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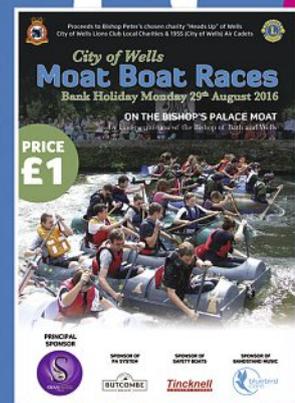
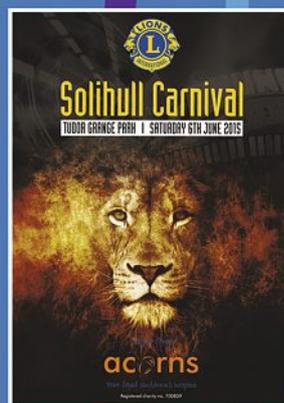
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During the early years of Lions, LION Magazine rather breathlessly reported the amazing journeys of some Lions to the international convention: they flew.

That's how long Lions have been around. Flying was not just a novelty but risky as well. Attending convention was very important to Lions, even if it meant climbing aboard a rickety, handmade, propeller-driven contraption.

No matter your home, getting to Chicago for the International Convention 30th June to 4th July will be much smoother. And though conventions of yesterday were outstanding and Lions inevitably proclaimed them as "the best ever," they wouldn't hold a candle to the upcoming one.

That's because it's 100 candles on the top of our cake, and our 100th International Convention will be absolutely packed with top-notch entertainment and attractions. We are pulling out all the stops to provide the absolutely greatest convention ever. (See page 32.)

You also can't top our convention city. We will gather in Chicago because it's where Lions started and where we are headquartered. But it's also a city unique for its stunning lakefront, great architecture and myriad cultural attractions, while being lovably unpretentious, working-class proud and perfectly emblematic of America.

The one dilemma with convention, especially this one, is so much to do, so little time. Each day brims with fellowship, fun and enrichment. You rub shoulders and often share a lunch or at least a few pleasantries with Lions from more than 120 countries. You can march in downtown Chicago during the festive Parade of Nations, attend worthwhile seminars, vote on the association's future, enjoy outstanding entertainment and hear inspiring, renowned speakers. If you like being a Lion, you will love being at the convention.

Our centennial convention will bridge the gap between two Lions centuries. It will honor the memories of the Lions who have made us what we are today and will lay the groundwork for our next 100 years.

I encourage you to be part of this historic event and hope to meet you in Chicago.

Chancellor Bob Corlew
Lions Clubs International President



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Editorial

**HELLO**

Well, 2017 has started with a vengeance, weather-wise and politics-wise, which tends to leave us a bit rattled. We don't like uncertainty, especially when events are completely out of our control. World politics has become strangely fascinating and even people who generally allow such world affairs to pass them by now have very strong opinions.

So we look for comfort closer to home and for a bit of normality when the rest of the world goes a bit topsy-turvy. As you flick through the pages of this issue of Lion, you will be re-assured to see that the world of Lionism carries on completely unperturbed. On page 18, you can read the heart-warming stories of Lions' community work over Christmas. Many more stories were sent in and thank you so much for them all, they were a joy to read, but unfortunately, most of the images were just too small for us to publish. (Please see helpful tips on page 19!)

We have some great fundraising stories starting on page 36 and special mention must go to the story on page 40, which describes a fundraising trip around several premier football clubs by Gower & Llwhwr Estuary Lions Club.

There is some important housekeeping in this issue, first of all, how re-districting will alter the UK Lion map (page 8) and then on page 32, we have details of the 100th convention in Chicago.

No one can have escaped the fact that it is our Centennial year when all Lions Clubs around the world are encouraged to complete a Legacy Project by 30th June 2018. It's never too early to start planning but if you need help to get started with your Centennial project, Visit: <http://lions100.lionsclubs.org/EN/programs/centennial-legacy-projects.php>.

Keep in touch...

Nicky Rogers Lion Editor

REVISION TO INFORMATION IN THE LION MAGAZINE RELATING TO CONVENTION 2017

There was an error in the production of the last issue of The Lion magazine, as the editor misunderstood the details of the social programme which were provided.

The correct details are as follows:

Friday 21st April 2017: As so many Districts have organised their own events for that evening, no Host Night has been arranged and no food will be provided on that evening other than to residents of The Norbreck Hotel, under the terms of their booking with the hotel. However, the Norbreck Hotel is providing evening entertainment, by way of bingo and a local entertainer, free of charge that evening to both residents and non-residents.

Saturday 22nd April 2017: The Banquet and Ball will be a served banquet at The Norbreck Hotel, in the presence of the International President. There will be entertainment from DJ Scottie, and a musical tribute to 100 years of Lions Clubs from local young people.

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NEW MEMBERS



Lions respond where there is a need and there is power in numbers, so we are delighted to welcome our new members who joined between October and December 2016.

DISTRICT 105-A

Abingdon	1
Bedford	1
Hatchend Lions Centennial	15
Hounslow	2
Kenton	1
London Belmont	1
London Central Host	1
Redbridge Centennial	20
Ruislip	1
Southall	1
Stanmore	1
Stevenage Corey's Mill	1
Wanstead & Woodford	1
Wantage & Grove	1
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	48

DISTRICT 105-BN

Birchwood	1
Cockermouth	1
Garstang District	1
Keswick	5
Lytham St Annes	1
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	9

DISTRICT 105-BS

Bridgenorth	1
Hednesford Centennial	7
Newcastle under Lyme	2
Uttoxeter	2
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	12

DISTRICT 105-C

Elmet	1
Bradford Central	1
Minster LC of York	1
Morley & District	1
Pocklington District	1
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	5

DISTRICT 105-D

Alton	4
Bournemouth	3
Bracknell	2
Fareham	4
Havant	1
Hayling Island	1
Hook-Odiham	2
Isle of Wight Ryde	1
Newbury	1
New Milton	1
Romsey	1
Salisbury & District	1
Trowbridge Wilts	2
Westbury	1
Wokingham Berks	1
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	26

DISTRICT 105-E

Ashby d-I-Z Coalville	2
Barton on Humber	4
Caistor & District	1
Conningsby & Tattershall	2
Derby	2
East Elloe	1
Edwinstowe & The Dukeries	2
Matlock Derwent Valley	1
Melton Mowbray	2
Retford	1
Rother Soar Valley	1
Rutland	3
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	22

DISTRICT 105-EA

Acle & Brundall	2
Attleborough	2
Braintree	1
Cambridge	1
Castle Point	2
Clacton on Sea	1
East Anglia Centennial 100	1
Great Yarmouth	1
Halesworth	1
Heathersett District	1
Huntingdon Grafham Water	1
Ipswich	1
Leigh on Sea	1
Long Stratton	1
Sherringham & Cromer	1
Swaffham & District	5
Taverham & District	1
UEA Campus	1
Wrixham & Oveton	2
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	27

DISTRICT 105-I

Bantry Bay	1
Bray	1
Castleroy & District	1
Contarf & Districts	1
Downpatrick	2
Galway	1
Kilcullen	1
Newcastle	1
Templemore	2
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	11

DISTRICT 105-M

Bedworth	1
Birmingham Chinatown	1
Harborough 2012	1
Kenilworth	3
Lutterworth	2
Malvern Hills	3
Shakespeare	1
Solihull	1
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	13

DISTRICT 105-NE

Aberdeen Bon Accord	3
Alnwick	1
Filey	1
Peterlee & District	2
Sunderland	2
Thirsk & Northallerton	1
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	10

DISTRICT 105-SE

Bexhill on Sea	2
Bexhill Sidcup	1
Caterham Oxted & Godstone	1
Farnham	1
Hastings	1
Horley	3
Horsham	1
Maidstone	1
Worthing	1
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	12

DISTRICT 105-SW

Budleigh Salterton	1
Launceston	4
Liskeard	1
Minehead & District	1
Newquay	1
Penzance	1
Portishead	5
Saltash	1
Seaton & Districts	1
Sidmouth	1
Tavistock	3
Wells Somerset	1
Weston super Mare	1
Yeo Valley	3
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	25

DISTRICT 105-W

Ammanford	2
Cheltenham	1
Chipping Sodbury	1
Glantawe	2
Kingston	1
Marlborough & District	2
Fleet	3
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	12

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REDISTRICTING MD105

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A message from IPDG Lion Heather Jeavons, Chairman of the Council of Governors 2016/17.

We are a proud service organisation, and together we celebrate the first 100 years of providing service locally, nationally and internationally to our communities. We also enjoy and thrive in the friendship and social company of our fellow Lions, but we are first and foremost here to serve, and the structure which enables us to do that is of little interest to the people who need our help. The public identifies with their local Lions Club, and that is what we are and we will remain, an association of Lions Clubs.

As at 26th January 2017, 10 out of the 12 sub-districts of MD105, other than District 105I, had membership of less than the 1,250 members deemed by Lions Clubs International to be viable to support the full range of Lionistic activity, whilst enjoying fellowship and providing service to our communities.

Membership in the MD has declined over the last 20 years from over 22,000 members to what will be around 13,000 members after 4th July 2017, when the approximately 2,200 members of District 105I, Ireland, leave.

The Council of Governors believes that it is essential that the MD reorganises



to be best equipped to do what we are here for – to deliver service to the community. To do that we need to retain our present members and to attract, recruit and retain new members to carry Lionism forwards.

There have been many membership initiatives, which have promised much and have been energetically followed by Clubs, Districts and the Multiple District, but which have not delivered the increase in numbers which we need to go forwards. This is no

reflection on the enthusiasm of those who have worked so hard to make them a success, but we must face up to the fact that the world has changed so quickly in recent years and traditional ways of doing things are not sufficient to take us forwards for the next 100 years.

NEW WAYS OF WORKING

Make no mistake, redistricting alone does not solve the issue of declining membership numbers. However, it does create a platform to enable our excellent MD and District membership teams to stop the decline and to look at new ways of working, which will attract the Lions of the future to come and join us and give confidence and support to our present members to build up our service for the years to come.

The International Board accepted a proposal for the redistricting of MD105 with effect from 4th July 2017 by the departure of District 105I, which included a commitment to the consideration of the redistricting of the remaining Districts of MD105 with effect from 1st July 2019, to address the position that 10 out of 12 of the remaining sub-districts would remain



in transition when Ireland leaves. This proposal was accepted by the International Board at their meeting in October 2016.

STRENGTHENING DISTRICTS

Convention 2016 considered the question of redistricting the remaining 12 sub-districts of MD105 after Ireland leaves us in July 2017, and an Emergency Resolution was passed by the MD105 Convention of 2016, which required the Council of Governors for 2016/17 to deliver to Convention 2017, a resolution for the redistricting of MD105 with effect from 1st July 2019. Convention felt that further consultation was needed with members through their Clubs and Districts as to what action should be taken to address the pressing position of the decline in membership and to create future Districts strong enough to offer the level of membership to enable an expansion of the service which we offer.

CONSULTATION

The Council of Governors has therefore consulted over the nine months from the end of Convention 2016 with every member in MD105 through their Clubs and Districts and via the MD website, inviting the

membership to feed directly to Council and through their Districts what their priorities are, and what shape they feel the new Districts should take.

- whether there should be redistricting at all?
- if so, how many districts would be the optimum number going forwards?
- whether completely new Districts should be created by redrawing present boundaries or just by merging complete present Districts?
- whether Zones should be kept together?
- whether members would be prepared to make an extra financial contribution via their subs for special membership activities?

Well over half of the Clubs in our MD responded to this request for

information, and Council published those responses on the MD website so that everyone could transparently see the information which was provided by Clubs through the questionnaire.

Council followed the resulting preferences indicated by the Clubs to put forward to every member through their Clubs and Districts, in November and December 2016, proposals to redistrict MD105 based on the responses of members to the information questionnaire.

MODERNISATION

Council believes that the creation of new larger Districts would provide a larger pool of potential leaders in each new District. The process of change could energise Lions who have not so far put themselves forwards for leadership roles to be inspired by the process of modernisation and to engage as potential leaders of the future.

In many Districts, the District cabinets have had the same officers serving without change, or in rotation, for many years. Introducing new members to work together in new Districts will mean sometimes radical reductions in the number of district officers needed, but this may be a



REDISTRICTING MD105

AN OPPORTUNITY AND NOT A THREAT!



positive opportunity to step forwards by new potential leaders who have perhaps been put off by the unchanging nature of the composition of the existing local District cabinets.

COST SAVINGS

Council believes that in the long-term, a reduction in the number of current Districts from 12 to eight new Districts will also provide long-term cost savings, which will enable members' subscriptions not to be increased to the extent as would otherwise occur.

Cost savings were implemented following the adoption of Resolutions on Streamlining and Governance by the MD Convention of 2016, and further ongoing efficiency savings can be made to the costs of running the Multiple District if the number of districts is reduced.

Council considers that any geographical reorganisation should be supported by structure and governance changes within the resulting Districts, as well as at an MD level. The larger new Districts would need to work differently, using alternative communications and making more use of Zone and Regional structures. This would enable cost savings to be made at MD level without turning such savings into costs to District level.

Council has endeavoured to produce a realignment of the present District boundaries, which respects the wishes of most respondents indicated in the information gathering questionnaire. This includes (as far as possible)

keeping existing Zones together, keeping County boundaries together and enabling access to major transport arteries.

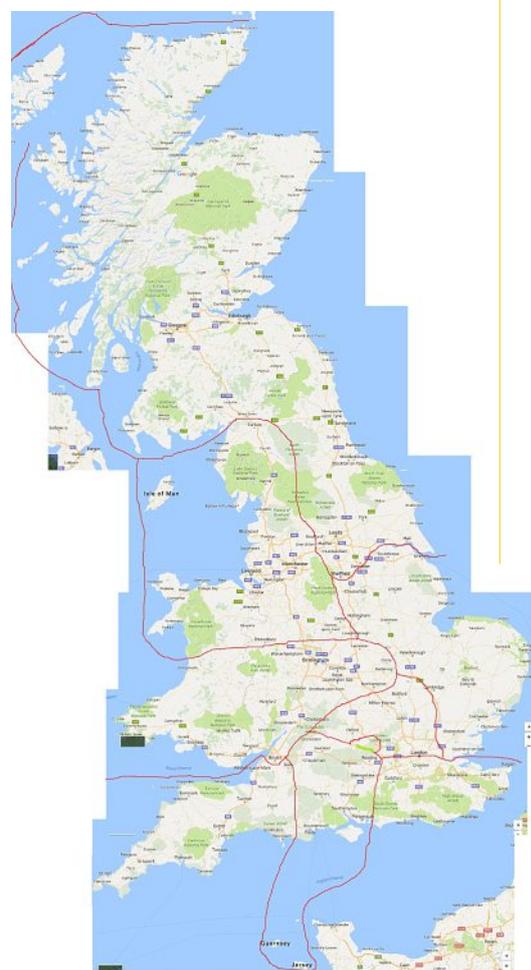
The Council of Governors is not seeking to impose their will on the Multiple District, instead, Council is delivering to the members what the members have asked for through the responses firstly to the questionnaire and then to the consultation document.

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

We cannot stand still, as that is to move backwards and if we do not take the positive step of redistricting now and build for the future, then within a few years, we will have withered to a position from which we will not be able to recover – please, fellow Lions, do not let that happen.

Please come to Blackpool and support the work which the Council of Governors has done on your behalf by voting for their resolution to redistrict MD105 with effect from 1st July 2019. The time has come to act on what the members have asked for, there has been extensive and intensive consultation and further delaying the process will not change the position facing the Multiple District.

Change is not something to be afraid of, together we can build a structure for the future which will equip us to go forwards together in friendship with a strong foundation on which to base our service.



MORE INFORMATION

Full details can be seen and downloaded from the MD website at:

<http://lionsclubs.co/MemberArea/>

LIBRA Supporter is an Inspiration

King's patient, Billie, recently donated £3,000 to LIBRA through her own charitable fund.

The 30-year-old, from Beckenham, was diagnosed with leukaemia in September 2015 at the Princess Royal University Hospital and was quickly transferred for lifesaving treatment at King's. During her current stay on the ELF and LIBRA Ward, Billie spoke to us about her experiences and decision to support LIBRA.

Q: What has your treatment involved:

A I have had five cycles of chemotherapy at King's, a total body irradiation which took place at Guys, and then I was back at King's for a stem cell transplant. Due to a weakened immune system, I have also had countless blood and platelet transfusions as well as antibiotics. My progress is now closely monitored through bone marrow biopsies.

Q: Who has cared for you at King's?

A I've had lots of doctors, nurses, health care assistants, kitchen staff and cleaners involved in my care. After some of my chemo, my hair fell out and I couldn't look at myself in the mirror. One of the cleaners persuaded me to. At King's it's all the staff that have encouraged me along my way and kept my spirits up.

Q: What is your experience of the ELF and LIBRA Ward?

A When I was first admitted to King's I stayed on the ELF and LIBRA Ward. The nursing team helped me and my family overcome what was a very new and daunting experience. Following my transplant, I was admitted to the ward for the third time and I've been here almost seven months now. The environment is positive and there are so many lovely people on ELF and LIBRA that have made staying in hospital for such a long time so much easier. I've been here so long that I feel like part of the furniture.

Q: Why did you decide to launch Billie's Fund and support LIBRA?

A Billie's fund was started by my fiancée because it was a positive thing we could do out of a negative situation. I was reading the LIBRA newsletter and was reading about the need for funds and decided it was such a great way to provide support to King's haematology department and patients like me.



Q: Do you have support from family and friends?

A I feel lucky to have support from both family and friends. They have been the reason why I manage to stay strong during all my treatment. Although going through this has been tough, one of the positives to come from this has been getting closer to certain friends and family members. They have also been a key reason why the fund has been able to raise money for King's.

Q: What is your advice to patients who are recently diagnosed with leukaemia?

A A: The treatment can be a long process so take every day as it comes (even though I find this hard to do at times). Don't be afraid to ask questions throughout the course of your treatment. It can also be helpful to have loved ones around you during important discussions as it can be a lot of information to take in. Don't feel like you must deal with things in a certain way as you'll learn throughout your treatment what works best for you.

Show your support for LIBRA and patients like Billie by donating online at www.libralionscharity.org



COMPETITION DESIGN A LOGO

This is our existing MD105 logo >>



MULTIPLE DISTRICT 105
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As you are aware, on 1st July this year, Ireland will be leaving Lions Clubs MD105 to form a new district.

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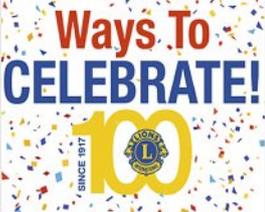
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PICTURED: The 2016 carers weekend at Yeats Country Hotel

Caring for Carers

Every year the Lions Clubs in Ireland organise a weekend dedicated to full-time carers.

Generally, each Lions Club sponsors local carers and send them away for a fully co-ordinated weekend of respite and relaxation.

The weekend includes two night's accommodation, meals, entertainment, spa treatment, seaweed and botanical bath, reflexology, motivational speakers, a fashion stylist workshop and counselling if they feel it would help.



PICTURED: The Mayo carers

The idea of the weekend is to give full-time carers a well-deserved break away from 24/7 caring, as many of the country's carers don't get an opportunity to get their own respite during a given year.

Little Dresses for Africa Project

Beccles and District Lions Club involve themselves in surprising community activities sometimes both nationally and globally. One such community activity is 'Little Dresses for Africa.' For many children living in impoverished areas of Africa, wearing smart clothes can reduce the risk of them being abused or abducted, because it makes them look and feel as if they 'belong'. So this project involves following a simple pattern to make dresses from pillowcases and other suitable fabrics for them.

Lion President, Fred Helsdon, said: "When this project was first discussed at a Club meeting we initially felt that we would not be able to get too involved, due to our lack of sewing skills. We felt we'd support the project by providing a donation towards transportation costs." But news of the project spread and Lion Chris Lambert, said: "Before we knew it, eight local groups had offered to make the dresses for us."

The Club's Welfare Officer, Lion Dermot Wesley-Smith, said: "They all worked to a basic pattern, and using any material available, produced these wonderful little dresses for the children. As a means of saying thank you to those involved, the Club hosted an evening

where groups brought along all the dresses they had made. All 378 of them!

If your Club would like the dress pattern, please get in touch with Beccles Lions.



PICTURED: All the dressmaking groups with their Appreciation Certificates presented to them by Beccles Lions Club



New LIBRA Website to Generate Funds and Benefit Patients

Libralionscharity.org recently received a complete update and the new website has some exciting features, including video footage, a patient forum and blog.

Following the production of the LIBRA video last year, Trustees decided to develop the website so that it could include the fundraising video and various interview clips. Now visitors can find out more about LIBRA's work with King's from the perspective of nursing staff, patients and professors.

PATIENT FORUM

During the planning stages, it became clear that there was a need for a patient forum – where patients can share their experiences from diagnosis, through to treatment and remission. Patients will be able to start up conversation topics and comment on posts made by others. The forum will also enable LIBRA to engage with patients who wish to share their inspirational stories with others.

FUNDRAISING BY LIONS

The site also features a blog section where news about supporters, fundraising by Lions and upcoming events will be shared. There is the facility for all visitors to share each blog post via social media including Facebook and Twitter.

The overall website emphasises the need for funds for King's Haematology Department and it takes the user on a journey through Our Appeals, Working with King's, Ways To Give, Exciting Events and much more.

LIBRA Trustee, Glyn Upjohn, said: "Please share the link to the new LIBRA website via your Club website, on social media and anywhere else you can help to spread the word about our good work for King's. We hope that visitors find the new site engaging as it has so many interesting features."

Any Clubs or individuals planning to fundraise for LIBRA can email their story or event details to info@libralionscharity.org and the information will be shared on the blog page. www.libralionscharity.org



LIBRA'S Great Spring Bake

Join in LIBRA'S Great Spring Bake 2017. It's a delicious way to celebrate the Lions Clubs International centenary, raise funds and save lives!

The annual Great Spring Bake in aid of the Lions International Blood Research Appeal (LIBRA) is back and this year, the theme is yellow and blue to celebrate the 100th birthday of Lions Clubs International.

Now in its fourth year, the tasty fundraising challenge is growing in popularity. LIBRA Trustees hope that you will consider taking part by holding a coffee morning, tea party, or cake sale.

LIGHT AS A FEATHER?

You might even arrange a guess the weight of the cake competition to raise funds at a local event, or provide cakes to local offices in return for donations to LIBRA.

The Lions Clubs International colours can be incorporated into your bake event in all sorts of ways, from cake toppers and icing, through to bunting and tablecloths.

By getting involved in the Great Spring Bake you can help to raise funds which are urgently required by the Haematology Department at King's College Hospital in London, so that specialist equipment is available for the haematology wards and the development of new lifesaving treatments for blood cancers and blood disorders.

LIBRA Trustee, Michael Adams, said: "The Great Spring Bake is becoming a regular fundraising event for some Lions Clubs and we hope that more Clubs and individuals will take part this year, especially as it is a centenary for Lions Clubs International – a real celebration. Great Spring Bake events can be held any time in the spring and at a location to suit the organiser.

"Over the last few years, we have had positive feedback from all of the Clubs who have held cake sales and coffee mornings. They all had fun, enjoyed some treats and raised funds for LIBRA at the same time. Now is the perfect time for supporters to start planning their own Great Spring Bake Challenge."



RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

A guide to the Great Spring Bake is available to anyone interested in taking part. It contains all you need to know about holding a fundraiser, some top fundraising tips and recipe ideas.

Please email info@libralionscharity.org or call **01428 656283** to confirm your interest.

Don't forget to share your recipes and promote your Great Spring Bake event at www.facebook.com/LibraCharity



And You Thought Santa Was Busy!

He may well have been, but not half as busy as the dedicated Lions who once again, proved that they put others before themselves. Here is a flurry of Christmas activity:

Jingle Bell Jog

Windermere & Ambleside Lions hosted its second annual Jingle Bell Jog on Sunday 4th December 2016 – encouraging local residents and tourists to dress up in Christmas outfits and walk, jog, jingle or run a 2km or 4km course along the shores of Windermere.

The weather was fine and crisp and over 150 people turned up with their families, pushchairs, wheelchairs and dogs and took part in this FUNdraising event. Everybody got a medal for finishing – and could buy teas, coffees, mince pies and mulled wine to keep themselves warm. The event raised over £900 to support local charities; Sight Advice South Lakes and St Johns Hospice.



Cold Enough For You?

Sunderland Lions Club organise one of the biggest 'Dips' in northern England, last year some 863 dippers plunged into the cold North Sea, resplendent in fancy dress.

The Dip raised over £47,000 for various good causes, and the Lions Club retains twenty percent for its own charitable causes.

Hard work, but an excellent result.



PICTURED: Come on in, the water's fine...



PICTURED: Get your trees here!

Christmas Dumfries-style

In the run up to Christmas, the Dumfries Lions organised a food collection at the local Tesco Superstore over a four-day period, collecting food and cash, worth together, over £2,000.

The food was given to the Dumfries food bank organised by the Trussell Trust and should have been enough to feed 80 vulnerable people. The Trust helps those receiving a referral from agencies such as Citizens Advice, Women's Aid, and churches etc. Most customers have short-term difficulties due to temporary withdrawal or reduction of benefits and many have temporary jobs where hours may be suddenly reduced.

The cash collected was donated for use at the festive season between The River of Life Church, the Bethany Christian Trust and Women's Aid.

The Club also held its annual Christmas tree sale over two weekends

in December. The trees were bought locally from a farm in Dumfries & Galloway. Fortunately, this year, the weather was good and the team served around 350 customers. The fundraising event realised a profit of £5,400 for the Club's charity account.



PICTURED: Dumfries Lions food collection

PICTURE THIS!



Crisp, bright and BIG!

We felt it was worth repeating the tips we gave in the last issue of Lion about sending in images, and although this isn't a masterclass in photography, it does tell you what type and size of images we need for publication in LION magazine.

FIRSTLY, THEY NEED TO BE CRISP!

Have a look at the images you want to send. If they look even the slightest bit blurred on your camera, phone or PC, they will look ten times worse in print, so don't send them.

SECONDLY, THEY NEED TO BE BRIGHT!

We can lighten digital images a little, but risk everything looking very 'washed-out' or bleached in print.

THIRDLY, THEY NEED TO BE BIG!

We can only accept images as jpgs around 1MB at 300dpi.

Anything smaller is very risky and will probably not be used. If you want to check the size of image you have on your PC to see if it is good enough to send, bring the image up on screen, right click and scroll down to 'Properties'.

- The 'Horizontal resolution' should be 300dpi (dots per inch)
- The 'Vertical resolution' should also be 300dpi

Scrolling right down towards the bottom, will take you to 'Size' where you should ensure your image is 1MB (or bigger).

When you send your image to the editor, please send it as an attachment, and then we should be in business and you won't be disappointed again that we didn't use your image.



PICTURED: Paul in the centre with Simon Luke to his right with members of the clergy, Stannary Brass and the Lions Club



Tavistock's Trees of Light

Just before Christmas, Paul Blowey, President of the Lions Club of Tavistock switched on the lights on this year's 'trees of light' after an interdenominational service led by the local clergy. All the sponsorship income went to the nominated charities which this time were CLIC Sargent, Marie Curie and Parkinsons UK.

2016 was the 18th year for the trees of light, which were started with a single tree back in 1999 by the late Lion Glyn John. Counting last year's donations and the gift aid rebate, the Club has raised just over £90,000 since 1999.

Toys at Christmas from Beccles Lions



PICTURED: Beccles toys for Butterflies Children's Centre

Beccles and District Lions Club President, Lion Fred Helsdon and Welfare Officer, Lion Dermot Wesley-Smith presented toys given by the public in this year's Christmas Toys Appeal to Mell Smith, Dani Peck and Sarah Colman of the Butterflies Children's Centre – Beccles, part of Suffolk Children's Centre.

Sarah Colman from Suffolk Children's Centre said "I'd like to thank Beccles Lions for the wonderful toys. Children's centres offer a range of services for families with children from birth to five in Suffolk, in a location that is handy for them and these toys will be well used by the children attending the centre."

Success at Short Notice

Members of the Lions Club of Bletchley, were asked if they could supply 60 Christmas presents for people who had to stay in Milton Keynes hospital over Christmas. The time frame was very short but the Lions came up with 60 wrapped presents. It was just a small gesture to make Christmas morning in hospital a little nicer.



PICTURED: Vic, Laura and John of Bletchley Lions



Better and Better

Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions, helped by an increasing band of helpers, toured the streets of Telford with Santa and his sleigh in the run-up to Christmas, bringing joy to local children and raising money that will be handed out to needy local causes during 2017.

The Club also amassed enough food donations outside supermarkets and from door-to-door collections to make up 130 hampers for needy families and elderly local people, as well as treating 25 young carers to a pantomime trip to see Sleeping Beauty.

John Marsh, President of Ironbridge Lions, said: "Every year we wonder how we can do as well as the previous one, but miraculously it just keeps getting better and better.

"December is a long old haul for our members, and unfortunately none of us are getting any younger, but the results make it all worthwhile. This year we distributed 130 hampers, each with around £45 worth of goods in them, equating to more than £6,000 worth of food going out to those in need. Our money collections raised £4,126



PICTURED: All aboard!

and every penny will be spent in the coming year to help worthy causes that apply to us for help.

But of course all of our efforts would be wasted if we did not have the exceptionally generous support of the wonderful residents of Telford and the growing army of Friends of Ironbridge Lions who step in to assist us at busy times such as Christmas. So we would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported us, including the supermarkets who allowed us to collect outside their doors."

True Family Event

On a chilly Christmas Eve nearly 700 people turned out to celebrate the start of Christmas by attending the Tring Lions organised Christmas carols. Tring Lions took over the event several years ago and the number of people attending gets bigger each year. The event organiser, Lion Derek Grant, said he is amazed at the turn out each year and that this is a true family event in keeping with the community spirit that exists in Tring.

Music was provided by the Vale Symphonic Woodband and a collection raised £1190, which will be donated to Rett UK, a charity supporting people with Rett Syndrome, a neuro-developmental condition.



PICTURED: Celebrating the start of Christmas

Thumbs up to Camborne Lions and Tesco

Lion President, Viv Broadhurst, says that the Camborne Tesco customers have once again shown their generosity by contributing to the Lions' three-day food collection. These donations meant that the Lions could deliver food parcels to 46 well-deserving local families (compared to 28 parcels delivered last year). All parcels have been delivered within the Camborne Redruth Community.





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Second Century Ambassadors

Leading Lions Forward.

The LCI Forward strategic plan prepares Lions to meet the challenges ahead by introducing a new vision, new innovations and new ways to serve to achieve our goal of serving 200 million people a year.

To achieve the ambitious goals of LCI Forward, we will need to invest in innovative programmes and cutting-edge technologies that can drive our association forward. You have a special opportunity to support LCI Forward as a Second Century Ambassador.

SECOND CENTURY AMBASSADORS INVEST IN INNOVATION

Second Century Ambassadors are progressive Lions ready to move Lions Clubs International forward. They are visionaries willing to invest in the innovations required to launch our new global service framework and lay the foundation for the next 100 years by:

Investing in technology to build data management systems, develop smartphone apps and achieve digital integration to achieve our goals and impact more lives.

Introducing a new global service framework to meet emerging needs, expand our service impact and offer Lions new ways to serve.

Expanding global marketing to increase brand awareness and attract new Lions from all areas, ages and backgrounds.

Enhancing the member experience through training, leadership development and supporting service initiatives to create a world-class service experience.

BECOME A SECOND CENTURY AMBASSADOR TODAY

Second Century Ambassadors invest \$5,000 in LCI to fund the innovations of LCI Forward and help us impact more lives than ever before. And \$500 will go to LCIF as an MJF-eligible contribution to enhance the life-changing work of your Foundation.

Join other passionate Lion leaders investing in the future of Lions. Create your own legacy in Lions history by becoming a Second Century Ambassador.

Enrol today!

SecondCenturyAmbassadors.org

Second Century Ambassadors receive special benefits including:

- Special Ambassador Pin
- Custom metal Ambassador Card
- International dues credit for lifetime of the ambassador and one new member
- Permanent recognition at LCI headquarters

(Includes a \$500 MJF-eligible contribution to LCIF).

Leadership Drives Excellence

Why it takes great leaders at all levels to succeed.

Some say leaders are born. Others say leaders are made. But the undeniable thread that defines all great leaders is the drive for excellence.

Excellence isn't a destination, it's a journey. It takes relentless focus to achieve it. It requires a total commitment to improvement in order to maintain it. It requires that we change, we listen and we adapt to ensure

that our vision of excellence continues to reflect the vision of our members and a changing world. And when we do these things, we can achieve something astonishing that touches everyone who is a part of it.

That's the vision for Lions.

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EMBRACING A TOTAL QUALITY INITIATIVE

Organisational excellence requires a passionate focus on quality and a commitment to a total quality initiative at all levels of Lion leadership – club, district and organisation.

These guiding principles can help us achieve it:

- **Clubs should thrive** by being flexible, inviting, service-focused and willing to grow.
- **Districts and multiple districts should guide** by nurturing clubs and collaborating with one another to achieve service impact goals.
- **Our International Board** should drive our association forward by creating innovative strategies and building a culture of success.
- **Operations should support** all levels of Lions through efficient and effective practices to better serve our members so they can better serve their communities.

LEADING THE WAY TO EXCELLENCE

The drive toward excellence starts with our leadership at every level of Lions, and each has a key role to play.

Association – We need to continually evaluate internal operations to make sure we're innovating, creating efficiencies and responding to our members' needs. That's why we launched Finance Forward, a programme designed to drive organisational efficiencies in our critical processes. We're moving club chartering online, streamlining awards fulfillment, enhancing our member

support centre, simplifying expense reporting, increasing staff training and creating efficiencies in translation services.

Districts – District leaders guide and inspire clubs to help keep them on track for growth and success. To prepare them for these critical roles, we will provide expanded training to develop leaders and build their capabilities so they can lead more effectively. This means more training opportunities, more online training tools to increase access and more emphasis on training as a key component of excellence. Multiple district leaders will also play a central role in regionalising content and creating culturally relevant programmes for Lions and those looking to serve.

Clubs – The way people serve is changing, so club leaders need to be willing to adapt. Clubs should be flexible, open to change, willing to listen and ready to embrace the evolving needs of today's volunteers. We will provide new resources delivered in new ways to give clubs the tools to better organise, support and serve their members.

CHANGE STARTS FROM WITHIN

It takes great leaders to achieve greatness. The focus on improving our organisation from the inside-out will make our association, our districts and our clubs stronger, and it will help us create a world-class member experience that will keep Lions coming back year after year.

If we embrace a commitment to quality at all levels of leadership, then achieving excellence won't just be the vision for Lions.

It will be the future of Lions.

Melvin Jones Was Right

Reinventing an old formula for success with a new digital twist.

Melvin Jones was a visionary leader who changed the world, but even our founder could not have envisioned how technology would fundamentally change the world today.

So how do we ensure that the Lions tradition – that of community, service, connectedness, local impact and relationship-building – doesn't get lost in this transformational shift to a globally connected digital world?

The answer lies with our founder. In 1917, Melvin Jones laid the foundation for the world's largest service organisation by

uttering these words to a group of men's clubs from around Chicago: "What if these men," Jones asked, "who are successful because of their drive, intelligence and ambition, were to put their talents to work improving their communities? You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else."

Melvin Jones knew a lot about service. But he also knew something about people. He built strong relationships. He leveraged key community influencers to engage and recruit



Sowing the Seeds of Growth

Ensuring success by embracing today's global volunteer.

It all started so small, so long ago.

From a single idea planted by Melvin Jones a century ago in the city of Chicago to our growing global network of 46,000 clubs and 1.4 million men and women in more than 200 countries and geographic areas around the world, Lions have done what few others have for the last 100 years: we have endured.

That achievement cannot be taken for granted.

Lions are still here today because what we do matters so much to so many. We have made great progress as Lions, but we have so much more we can achieve and so many more lives we can change. So where do we begin? By responding to the global changes facing Lions and every service organisation today.

THE VOLUNTEER LANDSCAPE IS CHANGING

And it's changing in profound ways. People today have more choices in how they give back to their communities than ever before. Millennials and Generation X have different attitudes about volunteering than the generations before them. Busy lifestyles mean there's less time for everything, including volunteering. And globalisation is changing the demographics of communities around the world, bringing in people of all ages, genders, races and faiths.

And we need to ensure there's a place for everyone in Lions.

To make sure we're positioned for long-term growth and success, we will focus on key issues that are driving global change in volunteerism:

» Lions around the globe. Most importantly, he used his understanding of people – what they need and want – to connect people around the world with similar ideals, empowering the global service movement we enjoy today.

And connecting people today is easier than ever. There are 4.8 *billion* mobile devices and scores of digital communications channels that reach even the most remote areas of the planet. *Every sixty seconds* there are more than 2.4 million Google searches, 700,000 Facebook logins and 2.78 million YouTube video views.

TECHNOLOGY WILL DRIVE THE FUTURE OF SERVICE

We have a tremendous opportunity to harness these digital technologies to inspire new generations of Lions and help our current members reach new heights. So how are we going to do it?

We're incorporating the traditions of Melvin Jones into LCI Forward – think of it as *Melvin Jones 2.0*. Here's what you can expect:

- **Digital marketing platform** – We're building a best-in-class digital marketing platform that will help us understand the interests of our members and those who haven't yet discovered Lions. It will play a key role in our advertising and PR strategies, extending our reach, amplifying our message and creating new ways to connect with people looking to serve.
- **Lions mobile app** – We're developing mobile apps and member applications to give Lions new ways to serve, connect and share their service on the go. Technology will empower the global service movement, expanding our impact by making service opportunities available to more people in more places around the world.
- **MyLCI 2.0** – MyLCI is being rebuilt to make it simpler and more valuable for Lions, and new features are already available. Club charter applications can now be processed through MyLCI, and a new Message Centre enables communication among clubs and Lion leaders. In order to make MyLCI a destination, we're making it accessible to Leos and Lions, not just officers. Look for increased access and tools in the future.
- **Digital LION Magazine** – Every international edition of LION will have a digital magazine by January 2018. It gives readers a great mobile magazine experience, a new way to share service stories on social media at the press of a button and a great tool to show new members that Lions are innovative and poised for success in the digital age.

If Melvin Jones were with us today, he'd say what he said in 1917, with a new twist on his words of inspiration: "What if these **people**," Melvin asked, "who are successful because of their drive, intelligence and ambition, were to put their talents to work improving their communities **no matter where they live and whenever they had time?** You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else. **Let's connect online and start now.**"

And that's exactly what we're asking today to inspire the next generation of Lions.

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Episodic volunteerism – Episodic volunteers (periodic rather than ongoing volunteers) are the most common volunteers around the world. This means that we'll have to provide greater flexibility to get volunteers engaged and keep them motivated to serve.

'Cause' versus 'Organisations' – Throughout the 1970s, people commonly joined an organisation and became long-term members. But that's changed. More and more people want to support a particular cause rather than an umbrella organisation, unless it's widely known for the particular cause or mission they want to support.

Power of technological changes – The greatest trend affecting volunteerism is rapidly changing technologies. People can now find volunteer opportunities on smartphones, support a cause online and even raise money and awareness virtually. Technology must play a key role in connecting people through service.

RESPONDING THROUGH LCI FORWARD

Responding to global change requires vision. It requires the ability to see the 'big picture', to anticipate change and adapt to it. It takes a strategic plan like LCI Forward.

LCI Forward is introducing marketing strategies and building new service models that will appeal to new markets and new generations of service-minded individuals. Some of the key strategies include:

- **Creating a new service model** to complement the club model, focusing on episodic volunteers and how people contribute today.
- **Continued global expansion** in strategic areas that offer opportunities to grow and bring new service to more people who need us.
- **Developing and promoting specialty clubs** such as clubs centered on a social cause, profession, culture or sporting activity to give people new ways to connect and serve.
- **Forging service-focused corporate partnerships** to engage employees and Lions in corporate social responsibility initiatives that benefit our communities and introduce Lions to men and women looking to serve.

We know the only way to grow is to adapt. And the only direction to go from here is forward. We have been a global leader in service for a century, and we can continue this proud tradition by responding to the changing world around us.

Nurturing the seed of service planted by our founder requires us to nurture the needs of today's global volunteers. When we do, we can do more than endure for another century – we can thrive.

Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant. (Robert Louis Stevenson)

Serving in a Changing World

Why Lions matter more than ever.

For 100 years, Lions have served.

We save the precious gift of sight and feed families struggling to put food on the table. We provide life-saving vaccines to children and rebuild communities devastated by disaster. We bring help to the most vulnerable and hope to those who struggle. We care. We matter. We serve.

Service is the reason we exist. It's why we become Lions, and why we remain. Year by year, country by country, we have increased our global impact, saving lives and helping millions more around the world through the efforts of Lions and the support of our Foundation. And the world needs us now more than ever.

That's why we've set a goal of serving 200 million people a year by 2021 – tripling our current humanitarian impact. It means we have to increase our service impact so we can help even more people around the world. It requires that we find a way to honour our first century of service while meeting the needs of the next. And it gives us the opportunity to develop a new global service framework that will complement all of the great ways Lions serve locally and guide us into the future.

To develop a new global service framework, we looked at our history and the causes we have supported. We surveyed Lions and Leos around the world to identify the causes that are important to them and their communities. We looked at data to identify urgent global humanitarian needs and determine if Lions could help address them.

After this comprehensive global assessment, we confirmed the need to continue supporting



our long tradition of saving sight, fighting hunger and protecting our environment. But we discovered emerging needs that also require the help of Lions and Leos.

FACING NEW GLOBAL CHALLENGES

Diabetes is one of the largest global health emergencies of the 21st century. One in 11 adults has diabetes, leading to kidney disease, pregnancy complications, nerve damage and other major health complications, including sight. More than one third of all people affected by diabetes will develop diabetic retinopathy and risk severe vision impairment. It's the eighth leading cause of death in the world, resulting in more than five million deaths in 2015. And the number is expected to rise significantly by 2030 without increased awareness, new education initiatives and expanded screening and treatment programs around the world.

The outlook for pediatric cancer is similarly grim. Cancer is the second leading cause of death in children. Worldwide, a child is diagnosed with cancer every two minutes, yet more than 60 percent of the world's children have little or no access to effective care. In developing nations, barriers at all levels of cancer care have led to survival rates as low as 10 percent in some countries. And children who do survive cancer are often left with debilitating effects that can impact organ function, physical development and their ability to learn.

A NEW SERVICE VISION FOR THE FUTURE

To ensure that Lions are ready to meet the needs of a changing world, we will formally launch our new global service framework in 2017 that prepares Lions for our second century of service. It will bring Lions together to address global humanitarian challenges:

- **Vision** – We will continue to save sight by preserving vision health and serving the blind and visually impaired.
- **Diabetes** – We will work to prevent and control this global epidemic and assist those affected by the disease.
- **Hunger** – We will work to eliminate hunger and alleviate poverty so no child goes to bed hungry.
- **Environment** – We will protect our environment to make our communities and the world a better place for all.
- **Pediatric Cancer** – We will expand access to life-saving treatment and assist the children who need us.

We will continue our long tradition of supporting children, and build on it by developing new ways to engage youth as volunteers and service leaders in these five areas of service.

Each of the service areas in the framework is essential to serving local and global needs, but we will announce diabetes as a new global service focus at the 2017 centennial convention in Chicago. At the 2018 international convention in Las Vegas, we will launch the full service platform for diabetes, including new service programmes, partnerships and LCIF grant opportunities.

Lions Clubs International Foundation will be there to support our service, aligning the efforts of Lions with the work of our charitable arm to create large-scale, lasting change where it's needed most.

The new global service framework gives Lions and Leos new opportunities to serve, new ways to unite our members and other service-minded people around the world, and new ways to ensure that we meet the challenges of our next century of service.

And just like the first 100 years, the world is depending on us.

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LIONS INTERNATIONAL TRADING PIN CLUB CENTENARY NEWS

PICTURED: This train pin commemorates that fact that 100 years ago, many men and boys had gone off to war and it was the start of a significant change in our social structure



BRITISH ISLES & IRELAND TRADING PIN CLUB - 2017



PICTURED: Women stepping 'up to the plate' in World War I



The Lions International Pin Trading Club (LITPC) was established in 1973 during the 56th Lions Clubs International Convention in Miami Beach, Florida, to foster and develop friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding through the trading and collecting of Lions friendship pins.

STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL LIONISM

The founder members of the LITPC hoped that the association would have a lasting and continuing influence on their desire to strengthen international Lionism through international good will.

There is no doubt that this objective has and continues to be achieved. Members are individuals who are dedicated to the principles of Lionism and remind everyone that they are Lions first and pin traders second. Evidence of this is found in the fact that these members continue to raise funds for the many humanitarian efforts supported by Lions Clubs International.

Membership in the LITPC is open to all Lions who are active members and in good standing in their respective Clubs. Obviously, an interest in the collection and trading of Lions pins is important, however, just as important is the exposure that one can get in developing friendships with Lions' families all over the world.

PINS ACROSS THE WORLD

Lion, John Leggett, of Conningsby & Tattershall Lions Club explains more: "There were some trading pin clubs in the US back in the 1950s and 60s, as more Lions were travelling to international conventions. In those days, pins were mainly made of plastic or they were a button type and many didn't have logos on them, in fact, French Lions used the Eiffel Tower brooch fastener type pins as their first trading pin.

"Over the years, the LITPC has encouraged MD, District and personal pins and has generally improved the quality of pins by working closely with Oak Brook and pin manufacturers.

"To encourage collecting, the club has biannual themes; the most recent one was 'holidays', which was a great success and the current one is 'animals' and 'trains'.

"There is a pin swap almost every month in the US. And as well as having the trading pin area at the international convention,

the club has its designated hotel adjacent to the Convention Centre, where, embracing the friendship and fellowship it also hosts free hospitality evenings".

John finished by saying: "By taking up this 'crazy' hobby I have travelled to the USA, Canada and Australia to visit pin swaps, staying with friends and helping various Lions Clubs in their activities.

"The LITPC website (www.litpc.org) is a great source of information. It includes a full history of pin trading, catalogues of MD pins, themed pins, information of current activities and you can join online – \$15 dollars a year will get your four newsletters a year and a membership list of nearly 1,000 lions worldwide to trade with and become friends.

"So in our 100th year we should all advertise our achievements and our clubs by producing a club or personal pin."

BRITISH ISLES AND IRELAND TRADING PIN CLUB

John Jones, secretary of the British Isles and Ireland Trading Pin Club (BI&ITPC) says that in 2005, BI&ITPC took over full responsibility for all aspects of producing and distributing the annual MD105 pins. John holds the stock of pins and you can contact him by email at jmjones40@hotmail.com

He said: "We have an ongoing fundraising project in which we sell donated pins to raise funds for various projects such as LCIF and LIBRA. More information and pictures of our pins are available on the Club's website at (lionspinclub.org.uk)

HOW MANY?

How many pins do you have in your collection? And which one means the most to you?

Contact the editor, Nicky Rogers, at: nicky@warnersgroup.co.uk



PICTURED: The Den is such an asset, thank you all

Centennial Celebration Legacy Projects are visible gifts to your local community, that commemorate our Centennial and create a lasting legacy of your service contributions.

Your Legacy Project will serve as a reminder of just how important your Club is to the community during the Centennial and beyond. All Lions Clubs around the world are encouraged to complete a Legacy Project by 30th June 2018, and it's never too early to start planning.

WARWICK LIONS CLUB PROJECT

As part of their Centennial Year project, Warwick Lions donated £8,000 to build 'The Lions Den' a much needed teaching space at Northleigh House School, at Hatton in Warwickshire.

Northleigh House School was set up to cater for teenagers who have been so badly bullied that they are unable to stay in mainstream education. The additional classroom will give the mainly privately funded school the ability to reach out to primary age children which they were unable to do previously.

Warwick Lions' association with Northleigh House School began some four years ago when members first heard of a retired couple Viv and Fred Morgan who, reading about a badly bullied 15-year old girl who had taken her own life, decided to turn their 10-bedroomed country house into a school for emotionally vulnerable young people.

THE PERFECT PROJECT

Despite their lack of teaching experience, they were able to secure funding from the local council to establish the school but as

council support did not cover all the costs of the school, Viv and Fred were therefore highly dependent on voluntary contributions.

In 2015 Viv and Fred received a Daily Mirror Pride of Britain Award and Viv was invited to speak at a Warwick Lions Club meeting. Members were so impressed that they made several donations and visits to the school, and it was while they were searching for a suitable project for the Centennial Year that they learned that Northleigh was struggling to raise funds for an additional classroom for primary age children. Members decided to step in with the required £8,000 and 'The Lions' Den' came into being.

Mrs Morgan said: "This is such a big and exciting project. The Lions' Den has been in constant use for teaching, pastoral care, meetings and for the new 10 and 11-year old children since the first week that it was completed. It is due to Warwick Lions' generosity that this has been possible and we all appreciate it very much.

"The Den is such an asset, thank you all."

HELP WITH YOUR CENTENNIAL PROJECT

If you need some help to get started on your Centennial project, visit

<http://lions100.lionsclubs.org/EN/programs/centennial-legacy-projects.php>



PICTURED: The Lions' Den at Northleigh House School



PICTURED: Viv Morgan with Lion President, Geoff Wiskin, and members of Warwick Lions Club



Letters TO THE EDITOR

IS THE LIONS EUROPEAN MUSIC COMPETITION 'ELITIST'?

I have recently become aware that the young people from within our MD will no longer be able to participate in the Lions European music competition and I am greatly concerned.

I understand that the reason given by the COG was that it was an 'elitist' competition, with the implication that it is only open to young people from privileged backgrounds.

I am unable to understand the difference between someone taking part in the peace poster competition or the Young Ambassador competition. Wherein does the difference lie?

They are all part of an elite group, which is by definition 'the best or choice part of a larger body or group' or a 'select group or class'.

Many of our young people have talents that should be encouraged and not suppressed because they are deemed to be elite. We should be proud of their talents.

Mother Theresa and Helen Keller were both from very humble backgrounds and both of them have influenced the Lions organisation significantly. Also, many years ago the winner of the peace poster competition sent a letter to the International President of the time to say that he could not attend UN Day in New York because he had no shoes to put on! He was clearly from a fairly under-privileged background but that situation was quickly rectified by caring Lions.

Having had an interest in the music competition I have been struck not only by the competitors' incredible talents but also by their immense gratitude to the Lions for giving them an opportunity to make a big difference in their lives. Now we will be depriving these very talented young people of such a great opportunity.

I am sure the 20 young people from throughout Europe will continue to benefit from this fabulous competition and I wish them well, but in our Centennial year, I am devastated by such a short-sighted attitude. What is Lions really about?

From a devastated but dedicated Lion

THE CHRISTMAS FLOAT

On the Christmas float, on the Christmas float,
We meet all sorts on the Christmas float.

We meet eager lads with an ambitious list
And shy, retiring poppets, who, head down,
Back off and give Santa a miss.

We've met teenage girls in brief miniskirts
Who climbed aboard to kiss Santa
And enthused him with bliss.

In dark, icy weather we have some glitches
Club members step in cattle grids
Or fall into ditches

We've met men at their door
Say 'Sorry, nobody's here!'
And others who say:
'I've no pennies (pennies?!), I fear.'

But most give so generously
Christmas spirit abounds
And in a good year.
We raise over six thousand pounds

On the Christmas float, on the Christmas float,
We meet all sorts on the Christmas float.
(Santa and his reindeer
Met a lamppost one year!)*

Dave Brough
(Southam & District Lions)

SEWING MACHINES IN INDIA

Dear Fellow Lions,

Being rather a very busy Lion, I have only just got round to reading the Lion magazine for October/November 2016 in detail. I read the letter from PID Lion Barry Palmer with great interest. So in the spirit of our Code of Ethics, being careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise, I commend all those Lions mentioned in the first letter printed on page 18, but I was rather surprised that the whole history of this great, worthwhile project was not mentioned.

In November 2008, a group of PDGs from the Council of 2004/05 held our reunion in India where we visited several local Lions Clubs in Delhi. There we were introduced to their project to equip local widows with sewing machines so that they may have the chance to become self-sufficient and earn themselves a much needed income. Every DG that took part in that reunion pledged their support.

On returning home, we encouraged our own Clubs to donate a minimum of one sewing machine each. PDG Lion Max



Mongia took up the crusade on our behalf and that of the Delhi Lions. So, credit where credit is due, I would like to mention the initiation and early involvement of this project and at the same, time thank those concerned for furthering its progress.

I reproduce an email from 2012 from PDG Max Mongia, letting his fellow PDGs know the progress.

Hi fellow Lions,

It is at last happening, find attached the programme for the launch of sewing machine project. Lions Club of London Central raised and topped up contributions from PDG's 2004/5 team and sent circa £3000, with current cost and spec of the machine it was enough for some 50 units.

Lions from Delhi had experienced difficulty in maintaining coordination and backup with the women during their initial trial, we teamed them with the Loomba Trust for such support. Lions club of Delhi South has added 25 machines and will be handing over 75 machines each costing Rupees 4,250 (retail price USHA Circa 5500).

Lions will be supported by the Loomba Foundation by identifying recipients (Widows) and further offer training and coordination. You will see from the invitation Flyer, the project will be launched by the 2nd International president and supported by the Lion's leadership from India.

Lion President Abhnash is likely to represent the Lions club of London central, and PDG Surinder Malhotra from 105W, in India at present will represent the past governors from our MD105.

Lion PDG Max Mongia

Kind regards

Lion Paul Withers
Cranleigh & District Lions Club

SPRUCING UP WICKLOW



When we realised that the welcoming Lion sign to our town of Wicklow in the Garden of Ireland needed cleaning, we decided to call on our favourite Lion Leo and I'm happy to say he did an amazing job!

Sean Olohan
Wicklow and District Lions Club

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100th CONVENTION

100th Convention Will

Lions often declare after an international convention: “greatest ever.” Chances are they’ll be saying in July: “the greatest ever – ever.” The 100th International Convention, on 30th June to 4th July in Chicago, will be an extravaganza and then some.

On tap is an all-star lineup of entertainers and speakers, a stirring torch ceremony to mark the centennial, and on the last day, signifying that Lions are now looking ahead to their next 100 years, the official announcement of a new service focus (supplementing, not replacing current efforts) and the LCI Forward plan.

Performing at the convention will be Chicago, the Beach Boys, the Charlie Daniels Band, David Archuleta of “American Idol” fame, American English (a Beatles cover band), Anna Fermin, the Blues Brothers Revue, the African Children’s Choir and Edward and Belinda Lee. Former U.S. Vice President Al Gore will be the keynote. Keller Johnson-Thompson, Helen Keller’s great-grandniece, will also speak.

THE WONDERFUL HISTORY OF LIONS

The centennial will be front and centre at the convention, and Lions will be active participants in the celebration. During the torch ceremony at the first plenary session, Lions will be given



CHICAGO



be 'One-of-a-Kind'

» their own mini torches. The convention hall will feature a dazzling centennial exhibit, unpacking the wonderful history of Lions through interactive and virtual displays.

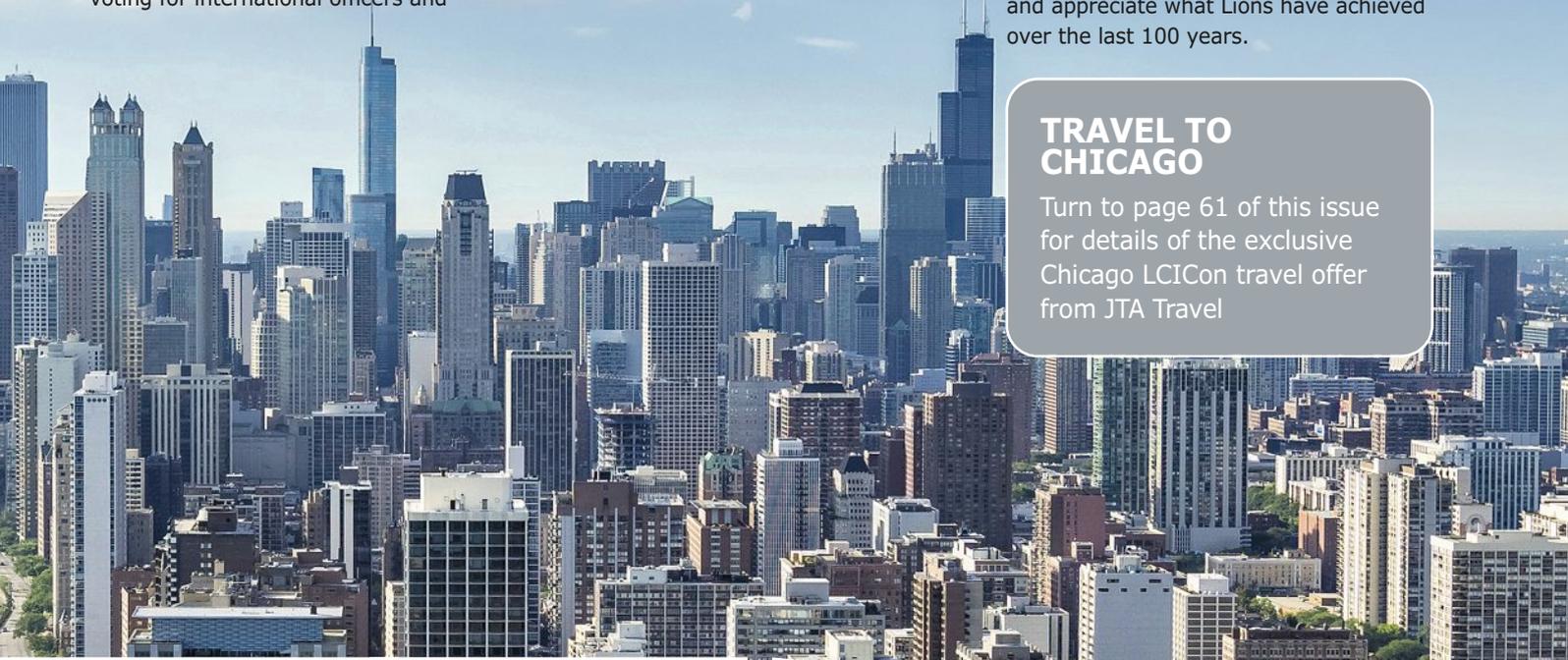
The gathering in Chicago also will include all the usual elements of convention: the Parade of Nations, the flag ceremony, voting for international officers and

directors, seminars and endless opportunities to meet with Lions from across the world. Lions also can book bus tours to Lions' headquarters in Oak Brook or to founder Melvin Jones' re-made gravesite in the south suburbs. An option for sports fan is to purchase a ticket for the White Sox game against the Yankees on Thursday, 29th June.

Convention is a capstone experience for Lions. Members learn about other club and district projects and make personal connections with international leaders and representatives from headquarters. The week together allows Lions to fully appreciate what it means to be a Lion and what our service accomplishes. At this convention, members will understand and appreciate what Lions have achieved over the last 100 years.

TRAVEL TO CHICAGO

Turn to page 61 of this issue for details of the exclusive Chicago LCIcon travel offer from JTA Travel





OWN A LIMITED EDITION LIONS CLUBS CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE COIN

In celebration of 100 years of humanitarian service, Lions Clubs International is working with the United States Mint to produce a limited-edition, exquisitely crafted silver dollar coin.

The coin features Lions founder, Melvin Jones, with the Lions Clubs logo on the front and a family of lions with a globe behind them on the reverse. Each coin is packaged in its own presentation case and is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity.

ONE COIN – MANY PURPOSES

For a limited time only, you can order this historic Lions Clubs Centennial keepsake and support the life-changing work of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). For each coin sold, US\$10 will be paid to LCIF. This represents a US\$4 million opportunity to improve the lives of people in need through LCIF initiatives around the world.

LIMITED SUPPLIES

Lions Clubs Centennial coins will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Once sold out, no additional coins will be minted.

These commemorative coins will only be for sale during calendar year 2017. They are available to buy from:

<http://lions100.lionsclubs.org/EN/about/centennial-coin.php>

COST

Uncirculated coins cost \$51.95 and proof coins cost \$52.95. (Shipping fees, plus any applicable duty and taxes will be extra). You can buy as many coins as you would like, providing there is sufficient inventory.

COIN SPEC

The Lions Clubs Centennial coin is US\$1 legal tender. Each coin is composed of 90 percent silver and 10 percent copper. It weighs 26.730 grams, is 1.5 inches (3.81 cm) in diameter and has a reeded edge. You can choose either an uncirculated or proof finish. **Uncirculated coins** are hand-loaded into the coining press and struck on specially burnished blanks, they have a soft, matt-like finish.

Proof coins receive the highest quality strike possible and can be distinguished by their mirror-like background and frosted foreground.



Celebrate 100 years of humanitarian service
by purchasing a Lions Clubs Centennial Commemorative Coin.

This exquisitely crafted, limited-edition, silver dollar coin is produced by the United States Mint and features our founder Melvin Jones.

This keepsake coin is the perfect way to honor our rich history and support the life-changing work of Lions around the world. For each coin sold, US\$10 is authorized to be paid to Lions Clubs International Foundation to improve the lives of even more people in need.

The Centennial Coins will only be minted during 2017 and supplies are limited. Don't miss your chance to own a piece of Lions history.



On Sale Now!
\$52.95
per proof-finish coin

Order your Centennial Coin today!
www.lionsclubs.org/coin

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN



DG Lion Balvinder Sokhi Elected to be Council Chairman 2017-18

The incoming Council of Governors for 2017-2018 have elected DG Lion Balvinder Sokhi from District 105E to be their Council Chairman. Balvinder will take office on 1st July 2017, as our Centennial year begins.

A member of the 2016-2017 Council of Governors, Lion Balvinder brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the role and we are sure he will have an enjoyable and successful year working with the incoming Council.

Lion Balvinder is a member of the Nottingham West Lions Club.



PICTURED:
Lion Balvinder Sokhi
with his wife, Rashpal



We Reached For The Skies!

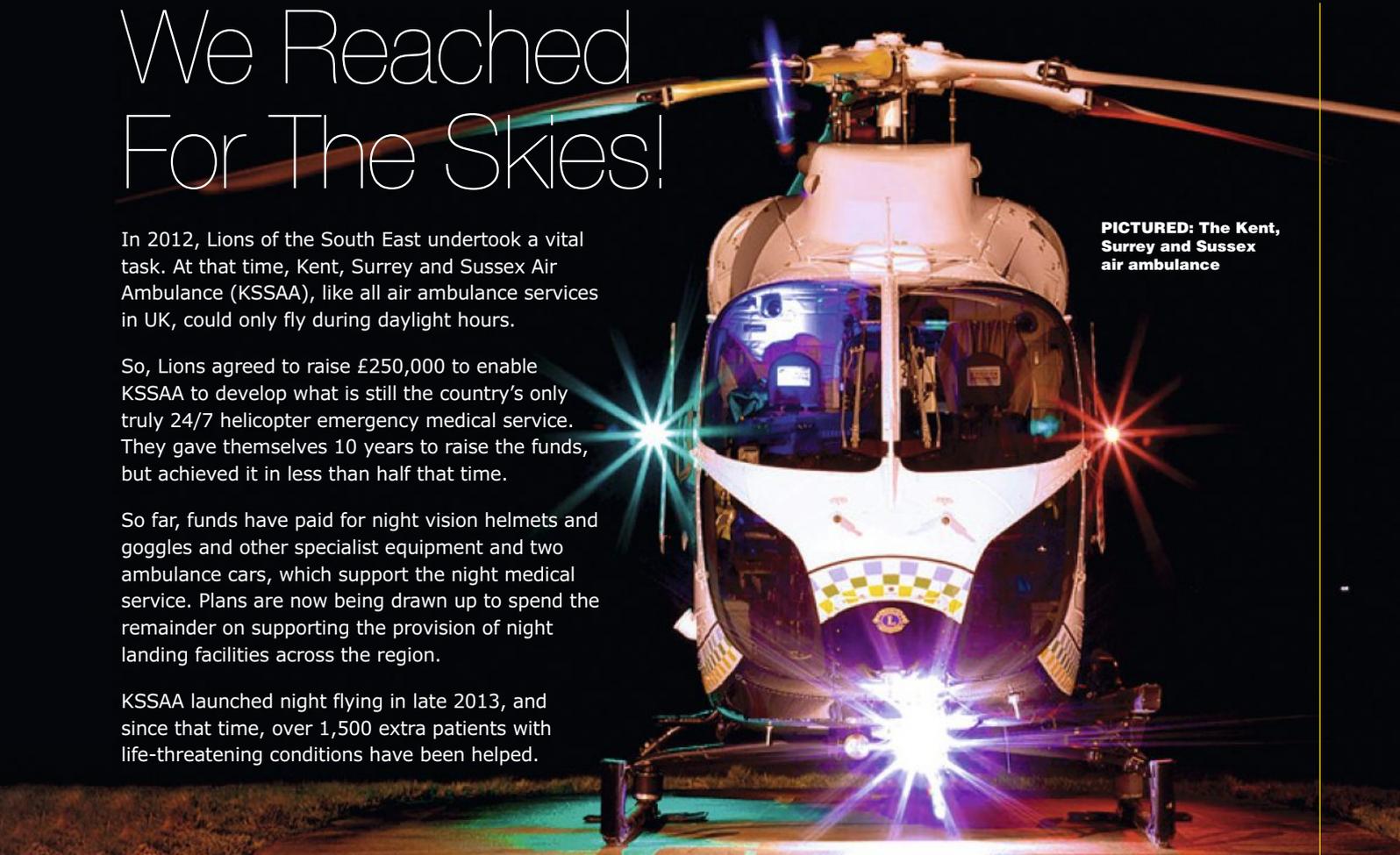
In 2012, Lions of the South East undertook a vital task. At that time, Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance (KSSAA), like all air ambulance services in UK, could only fly during daylight hours.

So, Lions agreed to raise £250,000 to enable KSSAA to develop what is still the country's only truly 24/7 helicopter emergency medical service. They gave themselves 10 years to raise the funds, but achieved it in less than half that time.

So far, funds have paid for night vision helmets and goggles and other specialist equipment and two ambulance cars, which support the night medical service. Plans are now being drawn up to spend the remainder on supporting the provision of night landing facilities across the region.

KSSAA launched night flying in late 2013, and since that time, over 1,500 extra patients with life-threatening conditions have been helped.

PICTURED: The Kent, Surrey and Sussex air ambulance



PICTURED: Lions Cheryl and Terry handing the cheque to Matt © Linda Oxley

Caistor Lions Welcome BBC Rickshaw Challenge

The BBC's Rickshaw Challenge visited Caistor in Lincolnshire on day six of its journey from Jedburgh to London in November. Accompanied by 'The One Show's' Matt Baker, six young people took it in turns to pedal the rickshaw along its 470-mile journey with Pudsey as passenger.

So far, the Rickshaw Challenge has raised over £12m for the annual Children In Need appeal and Caistor and District Lions took the opportunity to present Matt Baker with a donation to the cause.



Gnosall's 'Last Night of the Proms' Raises £5000

Gnosall Lions Club's eighth annual last night at the proms evening in the Gnosall Memorial Hall in November was again, a night to remember. Just under 100 people had a fantastic evening of music and singing courtesy of the Lea Hall Brass Band and Stafford's own Military Wives Choir.

Generous donations of £500 will be given to Gnosall Lions-approved local good causes.



PICTURED: Gnosall Lions' night to remember >>

Roaring Start to the Year by the Lions

Dartford Lion's President, Barbara Whitehead, presented a cheque recently to Mr Chris Iles for the Libra Charity which raises funds for King's College London Haematology Department.

Fellow Lion, Chris Iles, explained to Club members how much every penny makes to patients.

While the money has been used on different pieces of equipment throughout the years, the latest piece of technology purchased by King's College with Libra's donations is an ambulatory unit. This is a mobile unit for the treatment of leukaemia, which can be used in different hospitals and locations throughout the country. It means patients can be treated without being admitted to hospital long-term.

Press Officer for the Club, Ragbhir Sandhu, said: "As a local Club we are proud to support a large number of local charities, this is only achievable with the support of the local community and members."





PICTURED: (L-R) John Marsh, President of Ironbridge Lions, Louise Killey, Lingen Davies Unit Radiotherapy Manager) and Jill Marsh, Treasurer of Ironbridge Lions

Vital Shropshire Cancer Unit Gets Lions Boost

Members and friends of Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions visited the Lingen Davies Cancer Centre at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital to present a cheque for £500 to Radiotherapy Manager, Louise Killey. The money will go towards the purchase of a new Linear Accelerator for the unit.

Dishwasher Courtesy of Kirkham & Fylde Rural Lions

On a Saturday last November, LP Anne Studd and several members of Kirkham & Fylde Rural Lions Club attended the opening of the rebuilt and refurbished Kirkland and Caterall Memorial Hall, following Storm Desmond and the terrible damage done by the floods in the area.

The Lions presented the Memorial Hall with an industrial dishwasher as the one they had was destroyed by the floods. Hot meals are provided regularly to elderly people in the area so the dishwasher is an essential piece of equipment.



MOVEMBER



Movember.com

After nearly 40 years of wearing a moustache, Stowmarket Lion Roger Wallis visited the barber on 1st November to have his moustache shaved off. Along with fellow Lions, Roger supported MOVEMBER by raising funds and creating awareness of men's health issues. MOVEMBER.COM is the charity that tackles some of the biggest issues facing men such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer and mental health/suicide prevention.

Biggest Sum Raised at One Event?

The Great Yorkshire Bike Ride (GYBR) is an annual event, which began in 1983. Cyclists ride from Wetherby to Filey (76 miles) and to date, the event has raised over £2.5 million for local charities.

Wetherby District Lions Club plan the logistics of the ride and co-ordinate over 100 marshals throughout the route, mainly from neighbouring Lions Clubs. As a result of their involvement in this mammoth event Wetherby Lions receive payment which last year was (as the picture shows) £21,103.

They think this could be the largest amount that Lions have raised at one event. Unless, of course, you know better? Let us know by email at: lion.editor@lionsclubs.co



PICTURED: Wetherby Lions receive £21,103 after marshalling the GYBR



Gower & Llŵchwr Estuary Lions Club do Things Differently!

Gower & Llŵchwr Estuary Lions Club set out to raise £60,000 for a local boy, who needed digital prosthetic hands. It's a massive sum and it had to be done within only two years, so something pretty 'out of the ordinary' had to be pulled out of the hat and it involved premier football clubs.



PICTURED BELOW: Alan in the driving seat at the start of the dash around the football clubs

"We chose to target premier football clubs to help us because of Alan's love of football. As Alan's story had been on TV and featured in national newspapers, the Club thought that organising the trip around the country might bring more attention to the cause. Dave Williams and I were keen to do this for Alan and our whole trip was sponsored by local companies.

"For example, Best Western Hotels gave us most of the accommodation for overnight stops, Days Car hire lent us a new estate car and Tesco gave us gift cards so we could buy diesel.



PICTURED BELOW: Collecting a teddy from Sleaford Lions to auction

HOW THE FOOTBALL CLUBS WERE TACKLED

"We planned the trip to start at the beginning of the new football season in August, so in the spring, we sent letters to each premier league club giving Alan's story and details of why we were doing the trip with an approximate time and date for our proposed visit. Most replied welcoming us."

"Then we contacted Lions Clubs local to the grounds and predictably, this is where we got most response and help. Notably, at Stoke City Football Club who had initially said they didn't want to know, but when we went there with the local Lions Club to discuss our plans, with a local newspaper reporter and

To correct a complex heart defect, Alan, now nine years-old, underwent heart surgery when he was three, but picked up an infection while he was in hospital.

His heart had to work so hard to pump blood to his brain and lungs to keep him alive, that it stopped pumping the blood to his hands. Consequently, he lost all circulation to his fingers and unfortunately, the doctors were unable to save them.

Alan's mum, Hannah, said: "His only dream is to be like every other kid his age; to be independent, to dress himself and ride a bike with his friends."

LION editor, Nicky Rogers, spoke to Gower & Llŵchwr Estuary Lion,

David Willoughby, to find out how this exceptionally well-planned campaign hit its first target for Alan.

"There was no specific deadline, but we recognised that Alan needed his first hand as soon as possible. Starting with an initial planning meeting on Good Friday 2015, we had raised enough (£32,000) by the end of that August for his first hand, which he had fitted in the October. Alan can't have his second hand until his arm has grown more, probably by his 12th birthday in August 2017, and for this, we need another £33,000 but we have more time (with less pressure!) to do this.



PICTURED: With Stoke Lions at the Britannia Stadium



photographer, suddenly, Stoke City asked us to meet their press officer!

"The same thing happened at Southampton – when we met the local Lions at Southampton Football Club they had brought the Lord Mayor of the City with them and things changed.

"Manchester United was a tougher nut to crack and they initially declined any involvement, but letters about our campaign written to them by an avid fan changed the situation and they have kindly sent us a signed ball to auction."

ALAN'S INVOLVEMENT

"Right from the start, we have worked closely with Alan and his mum, Hannah. Alan has been a little star and helped in any way he can, of course, he was shy at first but has loved it since. He wanted to come with us on the trip but because of his complex medical condition it wasn't practical."

PULL TOGETHER

Recognising that this type of fundraising must involve a lot of work and co-ordinating, Nicky asked David if they appointed a project manager.

David said: "Not as such, we are a small club of eight members, some of whom are still working. We work as a team with each member having their own particular strengths. We worked together to do the planning, I acted as secretary and Dave secured the sponsorship."

It should be pointed out here that it was the football clubs themselves who provided support, not club supporters or match spectators. The Gower & Llŵchwr Estuary Lions took care to visit clubs during the week (avoiding match days) and also avoiding complications of

collecting from spectators because of licencing restrictions.

Football clubs generally donated balls, shirts or ground tours for auction and expected absolutely nothing in return, but David said: "We sent thank you letters to every football club that helped us with a photograph of the highest bidder receiving their auctioned item. What's more, none of the football clubs had any objections to the Lions using club names in any of our PR."

ANY DISADVANTAGES?

Nicky asked David if there were any disadvantages to involving businesses such as football clubs in fundraising campaigns, but he was quite positive, "It's a good way of collecting merchandise for auctioning at a function later, this is good IF you are in the right place with a lot of premiership club supporters and an event can be held. We did have a couple of problems though when we felt that the auction prices we achieved for donated goods weren't as high as we hoped."

This was a very special case which deserved very special plans to raise as much money as possible. David cautions: "It's doubtful that we'll plan such a campaign again. This was a special case, we had great response from Lion and Leo Clubs, many of whom had done fundraising themselves for Alan and presented us with cheques. An added bonus for us is that the contact we made with some of the Lions Clubs we worked with during our trip has been maintained.

"It was hard work, remember that we spent eight days away from home and travelled almost 1,500 miles."

David's advice to other Lions Clubs who may be planning a similar campaign is

to never take no for an answer! As seen by their turn-around responses from two football clubs, things can and do change!

PARTICIPATING LIONS CLUBS:

- Bournemouth Lions
- City of Liverpool Lions
- City of Southampton Lions
- Fairlop Leos
- Fairlop Lions
- Harrow & Pinner Lions
- Norwich Lions
- Sleaford Lions
- Solent Lions
- Stoke on Trent Lions
- Stoney Stratford Lions
- Wanstead & Woodford Lions

PARTICIPATING FOOTBALL GROUNDS VISITED:

- Arsenal
- Aston Villa
- Bournemouth
- Chelsea
- Chrystal Palace
- Everton
- Leicester
- Liverpool
- Manchester City
- Manchester United
- Newcastle
- Norwich
- Southampton
- Stoke City
- Sunderland
- Swansea
- Tottenham Hotspur
- Watford
- West Bromwich Albion
- West Ham

MEDIA COVERAGE

- Local paper and the Stoke Centinal
- Swansea Wave Radio interview and live updates throughout the trip
- Alan was interviewed on ITV Wales 6pm news and thanked Lions



PICTURED: Then there was Norwich



PICTURED: The new Chelsea players?



PICTURED: With City of Liverpool Lions at Everton



Marie Curie

Care and support through terminal illness

The Great Daffodil Appeal

Since entering into partnership with Marie Curie in 2013, the Lions Clubs support of the Great Daffodil Appeal has been incredible. It has already helped fund an amazing 31,000 hours of care for people living with a terminal illness. In 2015, the partnership was extended for a further three years.

Marie Curie is also helping with two existing Lions campaigns; the spectacle recycling scheme and the Lions 'Message in a Bottle'.

There are collection points for spectacle recycling at Marie Curie shops in 180 high street locations and Lions Clubs will support the scheme by delivering the collection boxes. Posters will be displayed in the shop windows to show support of the scheme and anyone can leave their old spectacles there.

Marie Curie is making patients and their families aware of the Lions 'Message in a Bottle' scheme via the Marie Curie Nursing Service, volunteer-led Helper Service, Information and Support Service and Hospice out-patient services.

BLOSSOMING PARTNERSHIP

The partnership has developed a huge amount since 2013 and the ways in which Lions Clubs and Marie Curie are working together is really exciting.

This year, Lions Clubs are invited to support the Great Daffodil Appeal collections once more, a great way to help raise funds for local Marie Curie nursing care. Lions Clubs may also like to offer to support placing daffodil boxes in local shops, pubs and businesses throughout March. Marie Curie community fundraisers may have already been in touch to see if your Club can support them again in 2017 with collections, box placements or possibly (and hopefully) both!

It is important that Lions Club members know that the money that they raise is used to provide local, direct, hands-on nursing care either at home or in a Marie Curie hospice for all our loved ones with terminal illness.



PICTURED:
Lion Carol Smith



PICTURED:
Lion Girdhar Sodha

Every collector counts!

"When we go out collecting, the response from the general public is great. They give what they can with a smile. People are very thankful and appreciative of everything Marie Curie Nurses do."

- Girdhar Sodha, Great Daffodil Appeal collector

Collecting for our 2017 Green Daffodil Appeal is a great way to help Marie Curie.

As Girdhar Sodha, who collects with his local Lions Club, says, "I feel proud in giving back to the community."

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We recycle used spectacles here

Help our volunteer partner, Lions Clubs of the British Isles and Ireland by donating your used spectacles and lets help them reach 1 million pairs a year. These are re-distributed in clinics and eye camps across Africa, India and eastern Europe.

To find out more about your local Lions Club, please contact:

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Marie Curie Community Fundraisers would be happy to visit your Zone meetings to tell you about the difference you make. Please drop a line to Mandy Broadbent at pr@lionsclubs.co if you would like a visit or be able to offer support.



Lions Promote Website to Encourage Charitable Giving

The Lions Foundations are encouraging members of the public to support Lions appeals through our charity giving website www.lionsgiving.co.uk

The website, which is continually being developed, provides visitors with information about local, national and international Lions projects. It emphasises the need for donations and volunteers. As part of the PR drive, a new leaflet has been created so that Lions can share details about Lions Giving at events.

Clubs can help raise awareness by promoting www.lionsgiving.co.uk to members of the public who are interested in our work or keen to support our appeals. Our website enables users to make one off and regular donations with ease (there is also an option to gift-aid donations). It also provides information about other ways to give across all appeals – through fundraising activities, gifts in celebration and gifts in memory of a loved one.

There are individual donation pages for every featured appeal, so if you are promoting a particular project you can share the link to the relevant page and have peace-of-mind that funds are going to the right place.

There is also a dedicated volunteer section which features inspirational Lions members and it also encourages people who are interested in our work to get involved with their local Lions Club.

If you would like some of the new leaflets to share at events, please send details to info@lionsgiving.co.uk and we will happily send some to you. The leaflet is also available to download on the Lions Giving website.

If possible, please share the link to the Lions Giving website via your official Club website.



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Lions In Action At Home & Abroad

Lions Giving, [lionsgiving.co.uk](http://www.lionsgiving.co.uk), has been launched to help raise vital funds and encourage volunteers for various appeals run by members of Lions Clubs in the British Isles. These Clubs form part of Lions Clubs International, the world's largest voluntary service organisation. With your help, we aim to raise essential funds and gain more volunteers to help develop major appeals in your community, across the UK and also overseas.

We support appeals that are launched in times of crises and long-term campaigns that have a positive impact on the lives of others. By choosing to support our Lions appeals, you are giving something back to our local communities and ensuring that valuable work can be carried out in times of disaster. From hospices and hospitals, through to flood victims and air ambulance services - we support them all.

www.lionsgiving.co.uk





Lion Walks Across Europe

Lion Gordon Wilson has raised over £3,000 for the LCIF by walking to Poland.



PICTURED: The Mayor of Leeds, Councillor Gerry Harper and representatives from Lion's districts 105BN and 105C say goodbye to Gordon

On 1st September 2016, the Mayor of Leeds, representatives from Lion's Districts 105BN and 105C and members of the public gathered at Leeds Town Hall to wave goodbye to a Lion who is relocating to Poznan, Poland (Lions District 121).

City of Salford Lions Club member, Gordon, had been a teacher at a special needs school in Eccles and he wanted to do something to help those that were really suffering around the world.

Like everyone else over the last couple of years, Gordon had watched the plight of refugees and read about the devastating earthquake in Nepal. Having attended conventions and seen presentations on the Lions Clubs International Foundation, he decided that this would be the ideal recipient for his fundraising.

HEAD EAST!

He walked from Leeds to Hull to catch a ferry to Europort, then continued on foot through Holland, Germany and into Poland. Each day, Gordon wrote an online diary at www.facebook.com/leedstopoznan where he was also able to communicate with family and friends.

Gordon was very comfortable sleeping in outdoors – in only a bivvi bag, but gratefully accepted offers of accommodation from strangers who so generously opened their homes to him



PICTURED: Lion Gordon and his cousin, David, meeting the Mayor of Zbaszwnk

and what's more, offered food and laundry facilities. Gordon said: "It is hard to single anyone out, but Mr Hope was perhaps the most inspirational. He had heard of my walk via the internet and offered accommodation as I passed.

"He opens his home to refugees and gives them language lessons.

"If we all realised just how similar we are to the refugees crossing Europe, perhaps we would treat them with a little more humility and help them settle in and integrate – their lives are already hard enough"

Gordon met a few groups of refugees on his journey, all of whom were working hard on their language and cultural understanding, with many already working and enhancing their host communities.

NOT ALL PLAIN SAILING

Unfortunately, mid-way through his journey, his water filter failed and he became ill after drinking some river water; leading to two nights in hospital. Gordon said: "It was an awful experience, everything was fine then suddenly I was ill all the through the night.



for Peace and Humanity

“We have such busy lives and forget just how easy it is to make a difference for others. The smallest of gestures can have a huge impact.”

his hospital stay, he decided that he would do a good deed every day to show people how easy it is to help others.

These good deeds included talking to elderly people, helping to clear leaves, cleaning people's houses, and sharing his food with the homeless. "We have such busy lives and forget just how easy it is to make a difference for others. The smallest of gestures can have a huge impact." Gordon said, trying to encourage others to get involved with the community.



PICTURED: Gordon was very comfortable sleeping outdoors

POZNAN IN SIGHT

Eventually, Gordon made it to Poznan. Before the city limits, some close friends had again joined him and walked with him to the Poznan sign. It was here they made him stop, decorated him in the Polish colours and pulled out a bottle of sparkling wine to celebrate. Gordon's final 10km walk the following day into the city centre and the town hall was broadcast live on TV.

"It was great to finish and my wife was waiting for me with a welcome home banner. The fact that the finish was broadcast live on TV made it really special."

UNEXPECTED VISITORS

However, once in Poland he had a few visitors. He arrived at the German/Polish border where his close friends and family had come to meet him and ensure he was fed well enough to continue his journey. "It was amazing. People had said they would join me at the border, although I thought they would have forgotten by the time it took me to get there. But there they were!

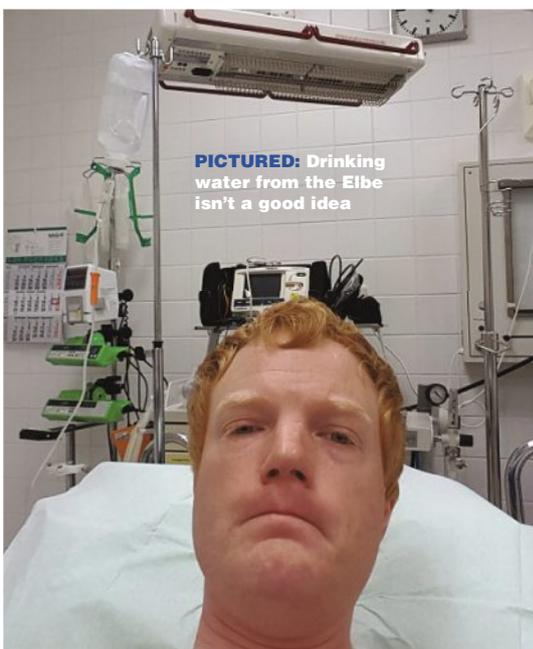
"Standing by the border were some really good friends, and then my wife and father-in-law turned up!."

A week later, as he passed through a village, a couple of elderly ladies who were clearing leaves invited him in for coffee. This was at the precisely the same time that his wife, Ela, was trying to track him down again by following his GPS signal.

"I couldn't find him anywhere." she said, as she explained that she had been driving up and down the road a few times. Eventually she phoned him.

Gordon said: "My phone rang while I was having coffee with the ladies, it was a huge surprise.

"Ela asked me to look in the back of her car. There, I saw a pile of bedding and told Ela it was a very nice offer, but I was already carrying too much weight – then up jumped my cousin from Newcastle, so we spent the next three days walking together."



PICTURED: Drinking water from the Elbe isn't a good idea

"I am so glad the hotel receptionist kept checking up on me and decided to call an ambulance."

Thankfully, he made a swift recovery and he was quickly back on the road. He noticed that Eastern Germany was still suffering economically, with abandoned villages and towns and little options when it came to resupply of food and water.

From this point on, Gordon realised that he could do even more. He had stopped from time-to-time and helped someone lift a heavy item into his car or to hold a door open, but following



PICTURED: Welcome home



PICTURED: United Nations in Chester

Youth Exchange

Margaret Marsh, of Ellesmere Port & District Lions reports on the 2016 Youth Exchange.

Some 33 students from different countries, arrived in the UK on Tuesday 19th July 2016 and 10 of them were met at Manchester Airport, by their hosts for the Youth Exchange 2016 in District BS.

YEX D.O. Pauline Hodgkinson, of Stoke-on-Trent Lions, had organised several days out for the group of girls, including to Liverpool, Llandudno and Chester.

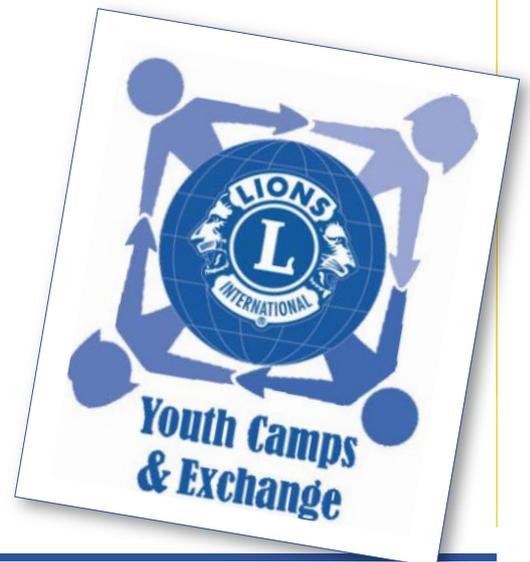
They were shown round Llandudno by Tim Faulkener and Brian Casson from Llandudno Lions. The girls were told about the connection of the town with Alice in Wonderland, walked on the Pier or beach and enjoyed a trip up the Great Orme on the tram after lunch. A fish and chip supper rounded off the day.

Chester provided history, friendship, food and fun especially when the Town Crier, David Mitchell, tried to greet all the girls in their own language.

Ellesmere Port & District Lions hosted an International Food Fest, when all the YEX girls brought a dish from their own country. Diners enjoyed food from Austria, Belarus, Denmark, Greece, Israel, Norway, Sweden, Slovakia and the Ukraine with several Lions adding dishes from Bangladesh, France, Gibraltar, Italy, Mexico, Nigeria, South Africa and, of course, scones with clotted cream.

Hosts were Pauline and Bill Hodgkinson (Stoke-on-Trent), Carole and Edward Godden (Stoke-on-Trent), Teresa and Don Nickson (Buckley and Mold), Ros and Jeff Dixon (Stafford)

and Margaret Marsh (Ellesmere Port & District). Hosting Youth Exchange students is what Lionism is all about – fun, fellowship and supporting youth.





PICTURED: Food fest!

Youth achievement

Lewis Goldsworthy from Praze, is the latest recipient of the Camborne Redruth & District Lions Club Youth Achievement award.

Lewis (15) is a very talented young cricketer and as a left hand spin bowler and a good high order batsman, he is tipped to play the sport at a very high level.

He has played for Cornwall since he was eight, and this year, two years ahead of his age group, played for Cornwall under 17s. He is approaching 100 caps and his batting and bowling statistics, for Cornwall, are 3,000 runs and 120 wickets.

After Lewis represented the South & West of England in the Bunbury Festival, he was selected for a three-day England trial match at Loughborough from where he has been chosen to represent England U16s for the tour to Sri Lanka in March.

Lion President, Viv Broadhurst, was delighted to present Lewis with the Lions Youth Award certificate and a £50 cheque. He was given a further £250 to help cover additional costs incurred during the February half-term training session with the England Squad at Loughborough.



PICTURED: (L-R) Lion President Viv Broadhurst, Lewis Goldsworthy, Lion Neil Heathcote (Youth Officer)



PICTURED: The Year 12 networking lunch

Thornbury Lions Premium Partnership Scheme

Kevin Simpson is a member of the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET), and as the Youth Officer of Thornbury Lions Club, he helps to promote engineering as a profession.

I established a staff contact at Castle School & Marlwood School, and while waiting in the reception to meet her I noticed a full page of business logos in the school magazine, representing local companies who were supporting the school.

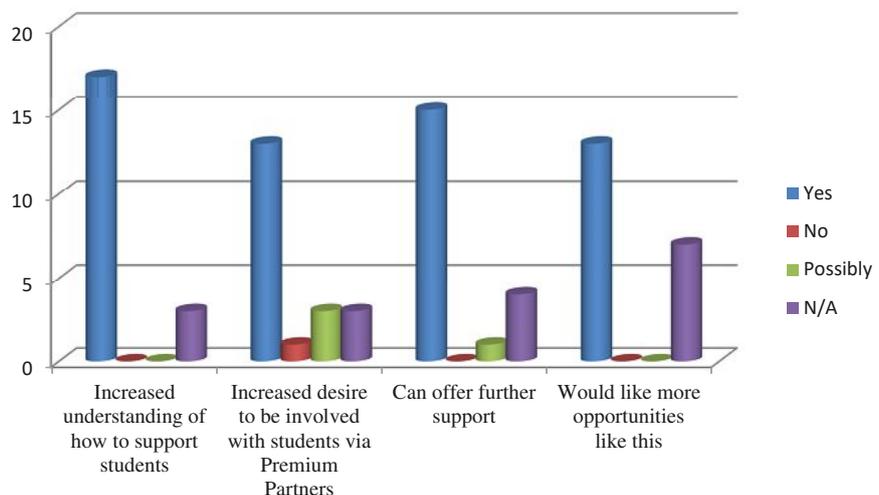
During our conversation, she agreed to give all the promotional material I had received from the IET, to the relevant teachers at the school.

She came to our next Lions welfare meeting to give a presentation about the school's 'Premium Partnership Scheme', then later, after a resounding vote in favour, we applied to join the scheme, becoming a Premium Partner. Our application was accepted as a 'Partner in Kind' meaning we wouldn't have to pay an annual fee, but we would continue to provide books, sponsor school events, provide trophies and generally support the school wherever we deemed appropriate.

By accepting invitations from the school we have opportunities to meet, mentor and offer our experience and advice to the students at events throughout the year, e.g.

- Mock interviews for year 10 and 11 Pupils
- Business forums with other Premium Partners
- Volunteer award ceremony for pupils who have served the local community
- Sixth form networking lunch
- End of term achievement award evening

Data collected from the 20 businesses from the network lunch





What the students said about the lunch:

"I now understand what employers look for in a person."

"People can change careers multiple times."

"I pushed myself out of my comfort zone."

"I have been educated on the meaning and purpose of networking as well as its applications in working life."

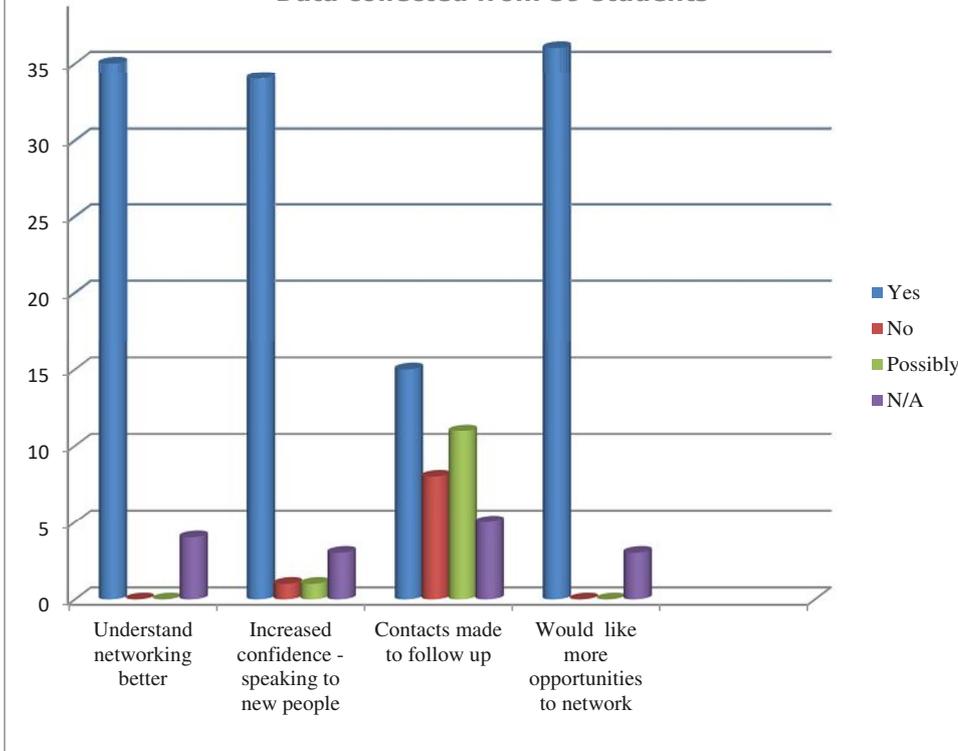
"I heard people's stories about what they have done to get to where they are now."

"I could ask questions and gain some knowledge about areas I was unsure of."

"I learned about how someone started their own company."

"We discussed future prospects, and routes to careers."

Data collected from 39 students



What the business people said about the lunch:

"The students are so eloquent."

"This offers a fantastic opportunity for both businesses and students."

"The confidence of the students is particularly refreshing."

"I was surprised how good their communication skills were for their age."

"The students had such a diverse range of ideas and plans for their future!"

The Lions webpage now appears on the Castle School Premium Partners' website and we display our Lions pop up banner at all these events.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Nashville, Tennessee, USA – October 13-16, 2016

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

1. Approved a resolution to direct the district governor of District 300 C1 (MD 300 Taiwan) to work with Past International President Tam in recommending Lions be appointed as first vice district governor in a fair and consistent way. Further, the board approved that in the event the district is not able to comply with the directives of the board, further action will be taken by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee.
2. Revised the Standard Form District Constitution and By-Laws in Chapter VII of the Board Policy Manual for clarification purposes.
3. Revised the Standard Form District Constitution and By-Laws in Chapter VII of the Board Policy Manual to remove an unnecessary duplication of policy.
4. Revised the Neutral Observer Policy in Chapter XV of the Board Policy Manual to clarify who appoints the neutral observer.
5. Revised the Trademark Policies in Chapter XV of the Board Policy Manual related to the timing of when a convention trading pin is considered a "collectible."
6. Adopted a resolution to be reported to the 2017 International Convention to amend the International By-Laws to amend the timing of the official call to be consistent with the notice of amendment requirements.
7. Adopted a resolution to be reported to the 2017 International Convention to amend the International By-Laws related to the number of directors elected from the United States to reflect recent amendments to the International Constitution.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

1. Revised the 2017 Chicago Convention Schedule.
2. Established per diem allowances for appointed Credentials Committee members serving without other reimbursement, District Governors-elect and District Governors-elect Faculty and headquarters staff attending the Chicago convention.
3. Revised Elections Procedures to combine certification and voting at convention.
4. Revised bid policy to allow an exception to the endorsement requirement.

DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

1. Approved Coordinating Lions for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.
2. Approved the redistricting proposal received from Multiple District 105 (British Isles and Ireland) and Multiple District 323 (India) to take place at the adjournment of the 2017 International Convention and the redistricting proposals submitted by Multiple District 24 (Virginia), Multiple District 32 (South Carolina) Multiple District 43 (Kentucky) be approved and take place at the adjournment of the 2018 International Convention.
3. Approved an amendment to the Standard Form Club Constitution and By-Laws, Exhibit C, to add Club LCIF Coordinator to the Organization Plan section.
4. Approved name badge designs for the LCIF Chairperson, Trustees and LCI Board Appointees.
5. Approved Simplified Chinese as an official language of the association.
6. Clarified the policy regarding automobile expenses related to DGE attendance to the DGE Seminar held during the International Convention.

FINANCE AND HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE

1. Approved the FY 2017 1st Quarter Forecast, reflecting a deficit.
2. Approved the amendment of the Board Policy Manual to increase the number of expensed travel reimbursements for the presidential appointee from one to up to two forum planning meetings.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Approved curriculum support for a locally planned, delivered and financed ELLI in Korea, provided that the application is received and the program will be fully financed locally, including translation. Instructors must be approved by LCI, and LCI will provide a representative to evaluate the process as has been done with previous pilots.
2. Approved the curriculum plan, schedule, and group leader team for the 2017 District Governors-Elect Seminar.
3. Approved the move of the DGE Seminar to a fixed location near headquarters and the presentation of the DGE Seminar earlier in the fiscal year for a pilot period of five years. This pilot plan will commence with the 2019 DGE Seminar.
4. Revised the Board Policy Manual, Chapter XIV, paragraph D.10.e. to clarify that District Governor-Elect Seminar group leaders must have the ability to speak and understand English, or have local access to non-LCI translation services, for communications between group leaders and Lions Clubs International Headquarters.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Approved the Involve a Veteran program to be extended to all constitutional areas to June 30, 2018, as well as include active duty military personnel.
2. Revised board policy to allow charter fees to be submitted after charter applications are submitted, but before the charter is approved.
3. Revised board policy to add that effective Jan. 1, 2018, all new club charter applications must be submitted through MyLCI.
4. Revised board policy to allow the Membership Development Committee to review and approve appropriate deviations to the policy requiring 75 percent of new members who reside or work within the multiple district.
5. Amended board policy related to the process for districts who charter 10 or more clubs within a fiscal year. In addition to the district governor approving the charter application, either the first vice district governor, second vice district governor, or the GMT Area Leader/Special Area Advisor shall also approve. One half of the International dues will still be required prior to the approval of the charter.

MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

1. Approved all Centennial Grants submitted.
2. Approved the four-year digital marketing plan and adjusted budget and forecast accordingly.
3. Revised board policy manual to accurately reflect the committee's name to "Marketing Communications Committee".
4. Revised board policy manual to reflect the editor in chief of LION Magazine to "Chief of Marketing and Membership."

SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

1. Approved diabetes as the fifth service campaign area to be added to the Centennial Service Challenge effective during the final year of the centennial from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.
2. Awarded two additional Leos to receive the Leos of the Year Award for 2015-2016.
3. Revised Chapter XXII updating the term office for Leo president in the Standard Leo Club Constitution.

For more information on any of the above resolutions, please refer to the LCI website at www.lionsclubs.org or contact the International Office at 630-571-5466.



Tetbury Lions Win Second Major Award

Tetbury Lions has won a National Parish Magazine award out of more than 600 entries for its monthly 'Tetbury Advertiser' publication.

The award scheme is for volunteers all over the country who devote an enormous amount of time and effort, to produce magazines that service their communities.

The judging panel considered four criteria including, artwork, page layout and graphics, the variety of articles, photos and general information, order of content variety, accuracy and interest value and quality of finishing and printing. By any standard this is a magnificent result for a first time entry and one that, once again, promotes the work of Lions to a wider audience.



PICTURED: (L-R) Dave Roberts, Lions President Alan Cross and Tetbury Advertiser editor Richard Smith

It's Not Always About What we do as Lions!

Christchurch Lions Secretary, Richard Allen, a former Bristol policeman, has been given a 'Special Recognition' award for his 'incredible contribution to the wider community.' The award was made at the MTM Awards Ceremony 'Celebrating the Excellence & Achievements of Asian, Black & Ethnic Minorities' at the Bristol Marriott Hotel in December 2016.

Richard was a member of the management board of the Bristol-based charity SARI (Stand Against Racism and Inequality) and he said: 'This award came as a complete

surprise. I am very pleased, of course, but I think the award says much more about the magnificent, often extremely distressing, work skilfully undertaken on a daily basis by SARI, rather than any contribution I may have made.'

Club President, Lorraine Kenyon, said: "I think this illustrates very clearly that Lions attracts some very special people and we're delighted for Richard and very pleased that his work has been publicly recognised in this way."

Special Award For Blind Painter

Senior citizens paint visions of peace in Israel

Israeli Lions sponsored the Golden Age Painting Competition, held at the Knesset (Parliament) in Jerusalem. The theme for the paintings was drawn from the Bible: 'They will beat their swords into ploughshares' and 'Nation shall not lift up sword against nation.'

Forty pictures were submitted by painters, several of whom were blind, from Argentina, Belgium, Russia, Switzerland and Israel.

A panel of judges chose the winner; 73-year-old Eli Zarfati of Ashkelon in Israel. In his painting (pictured), the red symbolises conflict and the butterflies are flying to hold back the winds of war. Within the cut out shape of a tank, a plough is preparing to sow seeds of peace.

A special award was given to Israeli Lion Gila Ezrachi, one of the blind painters.

PICTURED: Winning painting by Eli Zarfati





PICTURED: Members of the Lions Club of Bletchley at St Mary's Church Food Cupboard

Food, Glorious Food

Just before Christmas, the Lions Club of Bletchley donated £500 to St Mary's Church Food Cupboard. All requests for food parcels are received from Milton Keynes Children's Social Services and over the years, the Food Cupboard has become a prime, unbiased source of emergency fresh

food for families in need. The food is bought on the way to the recipient's home, which could anywhere in the MK post code area, and delivered directly to their door.

There are two food packs distributed by Food Cupboard: one which

provides the basic food needed to feed a family of four for one week, and one pack which will feed a small family, (single parent and baby or very young child) with nappies and baby milk/food as required.

Cheltenham Lions Help Ray Get on his Bike

Cheltenham Lions welcomed the Treorchy Male Choir to Cheltenham Town Hall, where an audience of almost 700 enjoyed a wonderful evening of choral music. Funds raised went towards the purchase of a special tricycle for Ray Blackwell, a local man, who was injured in a skiing accident six years ago, leaving him with serious brain damage.

Before his accident Ray was a keen racing cyclist, taking part in many amateur events in the Pyrenees and Alps, and although he has still power in his legs, he is unable to walk or stand unaided. Following a visit to a Leonard Cheshire Centre, Ray discovered a two-seated tricycle he could use, so this purchase funded by Cheltenham Lions enables Ray and his friends to get out and about in his village.



PICTURED: Ray Blackwell and friend



PICTURED: The Treorchy Male Choir



Lechlade & District Lions' New Government Funded Minibus

In 2014, The Department for Transport, (DfT), invited bids to access a £25 million community minibus fund. The Lechlade & District Lions, led by David Sharp, submitted one of the 300 successful bids. Under David's guidance, the Lions specified what was needed and the minibus was commissioned as an air-conditioned, 16-seater, with an automatic wheelchair lift cassette. The minibus also came with an reversing camera, front and rear parking sensors and an electric step. It was delivered in October 2016 and the Right Honourable Geoffrey Clifton Brown MP, was invited to Lechlade to officially hand over the keys to Lion President, David Benson.

Lechlade & District Lions believe it is the first time that a Lions Community minibus has been completely funded by the Government. They say that their success in this bid was largely due the minibus management group who run the service following the Government guidelines of the Section 19 Licensing System. This requires all using groups to hold their own Section 19 licenses and their nominated drivers all have to pass a driving assessment.

Should any other Lion club wish to consult Lechlade & District Lions with their own application, then please email minibus@lechladelions.org.uk



PICTURED: The winning team from Clyro Church of Wales School

Black Mountains Lions annual schools quiz

Once again, the Black Mountains Lions Annual Quiz was held at Gwernyfed School in January 2017, and was supported four pupils from each of the seven schools; Hay-on-Wye, Clifford, Talgarth, Clyro, Bronllys, Llangorse and Llyswen. There were 10 questions in each category (geography, local knowledge, science, history and general knowledge), the scores of all teams were close and we congratulate them all.

Coming first this year, by just one point, was Clyro Church of Wales School. They will hold the trophy for one year and each student was awarded a £20 book voucher, their school received £300. All other students received a £10 book token for taking part.

Second was Llangorse, with Clifford coming a close third.

The Black Mountains Lions would like to thank all staff involved and Gwernyfed for hosting the event.

Keswick Celebrates 100

Keswick Lions Club honours members of its community on their 90th and 100th birthdays so two of their Charter Members, Allan Little and Alan Dunn, visited George Corson on his 100th birthday to take him a card and book token.

The two Keswick Lions had a long chat with George about the significance of both the Lions Organisation Centenary and his own!



PICTURED: Happy 100th birthday George



PICTURED: Blind Veterans' HQ at Llandudno

A Golden Opportunity for Lions

On Sunday, 23rd April 2017, please watch out for 10 specific runners in the Virgin London Marathon. They will be running on behalf of the Lions International Centenary and raising money for the Blind Veteran facility at Llandudno.



PICTURED: Lion Ian Turner

The runners have the unique opportunity of participating in one of the World Marathon Majors (the others being Tokyo, Boston, Berlin, Chicago and New York). This is the largest annual one-day fundraising event worldwide, so is a real chance to raise the profile of Lions Clubs and to benefit a very worthy cause.

The 10 Golden Bond places have been made available by Chester Lions Club, the only Lions Club in the United Kingdom to have these Golden Bond places, and they have raised £300,000 for local charities over the past 18 years.

Each of the runners will wear the very distinctive Lions Centennial team vest as modelled by Lion **Ian Turner** from the Llandudno Lions Club (Lions District BS), one of the



SUPPORTERS

Spectators supporting the 'Team Lions' will wear tabards/bibs of a similar design to the running vests to be clearly visible to both the runners (for encouragement) and the spectators, thus raising the profile of Lions International and the Centennial.

BENEFICIARY

The ultimate beneficiary of the money raised by the runners will be Blind Veterans UK, Llandudno. The money raised will be used to expand the rehabilitation facilities for sight-impaired and limbless ex-service men and women. The state-of-the-art facilities will provide essential services to improve the quality of their lives and when completed, will be used to deliver the 'Lifeskills for Independent Living Project', which comprises a tailored programme of counselling and training within the purpose-built accommodation for those younger veterans needing this vital support.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE RUNNERS THROUGH SPONSORSHIP OF 'TEAM LIONS'.

You can pledge your support online through Virgin Money Giving <http://lionsgiving.co.uk/news/london-marathon> or send in your donation to your **District Treasurer** to pass onto the Charities Treasurer, Lion Tom Berry.

Please write '**London Marathon**' on the reverse of cheques.

The Lions Clubs Foundation CIO (Registered Number 1164711)

No money will be taken for administration or overheads and all proceeds are going to the Blind Veterans project in Llandudno.

Over the last 15 years, this scheme has grown and now includes more than 750 British charities with a total of 15,000 guaranteed places.



PICTURED: Spectators supporting the 'Team Lions' will wear tabards similar to the running vests to raise the profile of Lions International and the Centennial

participating runners for 'Team Lions'. The other 'Team Lions' runners are:

- **Helen Belkhodja** (Lions District SE)
- **Jamie Bradbury** (Lions District BS)
- **Martin Booth** (Lions District BN)
- **Lion Ayn Chatoo** (Kingsbury Lions Club – Lions District A)
- **Lion Laura Meston** (Louth Lions Club – Lions District E)
- **Alison Molton** (Lions District BN)
- **Scott O'Brien** (Lions District SE)
- **Lee Speight** (Lions District C)
- **Lion Tony Sykes** (Tetbury Lions Club – Lions District W)

We wish all the runners well on the day and are particularly grateful to them for all the hard work they have put in both to training and fundraising.



Special Olympics Athlete Cherishes his Role as a Lion

Cassandra Rotolo interviews Lion Steve Rodenbeck, who embodies the spirit of Special Olympics (SO) on and off the playing field.



PICTURED: Rodenbeck has played in flag football for Special Olympics since 2007

Lion Steve Rodenbeck's leadership in his community, on the field and in his workplace, represents the power that SO athletes have to influence those around them.

An SO athlete for nearly 20 years, Rodenbeck plays several sports. A proud member of Team New Jersey's flag football team during the 2010 USA Games in Nebraska, he led his teammates to a bronze medal. Rodenbeck was also a member of Team NJ during the 2014 USA Games, competing in unified volleyball. He and his teammates advanced to the 2015 World Games in

Los Angeles as members of SO USA. They proudly represented the USA and New Jersey, taking fourth place. He also competes in floor hockey, basketball and tennis.

Rodenbeck graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University, receiving an award for distinguished academic performance. He now works as a conference centre co-ordinator where he recently was honoured for 'doing right.'

Rodenbeck is very active in his community. Volunteering as a global messenger, he speaks publicly on behalf of SO. He currently serves as chairperson for the Athlete Congress, the governing body representing SO New Jersey athletes' interest. He also is president of his Garden State Champions Lions Club.

What made you want to become a Lion?

I wanted to make a difference in the community and other people's lives.

How has being a Lion made you a better athlete leader and community leader?

Being a Lion has taught me the value of teamwork within a group. Working on numerous service projects with the group

has enabled me to assist members. It's all about making a difference in the community and other people's lives.

What type of new skills has being a Lion taught you?

Leadership, teamwork and communication is the key.

How would you increase volunteering with Lions in your community?

By working and communicating with other Lions clubs in the area. This way, we can have our members plus members of the other Lions clubs working as one unit. Remember, there is no 'I' in team.

How do you see athlete leaders learning more about leadership opportunities with Lions to help their communities? What could our Clubs do to help that?

Athlete leaders could take Leadership Seminar courses to expand their leadership skills. This way, this will teach them the value of hard work and dedication while leading a team effort. Also, the more that we are involved with service projects and fundraisers, the more that we will feel that we have made a positive impact in our community.

How do you see local Lions helping with awareness for your Special Olympics programme?

Getting other Lions clubs to attend and participate in Special Olympics New Jersey events would be a simple way for them to see and embrace our Special Olympics community.

What is your one message to other Clubs regarding athlete engagement?

Help support our great cause by volunteering in our many events. We have sports training and competition September through to June. Athletes love to meet new volunteers. Also, our Garden State Lions Club is always looking forward to working as a unit and with other Clubs as well.

Champion clubs are special interest Lions Clubs that support Special Olympics. For information on the Lions Clubs International – Special Olympics partnership, visit lcif.org

HOW YOUR GIFT CAN HELP OUR WORK LIVE ON



Legacies, also known as bequests or gifts in your Will, are of vital importance to the Lions Foundations. After you have cared for your loved ones, by choosing to leave a gift in your Will to the Foundations, you can continue to support our Lions projects.

Charitable legacies are of real benefit to major Lions appeals on a local, national and international level. Gifts help those who are most in need as we only support appeals that are launched in times of crises, and long-term projects that have a positive impact on the lives of others, both at home and abroad.

When disaster strikes, charitable gifts enable us to act swiftly and provide support where it is needed most. By leaving a gift in your Will, you will help to ensure that the valuable work of Lions can continue beyond your lifetime. Legacies can also help to reduce inheritance tax liabilities.

HOW TO LEAVE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

1. State in your Will that you would like to leave a gift to us. We recommend using a solicitor or professional will-writer to make sure your Will is legal and valid.
2. Include the full foundation name of your choice and its registered charity number to make sure the money goes to the right place: The Lions Clubs Foundation LCI MD 105 Foundation, registered charity number 1164711
OR The Lions International South East England Lions Clubs Foundation, registered charity number 1158845.
3. If you would like your gift to go towards a specific Lions project, you may be able to add this into your Will.
4. If you have already written us into your Will, we are very grateful, and would appreciate it if you could let us know. Visit www.lionsgiving.co.uk to get in touch.

Alternatively, you can donate to a specific project or the Foundations online at www.lionsgiving.co.uk



OBITUARIES

These Lions of our Multiple District have recently left us. We honour their memory and the contribution they made in their Lionistic service for the good of others.



ASHFORD: Lion Susan

Swaffham Lioness Club and the new Lioness Lions Club of East Anglia. Susan was a Lioness for 15 years and subsequently, a Lion. Being involved in all aspects of Club life she was currently Swaffham Lioness Club Secretary, and three times Past President of the Club. Anything we did, Susan volunteered for, and she will be greatly missed by us all.

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BELL: Brenda (91)

Morpeth Lions Club. Morpeth Lions Club announce the death of Brenda Bell – a Lion in all but name. As wife of PDG George Bell the couple attended countless Conventions and endeared themselves to many. Holidays abroad saw them making firm friends of Lions and wives wherever their caravan took them. Deepest sympathies go to their family.

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BOOKER: Bob (94)

Leatherhead Lions Club. It is with deepest regret that Leatherhead Lions announce the passing of Bob Booker, a member since 1976. Twice a Lions President in 1984 and 1997, he brought a vigour and enthusiasm to everything he did. Generous in his wish to help others, he will be sorely missed by all members who will remember him for his happy, smiling demeanour.

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CHALLEN: Lion Valerie (75)

Saltash Lions Club. Saltash Lions Club announces the sad passing of Lion Val, a member for five years and in that short time, worked tirelessly for Lions and the community. A true lady and friend to all. Our thoughts are with her family.

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CLARK: Lion David PDG, MJF (91)

Newhaven, Peacehaven and Seaford Lions Club. A Past President of two clubs and District Governor of District 105 SE, David transferred to NPS in 1979 after nine years with Shorham, Southwick and Stenyng Lions Club. He was a Lion through and through and an inspiration to all. He was well respected by all and will be missed. Our thoughts are with his wife, Audrey.

DE YOUNG: Lion Tony Joseph (79)

Dursley Lions Club. Tony had been a lion since 1975 and was a Charter member of Dursley in 1982. Over the following years, he served as Fundraising Chairman, Lion with Special Responsibilities, Medic Alert, Programme Officer and President in 1998. Lion Tony passed peacefully following a prolonged period of ill health. Our thoughts are with his family.

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GRINBERGS: Lion Jose (Joe) (66)

Lions Club of Penrith. A member for 14 years during which time he was President and Zone Chairman, Joe served on all of the committees and was secretary twice. A passionate golfer, Joe was a highly respected member; he won the Lions Club District Trophy, the David Fairhurst Trophy, on a number of occasions, the last time being six weeks before his death. Our thoughts are with his wife, Anne, and her family.

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GROVER: Lion John (80)

Cheltenham Lions Club. John was Club President in 1997-98, and has held practically every other office in the Club in his 43 years, some for several years in succession. Throughout his Lion life, he was a very hard worker, always good-humoured, asked for nothing for himself, was stoic during his illness and altogether, a perfect Lion. We shall miss him.

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HARWOOD: Stephen

Darlington Lions Club. We are saddened to report the passing of Stephen Harwood, a member of the Club for over 15 years. As President, he was an enthusiastic leader. A keen photographer and press secretary, his articles and pictures were often included in local papers, highlighting the work of the Club and promoting awareness of Lions. Our condolences go to his wife, Joan, and family.

HILL: Lion Martin

Harborough Twenty 12 Lions Club. Martin was a Charter member of our Club and a founder member of the Branch Club that preceded it. He was an extremely active Lion, full of enthusiasm and great ideas, generous with his time and wise counsel and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

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HUNT: Lion John

Tring Lions. John devoted over 45 years of his life to Lions Clubs International and was an exceptional example of someone who truly believed in the organisation's purpose and ethics. He joined the Walton and Weybridge Club in 1969, becoming President, Zone Chairman and Deputy District Governor. He transferred to Harpenden Lions Club in 1983 and in 1989, became President and District Governor of District 105A. In 2008, he joined Tring Lions.

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JACK: Lion David (78)

Grimby Cleethorpes Lions Club. We are saddened to report the passing of Lion David Jack, a great friend of many and a true gentleman. He will be missed by friends here and in Italy, Belgium, and Germany, made through his years as the International Officer of this Club. David joined Lions in 1983, served as President in 1987, and was made a Melvin Jones Fellow in 2011. We have lost a good friend and a great Lion.

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KEEN: Pam

Babbacombe & St Marychurch Lions Club. We are very sad to report the death of a much loved and respected friend and past Lion, Pam. Her great love was youth projects but one of Pam's proudest moments was when the Club awarded her with a Melvin Jones Fellowship in 1997. She was a kind generous soul and will be missed. Our love goes to John and his family.

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KENT: Lion John (85)

Lowestoft Lions Club. Lowestoft Lions Club announce the passing to higher service of Lion John, on 15th November 2016. He became a Lion in January 1983 and when Lion John and Veronica moved to Norfolk, he transferred into the Downham Market Lions Club, where he served as President in 2004/05. After moving back to Suffolk, Lion John transferred to the Lowestoft Club. He served in a number of positions will be sadly missed. Our thoughts are with his wife, Veronica.

LONGHURST: Lion Bernard MJF (86)

Dartford Lions Club. It is with deep regret that we announce the death, on 1st November, of our dear friend, Bernard Longhurst. Bernard joined Dartford Lions in 1980 and was active in all aspects of Club life. He was Chairs of Welfare and Fundraising, President in 1984-85 and again in 1994-95. He was a very successful Club Secretary and, as a long-time Director, was an invaluable source of facts, figures and sage advice. We send condolences to Jill and her family.

MILLINGTON: Lion John (74)

Tickhill & District Lions Club. Called to higher duty on 19th November 2016, Lion John served the Club for the last 35 years and was a former Club President. He was a valued member of the Welfare Committee and had particular interest in youth and education; Lion John is survived by his wife, Margaret, and will be missed by us all.

MORGAN: Ralph Bernard MJF (86)

Lytham St. Annes Lions Club. Lytham St. Annes Lions Club announce the passing of Past President, Ralph, our longest serving member, after a long illness. A well-known and respected businessman, he served the Club in several offices, he cared for Lions Clubs International, its ethics and that they found expression in the local community. We have expressed our sympathies to wife Jean, son Peter, daughters Glenys and Rozalyn and their families.

PAYNE: Lion Robert MJF (70)

Saltash Lions Club. Saltash Lions sadly announce the death of Lion Bob, three times club President a proud Lion for over 35 years and was a guiding light in the development of the Club, Zone and District. We all greatly miss his humour and integrity. He was devoted to the local community and youth organisations. A true Lion and gentleman.

NELSON: Jerry (71)

Morpeth Lions Club. Jerry was a dedicated club member for nine years including two years as Treasurer. The spirit of Lionism shone through in everything he did. He was a true gentleman with a lovely unassuming nature who bore his final illness bravely. Our deepest sympathies go to his wife, Lilian, and their family. He is missed by us all.

RICHARDSON: Lion Geoff (86)

Tickhill & District Lions Club. Lion Geoff Richardson passed into higher service on 12th November 2016. He served the Club for 39 years, after joining as a Transfer Charter member from North Notts Lions Club, thus giving 47 years total service. He was a passionate advocate of the Lions Organisation and ethics and was an inspirational example to younger members. He is a sad loss to our Club.

THORNTON: Lion Terry MJF (87)

Calne Lions Club. Calne Lions Club is sad to report the passing of Lion Terry. A member for 27 years, he was highly respected and we will miss him. He was Social Chairman for many years and Chair of our National Disaster Committee. Our deepest sympathy goes to his wife, Sheila, and the family.

TILLEY: Lion Brian

Swadlincote & District Lions Club. Swadlincote & District Lions Club is saddened to report that Lion Brian Tilley has passed to higher service. A member since 2005, he was a dedicated and hard-working Lion, always willing to help. We will remember him with gratitude and pride. He will be sorely missed and our heartfelt condolences go to his sons, Ian and Neil, and his family.

WARREN: Lion Alan (72)

Camborne Redruth & District Lions Club. It is with great sadness that we mourn the loss of Lion Alan who passed to Higher Service on 13th January 2017. A Past President, he had, due to illness been unable to attend meetings for the past few years but kept in touch and always proudly wore his Lions pin. He had recently been made a privileged club member. Our sympathies go to his wife, Pauline, and his sons, Chris and Bobby.

WHITMORE: Lion Sean (46)

Lions Club of Bodmin. We are sorry to announce the loss of Lion Sean, very suddenly, aged 46. Although a member for only two years, Sean was making his mark as a committed Club member and assistant secretary. He was a well-known and respected local businessman, best known for his comment to all newcomers: "I haven't known you long enough to dislike you" with a big grin. Sadly missed by all.

YOUNG: Lion Ian

Knutsford & District Lions Club. Ian Young served the club for 35 years, three times as Club President. He gave his time selflessly and generously, and originated the idea of our Club's Centenary Fair to be held this May. He was a great support to new members and will be a sad loss to the Club.



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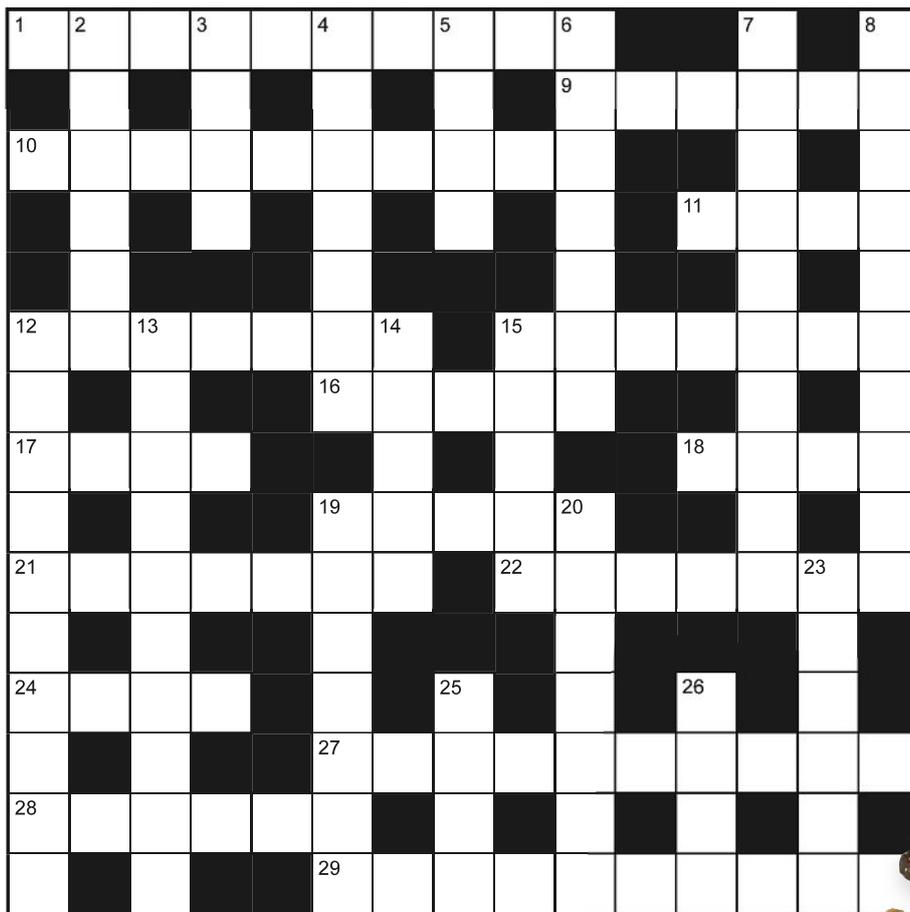
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- 9. On reflection Val is hard but generous (6)
- 10. Gran gets ring back in very short time (10)
- 11. Person revered by one pretty girl mostly (4)
- 12. One who foretells financial advantage for the auditor (7)
- 15. Cuts around university floodgates (7)
- 16. Irritable character in Grahame's story (5)
- 17. Rocks and Ecstasy impounded by judge (4)
- 18. Prevent vessels returning (4)
- 19. One following strict diet, say, in the lead (5)
- 21. Territorial dispute causing conflict at the racecourse? (4,3)
- 22. Left with beam after show (7)
- 24. Metal item used to control pet (4)
- 27. Symbolic tales spreading lies galore (10)
- 28. Striking single, move faster than opponent (6)
- 29. Forced away gentle bird (5,5)

DOWN

- 2. One departing bar is heard (6)
- 3. Northerner puts son on bed (4)
- 4. Around lake there's poor protection (7)
- 5. Above taking part in wildcat operations (4)
- 6. Ageing tree starts to look yellowish (7)
- 7. One justifying V-sign (10)
- 8. Could be holy popish thinking (10)
- 12. At sea patrol boat loses a little time in Welsh seaside town (4,6)
- 13. Responds excessively when engineer gets stuck into ham (10)
- 14. Sailor takes exercise to become thinner (5)
- 15. Reversed roles for band (5)
- 19. Homeless person in Virginia given allowance (7)
- 20. Is familiar we hear with happy bunch... (7)
- 23. ...a toff, too (2,4)
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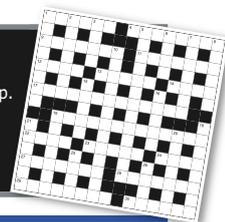
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