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“Service with enthusiasm and pride”



The DG's Leader...

Lions serving with enthusiasm and pride

My fellow Lions ...

This has been a difficult month both personally and Lions. I would like to remind you two statements I issued recently. There is no discussion on the first but I will keep you updated as I can. I am holding a special meeting at 7.00 pm on Monday 19 June with all the Past District Governors to sort out next year. The second I will keep you up to date and so keep an eye on my blog. The first is that David Taylor has resigned as a Lion with immediate effect. Please refrain from contacting him about this or any Lions matters. The DG team are now looking at next year and will keep you updated.

The second was to inform Cabinet that my cancer has spread to both pelvis and stomach lymph glands. I will start chemotherapy mid-June, so please bear with me. I must also apologise for cancelling the Information Day; it didn't cost the District anything. Lion Sandra has informed me that we have more than 1,000 going to Marwell Zoo on Sunday 11 June. I hope like me you are looking forward to it and the weather is kind to us.

At the beginning of the month we had a Council meeting and Multiple District Convention in Newcastle, a very long drive. A great time at Council with a lot sorted and an interesting discussion on insurance. For the Host Night, those of us from 105SC dressed well and enjoyed ourselves. The business session on Saturday morning incorporated the King's Coronation. At the Gala Dinner I received a Certificate of Appreciation, the Global Action Team Honors and a banner chairman of LCIF chairman IPP Lion Douglas Alexander for our LCIF work. On Sunday I received the Bert Mason Trophy and International President's Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of Lion Yorky Tuke. I will be presenting these awards him in person on Thursday 8 June at his Club meeting. On 12 May, Annie and I attended the belated 50th Charter of Newbury Lions (my Club's daughter Club) where we had a lovely evening and I had the honour of presenting three MJFs.

Next day, I cruised, bathed in sunshine, to the Isle of Wight, enjoyed an ice cream on the prom and that evening I attended Sandown and Shanklin's Charter. A lovely meal, a chat with everyone and I presented Lion Anne Huntley with an LCIF medal. On Sunday 14 May I held the last Cabinet meeting via Zoom and presented Lion Yorky with the Bert Mason award, a DG to Lion Vicki Haines and a Club award to Hppk & Odiham president Lion Judith Goodchild. I thank Cabinet for their support.

The next day it was back down the M4 to pay a visit to Chippenham Lions, a good meeting and good company.

I will never the following day when Annie and I attended a consultant's appointment and I received the news that my cancer had spread to three other places. The outcome is that I start chemotherapy in June. Honest, I'm not looking forward to it but it's to give me the best chance. Enough said.

On the 18 May I held a GAT meeting and we got a lot sorted, I think it was the best yet, perhaps because we have had a year or so to get used to it. The weekend came with a trip to Westbury to take part in their 50th anniversary celebrations, hand out two DG awards and I had the honour of presenting two MJFs to dear friends. I presented on behalf of our Patron, the Duchess of Edinburgh, a 50 Years Certificate to the Club President.

That Sunday we attended Alton Lions Club 50th Charter Anniversary lunch where I handed out four Certificates of Service, one of them was to Lion David Hodder for 50 years' service, presented on behalf of our Patron the Duchess of Edinburgh.

On Thursday 25 May it was up to Heathrow to meet nine Maltese Lady Lions who had come over to do a Mental Health First Aiders' course at Reading and in the evening my Club hosted them with a traditional English tea at a business meeting - a great evening. The ladies presented me with a glass clock of the Silent City (Mdina) for sorting out everything for them.

On Friday 26 May it was up the road to Leicester for our youngest nephew's wedding on the Sunday where Auntie Anne and Uncle Dave were witnesses. We had a fabulous weekend, and a few tears from me.

To finish off the month I had a meeting with the 1st VDG-Elect Sandra and 2nd VDG-Elect Di preparing for the new Lions year.

Lion Dave



Global Service Team

June 2023

Calling All Lions

The Global Service Team is nearly complete for the next Lions year, but I still need a **Vision Officer** and someone to take on the role of **Brain Tumour Research Officer**.

Likewise, if there are any Lions who are interested in our global causes of **Childhood Cancer, Diabetes, Environment, Hunger, Vision and Youth** please make yourself known as it would be great to have more than one person for each area. That way it does not become too onerous and Lions can support each other – let's build a network.

If there are Lions out there who are interested please do contact me a.s.a.p.

District FUN Day takes place on **Saturday 11 June** – my thanks to all the Clubs who are coming along. I will be out and about so do make yourselves known to me – I can't promise to remember all your names and Clubs, but I'll do my best. We are hoping that this will become a yearly event so if any Lion is interested in taking on the organisation, it will be much easier next year as I have saved all the paperwork.

Lion Sandra Manktelow

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1st VDGE & GST Coordinator



Since the Appeal started:

2019/2020 – **21 Clubs** donated **£11,778.29**

2020/2021 – **17 Clubs** donated **£7,875.50**

2021/2022 – **20 Clubs** donated **£9,443.00**

2022/2023 – **12 clubs** have donated **£6,420.54** to date

This year, to date, **41 Clubs** in MD105 have donated **£25,773.40**. There is still a long way to go towards reaching our £1,000,000 target but together we can.

Lion Barrie Haynes, "The Butser Mermaid", has raised over £1,000 for the Appeal. Walking up a hill with a mermaid takes a long time but I was proud to walk alongside him. People strolling up Butser Hill (the highest point of Hampshire) couldn't believe their eyes when they saw a mermaid and a Lion and entourage scaling the heights. Many stopped to ask what we were doing, and it was great to be able to spread the word about the Appeal. It was also very sad to hear that many hikers had relatives and friends who had been touched by brain tumours.



My heartfelt thanks go out to all Lions and Lions Clubs who have supported the Appeal this year. If your Club has any spare money and would consider giving a donation, please do. Moneys can be sent to our District Treasurer – ensure he is aware it is for our Appeal.

With much appreciation

Lion Sandra Manktelow

Lions/Brain Tumour Research Officer

Lions matters of moment



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

As we are all aware in February 2022 Russian forces invaded Ukraine. The response from Lions to the Refugee & Displaced Persons Fund was, and still is, amazing. Thank you if your Club has donated to our charity, Lions Clubs International Foundation. Your donation may have been used as part of two grants awarded to Lions in Estonia. Since the invasion nearly 118,000 Ukrainian refugees have fled to Estonia, 24 per cent are children who are now attending school. More than 20 Clubs in north and south Estonia arranged events to help the children assimilate into their new communities. The Clubs arranged transport and sponsors and at the end of the events the children received a Lions goody bag with essentials for school.

Or perhaps your money was part of a grant that went to Lions in Finland who received nearly 50,000 refugees who had fled with nearly nothing. The Lions used the LCIF grant to supply the refugees with the essentials they needed which they hadn't been able to bring with them.

For those who remained in Ukraine Lions have helped more than 7,500 Ukrainians in Kyiv, Balt, Bahmach, Zaporizia, Odessa, Mariupol, Kharkiv, Podolosk and central Ukraine with food packages and medicines,

saving the lives of two children in Mariupol. These are some of the examples of where our donations have been put to good use. If you want to know more go to:

lionsclubs.org/UkraineResponse

We only have a month of figures left to come for this Lions year.

I am so grateful that 105SC has donated \$96,764.65 so far. Every year we are set a goal and ours was \$38,382.36, so we have achieved that and some by 366.77 per cent.

Our donation figures put us third in the District's donations table and our goal percentage means we are second.

A BIG THANK YOU if you or your Club has donated. But we mustn't rest on our laurels as our charity needs our support to be able to be there when called upon to help those who really need to know that when they are at rock bottom, somebody in the world is there to help and that someone is a Lion.

Lion Ann Huntley MJF

District 105SC LCIF Coordinator
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When Sayani Naskar was a fifth grader at her school in India, she struggled with her classes because of problems with her vision. Thanks to **Sight for Kids**, a comprehensive eye health programme co-founded by LCIF and Johnson and Johnson Vision, Sayani is excelling in school and extra-curricular activities.



More Lions matters of moment

DG's Month

June

2 June: Eastleigh Lions Official Visit
5 June: Swindon Lions Official Visit
8 June: Ringwood & Fordingbridge Official Visit
11 June: District Fun Day at Marwell
12 June: Club meeting
14 June: Romsey & Waterside Club Visit
16 – 18 June: Guernsey Lions Official Visit
19 June: Devizes Lions Official Visit
25 June: Reading Lions Charter Anniversary
26 June: Club meeting

1st VDG-elect's Month

4 June: Information Day at Swindon
5 June: Petersfield Club meeting
11 June: District Fun Day at Marwell
19 June: Petersfield Lions Social
20 June: Aldershot Lions Official Visit
24 June: MD GST meeting via Zoom
28 June: 1st VDG-E Get-Together via Zoom
29 June: Lions/Brain Tumour Research meeting via Zoom



WALK FOR DIABETES

The MD Diabetes team has now revised the How 2 Guide for a Diabetes Walk in which I hope your Club will take part, ideally during National Diabetes Week 12- 17 June. For details contact:

Lion Judith Goodchild

CREATIVE THINKING

At the recent Convention, as well as being asked for examples of successful creative thinking I was also asked about instances where creative thinking went wrong. Such examples are difficult to find because those involved rarely talk about them. However I am reminded of what is probably one of the most spectacular failures.

There was a time when cigarettes were widely advertised on television and, with the huge budgets the tobacco companies had available, some truly stunning advertising resulted. Since most 'Virginia' tobacco tasted the same, branding was what made the difference whether I (now a non-smoker for more than 40 years) chose to be seen smoking cigarette Brand A rather than Brand B. The brand I smoked identified me.

Breaking into the market (this was when smoking was still a very popular pastime) was difficult and launching a new brand always brought forward the advertising industry's best talents. So it was with Strand, a new brand from one of the major British manufacturers.

Picture the scene during the commercial break on your television - the Thames Embankment at dusk and it's raining. You hear a distinctive tune played on a harmonica as a single figure wearing a stylish trench coat and trilby hat walks towards you. He pauses, takes a packet of cigarettes from his pocket and lights up, his chiselled features shown briefly in the flare of his lighter. As he inhales and the music wails, we see the caption and hear the voiceover say: "You're never alone with a Strand".

The ad was acclaimed as was the tune "The Lonely Man" but the brand was a failure since the brand message was clear - if you smoked Strand, you were lonely. Probably because you had BO? No-one wanted to be branded like that. Sales were minimal and the brand withdrawn.

Great creativity. Lousy result.

Lion Peter Tabb MJF MCIM MCIPR

Even more Matters of Moment

Welcome New Lions

A warm welcome to 15 new members into Lions International and best wishes to them for a long and happy time as a Lion.

CALNE - Lion Hannah Smith

CHIPPENHAM - Lion Douglas Wilson

DEVIZES - Lions Ian Cooper, George Lavile, Keith Faulkner and Sarah Minty

NEWBURY - Lion Philip George

WOOLMER FOREST - Lions Mary Goggin and Eric Miles

READING - Lion Pippa Furlong-King

ROMSEY & WATERSIDE - Lions Ian Donnison and Lesley Donnison

WARMINSTER - Lion Keith Redfearn

WINDSOR - Lion Phillip Simpson

WOKINGHAM - Lion Sarah Blane

Dear Lion

Leos and young Lions are so much more than just young members of the Lions family. Their hard work and innovation are carrying our service into the future. So be sure to get them involved and give them the opportunities to learn, lead and grow so we can work together to find tomorrow's solutions today.

We're also looking to the future with the new Lions International brand. The Lions International brand gives us a new way to talk to the world about the service and impact of our association and Foundation together. And together, with Lions around the world, we are focused on serving a world in need and strengthening Lions today and for generations to come.

And thanks to you the future of service is bright.

Lion Brian Sheehan

International President

PASSED TO HIGHER SERVICE

The Lions Club of Swindon reports with sadness the passing to higher service of Lion Neil McVicar. Neil joined the Club in 1988.

The Lions Club of Warminster reports with much sadness the passing to higher service of Lion Tony Ballard (75), a member of the Club since 2009.

The Wimborne & Ferndown Lions Club reports with sadness the passing to higher service of Lion Barry Duxbury, a Lion since 2012.

The 105SC Sentinel extends sincere condolences to the deceased Lions' families, friends and fellow Lions.



District Fun Day

at Marwell

Sunday 11 June 2023

“If you always do what interests you, at least one person is pleased.” - Katherine Hepburn

All in a row!

The Calne Lions Duck Race made its triumphant return on Saturday 13 May, after the last few years were cancelled due to the pandemic.

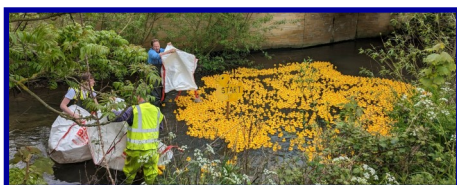
The morning of the race was all hands on deck with all the whole Club busy with the public relations officer being interviewed live on BBC Radio Wiltshire before donning his waders, ready to walk the river and herd the rubber ducks!

There were five races in all with 95 ducks entered in the Business Duck Race which was run in two heats, with the top 20 ducks in each heat racing again in the final.

There were also 22 Children's Ducks, who had their own race. These decoy ducks are decorated by local businesses and children's groups and it was great to see the effort that went in to making their ducks stand out. Mayor Tony Trotman and his wife judged all the entries to decide the “Best Dressed” in both categories and then helped to start the races.

Once all the big ducks had been released it was time for the main event, where 3,500 little yellow rubber ducks are launched down the river. The first three finishers won their ticket holders cash prizes.

The townspeople turned up in droves to watch the races and enjoy the many stalls run by local community groups, who were able to fund-raise for their organisations and highlight their various causes. Calne Lions had their own cake stall, and their burger van also did a roaring trade. The day was a resounding success and although the final numbers are yet to be crunched, it is believed the event raised around



£11,000 which will go back into supporting local groups in the community.

The Big Thank You!

Ringwood and Fordingbridge Lions were pleased to present a donation to Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance of £300 to say thank you for all of their wonderful work.

The presentation was made by President Lion Phil Gregory and Lion Rosemary Gregory on a visit to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance base at Henstridge Airfield.



This was a very special visit for President Lion Phil Gregory as it was opportunity for him to say a big thank you to the crew led by Dr Phil Hyde that helped keep him alive in August 2022. Lion Phil was flown by the air ambulance from Weymouth Rugby Club to Royal Bournemouth Hospital cardiac unit following a cardiac arrest while on a visit to the town.

Lion Phil and his family will be forever grateful to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance team.

**“Actions speak louder than words,
but not nearly as often.” - Mark Twain**

THAMES VALLEY AIR AMBULANCE BENEFIT FROM WOKINGHAM FIREWORKS

Wokingham Lions Club, along with other local service clubs, organise the Wokingham Fireworks event each autumn. The Wokingham Lions' nominated main charity last year was Thames Valley Air Ambulance who bring hospital-level care by land and air, doctors and paramedics, medicines and equipment, all giving patients the best chance when the worst happens.

In April, Wokingham Lions Paul Baily and Andy Goffin were delighted to accept an invitation to attend the Thames Valley Air Ambulance Supporters Day. It was a good chance to find out more about this excellent charity and to see their helicopter up close.



The opportunity was also taken to present a donation of £5,000 from the Wokingham Fireworks event.

Nicola Bishop, Community Fund-raising Manager at Thames Valley Air

Ambulance, said: “We are funded entirely by the community we serve, so we rely on generous donors like Wokingham Lions Club to keep our critical care crews at the frontline of saving lives. Their support means we can continue to give patients living in Berkshire the best chance when the worst happens.”

Salisbury Lions' successful PSA testing day



The Lions Club of Salisbury and District organised a successful prostate cancer testing day with 145 men being tested. The results came through very quickly: 123 were green, seven were Amber, and 15 were red.

The Club received many comments from the men and their partners on how well the testing was organised and thanks for arranging the day.

The phlebotomists were pleased with the arrangements - and the lunch provided.

The event was all wrapped up and finished by 4.00 pm

The Club members put in a great effort before and during the day.

Abingdon Lions provide a defibrillator



Abingdon Lions heard that one of the Oxfordshire Search & Rescue vehicles attended an incident and needed a defibrillator but didn't have one. So, following the Lions mantra that where there's a need there's a Lion, the Abingdon Lions stepped in and were pleased to provide one.

“Security is mostly a superstition... Life is either a daring adventure or nothing” - Helen Keller



A few years ago the Wokingham Lions Club helped the Kimel Community Cafe, situated in Evendon's Lane, Wokingham, to get started with some funding. This Café project is designed to provide supported employment for the neurodivergent community, providing a stepping stone training experience and giving these young people an opportunity to transition into mainstream employment.

The project has been very successful. However, in January a large sink hole appeared in Evendon's Lane, the road was closed for a long time and they lost a lot of custom and were in danger of going out of business. However, Wokingham Lions Club have two pieces of good news. Firstly, the Club agreed to offer the Cafe some financial help to get them through this difficult period and keep this valuable service running and, secondly, Evendon's Lane is now open again!



Swanmore Big Lunch

The Meon Valley Lions Club took the BBQ and new 'Bunny Hop' race game to the Recreation Ground. The event was extremely well supported, so much so we ran out of food and the Bunnies were a roaring success. Let's hope our Fete on Saturday 8 July is as successful!



Minibus appeal

Our 15-year-old minibus has done us proud for many years but sadly its upkeep, running costs and reliability is starting to impact on our ability to help local people. The estimated cost of a suitable second-hand vehicle is circa £36,000. To date we have raised £18,000 but it's taking too long and we are concerned it will impact heavily on the assistance we provide.



Petersfield Lions strut their stuff for brain tumour research

Petersfield Lions organised a fashion show in aid of the Brain Tumour Research appeal – one of our Lions' closest friends has a brain tumour and our Lion was passionate about raising money for the appeal. Many local Clubs supported us by buying tickets and our expenses were minimal as we received donations for raffle prizes, etc. The evening was a great success with ladies who shopped till they dropped, and we raised in excess of £1,500.

I know of one other club that is holding another fashion event and is donating the proceeds of the raffle to the appeal. My thanks to Hart Lions. More shopping for me!

Lion Sandra Manktelow

Lions/Brain Tumour Research Officer



**“All truly great thoughts are conceived
while walking.” - Friedrich Nietzsche**



BURNHAM CLASSIC CAR SHOW

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Woolmer Forest Lions support Peace Walk

The Woolmer Forest Lions undertook the car parking arrangements for the recent Peace Walk in Hogmoor Inclosure and clearly made their presence felt. Club members are pictured with their banne and Club president, Lion John Lewis is third from the left.



Members of Abingdon Lions Club enjoying a cup of tea (and, of course, a piece of cake) at Bridge House Care Home as a 'thank you' for supporting the home at Christmas.

LIONS WIT

A Lion accidentally glued himself to his autobiography. That's his story and he's sticking to it.



Sentinel's eye on...

The Events Calendar

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

Club Events: June, July and August 2023

- ♦ **ABINGDON** - Saturday 1 July, **42nd Charter Anniversary Lunch**
- ♦ **ALDERSHOT** - Sunday 25 June, **Lions FunFest**; Friday 14 July, **Lions Quiz Night**
- ♦ **ALTON** - Second Saturday of every month, **Lions Craft Markets**
- ♦ **BRADFORD-ON-AVON** - Saturday 15 July, **Crafts, Choirs, Coffee and Cakes.**
- ♦ **BURNHAM** - Saturday 1 July, **Burnham Classic Car Show**
- ♦ **CHIPPENHAM** - Sunday 4 June, **Cherished Vehicle and Family Fun Day**; Monday 17 July, **Jazz on a Summer's Evening**
- ♦ **DEVIZES** - Sunday 11 June, **Lions on the Green Classic Car and Family Fun Day**; Sunday 25 June, **Handover**
- ♦ **EASTLEIGH** - Sunday 11 June, **Children's visit to Marwell Zoo**; Sunday 9 July, **Marshalling Hotton Heath 10k run**; Saturday 22 July, **Marshalling Fun Mudder at Southampton "Race for Life"**; Sunday 23 July, **Teddy Stall at Eastleigh Recreation Ground**; Monday 28 August, **Duck Race with Swanwick Lions**
- ♦ **HOOK & ODIHAM** - Sunday 2 July, **Lions Village Show**;
- ♦ **JERSEY** - Sunday 2 July, **President's Swansong**; Saturday 26 August, **Lions Great Muddy Fun Run**
- ♦ **MEON VALLEY** - Saturday 8 July, **Swanmore Village Fete**
- ♦ **NEW MILTON** - Friday 16 June, **Charity Golf Day**; Sunday 20 August, **Lions New Milton Town Show**
- ♦ **ROMSEY & WATERSIDE** - Saturday 10 June, **Bookstall in Romsey Cornmarket**; Sunday 11 June, **Children's Fun day Paultons Park**; Wednesday 14 June, **DG Club Visit**; Friday 30 June, **Yarn Bombing Romsey Town Centre**; Saturday 1 July, **Bookstall in Romsey Cornmarket**; Sunday 2 July, **Mayor's Picnic**
- ♦ **WESTBURY** - Sunday 4 June, **Donkey Derby**

Webpage - www.lions105sc.org.uk/events



Fleet's crowning glory

Fleet Lions were well involved in the town's Coronation events. They had a fantastic day at the festivities organised on Sunday 7 May.

It started with a parade of vintage and supercars down the High Street with the Club's Traffic Management Team closing the roads. The cars were followed by bands and local volunteer groups and organisations - so there were a few Lions in there, including our Aldershot Branch with flags and banners! The crowds were massive and the parade led them down to a Festival of Volunteering with a short ceremony led by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant to honour the new King. The Club had a stall with children's games and sold out of 700 soft drinks! The Club also helped to marshal the event before setting off a fabulous fire-works display to end the day. And the Club probably had the only firework display in the country that spelt out "Charles R"!

GST Team Zoom Meetings

- ♦ **Wednesday 7 June**

Special Events

- ♦ **12 - 17 JUNE - NATIONAL DIABETES WEEK**
- ♦ **12 JUNE - WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY & LCI**



OLD MONARCH

The Editor has the last word...

Where have the last twelve months gone since this is already the last issue of this Lions' year? It's a cliché, I know, but they do say that time goes by faster and faster as you get older but the 2022/2023 year seems to have flown by, helped by a very good Convention.

We seem to have largely recovered from Covid although there are still one or two events announcing that they're back after a two or even a three year break. Let us hope that, in due time, Covid is no more of a problem for us than the common cold.

In the meantime in these pages Clubs have been as active as ever and my thanks to all the Sentinel's correspondents for their input and please keep the stories coming.

Lion Peter Tabb



**Lions
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