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Into the Lions Den!
Read how Reading Lions go there



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Chichester Lions Richard and Corina Hall unload more than 2,000 spectacles for sorting - find out more on page 7



The International Association of Lions Clubs

District 105SC

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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...

This edition of this newsletter marks the beginning of the end of my DG year and it is with some sadness that I write this article. The year has been interesting in that it has had to be held via Zoom since the beginning with very little chance of getting to meet members in person. There have been one or two occasions where I have attended events, in small groups, for which I am grateful. The use of Zoom has become second nature to the District, and to many Clubs, with some very positive outcomes. I hope that we can all use the experience as we move forward in holding hybrid meetings both at Club and District level to be more inclusive of members who find themselves unable to physically attend a meeting being able to virtually attend.

The year has had its downside with the loss of four Clubs which will end up by reducing the District by one Zone but membership has held firm and actually increased very slightly. We have had a few members pass on to higher service and we will remember them for their long and loyal service with appreciation and gratitude.

The District has been hard at work raising the standard of its members with a very healthy nine Guiding Lions now in post, an increase of seven over the past year. We were also pleased to have had two members attend the Symposium gaining valuable experience in modern day Lionism. There have been changes to some of the ways the District officers and portfolio holders have tackled their duties with the biggest change coming in PR and Marketing with the ambition of making us more visible and appealing to our communities. Please use them.

Can I take this opportunity to thank all District officers and portfolio holders for their loyal and undivided attention over the past year and look forward to even more exciting advances with DGE Lion Brian and 1VDGE Lion Dave (Ebbo) in post.

In a few weeks we should be able to celebrate coming out of lockdown with a weekend of fun and fellowship in Swindon on Saturday 10 July. By the time you read this you should have had an invite which I hope you use. Some of us will be there from Friday evening with the actual event starting on the Saturday with information and training sessions. This will be followed by an evening handover dinner with music culminating with a Cabinet meeting on the Sunday. I understand our current International Director Lion Geoff Leeder will also be present for some of the weekend. I will bring along a pile of new member packs for Clubs to take away along with a few IP pins and my DG pin all of which are for the taking. Once the pins are gone they're gone forever.

I do not want to repeat too much of the information from the invite but the order of the weekend should revolve around fun and interaction. We hope that there will be something for everyone from Club officers down to the newest member and you are free to choose any, or all, of the events on offer.

I look forward to seeing you.

Yours in Lionism
DG Lion Steve

District Governor



Matters of moment



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.

BOURNEMOUTH AND CHRISTCHURCH -

Lions Angela Haynes and David White

DEVIZES - Lion Catherine Tarrant

HAYLING ISLAND - Lion Patricia Thomson

NEW MILTON - Lions David Hunt and David Page

PETERSFIELD - Lions Carole Vergette and Nicholas Vergette

READING - Lion Carole Clack

SWANWICK - Lion Jennifer Hough

SWINDON CHAUTARI - Lions Bijaya Laxmi Malla and Hom Bikram Malla

DG Lion *Steve*

PASSED TO HIGHER SERVICE

The Highworth and District Lions Club are sad to report the passing to higher service of Lion Ian Bowie (78). Lion Ian had been a member of the Club since 2000 and was an active member although he did not aspire to being a Club Officer. He was a keen and active supporter of the Lions Charity Shop until the Covid-19 lockdown and he will be sorely missed by the staff and the public. Lion Ian was a widower who lived alone and is survived by two daughters.

The 105SC Sentinel sends sincere condolences to Lion Ian's family, friends and fellow Lions.



We come to the end of another difficult year with so many around the world still suffering from outbreaks of the coronavirus. We have all seen the images from India concerning the lack of getting access to vital oxygen cylinders. If Clubs would like to help, then please send a cheque annotated on the back India and send it to the District Treasurer.

The work of our Foundation never stops and where there is a need you will always find Lions trying to serve that need. The Foundation relies on our support so that, when called upon it can be there for those that need that extra bit of help.

I know the last year has been hard for the clubs in this District, other priorities have taken centre stage quite rightly. If you, or your Club has been able to make a donation to the Foundation, then thank you, it will always be appreciated.

I hope you will take time to read the piece put together by editor Lion Peter regarding the Foundation and of course the upcoming LCIF Europe Day.

Thank you for your support during this difficult year.



Lion Ann Huntley MJF

District 105SC LCIF Coordinator



The Bigger Picture

Global Service Team News - June 2021

ENVIRONMENTAL POSTER COMPETITION

This competition was started in 2012 but has never been well supported. In July 2013 Cabinet decreed that competitions which attracted less than five entries should be discontinued.

The Environmental Poster Competition was allowed to continue as it was a new venture and needed time to grow in popularity. Unfortunately this did not happen and reluctantly I proposed at the last Cabinet meeting that the competition be discontinued. Cabinet agreed and therefore there will not be a contest this year.

SIGHT SAVERS TRUST

Over the last 40 years over £3.9 million has been raised by Lions to help thousands of people across Africa and Asia to stop going blind

Recently, during the pandemic, not only have many people been able to spend time those closest to them but they have been unable to receive life-changing eye health treatments.

Sightsavers needs your support to improve the number of services and to reduce the backlog of people needing treatment including cataract surgery. Their vision is a world where no-one is blind from avoidable causes, and people with visual impairments and other disabilities can participate equally in society.

You can make a difference by sending a donation via the District Treasurer, for Lions Sight Savers in the normal way.

What would the money be used for?

- ♦ £30 would pay for an adult cataract surgery
- ♦ £90 would pay for a child cataract surgery
- ♦ £500 would fund the training of 100 health workers to complete their training in primary health care
- ♦ £1,000 would enable screen of a community of more than 1,200 people for a range of eye conditions

In 2019 Sight Savers' supporters helped:

- ♦ perform 472,499 eye operations
- ♦ prescribe 493,186 pairs of glasses
- ♦ screen 5 million children and adults for eye conditions

This is valuable work and the costs such as cataract operations or a pair of glasses are relatively low but can make a life changing effect to someone. Over a billion people in the world have a condition that could be easily treated or prevented. I know what a difference having a cataract removed can make so please consider making a donation to Lions Sight Savers.



For more information go to <https://lionsclubs.co/MemberArea/knowledge/lions-sight-savers-trust/>

We are only a month away from the end of this Lionistic year and I would like to remind clubs that they should be reporting service for this year before the end of June.

It has been a very strange year because of Covid 19 and its subsequent lockdowns but many Clubs have served their communities well. In fact some have done more "hands on service" than normal and have served in different ways so well done but please ensure that it is reported so that it is recognised.

Lion Judith Goodchild

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No personal consideration should stand in the way of performing a public duty. Ulysses S. Grant

HOOK & ODIHAM NEWS



The first Litter Pick took place on Sunday 23 May in Hook. About 30 people took part and filled 18 bags of rubbish which were collected by Hart Council. These Litter Picks will now take place on a regular basis and will also take place in Hartley Wintney and Odiham.



GETTING BACK TO NORMAL

The Club had our first face to face meeting of the year in May despite hail, rain, thunder and lightning! Thanks to Lion Mark for allowing members to meet in his barn and under a gazebo. Everyone really enjoyed being able to meet up once again. It was the first chance that most members had had to meet Lion Sandy who joined the Club in February. Next month, if the Government's plans go ahead to ease lockdown, meetings will be back at The Raven in Hook.





LIONS DEN

It's back...

Reading's Community groups invited to pitch for a share of **£10,000**

£11,463 distributed in 2019 event



SPONSOR OPPORTUNITY

Reading Lions Club is granting £10,000 to local community groups and small charities this April. Lifelines in current tough times. Every penny sponsors contribute will be added to this sum.

Are you in a position to help others? A perfect opportunity for any person or business join a positive event. Heartwarming, and providing quick widespread support for our community.

Primary Sponsors

£1000 - judge as full panel member & decide on at least 3 online judged applications. Extensive social media and regional media of your support. Branding to our posters & website. Use full £10,000+ in your coverage.



Corporate Sponsor - Donate a minimum of £100

Website presence, social media posts of your support.

Freely share news of your support

Apply & Details : www.Readinglions.org.uk

Email: andyalwaysyoung@gmail.com



Tel: 0345 8337 431

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There's no duty we so underrate as the duty of being happy. Robert Louis Stevenson



**Windsor Lions
are back in the
saddle!**

The Lions Club of Windsor is delighted to announce that, after sadly missing out last year due to the Covid regulations, their popular **Cross-Country Horse Ride** in magnificent Windsor Great Park has the go-ahead for later this year.

More importantly, entries are now open for those who wish to take advantage of this rare riding opportunity on the weekend of **Saturday and Sunday 11 and 12 September**.

The ride promises a magnificent day's riding through some of England's most beautiful scenery, comprising jumping and non-jumping courses to accommodate all standards of riding. The ride also offers the opportunity to raise funds for Riding for the Disabled and many other local and national charities which the Lions support.

Event co-ordinator Lion Mark Fraser says: "After the disappointment of last year, we are doubly keen to go all out to give our riders a fantastic experience. We will have new jumps and a better than ever course and really hope that new and previous riders will come along to enjoy a unique day out. Due to the ride's popularity, we already have more than 160 places booked so all potential participants are advised to book very soon to avoid disappointment."

#WOKY SPRING CHARITY MARKET SIZZLES ON HOTTEST DAY OF THE YEAR

The first #Woky Spring Charity Market on Monday 31 May was sizzling hot, literally. With temperatures climbing to an all-time high for the year, those who were not at the beach stopped by to explore ten stalls set up by local charities. Organised by the Wokingham Lions Club, the event took place in the Marketplace next to the Town Hall.



Pictured (l. to r.) organizer Lion Ian Grange, Club President Lion Nigel Page, Cllr Tony Lack and his wife Claire.

Town Mayor Cllr Tony Lack and his wife Claire visited all of the stalls, and offered his support for the event. He said: "It is wonderful to see the opportunities that this event gives to local charities to raise funds in a much-needed time."

Lion Ian Grange, organiser of the event, said, "We were very pleased to have ten charities participating in our first Spring Charity Market. This was a great opportunity for local charities to raise much-needed funds for their good causes. We appreciate the support from the Wokingham Town Council."

The public had a chance to purchase a variety of items offered by the local charities, including plants, crafts, goodies, cakes and soft toys. Some charities, including the Wokingham Lions, had a soft toy lucky dip.

Half our life is spent trying to find something to do with the time we have rushed through life trying to save.

Will Rogers

RYDE LIONS CLUB SENDS USED SPECTACLES TO AFRICA



Recently, Ryde Lions Club delivered 2,380 pairs of spectacles to Chichester Lions Club. It has taken many months to collect the glasses by opticians, libraries and even some from the general public in Ryde, Sandown and Shanklin.

Once the glasses are received by Ryde Lions, who take them off the Island to Chichester and have been sorted by members of Chichester Lions, they are re boxed and sent to France for final grading before being sent to the African continent.

The photo shows 20 boxes being loaded by Lions Barrie Jehan and Gordon Barton.

READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Romsey & Waterside Lions were out with their Bookstall in April and it was welcomed by their customers who enjoy the atmosphere of a bit of friendly chatter while they choose their books. The books had continued to come in during the lockdown and Romsey & Waterside had a full turn out of members for the first open air bookstall of 2021.



The next weekend the Romsey & Waterside group were out doing a street collection in Romsey High Street and raised over £400 making April a bumper month. In all the funds were boosted by almost £1,000.

WE ARE RAISING MONEY FOR LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION



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1st Prize:
£25 Amazon Voucher

2nd Prize:
£10 Amazon Voucher



@7PM 12/06/21

VIRTUAL QUIZ NIGHT



JOIN US LIVE FOR A FUN FILLED EVENING OF QUIZZING

Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

JOIN US FOR A DONATION OF £5

Those who do nothing are never wrong.

- Théodore Faullin de Banville

Into the Reading Lions' Den



In 2017 Reading Lions were looking for more ways to reach out to the local community. Their many and varied fundraising activities had provided a sizeable amount in the Charity Account and members were looking forward to spending it. At a brainstorming session Lion Jo Hamblin told of an interesting project pioneered by Fleet Lions. Instantly the Club knew that this idea held great promise. Lion Jo adapted the format and Reading Lions' Den was born.

Applications from local community groups and small local charities who are asked to complete a questionnaire. They must supply details about the project on which they plan to spend the grant, assure the Club that it will benefit the local community and also provide a brief description of the wider aims and objectives of their group. Initially, in 2017, grants were awarded up to a maximum of £500, in 2021 the maximum was £750.

Each group is allocated to two Lions who will do thorough research on them and move on to interview them if their application should be successful. The interviews last from ten to 15 minutes and the applicants will know within a week if they have been successful and how much they have been awarded.

Club members cannot compare themselves to the interviewing panel on TV's Dragons' Den, but it is a remarkably interesting and rewarding experience. What a way to discover so many valuable local community charities and groups and to meet so many positive and selfless, hard working people trying to make a difference in their community. To be honest, at first, members were stunned. Why weren't Lions aware that so much was going on? Groups providing sensory gardens and horticultural therapy for adults with mental health issues, brave people caring for young people in trouble on the streets of Reading at night-time, a train club set up to help autistic children and many, many more.

In 2017 the Club awarded a total of £6,000 to 18 recipients and this year the figures were £10,752 awarded to 20 recipients. Over the years some financial support has been received from Savills Estate Agents, who have also joined the interview panel. In 2019 the event was held at the Conference Centre at the Madejski Stadium, but this year the Club resorted to Zoom - just as successful, judging by the excellent feedback received.

Over the four events held, the Club has distributed £34,250.00 in grants to 72 local community groups, an extremely rewarding experience for all involved, interviewers and applicants alike.

Reading Lions heartily recommend this method of reaching out to the community.

NEWS FROM THE MEON VALLEY LIONS

BBQ in the Park Saturday 11 September

Sadly, due to Covid restrictions, the Meon Valley Lions have decided not to hold their annual Village Fete but are pleased to announce that they will be holding a BBQ in the Park on Saturday 11 September. The plan is to serve the usual burgers and sausages and one of the local pubs has been asked to run a bar and there will be music! Children's entertainments are under consideration but what will be on offer will depend on the restrictions at the time.



Sentinel's eye on...

Events Calendar

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

District Events

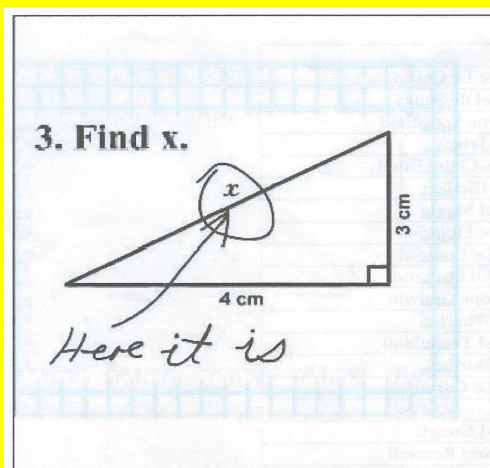
- ♦ **Bob Cook Games** at Swindon hopefully going ahead as normal in August ; and
- ♦ **Paulton Park** event likely deferred until September.

Club Events: June, July and August

- ♦ **ALTON** - Wednesday 11 August, **Cardiac Rehab Golf Day**; Saturday 14 August, **Party in the Park**
- ♦ **BOURNEMOUTH & CHRISTCHURCH** - Saturday 21 August, **Charity Duck Race**
- ♦ **BRADFORD ON AVON** - Sunday 11 July, **Hand-over**; Saturday 24 July, **Art and Craft Exhibition**, Monday 30 August, **Family Fun Day**
- ♦ **CHIPPENHAM** - Wednesday 23 June, **Chippenham 10K marshalling**; Saturday 17 July, **Jazz on a Summer Evening**, Saturday 24 July, **Collection and Membership Drive**; Sunday 8 August, **Bob Cook Games**; Saturday 14 August, **Collection and Membership Drive**; Sunday 22 August, **Cherished Vehicle and Family Fun Day**
- ♦ **DEVIZES** - Saturday and Sunday, 5 and 6 June, **Sports Coaching Weekend for Primary School-children**; Saturday 13 June, **Lions on the Green Family Fun Day**
- ♦ **FLEET** - Sunday 22 August, **Lions Charity Walk**
- ♦ **JERSEY** - Saturdays 5, 12, 19 and 26 June, **Senior Citizens Afternoon Teas**; 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)
- ♦ **NEW MILTON** - Sundays 1 and 8 August, **Car Boot Sales**
- ♦ **PETERSFIELD** - Saturday 3 July - **Joint Hand-over/Charter Anniversary evening**
- ♦ **READING** - Friday 2 July, **Charity Golf Day**; Sunday 4 July, **Berkshire Motor Show**; Sunday 1 August **Club Charter Anniversary Tea**
- ♦ **SWANWICK** - Saturday 14 August. **Show on the Green**; Monday 30 August, **Annual Duck Race**
- ♦ **WOKINGHAM** - Sunday 27 June, **Charter Anniversary Lunch**
- ♦ **WOOLMER FOREST** - Sunday 20 June, **40th Anniversary Family Fun Walk**
- ♦ **YATELEY** - Monday 30 August, **Summer Fayre**

Webpage - www.lionssc.org.uk/events.html

The impact of Covid on education!



Time goes, you say? Ah, no! Alas, Time stays. We go.
Henry Austin Dobson



OLD MONARCH

The Editor has the last word...

We are coming to the end of what is likely to be one of the most bizarre Lionistic years we could have ever experienced. DG Lion Steve and his team have faced circumstances which, two years ago, we could never have contemplated.

For most of us, the word 'zoom' was something to do with cameras. Today Zoom is how we have kept in contact, held meetings, District and MD Conventions but above all, despite all the restrictions we faced, Lions have maintained their service to their communities and while fundraising might have been drastically curtailed, our service wasn't and I believe that we can be proud of that. Despite Covid, Lions served.

Lion Peter Tabb



**Lions
tail...**



Wokingham's Spring Charity Market was full of surprises!

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