

Wenceslas project off to a good start ^{2/1}

FARNHAM Lions Club's Wenceslas Project to transfer Winter Fuel Payments to those with real fuel needs was launched in the *Herald* on November 20 and has made an excellent start.

Donations already topped £15,000 prior to Christmas, which is 75 per cent of the Lions' target.

Farnham Lions are now preparing for the distribution of the total fund amongst those selected clients of the CAB and Sure Start who have been identified as being in Fuel Debt or Fuel Poverty.

The CAB this year has appointed an officer to administer the Farnham and Haslemere Debt Registers jointly so that funds will be distributed between the towns on a 'needs' basis rather than being shared out on a proportionate formula.

Michael Thom, the Lions' Wenceslas Project co-ordinator, said: "We would like to reiterate to the public, and in particular to the donors, that all distribution payments will be made directly to the relevant fuel utility companies on behalf of the beneficiaries and not to the beneficiaries themselves.

"Wenceslas, which has been very kindly sponsored by *The Herald* and by Riverprint, will run for at least another four weeks by which time we hope we shall have reached our target."

Anyone wishing to donate is invited to send a cheque to Lion Treasurer, 2 Birdhaven, Sandrock Hill, Farnham GU10 4PB or visit the website www.justgiving.com/lions-wenceslas