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Meet Melvin, Jersey Lions' new mascot - you'll be seeing him!



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How many people see us



Basingstoke Lions promote World Sight Day



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“Lions Serve to Create a Better World for All”

Matters of Moment

DG Team Visits November 2019

DG Lion Jarvis

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
2 November:	Guernsey Charter Anniversary
3 November:	Bradford on Avon Charter Anniversary
11 November:	Poole Club Official Visit
14 November:	Westbury Lions Business Meeting
16 November:	Wimborne & Ferndown 50th Charter Anniversary
18 November:	Devizes Club Official Visit
20 November:	Southern District membership meeting
23 November:	Jersey Charter Anniversary
30 November:	Westbury Christmas Lights switch on

1st VDG Lion Steve

5 November:	Warminster Club Official Visit
6 November:	Lymington and Brockhurst Club- Official Visit
13 November:	Yateley Club Official Visit
16 & 17 November:	1st VDG training at Redditch
19 November:	Southern Summit Membership meeting at Basingstoke

2nd VDG Lion Brian

10 November:	Remembrance Sunday Abingdon on Thames
13 November:	Abingdon Club meeting
16 November:	Wimborne and Ferndown Charter Anniversary
19 November:	Zone Meeting 2D at Carterton
20 November:	Southern Districts meeting
24 November:	Abingdon Lions Steak Night



Blandford and Poole Lions attend a presentation by Girl Guide Leader Hannah Wiseman (centre) who, with six other Guides, visited Sierra Leone to promote Guiding, their visit supported by both Clubs



Reading Lions go back to University

Recently Reading Lions attended a Volunteers Fayre as part of Freshers Week at Reading University. With a display featuring pictures, a bespoke leaflet and inspiring videos, the Lions showed Lions' activities in the community. An element of fun was provided by a 'roaring Lion, a competition (where chocolates were the prize) and the smiling faces of the real Lions.

Several thousand students attended the event and more than 60 registered to receive more details about specific volunteering with the Reading Lions Club.

Scope for mentoring a Campus Club at Reading University?



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 Lions.

DG Lion *Jarvis*

HRNLEY ON THAMES - Lion Lorraine Hillier
NEW MILTON - Lion Christopher Clarke
SWINDON - Lions Jacquie Massey and Ritesh Jaiswal

The DG's Leader...

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

My Fellow Lions

FOUR MONTHS of the Lionistic year completed and I don't know where the time goes.

Club visits to Newport and Sandown & Shanklin Isle of Wight, Hook & Odiham and Farnborough proved very fruitful with lots of feedback on both Club activities and what Clubs would like Cabinet to achieve.

It was good to meet up with 1stVDG Lion Brian Donovan and his hard-working members at Abingdon. Lion Brian has obviously made volunteering in Lions a family affair with his wife Lesley and children Andrew and Sarah very much involved in the Club's activities.

It was really exciting to meet with members of the new Club being formed in Swindon; Chautari Lions with 27 Charter Members will have a strong start. It was also a great pleasure to meet the incoming members of our new Campus Club at Southampton University, with ages ranging from 18 to 21 years, they are full of life and bursting with new ideas. It's great to welcome them all into the Lions family.

Attending Charter events at Clubs I haven't visited before is always a good opportunity to make new friends. Melksham, Marlborough and Carterton Lions certainly went out of their way to make me and Heather feel really welcome. What was interesting was finding out that Carterton Lions are the only Lions Club in the UK to receive the prestigious "Queen's Award for Voluntary Service", a just reward for the efforts by the Club to serve their community.

I finished the month with a weekend with my fellow District Governors at the quarterly Council meeting. As well as the normal business of the day, there were some items of interest. The first was a vote to get on with Kid Sight UK and roll out a programme of presentations, training and distribution of the camera to all the Districts. This will happen in the New Year.

The second was something that I think will energize Clubs - a new project that got overwhelming approval; a partnership with the "Young Farmers Clubs of Great Britain". They have more than 24,500 members in the UK with clubs throughout the country. They are willing to team up with Lions Clubs so potentially there are extra volunteers for events and a major benefit for us is that they have to leave Young Farmers at 27! The potential membership opportunities are tremendous.

Once the agreement is signed, further information will be forthcoming. In the meantime it might be worth looking on the Young Farmers' website to see if there is a club near you.

Best wishes

Lion Jarvis District Governor 105SC



The bigger picture



Global Service Team News

Thinking of the hungry at Christmas

FOR most of us Christmas is a family occasion with plenty, indeed often too much, food and drink. But spare a thought for those who will not be enjoying such an occasion. How can we help?

Many localities now provide free Christmas lunches for the lonely who can enjoy a good lunch but more importantly can enjoy the company of others. The organisers will often appreciate physical or financial support. Perhaps you could take on buying gifts for the participants.

Soup kitchens and centres for the homeless are often have their scope increased in December and all will appreciate help – either practical or financial.

Many children will enjoy a good Christmas Day but may be going hungry during the school holidays as they will not be getting free school meals. You can approach local schools to ask if you can help and ask your Food Bank to act as the distribution centre. Schools can give letters from the Lions to every child registered for free school meals, and the Parents/ Carers to take the letter to the Food Bank on a set date and time to collect a bag of groceries provided by Lions. This has been done by Kendal Lions for almost a year now. Each bag contained a loaf of bread, a tin of ham, a tin of tuna, and cheese slices, tins of beans, spaghetti hoops, fruit in juice, crisps and a packet of Kit Kat biscuits. Lions only know the number of children registered who require a letter from Lions.

Food Banks have unfortunately become part of our way of life. You can help them by providing finance to cover their costs. While food is donated free of charge and the banks are mainly run by volunteers, there are managers, who are paid the minimum wage, and rental costs of the premises to be met.

One of my colleagues, Lion Judith John, has suggested “Bring a Tin to School Day” which has worked in 105SW. Find out how it works on page 9.

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ATTENTION all you keen golf players! The seventh Lions Golf World Cup & European Championship will take place from 24 February through 1 March 2020 in Andalucía, Spain and IPIP Lion Gudrun Yngvadottir will also be attending. Lions Clubs International Foundation is the recipient of all the funds raised from this event.

Andalucía is a paradise for golf lovers with more than 100 courses and an exceptional climate. The Barceló Montecastillo Golf and Sports Resort is just next to Jerez de la Frontera, surrounded by great golf courses and next to one of the most beautiful cities of Spain. It is also very close to Seville.

The deadline to receive the “early bird booking rate” is **31 December 2019**. For further information please visit http://www.lionluis.com/Leones/Spanish/golf_20_ing.html

Remember all proceeds go to LCIF and support Campaign 100.

Has your club thought about becoming a Model Club for Campaign 100 and supporting the campaign to raise \$300 million over three years, to help Lions worldwide achieve more? If you want any information, please get in touch.

Finally, it is World Diabetes Day on 14 November. If your Club wishes to do something towards Diabetes awareness, there are grants available, again please get in touch to find out more.

Thank you for your continued support of Lions Clubs International Foundation.

*“Alone we can do so little,
together we can do so much”.*

Lion Ann Huntley MGF

District 105SC LCIF Coordinator

Around the Clubs...

Lions donate a very special minibus

Pictured are students at Farnborough College of Technology celebrating the arrival of a minibus, funded by Lions Clubs in the Farnborough area together with parents of students at the college.

The vehicle has been donated to the College's Foundation and Entry Level department, which offers courses to those with additional learning needs, learning difficulties and/or disabilities.

The project was initiated by a parent of a special needs student on that course, who recognised that a dedicated vehicle would benefit the department. The parent contacted Farnborough Lions Club for their support while also raising funds herself.

As this was such a large project Farnborough Lions bought on-board the Lions Clubs of Aldershot, Fleet, Yateley & District, Hart with Hook and Odiham who generously donated funds raised from their own fundraising activities.

Programme Manager at Farnborough College Foundation Studies Department, Liz Wilson, commented "The curriculum in Foundation Learning is structured around preparing young people for adulthood. It involves accessing the local community as much as possible to develop independence and employability skills. It has been great working with the Lions and having the minibus will make a big difference to the students."

Farnborough Lions IPP Lion Ray Bentley said "When we received this request we contacted the Lions Clubs in our Zone who were only too pleased to help with the funding. We are extremely grateful for their support in helping us."



WEATHER DEFEATS THE LIONS



Hook and Odiham Lions had been planning their 5th Annual Spooktacula for many months and all was in place for the best ever until the day of the event – Saturday 28 October. However on a miserable morning a gale was blowing and heavy rain was threatened for most of the day. Opinion was divided regarding cancelling and even postponing until the next day was considered. Illusion Fireworks was waiting for an answer so our President called their director asking if we could have a refund. The answer was no but we could hold the money over for next year. We therefore decided to cancel on the grounds of safety – the wind alone meant that erecting gazebos would be very dangerous.

One Lion went to the site at the time people should have been arriving to tell the public that the event was off but only one family braved the elements!



"Ale through a straw, Freddie? What's going on?" See next page

More Club news...



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This year's Fleet Lions beer festival was a roaring success with a record number of more than 900 visitors sinking 450 gallons of beer and cider.

This meant that the Club's headline charities - the Royal National Institute for the Blind and the Fleet Macular Society - benefited to the tune of £2,000 with the rest of the profits being distributed among other local charities throughout the year. In total nearly £11,000 was raised and Lion Bill Petley did particularly well by getting 19 barrels sponsored by businesses at £100 a go. Hampshire Search and Rescue helped behind the bar and received a donation of £500.

Guests also enjoyed a hog roast and the Surrey Copper Distillery's gin and tonics were very popular. Entertainment was provided by the eclectic "Kindred Spirit" and the welcome return of the "Fleet Booze Hound Blues Band".



The Fleet Boozeies band performs

Eastleigh Lions jazz it up!



Eastleigh Lions and Eastleigh Age Concern joined forces for a glittering Gala Charity Dinner Dance to raise funds for a new One Community minibus for a vital dial-a-ride service for the elderly and infirm.

Guests attending the event in The Point were greeted to a red carpet reception and traditional New Orleans music from the Acoustic Jazz Band. During the four course meal entertainment was provided by theatre students from Barton Peveril College performing an energetic medley of songs from the shows. Sergiy Bondarenko and a local dance academy presented a Latin American dance display and guests were invited to take to the floor for some instruction in the cha-cha!

Highlight of the evening was the draw for a fabulous prize of flights to and hotel in New York for two, presented to the lucky winners by Eastleigh's MP Mims Davies and the Mayor of Eastleigh.

Altogether a very successful fundraising event which took a lot of organisation and thanks in particular to Lion Devan Kandiah who provided the foresight, effort and the contacts!



The Mayor tries the cha-cha
Pictures from Robinson Road Photography

More Club news...

A busy summer for Blandford Lions



Lions Tony and Christine Burt, Secretary Lion Tony Ives present a cheque for £200 to Gail de Pinto of the Blandford Food Bank to help fund meals for young children during the summer holidays.

The same Lions are pictured standing at the seat outside Woodhouse Gardens donated to the town by the Lions.



The Lions continue to distribute Message in a Bottle through local surgeries and the hospital and collecting unwanted spectacles to be refurbished for Third World countries.

**Cherish yesterday
Dream tomorrow
Live today**

#Woky Comedy Night



13th December, 2019, Wokingham



Jonathan Elston - Dan Evans - Andy Stedman - David Tsonos



Meon Valley Lions help Distinguished Gentlemen ride out

In addition to raising money for local people, Meon Valley Lions like to help other organisations and in October, Lions turned out to marshal the 90+ Solent Distinguished Gentleman's Ride, which unites classic and vintage style motorcycle riders all over the world to raise funds and awareness for prostate cancer research and men's mental health – A damp but enjoyable day out.

LIONS RECORD AUTUMN QUIZ



The Barrington Theatre Ferndown was packed on Thursday 10 October when 125 players turned up to compete in the Wimborne and Ferndown Lions annual autumn quiz. Veteran quizmaster Ken Taylor says this was his swansong but he conducted proceedings as smoothly as ever. And thanks to all the Lions who provided all the food, the raffle, distributed the scripts, etc. and did the scoring – a great team effort.



Lions people...

Basingstoke Lions bestow an MJF

On Tuesday 29 October at 3.00 pm and after many secret shenanigans, 15 Basingstoke Lions, plus some 'other halves' who didn't want to miss such an auspicious event, trooped into the home of 97 years old Lion Denis White. Sharp as a tack, but occasionally a little under the weather, it had been decided that this was the best way to present Lion Denis with his Melvin Jones Fellowship award. To say that he was surprised at the 'invasion' would be an understatement!

Greeted by his daughter Alison and son-in-law who had kindly prepared some refreshments, the assembled company—who'd brought their own celebratory refreshments to share - listened as President Lion Tony Bambrugger, presenting the award (pictured) explained that Denis had joined the Club on 7 January 1971 and so had now been a Lion for

almost 49 years. As an optician he had become the Lions' leader in the Spektrek scheme, collecting more than 45,000 pairs of spectacles in 30 years. In 2011 he was awarded the Bill Field Trophy for services to sight. President in 1982/83, Denis spearheaded a project to provide a hoist for disabled access to the town centre pool. In 2016 DG Lion David Taylor awarded Lion Denis his 45 year pin and the DG's Certificate of Appreciation.

An ardent Bentley fan, Lion Denis owned a green 1936 tourer with which he thrilled our French twinning visitors and a 1956 silver Bentley Continental which he used to carry many brides to church.

The Club extends the warmest and heartfelt congratulations to a wonderful Lion.



IN FOND MEMORY

With great sadness Calne Lions Club reports the passing to higher service of Lion Maurice Peter Littley on Wednesday 9 October. A Lion since November 1977 (with a short break) he was a very hard working, enthusiastic and dedicated member of the Club who was, during his service, was active in the Club in many positions up until ill health prevented participation. He was a very generous man with a quiet gentlemanly way always with a smile and a devilish sense of humour. He will be sorely missed by his fellow Lions, family and his many, many friends. It was a pleasure to have known him.

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It is also with great sadness that the Wareham Lions Club reports the passing to higher service of the last of the Club's founder members, Lion Duncan Herbert Green. Lion Duncan established the Wareham Lions branch some 49 years ago and has been an active member from day one until his sad passing on 12 September 2019. For the last few years Lion Duncan was the Club's Almoner and carried out his duties with upmost care and understanding to all the Wareham Lions. He will be sadly missed.

Lion Duncan leaves behind his devoted wife Mary and two children.

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It is with heartfelt sadness that the Fleet Lions Club reports the passing to higher service of FLOGS (Fleet Lions Old Guys) member Lion David Matthews MJF. Lion David was a stalwart, highly valued member of Fleet Lions and then the Fleet FLOGS since its inception. A good Lion, a special person and good friend.



Sentinel's eye on...

A Three Peaks Challenge

Community groups Windsor St George Rotary Club, Windsor Street Angels, The Town Partnership, Thames Valley Police and the Windsor Lions are joining forces with yet another partner in a drive to install more Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) around Windsor.

This time their partner is St George's School, Windsor Castle, where two separate initiatives are planned: the first invites pupils, parents and teachers to guess the number of balls packed inside the AED box prominently placed at the school. The nearest guess will win a Daniels Voucher!

On 21 November between 3.00 and 5.00 pm the school will be running a "Walk the Peaks" challenge in the school grounds. Over two hours pupils and teachers will walk the equivalent of the three highest peaks in the UK. This will be a sponsored challenge and the school is confident they will raise a significant percentage of the cost of a defibrillator and safe.

The school's organiser says that the young leaders at St George's School, as well as volunteers from Windsor Girls School, are looking forward to raising funds for such a worthwhile cause.

"We are going to run, walk, hop and use a hoist of other inventive ideas to cover the distance of the Three Peaks Challenge."



Bring a Tin To School Day

Find a willing Head teacher be it Secondary, Junior or Infants and invite them, instead of a 'no uniform day', to do a 'Bring a Tin to School Day', thereby helping those in need within their own communities.

1. Identify a School - get their agreement to take part. It may be that they will choose a particular year group rather than the whole school and you could suggest that. In that way you can go back next year and a different year group can be targeted.
2. Speak with the local Food Bank and agree with them a list of foodstuffs they would like collected. That list should then be given to the school taking part.
3. Agree a date when this will take place - the Food Banks are often very short of food after Christmas so it may be sensible to do this late January/early February.
4. After the set date agree with the Head teacher to go to the school and attend an Assembly where the food can be passed over. Present the School with a Certificate of Appreciation and invite them to take part again.
5. Arrange to deliver the food to the Food Bank. This is a very simple project - minimal manpower needed but a very worthwhile and achievable project for the Club.

Whatever you do please remember to record it on the mylion web site. I know this is more difficult this year and I have made this known to Cabinet, the GST Committee and our International Director.

I have been assured that it is recognised that there are problems and these are being considered.

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OLD MONARCH

The Editor has the last word...

This month's cover features the manner in which Basingstoke Lions promoted World Sight Day and they are to be congratulated on this initiative, particularly since their efforts were featured on local television and community radio! What's more, the stand attracted much public attention and might just have resulted in a new Lion.

We have another opportunity to promote Lions and Lionism later this month with World Diabetes Day on 14 November. On that day we can illustrate just how concerned we Lions are for what is being described by much of the mainstream media as a modern epidemic—the growth on Type 2 diabetes, particularly now among younger people.

It is gratifying to learn, from Basingstoke Lions' experience, that such promotions can also lead to new members. Take note...

Lion Peter Tabb



**Lions
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