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SENTINEL

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**If you weren't at your
PC, laptop or
iPad on 19
and 20 March,
you missed a great
105SC Convention!**



**Congratulations to the DG and his team for
making it happen.**



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...

It hardly seems like yesterday when I took on the post of District Governor last July and now I am nine months in with only three to go. It has been regrettable that for most of those nine months, I have been unable to get out and visit Clubs face to face as would have happened in a normal year but I hope to catch up as the country returns to normal.

March has proven to be a very busy month with various meetings culminating in a very successful Convention. My thanks go out to everyone who attended the very enjoyable social event on the Friday evening and for the actual convention on the Saturday. Besides our own members, we had a great crowd signing in from as far afield as Canada, Trinidad and Tobago, Italy and Jamaica, besides our neighbours in Ireland and across the UK. *(I did notice that the MD105 Convention IT coordinator was also in attendance taking notes ready for the MD convention in May).*

Our Convention team worked hard to make sure the event was a success considering that this was the first time the District had attempted a full Convention agenda online. They have my very grateful thanks.

Can I also thank the many Clubs that undertook the five minute presentation slots along with the other District Officer presentations. Our International Guest was Past International Director Lion Sandro Castelanna. He was in attendance on the Friday evening and Saturday and gave us his own presentation on LCIF. Since then we have made a donation to his charity and a personal gift is on its way to him.

I congratulate our DG- Elect Lion Brian Donovan and 1st VDG Lion Dave Ebsworth (Ebbo) for successfully gaining the support of the voting delegates and look forward to passing the District over to them on 1 July.

Regretfully we were unable to attract an incoming 2nd VDG at Convention. If you are willing to volunteer, even at this late stage, then please contact us. I still believe that 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 mixing with, not only your District colleagues but with your fellow 2nd VDG's from across the MD. Many life long friendships have evolved from being a VDG.

As we move into Spring, many Clubs are organising events and are checking with the necessary regulatory bodies to make sure that they are doing so within the current guidelines.

I wish you all every success and hope that you have a good time.

DG Lion Steve

District Governor



Matters of moment

DG-Elect's Visits this month

1 April - Forward GLT Planning Meeting
2 April - Vice Council
3 April - DG Training Group 22 session
7 April - Swanwick Club Zoom visit
8 April - Trowbridge Club Zoom visit
9 April - DG Team meeting
10 April - MD DEGE training session
12 April - GAT meeting
13 April - IOW Ryde Club Zoom visit
14 April - Own Club business meeting
17 April - DG Training Group 22 session
18 April - MD Council Meeting
19 April - Chippenham Club Zoom visit
20 April - Salisbury Club Zoom visit
24 April - DG Training Group 22 session
29 April - Finance Committee



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.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON - Lions Gail Smith,
John Davies, Debbie Heyden,
Robert Spence and Peter Tapp

CALNE - Lion Neil Smith

CHIPPENHAM - Lion Gill Clancy

CROFTON - Lion Jane Attlee

NEWBURY - Lion Roy Bettcher

POOLE - Lion Kelvin Nyamekye

WOODLEY & EARLEY - Lion Kim Oakley

DG Lion *Steve*



I hope those of you who were able to attend our virtual Convention found the presentation by PID Lion Sandro Castellano informative. Sometimes it is good to be reminded of our past and how our Foundation came to fruition, as well as for us to look forward to what has still to be done and what is happening now.

Following on from my own presentation about what we have been doing and what we hope to do. It was, I hope a gentle introduction to LCIF. There are many video clips on You tube and the International website concerning the work that LCIF and Lions achieve around the world.

One of the many assets of having our charitable Foundation is that when grants are issued to help projects, support communities after a disaster is that the money is overseen by Lions and we make sure the funds go where they are supposed to. Those that have responsibility for the fiscal accountability of the Foundation take this very seriously, after all, as someone recently reminded me, we as Lions have a reputation to uphold.

A gentle reminder that the week of 12 June is when Lions across Europe (and that still includes the UK as far as LCI are concerned!) are being encouraged to hold a fundraiser for the Foundation. It can be a simple event, such as a tin collection (if permitted) or something a little more adventurous. If your Club would like to support the Foundation in this way, then **please** let me know.

In the meantime, please get in touch if you need a question answering about LCIF or Melvin Jones Fellowships.

Thank you if you or your Club has donated to LCIF.

Lion Ann Huntley MJF
District I05SC LCIF Coordinator



The Bigger Picture

Global Service Team News

It was good to see you all at Convention.

One of the speakers was Lion Dr Chris Hibbert who is the MD Officer for Hunger. He has also written articles for the latest LION and these are well worth reading. You will find information on Hunger Relief Projects on page 6 which include Feeding the 5000, Magic Breakfast (page 8) hunger activities of clubs (page 9) and Gleaning (page 14).

Congratulations to Lion Peter Allen of Wokingham Lions Club who won the Animal Life section of the MD Environmental Photographic Competition with his picture of robins nesting in a window box. His photo can be seen on page 21 of the LION.

There is a series of books called Wild Tribe Heroes written by Ellie Jackson which are "a collection of gentle and engaging true stories about animals that find themselves in trouble when their lives are affected by plastic in the oceans, palm oil deforestation or climate change". They are beautifully illustrated and are suitable for primary age school children and Lions Clubs are being encouraged to buy them for schools.

The books are:
Marli's Tangled Tale tells children about Ocean Plastics, Balloon Release, Wildlife Rescue, Marine Pollution and Beach Clean

Nelson's Dangerous Dive educates children about Ocean Plastics, Ghost Fishing Nets, Whale, Animal Rescue and Marine Pollution

Duffy's Lucky Escape dealing with Ocean Plastics, Animal Rescue, Turtle Hospital, Marine Pollution and Beach Release

Buddy's Rainforest Rescue is concerned with Rainforest Deforestation, Palm Oil, Orangutan and Wildlife Rescue

Hunter's Icy Adventure has the message about Climate Change, Polar Ice Sheet Reduction, Polar Bears and Wildlife Rescue

There is another book **Sammy's Blazing Battle** (about a Koala in a forest) which deals with the problems of Australian bush fires which is due to be released soon.

For further information see <https://wildtribeheroes.com>.

The cost for the books is £5 each plus £5 package and posting and they are available from the author Ellie Jackson – ellie.jackson@wildtribeheroes.com - (07848 034250). When ordering mention that you are buying as a Lions Club. Each book has a message about Lions and the environment.



I have written a letter in the April District Mailing asking for information about spectacle collections. PLEASE do respond to it. Thank you to those who have already replied.

Lion Judith Goodchild

I05SC GST Co- Ordinators
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Lions and the Environment

YOUR DISTRICT..

Windsor Lions at the sharp end!

Members of the Lions Club of Windsor have been rolling up their sleeves and helping out at Windsor Racecourse with the epic roll out of the vaccine over the last few weeks.

Although they don't have many medical skills and can't stretch to actually administering the jabs, many Lions have been helping as marshals, welcoming and guiding people to where they need to be.

The vaccine rollout has required help from many volunteers within the community to vaccinate over 20 million people so far.

Speaking of their role, Community Services Director Lion Paul Johnson said, "We may have been at the less glamorous end of the vaccination process but helping the smooth roll out of the programme really helps Club members to live up to the Lions Clubs International motto "We serve".

Petersfield Lions present laptops to schools

Learning at home is and will continue to be important for children's education as the country progresses out of lockdown.



Petersfield Lions Club president Lion Jo Walter was delighted recently to present two laptops to two pupils and head teacher Tony Markham of Herne Junior School (left) and a further four laptops to Mark Marande, Principal of the Petersfield School



...NEEDS YOU!

We have a vacancy for the 2nd Vice District Governor from 1 July 2021. Do you want to help form our District's future, promote service and the ideals of being a Lion?

If you have been a leading Lion in your Club (at least two years on the Club's Board and a further year as a President), have you taken on roles in the District (been a Zone or Region Chairman, a District Secretary or Treasurer for a full term), then you have the experience to volunteer as our 2nd Vice District Governor to support the DG and 1st VDG in the coming year.

Please think about it. If you feel service calling to you, then give me a call to discuss.

Lion Brian Donovan, District Governor Elect

105SC MARKETING TEAM gets moving

Fellow Lions...

You now have a District Marketing Team who are there to help you promote your Club and its events and activities - if you need us!

We are led by Lion Richard Keeley who's been coordinating PR at District for some time. He's now acquired some extra helpers from Clubs in the District. We'll revisit and review some of Lion Richard's previous helpful guidance and share it with you in due course. We are at marketing@lions105sc.org.uk so don't hesitate to get in touch if you need some guidance or want to share something that worked for you.

First things first. It's been inspirational to read in the 105SC Sentinel what the Clubs have been up to during the pandemic. These are challenging times and many of you have found new things that Lions can do to help their communities and have really got stick in. Hopefully you will have inspired other Lions to do so too. Have you told your local community what you've been doing and perhaps plan to do once we leave strict lockdown? Dropping pictures with a few words on Facebook is indispensable as you go along. Maybe similarly on Twitter and Instagram with the words being a little more pointed and abbreviated since you have fewer to work with.

We would assume the newsletters that many of you produce will be full of your new exploits too. Although online social media is valuable, don't forget the mainstream media, particularly local newspapers, regional magazines and local radio. Use media releases to tell them what you've been up to during the pandemic as well as your provisional plans.

As this team progresses we'll be showing you how to use all the media and other ways to promote your Club and Lionism in general.

In the meantime, let's be hearing from you!

The Marketing Team



**Marketing - the promoting of products or services
by advertising, promotion and public relations**

In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity

Albert Einstein

Lions on the prowl to raise funds for good causes

Sunday 28 March saw Eastleigh Lions giving up their comfortable sofas and heading out to challenge themselves on what was a grey but dry day. Apart from the windy conditions, it was ideal for completing the sponsored walk, run or cycling targets (see the advertisement below) to raise funds for the Lions' good causes.

A Lion came up with the idea of a few Lions doing a socially distanced fundraiser on the site of the old Fleming Park golf course. However, after discussion, it was felt that this was something in which all the Lions should be given the chance to participate. Since large events are not an option at the moment, it was planned that the Lions wishing to take part should do their own particular thing at about the same time but in different places.

Not all the Lions felt they could take part but about half the membership donned their trainers and did their bit. One Lion had a legitimate excuse. She was hospitalised after a nasty fall but is determined to complete her challenge once she has recovered!



Stairway to heaven!

When the Meon Valley Lions Club got to hear about the plight of a local family with young disabled children, needing a lot of care, in a house with no carpet on the stairs, the Club discussed how it could help. The Lions stepped up to the challenge to ensure at least some basic comfort underfoot and arranged for a carpet to be fitted. Pictured above is Darcy* on her new carpet.

**Parental permission has been given to use name and photograph*



Things do not happen. They are made to happen.

John F. Kennedy

HOOK AND ODIHAM LIONS HELP ROBERT MAY'S SCHOOL REOPEN

Several Hook and Odiham Lions worked with Odiham and Hook Rotary Club to help Robert May's School in Odiham reopen smoothly.

As it is a secondary school all pupils had to be tested twice in the first two weeks of term for Covid 19. The Clubs were asked to marshal the car park and to direct pupils into the testing area. This continued for two weeks as pupils went in form groups to be tested.

Halfway through the exercise the school commented how grateful they are to the Lions/ Rotary Team for stepping in with support in this testing exercise. The outside marshals require no supervision and just get on with the job.

The school also said: "We have received some lovely feedback from parents, praising the team for a smooth and seamless testing experience for their children. Thank you all very much."



The sixth annual Wokingham Walk will take place on Sunday, 23 May. All proceeds will be donated to local charities.

Walkers have a choice of three routes, which are five, ten and 15 miles, to suit a range of different challenges for participants.

All routes start and finish at Elms Field (adjacent to Aldi in Wokingham), to allow more space for social distancing.

Registration on the day will be from 9.00 am to 10.30 am, and walkers will begin the walk immediately after registering. Check-in at the end of the walk will close at 5:00 pm.

Lion Andy Slay, (one of the original joint organisers of the event) said: "We have moved the date to Sunday 23 May, following the Government's easing of lockdown after 17 May.

"Groups of up to six or two households can walk together, and everyone will be socially distanced on the walk. Although we have not specified a named charity this year, all proceeds from the walk will be donated to local charities. Let's hope the weather is kind, so that all ages can enjoy the beautiful countryside around Wokingham."

To register in advance and pay by credit card, please visit the website, www.wokinghamwalk.co.uk. Cost is £15 for age 18 and older, £5 for age 12-17, and free for children age 11 and under.

There will be a free "Nature Trail" included, to keep the children occupied, which involves looking for nature and wildlife along the route.

LIVING WITH COVID

Follow the arrows



You can do it. All you have to do is try.

Windsor Lions to the rescue



When the members of the Lions Club of Windsor read about the difficult financial situation in which their friends at Blue Acre Stables charity had found themselves, they promptly decided to offer support with a donation. The sum of £2,000 was duly donated to help with buying feed and other essential supplies to help them through the winter.

The two charities have worked closely together over recent years on such events as the Lions Annual Cross

Country Horse Ride in Windsor Great Park and the Christmas Tree Collection and Recycling Project run in aid of Thames Hospice.

“The donation from the Windsor Lions has been a real lifeline,” says Blue Acre’s Caron North. “It’s helped to feed and make the animals more comfortable as well as enabling us to put up some much needed fencing to keep them safe.”

In response Lion Phil Bullock (pictured with some of the 50 horses that Blue Acre currently cares for after rescuing) commented: “This is an amazing place staffed entirely by volunteers like Caron who give the animals a safe and caring home after many have suffered appalling abuse. We are always grateful for their support in Windsor Great Park at our Ride every year. It’s a real win-win relationship.”

PASSED TO HIGHER SERVICE

The **Lions Club of Jersey** reports, with sadness, the passing to higher service of **Lion Leslie Read (87)**. Lion Les became a Lion in 1964 and was the Club’s third longest serving Lion. During his Lions career he had been a Director and a Trustee of the Club’s major project, **Maison des Landes Hotel** for people with disabilities. A great realist, if he thought the Club was getting too pleased with itself, he could always be relied upon to prick the balloon of self-satisfaction.

Havant Lions report, with sadness, the passing to higher service of **Lion Mervyn Skidmore**.

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

Our brighter tomorrow!



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THINK BIG, DREAM BIG,
CHANGE THE WORLD

WHAT IS ROAR?

A UK-wide competition for primary schools encouraging children to develop an idea that will change the world.

WHY GET INVOLVED?

Inspire local children and help them to develop several skills including teamworking, communication and presenting, as well as promoting your Club in the local community.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Your ROAR support Lions are:

Districts N, CW, CE, CN, contact
Steve Scall - stevescall@gmail.com

Districts A, SE, SC, SW, contact
Viv Diggins - diggins2000@hotmail.com

DON'T JUST TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT...

"The bright eyes and excitement throughout the schools when the ROAR project was introduced should be experienced to really appreciate what it means to them.

As for the prize winners, even 2 or 3 years later, it is talked about with affection and enthusiasm still. It shows Lions and youngsters at their best."

Lion Verdun Webley, MJF

ROAR 2021

CONTACT AND TALK
TO SCHOOLS BEFORE
THE END OF JUNE

PROGRAMME RUNS
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Sentinel's eye on...

That virtual Convention

We stayed home, we stayed safe and still enjoyed playing our part to the full

The District 105SC Convention this year was an event like no other. While we were unable to meet up in person, Lions throughout the District and across the world were able to gather together, discuss Lions topics and socialise without leaving the comfort of their homes.

The wonders of the internet brought together more than 70 Lions on the Friday evening, many with their partners for the themed 'Staycation' Host Night, some even dressing up in holiday attire for an evening. Lively and enjoyable music came from 'Us Two' a group comprising Zone Chairman Lion Angie Fawcett from Westbury Lions together with her husband Rob. A race night event was also staged where guests were able to back their favourite horses in a series of races using the website voting system for Convention. Host Night guests were then able to mingle using Zoom breakout rooms to catch up with friends until about 10.00 pm.



On Convention Day DG Lion Steve Petty welcomed more than 160 attendees from across the District and guests from as far afield as the West Indies, Canada and Ireland. At the start of Convention the DG read the poem *Passing On* written by the late PDG Lion Ken Staniforth as the 21 fellow Lions who had passed to higher service in the past year were remembered.

All Resolutions and District Officer Reports were voted on and accepted using the secure remote voting system on the District website. See the 105SC website for details.

The election of the 2021-22 District Governor and 1st Vice District Governor was completed with Lion Brian Donovan from the Abingdon Lions Club being elected as the next District Governor and Lion Dave Ebsworth from Reading Lionms elected as 1st Vice District Governor. No nominations were received for 2nd Vice District Governor so filling this appointment has been referred back to Cabinet.

Past International Director Lion Sandro Castellano joined Convention from Abano Terme Euganee Lions Club near Venice and made a compelling address about the Lions Clubs International Foundation's aims and projects.



This was followed by an inspiring presentation from District 105SC's Young Ambassador Kenan Bryan detailing his community work in his home island of Jersey.

Reports were heard from ROAR, the motivational competition for primary school pupils; *Feed the Hungry* from 1st VDG-elect Lion Chris Hibbert (District 105CE); LCIF from 105Sc Officer Lion Ann Huntley, the DG's chosen charity *Hope for Tomorrow*, Brain Tumour Research from MD Officer Lion Fran Stary and the Lions' collaboration with Young Farmers Clubs from PDG Lion Jarvis MacDonald.

The Convention learned of a variety of inspirational Zone and Club projects: Zone 2E's IT refurbishment project; Hayling Islands Lions supporting the community; Reading Lions' Food Donation Heroes; Swanwick Lions' Warsash Community Support; D'abadie Lions Club of Trinidad and Tobago with Gillingham, Mere and Shaftsbury Lions' International Collaboration using Video Calls, the online Quiz Night fundraising from Wokingham Lions; and Petersfield Lions' Ten Performing Lions.

Towards the end of Convention presentations were given by District 105SC's new Marketing Team, the Incoming Officers' Training Day, the forthcoming virtual MD Convention on 1 May 2021 and District 105SC's 2022 Convention. The Training Day and Handover are planned for 10 July at Swindon - more information will be announced soon.

At the end of Convention there were still more than 140 attendees as *We'll Meet Again* was sung before the close at 3.00 pm.

All in all everyone really enjoyed this Convention with remarks such as "fantastic" coming from Lion Joanne Ferguson in Trinidad. Despite technical challenges with computers and the internet, everything went very smoothly and the Convention Committee and Technical Team deserve a BIG vote of thanks for making this such an enjoyable and safe event. Lions throughout District 105SC and overseas were able fully to participate in the annual general business meeting, host night and breakout rooms. Further details can be found at 2021.lions105sc.org.uk.

Lion Richard Keeley



OLD MONARCH

The Editor has the last word...

I suspect that I was not alone in being slightly wary of an online Convention but without any doubt the Convention was a great success and my congratulations to everyone involved in bringing it about. You'll forgive me, I'm sure, if I state how proud I was of our Young Ambassador Kenan Bryan, particularly as his sponsor is my Jersey Club. Kenan has already set about encouraging many more entries for this great competition which is a showcase of how community-minded young people can be and I am confident he will succeed. And, with any luck, in due course become a very good Lion.

The Convention showed just how innovatively Lions have taken on the challenge of living with Covid and succeeding. Well done, everybody and keep it up!

Lion Peter Tabb



**Lions
tail...**



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