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Lion Devan Kandiah hands over keys...
Read all about it on page 6



The International Association of Lions Clubs

District 105SC

District Governor 2021 - 2022 ♦ Lion Brian Donovan

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“Through Service We Grow”



The DG's Leader...

Through Service We Grow

Dear Family of Lions...

Well, I have survived Covid, despite being triple-jabbed I still managed to get it, but it was not that bad so I am thankful that I had been vaccinated. My self-isolation period ended a few days before all the Covid-related rules were all dropped, so I only ever did my groceries shopping online right at the end of the two years of special measures.

As we emerge into the new 'post-Covid' world, I am reminded that there are many that are still vulnerable, and with the removal of all the restrictions, the future for the vulnerable may be a serious concern, so please look after yourselves as we return to full Club meetings, socials and service events.

I attended the Zoom Final for the Young Ambassadors in February. On the Friday there was a social Zoom event, where we tried out a virtual duck race, which was hilarious, the idea was that you shouted out for your duck down the microphone, I dread to think what everyone's neighbours thought was going on. The event also had our very own Lion Yorkie running a fun quiz. It was great meeting all the Young Ambassador Candidates. Our candidate Chloe de Gouveia gave a good presentation on the Saturday, and I hope it was a good experience for her. There was a presentation from last year's national winner, who is now a Lion!

I wish this year's winner Khan Oditá, from the City of Liverpool Lions Club, all the best in the Europa Finals.

Final preparations are underway for our Convention that is fast approaching. We will be joined by Dr Liz Jackson MBE from the Snowdrop Foundation and International Director Lion Daniel Isenrich, who will be able to take questions on the Saturday during Convention as he has an early flight on Sunday.

I hope to meet many of you there.

It is not too late to book in for Convention and please don't forget to register your Delegates and Alternates for voting. See www.lions105sc.org.uk/booking43.

I also remind you all that our Multiple District will be holding its 70th Anniversary Convention from 29 April to 1 May 2022 at the Birmingham Conference and Events Centre and the nearby Holiday Inn, booking is now live, so if you are going, please book yourselves in. See www.md105convention.uk.

I do implore clubs to contact the DG team or our District GMT officer Lion Jarvis MacDonald for help with membership drives, which have proven to be effective. It is worth speaking to Clubs that have put on membership events recently to learn from their experiences. Clubs may be autonomous, but you are not on your own and help is there if you ask.

March is going to be a busy month for me, with four official Club visits, one Anniversary Charter, our Convention, various other meetings and a full staged Opera at the Court Theatre in Tring with Aylesbury Opera, the weekend before our Convention. They are presenting the opera Jenůfa by Leoš Janáček. Lion Lesley is singing, and I am in the technical crew.

Yours in Lionism

Lion Brian DG105SC



The Bigger Picture

Global Service Team News - March 2022

World Earth Day falls on Friday 22 April. Once again I am asking you to consider undertaking a Litter Pick on that day or within a week of World Earth Day.

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 it:

- ◆ Survey your community and choose areas which are well used and have an accumulation of litter. This will enable the public to observe what you are doing.
- ◆ 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 or on public land, e.g. with the Council or Canal and River Trust.
- ◆ As a matter of Health and Safety, carry out a risk assessment in advance. See the link to the guide provided by Litter Action.
- ◆ Ask your local Council if they can supply 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.
- ◆ Choose a date, confirm with the landowners and advertise your litter pick, inviting volunteers to come along to help. To avoid large groups gathering mark out areas where groups of six can gather and send them off in different directions or at different times.
- ◆ Approach a variety of groups, e.g. youth clubs, Scouts, Guides and schools to help. Ensure everyone wears a Hi-Viz vest/tabard.

- ◆ Consider the link-up with other Lions youth projects, such as the Young Leaders in Service.
- ◆ Report any fly tipping to land owners for removal.
- ◆ 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 amount of bags of rubbish you've collected.
- ◆ Normally it's 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 allows 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/

My own Club, Hook and Odiham, has been running successful Litter Picks for the past year using a rota of local groups to assist us or even take over the running of a month's event. As we have continued to do these events in both Hook and Odiham numbers coming forward to help have increased.

I will be at Convention in Swindon and hope to meet as many of you as possible there...

Lion Judith Goodchild

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**For everything that lives is holy, life delights in life.
- William Blake**

Lions matters of moment



I am sure that none of us are not aware of what is currently going on in Ukraine. Lions do not do politics; we are there to support those who suffer life's injustices and to walk alongside those who need our help. LCIF has a "Refugees and Displaced Persons" fund set up for donations. The link has been posted to LCIF's Facebook page.

LCIF has received inquiries from Lions in Romania and Poland about potential grant support for refugee relief. Staff are working with leadership in each country to develop project plans for LCIF to support Lions-led distribution of immediate needs. Care packages will include food, water, hygiene items and clothing. The target amount for these initial grants is \$15,000 per country for Romania & Poland. After these initial

grants, LCIF will continue to work with Lions in the adjacent and surrounding countries to evaluate needs, and the potential for Lions to help. Lions in Ukraine are understandably not able to participate in relief work at this time, but may be able to in the future, to address some needs of displaced people. Ukrainian Lions may also collaborate with Lions in adjacent countries in immediate needs relief activities.

LCIF and LCI marketing and communications teams are collaborating on a wide range of items to allow an efficient and consistent response to inquiries received from Lions related to the situation and messaging of this information outward via social media, websites, etc.

Thank you if you have donated to LCIF recently.

Lion Ann Huntley MJF

District 105SC LCIF Coordinator



All rails lead to Swindon...

Lions District 105SC Convention
Friday to Sunday 11 to 13 March 2022
Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, Swindon
www.lions105sc.org.uk/booking43
Not a Zoom image - this year the real thing!

More Lions matters of moment

Welcome New Lions

I am delighted to welcome new members into Lions Clubs International and wish them a long and happy time as a Lion.

BASINGSTOKE - Lion Gareth Dixon

CALNE - Lion Leanne Hames

CHIPPENHAM - Lions Martin Ellett and David Payne

DEVIZES - Lion Bill Butterworth

EASTLEIGH - Lion Tina Campbell

FLEET - Lion Stephen Ginns

HAYLING ISLAND - Lions Fiona Branwhite and Rachel Monks

HIGHWORTH & DISTRICT - Lions Susan Bodman and Seane Forde

ISLE OF WIGHT SANDOWN SHANKLIN - Lion Mark Patterson

MELKSHAM - Lion Michelle Paisey

WIMBORNE & FERNDOWN - Lions Steve Gallocker and Philip Leach

YATELEY & DISTRICT - Lion Graham Price

DG Lion *Brian*



IN MEMORIAM

The Lions Club of Westbury reports with sadness the passing to higher service of Lion Anthony Moxey

MARKETING – PART 8 WHERE THERE'S A WILL...

IF THERE'S a will, I want to be in it." This is just the sort of catchphrase that might have been coined by American comedian W.C. Fields but with the drastic curbing of their usual fundraising activities due to the impact of the pandemic, more and more charities have relied on gifts in wills to be able to maintain their services to their beneficiaries.

We all acknowledge that, for many, discussing legacies is a difficult topic since it is a reminder of our own mortality. Nevertheless, gifts in wills do make an extraordinary contribution to many charities and there have been instances where a gift from a legacy has enabled a charity to undertake a project or projects to benefit disadvantaged people in the community that it could not otherwise have contemplated.

Mostly gifts in wills stem from a recognition of the value a charity has been to the person preparing the will or benefits that have accrued to family or friends from charitable beneficence. While no charity would ever expect to take precedence over loved ones, at a time when charitable fundraising has become more difficult and, indeed, more competitive, the inclusion in a will of a gift to a charity will be a valuable source of revenue.

Achieving this once again relies on profile. There is every reason why bodies such as Lions Clubs should promote the good they can achieve in the community with gifts from legacies.

Each year my own Club produces a Yearbook detailing the Club's activities in the community. This is a very valuable promotional tool since this book is distributed to the great and the good and the movers and shakers in our community. This has proved its value on several occasions - once with a six figure sum!

The perception often persists that a gift in a will is only of value if it is substantial but no charity will ever turn away a gift because it is too small.

Lion Peter Tabb MJF MCIM MCIPR

In most things, success depends on knowing how long it takes to succeed - Montesquieu

It took four years... Eastleigh Lions donate a minibus to One Community



After nearly four years of fundraising, Lion Devan Kandiah of Eastleigh Lions was able to hand over a gleaming minibus to One Community at an event hosted by Peter Green Furnishers in Chandler's Ford.

On 24 February the ribbon was cut by the Mayor of Eastleigh, Councillor Cynthia Garton, followed by the Eastleigh President Lion Mark Campbell who named the minibus "The Lions Bus" and Age Concern chairman Devan formally handing over the keys to Adrian Hughes, chairman of One Community (pictured on the front cover). Lions Devan said, "The generosity of Eastleigh residents, County Council grants and donations made the task to complete the mission a pleasure. As an Eastleigh Lion, I felt we could raise the £30,000 to buy the minibus and we did."



Back in early 2021 telephone boxes in Hartley Wintney High Street were for sale. It was suggested that the Club buy one and install a defibrillator in it. The Club readily agreed and the telephone box was bought for £1. After much preparation, the defibrillator is now installed as are two notice boards. The first currently has an invite to join us and the second will advertise our events.

While this was going on the Lucy Piggott Sports Centre was nearing completion. Lucy, a promising young athlete, aged 17, and a friend were both killed while out running by a car whose driver was over the limit. The Hartley Wintney Parish Council, together with local sporting clubs, are providing this facility on a new housing estate. The Club offered to provide a defibrillator on the building so that it could be used when the centre was closed.

Both sites have plaques highlighting who provided the defibrillators (pictured above)

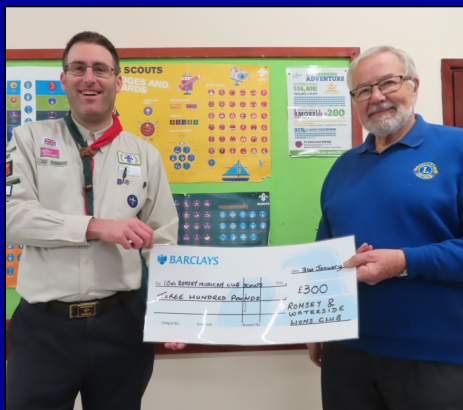
Both are being handed over to the Council who will be responsible for their upkeep and maintenance.

These defibrillators are not the first provided by Hook and Odiham Lions. Some years ago one was provided for Hook in the village centre, followed by one in Odiham on the wall of the Co-Op (which leads to Goodchild Square) and, more recently, the Club paid for the installation of one in Tunworth. The latest two are part of the Village Connect Programme and the Club is looking to see where provision is poor so that the situation can be rectified by providing additional machines.

You don't have to burn books to destroy a culture. Just get people to stop reading them. - Ray Bradbury

Romsey & Waterside Lions support Romsey Cub Scouts

A cheque for £300 was presented to Group Leader Martyn Blake of the 10th Romsey Mohican Cub Scouts by Lion Roger Hunt.



The donation will help fund activities such as a visit to the Fleet Air Arm Museum, various sporting events including archery, climbing, zipwire and challenges being planned for a summer camp in Somerset - the first time many of the Cubs will go camping due to the coronavirus.

News from Meon Valley Extracts from the Club's newsletter



The Charity Fishing Festival yields more good catches and £1,000

On 23 January the Lions embarked on one of their more challenging activities on the fundraising calendar, descending on Weston Shore near Netley for the 46th Charity Ford Fishing Festival.



Nearly 80 fishermen and many lions braved the cold and a lucky Ian Peake (pictured with his catch and organiser Peter Oates) took home a fantastic prize of more than £400.

With a donation from the Ford branch of Unite and entry fees and raffle ticket sales, £1,000 was donated to the Rose Road Association who provide vital services for more than 300

children and young people with severe physical disabilities, learning difficulties and autism across the county of Hampshire.

Essential help delivered at great speed.

Meon Valley Lions are always there to help those who find themselves in a tight corner. It can happen to any one at any time, so Lions never judge. And are proud of how quickly help can be delivered.

This month the Club received two requests from people struggling financially, a youngster urgently needing clothes and a household with broken appliances and a freezing cold floor. Within just a few days, the funds were agreed and actions taken to resolve the problems.

Vital and rapid responses from the Meon Valley Lions.

Overheard at a Lions meeting: I never make the same mistake twice. I do it five or six times, just to make sure.

A committee should consist of three people, two of whom are absent - Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree

Warminster Lions Club Long Service Awards

Three stalwart members of Warminster Lions Club have recently received long service membership awards in recognition of commitment to helping those in need in the local community and beyond.

The dedicated service of Lions Bob Dyer (30 years), Les Wood (20 years), and Hugh Turner (50 years) was commended by Lions 105SC Vice District Governor David Taylor who was at the Club's February meeting to present the awards.



President Lion Richard Owen said, "Here we have a true example of dedication to the aims of Lionism in providing humanitarian services to those in need primarily locally but also supporting good causes on a national and international level. Their contribution to service and fundraising activities has been remarkable throughout this combined service of more than a century, and we are proud to have such existing members who fully embellish the Lion's motto – *We Serve*".

Pictured are (l-r) Lions Les Wood and Hugh Turner, Vice District Governor Lion David Taylor, and Lion Bob Dyer.

IN MEMORIAM

Lion Eric Nixon passed to higher service on Tuesday 4 January 2022, aged 93.

Eric was introduced to Fareham Lions in 1981, following a conversation with a neighbour.

In 1986 Flight Lieutenant Eric Nixon retired from active service from the RAF after joining up in 1944 at the age of 16 as an apprentice, an impressive 42 years' service.

He served the Club as Treasurer and President but was not content to sit still and served as an officer of District 105D and MD between 1997 and 2012 as either almoner, community service chairman or as speech, hearing and Medic Alert.

One of the projects Eric worked on as MD officer was resolving the issue of recycling and repairing hearing aids. He liaised with HM Prisons where prisoners learned the skills to repair hearing aids and put them back to use. Eric visited the prison to see the work being done. They even let Eric out!

In 2005 Eric was presented with the Melvyn Jones Fellowship and also received an International Medal from the International President in that year, Lion Jimmy Ross.

When Pat became District Governor in 2007, Eric provided a tremendous amount of support as well as his well-known and well honed chauffeuring skills.

Around 2009/10 Eric was diagnosed with early stages of dementia but continued his service informing clubs, schools and organisations about what it is like to live with dementia along with PDG Pat. This brought involvement with Kitbags and Berets, a group for ex-service personnel living with dementia.

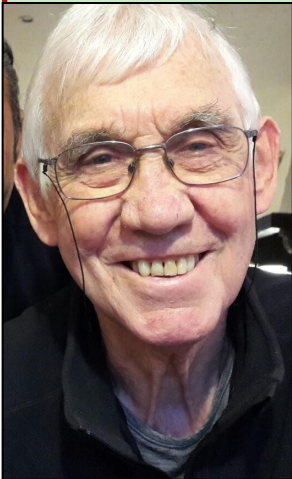
In 2018, Eric celebrated his 90th birthday as a Citizen of Honour, bestowed by Fareham Borough Council for his service to the community.

Fareham held its Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea Party (delayed) in October 2021 and on this occasion, we asked the Mayor of Fareham, Cllr Pam Bryant, to present Eric with his chevron for 40 years' service as a Lion.

This was Eric - a Lion of industrious application, quality of service and true friendship. He will be remembered for his **Legacy, Inspiration, Occasional Numerous Stories.**

**Temper is what gets most of us into trouble.
Pride is what keeps us there. - Mark Twain**

Windsor Lions tee-up 'John Harrold' Memorial Golf Day



Windsor Lions are delighted to spread the word about an event that combines fund-raising and remembering a much-loved Lion.

John Harrold passed away in August 2020 and will be remembered at a Golf Day on Wednesday 11 May at Maidenhead Golf Club, an

event open to teams of four players on a first-come first-served basis.

John was a major force in Windsor Lions Club for more than 30 years - a big personality filled with enthusiasm, humour and an abundance of creative talent and energy who contributed much to the Club's success.

As well as remembering John, the event aims to put money into the coffers of not just Windsor Lions Club but also Thames Valley Adventure Playground (TVAP) and Wallingford Accessible Boat Club (WABC).

TVAP is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year and offers a unique range of adventurous, therapeutic and educational play activities for both young and old with special needs and has a long history with the Lions.

WABC is a younger organisation created by Windsor Lion John Jenkins MBE, a passionate advocate of disabled people's right to participate in sport and outdoor activities. John is a full-time wheelchair user and, like many disabled people who want to get out on the river, would prefer to go boating independently and drive a boat themselves. Funds will go to help WABC get more disabled people out on the river.

The Golf Day offers many attractions beside a round of golf including prizes for the winning teams, a two-course meal and discount in the Pro shop. A great day out in John's memory.

THE BASINGSTOKE BUGLE WE'RE 'ROARING' AGAIN!

Challenging

Ending what was for pretty much everyone a 'challenging' period with our customary supermarket Christmas tin-shakes, we were concerned that the great Basingstoke public may not feel so '*charitable to charities*', especially at that expensive time – how wrong we were. Sincere thanks to everyone who reached into their pockets for whatever they could afford – they brought warmth to the chilled tin-shakers on duty, including 'Lennie' the Lion (even he gets cold!).

Music, music...

And in February we got into the musical groove again – finally! Readers may know we excel at putting on events to gladden the musical heart, either through still and soundless listening or, as in the case with our magical Motown/Soul evening (courtesy of the supremely talented Mr. Lou Taylor), some manic bopping – a lot of booty-shaking was in evidence – all accompanied by an overriding vibe that it was so 'good to get out there again'.

Read all about it

On the strength of our successful October book sale, another was staged specifically in the February half-term.



Once again 'Lennie' was a vital ingredient for the younger readers and with equal success, although prepping it during Storm Eunice was... interesting! No pain, no gain.

In the swim - at last



By the time you read this our annual – but not for two years (wonder why?) – Swimathon will either have happened or be about to do so in early March... 9 teams compete for the trophy, swimming relays in limited time - always a popular event.

Your starter for ten!

In April we hope to revert – again FINALLY – to the first of our bi-annual face-to-face quizzes, having coped magnificently throughout the you-know-what with puzzling people via Zoom (itself also a puzzle for some!).

A Concert and Lions Den

The merry (we hope) month of May will see a concert by the popular Heritage Orchestra at the Haymarket Theatre and then, of course, we'll be adding our usual 'Lions Den' putting game to various summer fetes...

And finally...

AND we recruited a new member!

AND we're still planting Queen's Green Canopy trees!



Sentinel's eye on...

The Events Calendar

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

Club Events: March, April and May

105SC District Convention Friday to Sunday 11 to 13 March

- ◆ **ALTON** - Second Saturday of every month, **Lions Craft Markets**
- ◆ **BASINGSTOKE** - Saturday 5 March, **Swimathon**
- ◆ **BRADFORD IN AVON** - Monday 18 April, **Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Bonnet Competition**
- ◆ **CHIPPENHAM** - Saturday 12 March, **Swing Band Night**; May 2022, **Twinning Weekend**
- ◆ **DEVIZES** - Friday 4 March, **Marie Curie Collection**; Saturday 19 March, **Spring Concert**; Saturday and Sunday 2 and 3 April, **Sports Coaching Weekend**; Thursday 12 May, **Charity Golf Day**
- ◆ **JERSEY** - Wednesday to Sunday, 9 to 13 March, **50th Swimathon**
- ◆ **MELKSHAM** - Sunday 24 April, **Charter Anniversary Lunch**
- ◆ **ROMSEY & WATERSIDE** - Saturday 12 March, **Bookstall in Romsey Market**; Friday & Saturday 1 & 2 April, **Street Collections**; Saturday 9 April, **Bookstall in Romsey Market**; Tuesday 10 May, **Hythe Fashion Show**; Saturday 14 May, **Bookstall in Romsey Market**; Saturday 21 May, **North Baddesley Fayre**
- ◆ **WOKINGHAM** - Friday 4 March, **#Woky Comedy Night**; May **Annual May Fayre**

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



MD Convention Chairman
CC Richard Williams MJF



MD Convention Host
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MD105 Convention

Birmingham 29 April to 1 May 2022

Lions It's a Kind of Magic

- From the wonderful city of Birmingham the heart of our MD
- A fantastic opportunity to 'really' meet up with friends old and new
- To celebrate our 70th Anniversary in style
- To attend our AGM and have your say
- With an inspirational line up including Past International President Lion Jim Ervin
- Creating a magical post-digital get-together for us all to remember
- Convention Hotel is the Holiday Inn Birmingham City Centre—call 0121 634 6200 to book rooms and quote Lions 'L28'
- Convention Venue is next door at the Birmingham Conference & Events Centre

FRIDAY 29 APRIL - Host Night and Social to celebrate our 70th Anniversary

SATURDAY 30 APRIL Morning/Afternoon Convention - Our AGM - Partners visits to many local attractions

SATURDAY 30 APRIL - Gala Dinner - Dress to Impress

SUNDAY 1 MAY - Meet the Council of Governors

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History teaches us that men and nations behave wisely once they have exhausted all other alternatives. Abba Eban



OLD MONARCH

The Editor has the last word...

I shall not be at this year's District Convention, the first miss for me for some years. I have always believed that Conventions provide the means to put more than faces to my fellow Lions and the fun and fellowship always overflow. Unfortunately, this event clashes with my Club's Swimarathon, its 50th, and since I was on the original organising committee in 1972, that's why I will be actively involved. I shall miss you all and I hope the event is a great success for DG Lion Brian and his team.

Congratulations to the new MD Young Ambassador Kahn Odita and my thanks to those who echoed my comments in the February edition and even to the one who disagreed with me. The Young Ambassador competition is a superb showcase for the young people who are already embracing what our Lions Clubs stand for. Please support it next year.

Lion Peter Tabb



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