



Lions Club of Liskeard. April 2019

Message from our President Garf Cole.

Spring is upon us and the Lions Club of Liskeard is busy in preparation for the coming year's events. We have the Easter Bingo at Eliot House Hotel on Tuesday 18th of April and I am sure it will be *eggsactly* as successful as last year.

We are planning our events for Carnival 2019, with a few changes and have taken on board your comments that you want to see the 'Carnival News', back in its previous format. It is in planning stage and we are grateful as ever to our generous sponsors and advertisers.

Liskeard Council are looking to help with the distribution of the magazine, although we do struggle in having enough manpower to deliver to all homes in outlying areas. If you think that you can help, then please contact us via Facebook.

We struggle in getting the numbers of participants to make the Furry dance a worthy option. As such, I will be writing to those organisations that have requested and received financial support from the Club and will ask them to participate. The dance is great fun. (And I have a 'gammy knee') This year, we are having the Pavement artist competition on the Wednesday, followed by the Furry Dance. Hopefully the two free events may help to keep more people on the Parade in support.

In a recent workshop it was suggested that we have a theme for the Carnival procession. After great deliberation.....we have one. **ANYTHING GOES**. All that is required is enthusiasm and imagination.

Before May, we should have the list of categories ready and will publish on the website and Facebook.

Last November, we took on the additional event of the Fireworks. It was a success, although we learned some lessons including the necessity to review providing enough catering. (We ran out of provisions) It was realised that many people stay outside the site to avoid paying an entry fee. That is appreciated as times are hard. All we ask is a small donation to cover our costs as the manpower is given voluntarily and any profits go into our efforts of charity to the community.

In December, Santa agreed to support the Lights up in Liskeard. What a fabulous evening that was. He then took centre stage at Morrisons and Aldi. There were lots of photographs taken and monies raised were again dedicated to local charities and events. Included was support to providing a free entry (and transport) to our Pantomime in January for our pensioners on two nights and free places for the children on the Saturday. The pantomime was a resounding success and many thanks to those that are in the cast that are not Lions, but have supported us for a number of years.

At the end of the Carnival, my fellow Lion Martin Symonds takes over as President. I sincerely wish him well and know that he will continue to keep our local traditions going.

Please look to support all the Carnival and Lions events as if we do not, we may lose them.

Many thanks go to Christina Whitty for her continued support during her time as Mayor.

I am grateful to my fellow Lions for all their support. (From our own Liskeard club and others) To all of you volunteers that have given us additional support and to you, the people of Liskeard and surrounding areas that have cared enough to turn up, sponsor and support at any and all events.

Kindest regards

Garf Cole

LIONS CLUB of LISKEARD PRESIDENT

