

Events 2011/12

LIONS FUN DAY STALL



On Sunday 5 June (and for several weeks beforehand) members of the club put their energies into setting up a stall selling plants, nearly new and bric a brac at the local Lions Fun Day.

Many of the plants were grown by members from seeds specially for the stall and were a great success.

Despite high winds – that seemed to be centred directly above their gazebo! – they put in a tremendous team effort and raised nearly £200 for club charities.



The PCSOs from the Safer Neighbourhood Team gave an informative account of the work they carry out in the local community at the June meeting. Much of this is done on foot or by cycle so that they are a visible presence and easily approachable. Their work includes settling disputes within the community, often involving youngsters. A “Restorative” approach is the favoured method as this enables all of the parties to be involved. A range of personal safety tips were also offered to Club members including the difficulties caused by misuse of social networking sites such as Facebook. The presentation finished with the reassurance that N.W. Norfolk is a very safe area to live in, despite the impression sometimes created by the media .



At the club meeting in July Bob Angel and John Reed from Priory Rotary Club, introduced members to ‘Shelterbox’. This programme was founded by a Rotarian from Cornwall, he was concerned that people following disasters had a great need for shelter and basic equipment. After recent disasters ‘Shelterbox’ is now as respected and well known as the ‘Red Cross’, and has worked on every continent of the world, not just third world but, America and Australia. The speakers brought a ‘Shelterbox’ with them and unpacked it to demonstrate the quality and necessity of the items it contained. The initial cost of a box in 2000 was £490 now the cost is £590 with 92p of every pound raised going on the boxes.

On 3 July 2011 SI King’s Lynn held their 36th Annual Charter Lunch at Heacham Manor.





It was a great day – good weather, fine food and an opportunity to enjoy the friendship of our sister Soroptimists and guests including guest speaker Don Brereton CB, Chair of Carers UK, who talked with insight and humour about his background and the challenges facing carers today, and London Anglia Region President, Jean Thorpe.



On Sunday 21 August a number of members went on a fun Murder Mystery Town Trail around Kings Lynn followed by supper at a members house. The afternoon was very enjoyable and helped raise £140 for club funds.





On 10th September over 1100 people (including some members of SI KingsLynn) took part the national coast walk for WaterAid. Over £100 was raised by our members which will go towards the good cause aiming to give those in poorer countries the accessibility to safe water.



On Sunday 13th November, some members of SI King's Lynn attended the Act of Remembrance held in Tower Gardens. A wreath was laid in memory of all of those who have fallen in the line of duty.



The long awaited literary lunch organised by SI King's Lynn was a great success with guest speakers Sophie Hannah and Jim Kelly.

The following is the article written by the Lynn News.

'Two successful writers attended a literary lunch, enjoyed by more than 50 guests at the Riverside Restaurant, in Lynn.

The event last week was organised by Lynn Soroptomists to raise funds for the Shelter Box, Bafrow, an African village, and St Edmund's Primary School reading project.



The guest speakers were authors Sophie Hannah and Jim Kelly, both of whom have written novels set in the West Norfolk area.

In a humorous style Sophie explained that her novels, psychological thrillers, are usually inspired by actual events with some of the characters based on real people, but that she chose the less likely scenarios combined in a way that keep the readers turning the pages.

Jim's talk again demonstrated that his work was influenced by his own background part of which was his father having worked in Scotland Yard.

He described his books by reading passages which illustrated his dramatic descriptive talents. The afternoon finished with a book signing.

Soroptomist chairman Carolyn Slynn thanked both the speakers and those attending some of whom travelled from Cambridge and Norwich.'



On 1st April the Divertimento! Concert Band played at St Nicholas' Church. It was a well enjoyed recital of music from the 'world of film and theatre'.

This was a well supported afternoon with the beneficiaries being Morley House.

