

Lions provide treat for elderly



FARNHAM Lions recently held its elderly people's annual lunch party at The Memorial Hall in Farnham.

This eagerly awaited event is organised each year by the Lions to provide a three-course lunch followed by afternoon tea to its elderly guests.

Vanessa Stonard, Lions' organiser, said: "The lunch party provides a social event for the elderly residents of

Farnham many of whom are unable to leave their own homes due to mobility issues or simply unable to access resources in their neighbourhood, leaving them feeling isolated.

"This is quite often the only opportunity for them to meet lots of other people of their own age at a social event.

"We were delighted that the Mayor of Farnham,

Jeremy Ricketts, was able to take time out from his busy schedule to spend it with us and chatting to our guests."

Almost 100 guests attended. Some were brought to the party by family but most were collected from their homes by Farnham Lions' club members with assistance from Two Counties Care based in Farnham and the Gostrey Centre minibus,



ably driven by Les.

Greeting their arrival at the hall was the Pantastic steel band, led by Nicky Fairey and her musicians. During lunch they played variety of popular tunes including some very traditional calypso favourites that certainly conjured up thoughts of warmer days ahead.

A three-course lunch was once again provided by chef David Grant and his catering team while the Lions served a variety of refreshments, sponsored by Farnham-based Two Counties Care.

After lunch the guests

had a chance to chat and get to know one another and the Lions. During this time a raffle was held to help raise money for Surrey Air Ambulance and one lucky winner went home with a very large chocolate egg.

Afternoon tea was served and then, in the late afternoon the guests were taken home, replete and happy, each with an Easter egg courtesy of Farnham Lions.

The event, as usual, was presided over by the Lions president Keith Harris, compered by Lion Doug Shillito and organised by Lion Vanessa Stonard and her team.