

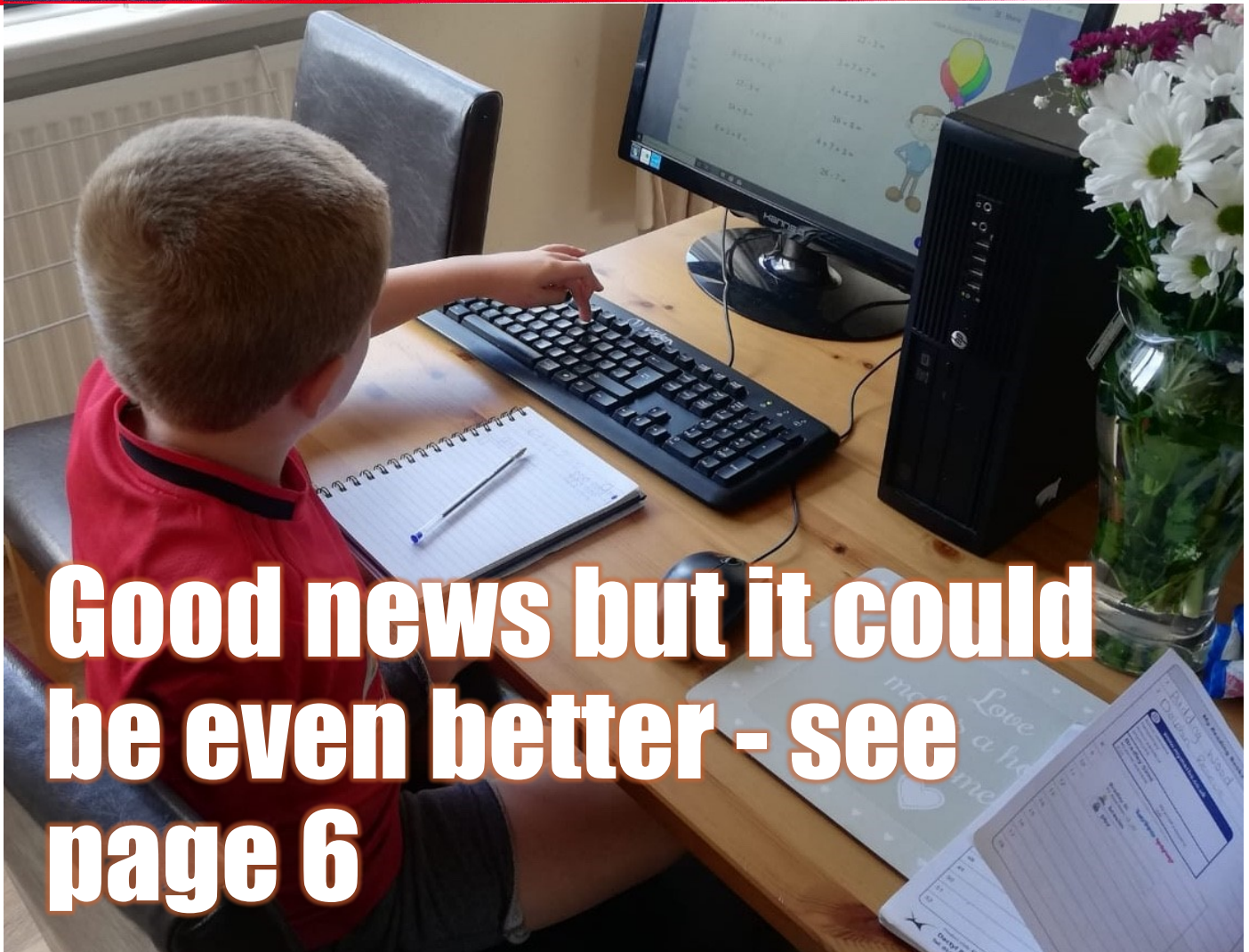
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The International Association of Lions Clubs

**District 105SC**



District Governor 2019 - 2020 ♦ Lion Jarvis MacDonald

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**“Lions Serve to Create a Better World for All”**

# The DG's Leader...

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

## *My Fellow Lions*

I can't believe it, this is my last time of writing for the Sentinel as District Governor. It seems only yesterday that I was writing my column back in July.

What a year it has been, it started with the heady heights of being sworn in as District Governor along with my lady wife Heather in Milan, where it was a great opportunity to meet with Lions from around the world, catch up with old friends and make new ones. It was also the first chance for me to get to see and operate the eyesight camera that I do hope we will get to see sometime in the future. One of the highlights was the International Parade where all the countries get to fly the flag, don a national costume and march with Lions from all over the world uniting as one. MD105 Lions stood out with our Union Flag waist coats and bowler hats. The ladies from Hart Lions in their all pink uniforms, including hats, were very supportive in the crowds, in fact, they were getting more press coverage than us!

On returning to the UK, my first big event was the first Cabinet meeting and Start Over. It gave all the Cabinet a chance to discuss their objectives and hopes for the coming year. All three of us in the DG Team were looking forward to visiting the Clubs, attending Charter celebrations and generally in good spirits anticipating a year of encouraging and supporting the Lions of our newly formed District 105SC. We had in total four District Cabinet meetings, the last of which, due to Covid-19, was held by a Zoom meeting. It was well attended and we seemed to get through a great deal of work in the time allowed. I think it was universally agreed that some Zoom meetings would be continued even after the lockdown was over, as it saved time, it saved on expenses, and was good for the environment as we didn't all drive to the meeting.

I attended 17 Charter lunches and dinners including a number at Clubs that I hadn't met before. Both Heather and I were greeted warmly and we both agreed that we had been fortunate to have had some great food accompanied by lovely people who went out of their way to make us feel very welcome. We will cherish these memories for years to come.

Needless to say I was gutted that Covid-19 put a stop to other 25 or so Charters that were in my diary until the end of the Lionistic year, I remember commenting to Heather that we had two weekends free from the end of February until 30 June. Then our social calendar was wiped clean as Clubs were having to do the sensible but gut-wrenching job of cancelling their Charters.

I attended more than 20 club meetings during the year and got a very warm welcome and a great insight into what makes the clubs tick. We have a large number of clubs that are very active, have a vibrant membership, and combine their fund raising with a liberal dose of socialising, but there are also a number of clubs in need of rejuvenating that require support from both the District and their neighbouring clubs to ensure that we keep to doing what we do best serving our communities.

It has been encouraging to see many Lions Clubs in 105SC being very proactive in this time of need, supporting their local communities even in these difficult circumstances. Lion Richard Keeley has been collating stories from all the Clubs that have been involved and our esteemed Editor will be putting together a "Special Covid-19 Edition" highlighting the many achievements by our hard working Lions during the lockdown – Well done all of you, you make me proud to be a Lion.

I must thank my Cabinet who have been very supportive throughout this year, especially Lion Linda Picton who is stepping down for a hard-earned break after many years as District Treasurer. Thank you to all the Clubs who have welcomed me and Heather to Club visits and Charters. To my fellow District Governors who have become friends during our four-year journey together. Lastly my long-suffering wife Heather who has had to put with late nights, my rants when things haven't gone as smoothly as I would have wished and for listening and giving words of wisdom while I practised speeches.

I would like to wish incoming DG Lion Steve Petty, 1VDG Lion Brian Donovan and 2VDG Lion Dave "Ebbo" Ebsworth good luck and success in this coming year. I have agreed to offer my services as GMT Coordinator for the district, so you will still see me out and about

Good luck to all Lions of 105SC for the coming year. Remember to **Keep Serving** and above all **Keep Smiling**

*Lion Jarvis*



# 2019 - 2020 Presidential Awards

You cannot have any success as a District Governor without the support of many hard working Lions and I have been blessed with a great bunch of people who made up this year's District Cabinet and others throughout the District who make a difference through work carried out either at their Clubs, Zones or the District as a whole. All of been a great help but there were some who stood out, These dedicated Lions have recently been recipients of Presidential Awards and although District Governor Jarvis was unable to present them in person, through numerous channels he was able to coerce wives, husbands and partners to present them on his behalf. The Award Winners are:



District Treasurer **Lion Linda Picton** was awarded an **International President's Certificate of Appreciation**, one of many awards Lion Linda has been presented with over the years due to her dedication and hard work for both the District and Multiple District. The DG recalls having many a late-night telephone conversation with Linda as she extricated him out of the mucky stuff on more than one occasion. Lion Linda is taking a well-deserved break after carrying out the treasurer duties for District for more than 10 years.

**Lion Tom Sayers** was awarded the **International President's Medal for Leadership**.

Lion Tom along with his partner Juliet have been a great support to many DGs over the years especially when it comes to Conventions. The DG says: "Without Lion Tom's 'can-do' attitude the online Convention would not have happened this year and for that I will be ever grateful to both Tom and Juliet."



Region Chairman **Lion Halyna Pudney** was awarded the **International President's Certificate of Appreciation** for her tireless efforts as both Zone and Region chairman. As Region chairman Lion Halyna has shown tremendous leadership and been of great assistance to both Zones 3F and 3G, even when certain challenges arose that would have tested the patience of the best of us.

**Lion Derek Angell** was awarded the **International President's Medal** for his great efforts over many years organising the Bob Cook Games This is an marvellous event that attracts more than 200 physically and socially disabled people and gives them all a chance to compete and take part in numerous sports and has been running for over 35 years. A modest man, Lion Derek insisted that he accepted the award on behalf of all the Lions who had given their support to the event over the years.



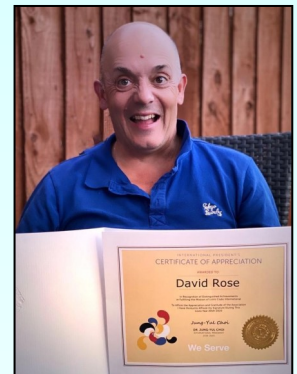
# 2019 - 2020 Presidential Awards continued...

**PCC Lion David Firth** was awarded the **International President's Certificate of Appreciation** for his continued hard work within the District. He oversaw the Convention that never was, is a Senior Trustee in Sight Savers and was instrumental in encouraging Lion Jarvis take on the role as DG. As our DG recalls: "I think I have had Lion David's boot up my backside pushing me all the way through to DG. His support, kind words and enthusiasm for all things Lions is an inspiration."



Our very own editor **Lion Peter Tabb** was a recipient of the **International President's Certificate of Appreciation** for his unstinting efforts over the years with our monthly District newsletter, his PR skills coming to the fore with his renaming of our newsletter as the IOSSC Sentinel. The DG was particularly appreciative of Lion Peter's assistance with the grammar of his DG column, his words of wisdom and encouragement during his tenure have been most helpful.

Region Chairman **Lion David Rose** was awarded the **Certificate of Appreciation** for his continuing hard work over the last few years that has seen him rise from Club President, Zone Chairman through to Region Chairman in successive years. Most Region Chairmen supervise Zone Chairmen, attend Zone meetings and visit the occasional Club, but Lion Dave decided to add a personal touch and visit all the Clubs in his Region and make sure their views were passed on directly. Lion Dave has a great sense of humour and is a little bit mischievous, a few times this year the DG arrived to carry out a visit to a Club to find his Region Chairman already there feet firmly under the table with a big beaming smile on his face saying "Oh? Did I forget to tell you I was attending this meeting?"



Zone Chairman **Lion Yorky Tuke** was awarded the highest honour - the **International President's Personal Medal**, an accolade very well deserved. Anyone who knows Lion Yorky and his very supportive wife Dot, will know that if you cut him down the middle it would read Lionism. For years he has been at the forefront of all projects to do with youth. The DG has had first-hand experience watching Lion Yorky organise and run the District's Young Ambassador competition with great aplomb, always encouraging, always willing the participants to perform to their very best. If there is a disaster anywhere in the world, the following morning will see Lion Yorky and Dot outside a supermarket with their collecting buckets doing their bit to ensure that the victims of whatever disaster has arisen will have something to help in their recovery. Lion Yorky was very poorly a few months back and had taken to his bed. Nevertheless the DG remembers him turning up in a car park on a dark winter's evening to hand over some paperwork even though he looked like death warmed up - Lion Yorky felt he didn't want to let the side down.



# Matters of Moment

## A MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT

### *Fellow Lions*

It's been unfortunate that I have not been able to get out and visit Clubs in the normal way but that doesn't mean we are all hibernating.

I have recently attended Club, Zone, District, Multi-District and LCI meetings along with other activities and events via the miracle of Zoom and GoToMeeting (other conferencing platforms are available!).

I have been impressed with the number of Clubs and Zones now using these services and look forward to many more online meetings in the future.

May I also congratulate the Clubs who have continued to serve their communities and fundraise during these difficult times. A growing list of which is on the District website and can still be added to.

At the beginning of July my term as District Governor starts with a few changes in Cabinet members. I am not going to name individuals, at this point, but many thanks to all of you coming on board for the first time. To those undertaking new roles and to those stalwarts continuing for a further term of office, your service is very much appreciated. We will also be losing some familiar faces which is sad but understandable.

I applaud you all for the years of service and dedication you have all put in.

The new officers will take on the generic district email addresses so you should all have no problem with contacting them after the changeover.

Can I remind Clubs and Zones that the election / re-election of your Zone chairmen is

the responsibility of the Clubs that belong to your Zone.

Some of you may have already done this and some of you will be doing this in June. I am aware of some Zone Chairmen that are standing down so, again, I applaud those Chairmen for their many years of service and dedication.

Once you have decided your Zone Chairman, could you please notify us of that decision ASAP so we can amend records accordingly and make sure your Zone is represented and heard at District level.

Best wishes to you all and keep safe.

Yours in Lionism

**DGE** *Lion Steve Petty*



## **Welcome New Lions!**

Since the May edition of the *Sentinel* MyLCI reports no new Lions in our District.

With the gradual easing of the Covid-19 restrictions, hopefully it will be not too long before this column will be welcoming new members once again.

**DG Lion** *Jarvis*

# The bigger picture



## Global Service Team News

### GOOD NEWS ABOUT REPORTING SERVICE

LCI have listened to complaints made by Lions all over the world about the new MyLion reporting system and have now issued a new way of reporting which is very similar to the old system under MyLCI. I have tried it and found it easy to use so please report all the wonderful activities that your Club is doing during such a difficult time. It is important that we report ALL activities and at the moment 105SC has a bad reputation for doing so! However despite our lack of reporting in MD105 as a whole we have had great success in providing service with

**Two Hundred & Fifty Thousand in April!**  
**And ONE MILLION PEOPLE SERVED since 1 July 2019!**

Let's make those figures even bigger by reporting our service in properly.

### RECYCLING SCHOOL UNIFORMS - A Different type of Service

For nearly three years Wokingham Lions, led by current president Lion Lyn Baily, have been helping to provide school uniforms for those children, living in the lowest socio-economic ward in Wokingham, whose parents find the cost of buying new uniforms prohibitive. The idea is to provide re-used uniforms for children moving up to secondary school but any child who has a need is provided for, especially those moving into the area very suddenly. The Lions work with a charity called School Days who co-ordinate the whole project. Schools have been visited so that the charity works with them and social media used to advertise the scheme. Pink bins have been placed in supermarkets for people to leave good quality uniform they no longer need. Lion Lyn has organised a team of Lions to empty the bins and sort and clean the clothing. Anything not of good quality is rejected and goes to recycling. The clothes are washed, ironed and any minor repairs made, such as sewing on a button. Labels are added to each item so that they can be named and then sent out in plastic covers looking as good as new. Last year there was a glut of winter coats and so the Lions set up pop-up stall and offered a coat to any child needing one, Some 350 to 400 children have been helped in the poorest areas and more than 600 in the whole borough. Wokingham Lions also fund raise or give donations to School Days. Sometimes new uniforms are bought for children when there is no suitable stock. Lions also provide funds for other items that might be needed, such as PE or maths equipment

Why is this important especially now? Many parents struggle to provide the uniform demanded by their local schools. Without this scheme pupils would start at their new school at a severe disadvantage as they would not be the same as their peers. This could lead to bullying, emotional stress and children not reaching their full potential. If parents did buy the uniform it could mean that money for food was used to pay for the kit with consequences for the family. At the moment many families are suffering because of Covid-19 when parents have been laid off and September, when the new school year should begin, is getting closer! Could you set up a similar scheme in your area or work with a similar charity to School Days? One word of caution is that some PTAs operate used uniform schemes to raise money for their schools so you would need to liaise with them. To set up such a scheme storage is needed for the uniforms and it needs to be the correct uniform for the school concerned as some are very specific about what their pupils should wear.

Does your Club have a different type of service? If so please let me know.

*Lion Judith Goodchild*

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



I wrote in my last article that the grant information would have changed by the time you read your copy of the *Sentinel*; I was not wrong. I took part in a symposium last Saturday and the keynote speaker was IPP Lion Gudrun who is now chairman of LCIF. She mentioned the figure of nearly \$4 million. I checked before settling down to write and the figure is \$4,088,981 and 234 grants have been distributed for various projects connected to the current pandemic. Of those grants, 36 have been awarded to constitutional Area IV, otherwise known to you and me as Europe. These are amazing statistics but for every stat there is a story of need and of Lions seeing the need and responding. These grants work because once awarded and received they are administered by Lions on the ground, no government agency, just the Lions.

It was announced during the last week that Campaign 100 which was due to end in June 2021, will be extended due to these unprecedented times. It will now continue through to 30 June 2022.

So, if you are still not sure what it is about please either get in touch or look on our International website and find out more.

Once again, thank you to any Clubs who have donated to LCIF - it all counts.

I wish you and your families well and hope that we will meet again soon.

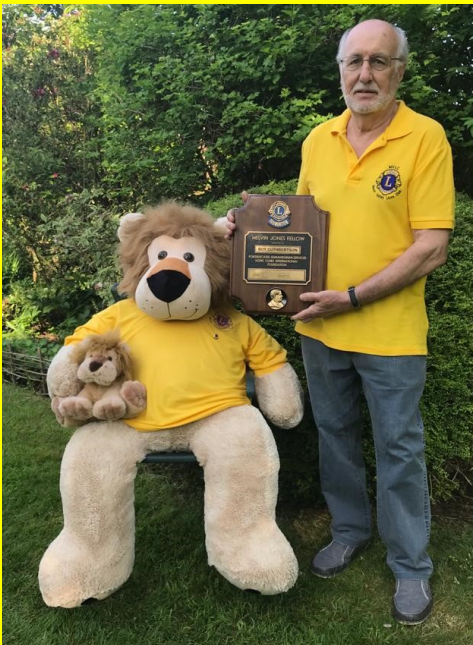
Stay safe & well.

*Lion Ann Huntley MJA*  
District 105SC LCIF Coordinator

# News around the Clubs (virtually)...

## MJF for 30 years as a Lion

Meon Valley Lions Club would like to congratulate Lion Roy Cuthbertson by bestowing a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award to mark 30 years of exemplary service to the Club.



Unfortunately, due to the Club observing the lockdown rules, President Lion Andrew Brown delegated his responsibilities to the Club mascots Lamar and Melvin; rest assured there will be a proper celebration once the Club is out of lock down.

**A special edition of the 105SC Sentinel featuring Club activities during the lockdown will be published early in June.**

## Lion Tiia helps hungry Key Workers

Windsor Lion Tiia Stephens has opened a Community Wellbeing Hub to provide food, drinks and general sustenance to hungry key workers while they are on duty around Windsor. Tiia joined Windsor Lions in 2017 and has given up her full-time employment as a Community Warden with the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead to concentrate on setting up and running the charity Driven Forward that she founded in 2018. This charity, with financial help from the Windsor Lions, was established to help adults in Berkshire who are socially excluded, isolated, lonely and vulnerable. This is done by providing transport to and participation in day trips, outings, social activities with the help of adult volunteers.

Obviously during lockdown this type of activity has not been possible so Lion Tiia has switched her ever-fertile brain to helping in other ways. Particularly providing access to the Community Wellbeing Hub which was to be launched in April. It is a 'drop by' facility that provides refreshments and hot food to key workers.

Talking of her new venture, Lion Tiia says: 'I was getting a bit frustrated that with lockdown it was almost impossible to carry on my usual charitable activities with Windsor Lions and the Street Angels Safety Hub. So I came up with the idea of adapting the Community Wellbeing Hub. Key workers have very hard and busy jobs and with most cafés and restaurants being closed, it's difficult to grab a hot drink and something to eat in breaks or while working around the town. What's on offer at the Hub seems to be much appreciated and I am very grateful for all the donations, cooking and baking done by wonderful volunteers that make it all possible.'

With a small group of volunteers Driven Forward opened the Hub at the end of March and now also provides home-cooked meals and essential food packages three and four times a week to 12 homeless people who have been placed together in a local b-and-b during lockdown.

Lion Tiia, pictured above fully protected at a collection point for donations, gives special thanks to loyal volunteer Martin Shea who, she is pleased to report, will officially join the Windsor Lions Club after Covid-19 subsides.



# More news from the Clubs - virtual and otherwise

## MULTI-AGENCY SUPPORT PUTS FOOD ON THE TABLES

During this Coronavirus crisis, there are many families who for whatever reason, fail to get the support that they desperately need and are unable to ensure that they can put adequate wholesome food on the table for their children.

A highly successful multi-agency approach by the Lions Club of New Milton, the New Forest Basics Bank, local schools and the New Milton Town Council started in April and has ensured that local children need not go hungry during these difficult times.

Each week, Lion Peter Bousfield, chairman of the New Milton Lions Club's Welfare Committee, has liaised with eight local schools to get information on families they are aware are suffering extreme difficulties. In partnership with the New Forest Basics Bank, supplies of food for a week for the families have been put together each Friday and the New Milton Town Council's ground staff have turned their hand to efficiently delivering up to 76 food parcels to local families in and around New Milton. They have delivered more than 200 food parcels in the first three weeks that the project has been running.

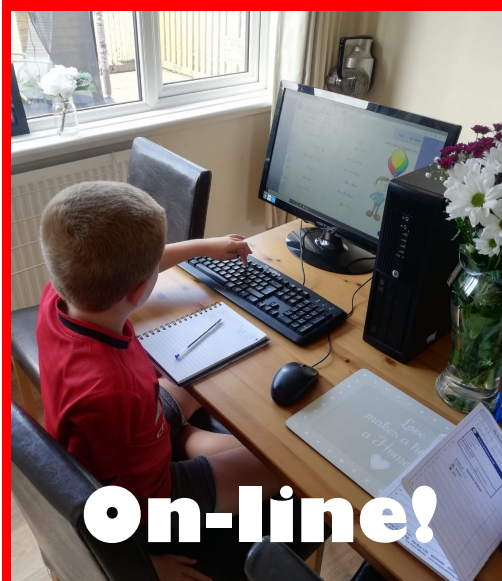
All of those involved have been touched by the comments received from parents who received these very welcome deliveries of fresh fruit and vegetables, tinned goods, toiletries and some surprises – all put together by the willing volunteers, headed by Oliver Stanley, the chairman of the Basics Bank.

All of this has only been possible through funding provided by the MD105 Foundation Emergency Grant, supplemented by monies from The Lions Club of New Milton and the generosity of many local Town and District Councillors.

President of The Lions Club of New Milton Lion John Alcock praised the members of his Club, in particular Lion Peter Bousfield, who had so quickly put the project into action once the need had been identified and confirmed with the representatives of all of the local schools.



Oliver Stanley (right) chairman of the New Forest Basics Bank receives a cheque for £1,000 from Lion Steve Merrifield (left), Vice President of the Lions Club of New Milton.



**On-line!**

Fleet Lions were delighted to receive this photograph and a letter of appreciation from a thankful parent showing her son doing his school work on a PC that had been supplied by Fleet Lions.

You too can help a child by donating any unwanted PCs or laptops which will then be refurbished and distributed to children in need.

For more information, see <https://youtu.be/sI5AwySJEno> or contact [it@fleetlions.org.uk](mailto:it@fleetlions.org.uk)

**DEMAND FOR COMPUTERS  
FROM SCHOOLS  
THROUGHOUT THE ZONE  
IS OUTSTRIPPING SUPPLY.**

**WE NEED MORE STOCK!**



# Even more news from the Clubs



**A special edition of the 105SC Sentinel featuring Club Activities during the lockdown will be published early in June.**

Poole Lions Club counted themselves extremely lucky to have held their 42<sup>nd</sup> annual Swimathon in February before the Covid-19 virus reached our shores.

Over a weekend, 55 teams swam to raise money for their own charities. This year, by reducing the number of hours for which the swimming pool was hired, the Club were able to keep costs down and offer teams the opportunity to keep 100 per cent of the money they raised after paying an entry fee of £20 per team to help cover pool hire.

Five teams were kind enough to offer to swim for Poole Lions Charity Fund so, as well as providing charities with the opportunity to raise their own funds, the Club also managed to add a healthy amount to their own Charity Account.

The £9,500 raised is doubly welcome in this time of Covid-19 lockdown when needs are greater than ever, but fund raising is very much curtailed.

Weren't they lucky!

## ARE YOU A NEW MEMBER / HAVE YOU GOT A NEW JOB ?

### THIS IS YOUR ACTION CHECKLIST

#### NEW MEMBER IN 2019/2020 ?

HAVE YOU BEEN THROUGH THE 'NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION' PRESENTATION SPECIALLY ADAPTED FOR YOUR CLUB WITH YOUR 'SPONSOR' OR 'MENTOR'? DO YOU KNOW THE OBJECTS OF YOUR CLUB ?

#### NEW TRUSTEE ?

HAVE YOU BEEN GIVEN COPIES OF THE CIO OR TRUST CONSTITUTION, THE CLUB'S BY-LAWS, THE LAST TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND THE FINANCIAL ANNUAL RETURN ? DO YOU KNOW THE OBJECTS OF YOUR CLUB? HAVE YOU BEEN OFFERED THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND A ONE HOUR TRUSTEE WORKSHOP (NOW AVAILABLE ON ZOOM) ?



#### ASK YOUR CLUB PRESIDENT

#### NEW OFFICER ? - PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS

DO YOU NOW HAVE COPIES OF THE CIO OR TRUST CONSTITUTION, THE CLUB'S BY-LAWS, THE LAST TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND THE FINANCIAL ANNUAL RETURN ? DO YOU KNOW THE OBJECTS OF YOUR CLUB ? HAVE YOU BEEN OFFERED THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND A ONE HOUR NEW OFFICER WORKSHOP (NOW AVAILABLE ON ZOOM) ? HAVE YOU BEEN SHOWN HOW TO ACCESS RELEVANT E-BOOKS AND SELF-LEARNING PROGRAMMES ON THE MY LCI WEBSITE ? DO YOU KNOW HOW TO REPORT SERVICE?

#### ZONE CHAIRS ?

HAVE YOU BEEN OFFERED THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND A ONE HOUR ZONE CHAIR WORKSHOP (NOW AVAILABLE ON ZOOM) ? DO YOU KNOW HOW TO ACCESS THE CHARITY COMMISSION WEBSITES FOR THE CLUBS IN YOUR ZONE ? HAVE YOU BEEN SHOWN HOW TO ACCESS RELEVANT E-BOOKS AND SELF-LEARNING PROGRAMMES ON THE MY LCI WEBSITE ?



#### ASK THE DG OR 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE

ALTERNATIVELY, YOU COULD REGISTER YOUR INTEREST WITH MIKE BAKER  
THE DISTRICT G.T

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# And finally..

## District 105SC Convention 2021 – Save the Day!



This seems like a wacky idea I know, but we are planning to have a real live Convention next year – you remember, where you pack your bags and travel to the venue and stay for a night or two. Radical or what?

Given our theme was always going to be “travel”, it would be so disappointing if we had a virtual Convention again, so we are actively planning to hold the Convention in Swindon – if at first you don’t succeed...

For obvious reasons we are not suggesting anyone book up yet, but please put this in your diary and look out for more details in the coming months.

*Lion Steve Spencer* District Convention 2021 Host Committee

## IN FOND MEMORY

Woolmer Forest Lions are sad to announce the passing to higher service of **Lion Doreen Parfect** on 25 May 2020. Former Lion Doreen became a member of Woolmer Forest in 1999 and spent three years as President. She was a dedicated Lion who could always be relied upon to go above and beyond. Although she had not been able to remain a member in her last few years due to ill-health, she is fondly remembered and sadly missed.

Maidenhead Lions have lost to higher service a dedicated and long-standing member, **Lion Bob Trant MJF** (1931–2020). Lion Bob joined the Club in 1982, so had achieved almost 40 years of very active service. He served as Club President in 1987/88 and again in 1991/92 and was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship a couple of years ago. He always participated fully in all Club activities and will be remembered, among many other things, for always making sure that a group of Lions enjoyed the Holyport British Legion “soggy fish and chip” evening each Christmas. He was also the Club’s main man on the “Message in a Bottle” service activity since its inception 20 years ago. He was also an active golfer until quite recently.

The Wareham Lions report with sadness the passing to higher service of **Lion Dennis Farley** and Yateley Lions Club reports the passing to higher service of **Lion David Brampton**.

Each of these Lions will be a sad loss to all who knew them and the *105SC Sentinel* sends sincere condolences to their families, friends and fellow Lions.



## Sentinel's eye on...

### Zoom! Just one look and then my heart went boom!

The District Cabinet met on Sunday 17 May at 7.00 pm. We normally meet at 10.00 am but in these extraordinary times we had to make a few changes. The main change, of course, was that we couldn't meet face-to-face, so like many others we used Zoom video conferencing. The first five minutes saw us settling in with a little chit-chat and greetings as usual. The business was then conducted in just the same way as if we were in the same room, with debate and votes and even a Tail Twister! We all agreed that it was a great success and we would do the same in July.

The best bit though, apart from enjoying my glass of the black stuff, was that meeting finished at 8.30 pm and, boom!, I was at home. No long drive up the motorway. I was sold on the virtual meeting! Dare I say that it could become the new norm:

- No more getting up at 7.00 am on Sunday mornings;
- No racing down the motorway and trying to find the venue;
- No cold cup of mud when you arrive;
- No Wifi connection struggles;
- No cost to District, saving circa £600;
- No pollution; and
- No stress.

If video meetings are to be the future for businesses as well as Lions, we will be able to make yet more changes - why meet every quarter? Why not meet for half an hour every month? Why not call a meeting whenever an issue arises? This applies to Zone meetings as well as Cabinet meetings.

While the benefits are clear, on the other hand, will this new 'normality' see us all become hermits? The social aspect of meetings will be partly lost even though there is still a bit of banter during virtual meetings. Social interaction is the glue that holds the whole Lions movement together. My Club, Fleet, held a 'Drink 'n Chat' evening on Wednesday 27 May via Zoom. About 15 members and partners joined in and it did take a little while for everyone to settle but there was good humour and a little leg-pulling before President Lion Mark Cooper asked each pair in turn what we had been up to during lockdown. Then, just for fun, Lion Mark had us scratching our heads over 36 quiz questions. It was certainly a pleasant way to spend a couple of hours and so much better than not seeing each other.

It certainly looks like we will be meeting 'online' for some time to come. District now has its own Zoom account, which may be used by Clubs who don't have their own account. Just email [zoon@lions105sc.org.uk](mailto:zoon@lions105sc.org.uk) to request a meeting, giving date and time and name and email address of the member who will act as host.

*Lion Tom Sayers* District Webmaster



# OLD MONARCH

*The Editor has the last word...*

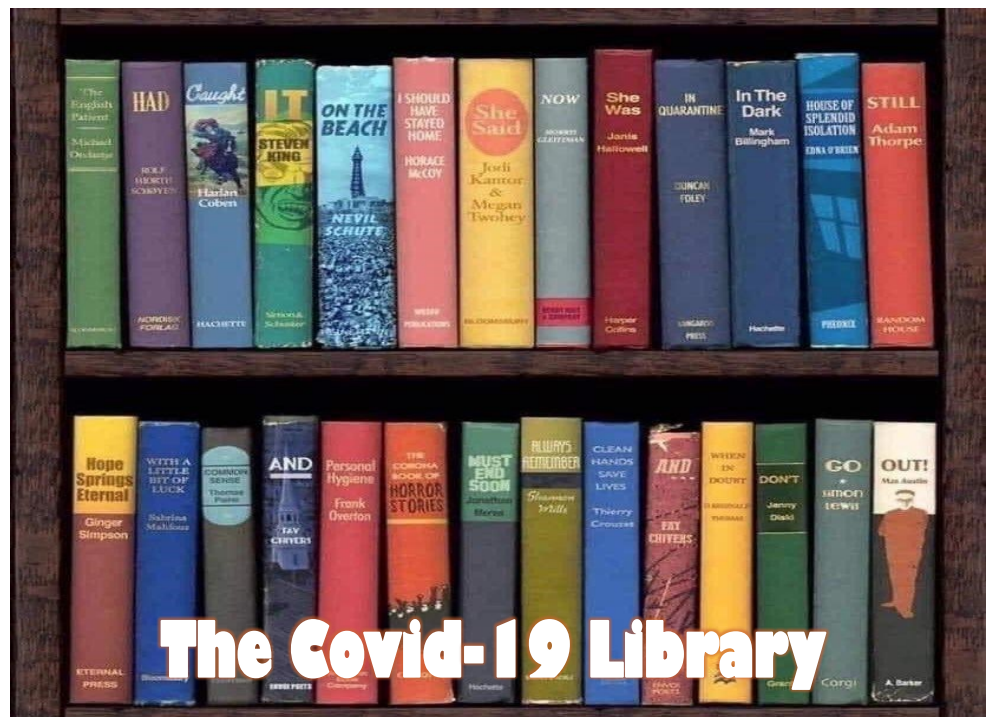
It is probably true to say that there is not one among us who has already lived through what we are all living through now - the impact of the all-intrusive and seemingly unconquerable coronavirus Covid-19. Who would have believed that in this 21st century we would be locked down in our own homes and only now, after nearly three months, be able to meet our own families in their homes, send most of our children and grandchildren back to school and open most of our businesses - even if we have to do it all at two metres distance.

And who would have thought that the Jersey Lions, having had to cancel their Swimathon at the very last minute, would still raise in excess of £50,000 from the event since sponsors and many intending swimmers donated to the Club what they would have done had they swum. We are living in very curious times.

*Lion Peter Tabb*



## Lions tail...



### The Covid-19 Library

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