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**A sight we would all like to
see again...**

**Crowds at the Lions' co-hosted "Guernsey Together"
celebration in August - see page 5**



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"Kindness Matters"



The DG's Leader...

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

My Fellow Lions

It has been an eerily quiet August as far as outdoor events, etc. have been concerned, giving me, and my car, a break from some extreme mileages. Normally, I would have been busy going around various Club activities not least the Bob Cook Games held in Swindon each year. In one guise or another I have attended that event for more than 30 years and the number of times it has had to be cancelled can still be counted on one hand. However this year, I didn't sit back and sunbathe since the number of online meetings has more than increased to fill the void left by the lack of physical events. Instead of travelling I have also had time to enjoy a sponsored lunch out most weeks in August with family and friends.

During August many facilities used by Lions have started to re-open. Hotels, pubs, community rooms and village halls are inviting people back. I am hearing of Clubs being allowed to hold face-to-face meetings again, if they wish, but with conditions. Some Clubs have already used the summer to hold outdoor meetings but with indoor facilities becoming more accessible things are really taking off. Clubs that have met are extolling the virtues of 'combination' meetings where they meet face-to-face where members feel able and Zoom facilities for those who don't, i.e., a camera, speakers, microphone, etc. covering the members present and a screen with projector for members in the room to see those online. I can hear the frustration from some saying "but that's complicated!". Try asking the venue to help you if your Club doesn't have the skills.

As the autumn arrives we normally look forward to a multitude of events such as Remembrance Sunday, Bonfire Night activities, Christmas Fayres and Santa runs. I am expecting many of these events to take place but with some new rules. We have had guidance from the MD Insurance Officer asking that whatever we do, we pay respect to the Covid-19 safety guidelines as they will not cover any comeback from Clubs knowingly breaking those guidelines. A written event risk assessment is definitely a must.

My final comment is one of being slightly remiss in the last newsletter by rearranging ICO into CIO. I consider myself fined. Strangely, only one member picked up on it so consider the rest of you fined as well!

Stay Safe.



Lion Steve District Governor

Matters of Moment



Lions Clubs International
British Isles

Lebanon needs our support

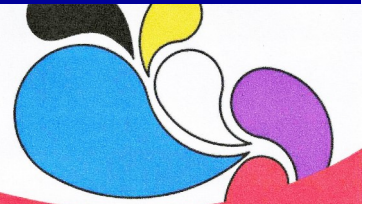


Lions Clubs of the British Isles launch an appeal to support the people affected by the devastation in Lebanon. Lions Clubs provide vital assistance where it is needed.

#StepForward #JoinUs #LionsGetInvolved



We Serve



Dear Lion,
Our service has the power to achieve a greater good for all - and great service begins with you. You are the innovators who keep your community strong and that's why it's so important to continue to learn and develop new ways to enhance your service.

Your compassion and experience are your best resources, and we have the tools and training to help you transform your knowledge into action. As you continue to serve safely within your community, we will continue to do everything we can to help you accomplish the extraordinary.



Lion Dr Jung-Yul Choi
International President

Protect yourself



and everyone else!

This striking range of Lions branded re-usable face masks are available for purchase at the cost of £5.75 each plus p & p.

Any Club or Lion interested should email Lion Brigitte Green at MDHQ (Brigitte@lionsmd105hq.org.uk)



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.

ALTON - Lions Frances Parris, Karen Sharman and Peter Johnson

BASINGSTOKE - Lions Charlotte Gruntowska and Sarah Williams

BLANDFORD & DISTRICT - Lion Richard Jones

DG Lion *Steve*



The bigger picture

Global Service Team News

GOOD NEWS!

Chichester Lions are now accepting used specs again. There is no Parcel Force contract so all specs have to be taken to Chichester or sent by a courier paid for by your Club. Chichester Lions are using HERMES and for costs go to their website – chillions.org.uk If taking your specs to Chichester **YOU MUST EITHER RING 0344 963 2443 OR EMAIL sight@chillions.org.uk** to arrange delivery. Please do not just turn up.

MORE ON WORLD SIGHT DAY – THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER 2020

MD Sight Officer Lion Sue Taylor suggests the following activities:-

- Hold a group Zoom call organised by your Club or District or join forces with like-minded organisations and organise an online extravaganza!
- Encourage people to sign a Declaration of Support and share it on social media;
- Raise awareness of the issues of avoidable blindness and WSD through social media;
- Produce a poster to be used alongside the official IAPB WSD Poster which can be used at events, in retail outlets and other locations;
- Hold a concert on Facebook or Instagram – and black out the screen.
- Hold AMAs (Ask Me anything) on Reddit; and
- Use Instagram or Twitter and spread the word

Lion Sue has also sent me more information on Sight which is included elsewhere in this edition of the Sentinel.

DO YOU HAVE A SUCCESS STORY THAT COULD EARN US\$500 (£380)?

Submit a success story and your District can receive US\$500 (£380) to support local GAT efforts in membership, leadership and service. We can only submit one story from the District. Submissions can be made until 1 May but I suggest that all stories be sent to me by 1 March so that I can submit the best. Full details can be as follows:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/global-action-team/gat-district-funding>

WORLD DIABETES DAY – SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2020

The strategic objective of LCI is to “Reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve quality of life for those diagnosed”. Now is the time to start planning an activity for this day. Could you arrange a Know Your Risk event - many people have Type 2 diabetes without knowing it, seriously affecting their health and well being. Use the Diabetes UK Know Your Risk Tool. Go to <https://www.diabetes.org.uk/preventing-type-2-diabetes> and scroll down to find the information needed

Whatever you do please record it on Mylion and keep well and safe!

Lion Judith Goodchild

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Not long after my last article, the terrible explosion occurred in Beirut which has devastated so many lives. All the Clubs were contacted by Council Chairman Lion Pete Dilloway with news of the response from MD 105. Since then, Lion Mandy Broadbent got in touch with Clubs with pictures and a link to a piece by the Leos and Lions of Lebanon, you can find the piece at:

www.Facebook.com/LionsclubsBritishIsles

which will give you an idea of what they are, and what they hope to do.

LCIF issued an immediate emergency grant of \$10,000.

Last week like many of my fellow LCIF officers from MD 105 and in parts of Europe, I took part in an online LCIF Coordinators event, where the question was raised about what further action LCIF will take. The response was that the administrators in LCIF are waiting to hear from Lions on the ground in Beirut as to what they need next and will continue to support them.

I know things are hard for our Clubs with regard to fundraising right now but imagine coping with the threat of Covid-19 and then seeing your home, business and livelihood destroyed. LCIF needs our help to continue to be able to support those who need it when tragedy strikes, or just to be there to help provide resources and support for people to cope with their daily lives.

As always, I am grateful to those who do remember LCIF and the work it does. Stay safe and well.

Lion Ann Huntley MGF

District 105SC LCIF Coordinator

Clubs combating Covid-19

ALTON LIONS START THE YEAR ON A POSITIVE NOTE

ALTON Lions Club (CIO) has begun its new year on a positive note with the enrolment of two new members. Lions Karen Charman and Frances Parris joined the Club at a socially distanced ceremony, held in Alton Public Gardens on Wednesday, 5 August.

Welcoming the two new Lions, President Lion Atul Patel, said they were both "very keen" and would become "a great asset to the Club."

At the same ceremony, Club members took the opportunity to present the coveted Lions Clubs International Foundation 'Melvin Jones Fellowship' award to long-time supporter, Jerry Janes.

In making the presentation the Club President said that over many years Jerry has been a great supporter of Lions activities, most notably an excellent MC at the Alton 10 Road Race and the Downland Challenge - events run in co-ordination with Alton Runners.

He is also a highly persuasive auctioneer - skills which he has used at the Lions Rehab Golf Day and at Horse Race Night events.

In addition to Jerry's support for Lions, he has used his talents to benefit the wider community of Alton.

In accepting the award, Jerry said he was "very surprised and deeply touched" to be recognised in this way," adding: "I am very grateful for the opportunity to continue helping the Lions."

In Alton, as well as being part of the Alton & District Community Resilience Fund, Lions have just launched a Beirut Disaster Appeal, to aid the work of LCIF In Lebanon. Lions are supporting those who have had their lives shattered by the chemical explosion that left hundreds dead and thousands injured, their homes and businesses reduced to rubble.



Jerry Janes with his Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, with President Lion Atul Patel, new members Frances Parris (bottom left) and Karen Charman (bottom right) and Lions Annette Mill (back) and Sarah O'Donoghue (top right)



Co-hosted by the Guernsey Lions and Leo Clubs

Due to the coronavirus pandemic the Guernsey Lions were unable to hold their popular Donkey Derby this year so the Club, in conjunction with the Leo Club of Guernsey and members of the local North Show committee came together to organise the "Guernsey Together Celebration"

The Lions Club and Leo Club have worked together before and this collaboration with the North Show team provided an excellent opportunity for three charity organisations to work together to stage a unique event.

The event, held in Guernsey's Saumarez Park on Saturday 22 August, celebrated the local community's achievement of getting through the pandemic so effectively that people could gather together at sporting and cultural events and meet freely with others over a drink or a meal.

Entry to the public was free and members of the Association of Guernsey Charities were invited to participate so that they could raise much needed funds for their individual causes. More than 40 local charities were in attendance including Cnannel Islands Air Search, CLIC Sargent, St John Ambulance and Diabetes Guernsey.

Craft stallholders were also invited to attend and more than 25 turned up selling anything from cakes and jams to framed pictures. The Accidental Zoo provided children with the possibility to stroke a snake and get up close to tarantulas!

A variety of food stalls kept everybody well fed. A craft tent was used to display the entries for the craft competitions which were judged by organising committee members.

Entertainment was provided throughout the day by local artistes performing around the Park while Guernsey's local bands performed on the JT Together stage, with GU10 starting the music at lunchtime and City Limits providing the final sessions from 8.00 pm. Naturally there was a packed-out beer tent.

Two of Guernsey's local heroes, Medical Officer of Health Dr Nicola Brink and Health Minister Deputy Heidi Soulsby, were presented with bouquets from the co-chairmen of the organising committee, Lion Chris McDonnell and North Show member Josh Gabriel. This was followed by rousing cheers and celebratory applause for all essential workers.

The evening ended with a stunning sponsored firework display.

It is estimated that more than 7,000 people attended the event during the day and that once all bills are paid, the event will have raised in excess of £25,000 for the organising charities which is in addition to the thousands of pounds raised by the attending charities.

Lions doing what they do well...

NEWBURY NEWS

Along with everyone else, Newbury Lions have found it difficult to raise money during the Covid-19 lockdown. The local District Council had swiftly set up a support hub that has operated efficiently during the crisis, with Lions registering individually as volunteers.

Lion Maureen Benedict set up a community FaceBook page to coordinate volunteers in her small village which has many elderly people. This has now grown into a weekly Curry Club serving more than 35 people each week.



Incoming President Lion Judith Colby (left) was sewing scrubs for the NHS and then started making face masks for family and friends. She decided to ask neighbours in the West Fields community if they would like masks in return for a donation to the Lions' welfare funds.

"I thought I might make a couple of hundred pounds for our funds, but the masks have

become so popular that I have now made more than 250 and donations have reached over £1,000! I am so grateful for the generosity of my local community so that we can continue to support those in need."

Newbury Lions are also looking forward to presenting Certificates of Recognition of Service in the community to various organisations and individuals who stepped up during the pandemic to ensure the more vulnerable in our community were able to access their needs. The Club's first Certificate, presented by the President, went to Joyce Lewis (pictured below) for befriending many senior citizens, ensuring all their needs were met and that no-one felt isolated specially in the first few weeks of lockdown.



A LATE HANDOVER

Like many Clubs, Hook and Odiham had been using Zoom for both Trustees and business meetings since April.

However, new President, Lion John Lancashire, decided that August would be different and offered to host both the August meetings in his garden with members observing social distancing. He also decided that the formal handover from Lion Terry Cheesman, who had served two years as President, should take place before the business meeting.

Lion Terry's last act as President was to present Certificates of Appreciation to Lions for all the extra help they had provided during lockdown in the community, including their work on the schools IT project.



Following the presentation Lion Terry handed over the chain of office and also received a garden voucher and card made by Lion Judith Goodchild as a sincere thank you for all his hard work over the past two years.

Clubs living with Covid-19

Petersfield Lions Honour Local Lockdown Heroes

Petersfield and its surrounding areas have had many stories of local people coming together and helping others. Petersfield Lions took the opportunity to recognise three of them by presenting them with Lions International Certificates of Appreciation.

On Wednesday 12 August, Petersfield President Lion Jo Walters and Secretary Lion Trevor Copping presented Consultant Nurse Julian Cavalier and Health Care Support Worker Sarah Deakins from Petersfield Community Hospital with individual certificates in recognition of the amazing work they did to create something quite special during the middle of lockdown. They arranged a wedding in the Cedar Ward garden in just five days following terminally ill patient David Platt's unplanned proposal to Sandra Weston, his long-term partner of 34 years.

Sarah and Julian's appeal on social media and the local Petersfield community radio caught the attention of the hearts of many and offers of help and donations arrived swiftly as well as permission for the wedding to take place in the Cedar Ward garden at the Hospital. Anyone who has arranged a wedding will know that to achieve this in just five days is nothing short of amazing. Very sadly David has now passed away and our condolences go to David's wife and family.

It also has become apparent to Julian how all those working at the hospital desperately needed somewhere, as Julian says, "to escape, think, feel, rest or simply take a break from the clinical strains on them away from their wards." Julian and Sarah are creating such a space and calling it the Cedar Ward Memorial Garden.

On Saturday 15 August, the Club presented another Appreciation Certificate to long-term Petersfield



From Left - Lion Jo Walters (President), Pauline Richards, and Sue Miles

resident Sue Miles who was with her daughter Pauline Richards. Sue has made over 400 face masks and gives them to people in Petersfield. Sue makes no money from them but asks people to donate to the local Food Bank instead. Pauline helped publicise this and has been overwhelmed by the generous offer of materials as well as those donating to the Food Bank.

Sue is continuing to make face masks for donations to Food Bank. When asked, Pauline said she appreciated the award for her mother and also the support of the Petersfield residents, specially Julie Tully and her family who gave her the idea for donations to go to the Food Bank.

Meeting by ZOOM

District 105SC now has its own Zoom account, which may be used by Clubs who don't have their own account. Just email zoom@lions105sc.org.uk to request a meeting, giving date and time and name and email address of the member who will act as host.

More Club news

WINDSOR LIONS CANCEL ANNUAL HORSE-RIDE



Dubbed by many 'the best organised event of its kind', the Windsor Lions' Horse-Ride in Windsor Great Park, scheduled to take place on Saturday and Sunday 12 and 13 September, has reluctantly been cancelled. The ride is the Club's largest fundraising event of the year and helps pay for many of the events it stages and donations made throughout the year.

Event organiser Lion Mark Fraser said, "Like many perennial events, we have had to take the difficult but responsible decision to put off the event for this year. But we are hopeful that we can come back bigger and better than ever in 2021 with the best course ever, new jumps and the opportunity to ride in the magnificent surroundings of Windsor Great Park once again. We have contacted all those who had already entered and have received nothing but understanding from our loyal riders. We are so grateful for their support and for that received from our friends at Windsor Great Park."

Blandford & District Garden Party

Blandford & District Lions held their first meeting since April in the garden of Lion James Mayo. It was the ideal opportunity to make the Presidential hand-over with Lion Tony Ives passing the chain of office to his good friend Lion Gordon Cox, who in turn officiated in the induction of his nephew Richard Jones into the Club, sponsored by Lion Tony Ives.



A garden party with a difference

A limited amount of business was discussed with treasurer Lion Nigel Hodder reporting that the end-of-year balances had been approved by the Club's friendly auditor and that an amazing £900 had been collected from the sale of Easter Egg tickets.

It was decided to run a car boot sale in August and a craft fair in December, Covid-19 permitting.

At the Club's second meeting in Lion James Mayo's garden, the President presented a ten year service chevron to Club Treasurer Lion Nigel Hodder, a very active member who was thanked for all his hard work for the Club.



69th Annual Convention Official Convention Call

In accordance with Article IV of the MD Constitution, the Council of Governors hereby issue the **official call** for the Convention of the Multiple District for the year 2020-2021 which will be held on **1-2 May 2021** at a venue to be confirmed.

Any Clubs or Districts wishing to submit **resolutions** for consideration at the said Convention, must submit them in writing by the closing date of 31 December 2020 to the appointed officer.

And even more news...

A Successful Conclusion to a Joint Lions Gambia Project

Two years ago the Lions Clubs of Bracknell Forest and Jersey joined forces, with the support of the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission, to raise funds to provide a roof over classrooms at a primary school in the village of Gunjar Kunkujang in the Gambia.

The project was led by PDGs Lions Mike and Brigid Hendy of Bracknell Forest with the support of the Jersey Lions and, in particular, Lion Peter Tabb's wife Therese, whose initiative led to the Jersey involvement. The financial support from the Jersey Lions was matched by the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission.



Above: The classrooms waiting for their roof and (below) the roof in place.



Covid-19 threat to Jersey Lions Muddy Fun Run realised

Despite significant modifications to their intended Muddy Fun Run (which in 2019 raised more than £7,000) to comply with social distancing, etc., the Lions Club of Jersey have had to cancel the 2020 event.

Organising team leader Lion Ian Barette accepts the inevitable. "We worked very hard to modify the event to comply with the laid down guidelines but ultimately it was clear that there were health risks involved which we were not prepared to take nor ask the participants to take. But what we have redesigned is so robust that under any sort of normal circumstances, it will be just the challenge, and fun, that our supporters last year have been asking for."

And it will be back next year!

IN FOND MEMORY

It is with sadness that the *105SC Sentinel* reports the passing to higher service of **Lion Nelson Sclater** of the Crofton Lions Club, **Lion James Godden** of the Lions Club of Gillingham Mere and Shaftsbury, **Lion Gill Main** of the Hart Lions Club and **Lion Rosemary Jackson**, a Lion since 1998 who will be greatly missed by the members of the Highworth and District Lions Club.

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.

And (once again) finally...

THE BASINGSTOKE BUGLE!

News from our Hampshire correspondent Lion Philip Wilson

The Zoom Quiz

We had our zoom quiz night on the first of August. In advance we had tried to develop an automatic marking system of answer input based on the use of Excel and a dedicated website. It worked using an up-to-date commercial Excel version but failed in transmission to a standard version. So we went back to the honour system. Seventeen teams entered, but three failed at the first hurdle, couldn't make the Zoom connection. The Quizmaster nearly fell into that category which would have been a real disaster. The next problem was how long to leave between questions. The answer seems to be 18-20 seconds. My wife sat beside me with a stopwatch. (She does that a lot!) Our usual top team "Haute Quizine" won, proving that honour is alive and well. Financially it was not a success. They say half a loaf is better than no bread, but this was crumbs. But, as my ancestors would have said, "Ay a mickle makes a muckle", so we'll try again.

The Business Meeting

This was supposed to be face-to-face at the British Legion. In fact due to a variety of circumstances (e.g. work, addlepateness (normal), babysitting (utterly abnormal), holidays, etc. we had half on Zoom and half in the hall social distancing, with the whole kit and caboodle under the 'masterful???' control of the Lion President. It went well for everyone but for the Minutes taker who ended up with paranoid schizophrenia and got hauled over the coals for getting several important matters of financial significance completely wrong. The minutes had to be re-issued!

The Past

Brian Locock, a Lion of 47 years' outstanding service, has produced *A History of the Basingstoke Lions Club*. It is a well-judged history which deals with the essential elements of the founding of the Club in 1967 and its progress, without getting lost in nitty gritty details which, interesting though they are, would detract from the major highs and lows which have beset us in our 53 year history.



The Future

We have had several fundraising ideas. However having touted them to various organisations whose co-operation and/or permission we would need, we have had nothing but negative responses.

I don't know how other Clubs have fared in this respect, but it appears to us that the pandemic is being used as an excuse to block anything that might involve people in a bit of work or initiative. "*Sic semper tyrannis*"! Unfortunately it's a dead horse that we'll just have to keep flogging.



Sentinel's eye on...



This year, World Sight Day is to be held on Thursday 8 October 2020. This annual event, which is always held on the second Thursday of October, is aiming to draw attention to a range of issues surrounding blindness and visual impairment. It is seen as one of the most important communication and advocacy events on the eye health calendar.

Initially started by the Lions Clubs International Foundation as part of the Sight First campaign in the year 2000, World Sight Day is now coordinated by the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) under the VISION 2020 global initiative which aims to promote a world in which nobody is needlessly visually impaired.

The IAPB have a tool-kit on their website, which is free for anyone to use, it includes the 2020 World Sight Day logo as above.

Global statistics in 2020:

- ◇ At least 2.2 billion people have a vision impairment that may or may not be addressed;
- ◇ Of those, at least 1 billion people have a vision impairment that could have been prevented or has yet to be addressed;
- ◇ In addition, 2.6 billion people have myopia, including 312 million children under 19 years of age;
- ◇ Additionally, millions of people are living with eye conditions that increase their risk of sight loss:- 196 million people living with age-related macular degeneration - 146 million people living with diabetic retinopathy - 76 million people living with glaucoma - 2.5 million people living with trachomatous trichiasis - 277 million people living with high myopia;
- ◇ Vast inequities exist in the distribution of vision impairment; the prevalence in many low- and middle-income regions is estimated to be four times higher than in high-income regions;
- ◇ The burden tends to be greater in rural areas and for older people, women, people with disabilities, ethnic minorities and indigenous populations.

A Reading Round-up

Fundraising opportunities having ground to a halt recently, due to current Covid 19 limitations, Reading Lions have successfully launched a new initiative which is quickly gaining support among their local community.

'Round Up For Reading' offers free publicity to hard hit local businesses and, at the same time, vital support for community groups and individuals in need in Reading.

How does it work?

Customers are asked to round up their bill – which most people are happy to do! Only small amounts, but as we all know, every penny counts, and it soon adds up to a sizeable donation to Reading Lions. One company has already raised £180. Flexibility allows businesses to simply make donations if 'Round Up' is difficult for them to apply.

This is a project which mutually supports local businesses and people alike. There is a wide range of businesses involved, including office supplies, hairdressers and florists. Thirty businesses signed up to the scheme in the first week.

The appeal target is £10,000. If any club would like more detail on how the scheme works, please contact andy@readinglions.org.uk



OLD MONARCH

The Editor has the last word...

At a time when we are all carefully keeping our social distance (see below), this issue's front cover is something of a freak - showing people out and about, enjoying themselves with not a social distance in sight. There is only one Lions Club in our District who could organise such an event - our colleagues of the Lions and Leo Clubs of Guernsey, where there hasn't been a case of coronavirus for more than a hundred days (probably even more by now) and the residents of that Island are enjoying music festivals, fetes, speed hill climbs and all sorts of other fundraising events we can only marvel at.

Guernsey has effectively closed its borders to all but the other neighbouring islands in its Bailiwick (which does not include Jersey!). So like us all I can only marvel from afar.

So keep your distance and keep safe.

Lion Peter Tabb



**Lions
tail...**



Socially distant meeting - Basingstoke style

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