



A new Lion and she's  
just 18 years old!  
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# SENTINEL

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## CANCELLED!



*This is the way the world ends - not with a bang but  
with a whimper. " - T.S. Eliot*



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**"Lions Serve to Create a Better World for All"**

# Matters of Moment

## NOTICE FROM THE CHICHESTER LIONS

The Chichester Lions Club is sad to announce that with immediate effect it is suspending the Spectacles and Hearing Aids Project at the Apuldram Centre.

Most of the Club's volunteers are in the 'vulnerable' group who have been advised by the Government to stay at home and not have any social contact, so it will be too difficult to maintain any sorting.

Please do not send or deliver any spectacles to the Centre for the foreseeable future and until a statement has been released that the project is fully operational again. Website - [www.chilions.org.uk](http://www.chilions.org.uk) - will be updated.

It is also reported that ParcelForce have terminated the contract that has enabled Clubs to send spectacles to the Centre for many years. This has nothing to do with the coronavirus but over the years this contract has grown exponentially and has been, to a certain extent, misused, e.g. call-outs just to pick up one small box and demands for a 24-hour service. Talks will take place with the company and, if unsuccessful, efforts will be made to find another carrier.

Once the Centre is able to open, Clubs that deliver directly can continue to do so.

Thanks to all the Clubs who have participated over the years and hopefully the Project will continue in due course.



## 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*

CALNE - Lion Richard Marygold

CARTERTON - Lions Elaine Hatton and David Melvin

EASTLEIGH - Lion Ursula Nicol

FLEET - Lion Jacqueline Jolly

GUERNSEY - Lion Andy Hamon

HENLEY ON THAMES - Lion Caroline Adamson

RINGWOOD & FORDINGBRIDGE - Lions Phil and Rosemary Gregory

SOUTHBOURNE & BOSCOMBE - Lion Isobel Johnson

WARMINSTER - Lions Pauline Fleming and John Walpole

WESTBURY - Lion Barbara Moxey

WOKINGHAM - Lion Bob Dugard

## Gift for Living Appeal

**Gift for Living** is a Lions charitable initiative focusing on the needs of children and their families who have suffered as a result of international conflict in the former Yugoslavia. It was established in 1996, after a convoy of lorries and an intrepid group of Lions and supporters in 1995 took 100,000 shoeboxes filled with necessities and small luxuries to stricken communities in Croatia.

**Gift for Living** has subsequently provided medical treatment and paediatric training, saving the lives of many unfortunate children.

Hospital units have been provided and fully equipped, focusing on children, maternity, paediatric accident and emergency, and intensive care in East and West Mostar, Goradze, Sarajevo, Bihac and Banja Luka.

Another priority was to set up training programmes to bring the doctors and nurses up to the latest European standards so the **Gift for Living Appeal** helped fund these projects.

The current appeal project to assist with the ongoing work of this very worthwhile charity is the collection of unwanted foreign currency left over from holidays or business trips overseas. A poster details how unwanted coinage and notes can be collected. Telephone MDHQ on 0345 833 9502 or email [mdhq@lionsclubs.co.uk](mailto:mdhq@lionsclubs.co.uk) to arrange collection of coinage over 8Kg in weight. Visit [www.lionsclubsinternational-agiftforliving.org.uk](http://www.lionsclubsinternational-agiftforliving.org.uk) for further details.

# LIONS WIT

If you are  
going  
through  
hell, keep  
going.

*Winston  
Churchill*

# The DG's Leader...

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

## *My Fellow Lions*

I just managed a few events before circumstances put paid to my roaming around the District. I was well and truly entertained at Swindon Lions' Charter Lunch. It was an interesting table with Kevin and Barbara, the youngest Mayor and Mayoress I have encountered in my visits around the District; they are both lovely people with the same level of passion for serving their community as we Lions. I also managed to get in a Club visit to Highworth Lions who although a Club with a small membership still manage to collect over £40,000 in funds throughout the year and boast a charity shop, a delivery van and a minibus which are all used to serve the village and surrounding area of Highworth.

Many Charters and events I was due to attend have had to be postponed or cancelled and, of course, our major event of the year, the District Convention, was called off. All has been done to make sure we Lions and the general public keep safe. Watching the news can be depressing, so make sure you turn off the news occasionally and if you are able go and have a walk or do a bit of exercise to give oneself a little sanity.

Modern technology is now coming to the fore as we hold a Council of Governors' online meeting on a weekly basis. Among the topics discussed and agreed have been the postponement of the MD105 Convention (anyone who has paid will be refunded for the social events shortly), we have allowed the ladies at MDHQ to work from home for their own safe keeping and discussed ways for Clubs to keep in contact with our own members.

It is important that we look after our fellow members in the Clubs. To assist that I have asked the Region and Zone Chairmen to contact all the Clubs directly asking Presidents to ensure that all members, especially the most vulnerable, have at least a phone call to make sure they are okay, but if possible to see if they need any supplies or medications delivered.

POC Lion Peter Burnett has mentioned that most local pharmacies have become inundated with home deliveries of prescriptions as many of the vulnerable clients are unable to leave their home. If you have members in your Club that are under the age of 65 and have a bit of time on their hands, they could volunteer. All you need to do is ask a representative of your Club to contact your local pharmacy.

Over the coming weeks I am planning to send information on things to do from the comfort of your armchair. If anyone has any suggestions on how to keep our minds active, please feel free to send them to me at [dg@lions105sc.org.uk](mailto:dg@lions105sc.org.uk).

Finally look after yourself, keep in touch with your fellow Lions near and far and keep smiling

*Best wishes*

*Lion Jarvis*

District Governor 105SC



**WASH YOUR HANDS!**





# The bigger picture

## Global Service Team News

At this time the news is not good as the coronavirus makes life increasingly difficult for everyone. We have missed our Convention which is very sad as there are always presentations which make us go back home feeling refreshed and ready to help our communities.

At the moment we cannot have normal meetings or continue with our normal activities. We have had to cancel events such as Paultons Park which, each year gives pleasure to so many, and Clubs have had to cancel important events such as prostate cancer screenings. We can't raise funds so it feels as though everything is on hold.

We can still do our bit to help our communities. You may already have set up your own arrangements to help your community. MD have produced a card which you might feel useful if you want to help people in your own neighbourhood who you do not really know. This can be found at <https://lionsclubs.co/MemberArea/>. This should be used by Lions who are fit and well and not in self-isolation.

Almost at the same time as we received the Council Chairman's Newsletter, which contained the above card, the Government announced a programme for volunteers to help shield the most vulnerable in our communities. Some of these are our very own Lions and I know that club members will be thinking about them and offering help. The scheme is asking for help with driving in various capacities and so should be undertaken by the under 70s and those who are in good health. However this scheme does ask for people to volunteer to ring people as many will be very lonely and the sound of another human voice could be just what is needed to give cheer to someone who cannot leave their home for 12 weeks.

To volunteer go to <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2020/03/your-nhs-needs-you-nhs-call-for-volunteer-army/>. More than twice the number originally looked for have already applied but more are needed. You never know, you may make a new friend!

Many of us are having to give up regular visits from friends.

Why not ring them or email them at the time when you would normally be meeting? This way you keep in regular contact until you can get back to normality.

Please let me know what your Club is doing during the crisis and do report on **mylion**. It is important to know just what good work the Lions are doing.

Please feel free to contact me – I won't be going far - if you want a chat.

*Lion Judith Goodchild*

PDG Judith Goodchild 105SC GST Coordinator  
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As I write this, I am hoping that you and your loved ones are safe and well. We are living in strange and uncertain times and none of us is sure what the future holds.

From an LCIF viewpoint, things are going on. At least three grants of \$50,000 have been issued to Lions in China and Italy to help with the medical and emergency management efforts during the coronavirus pandemic. The headquarters at Oakbrook has closed but those based there are still working, albeit from home.

I know that an issue for those of you who have obtained MJF awards is the charge made by UPS on delivery. In February I was at an LCIF meeting with other district LCIF officers and the Vice-chairman of Campaign 100, PIP Lion Frank Moore. We raised our concerns with him, and he was not aware of the problem until then. He did promise to investigate matters for us. Of course, situations have changed with the pandemic and I have heard nothing further. I will keep you informed as soon as I hear anything.

Some Clubs may have received e-mails regarding becoming a Model Club. If you have any questions, please get in touch. I am pleased to report that one Club has agreed to become a Model Club. If you have any queries regarding LCIF or MJF applications, do get in touch.

Thank you for continuing to support your Foundation.

In the meantime, stay safe & well.

*Lion Ann Huntley MJF*

**District 105SC LCIF Coordinator**

## News around the Clubs...

### Devizes Lions Swimathon raises £4,000



Devizes Lions held their annual Sponsored Swimathon on Saturday 29 February at Devizes Leisure Centre.

The Club were delighted that 21 teams took part in Swimathon 2020 on the Saturday afternoon and evening. The volunteer counters totalled up 1,660 lengths of the pool achieved by swimmers of all ages. The total on the sponsorship cards amounted to £4,289 and that goes to the groups and charities who entered. The swimmers from 2<sup>nd</sup> Devizes Guides accumulated 116 lengths in their 50 minutes session, the best total for any team in the event.

The Club were grateful for the willing assistance provided by the staff at the Leisure Centre.

President Lion Chris Ellis said: "I would like to give my thanks to all who took part in the Swimathon on Saturday. It was great that we were able to run this event again this year."

### A TRIBUTE TO THE ALTON LIONS

Now there's lions in the jungle and there's lions in the zoo  
And there's Lions in our town but they shouldn't bother you.  
These Lions don't look fierce and are not on the prowl for food,  
They may just eye your wallet, but it's for the greater good.

They nearly always prowl in pairs with good intent in mind.  
In the High Street and around the town they're always very kind.  
This lot are not animals that would jump upon your back,  
These are ordinary people and its being nasty that they lack.

It's a group called the Lions, I'm not sure why they call them that  
But they do much for others and it's their backs you want to pat.  
Combined they are a charity, all legal and proper  
Trying to raise money be it silver, gold or copper

They organise the Craft Market and Parties in the Park.  
They help disadvantaged people; I don't know what they do after dark.  
But I bet it's something amazing and will entertain a lot  
And hopefully swell the size of coffers in their pot.

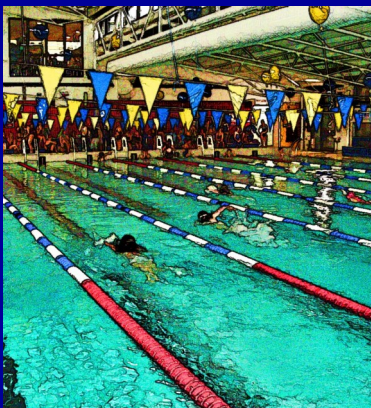
For when all is said and done they know, to keep it they can't  
Because its raised for groups and people who desperately need a grant.  
So, these are not the lions from the jungle or the zoo  
These are amazing people for whom our applause is due.

*Stan Witcher*

Alton Town Crier (2005-2018)



## Jersey Lions' Swimarathon cancelled!



With just a few hours to go and almost 4,000 well-sponsored swimmers ready for the start, on medical advice the Jersey Lions cancelled their 49th Swimarathon. Scheduled to start on Wednesday 11 March and run for five days and with a record number of teams, this was the first time since 1972 that the event has had to be cancelled.

"Obviously this has been a huge disappointment," says Club President Lion Mark Godel, "But we have been vastly encouraged by the number of teams who have already paid in the sponsorship moneys they would have done had they swum and while our final figure is likely to be significantly less than in previous years, we are confident that, with the backing of our sponsors Ravenscroft, we will still be able to achieve in the community much of what we have planned, despite the current circumstances."

Since 1972, the annual Jersey Lions Swimarathon has raised more than £3.5 million.



## More news from the Clubs...



### *Lightning strikes –* **and the Lions strike back!**

Highbridge Community Farm's Fruit Shed was struck by lightning in July last year. The strike was thought to have hit the solar panel on the roof, setting fire to the shed's battery. The shed was burned to the ground along with a quarter of the 500 sq m fruit cage, melting three 1,000 litre industrial bulk container water tanks and the irrigation system for the adjacent growing area.

With financial help from the Eastleigh Lions, the shed has been replaced with one of a similar size. This has been insulated and lined by Farm member Brian Tull in order to store apples and pears during the winter and fitted with shelves to hold 80 trays of fruit.

On Saturday 8 March, the Farm's team leader Dr Andrew Ross hosted a reception for the Eastleigh Lions, thanking them for their support and inviting Club president Lion Peter Coles to say a few words and cut the ribbon formally launching the Fruit Shed back into business.

### **Recycling dividend**

Within the last year Woolmer Forest Lions Club has raised £132 for the Club funds recycling drinks cans, batteries and aluminium. This has been collected by Lions from a number of sources, members of the public and Club members themselves. One particular source that made a significant contribution was the Joneses Dance Studio in Alton.



### **Blandford Service Clubs join forces**

Before the lock-down, Blandford & District Lions completed a trio of events alongside Blandford's two Rotary Clubs. This enabled three worthwhile causes to benefit.

Firstly, each Club donated £300 to the Lion James Mayo Appeal to provide meat vouchers for the Christmas foodbank. A total of £1,300 was raised to provide Christmas cheer to struggling families.

Secondly, each Club donated £250 towards the refurbishment of play equipment for Blandford St Mary School.

Finally each Club donated £250 to send a youngster from Charlton Marshall to Southampton Hospital for a special hearing assessment.

Pictured above mother Alice Jewer receives a cheque for Blandford St Mary School from (back right) Blandford Lions president Lion Tony Ives, Blandford Rotary Club president Rtn Jim Atkins (back left) and Stour Rotary president Rtn Graham Colls.



Pictured above are Lion Ray Payne and President Lion Dick Balchin at the Wrecclesham Reclamation Centre.

## More news...

### DEVIZES LIONS ARTS COACHING DAY

The idea of the Arts Coaching Day came from the Devizes Lions' Sports Coaching weekend which has been running for more than 30 years. The Club was keen to broaden the scope of activities available for children and so it decided to arrange workshops for Musical Theatre, Drama, Samba, Contemporary Dance, Street Dance, Cheer-Leading, Circus Hoops, Knitting, Crochet, Felt-Making, Clay Tiles and Metal Embossing.

Half-term was chosen for the event so that children would have something exciting to look forward to in the holidays.

As a new event, Arts Coaching was rolled out to local children in years 4, 5 and 6 with presentations to local schools by Devizes Lions. The Club was delighted when 244 children signed up.

The workshops were held at Devizes Books, Devizes Museum, the Scout Hut in Southbroom Road, St Andrew's Church Hall and Easterton village hall. The Mayor, Judy Rose, a keen knitter herself, popped in to the knitting workshop at Devizes Books.



The Club was very appreciative of those who made the venues available and the skills provided by all the activity coaches and aim to run the event again next year.

### "Harry Purchase Lion of Windsor" is launched

The Windsor Boys' School Boat Club has benefited recently from the generosity of the Lions Club of Windsor with a substantial grant allowing it to purchase a brand new coaching/safety launch. The boat was officially named and launched on the evening of Wednesday 11 March by Lion Diane Purchase.

The boat was named "Harry Purchase Lion of Windsor" in memory of Lion Diane's late husband. Harry was a lifelong rower starting as a 14 year old with Quintin Boat Club in London and later with Leander Club at Henley. He just missed selection for the 1952 Olympic Games held in Helsinki. As a Lion dating from 1974, he was instrumental in many fund-raising events to benefit local charities and initiatives. This boat replaces the original "Lion of Windsor" acquired by the school boat club in the 1980s, again with the help of the Lions Club of Windsor.

Pictured below, Diane launches the boat in the traditional way.





# And finally...

## Meon Valley's minibus on the move

The Meon Valley Lions Club are using their minibus to support another club - Shedfield Seated Exercise Class run by MHA Winchester Live at Home. The class meets weekly on Thursday and the picture shows the Shedfield Study Centre class in action.



## Searching for a pot of gold

The Meon Valley team took on the gardens at the Rainbow Centre and despite horrid weather did a brilliant job tidying things up. They did manage to capture a rainbow in a photo (see the Sentinel's back page) but sadly there was no pot of gold at the end of it.

The Rainbow Centre was created more than 30 years ago and provides neuro-rehabilitation using Conductive Education that takes a holistic approach to helping both children and adults achieve their maximum potential, regardless of their starting point. It is this positive and inclusive attitude that is at the heart of making the Rainbow Centre a special place and the Meon Valley Lions Club are always very happy to help where they can.

## WOKINGHAM LIONS CLUB CANCELS 26<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MAY FAYRE

### Public Health & Safety is Primary Concern

With considerable regret the Wokingham Lions have decided to cancel the annual May Fayre on Friday 8 May, due to COVID-19.

"Our primary concern is for the health and safety of the public. We greatly regret having to cancel our biggest fund-raising event of the year," says organiser Lion Ian Grange. "We had hoped to run an event that not only supported local charities and community groups, but also provided a showcase for local businesses and local talent on our stages. We will investigate the possibility of staging the Fayre later in the year if the situation improves. Failing that, we look forward to welcoming everyone to next year's event, currently scheduled for Bank Holiday Monday 3 May 2021. We would like to thank the Wokingham Town Council, all our sponsors, local charities and community groups for their tremendous support. We hope to contribute to our named beneficiaries - Thames Valley Air Ambulance and JAC in a Box - later this year, and/or following the 2021 May Fayre event."

President Lion Lyn Baily said: "I'd like to thank the community for their support for this event. Our efforts will continue for future events, and all the other things we do to support local people, both now and in the future."

The Wokingham May Fayre commenced in 1995, and is one of the largest street fairs in the south of England. This year's May Fayre date was to coincide with the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day. The main goal of the May Fayre is to provide a low-cost and fun-filled family event, and to enable local charities and other groups to raise money for their causes.

## IN FOND MEMORY

The Lions Club of Wimborne and Ferndown are sad to announce the passing to Higher Service of Club Secretary Lion Derick Smith MJF. Lion Derick joined Pangbourne, Theale and District Lions Club on 1 February 1994 and transferred to Wimborne and Ferndown on 1 December 2003.

Lion Derick has been a Region and Zone Chairman and for more than ten years Lion Derick was Club Secretary and Welfare Chairman and he also served as Club President in 2011/12.





# Sentinel's eye on...

## The Lexicon of a pandemic

At the risk of being accused of trivialising the circumstances under which we are now living, your editor who has spent almost all of his working life playing with words - the other bit was six years as a budding weather forecaster and even that was tinged with words since he overheard one of the met men who had interviewed him for the post, say, "I liked him. Every answer he gave was vague and evasive" - and he continues to be fascinated by new words and phrases.

Having just become familiar with *Brexit*, then *Megxit*, now we are learning to live with *social-distancing*, *self-isolation* and *lock-down*! As well, of course, as *coronavirus* itself and its partner *pandemic*.

...forests in China. ...  
 ...coconut-like Himalayan mammal  
 ...reddish-brown fur and a bushy tail.  
 - ORIGIN Nepali.  
**pandemic** /pan-dem-ik/ •adj. (of a disease)  
 ...widespread over a whole country or large pa  
 ...of the world. •n. an outbreak of such a  
 ...disease.  
 - ORIGIN from Greek *pan* 'all' + *dēmos* 'people'.  
**pandemonium** /pan-di-moh-ni-uhm/ •n. a  
 ...state of uproar and confusion.  
 - ORIGIN first meaning 'the place of all  
 ...demons', in Milton's *Paradise Lost*.  
**pander** •v. (*panders*, *pandering*, *pandered*  
 (*pander to*)) indulge someone in an  
 ...unreasonable desire or bad habit.  
 ...ORIGIN from *Pandare*, a character  
 ...in *Virgil's Aeneid* and *Criseida*

Roll on the next edition of the  
 Oxford English Dictionary.

## A new Lion - and she's just 18 years old!



Bethany Burnett, daughter of PCC Lion Peter and Lion Debbie Burnett, joined the Wimborne and Ferndown Lions Club in February, just two days before her 18th birthday, making her possibly the youngest new Lion ever in this Multiple District.

Lion Bethany has already shown herself to be an active Lion delivering, on her own initiative, 100 leaflets around houses near the Burnett home offering assistance to those isolated by the coronavirus situation. She has already helped four elderly people with their shopping.

Naturally her parents are already very proud of her.



# OLD MONARCH

*The Editor has the last word...*

Much of this edition of the 105SC Sentinel will seem very familiar, with its reports of Lionistic activities and just two of the articles from Clubs dealing with the impact of coronavirus causing the cancellation of significant fundraisers.

It has become a cliché to observe that we are all living in circumstances that none of us has ever experienced. While evocations of the Blitz (and in my case at that time enemy occupation) are tempting parallels, they are not at all the same. Fortunately we live in an era when communication has never been so comprehensive and my Club had its first Board meeting on Zoom at the end of March which (apart from one Director constantly switching his background to the Alps) was very normal and as comprehensive as meeting around a boardroom table.

Keep well and keep safe!

*Lion Peter Tabb*



**Lions  
tail...**

Typical rainbow!  
Never where you  
expect it to end.



**Meon Valley Lions looking for the rainbow's end**

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