

# Lions Clubs International

## MD105 Obituaries

November 2018 – January 2019

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.

**BOBIN: Lion Bobby**

*Launceston Lions Club*



Ivy (always known as Bobby) Bobin

Bobby joined Launceston Lions Club in 2008 and was always the first to volunteer for Club projects and activities.

The highlight of each year was attending District Convention, where she always had an incredible costume for the Fancy dress Friday evening. She would be the last to leave the dance floor.

She was a very proud and dedicated Lion.

In the last few years she struggled with her mobility and was able to take a less active part than she would have liked. She had to give up her car and this was a big blow to her pride, as this meant that she had to rely on others for lifts.

Sadly, her age caught up with her as she became frailer and she passed to higher service just before her 93rd birthday.

**BONNY: Lion John**

*Leatherhead & District Lions Club*

John Frederick Bonny 1928 –2018

Leatherhead & District Lions Club are sad to announce the passing of John aged 90 years last December. A much loved and respected member of the club, he had just attained 50 years membership of the Lions

A London born boy, he was educated in Streatham. Being keen to join the Merchant Navy he enrolled at 16 at the Nautical Training College. Two years later he was at sea when, sadly, he was struck down with polio which brought an end to his Naval career.

A year later he joined Lloyds Bank as a clerk and hated every minute of it! However, 2 years later the Premises Department of the Bank was seeking staff who had the ability to draw, so John jumped at the chance and was accepted. He retired from the bank after 41 years' service in 1988 as Chief Architect.

In 1968 he was asked to join Lions International but wasn't keen because he thought it was a rugby club. He then found out it was a voluntary organisation and served for 50 years working tirelessly to help others in dire straits. His motto as well as the Lions' was "We Serve" and he has endeavoured to do just that as well as enjoying working with so many other great members of Yeo Valley, Nailsea and Leatherhead Lions Clubs. He was always willing to help and showing such a happy face. Our thoughts go to Sheila and the family.

**BOYCE: Lion Norman**

*Furness Lions Club*

It is with sadness that Furness Lions report the passing to higher service of ex Lion Norman Boyce on 6th December, 2018. Norman, dedicated member for 35 years and District Governor in 1992/93, his widow June spoke of Norman's enthusiasm for the various roles he held within the Club."

**COOK: Lion Peter**

*Trowbridge Lions Club*

On 12th April 2018 Lion Peter Cook passed away. He was a member of Trowbridge Lions Club for over 42 years serving as President and stalwart of fundraising. His sense of humour and friendliness was legendary and he is sadly missed.

**ELLIOTT: Lion Jeffrey**

*Yeo Valley Lions Club*

**GILHAM: Lion Ken**

*Dursley Lions Club*

Lion Ken Passed to Higher Service on 30th Oct 2018. He joined Dursley Lions Club on 12/01/2001. He served as Tail Twister July 2002 – July 2003, treasurer 2008 – 2010 & was latterly involved with Tools for Africa, personally driving batches of collected tools & sewing machines to the collection point in South Wales. Our thoughts are with his family.

**GREENAWAY: Lion John**

*Trowbridge Lions Club*

On 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Lion John Greenaway passed away. He was a member of Trowbridge Lions Club for 40 years and in that time served on almost all committees and he was also a past District Governor. His enthusiasm and zest for life will be sadly missed.

**HALLAM: Lion Len**

*Wirral Lions Club*

It is with great sadness that the Wirral Club reports the passing to higher service of Lion Len Hallam. A Lion for almost 10 years, Len was a valued member of the Charity Group and although he suffered for many years with a serious illness he never once complained and carried out his Lionistic duties, whenever possible, in a very gentlemanly way and always with a broad smile on his face. He was a quiet, very generous man and he will be sorely missed by his fellow Lions, family and the many friends from his local community. It was a

pleasure to have known 'Lenny the Lion', a signature he often used when corresponding with Club members.

**HEARN: Lion Brian MJF**

*Chippenham Lions Club*

Brian had been ill for a little over a year and passed away quietly on 28 October 2018 on his 70th birthday.

Brian joined Chippenham Lions Club in 1991 and, right from the very beginning, committed himself wholeheartedly to the task of being a Lion. In that time he put himself behind many ventures - both in the role of organiser and 'on the ground' and we have Brian to thank for many of the fundraising ideas which are still in practice today. Indeed, he is responsible for initiating the current Zone H project to raise funds for the Swindon GWH Radiotherapy Appeal (Brighter Futures) and we will be going to Swindon very shortly to present a cheque for £10,000 with his memory very much on our minds.

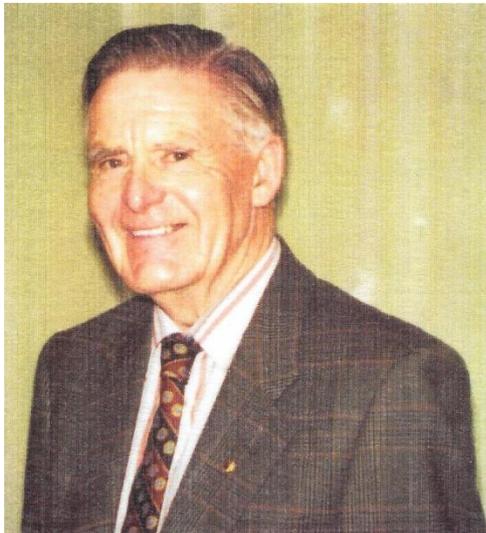
Brian was president of our club three times, he has also been our treasurer and secretary and has lead welfare and fundraising committees several times and for his commitment he was awarded an MJF in 2012. He was an exiled Scot, a big lad with a big personality and the club and the world beyond was all the better for him. His death will leave a huge gap and we will all miss him greatly.

**HOLT: Lion Tony**

*Harborough 2012 Lions Club*

**HORTON: Lion Charles**

*Bodmin Lions Club*



It was with great sadness that the family of Charles Digby Horton announced his passing to higher service on the 13th Dec.2018 at the age of 91.

He was born on the 8th July 1927 to Walter and Elsie Horton at Harrow Weald but was evacuated, at the beginning of the 2nd World War to a family in Northamptonshire.

On leaving school he became an apprentice engineer at Roots and worked with Colin Chapman, the founder of Lotus cars. This gave Charles a taste for "Tinkering with all aspects of car maintenance", which proved of considerable benefit to family and friends.

At the end of the war, Charles served in the RAF. He was stationed in Iraq and trained as a PTI instructor. Unfortunately, he developed a heart complaint and was shipped back to the UK.

On his return, he started working for Kodak in the research laboratories and remained there for 19 years. During this time, he met Sheila who later became his wife. They married on the 5th August 1950 at Harrow Weald Church.

After three years of saving they bought their first house in Watford. They had three children, Julia, Jackie and Michael.

Due to Charles ill health the family moved to Cornwall for a quieter and restful life. But Charles being Charles was soon working long hours at Bentleys in Bodmin making spectacle frames. He had several jobs after this including working at Exeter University, being stores Officer at Cornwall Constabulary and his last employment was as emergency Planning Officer for North Cornwall Council.

Charles was always looking for ways of serving his local community. He became a Town Councillor and was Mayor of Bodmin in 1979-1980. He joined Bodmin Lions in the early 1970's and held the offices of President, Youth Officer and Treasurer of the Bodmin Carnival Committee.

Whilst serving as Mayor he met the Queen mother at the presentation of new colours to the Duke of Cornwall Light Infantry. On the way home he stopped in Honiton, to see his relatives. They were keen to see his Mayoral Chain of Office. When Charles opened the case, red smoke poured out because, unknown to him, there was a safety catch. Next day, a heading in the Daily Mail read "Was the Mayor's face Red when he pulled the chain".

Charles was always interested in sport. His speciality was table tennis which he learnt to play when a young member of the YMCA. He played against Fred Perry, represented Bodmin Town for 50 years, competed in County Championships both as a senior and veteran and indeed won the seniors when he was in his seventies.

Charles, together with Sheila, was a keen family person. The family enjoyed many holidays together, both in this country and abroad. He was involved with the twining of Bodmin and Le Relecq-Kerhuon.

Eleven years ago, Charles had a heart operation and was recovering well when suddenly he developed Guillain-Barré Syndrome which left him paralysed. After several months of constant care and rehabilitation, Charles managed to start walking again. Members of Bodmin Lions took it in turns to help him walk around the house and as he gained his strength to take him down to Mike Munn's Gym. His determination and courage were clear to see and serves as an example to us all.

Charles was cremated at Bodmin Crematorium on Friday 4th Jan 2019.

**MOXEY: Lion Sid**

*Exeter West Lions Club*

**MUNDY: Lion Sue**

*Winterton (North Lincolnshire) Lions Club*

Lion Sue Mundy - Winterton (North Lincolnshire) Lions Club

Passed away 4th November 2018

The wife of Lion John and a member since October 2002 (16 years)

Sue was a very active Lion even during her illness and will be greatly missed.

**REID: Lion Peter**

*Caterham Oxted and Godstone Lions Club*

Caterham Oxted and Godstone are sad to announce the passing into Higher Service of Lion Peter Reid who passed away peacefully on 24th November.

**SMITH: Lion Colin***Northfleet and Ebbsfleet Lion Club*

It is with great sadness that Northfleet and Ebbsfleet Lion Club announces the death of Lion Colin Smith on, Thursday, 4 October 2018.

Colin joined the Club in 2006 and from day one was a dedicated, loyal and hardworking member. Not only did he actively support the work of the Club but within the local community he was also very active. He was a great supporter of the Ellenor Hospice, transporting child patients around and providing other practical help. In Bean village where he lived with his wife Monica, his enthusiastic work was valued by the villagers, especially the elderly, some of whom he regularly transported to local supermarkets and on outings in the Community Minibus. For his community work in the village he was affectionately known within the Club as "The Mayor of Bean".

Colin was always willing to assist with events organised and projects undertaken by the Club such as our Easter Egg Raffle but he also devoted much of his own time and energy arranging the Club's collection and storage of waste paper. He was also a wonderful Father Christmas both at our supermarket collections and street collections. The look on the children's faces when he arrived in their street on his sleigh had to be seen to be believed! Never one to miss a chance to raise funds Colin arranged for a permanent Lions collection box to be sited at Ebbsfleet International Station when it first opened. He also secured the Club as the one and only Charity they were prepared to support.

These were just a few of the many tasks he took on without question, very often on his own initiative and not waiting to be asked. All in all he was an honest, sincere and kind man who, despite his recent failing health, did not give up on his support for those in need until near the end. The Club will miss Colin and so of course will his family and our thoughts are with his wife, Monica, son and daughter and all other members of his family.

**SODEN: Lion Ian***Lions Club of Farnham*

Lion Ian Soden 1950 – 2018

Ian joined the Lions Club of Farnham in August 2016 having retired from a successful career primarily in the City. Ian immediately made an impact within the club and was able to find time for all of the club activities despite a very busy life with his wife Catherine, children and grandchildren, and other community organisations such as The Farnham Society where he was membership secretary.

He became heavily involved with the Welfare committee, Beerex committee, Carnival committee and the Summer Spectacular and through these activities he formed a close relationship with other local organisations, and in particular The Ridgeway School. Ian was taken poorly and after a short illness passed away in October 2018.

Ian will be truly missed by all who knew him.

**TAYLOR: Lion Bob***Weymouth and Portland Lions Club*

Weymouth and Portland Lions Club, sadly report the passing of Lion Bob in November 2018. He joined the club in 1976 and, amongst other club positions was President in 1983/84. He was a committed Lion who was active in the club in many positions up until ill health prevented his participation. Our thoughts go out to his wife, Jo

**TREVETT: Lion Bill**

*Minehead and District Lions Club*



Bill Trevett MJF died on Wednesday November 14 in Musgrove Park Hospital Taunton after a short illness

He was a Lion for over 43 years, firstly at Amersham and Chesham Lions Club, and then Minehead and District Lions Club.

He held several posts at club and District level over the years, being very actively involved at all levels.

He was instrumental in providing over 55 water wells to villages in Nigeria and Uganda, with both clubs, after seeing conditions in both countries during his time working for the government.

He supported the club with fundraising and actively promoted Message in a Bottle at those events until last year at the grand age of 91.

He also volunteered at Watchet Boat Museum on a weekly basis.

Bill had a great outlook on life, despite losing his wife Kate two years ago. His daughters and their families and all his friends in Lions and his community will miss him greatly.

**WALKER: Lion Alan**

*Paignton Lions Club*

**WILLIAMS: Lion Mel**

*Henley-on-Thames Lions Club*

Fellow Lions,

It is with great sadness that I advise you of the passing to higher service of Lion Mel Williams. Lion Mel joined Lions International and the Lions Club of Henley-on-Thames in 2001 and has been a very hard working and dedicated member of the club over the past 17 years. He has been battling cancer for some time now, first prostate cancer and ultimately pancreatic cancer. He died peacefully this evening at the Sue Ryder Hospice in Nettlebed. His wife, Jean, was also a victim of cancer. She passed on a few years ago. Lion Mel leaves behind his two daughters and a number of young grandchildren.

**WORLOCK: Lion Brian**  
*Keynsham & District Lions Club*



Lion Brian Worlock MJF

Keynsham & District Lions Club reports the sad loss of Lion Brian Worlock (84) to Higher Service on Saturday 10 November 2018.

Brian joined our Lions Club in August 1999 and was cautious at first to feel his way, but then became central to so many of our activities. Always first to volunteer for Father Christmas and help with welfare initiatives, he was not averse to providing his own personal entertainment if necessary.

Through his years of Lionism, he was Club President twice and held the office of Club Treasurer and Welfare Chairman before progressing to Zone Chairman in 2012. Always on the look out for the small print, he wanted it done correctly.

Brian and Janet loved their holidays together, whether on dry land or at sea and enjoyed their social life within Lions and outside. Fond memories shine through of the many coach holidays the Club arranged when Brian and Janet were always first on the list.

We all shared their Diamond Wedding Anniversary in September this year while dark clouds were gathering around them, but true to form, they didn't let that show during their celebrations with family and friends.

Our deepest sympathy to Janet and the whole family while we celebrate Brian's life and true friendship he brought to those around him.