screening will be on Saturday 15th November at the Odiham Cottage Hospital from 10.00 to 14.00. Men aged 40 to 80, who have not been tested within the last 12 months, can register & book a free PSA blood test by visiting holc.mypsatests.org.uk. We are again providing testing for 250 men.



This event is run in partnership with Odiham Cottage Hospital and The Graham Fulford Charitable Trust. We thank Hook Parish Council, Odiham Parish Council, Councilor Jonathan Glen and the Hook Fun Run for grants to help support the screening costs. With the grants, generous donations on the day, we cover the remaining costs through our fundraising during the year. This will be our sixth free screening event.

August

In August, we delivered the first of six training sessions on bystander resuscitation and defibrillator awareness in St John's Church Hartley Wintney, the Community Centre Hook and The Bridewell Odiham. These were all well attended with lots of great questions asked and everyone enjoyed having a go at resuscitation technique on the mannequins.

Our goal in offering these classes is to help people become more confident in using CPR and a defibrillator. CPR has changed over the years and Lion Jeni Rees, a qualified Basic Life Support instructor, led the classes with a relaxed and common sense approach on how best to help someone in cardiac arrest.

Wel Medical donated the training defibrillator to us and Sandra Sturgess, their Regional Sales Manager for the South West & Wales, attended the first two sessions that took place in Hartley Wintney to offer her support. We thank her and the company for their generosity as well as the Hook Parish Council for providing the mannequins and the three venues who offered us the rooms for free, allowing us to provide the sessions free of charge. We plan to run more sessions in the future and will advertise these nearer the time.



August saw the Hook Care Group lead our Hook monthly litter pick keeping Hook clean and litter free.

Finally in August we held our annual “President’s Handover Social.” The Handover Social is where the outgoing President hands over to the incoming President. This year the President handed over to himself! We again thank Lion Graham and his wife, Janice, for staging the event. As usual a great afternoon was had by all.





We also celebrated the birthday of our longest serving and oldest member, Lion Bryan Hailstone who turned 93.

Pictured is Bryan with his wife Brenda at the Handover Social.

September

September started with marshalling at the Windsor Horse Ride.



Lions Stella and Alyson enjoying the outdoors at Windsor



We then moved onto our last summer event at Off The Hook festival in Greywell where we provided free child's games and our ever popular darts game.

Pictured are Friends of Lions John, Mandy and Sue who supported Lion Mark during the day.



September continued with our monthly litter pick, this time led by Hook United FC. A great turn out with 34 participating and collecting over 11 bags of rubbish.



This was the largest item that we have found to date, a coil of flexible aluminum tubing flytipped in Bartley Way. Many thanks to Hart District Council street cleaning team for removing this item very quickly.

Come on Hook, you can do better than this!

Finally we took part in the Baton of Hope Basingstoke Tour 2025 initiative at Odiham Wharf.

The Baton of Hope is the UK's largest-ever suicide prevention initiative — born from tragedy, driven by courage, and fuelled by hope. The Baton of Hope embarked on its first nationwide tour in 2023.

Our thanks to Tesco's of Hook for providing the early morning refreshments.



October



Hook & Odiham RFU led our final litter pick of the season. Again we had an excellent turn out with over 6 full bags of litter collected.

Our thanks to Lions Louise and Colin for managing the litter picks, Lions Neil and Lynn for stepping in when Louise and Colin were not available, and to all the Individuals, Organisations and Clubs that supported the litter picks. In total over 80 people participated in the litter picks collecting over 60 bags of rubbish.

Also a note of thanks to Pam Mercer from Hook Parish Council for posting our events on their social media pages.

The fun starts again next March and hopefully less litter to be collected!

And finally in October we were out putting up poppies in both Hook and Hartley Wintney.

Left. Hook Poppy Team; Lions Jeni, Louise, Neil and Colin. Not in picture are Mandy Muir and LP John.



Below. Hartley Wintney Poppy Team; Lion Neil, LP John and Sarah Daly of HW Parish Council.



Future Events

Currently in the pipeline:

- **Prostate Screening.** Following the success of our previous events we are continuing with our 6th free event on Saturday 15th November at the Odiham Cottage Hospital.
- **Christmas 2025.** This year we have added some additional routes for Santa, Rudolf and his Elves to visit.

Friday 28 th November	Hartley Wintney – Christmas Market with our gazebo
Sunday 30 th November	Odiham – Christmas Extravaganza with our gazebo
Tuesday 2 nd December	Hartley Wintney – Green Lane area
Wednesday 3 rd December	Hartley Wintney – Dilly Lane area
Thursday 4 th December	Hartley Wintney – St Mary's Park area
Friday 5 th December	Hook – Tichener Way area
Monday 8 th December	Odiham – RAF Odiham area
Thursday 11 th December	Hook – Holt Park area

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Monday 15 th December	Odiham – Odiham East area
Tuesday 16 th December	Hook – Oak Tree Drive area
Wednesday 17 th December	Hook – Papermill Avenue area
Thursday 18 th December	Hook – Middle Mead area
Friday 19 th December	Hook – Santa and his Elves will be at Tesco's
Saturday 20 th December	Hook – Santa and his Elves will be at Tesco's
Sunday 21 st December	Hook – Santa and his Elves will be at Tesco's

Full details of the rounds can be found in the respective village magazines.

This year for Odiham and Hook Santa sleigh rounds we will be working together with the Rotary Club of Odiham & Hook.

- **Hook Village Show 2026.** The date is fixed, Sunday 5th July. Now the planning has commenced. We are looking for sponsors and advertisers to support the Show. If you know of any potential sponsors or advertisers please do contact us.

We thank all who volunteer their time to run and support these events and let's not forget the hard work many do behind the scenes to make our events a success on the day. If you are able to help out, or wish to become a Lion, please contact myself. Alternatively, if you wish to donate to help those in need and support the charities that the Lions support, please visit our website.

Latest information on our activities can be found on our website, Facebook, and Instagram.

Thank you for your support!

John Sandford

President, Hook Odiham & Hartley Wintney Lions Club



We meet at The Raven PH in Hook every 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm
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