

# Lions Clubs International

## MD105 Obituaries

### March – June 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.

ASHWORTH: Lion David  
Whitehaven and District Lions

I'm saddened to inform you that Lion David Ashworth, a member of Whitehaven & District Lions, passed away on 16th June at the Cumberland Infirmary in Carlisle. Lion David was President of the Whitehaven & District Lions Club 2014/15 & 2015/16 having joined, alongside his wife Lion Linda, in April 2010. Lion David was a very active member of the Whitehaven and District Club and his enthusiasm to organise and participate in all our activities, even despite his recent illnesses, showed great courage and determination.

ASTON: Lion Keith  
Farnham Lions Club



Keith and J receiving their MJF's from the then VDG Pete Dilloway, with then LP Andrew Lodge



The man himself



The Heartstart team with the then LP Andrew Lodge and the Mayor of Farnham) Caption:  
The Heartstart team with the then LP Andrew Lodge and the Mayor of Farnham

Keith Aston and Heartstart Farnham Lions

Who would have believed that a quiet Sunday cycle ride would have changed Keith's life in so many ways.

Nine years ago, whilst cycling into Farnham he suffered a cardiac arrest. Amongst those that witnessed it was Jo Michaelides a young passing motorist. Fortunately, Jo was a qualified first aider was able to administer CPR until the Ambulance Service arrived. Without her efforts it is almost certain that Keith would not have survived. Subsequently, with the aid of an internal defibrillator he went onto make a full recovery.

LCI was tailor-made for Keith with slogans such as "Caring about People" and "Ordinary People doing Amazing things" and behind his modesty Keith was a man of compassion,

determination and steel. He always knew instinctively what he wanted in local community matters.

Keith, a retired Project Manager with Marconi and formerly with the RAF, was introduced in 1998 to the Farnham Lions by his close friend PP Bill Dolan. Keith was a proud Lion consistently one of Farnham's leading members, and a great supporter of its activities. He held many important roles within the club culminating with the Presidency in 2007-08.

Keith loved cycling and had intended to cycle from Farnham to Brighton via London and back again in aid of the British Heart Foundation, a cause that was very dear to him and a ride that he had done many times.

Along with his wife Jemma, who sadly died just a few years later, and his daughter Becky, Keith set about trying to find the young lady who had saved his life and was delighted to do so. Thereafter, not only did Keith develop a wonderful friendship with Jo and her family, but he sponsored Jo to become a member of the Farnham Club. Together in 2012 with the support of the Lions Club of Farnham and assistance from the BHF they launched the first Heartstart class, designed to instruct how simple skills could save lives.

Shortly afterwards Keith was presented with a Services to Farnham award by the Town Mayor in recognition of his contribution to the Farnham Community. He was the first of several members of Farnham Lions to receive this award

Since then over 100 adult classes have been run by the Heartstart team as well as taken into local schools. Keith, and the other members of the Heartstart team, were looking forward to the 1000th individual being trained later this year in the hope that it would further publicise the course and the benefits of attending.

In their modest way he and the Heartstart team were delighted to hear that at least three lives had been saved by individuals who had attended the courses. His plea to the general public has always been "Don't be a bystander".

Keith was a very gentle, caring and considerate man and said that he hoped that "my experiences will help ensure that the next person who has a sudden cardiac arrest is as lucky as I have been".

Keith was also passionate about seeing Automated External Defibrillators positioned in and around Farnham and with the help of others that number has now grown to twelve, albeit he was still keen to see more.

In November last year the Lions Club of Farnham and Lions International recognised the great service provided to Farnham by Keith and Jo with each receiving a Melvin Jones Fellowship award.

Just recently Keith was out cycling, getting ready for yet another London to Brighton ride when he suffered a stroke from which he died.

Jo and her husband Jason have already registered a team in Keith's memory for next year's BHF London to Brighton Bike Ride

All of us at Farnham Lions were so pleased that widower Keith found happiness with Jean for his last few years, and our thoughts and condolences are with Becky and Jean now and in the future.

BAX: John

Aylesbury Lions Club

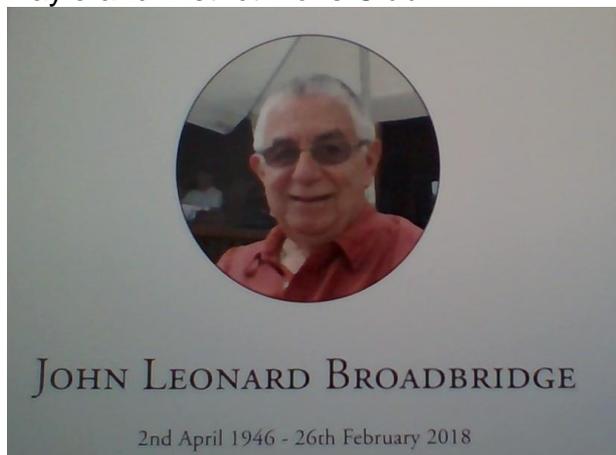
Sadly John Bax passed away on 19th March 2018.

John was a member of Tring Lions Club from 2003 to 2010. He then transferred to Aylesbury Lions Club and was a member until 2016 when he resigned due to health considerations.

John was very active in promoting the interests of the Club, particularly in recruiting new members. He participated in all our activities and even after retirement helped publicise our forthcoming events. He will be greatly missed by his family and the many friends he made within the Lions.

BROADBRIDGE: Lion John

Hayle and District Lions Club



It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Lion John Broadbridge, Past President of Hayle & District Lions Club, suddenly on 26th February 2018.

John was an exceedingly active Member of our Club. He joined in 2008 and became Treasurer in the following year, a post he held until 2012, carrying out all his duties with accuracy and efficiency. In 2013 he became President for the first time and decided to revitalise our Annual Fun Day. He took over the organisation of the day & greatly increased the number of stalls attending & persuaded a local children's gymnastic team to give demonstrations. In the following years, under John's leadership the event has grown including many assorted entertainments & has become a much loved Community event whilst raising funds for our Charity Account. John served again as Treasurer in 2015 and President in 2016-17.

John took a prominent role in all our activities, acting as Auctioneer at our Harvest Auction & Quiz Master at all our quizzes and revelled in the role of Father Christmas as we toured the streets with our sleigh at Christmas. He was always the first on any list of volunteers for any collection or service commitment and will be sorely missed by our Club and the wider community.

CAHILL: Lion Charles  
Vale Royal Lions Club

It is with great sadness that Vale Royal Lions report the passing to higher service of Lion Charles Cahill, a club member for 9 years. Charles made a valuable contribution to the club in several positions, including president. He will be greatly missed by his wife, Lion Joan, family, friends and all Lion colleagues.

CAMBRIDGE: Lion Barry  
Lowestoft Lions Club

Age 70 yrs. A very valued member of Lowestoft Lions Club. Died 25/3/2018.

CAREY: Lion Eddie  
Hythe and Romney Marsh Lions Club

Hythe & Romney Marsh Lions Club is sad to announce the passing of PDG Eddie Carey

PDG Eddie served most of his lion service in District SW where he served in many different offices and became District Governor. He moved to SE District and later transferred to Crawley LC. He left Lions to care for his wife and later moved to Folkestone to be near his son Mark and his family. It was a chance meeting at a fund raising event that we met Eddie and in the true spirit of Lionism invited him to a meeting. Subsequently Eddie became a member of Hythe & Romney Marsh Lions in August 2013 where served as welfare chairman, he very quickly took an active part in club affairs and attended Zone Meetings, District and Multi District Convention. Unfortunately Eddie became unwell and unable to participate or attend meetings but remained a member up to the time he passed to Higher Service on 26th April. Although we knew Eddie for a short time he was well respected and a true lion and will be sadly missed.

CAREY: Lion Mike  
Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions Club



Mike passed away on Thursday 22nd March 2018. Mike had been battling cancer for over a year - every time he cleared one hurdle another would appear.

He bravely dealt with his illnesses and treatment in a very matter of fact manner. Nothing seemed to faze him.

Mike has been a member of the club since April 2005.

He was club president in 2009/10 and has been club secretary.

He would always turn out and help out even when he was under the weather.

Two weeks before he passed away he was with us collecting for Marie Curie.

We offer our condolences to his family and all who knew him

CRICK: Lion Terence (Terry) MJF (73)

Whitstable and Herne Bay Lions Club

Whitstable & Herne Bay Lions Club are sad to announce the passing of Lion Terence (Terry) Crick to Higher Service. Lion Terence joined Lions over 20years ago. Terry first started running our Boot fairs on the Gorrell Tank Whitstable. We shared The Gorrell Tank with the Blind Club and Terry would run the Boot Fair for them also. Terence served in many rolls in the Club. He served as President twice, Zone Chairman, and was also District Officer for the International Music Competition. Terence was Regatta Chairman for 10 years and did an excellent job of it with his Showman's background. Terence was also Boot Fair Chairman for 16 years firstly at Gorrell Tank, then we moved to Market Site Herne Bay and for a couple of years Church St. Margaret and Terence turned up at all Boot Fairs whatever the weather. During that time the club takings were over a quarter of a million pounds Terry also ran our Golf Days raising thousands of pounds for LIBRA

Terence was awarded the highest honour in Lions the Melvin Jones Fellowship in 2009 and was made a Life Member of Whitstable and Herne Bay Lions in 2014. He was a hard working Lion who served his community with gusto and true North County humour and will be missed by all who knew him. Our sympathies go out to his family at this sad time. Thank you my old friend

DYKE: Lion William (Bill)

Gravesend Lions Club

WILLIAM (Bill) DYKE 17-8-27 - 14-1-18

Gravesend Lions Club are sad to announce the passing to Higher Service of Lion William (Bill) Dyke. Lion Bill passed away on Sunday 14-1-18 at home after a short illness, he is survived by his wife Connie two sons Peter and Martin and six grandchildren.

Bill served as a Lion for 38 years helping raise funds for local charities and was one of the main movers and shakers in the building of the then Lions Hospice in Northfleet now the Ellenor Hospice.

Bill was President of Gravesend Lions on three occasions 1986/87-95/96 and 2006/7.

Bill was also a local councillor and indeed was Mayor of Gravesham twice and was made a freeman of the borough in 2015.

Bill was a tireless member of our club and could always be relied upon to join in the lively debates at our club meetings.

Rest in peace Bill we shall miss you as a great friend and a wonderful member of our community, a true human being. And Thank You.

HARBOUR: Lion Peter

Billingshurst and District Lions

Lion Peter was one of the first trailblazers in the computer industry soon after the war and loved salmon fishing, spending a fortnight every year on the rivers of Scotland well into his nineties.

He was a long serving and committed Lion, joining Billingshurst and District Lions club in 1999. Over the last nineteen years Peter has become well known in our village for his cheery attitude when working in our bookshop every Friday.

Peter was a much loved Lion and member of our community and will be greatly missed. Rest in peace Peter.

HARRIS: Lion Richard (Dick) MJF

Northfleet and Ebbsfleet Lions Club

(Pdf Dick Harris)

HEPWORTH: Lion David

Clitheroe Lions Club

Clitheroe Lions Club are very sad to have to report the recent passing of Past President and Charter Member David Hepworth after a period of illness, at the age of 74. David was a very highly respected member of the club and was President in 1986/87, and 2010/2011. He had filled most of the positions in the club in his 35 years of membership and is sadly missed. In his honour, an annual award of £500 has been set up which will be awarded to worthy individuals or organisations chosen by club members

HUMPHREY: Lion Keith  
Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions Club



Keith passed away suddenly on Tuesday 20th March 2018.

Keith joined LM&C Lions in June 2017.

He was a quiet unassuming Lion who got on with the job in hand quietly but effectively.

He could be relied on to support the club's activities. He was the first to turn up and usually the last to leave.

He will be greatly missed by the club.

We offer our condolences to his family and all who knew him

JOHNSON: Lion Ken  
Billingshurst and District Lions Club  
(Ken Johnson)



It is with great sadness that Billingshurst and District Lions have to report that Lion Ken Johnson passed away suddenly.

Ken was a Charter Member of Billingshurst Lions 44 years ago, and he held every office in the club, many times. Ken was Zone Chair and club president on 4 occasions between 1977 to 2016. Ken was involved with setting up and the running of the Billingshurst Lions bookshop with takings exceeding £500,000, he set up with the Lions and then chaired the Community Car Scheme, one of the most successful in West Sussex.

Most recently he chaired the club then Zone project to support Brain Tumor Research and achieved both District and Multiple District recognition. Ken worked tirelessly in our local community not just as a Lion, he was involved in the community partnership, with the school, the local chamber of commerce and Probus.

Our thoughts are with Jean and his family.

Ken was a much loved Lion and member of our community and will be greatly missed. Rest in peace Ken.

KELLY: Lion Mike

Newhaven, Peacehaven and Seaford Lions Club

Lion MIKE KELLY 1941 – 2017

Sadly, Newhaven, Peacehaven and Seaford Lions Club , we have to report the death of Lion Mike Kelly, who moved to Seaford from London on his retirement and joined He loved meeting and talking to people which made him invaluable at our various fundraising events NP&S Lions to get involved with the local community and find new friends. He excelled at DIY and was happy to assist in any way with the maintenance of our minibus garage.

Unfortunately, Mike was diagnosed with leukaemia soon after moving here, but he soldiered on through his gruelling treatment. Cheerful to the end, he unfortunately passed away two years after a brave fight against skin cancer. He will be sorely missed by all his family and fellow Lions

LAYER: Lion Kelvin (66)

Hailsham Lions Club

Hailsham Lions are sad to announce the passing of Kelvin a Lion for 32 years. Despite health setbacks he always supported club activities, ran quiz's, dinner parties, and helped organised Charters. As a teacher he was well known in the community.

Over 250 mourners were there to say goodbye and see him pass to higher service. Our deepest sympathies go to his wife Katy and family

LOCKWOOD: Lion Eric (86)

Eastbourne Lions Club

It is with great sadness that Eastbourne Lions Club reports the passing of Eric Lockwood. He served with the 3rd Battalion the Parachute Regiment in the Canal Zone from 1950 – 1954 and finished his service as a drum major 1st Battalion the Queens Regiment in 1969. He went on to lead Eastbourne Lions Carnival for over 20 years as Drum Major with the Eastbourne Scottish Pipe Band and eventually joined the Eastbourne Lions Club albeit late in life in 2010. He concentrated mainly on community service work and collected many thousands of pairs of used spectacles during his 8 years of service thereby helping many people to see well enough to improve their lives. Eric was a kind and considerate person always willing to help others and a real gentleman. Our thoughts are with his family at this sad time.

MOIR-RICHES: Lion Daphne (78)

Stockton Heath Lions Club

Daphne has had a struggle fighting lymphoma for the past nine months and sadly passed away on Sunday 15th April in the early morning. Her family have given much support to her and her husband Paul. As a devoted mother, wife and Lion she will be sadly missed by Lions, other friends and family. In her busy life, she found time to actively support Stockton Heath Lions Club projects . With her husband Paul she was involved with Leo activities and hosted a number of Youth Exchangees.

.Daphne was Lion for 10 years and held the Presidents position in 1997-8 in Stockton Heath Lions Club, later joining Urmston Lions club.

MOORE: Lion Brian Thomas (Bill)  
Burgess Hill District Lions Club



This photo was taken in 1994 on the day that members of Burgess Hill District Lions collected a 10-seater Bike from Buckingham Lions. Lion President Bill Moore is on the front with members of both Clubs around him.

Burgess Hill District Lions Club is very sad to announce the passing of Lion Brian Thomas Moore.

Bill was born on 20th January 1943 in Surrey. He and his family moved to live in Hurstpierpoint in the early 1980's and on the 1st August 1989 Bill joined the Burgess Hill District Club. It didn't take long for Bill to settle in and he soon made friends with an active group of existing Lions who were all in their 40's.

Bill retired from his management role with British Gas at the age of 50 which allowed him to spend lots of time to run the family Bed & Breakfast business, play golf, and organise many Lions' events that included quizzes, concerts and dances.

During his 28 years with the Club he served, very actively, on the Fund Raising Committee and the Festival Bike Ride Committee. He also served as the Club Health & Safety Officer for over 10 years. He became Club President in 1993-94 and in March 2016 he accepted Privileged membership.

It was in 2014 that Bill was diagnosed with cancer and this is when he started his big fight against the disease which eventually got the better of him on 10th May.

Bill and his wife, Joan, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary earlier this year. His passing leaves Joan, his two daughters and four young grandchildren without their guiding light that was our friend "Bill". Our thoughts are with them all.

OWEN: Lion Anthony (Tony)  
Sleaford and District Lions Club



Lion Bob Coxhead and Lion Tony on the right

It is with great sadness that I have to report the passing of Lion Tony, aged 95 years, after a short illness at Lincoln County Hospital. He served the Lions family for 44 years and was instrumental in setting up the Club in 1974 becoming its first President. He was Guiding Lion to Horncastle Lions Club, chartered in 1977, and held a number of District posts including Deputy District Governor, Extensions Officer and Zone Chairman. He held most offices within Sleaford & District Lions Club and was President on two other occasions. Until his latter years, he was an active member and in 2013 he was made a life member.

Tony was an enthusiastic Lion but preferred debating issues in an organised and structured manner rather than merely in a general discussion. He favoured the Committee system with their decisions and advice being accepted with little further discussion. Whatever his role within the organisation, he carried out his duties with characteristic thoroughness and enthusiasm and at events and activities he would always be smiling and promoting Lions at every opportunity.

In life, he was a family man who enjoyed discussions with friends and colleagues on just about any subject and could always be relied upon to give a good account of himself. He had a keen sense of humour and could liven up any gathering with his opinions

He is survived by his daughter, Sheila, who has been his full time carer for the last few years, 3 grand-children and 3 great grand-children all of whom will miss him in their lives.

He was educated at Carres Grammar School, Sleaford and, as the senior 'old boy', he was often called upon to officiate at annual ceremonies. As an avid philatelist and a member of Sleaford U3A Stamp Collecting Section, he had a small circle of like-minded friends who would visit Stamp Fairs around the area.

Tony enjoyed his music, mainly opera and orchestral works although he was also keen on jazz music. He would prefer to listen to music rather than watch television and had no liking at all for popular music.

He was well known in the Sleaford area and he will be sorely missed by the Sleaford Lions, friends and family. Our thoughts and sincere condolences are with Sheila and Tony's family.

PETERS: Lion John  
Windsor Lions Club



Windsor Lions salute Lion John Peters as the Club's last remaining Charter Member passes away.

John Soley Peters : 22nd April 1931 – 27th March 2018

Windsor Lions has lost its last remaining Charter member, Lion John Peters, who passed away peacefully on 27th March, following a period of declining health.

Joining Windsor Lions at its inauguration in 1961, John gave 57 years of his rich life to membership of the Club getting involved in almost every single aspect of Windsor Lion's activities. He was a great personality with a flamboyant character and a highly articulate raconteur, well known for his flailing arms as he described the scene of his story-telling – "Picture if you will ....".

An architect by profession, John loved to get involved in Windsor Lions' creative projects, very happy to design gardens and landscaping ideas for the elderly as well as fellow members of the Club. John was a great supporter of the Club's activities in Welfare and was heavily involved in committee work and hands-on projects. His love of entertainment would come to the fore with the 'infamous' Windsor Lions stage shows where his theatrical, story-telling talents would be exercised as typically the MC in the Windsor Lions' annual parties for the old folks.

John was a regular helper in the Windsor Lions annual Horseride in Windsor Great Park and one of the mini-bus driving team for the local Mencap. In past years he was fully engaged in Windsor Lions Twinning arrangements, particularly so with Enghien-Soignie in Belgium with which he maintained the Windsor Lions relationship for many years.

John will be sorely missed in Windsor Lions – the Club will be poorer for his loss. Memories however always linger and John's undoubtedly will remain strong. And with those memories by his many friends, they surely will always be accompanied with a smile. What greater could a man's legacy be!

Our thoughts are now with John's widow Rosemary and three children Jonathan, Nina and Francesca.

28th April 2018

PRINCE: Lion Gerry  
Rottingdean and Saltdean Lions Club  
LION GERRY PRINCE

Rottingdean and Saltdean Lions Club is very sad to announce the passing of Lion Gerry Prince, who was the last remaining charter member of the original Rottingdean Club when it was formed in 1973. He was a long serving Lion with his Lions career going back far longer; he transferred to Rottingdean from Brighton Club and prior to that he was a member of a club in Surrey. However, due to a short break in service his exact Lions history and years of service has unfortunately been lost in time, but must be in the order of 50 years. Over his time with our club he undertook many functions and was a very active member until recent years when his health started to fail. Even then he would still attend meetings and events when he could and took a keen interest in what the club was doing. He will be sorely missed by everyone and our thoughts are with his wife Sally and daughter Sue.

PUMMELL: Lion James (Jim) (74)  
Adur East Lions Club

Adur East Lions Club is sad to report the recent death of Lion Jim Pummell, a retired police officer and a member of this Club for the past eight years. Jim served our Club in a number of ways in that time, notably as President in 2015/16, when he succeeded his partner, Lion Gillian Anderson. Jim was a lovely man and a dedicated and active Lion, who tackled everything he was involved in with friendliness and good humour. He will be fondly remembered and greatly missed. Our heartfelt condolences go to his partner, Gillian, and family

REID: Lion John (83)  
Lions Club of Rutland

It is with much sadness that the Lions Club Of Rutland reports the passing of Charter Member John Reid. John was one of our founding fathers and had been a Lion since 1975 when he played a large part in creating our club. As well as being President and Secretary, John also chaired every committee at some point and was the only member to also hold the office of Zone Chairman. We will miss his wisdom, his total commitment to Lions and his soft Geordie accent. Despite increasing ill-health he managed to attend most meetings including our Christmas party in December. Our hearts reach out to his wife Renee and his family.

ROADS: Lion Eddie  
Maidenhead Lions Club

Sadly, our much loved Lion Eddie Roads passed away, aged 80, after a long struggle with Parkinson's. Our thoughts are with his widow Yvonne & their family.

Eddie joined Maidenhead Lions in January 2000 and has served as President as well as many other roles within the club, including managing our Children's Fun Train for many years. Most recently, he became a Privileged Lion. He was always great fun to be with and he will be missed by us all.

ROBINSON: Lion Philip  
Denby Dale District Lions Club  
Lion Philip Robinson

1948 – 2018

Lion Philip passed to higher service on Monday 16th April 2018 after a brief illness. An active and dedicated Lion since 1988, he served two terms as president of Denby Dale District Lions Club.

He was a leading light at Christmas with Santa's Sleigh, always one to amuse the children, he would don an elf outfit, complete with fairy lights. He organised the rota for drivers and turned out in the foulest of weather to accompany the sleigh. He built and maintained the sleigh keeping it in good order.

He was also our quartermaster, looking after all the club assets. He managed the loan of our three tents to local organisations, storing and delivering the marquees as needed.

He built the portable bars for our beer festivals and maintained the beer pumps and other equipment.

His efforts did not end with Lions; he was a volunteer driver for a local charity for the elderly.

A kind man with strong views and a heart of gold, a Yorkshireman through and through.

He will be sadly missed by all the club, his wife Sarah and sons: Mark, Luke (also a Lion) and John.

SINGH SEHLI: Lion Kulwant  
Bexley and Sidcup Lions Club

Bexley & Sidcup Lions Club are sad to announce the passing to Higher Service of Lion Kulwant Singh Selhi. Lion Kulwant Singh Selhi was a charter member of Woolwich and Greenwich Lions Club. He went through all the chairs in the Club - became President and Secretary many times. He and his family had a major part in raising funds organising LIBRA (Lions International Blood Research Appeal). He also became Zone Chairman and carried out his duties co—ordinating the Zone Clubs. He was also involved in organising Diabetic Clinics in various Sikh Temples and Community functions.

He moved to Bexley & Sidcup in 2004 and he was a father figure in the club, advising the club on several projects and was an great inspiration to for younger members. Despite his long illness and being in and out of hospital several times he made special attempts to attend the business meetings in a wheel chair. Whilst in hospital, he kept in touch with the members for fund raising events, editing minutes of meetings and also advising on club issues.

Lion Kulwant Singh Selhi fulfilled Lions Clubs International Moto —WE SERVE!!  
He will be greatly missed by his family and the Lions.

TOLSON Lion Peter  
Loddon Valley Lions Club

It is with deep sadness that Loddon Valley Lions Club report the sudden passing into higher service of Lion Peter Tolson. Lion Peter was one of our newest members having been badged up only in August 2017 but was already a well-liked and much respected member of our club. He will be greatly missed and our thoughts are with Lion Vanessa, his widow, and the family.

The funeral service was held at West Berkshire Crematorium on 5th July at 12:00.

WILLIAMS: Lion Bernadette  
Fleetwood and Cleveleys Lions Club

I have to report the death of Lion Bernadette Williams of the Fleetwood and Cleveleys Lions Club who passed away following a short illness, she will be missed for her assistance within our Club, as she was always there when needed.