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The International Association of Lions Clubs

District 105SC



District Governor 2019 - 2020 ♦ Lion Jarvis MacDonald

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“Lions Serve to Create a Better World for All”

Matters of Moment

DG Team **January 2020**

DG Lion Jarvis

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
9 January	Westbury Lions Business Meeting
12 January	Young Ambassador/District Cabinet Meeting
13 January	New Milton Lions Official Visit
14 January	District Convention Meeting
19 January	Loddon Valley Lions Charter Anniversary Lunch
24 - 26 January	Governors' Council Meeting

1st VDG Lion Steve

6 January	District Finance Meeting, Amesbury
7 January	Calne Club Business Meeting
9 January	Ringwood Lions Official Visit
12 January	Cabinet Meeting at Bournemouth
13 January	Fareham Lions Official Visit
14 January	Maidenhead Lions Official Visit
25 - 26 January	Governors' Council Meeting

2nd VDG Lion Brian

6 January	District Finance Meeting, Amesbury
8 January	Abingdon Christmas volunteers awards evening
12 January	Cabinet Meeting at Bournemouth
19 January	Loddon Valley Charter Anniversary Lunch



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*

BASINGSTOKE - Lion Rohini Karve
DEVIZES - Lion Gisela Coker
HENLEY-ON-THAMES - Lion Lorraine Hillier
MEON VALLEY - Lion Anne Stevens
NEW MILTON - Lion Christopher Clarke
SWINDON - Lion Ritesh Jaiswal
SWINDON CHAUTARI - Lions Ramesh Banstola, Ruchila Banstola, Rajan Kumar Chhetri, Ramesh Gautam, Bishwo Ghmire, Rupa Gurung, Yam Gurung, Abishek Kc, Tanka Bahadur Kc, Narayan Khadka, Samjhana Khadka, Subash Mall, Ramraj Malla, Ranjan Malla, Nirmal Parajuli, Binod Puri, Top Bahadur Raut, Ram Mani Rijal, Devendra Shrestha, Besh Thapa, Laxmi Thapa, Min Bahadur Thapa, Parbati Upadhyay and Ravi Upadhyay
WOKINGHAM - Lion Gareth May



Congratulations, Lions!

Lions, you did it. To mark World Diabetes Day, together we helped screen more than one million people around the world for Type 2 diabetes.

Thank you everyone who participated in this monumental event. And remember, even though our challenge is over, there is still a lot you can do to help. Continue making your mark by organising a diabetes screening in your community and reporting your service to Lions Clubs International.

Lion Dr Jung-Yul Choi
International President

A thought for the New Year

***"Turn your face to the sun
and the shadows fall
behind you"***

- Maori proverb

The DG's New Year's Leader...

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

My Fellow Lions

As I write this Christmas has come and gone. Up and down the District moneys will have been counted and banked from many Santa float collections and Santa visits. I know from my own evenings collecting with Westbury Lions and being Santa at Salisbury, that as well as collecting for good causes, it is the amount of joy and wonder on the children's faces that makes it worthwhile getting soaked. Our membership chairman Lion Mike Pearce also found it was a good opportunity, while on the doorstep, to canvas people about Lions and the possibility of joining our great organisation. Lion Mike has encouraged four people to talk with us again in the New Year. This has got me thinking that perhaps other Clubs could benefit from this approach, since while you are on the door step you have a captive audience, so why not ask if who you are talking to would be interested in joining Lions.

Looking forward now, more than ever your District Cabinet must focus on looking after the Clubs that are struggling with low numbers and aging members. Two Clubs have closed within the last month and if we are to stop this happening to other Clubs we must act now. We can't do this without help. Zone Clubs will know which of their neighbouris need assistance and will be key in helping to support their fellow Lions as we try to breathe new life into their Clubs. As well as the DG team, your Region and Zone Chairmen will be talking to Clubs over the coming months to give their assistance in making this a reality.

On a positive note I am very pleased to share with you the good news that we have a new Club - Swindon Chautari Lions Club. They are from the Nepalese community and are either existing Gurkhas or have served as Gurkhas. I am sure you will all join me in welcoming them to our Lions family.

The District Convention weekend is not far away, and there is still room, it is on the weekend of 20-22 March 2020 at The Hilton DoubleTree Hotel, Swindon. The Convention Team have done a really good job of negotiating a very keen room rate with £65.00 for a double room. It promises to be a cracking weekend with excellent entertainment in the evenings, and an interesting day at the business session. It is a great opportunity for us all to shape how our newly formed District of 105SC. Don't delay! Get the Convention booked on www.lions105sc.org.uk/booking.

I am quite excited as we are not only about to embark on a new year but also a new decade. At last we have a decade we can name and with us being Lions, let's hope it becomes the "Roaring Twenties". (sorry for the pun - I couldn't help myself!).

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year.

Lion Jarvis

District Governor 105SC



The bigger picture



Global Service Team News

Welcome to a new decade and a Happy New Year to you all.

I hope you had a successful fund raising period leading up to Christmas and that you were able to help those less fortunate than yourselves to have a better Christmas through your welfare projects.

It is hard work but so rewarding. The stand out moment for me was when a disabled girl was brought out in a wheelchair to see Santa. Her face was alight with joy and she was almost dancing in her chair. This was on a very wet night but it made the evening.

While we all raise this money to help our local communities I would ask that you consider using any surplus to make a donation to Brain Tumour Research. Most of us will have known someone who has been diagnosed with a brain tumour and know what a devastating impact this can have on families. Many of the victims are young people. I lost my own sister through this dreadful illness and while she was much older, her grandchildren, including one unborn at the time, were deprived of a grandmother's love and devotion.

We do need to do as much research as possible into finding cures, but it is so difficult, because there are many different types of tumour. Let's make 2020 the year we really get the MD Appeal off the ground starting with donations from your Christmas funds.

I hope that 2020 will also see the Vision Screening Programme taking off in 105SC and that many children will have their eyesight checked and saved. Again a very worthwhile project. I know from personal experience how easy it is to overlook a "lazy eye". I was very fortunate to be diagnosed as an eight year old.

Diabetes continues to be a global problem and the need for screenings is as great as ever but these should be done by Accessing Risk rather than by blood tests. Diabetes UK will help Clubs carry out such screenings.

There's more Global Service Team news on page 9.

Lion Judith Goodchild

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There has been interest and comment in the press recently about the rise of the number of measles cases. This highly contagious viral disease is the cause of death of 245 people every day. Many of you will remember that LCIF launched its own initiative to help with increasing vaccinations, One Shot, One Life.

In 2010 Lions and LCIF received an initial grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to help this fight in four specific regions - Ethiopia, Madagascar, Mali and Nigeria. The efforts of Lions and their partners resulted in 41 million children being vaccinated in these areas.

Due to this success and the role Lions serve within their communities, the Gates Foundation awarded LCIF a US\$5million challenge grant in October 2011. Lions were asked to provide \$10 million which was met in October 2012 which helped vaccinate 150 million children.

The programme has spread through other areas of the world. In December 2017, LCIF completed their commitment to GAVI, the vaccine alliance by raising \$30 million. The Gavi matching fund, funded by UK Governments Department for Internal Affairs & The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation which is matching contributions dollar for dollar means the total raised so far is \$60 million. This means 87.7 million vaccinations have been carried out.

Lions are continuing this work worldwide by supporting projects, being advocates in their communities for the vaccine and acting as volunteers in vaccination centres.

Thank you if your Club has donated to LCIF for this cause.

I wish you all a very Happy & Healthy New Year.

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

Lion Ann Huntley MJP
District 105SC LCIF Coordinator

The Festive Season around the Clubs...

Christmas Food Parcels from the Lions



The annual delivery of Christmas food parcels to local people was made again by Wimborne and Ferndown Lions Club. A parcel contains around 25 different food items

Club members filled bags with items from bulk supplies purchased from Morrisons of Verwood. In a well established process, stacks comprising units of each food item are assembled on tables. Club members then circulate, filling the bags with one from each stack. The bags are then delivered to people who have been notified to the Lions by local Social Services, CABs and GPs, etc.

This year there were 72 bags made up in this way. The picture shows the assembled bags before they were distributed.

The Club would like to thank the Verwood Hub for the use of their room for the parcels assembly and Morrisons for supplying the food.

Santa out and about in Meon Valley

The run-up to Christmas has always been a period when Lions are extremely busy, whether it be fundraising with our Santa Claus trips through the local villages or supporting those in need in the local community. This year was no different.

Meon Valley's Christmas collections with Santa in his new sleigh (the one with the lasers on the front page) started in earnest in early December. At the same time the Club's minibus was busy taking revellers back and forth to their various Christmas lunches organised by local organisations including Meon Valley Carers, Wickham Lunch Club, Curdridge Lunch Club (where a very hirsute Santa and his Lion escort are pictured below giving out gifts), Homestart and Open Sight.



The Meon Valley Lions are very grateful for all donations which make a big difference to people's lives in their area.



An X Box to Ryde's "The Foyer"

Lion Barrie Jehan, president of the Ryde Lions Club presents an 'X Box' as a Christmas gift to the residents of The Foyer.

The Foyer is home to 45 vulnerable young people, providing support to help them develop independent living skills and to enable them to socialise while experiencing homelessness. Charlotte Davies of The Foyer thanked the Lions for the gift which was very welcome at a time which is very challenging and emotional for the residents, many of whom have nowhere else to go.

More festive Club news...

A record run for Devizes' Santa



A record amount of over £6,200 was raised from Devizes Lions Santa's Sleigh and supermarket collections in the run up to Christmas.

"The best result ever, which was terrific given the unusually wet weather over this period, which forced three outings to be re-scheduled" said the Club's President Lion Chris Ellis. "Thanks to

all Lions, friends of Lions and supporters who braved the weather collecting, marshalling or driving. Feed back from the town has been great as usual - it is an event that is clearly enjoyed by all, judging by the outcome."

Santa's Sleigh (pictured above ready to depart) roamed the streets of the town for 15 evenings and greeted shoppers outside local supermarkets Morrison's and Lidl on Saturdays 14 and 21 December.

Treasurer Lion David Dolman reported that three quarters of the money came in coins, which if stacked on top of each other would reach a height of 40metres - twice the height of The Angel of the North (20 metres) and slightly higher than the Christ The Redeemer statue in Rio de Janeiro (38 metres including plinth) and weighed just over 100Kg, so plenty of work at the paying in counter of the bank!

Bags of Cheer from Woolmer Forest

It was that time of year again. Woolmer Forest Lions Yellow Bags ready to spread lots of cheer at Christmas and the New Year.

Lion Maureen Johns, Welfare Committee chairman, put together around 30 Christmas



Yellow Bags containing food and toys to bring cheer to Bordon and adjacent communities.



LIONS ROAR BACK INTO CHRISTCHURCH!

In the last edition of this magazine there was an article titled "Christchurch Lions Roar For The Last Time."

Well, that's not strictly true, because from 1 January 2020, sister club, the Lions Club of Bournemouth, will be re-branding as:

BOURNEMOUTH & CHRISTCHURCH LIONS CLUB

This means that Lions Clubs International will still have a big presence in the town, serving and being part of the community. We will be actively recruiting new members and friends during 2020, have many exciting activities planned and hope to continue with the popular events run by Christchurch Lions in the past.

It really is such fun being a Lion, religion and politics are never discussed and we have an active social life with a great mix of people from all walks of life.

Membership is open to all as long as one is willing to serve and make the world a little better for those in need.

Even more festive news...



NEW MILTON'S CHRISTMAS PARADE

It has been customary in recent years for the Lions Club of New Milton to organise a parade to form the centrepiece of the New Milton Christmas Festival and 2019 was no exception.

The chosen theme of the 2019 parade was "musicals". The Lions Club built their own float and took 'Cats' as inspiration. Other tributes included such shows as 'Singin' in the Rain' and 'The Lion King'.

Altogether, more than a dozen groups and organisations took part in the parade on Saturday 30 November which was watched by hundreds of local residents and visitors.

Entrants included a local infants school whose pupils dressed as Christmas presents and music on the move was provided by both the Hampshire Caledonian Pipe Band and a group of local musicians who got together to form a music train. And, of course, Lions provided Santa and Mrs Claus (*pictured on the front cover. Ed.*) to add to the festive spirit. Following the parade, winners of New Milton's Young Person/Team of the Year awards switched on the Christmas lights display.

The whole event was great fun for all concerned and, through their bucket collection and Crossbow Stall, Lions collected around £750 which will be used to support future local causes.

Photographs: The New Milton Advertiser & Times.

Christmas roars in with the Lions at Parkside

More than three decades ago Farnborough Lions Club helped with the building of the Parkside Special Needs Centre in Aldershot which gives support to families with children who have special needs.

Since then the Parkside charity has grown to provide a well established service to the local community providing adult well-being sessions, personal improvement programmes, friendship groups, sports and fitness classes and a gardening group which offers all sorts of growing opportunities in a large garden.



Farnborough Lions have been with them all the way, helping to run the Christmas Party every year since it was built.

In recent years Aldershot Lions have come on board helping with the catering and entertaining the 65

members of the Gateway Club. This year for the first time, Lemmy the Lion from Aldershot came along to star with Elvis Tribute Dale Fontaine to mix with and entertain the party goers.



The Parkside Special Needs Centre will continue to be a part of Farnborough and Aldershot Lions Clubs long term programmes providing an exciting festive and seasonal finale to the year.

And finally...



T'was the season to be busy for the Windsor Lions

Windsor Lions certainly lived up to their motto 'We Serve' in the run-up to Christmas.

In December their Santa Sleigh was frequently spotted out and about on the streets of Windsor bringing festive fun to children (and adults) and collecting almost £3,000 (and still counting) for many local projects.

There was also a first for Windsor Lions with their Children's Christmas Party held on Saturday 14 December. The youngsters enjoyed dancing, Pass the Parcel, Statues, delicious food, a goody bag to take away and, of course a visit from Santa without whom no Christmas party would be complete.

Lions' support for the Meon Valley Food Bank

The Meon Valley Food Bank is one of the unsung heroes of the area providing essential help when people need it.



The Meon Valley Lions were proud to present the Food Bank with a cheque for £300 to continue the work and provide some extra treats in their hampers at Christmas. The hampers were very well received and the Food Bank was grateful for the support received from the Lions.

IN FOND MEMORY

With great sadness the 105SC Sentinel reports the passing to higher service of International First Vice President Lion Judge Haynes H. Townsend of the Dalton Noon Lions Club of Dalton, Georgia, USA. With similar great sadness the 105SC Sentinel also reports the passing to higher service of Lion Denis White MJE, Past President of the Lions Club of Basingstoke. Lion Denis joined the Club in 1971 and was President in 1982. He will be much missed.



Sentinel's eye on...

Christmas and Lions initiatives...

This edition is largely devoted to recording the activities and initiatives of Lions' Santa's Sleighs and understandably so. Clearly the sleighs are very welcome in their communities and this welcome also clearly manifests itself in generous donations. They are all to be congratulated on their drive and initiative.

Your Sentinel's editor belongs to a Club that doesn't do sleighs or Santa Claus, although it does participate in the packing and distribution of hampers and vouchers to deserving families early in December. The hampers and vouchers are the main element of an initiative (started by Jersey's daily newspaper at the end of the 19th century) which brings together all the local service clubs - Lions, Rotary, Round Table and Soroptimists and we all contribute our share of the work involved.

Thanks probably to its longevity what is now known as the Joint Christmas Appeal which, well supported by all the local media, annually raises in excess of £100,000 which is used to benefit circa 2,000 families, none of what is raised being donated to the participating service clubs.

The principal fundraiser (organised by one of two local Rotary Clubs) is a live radio auction which this Christmas accounted for some £60,000 of the Joint Appeal's income. While not every area in the District has its own radio station, it's an idea that I would commend, as I would the cooperation between the service clubs.

Incidentally we do have a Santa and his sleigh that makes the rounds of the town - and it's manned and driven by Round Tablers.

More GST news...

Did any of you help with feeding children during the Christmas holidays? Unfortunately children do go hungry even in our District. Please let me know of anything you have done recently to help feed people especially the young.

Finally the Environment is becoming an ever increasingly important factor in our lives.

The Lion will feature Environmental issues in the Spring Edition and Lion Richard Keeley is keen for Clubs to let him know of things you have done so he can forward them on. He needs this by Thursday 9 January.

I will be asking the District to undertake a Litter Pick or environmental project to mark World Earth Day on Wednesday 22 April. More details later.

Entries for the Photographic Competition need to be with me by Monday 6 January. To date I have not received any, so please look out those photos and send them to me.

Once again I wish you all a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year. Service is what Lionism is all about so please remember our motto "We Serve" during the coming year and continue the excellent work that 105SC does.

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OLD MONARCH

The Editor has the last word...

A happy new year and may it bring to the Clubs of 105SC all that they would hope for.

Clubs closing down is always bad news but there is good news in this edition of the Lions 'roaring back into Christchurch' and may the newly named Bournemouth & Christchurch Lions Club flourish and thrive.

It was also a pleasure to be able to publish the names of the 24 new Lions of the Swindon Chautari Club (and I apologise in advance if any name is misspelt!).

The New Year will bring many challenges (for all sorts of reasons that I don't intend to explore) but then new years always do and meeting challenges is what Lions are very good at.

Remember not to look backwards, we are not going that way.

Lion Peter Tabb



**Lions
tail...**

"Remember I do the 'Ho, Ho' bit."



Romsey Lions ready for festive action

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