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Who would steal a defibrillator?
Someone did! See page 5



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days, this
is all you need to
attend a
Convention...
...and play a part



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...

After a busy *Sentinel*/last month, with the reporting of the District Convention, etc., April has been a relatively quiet month for meetings. As we head back to being able to hold more and more outdoor events, it is good to see that so many Clubs have recognized the need to support the new 105SC website calendar format to report your Club events. If you have not yet found it then please use [this link](#). The new email address of events@lions105sc.org.uk is now up and running for reporting of both Club and District events. By using this site we should see a more even spread of events happening across the District in the next few months and avoid too many clashes. I thank our District Marketing and PR Officer Lion Richard Keeley and his team for making this happen at such short notice.

Other news - I am proud to acknowledge the recognition of two more Guiding Lions in the District bring the number of new Guiding Lions registered this year alone to seven. Many congratulations to Lion Sandra Manktelow of Petersfield Lions Club and Lion Ann Huntley of Newport (IOW) Lions Club. Many thanks also to our District GLT Officer Lion Mike Baker for taking the time to train them. I am sure that he would welcome even more applicants to come forward. Further information on training dates for all events are available on the 105 SC [website link](#).

The beginning of May brings the MD105 Convention which many of you will be attending. It will be their first MD Virtual Convention and promises to be an interesting day. This Convention will recognise your incoming DGE in Lion Brian Donovan and 1st VDGE in Lion Dave Ebsworth (Ebbo) and marks the beginning of my DG year winding down and their year starting. My best wishes go to both of them.

I have recently been made aware of the problems with Clubs' spectacle collections and the inability of Chichester Lions to accept and process any more at the moment. This is purely down to staffing issues and will resolve itself in the near future. Please do not stop collecting them and further advice will be given when known.

I have also been notified that we as a District do not currently have any interest in the Youth Camp this year taking place from 31 July to 7 August at New College, Worcester. Due to the current restrictions it is a UK only event and a week later than first advertised. If you are interested then please [use this link](#) to find out more.

I am hoping that by next month's *Sentinel*, I will be able to publicise more about a face-to-face training / handover / social event currently set for Saturday 10 July at the Doubletree Hilton Hotel in Swindon. It is anticipated that this event will start on the Friday evening and run in module format until late Saturday evening. You will be free to attend any or all of the modules. Since I took office in July last year we have attracted 62 new members and I hope that they will have this event in their diary for us to recognise them and for them to recognise us.



Yours in Lionism

DG Lion Steve

District Governor

Matters of moment



Lions/Brain Tumour Research pins are available for a £5.00 donation. Please email Lion Sandra Manktelow at s.m.manktelow@gmail.com and a pin will be posted to you.

Buying birthday available cards is an easy way to increase funds. The cards are available from MDHQ. There are two packs - one with five different designs for women and the other for men.



All profits from these go to the Lions Brain Tumour Research Appeal. £2.09 from each pack of five sold at £4.00 goes towards the £1 million target. Order forms have been sent to Zone chairmen for forwarding to Club secretaries for their members. Anyone who doesn't receive an order form can obtain one from Lion Sandra (see above).

ON YER BIKE!

Looking for an activity to raise funds for Lions Brain Tumour Research? Why not organise a cycling challenge this year. Contact Lion Sandra for details.



Welcome New Lion!

I am delighted to welcome the following new member into Lions Clubs International and wish him a long and happy time as a Lion.

FLEET - Lion Marcel Attard

DG Lion *Stere*



I have been lucky to have been involved in the role of District 105SC LCIF officer for a couple years now, I am still learning as I go along!

What always amazes me is the variety of things that the Foundation helps Lions achieve around the world. I know that the Foundation is often thought about when a country or region has been devastated by some natural disaster, but also alongside this is the many projects that Lions saw a need and just needed some funding and support to put their ideas into action. The use of the Lions Quest programme, a grant for \$100,000 and working with two partners, means that education programmes can be set up specifically to support young girls in Delhi India to overcome gender inequality and violence to transform their lives. The initial programme began in 2017 when LCI signed a Memorandum of Understanding with UN Women, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality, and the Empowerment of Women.

To fund projects such as these and the many others that require grants from LCIF, Campaign 100 continues to encourage Clubs and individuals to donate to the Foundation. The goal was \$300 million over three years, which has been extended due to the pandemic. At the time of writing, I can inform you that the amount raised so far is \$201 million. We still have a way to go but thank you if you or your Club has donated and please let me know if you are able to support LCIF Day in Europe by arranging an event.



Lion Ann Huntley MJF
District 105SC LCIF Coordinator



The Bigger Picture

Global Service Team News—May 2021

I must start with an apology.

Last month I congratulated a Wokingham Lion on winning 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 magazine.

Unfortunately I got his name wrong. It should have been **Patrick** Allen, not Peter. Peter Allen was formerly a Fleet Lion and the trophy is named after him, and given to the District, by Fleet Lions and presented to the winner of the 105SC photographic competition.

My apologies, Patrick, once again.

SAVE OUR WORLD

I have just attended a Focus Team, run by Lion Linda Picton for LCI, on the Environment. Climate change came up and I thought this could be a timely reminder on how we can do our bit to Save Our World (SOW).

Sow and You will Reap the Benefits

The following ideas will help the Environment:

- ◆ Only put enough water in the kettle that you need;
- ◆ Don't leave the tap running when cleaning your teeth;
- ◆ Don't spend excessive time in the shower;
- ◆ Only put the washer on when you have a full load;
- ◆ Don't use the spin dryer or tumble dryer when you can hang your washing out;
- ◆ Turn the microwave off when not in use. The clock uses more electric than it uses when cooking;
- ◆ Don't leave electric items on standby;
- ◆ Don't leave mobiles on charge when fully charged;
- ◆ Don't leave PCs on charge when fully charged;
- ◆ Don't throw edible food away;
- ◆ Don't leave unwanted lights on;
- ◆ Don't leave windows and doors open when the heating is on;
- ◆ Don't leave the engine running when loading/unloading the car;
- ◆ Only flush the toilet on small flush when possible;

- ◆ Remember to recycle all you can, e.g. batteries, specs, hearing aids; and
- ◆ Consider buying an electric or hybrid car;

Adopting these simple ideas will save you money and HELP THE ENVIRONMENT.

Have you any more useful tips? If so please share them with me at judith.goodchild@lions105d.or.uk or gst@lions105sc.org.uk

I look forward to hearing about the Litter Picks that you have undertaken to mark World Earth Day.

Congratulations to Loddon Valley Lions who were out and about clearing the streets of Tadley

Thank you to all of you who responded to my letter in the April District Mailing asking for information about spectacle collections. There is still time to respond to it. Hopefully I will have more information about spectacles collection next month.

One of my responsibilities is to encourage Clubs to report their Service activities. While many Clubs do report every month some do not!

Without these reports your service activities are not known about or recognised. What's more, reports can give Clubs ideas of new services which is what Lions is all about.

At District level you cannot be considered for some of the awards at Convention if no one knows what you are doing!

Therefore I urge you to ensure your Secretaries do complete the activity reports on the LCI My Lion website.

Lion Judith Goodchild

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**Lions and the Environment
- a meaningful partnership**

The best way to predict the future is to create it.
Abraham Lincoln

Shocking News for the Abingdon Lions

After much fundraising, in the summer of 2016 the Abingdon Lions donated their first defibrillator for public use to the Abingdon Rugby Club.

This was the first of four defibrillators the Club has donated around the town. Once the defibrillator and case have been donated, it is up to the organisation to maintain it, registering it, buying new pads and battery when required.

The defibrillator was stolen on Wednesday or Thursday 24 or 25 March.



At first it was thought it might have been used but checks with the ambulance service found that not to be the case. The local area was searched, and the details were shared online. The next day a man walking his dogs found it abandoned, in an area that had already been searched.

The ambulance service checked that the defibrillator was in working order and the Rugby Club is going to change the code after which the defibrillator should be available for public use again.



Loddon Valley Lions clean up on World Earth Day

Loddon Valley Lions Club members were out and about in Tadley, armed with litter-picks and bin bags, on World Earth Day, Thursday 22 April, picking up litter to make their town a nicer place in which to live.

All together, the Lions gathered up a total of 17 bags full of assorted rubbish - plastic, bottles, paper and cans. So Tadley is now a cleaner, nicer place, thanks to the Lions.

There's no better argument for change than success!

WOKINGHAM LIONS SUPPORT MARIE CURIE £360 from virtual Pub Quiz donated to charity

Proceeds totalling £360 from the Wokingham Lions Club virtual pub quiz in March have been donated to Marie Curie, the UK's leading end-of-life charity.

Fiona Turner, Berkshire's community fundraiser for Marie Curie, said: "On behalf of all at Marie Curie, I would like to thank the Wokingham Lions, and all who took part in the recent virtual pub quiz, for raising £360. This is a wonderful amount, and we are so grateful to you for supporting us at this event. The money raised will allow us to continue to support many more people locally who are suffering from a terminal illness, through our community nursing service. Although the service is free to parents and families, it costs us £20 per hour of nursing. Thank you again for your wonderful donation and support."

The latest Great #Woky Pub Quiz took place on Thursday 29 April via a live stream on Facebook. Organised by Wokingham Lion Ian Grange, this virtual online pub quiz supported Brain Tumour Research, a national UK charity dedicated to raising funds for scientific research into brain tumours.

*Pictured are
Lions Allison
Vine and Ian
Grange
shaking tins
for Marie*



PROSPECTIVE LION HELPS THE FLEET LIONS COMMUNITY STORE

Ben Hazell, a fitness trainer and former international decathlete, is a prospective future Lion and is set to join Hook and Odiham Lions Club soon.



In the meantime he offered to run a 12 hour session of exercise classes and sought sponsorship. He aimed to raise £500 towards a new van for the Lions Community Store which is based in Fleet. He easily reached his target and surpassed it.

Hook and Odiham Lions thank him for all his efforts and look forward to welcoming him into the Club.

NB: The picture is posed by models

**After the game, the King and the Pawn go
into the same box - Italian proverb**

**Is your Club still retaining a banner that should
have been returned?**

A plea from the District PR Coordinator

As Covid restrictions show signs of easing and we are planning future fundraising and community service events may I make an appeal to all the Clubs who have used the District I05SC banners at events in the last three years to look at where they keep their Lions regalia.

A recent check in the Lions Central Store has shown a number of banners haven't been returned and are still with the Clubs who

borrowed them long before the pandemic restrictions.

These are samples of the missing banners.

Therefore, could Clubs please check their equipment stores, lofts and other storage areas to look for these missing banners.

We are looking forward to Clubs being able to start booking banners, Lion suits and the gazebo kit soon for their summer and autumn activities as restrictions are lifted.

However with a number of banners absent from the Central Store, the availability is well down. We would like to have all banners available to help promote Club and Zone events after this difficult period of Covid restrictions.

If you find any of these missing banners, please contact **District Marketing & PR Co-ordinator Lion Richard Keeley** by emailing pro@lionsI05sc.org.uk or phoning 01252 665804.



Do what you can, with what you have, where you are
- Theodore Roosevelt



Easter Bunny Sam steps out

A lady in Highworth called Sam wanted to celebrate a landmark birthday during Easter by walking around the Highworth area dressed in an Easter Bunny costume and collecting money for the Highworth and District Lions Club. She visited seven outlying village as well as Highworth and the Highworth Saturday Market and collected the magnificent sum of £432.22 from cash and online donations.

The photograph shows Sam setting off with her bucket encouraged by (l. to r.) Club President Lion Norman Little, Lions Keith Ratcliffe, Rod Davis and Jack Thornton.

Picking up the reins of serving

It's not unlikely that it is a year since some Clubs were able to go out into the community either to raise funds or carry out the services which, for so many years, Lions Clubs have done so well. "We serve" is no idle motto.

As the restrictions imposed by the pandemic become less and less, Clubs will be hoping that they can restart where they left off, that the events they have postponed or had to cancel can be revitalised.

Most Clubs rely on their fundraising to pay for their community service and in particular their support of other charities or good causes. Some Clubs have events that are major fundraisers - Windsor and Jersey are examples - where the thousands they raise enable them fund major charitable enterprises and both these Clubs will hope that the Jersey Lions Swimathon in July and the Windsor Lions Charity Horse ride in September will live up to previous attainments. There will be others with similar aspirations.

Of course, there are Clubs who have defied the pandemic limitations, Wokingham Lions' online fundraising quiz is an excellent example. A bright future beckons.

Meon Valley Lions help those who help others

When the Meon Valley Lions heard about a volunteer for a local charity whose family was having a difficult time of it from post-Covid infections and lost jobs due to lockdown, the Club was only too happy to help. The replacement of a kitchen appliance will hopefully help this family to get back on their feet.

Life is not a rehearsal - enjoy the limelight!

Hook and Odiham Lions become tree surgeons for a day!

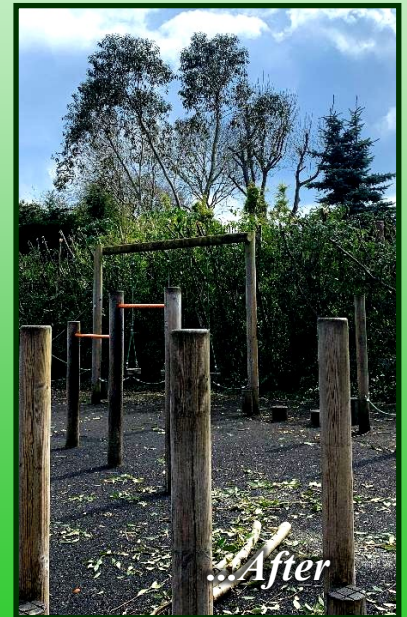


On Sunday 11 April, Hook and Odiham Lions helped Hook Infants School by pruning some small trees next to the playdale. Five Lions and two friends of Lions spent four hours doing the work (which was risk assessed) thus saving the school a considerable sum of money.

This was a service resulting from the Village Connect project which has been set up, following a Community Needs Assessment, to help and unite the three main villages of Hook, Hartley Wintney and Odiham. Out of this came a

decision to ask nine local schools if they needed help with any projects.

Previously the Club had helped the schools by providing computers and laptops as part of the Zone IT scheme and by helping in many ways during the pandemic.



PASSED TO HIGHER SERVICE

The **Lions Club of Meon Valley** reports, with sadness, the passing to higher service of **Lion John Ormiston**. An approachable and generous man he was always be prepared to get involved, help and assist in the work of the Club. He joined in 1975 and left in the mid-‘80s for work reasons elsewhere in the country. He returned to the Meon Valley Club in 1997. Since then, he has been Club President twice and took lead roles in membership, social and fundraising. He was also adept at turning burgers and sausages upon demand! He was Zone Chairman in 2008/09 and 2009/10 and became Lions Clubs International Foundation Coordinator in 2010/11 and 2011/12.

For his varied contributions to the Club and Lions he was awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship in 2017. John will be sadly missed within the Club. He was honest and forthright, speaking out when he felt necessary. The Club has lost a good friend.

The **Woolmer Forest Lions Club** also reports, with sadness, the passing to higher service of **Lion Michael Vincent**.

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.

And finally...

THE BASINGSTOKE BUGLE IS BACK!

News from our Hampshire correspondents



Spotting the suggestion in the *Sentinel* that Clubs honour World Earth Day in some way, Basingstoke Lions Annie Vicars and Bill Lenihan offered Basingstoke and Deane Council their services to reprise the litter-picking enterprise they undertook at last year's 'Keep Basingstoke Tidy' event. To say it was warmly received is an understatement, particularly as the Council were not planning any event for WED themselves.



Two bags were requested from the Council - TEN were provided, with the the polite suggestion that we retain the rest 'going forward' (message

received, Basingstoke!); oddly pickers could NOT be provided but Lion Bill came to the rescue with two of his own. So, our own sanitiser, gloves, wipes, mini first aid kit, three page Risk Assessment provided and completed, and fortunately a lovely sunny day - JOB DONE!

From the Council: "Thank you so much for helping us to keep our wonderful town clean. It is appreciated." And, "Thanks again for all your help in tackling littering in the borough."

From the public: "It's wonderful what you Lions do..."

And a warm fuzzy feeling for us, having been able to do something useful for our community in these Covid times, let alone reminding everyone that

we are still here, still living up to our pledge that 'we serve'.

Meanwhile the Club will continue to support the vaccination programme through the efforts of Lions Anousjka Selders and Bill, while Lion Annie delivered 600 pairs of redundant



spectacles to Chichester - the local opticians being greatly relieved to regain some of their storage space.

We do it in many ways but come what may, including Covid, we continue to serve.





Sentinel's eye on...

Events Calendar

Club events for the next three months and updated month by month are listed here

District Events

- ♦ **Bob Cook Games** at Swindon hopefully going ahead as normal in August ; and
- ♦ **Paulton Park** event likely deferred until September.

Club Events - May, June and July

- ♦ **BASINGSTOKE** - - Saturday 1 May, **Online Quiz Night** via Zoom
- ♦ **BRADFORD ON AVON** - Sunday 11 July, **Hand-over**; Saturday 24 July, **Art and Craft Exhibition**
- ♦ **CHIPPENHAM** - Wednesday 23 June, **Chippenham 10K marshalling**; Saturday 17 July, **Jazz on a Summer Evening**, Saturday 24 July, **Collection and Membership Drive**
- ♦ **DEVIZES** - Saturday 22 May, **Books and Bits Sale**; Saturday and Sunday, 5 and 6 June, **Sports Coaching Weekend for Primary Schoolchildren**; Saturday 13 June, **Lions on the Green Family Fun Day**
- ♦ **JERSEY** - Tuesday 4 May, **Dinner and Theatre**; Saturday to Wednesday 3 to 7 July, **49th Annual Swimarathon** (postponed from March 2021)
- ♦ **MAIDENHEAD** - Sunday 4 July, **36th Annual Swimarathon** (postponed from January 2021)
- ♦ **READING** - Friday 2 July, **Charity Golf Day**; Sunday 4 July, **Berkshire Motor Show**
- ♦ **WOKINGHAM** - Sunday 23 May, **The Wokingham Walk**; Sunday 27 June, **Charter Anniversary Lunch**

The District 105SC Events Calendar is now up and running on the 105SC website.

The object of the Events Calendar is to keep Clubs informed of Club, Zone and District fundraising events, social events, Charter Anniversaries and major community service events.

To submit details of events, please email:
events@lions105sc.org.uk

Events for the next three months will also be published on this page.

Finding the calendar is easy—on the 105SC website (www.lions105sc.org.uk). Click the 'Clubs' tab at the top and scroll down the page until you see the 'Club Events' block header. The Calendar is then displayed by clicking on the '...read more' link.

**Last thought inspired by the MD Convention theme:
What did Luke say to Han and Leia when they split up?
May divorce be with you.**



OLD MONARCH

The Editor has the last word...

By the time you read this I will have attended my first Multiple District Convention for some years.

I was impressed that more than 600 attendees were registered and that the whole event went very smoothly and if there were any glitches, they were barely noticeable. Once again particular congratulations to the team that managed the Zoom.

Rightly, there was much emphasis on raising the Lions' profile and recruitment and a somewhat controversial presentation from former Lion Dr David Yates that implied, among other things, that we might recruit more youngsters if we were rather more left wing. I'm not sure I agreed with that!

Notwithstanding, a very enjoyable, if occasionally, provoking, MD Convention. Well done, all involved.

Lion Peter Tabb



**Lions
tail...**



Abingdon Lions' defibrillator, donated in 2016, is stolen in 2021!

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