

Lions Clubs International

MD105 Obituaries

July - October 2018

These Lions from MD105 British Isles have recently left us. We honour their memory and the contribution they made in their Lionistic service for the good of others.

AKINTOKUN: Lion Julianah
Gillingham Lions Club

We regret to announce the passing to higher service of Lion Julianah Akintokun, who joined us in February 2014. She was a keen supporter of the Club and all that Lions Clubs International represents and looked forward to receiving the Club minutes, The Lion and the monthly SE Newsletter despite being virtually housebound for the past two years. A wonderfully, warm, and colourful Nigerian character, her funeral service was held at Rochester Cathedral.

ANSLOW: Lion Ralph
Porthcawl Lion Club

It is with great sadness that Porthcawl Lion Club have to announce the passing of Lion Ralph Anslow (82) on 26th September to Higher Service.

Ralph was one of the founder members who initiated the formation of Pembroke and Pembroke Dock Lions Club in 1980, holding office as it's first Charter President and later holding office as Club Secretary.

He transferred to Porthcawl Lions Club in 2004 serving as President and being an active and committed member until his health prevented him being so in his later years, even then he would attend and sit with other active members and enjoy a couple of hours sharing a joke or two and enjoying the event.

He loved the friendship and camaraderie that his involvement in Lions brought to him. Lion Ralph's dry humour and general contribution always with a balanced opinion at Club meetings

will be sadly missed by all members of the club.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to his daughter Judith and his grandchildren.

BRACE: Lion Bernard
Budleigh Salterton Lions Club

It is sad to report the loss of Lion Bernard Brace. He was a charter member of the Lions club of Budleigh Salterton which was formed in 1980. Bernard held many offices within the club including President, Treasurer & Secretary. He was a larger than life character who fully supported the club in its many activities & will be sadly missed. He was very active in the club until recent illness curtailed his participation. Earlier this year he was made an Honorary member of the club.

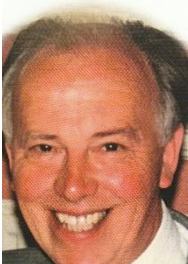
BROWN: Lion John
Winterton and District Lions
John Brown of Winterton and District Lions has passed to Higher Service.

Lion John joined Winterton Lions in 2002 along with his wife Cynthia. Club President in 2006/07 he also held the positions of Health and Safety Officer and Lion Tamer.

Until being affected by illness John was an enthusiastic and active Lion who enjoyed participation in all aspects of Lions Club service. He was especially pleased to undertake the role of Santa at Christmas events.

John will be sadly missed by all.

DOBBIE: Lion David (Dave)
Retford Lions Club



It is with great sadness that Retford Lions have to announce that Lion David (Dave) Dobbie passed to 'Higher Service' on 22 June 2018 at the age of 82.

Dave was a popular and stalwart member of Retford Lions Club having completed 33 years of service. He carried out two terms as Club President and fulfilled most other roles in the club. His wisdom, sense of humour and calm approach to decision making will be greatly missed by the club.

GREEN: Lion Mike
Bideford Lions Club

HORNBY: Lion Brian
Balsall Common Lions Club
Balsall Common Lions Club are deeply saddened to report the passing of Lion Brian Hornsby to higher service. A member for 42 years, Brian has been an integral part of the Club, taking on many duties and helping with many events. Brian had served as Club President and held many Offices within the Club and was a real stalwart. Brian also served as a District Officer and helped to form a number of Lions Clubs. Brian earned the greatest of respect from everyone he encountered for his courage and positive attitude. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him and our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his devoted wife Christine and the family.

HUGHES: Lion Harry
Flint and District Lions Club

LAYER: Lion Kelvin
Hailsham Lions Club

LEEK: Dennis
Hailsham Lions Club



It's with much sadness Hailsham Lions Club inform all our Lions in 105SE the passing of Dennis Leek on 31st July 2018 peacefully in St Wilfred's hospice at the age of 86, having fought cancer for the last four years

A dedicated Lion with 34 years of service, President in 1992 and 2002 holding many offices in the club, mostly remembered as our Social Chairman for many years. A smiling face that would warm up the room as soon as he entered it, usually followed by a silly joke to make you laugh. He was a relentless fund raiser and took every opportunity to raise money for Lions causes

Our club Charters were his speciality, auctioning crazy items that nobody really wanted. Then he would place a bottle of Whisky in the middle of the floor and invite the audience to throw a £1 coin for nearest the Bottle. The raffle would commence and go on for 30 minutes with more jokes and laughter. No wonder our Charters were a sell-out.

Other club events he enjoyed was Father Christmas at many children's parties, Comper for the clubs Old Thyme music hall. Lion tamer for many years and a function he loved doing was caller for the Clubs bingo evening with his saucy remarks. A man with an extraordinary appetite to enjoy life and bring laughter into people's lives, a really larger than life great character.

His passing has left a huge hole in our club, and a great loss not only to Hailsham Lions but also the community of Hailsham. We will all sadly miss you Den, It goes without saying our deepest love and condolences go out to his widow Maureen and family who were great supporters of Den's commitment to Lions.

LISTER: Lion Hilary (46)
Whitstable & Herne Bay Lions Club



Whitstable & Herne Bay Lions Club are sad to announce the passing to Higher Service of an outstanding inspirational human being Lion Hilary Lister. Lion Hilary was a quadriplegic sailor who suffered from reflex sympathetic dystrophy, a rare degenerative condition. It started at the age of 15 when her legs refused to work after sitting down on a railway station.

She studied biochemistry at Oxford and began her PhD at the University of Kent, which she failed to finish because of her illness but was honoured with Honorary PhD by the University of Kent.

Her love of sailing came about quite by chance when a friend was going sailing on Westbere Lake in Canterbury and asked her along. She loved it and her wheel chair was cannibalised and the motors and operating system used to make a working boat. The two straw system allowed her to steer the boat and raise and lower the sail by sucking or blowing on the straws.

Using this method and with a specially modified single seater boat with special seating she became the first quadriplegic sailor to sail the English Channel in just over 6 hours. The boat being controlled by the two straw system. This was followed by sailing round the Isle of Wight. In 2009 Hilary completed a journey sailing around UK to Wales and across the Irish Sea before sailing back across the Irish Sea to Scotland through the Caledonian Canal to Inverness and from there back to Dover. This last journey around UK could not have succeeded without the help of the Lions Clubs of UK and Ireland, who were there day or night supplying and catering for all her and her back up crew needs. Of the 40 odd stops on the way I understand 35 were covered by a Lions club. On her return to Dover the then District Governor Lion Eddy Warn presented her with her Melvin Jones Fellowship. (Note: Melvin Jones was the founder of Lions Club International and is the highest award that can be give to a Lion. Lion Hilary received hers for her promotion of Lions and Lionism during her journey)

Since those heady days Hilary has sailed a 1000 miles from India to Oman across the Arabian Sea (this time with a crew) but she was in charge. Setup a trust to help young children with disabilities learn to sail. She had a dream of sailing in the Fastnet Yacht Race and sail the Atlantic.

All this was achieved with grit and determination by a person who could not move her body but only her mouth. She had a saying "nothing of me works but my mouth and that never stops". Hilary always had a backup crew on the water and on land but sailed solo. She had to overcome the cold, the damp, the heat, fatigue but she was determined to succeed. If for some reason she was taken ill whilst at sea, please leave me because I am free, was always her wish.

Hilary was an inspiration to all who knew her but she is now free to sail wherever the fancy takes her.

Rest in Peace Hilary.

LOCKWOOD: Lion Eric
Eastbourne Lions Club

MARTIN: Lion Graham
Horncastle and District Lions Club



Graham, quiet, unassuming, highly intelligent appeared to only have three interests in life, his family, his work as a vet and Lions. "We Serve" really was Graham's guiding principal in life. This principle also extended to his family life, not only to his wife Fiona, his two daughters, two sons and grandchildren but also to their extended family, their home "The Elms" was always very much the go to centre at festive seasons.

Horncastle Lions Club was chartered in 1977 and for Graham it all started when the late Tony Owen of the Sleaford Lions determined to set up a new club in Horncastle, one of the first suitable young men he approached was Graham. Graham was immediately enthused by the idea of such a group being formed in the Town and decided for the rest of his life this would be his chosen way of supporting the community. Before being chartered the new club had to start by signing up 20 potential members, Graham used his contacts within the town and farming community and with the help of a few "ringers" the magic figure was soon reached.

For Graham, Lions rapidly became a major part of his life, within three years he was Club President, followed by a term as Zone Chairman with a seat at the District Cabinet. A second term as President in 2003-4 was followed by years as a meticulous Club Treasurer. Other posts held included Sight Officer and Lions Clubs International Fund Officer. If any question arose about the rules or club procedure every Horncastle Lion deferred to Graham.

When there was work to be done, the Club could always rely on Graham, his special enthusiasm was the annual Community Bonfire and Firework display. Every year Graham would pore over the catalogues and present the Club with his proposals and cost estimates for the next firework display and every year Graham and his team set out to outdo the previous year's production.

Graham was a smoker, the Club loved the story of when due a back injury a bonfire meeting had to be held at Graham's bedside, cigarette in hand our hero omitted to mention the box with 100s of pounds worth of fireworks was stored under the bed.

Another incident that has passed into the folklore of the club was a pram race to celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee, the plan was very simple, each team had three pushers, at the end point of each stint a bicycle was stationed allowing the first pusher to hand over the pram and then cycle onto the next changeover point. The plan went awry, nobody realised Graham had never learned to ride a bike.

Every Horncastle Lion knows how much this Charter Member contributed to the success of his club, less obvious are the many people who unknowingly have benefitted from contact with the quiet gentle thoughtful Lion Graham Martin

Lion Graham died on 9th March.

NEEVE: Lion Alan
Devizes Lions Club

Alan Neeve was very proud to be a Lion.

Alan Neeve was a Lion for 35 years, initially in the Cosham Club and was then a Charter (Founder) Member of Devizes Lions. He was the President of Devizes Lions 1980-81. Alan served his Community with great commitment, through all the many Welfare, and Fund raising activities that Lions carry out, helping very many people, and he and Jean enjoyed the social life that is part of being in a Lions Club.

He would often tell his friends, in and out of Lions, how much he felt honoured to be a serving Lion in a busy Club, and then to have been made an Honorary Member of Devizes Lions. He reminded us all just how much what Lions do matters, and that this reflects commitment and hard work. It was obvious how much the friendship of fellow Lions meant to him, and how being a Lion was such a special part of Alan's life.

Even when he was unwell, Alan still came to meetings, proud to be involved during Lions Centenary year, and continuing to take an active part in our Welfare and Business discussions and decisions.

In the Lions tradition, Alan has gone to Higher Service

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Devizes Lions

PALMER: Lion Dennis
Whitstable & Herne Bay Lions Club

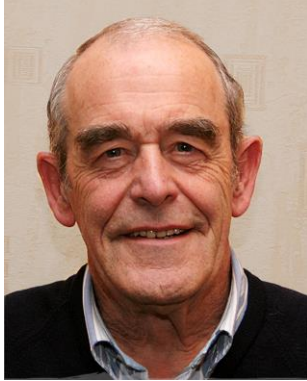
Whitstable & Herne Bay Lions Club sad to report the passing to higher service of Dennis Palmer this month. Dennis first joined Herne Bay & Whitstable Lions Club in 1982 and was President in 1988. For many years Dennis was Fund Raising Chairman and had some great Ideas. We ran shows at the Kings Hall to full houses, Half Marathons, Trolley Dash and Lions Fun Day on Tankerton Slopes. Dennis was also a Member in latter years of Sandwich with Wansum, Canterbury and Dover in his time as a Lion finally returning to Whitstable & Herne Bay in 2014. Dennis was supported by his wife Hazell who owned a Café in Tankerton. We extend our Deepest Sympathy to Hazell and Family.

PARSONAGE: Lion James
Torpoint & Rame Peninsula Lions Club

PAYNE: Lion Bernard
Guildford Lions Club

Guildford Lions are saddened by the recent death of Lion Bernard Payne. Bernard became a Lion in 1977 and held many positions during his 40 years with Guildford Lions Club including being President in 1993 - 1994. He was a dependable and reliable member of the Welfare Committee for many years and also supported the social side of the Club with conventions, charters and dinners. Our thoughts are with his wife Ann and their family.

REEVE: Lion Anthony (Tony)
Bedworth Lions Club



Bedworth Lions Club is sad to announce the passing to higher service of Lion Tony. He passed away in June having been a Lion for 48 years. He first joined Kenilworth and then transferred to Bedworth Lions Club some 30 years ago. He was a valued member because of his banking knowledge bringing a bit of sage like input into meetings. As a former bank manager, he played a vital role as trustee. He spent many years living with cancer with many sessions of treatment. But he carried on regardless with humour and bringing common sense (not always common) to meetings. Tony was described as a gentle giant. We will miss him and send condolences to his family and friends.

SMITH: Lion Graham
Bodmin Lions Club

STIRK: Lion Malcolm
Derby Lions Club



It is with deep sadness that Derby Lions report the passing of PDG Lion Malcolm Stirk aged 87years.

Malcolm joined the Derby Lions Club in 1974, a year after it was chartered, and since then has held many posts within the club. He was Club Secretary for a total of 20 years and served two spells as President.

In addition to his Club service Malcolm was also respected and active in many District and Multiple District roles taking on the position of District Governor 1988-9. He was heavily involved in the organisation of the International Convention when it

was hosted by MD105 in Birmingham. Malcolm was honoured with a Melvin Jones Fellowship in 1993.

Although his last few years were dogged by failing health Lion Malcolm never lost his enthusiasm and interest in Lions. He was always supportive when called upon to offer advice. Although a stickler for keeping to the rules he was at heart a fun loving Lion with an acute sense of humour. He was indeed a Lion through and through. We will all miss his encouragement.

Our thoughts are with his wife Maureen, daughter Ann and all the family.

TROTT: Lion Peter

Lions Club of Romsey

In memory of TROTT Peter (Lions Club OF Romsey) died 16th July 2018.

A very active member President in 2000/2001 and 2008/2009.