

Convention 2021
Saturday 20 March
Stay home, stay safe and still enjoy playing your part!



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Clubs
meet
face to
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again?**



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-Covid
ideas**



The International Association of Lions Clubs

District 105SC

District Governor 2020 - 2021 ♦ Lion Steve Petty

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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...

In the January *Sentine*/I promised you that I would soon publish details of the virtual Convention to be held on Saturday 20 March. Regrettably events overtook my plans as I was detained by a group of very professional doctors and nurses who brought me back from an early and unexpected potential exit from this planet. My thanks go out to them and all of you when I was pleased to see that my failure to publicise the Convention in the February *Sentine*/was still well covered in that edition by all of the District teams involved with the production and media coverage of the annual event. Again many thanks to you all. Those who sent me cards, emails, texts, etc. wishing me a swift and safe recovery. I have now been home for a month and am frantically trying to catch up.

During my absence, the Convention has grown and filled out with not only the statutory business session but to include a Friday night virtual social event, the official nominations and resolutions, several guest speakers and a chance for your Club to publicise some of the amazing things that you have done during the year since the last Convention to support your communities.

The finale to this year's Convention is a new members meeting / Q & A session directly after convention closes. Normally, all new members attending Convention would be entitled to a "meet and drink" from myself but sadly this cannot happen this year.

We are still missing a candidate for the position of 2nd Vice District Governor and will be looking for someone to come from the floor. For any member looking to see the bigger picture, the position is a very good starting point and from experience can be a very enjoyable and fulfilling time, learning along with and mixing with, not only your District colleagues but with your fellow 2nd VDGs from across the MD. Many life long friendships have evolved from being a VDG.

I am pleased to support the announcement that since the 1 July last year we have so far been joined by 53 new members and I know that there are more in the pipeline. Considering the lockdown situation I find that figure worthy of a praise to all the Clubs and officers involved in making that happen. Sadly we have lost a few members and those that have passed to higher service will be mentioned at Convention.

I have attended several meetings over the past few weeks and also the Young Ambassador competition on Sunday 21 February. My congratulations go out to 17-years-old Kenan who was sponsored by the Jersey Lions. Despite a valiant and moving presentation he was unable to make the MD winner's enclosure this year. I look forward to him becoming a fully fledged Lion in the future.

I also look forward to seeing you all on Saturday 20 March at Convention, so please register.

Until then, stay safe...

DG Steve

District Governor



Matters of moment

Vice-DGs' Visits this month

1 VDG Lion Brian (via Zoom)

8 March - Bracknell Lions

11 March - Alton Lions

15 March - Windsor Lions

17 March - Bradford on Avon

2VDG Lion Dave (via Zoom)

8 March - Jersey Lions



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 - Lion Stephen Beckett

BASINGSTOKE - Lion Sarah Williams

BRADFORD-ON-AVON - Lions Simon Arnold,
Elizabeth Foot, Hilary Spence and
Michael Sullivan

HOOK-ODIHAM - Lion Sandra Mildred

MELKSHAM - Lion Mac Carr

PETERSFIELD - Lions Louise Fox, Madeline
Fox and Annie Janes

ROMSEY & WATERSIDE - Lion Jillian
Peckham

WOKINGHAM - Lions Bob de Quidt and Sue
de Quidt

DG Lion *Steve*

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Here we are nearly at our District Convention, what a year it has been. Covid-19 has changed our lives in so many ways, but in one way nothing changes. Whenever there is a need to offer that little bit of extra support to our communities, Lions were and continue to be there to help. Our Foundation issued over 292 Covid grants totalling more than \$4 million, including the £16,000 to our MD.

Lions in Europe, during 2019/2020, received \$5,082,547 in grant funding for other non-Covid projects. What has changed has been the way Clubs have raised funds for their local communities and donations to LCIF, and the amounts they have donated.

A little comparison, from July 2019 to January 2020, Clubs in I05 SC had donated \$34,698, over the same period the total is \$18,198. Clubs have rightly focused their support on local needs.

I am grateful for the support that Clubs within District I05SC continue to give to our Foundation. Thank you on behalf of LCIF and the people your Club and personal donations have helped during this last difficult year. As things hopefully improve, I hope that LCIF will once again gain the support that has always been forthcoming from the Clubs in this District.

Lion Ann Huntley MJF
District I05SC LCIF Coordinator



The Bigger Picture

Global Service Team News

Following the publication of the road map out of lockdown, it should be possible to hold a litter pick on or about World Earth Day on Thursday 22 April. Social distancing to be observed! Some Clubs have even been doing them during lockdown and do them regularly. Providing you keep to groups of six working together there should not be problems. However for this year it might be best to limit your participants to members and their families.

Why do it?

Unless we look after our own communities' environments, and encourage others in the wider world to do the same, we will have a much poorer place to live in.

How to do a litter pick:

1. Survey your community and choose areas which are well used and has an accumulation of litter. This will enable the public to observe what you are doing.
2. Check to see if there is a group already picking litter in your chosen area. You will need to gain consent to litter pick on private land with the landowners and for public land, for example, the Council or Canal and River Trust.
3. As a matter of health and safety, carry out a risk assessment in advance. See the link to the guide provided by Litter Action.
4. Ask your local Council if they can supply the following - hi-viz vests/tabards, litter pickers, gloves and bags. If they are unable to do so, ensure your volunteers come equipped. Consider having the Lions logo and Club name printed on the hi-viz vests/tabards.

5. Choose a date, confirm with the landowners and advertise your litter pick, inviting volunteers to come along to help. To avoid large groups, mark out areas where groups of six can gather and send them off in different directions or at different times.
6. Approach a variety of groups, e.g. youth clubs, Scouts, Guides and schools to help. Ensure everyone wears a hi-viz vest/tabard.
7. Consider the link-up with other Lions youth projects, such as the Young Leaders in Service.
8. Report any fly tipping to the land owners for removal.
9. Gather all the waste bags in an area and arrange for a collection.

Seek permission from those present and take a photograph. Prepare a press release for the local media and social media. Send a copy to your District Environment Officer and to LCI via your monthly activity report. Don't forget to include the number of bags of rubbish you've collected.

It is a good idea to provide refreshments or find somewhere to sit and have a drink after the event. This helps to make the occasion more fun and allow you talk about what you've achieved and plan your next litter pick.

Key Contacts and links:

www.litteraction.org.uk/infocentre/cleanup
www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/
www.mcsuk.org/beachwatch/
greatbritishbeachclean
www.forgerecycling.co.uk/blog/organise-a-litter-pick/

Lion Judith Goodchild

105SC GST Co-Ordinator

**With the past I have nothing to do, nor with the future.
I live now.**

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

WOKINGHAM LIONS CLUB SUPPORTS THRIVE

£300 from January Virtual Pub Quiz Donated to Charity

Proceeds totalling £300 from the Wokingham Lions Club virtual pub quiz in January have been donated to Thrive, a local charity which uses gardening to bring about positive changes in the lives of people living with disabilities or ill health, or who are isolated, disadvantaged or vulnerable.

Corinne Stone, fundraising officer, Thrive, said: "We are so grateful for the support from the Wokingham Lions Club. The £300 raised from their quiz night will enable us to help more people improve their health and well-being through the power of gardening."

The next Great #Woky Pub Quiz is scheduled for 25 February at 8.00 pm via a live stream on Facebook.

Organised by Wokingham Lions Club member, Lion Ian Grange, this virtual online pub quiz will support Share Wokingham, a local charity that distributes food to those in need.



Carly, a Thrive client gardener



Since the start of the first lockdown in March 2020, Lions Clubs based in north eastern Hampshire with Farnham Lions from 105SE, have supplied in excess of 1,000 computers to local families in Hart, Rushmoor and Waverley.

While the project to supply refurbished IT equipment was started in early 2019, the closure of schools announced in March of last year resulted in a massive demand for home learning.

The IT Team of the Lions Clubs of Hook & Odiham, Yateley, Hart, Fleet, Farnborough and Aldershot decided to offer computers on the recommendation of any teacher who determined that students needed IT Support at home. 65 local schools are now being supported by the scheme, resulting in hundreds of families being able to access home learning. Larger families are often supplied with more than one unit to relieve the stress of having to share.

Computers for reuse have been sourced from the general public via promotional campaigns including the BBC 'Make a Difference' appeal. Local authorities and businesses came forward to offer their redundant computers. All are processed by the IT Team to cleanse the hard drives, upgrade internal components to make them Windows 10 compliant. All units are PAT-tested before being given to eager families.

At the end of 2020 the level of demand reached about 100 computers per month. This has now jumped to over 200 in January as a result of the fresh closure of schools. This higher level is expected to remain well into Spring with many families asking for additional laptops to cope with online teaching provided by schools.

The initial success of this project can be attributed to the active and financial support of the Clubs within the Zone and a £1,000 donation by MD 105 in 2020.

Pictured is the IT team of Lions Paulo Silva, Graham Drayton, Simon Rankin and Brian Proctor

BAGS ARE RED, FINGERS ARE BLUE, OPEN THE DOOR, WE HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU!

On a chilly mid-February day Eastleigh Lion Hearts were out and about yet again distributing romantic Valentine bags of goodies to elderly local residents. Age Concern asked the Club for assistance to deliver to people around the area and the Lions were happy to help. It's been hard to do much during the lockdown so it was a good opportunity to do something for the local community.

Happiness is a way of travelling, not a destination.

- Roy M. Goodman

Petersfield Lions Club marshalling for coronavirus vaccinations



Following on from the Petersfield Lions Clubs support of a local surgery by marshalling for the annual flu jabs, Lions Mike and Lin Piatek led the co-ordination of marshalling the coronavirus vaccinations of seven combined local surgeries in December at the Festival Hall in Petersfield with 18 Petersfield Lions Club members.

Since then, 60 additional volunteers from the Liphook and District Business Association and Petersfield U3A have joined in. There are seven marshals on each shift, each with a designated job, from reassuring visitors, protecting them from infection and guiding them through the process. Every volunteer is tested before each shift

Since the vaccinations have started approximately 13,000 vaccinations have been carried out. The Petersfield Lions Club members alone have completed more than 400 hours of marshalling.

Every person taking part has said that it is a rewarding experience and it felt like they were helping to play a small part in the national recovery.

It must be said that none of this would have been possible without the driving force, expertise and dedication of Petersfield Lions Mike and Lin and Lion Les Jarman of the Lions and U3A.

The Club has also received much appreciation for their efforts, via posts on its Facebook page, emails and letters of thanks from the general public and one in particular from Fred Werner who wrote the adjacent poem.

Lions

Lionhearted volunteers,
Taking pride in all they do
Moulding sheepish public
To a regimented queue.

Kindness and civility
Seem to be their nature
Aimless sheep are corralled,
In the closely guarded bays

Orderly precision
Authority with care
Gentle shepherds guide
The pensive worried flock.

At last the wait is over
It seems before begun
Guided now to waiting
nurse
Waiting with her gun

ID checked, put at ease
Bum now on the seat
Arm exposed, in she goes
Shots delivered now
complete.

Ushered gently out of hall
Lions mission now complete
Inoculated lambs set free
To wander aimless on the
street!

Jersey Lions' hotel remains closed for second season



The hotel for people with disabilities owned and managed by the Lions Club of Jersey is to remain closed for a second season as Covid restrictions on travel and on-Island quarantines impact on holidays.

The Lions Trustees will use this extended 'closed season' to carry out major upgrades for reopening in 2022.

Look at everything as though you were seeing it for the first or last time.

- Betty Smith

Keeping the Fleet Lions busy in Covid-19

Fleet Lions had already established strong links with the Council's volunteering team and IPP Lion Mark Cooper had taken responsibility for organising Lion and non-Lion volunteer across much of the town. An amazing number of local people offered their help. That aspect kicked off early in the first lockdown of 2020 and covered getting shopping, prescriptions and just generally being a friendly voice. There was a brief interval at Christmas so that the Club could make the socially distanced Santa float happen and that did remarkably well for the Club and its chums, Hart Lions, after major reorganisation by the Float team.

New Year

With the New year came the prospect of the beginning of the end of the pandemic as vaccination centres started to get up and running. So Lion Mark roped in his chum Lion Mike Collen to start organising Fleet volunteers to help look after traffic and people flows.

To begin with the opportunity didn't exist to get a job in this town of 40,000 people, so services were offered to



The Marketing and Comms team on car park marshalling

nearby towns to where the townsfolk were being directed. And then the smallest pharmacy in Fleet decided to set up a centre in a local hall. So Lions Mark and Mike offered to coordinate two hours volunteer slots, for three people, 8.00 am to 8.00 pm, and currently for three days a week. And, of course, do some of them as well. The limit is how much vaccine is delivered but three days leads to 800 jabs.

Homebase

They employ a super online system called Homebase that offers shifts to sign up to with the opportunity to

swap if needs be.

It's not the best time of year to be stuck outdoors but the Lions are hard, aren't they? We do get lots of thanks and so many people are really excited to be getting their jabs. They are also coming some distance from other parts of northern Hampshire. It's brilliant to be able to support our local pharmacist who deserves a medal for his initiative and drive.



LIONS WIT

A Lion in the furthest part of 105SC was asked by a passerby for the quickest way to London. The Lion asked if the traveller was cycling or driving.

"Driving," the traveller answered.

"Then that's the quickest way," the Lion replied.

Life is either a daring adventure or it is nothing.

- Helen Keller

Reading Lions Assist with Vaccination Roll Out



Although it hasn't been easy to carry out as many fundraising activities as usual over the past year, Reading Lions have been able to maintain their usual standard of help in the community.

The Club is very happy to report that members have been able to assist in helping people in need with items including a freezer, a carpet and TV licence among others. A fence restoration and garden makeover has been provided for a gentleman with physical difficulties. Also, the Club's Food Donation Project has seen more than £30,000 worth of food being donated to people in need.

However, a different opportunity to help local people presented itself once the vaccination 'roll out' began. Tilehurst Village Surgery asked the Lions to help marshal all aspects of their vaccination clinics. So far the Club has supported them at seven clinics, with two more in the offing. 16 members and eight friends and family have been involved in this valuable effort.

As well as marshalling, the Club is raising the profile of the Lions organisation among this demographic and hopefully encouraging potential new members to find out more. There is a lot of socially distanced chatting going on while people are queuing to register or sitting out the 15-minute wait after the Pfizer jab. One person was inspired enough to make a £20 donation, whereas another asked if the Lions could possibly give them haircuts while they waited. A good fundraising opportunity may well have been missed there!

Another helpful spin off is that Tilehurst Village Surgery, and one of its sister surgeries, have agreed to host a Food Donation Box for the Club, to collect food donations for the New Beginnings Homeless Shelter Food Bank.

Morale is always high at these Vaccination Clinics and all the Lions are agreed that it is an absolute pleasure to be of help.

Ryde Lions active despite Covid-19

Since the first Covid-19 lockdown, Ryde (Isle of Wight) Lions Club has managed to maintain the semblance of a thriving Club, being there to support their local community as best they can under the current circumstances.

Without the opportunity to raise funds, some of their existing balance has been spent on various good causes including the local Food Bank, the local hospice, the Ryde Benevolent Trust and providing, at short notice, a television set for a bedridden lady.

During the Christmas period, the Club supported a local church-based charity delivering Christmas Day dinners and offering telephone support to the lonely and isolated.

Monthly business meetings are conducted on Zoom which in itself can be quite a challenge!



The new look Lions meeting!

There are always flowers for those who want to see them.

- Henri Matisse

Melvin Jones Fellowships for two long-serving Lions

Wokingham residents Lions Mike Luff and Alan Jutson, both members of the Woodley & Earley Lions Club, were pleased recently to receive the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, the highest recognition from Lions Clubs International, and only awarded to Lions members who have rendered outstanding and exceptional service to the local community.

Lion Mike has 34 years of service and Lion Alan 30 years, have both taken on a number of roles within the Club during their years, from Tail Twister to President.

Both members are Trustees of the Club, with Lion Mike at present being chairman of Community Services and Lion Alan chairman of Fundraising.

During their time they have been involved in many major fund raising campaigns such as providing a bus for the pupils of Addington School, a bus for the MS Society and a First Responders emergency vehicle.

Other local projects (too many to list) have also been completed which have supported youth clubs, the elderly and infirm, as well as local residents who have required specialist wheelchairs and equipment.

During the last 40 years the Woodley & Earley Lions Club have raised more than £1,000,000 for the benefit of the local community.

Congratulations from the 105SC Sentinel to Lions Mike and Alan on their award.



Abingdon Lions 40th year

The Lions of Abingdon have started their 40th year with a hive of activity although they record that whereas they made more than £4,000 with their 2019 Santa Sledge, the 2020 Virtual Santa raised just £195.

However, notwithstanding, their January donations make stimulating reading: £314 for a powerful blender for a family that needed one due to a medical condition and £170 to the Stonehill Community Garden to help them set up a 7,000 litre water tank to allow them to use only rainwater for irrigating the garden. The Club is a big supporter of this charity, having already donated funds and Club members volunteer with them.

The Club has promised to support a family to buy a car safety harness costing up to £300 (when Covid-19 allows) and £20 has been donated to the Abingdon Food Bank.



On the fundraising front, the Club is launching a new fundraiser - knitted Easter Chicks (pictured above) with cream eggs. The Club has had more than 100 chicks donated so far and they are hoping to sell each one for £2.00.

And almost finally...

MEON VALLEY *ILLUSTRATED*

A Club President on the school run



Meon Valley President Lion Brian Edwards leading from the front - delivering goodies to schools in the community



PASSED TO HIGHER SERVICE

Woolmer Forest Lions report, with sadness, the passing to higher service of **Lion Michael Vincent**. Lion Michael became a member of Lions Clubs International on 1 August 2006. This Lion will be a sad loss to all who knew him and the 105SC Sentinel sends sincere condolences to his family, friends and fellow Lions.



Sentinel's eye on...

Convention



It's Virtually here!

DISTRICT 105 SC CONVENTION 2021

19-20 March 2021

All the usual fun and fellowship of a Convention, but at home on Zoom, so no travel and no cost!

Host Night

A fun packed Host Night for all the family on the Friday evening with the theme "Staycation".

There's music, a Race Night and more, with the chance to meet the other people on your "table" by the magic of Zoom.

Convention

From the comfort of your own home, we bring you all the usual events including:

Business sessions with resolutions and voting for the DG team

Speakers on Brain Tumour Research, Feed the Hungry and the DG's Charity "Hope for Tomorrow"

A talk by the International Guest

An opportunity to hear about fundraising, community service or social events success from Clubs in the District

For more details and to register to take part in both Host Night and the Convention go to: <https://2021.lions105sc.org.uk>

Remember: if you are to be a voting delegate or alternate for your Club this has to be registered with the District Secretary on a separate form, noting this on the booking form does not give you a vote at Convention.

Lion Steve Spencer

75th anniversary of the United Nations

On 24 October 2020, Lions Clubs around the world celebrated the 75th anniversary of the United Nations and commemorated Lions Clubs International efforts in helping draft the NGO UN Charter at the San Francisco conference in 1945.

This year the UN DAY 2021 will take place online. This will be on Sunday 28 March at 5.00 pm. Several International Presidents have been invited and there will be guest speakers from partners and UN agencies that Lions work with. The speakers' theme will be "Protecting our Future The World We Want".

This year there will be no tickets. Due to the event being online and accessible from any device at home, there is no need for tickets. But attendees will have to register. The event is free and the registration will be done on an automated system and will be online. There will be no limit on the number of attendees from each District.

Lions wanting to attend UN DAY 2021 need to complete the registration form providing name, Lions Club, District and email address.

Once registration has taken place, an email will be sent with the link to the event. Intending attendees will need the link provided in order to obtain access to the event. Registration is now open.

For further details contact MD International Relations Officer Lion Juan Nuevo on 07876821605 or by email to juannuevo@lionsclubs.co.uk



OLD MONARCH

The Editor has the last word...

Is there finally a light at the end of the tunnel? The recent front page headline in "The Times", reproduced on the Sentinel's cover, would imply so.

It has been a long time coming but with vaccination now being rolled out to more and more age groups that once very distant light does seem to be getting closer.

Perhaps it is inevitable that several stories in this edition feature Clubs providing the manpower (a non-gender specific term my Writers and Editors Dictionary assures me) for the marshalling at vaccination centres. The gratitude of at least one recipient of his jab spurred him to praise the Lions poetically (see page 6). It's always nice to be appreciated.

Within three weeks is the District Convention. Hopefully, that we can all participate from our keyboards will lead to a record attendance. See you there!

Lion Peter Tabb



**Lions
tail...**



Eastleigh Lions' Valentine's Bags - see page 5

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