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# The new dawn for 105SC



The International Association of Lions Clubs



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"Fund Raising, Fun Seeking, Service Giving, Life Saving - Creating a Better World for All"

## **Matters of Moment**



## DG Team Visits July 2019

### **DG Lion Jarvis**

Date Activity 4 - 10 July: International Convention -Milan

I July: Westbury Lions Business Meeting
I July: Cabinet Meeting/Start Over
26 - 28 July: Council of Governors Meeting

### 1st VDG Lion Steve

4 - 10 July: International Convention -Milan

14 July: Cabinet Meeting/Start Over

### 2nd VDG Lion Brian

- 10 July: Abingdon Lions Business Meeting
- I I July: Trowbridge Club Official Visit
- 14 July: Cabinet Meeting/Start Over
- 25 July: Newbury Club Official Visit
- 27 July: Dalton Barracks Family Fun Day with Abingdon Lions and Alex the Mascot

## Thought for the Month

If you can find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere



International President 2019/2020 Lion Dr Jung-Yul Choi Busan Jae-il Lions Club Republic of Korea





## Welcome New Lions!

I am delighted to welcome the following new members into Lions Clubs International and wish them a long and happy time as a Lion.

DG Lion Jarris

Alton - Lion John Partridge Petersfield - Lion Clive Hutton Poole - Lion Davina Maria Callas Warminster - Lions Carol and Geoffrey Blaszkiw Westbury - Lion Jenny Houghton Woolmer Forest - Lions Janet Bates and Alan Murray

## The new DG's Leader...

"Fund Raising, Fun Seeking, Service Giving, Life Saving – Creating a better world for All"

My Fellow Lions

Thank you for the honour of representing you as your District Governor in what is a momentous year for all of us in this part of Britain.

As we wave goodbye to both our friends from Zone 1A and District 105D and welcome in the new District of 105SC with more than 170 new friends joining with us from Districts 105W and 105A, it is a great opportunity to look forward to creating a District of which we can all be proud.

With the new District being formed I have taken the opportunity to update the Zones which I hope will assist with the smooth running of administration within the District.

As my good mate IPDG Lion Ken Staniforth has mentioned on many occasions, regardless of District, Region or Zone, we all wear the same badge and are Lions first and foremost.

I sent out a note to all Clubs inviting members to put themselves forward to be part of the Cabinet team, so we had some fresh faces in among the more experienced members and I am pleased to say the call was answered and we have a number of new members who have kindly stepped up to help the cause. We had the chance to meet them at the training session that was held in June and it was really refreshing to see the new and experienced people working together for a common purpose, to help and support the Clubs in their endeavours.

Membership and the need to recruit more members has been mentioned on many occasions over the years but now more than ever we need to focus on recruiting new people into our Clubs. They bring fresh ideas and impetus with them. It is vital if we are to continue to do what we do best and that is to serve our local communities and create a better world for all. It will be the Cabinet's main focus this Lions' year and you will find the Zone chairmen along with the GMT team taking a more active role in supporting Clubs in their efforts to recruit more members.

As some of you have realised over my last few years, I do things a little differently and don't always conform to accepted norms. I know this may raise concerns in certain quarters but rest assured my first thoughts are always for the betterment of the District and most importantly the Lions of 105SC. In my brief time as District Governor (apparently it will pass very quickly), I will give you my all.

To all those (and you know who you are) who have given me great support over the last years on my journey, and I know will continue to do so, a big thank you. I have big shoes to fill following Lions Peter and Ken and I hope I am up to the task. I couldn't do this without the support and love of my wife and best friend Heather who over the years has given me great advice even when I didn't know I needed it.

I am here to serve you - the most important people in the District - the members. With that in mind my phone and email are always accessible, I sometimes may not be able to respond as guickly as I would like but I will respond.

Finally, we are all volunteers and give of our time freely, let us enjoy ourselves and spread fun, joy and laughter as we do what we do best - "We Serve".

Lion Jarris

**District Governor 105SC** 



The bigger picture

## **Global Service Team News**

A new beginning for our District as we become 105SC and a slightly different role for me as we start this new venture. I will only be concerned with the five main pillars of GST: Environment, Sight, Diabetes, Hunger and Childhood Cancer. Lion Iain Pudney will be responsible for Community Service Team covering MIAB, MedicAlert, Alzheimer's, Physical and Learning Difficulties and Vulnerable Persons. Also I will no longer be the MD Environment Officer. These changes mean that I can concentrate on GST which is becoming increasingly important.

### Why do we have GST?

GST is a global initiative led by LCl to promote service throughout the world. We are a **SERVICE ORGANISATION**, not a fund raising one. We can fulfil all the causes by our actions within our Clubs and within our District. The service needs to be relevant to the community in which it is delivered. GST is part of GAT which includes Membership and Leadership. If we deliver good service then the membership opportunities are increased. People will become interested if we provide good service projects which are well planned and executed. For example, Clubs have recruited members as a result of holding Prostate Cancer Screenings.

All service projects should involve membership recruitment opportunities. Display past projects and have leaflets available for the public to take away.

Work together with other Clubs and Zones. Remember - Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much. Some projects can be expensive and require many Lions to carry them out so get together and provide a worthwhile event. My strap line, when I was DG was **Working Together to Serve our Communities** and I still believe this to be true. Fun Fest run by my own Zone is a great example of this.

At the next Cabinet Meeting I have been asked to talk to the Zone and Region Chairmen about projects that we can carry out in the District and I will be elaborating on these over the coming months. The recent GST meeting was very positive and again I will be writing about their ideas.

I make two pleas to Clubs. Please inform me about what you do for service and record your actions on the activity reports. This is the only way I and LCI can learn of all the wonderful service that you provide to your community and the wider world. I look forward to hearing from you all.

Lion Judith

PDG Judith Goodchild 105SC GST Coordinator gst@lions105sc.org.uk Tel: 0118 981 2260



It hardly seems that a year has gone by since I wrote my first article as District 105D LCIF Coordinator. Now I am continuing in the role for the new District 105SC. The Clubs and members of 105D have generously supported the foundation over the years and I offer my sincere thanks.

As at 14 June the total donated to the various aspects of LCIF from 105D totalled \$45,367.52. Out of the 55 clubs, 40 have donated, which is 72.3 per cent. Donations have been made to the One Shot, One Life, various appeals after worldwide disasters, childhood cancer and Campaign 100. All this goes to help Lions around the world support those in need, when the need arises.

To those reading this who have been honoured with a Melvin Jones Fellowship during the past year, many congratulations. Hopefully I will meet you at the Melvin Jones lunches ably organised by Lion Yorky Tuke.

Now we look forward. There is still a need worldwide for the work that Lions carry out with the Foundation's help. If you have the time, please look at the LCIF section of the international website for an idea of some of the projects that have been undertaken thanks to your support.

Thank you once again.

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much".

Lion ann Huntley MJ7

**District 105SC LCIF Coordinator** 

## News from the Clubs...

The Wokingham Lions Club has donated £500 to the Wokingham Foodbank, with proceeds from the spring Grand Easter Egg Raffle in local pubs.



"We would like to thank the participating pubs for their fantastic support of the Easter Egg Raffle this year. As a result, our Club has donated £500 to the Wokingham Foodbank, which is run by volunteers who help individuals and families in need in our community," says Lion Bob Westerman, the Club's fundraising coordinator.

"At the Foodbank we always have a wish list to hand," said Carole Grey, the Foodbank manager (picture above with Lion Bob) and the Wokingham Lions' generous donation helps us fulfil many items on it."

## Fun-filled day at Bradford on Avon

The Lions Club of Bradford on Avon held their 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Fun Day and Car Boot Sale on the May Bank Holiday Monday with a large crowd in attendance. The Boot Sale in the Victory Field, one of the largest in the area with over 140 stallholders, was packed from 7.00 a.m. throughout the day with bargain hunters.

### Family Fun Day and Boot Sale attract large crowds

In the adjacent Culver Close Field, the Family Fun Day, with many stalls, fun fair attractions, inflatables, entertainments, children's sports and numerous food outlets, attracted a large crowd all afternoon. A new attraction this year was a 7.5 metre climbing tower.

This proved to be hit with a constant aueue of children waiting to have a go at reaching the top and ringing the bell.

There was



also a Duck Race with 300 ducks from the McKeever Bridge at 4.00 p.m.

This event is the Club's largest fund raiser, and is free to attend. After expenses it is expected to show a profit of around £3,000. This will be placed in the Club's Charitable Trust Fund and used to fund worthwhile causes both locally, nationally and Internationally.

## £3,125 for a warming cot for Poole Hospital



A donation from Wimborne and Ferndown Lions Club has enabled the Neonatal Unit at Poole Hospital to acquire a special "warming cot" which can precisely control the temperature surrounding a new born baby. The unit is known as the Kanmed Warming System BabyBed and is used mainly with premature babies. Pictured are staff at the Neonatal Unit flanked by President Lion Anne Lippitt, treasurer Lion Frank Fortey and secretary Lion Derick Smith at a presentation at the Hospital on Friday 3 May.

## **More Club and Zone news...**

## Zone 4K IT Refurbishment Programme



Farnborough Lions are pictured recently with Yateley & District Lions Club members at the Frimhurst Family House in Frimley Green at the presentation and installation of four refurbished desktop computers.

The Lions Clubs in Farnborough, Fleet, Hart, Aldershot, Hook & Odiham and Yateley have collected computers being replaced in offices and schools to refurbish and update them before donating them to worthy causes as part of the **Zone 4K IT Refurbishment Programme**.

Four such machines were donated to the Frimhurst Family House, run by ATD Fourth World, offering vulnerable families respite from poverty, discrimination and social exclusion by organising short break holidays in a Victorian manor house.

Set in nine acres of grounds, the facilities at Frimhurst Family House include four self contained flats, a library, games room, art studio, nursery, community garden, professional kitchen, outdoor playgrounds and a computer room. These enable adults, children and young people living below the poverty line to enjoy family holidays, take part in social events, explore their creativity and to find their self confidence.

Farnborough President Lion Ray Bentley said: "We are very excited to be part of the latest round of the Lions Zone 4K IT Refurbishment Programme and supporting giving to such a worthwhile charity. Using the expertise and financial support within our local Lions Clubs we are able to upgrade the donated computers, install licensed Windows 10 Operating Systems together with word processing software etc. to give local charities fully operating computer systems".

Pictured above are Lion Dave Brown, Farnborough President Lion Ray Bentley and Yateley President Lion Simon Rankin with (seated) Eric Knibbs, Shaeda and Tom Croft from the Frimhurst Family House.

### WOKINGHAM LIONS #WOKY COMEDY NIGHT

The Wokingham Lions Club has planned a brilliant night of comedy on Friday, 6 September, at the WADE Day Centre. "If you like comedy, you II love **#Woky Comedy Night**," says Lion John Cleary, organiser of the event. "We have three really funny professional comedians and a superb compere, offering a great evening of entertainment. The money raised from the event will go to two much-loved Wokingham charities, the Ollie Young Foundation and the WADE Day Centre,I The comedians include:

**Eddy Brimson**, one of Britain's most in-demand headline acts and a regular at the Edinburgh Festival;

**Naomi Cooper** has performed in the UK, Ireland, Europe and the US. Reviews have described her as *a comedy badass* and one to keep an eye out for! She is a regular blogger for the *Huffington Post*,

**Steve N Allen** is a regular member of the newsdesk team in The Mash Report, BBC2's BAFTA-nominated topical/satirical comedy show. He uses biting satire, gleeful mudslinging and skilled accents to entertain the audience.

Compere **Tom Webb** has also performed all over the world, and has been described as ingenious and fresh, as well as cheeky and inventive

"The Wokingham Lions have been long-term supporters of the Ollie Young Foundation and the WADE Day Centre, so we are hoping for a full house," says Lion John.



## Sentinel's eye on...

Membership

What a year 2018 - 19 was for membership - 105D District has inducted 105 new members. A fantastic result with 50 per cent of the Clubs badging up two or more members during the year.

Keep membership at the top of your focus for the current year. Clubs who work on membership initiatives succeed in attracting new members. All Clubs, even those who have membership that appears healthy, need to have a regular influx of new members to provide fresh blood and ideas. Personally, I think the ideal age for potential members is between 45 and 65, as this is a time when many people have more spare time which they can dedicate to Lions.

Consider holding a Lions awareness initiative for your Club.

How best to promote membership is dependant on your local community. Some Clubs have used leaflet drops with success, other Clubs have used local media or Facebook/ social media to publicise the event. In Wokingham we held a social evening where we distributed a number of cheques to local organisations and explained about Lions to several prospective members.

If you are a smaller Club, please ask your Zone and Area Chairman and other Clubs in your Zone to support and assist with your event. There is literature and a budget available at District level to provide assistance for smaller Clubs for Lions awareness campaigns for your local community. Please contact me for further details.

If you would like further information or support, I will be more than willing to assist.

### Lion Tim Hanton

**District Membership Officer** 



started life as press releases being sent to a variety of local media. In the main I publish what I have been sent, subject to what copy editors call style, but I suspect that many such releases get no further than these pages,

because what I look for and what a local newspaper, local radio or regional tv or even social media look for is rather different.

What they are looking for is news and sadly we Lions Clubs do not make news just by being Lions Clubs. To excite the imagination of a news editor what we do must be newsworthy in his or her terms not in ours. That means we have to use what those in my profession call triggers.

Fortunately most media triggers concern people which is who we are all about. Let your releases show how we serve the people in our community, who benefits and why. Show how much difference Lions Clubs make even hinting at what or might not have happened if the Lions had not become involved.

Above all, keep in short. Many years ago when I was learning my trade I was taught that however long a press release is intended to be it must contain all it needs to convey in the first paragraph! Because that is where an editor, including this one, might well cut it.

I look forward to receiving lots of first paragraphs.

The Editor

## PASSED TO HIGHER SERVICE

The 105SC Sentinel records with sadness the passing to higher service of Lion Sue Galloway of Bradford on Avon Lions Club and Lion Guy Elliot of the Loddon Valley Lions Club



Happy New Lions Year, District 105SC!

Our new District came into being on Monday 1 July and a warm welcome from the newly titled 105SC Sentinel to the Lions who have joined what was 105D and a fond farewell to those who have left to join other Districts. I shall certainly miss some of my most consistent correspondents.

The 105SC Sentinel is your publication, to tell other Lions what you do and how you do it. The magazine is also a forum for discussion on any matters that impact on being a Lion.

Thus I welcome any contribution from individual Lions who might want to write a letter to the Editor perhaps, for instance, agreeing what a good idea it is that we should all mark the start of our new International President's year with a \$100 donation! I know what I think...

Lion Peter Tall



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