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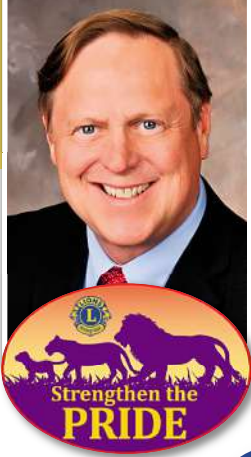
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Presidents Message...

# Mark Our Centennial With a Membership Drive

## THE MESSAGE OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



I didn't know it at the time, but one of the greatest days of my life was the day a work colleague invited me to a Lions meeting. My life changed forever and became infinitely more meaningful because someone had the courage, confidence and foresight to ask me to be a Lion. This month, as part of our Centennial celebration, I ask you to ask others to become a Lion.

Our centennial will be a lot of things to a lot of people – a celebration, a remembrance, a call to further service. But it also will be a giant lever to ensure our vitality and service capability by increasing our membership. Strengthen the Pride by adding members and allowing others to discover the satisfaction, even joy, of service.

Our well-conceived Membership Awards programme, part of

our Centennial celebration, began on April 1 and ends June 30, 2018. We have a series of incentive awards for Lions and Lions Clubs to sponsor new members and new Clubs. Lions who sponsor new members or help organize new Clubs and Clubs that induct new members or sponsor new Clubs will receive beautiful limited edition pins, certificates and banner patches. We know the true reward of advancing Lions' mission of service is the pride and feeling of satisfaction among members. But at the same time we want to properly recognise Lions for their membership efforts. We relish it when we're thanked for our service. Consider these tokens of appreciation a giant thank-you from Lions Clubs International.

The details on the Membership Awards programme can be found at [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org) as well. I know Lions always respond when asked, and I know Lions will do their very best to add to our rolls so we can do even more service. I wish you happy hunting for members!

**Joe Preston**  
Your Lions Clubs International President





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## EDITORIAL

The Spring has Sprung, even if it's only for a couple of days here and there. Hope is in the air and Lions up and down the land are carrying out the Lionistic version of servicing the lawnmower - to wit, sorting out Club gear so that it is in good shape for the coming season, not only to raise lots of lovely dosh for our charities, both local and international, but also to create that wonderful feeling of being tired but satisfied after another good day out.

Daffodils, Easter Eggs and general bright flora all turn up at this time of year, and suddenly life looks good.

We are in the middle of our Convention season, when Districts take a serious audit of how they are doing within the framework of Lions, and resolutions are made (not necessarily those which will be considered at the Multiple District Convention, but the smaller 'family' look at long-cherished Club traditions.) We live in fast changing times, and some of our events and activities which have done excellent service down the years might benefit from a bit of a spring clean and reappraisal.

Speaking of the MD Convention, are you going to be there? If still thinking about it, get on the website, or speak to someone at Multiple District HQ. It's not too late to go (and Brum is a nice and centrally situated venue). As with the District Conventions there will be a lot of serious work and discussion about how our Multiple District moves forward, but also a lot of fun, of meeting old Lion friends and making new ones.

Personally, as may be seen from pages 58-59, this is a life changing time for me. Once this issue of LION is printed I will be stepping back, and future issues will be in the capable hands of an editorial team from Warners Group, our printers, thus continuing and strengthening a partnership which dates back to well before my time with Lions (on both sides we must have been doing something right!)

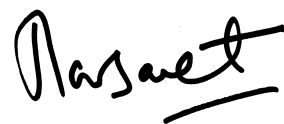
To avoid sudden change, and prevent material falling down the cracks of the transition, I have assured my friends at Warners that I will be very pleased to act as a 'postbox' until the new Editor is bedded in. I will achieve this by passing on material immediately I receive it. In other words, any material received by me before the changeover is up and rolling (and even after it!) will be in safe hands.

You may wish to know, however, that copy destined for the June/July issue and beyond may be sent to:

**lion.editor@lionsclub.co.uk** Tel: **01778 391128** (Nicky Rogers is looking after things for at least the June/July issue).

I can be contacted on my private e-mail: **lion.mag@hotmail.com** (I am a Lion, so can still use this one!)

May I wish take this opportunity to wish every Lion, Lioness and Leo of our Multiple District family every happiness and fulfilment.



• Margaret Kimberley, Editor





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# Supporting Our Local Hospital

It's a simple project, but carries enormous benefits for people who are possibly at their wits' end when a crisis occurs. (And it is also an excellent way of getting the name of our Association out to the public without a huge expense on publicity).

Lion Pam Talbot, the Vulnerable Persons' Officer for 105-BS, was impressed when she visited Wrexham Maelor Lions Club. She writes:

"Visiting other Lions Clubs can be an inspiring experience as I found out after visiting the Club to collect their Disclosure and Barring Service application forms.

"It was here that I first learnt about the Hospital Packs Scheme. These packs contain a comb, toothbrush and paste, shampoo and body wash sachets, a razor and shaving soap plus a towel, the aim being to give them to patients who are admitted to hospital as emergencies to tide them over until their families can bring in their own products from home.

"These simple little everyday items, which we all take for granted, help to give back a little dignity to patients at a time of stress and uncertainty. The scheme, so simple and inexpensive

touched a nerve with me, and I took the information back to my Club, Gnosall, for discussion. Members agreed with the concept and the suggestion of contacting our local hospital, the County in Stafford.

"We also agreed to get in touch with our fellow Lions in Stafford Club and ask them if they would like to join us in this venture, as both Clubs support the Hospital in various ways.

After months of checks by the various Hospital committees the packs are now being used to serve the local people of Stafford and the surrounding areas. The ward chosen to receive the packs is the Acute Medical Admissions Unit, and the response from the ward Sister on receiving was very positive."

“...a simple project – which means a lot...”

- ***Pictured at the handover were Gnosall Lions Rick Talbot, cunningly concealed in the lion suit, along with Lion Ron Martin and Lion Pam Talbot, with Sister Jo Perry from the AMU and Ruth Jones from the Hospital's Patients Experience department.***





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# *A Host of Golden Daffodils*

**W**ith apologies to William Wordsworth for borrowing his words, here are the results of our labours in planting daffodils at Fisher House at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham, during Europa Forum last October.

A group of Leos, Young Ambassadors and Young Leaders in Service not only cycled in the atrium of the hospital, they also planted daffodils in the Fisher House garden. Fisher House is a "home from home" for the families of servicemen receiving treatment in the hospital. As well as the activities being hard work, lots of fun was enjoyed by everyone (at least we hope

so!) and money raised reached an amazing total of £1500.

We are indebted to Burntwood Lions Club for their generosity in donating all the daffodils and are glad to hear that Mike Simms from the Club has visited the garden and seen the flowers for himself. Many thanks Burntwood Lions and all the other Clubs who have contributed to our success story.

Michael Tivey from Fisher House said: "We really value the work that Lions do for Fisher House – every penny donated helps us to show how much we appreciate the commitment shown by our armed forces and their families".

**Jane Armitage**  
**Youth Programme, Europa Forum**



## *It's all down to Cecil...!*



**W**ell perhaps not all, but in his role as Management Committee Chairman of The Lion, he headed up the team when I went to meeting at a hotel in London to be interviewed as a candidate for Editor of the magazine. Cecil was assisted by his Management team, the late PDG Ron Webb, PDG Colin Durham, PDG Lynn Packer, who was then running the Multiple District from South Wales, and the current DG of the time, the late Simon Young.

My husband, a Charter Member of Colchester Lions Club, had seen the vacancy advertised in the magazine and suggested that I might like to give it a try. More than 30 years on the time has come to leave the post to which Cecil and his colleagues appointed me. PDG Cecil and I had a very happy and productive partnership so all these years later I was delighted to receive this recent picture of him and another well loved old friend, PDG Surjit Bhalla, which was taken by PCC Geoff Leeder when they visited Cecil.

My very best wishes go out to Cecil and his lovely wife Pam. I have never for one moment regretted taking up the kind offer which he telephoned to me that very evening.

• **Margaret - Editor**





# Easter Egg Hunt

**They expected 430 – 500 turned up!**

**B**ut did the good Lions of Camborne, Redruth & District Lions Club panic? Yes, is the answer! However, in the best traditions of the Club's annual Portreath Beach Easter Egg Hunt, where the ambition is to give every child who takes part an Easter Egg, they did their best. They tore along to the only store open and cleaned them out of their sweet stock. It still wasn't enough to fulfil their target, so as a consolation they offered those who missed out their £1 entry fee back (some accepted the offer, others told the Lions to keep it!)

Whatever, a good time was had by all - especially Charlie Yates who was visiting all the way from Bolton, and was pictured with First Vice-President Derek Canham after finding the Golden Egg in the over-5 class, and Reese Edwards, also a visitor, from Carmarthen, who succeeded in unearthing the buried treasure in the under-5 category. He was pictured with his sisters and mother.

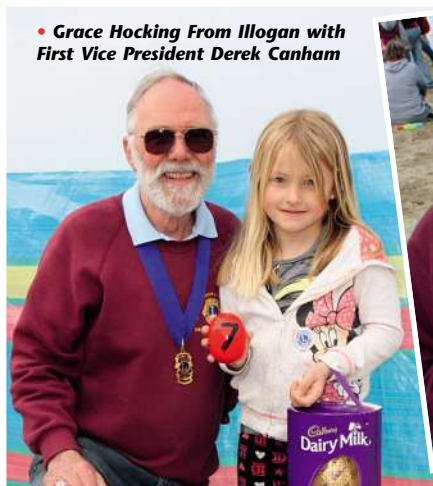
After a hectic day the Lions were able to put £800 into the Charity Account, made up of entry fees, a beach raffle, book sales and a soft toy stall.



• Giving out the eggs



• Reese Edwards from Carmarthen, the under-5 golden egg winner with his sisters and Mum



• Grace Hocking From Illogan with First Vice President Derek Canham



• Left: Charlie Yates from Bolton, the over-5 golden egg winner





# First presentation from Cheddar Vale Lions Club's 'Tree of Light'



• **Tristan from the training band with the French Horn and Lion Glyn John, organiser of the Tree of Light**

**C**heddar Valley Music Club received a cheque from the Tree of Light which has been used to purchase a small French Horn and towards music for Cheddar Valley Voices. Both the Brass Band and Choir assisted at the Tree of Light dedication last year and this goes some way to thanking them for their continued support each year.

## Young Leaders in Service Awards

**C**heddar Vale Lions Club were delighted to present six Silver and three Gold Young Leaders in Service Awards at Cheddar Valley Music Club's Annual Concert. Young Leaders in Service is part of the Youth programme offered by Lions Clubs International and invites young people between the ages of 13-18 to complete either 50 or 100 hours of service in a 12 month period. Service can be achieved by, as in this case, assisting younger members of the band with learning to play their instrument and reading music. Service can

also be achieved by shopping for the elderly, dog walking, assisting siblings with homework, listening to children read, helping a parent who needs that extra help owing to incapacity etc. All these earn hours of service and are rewarded with a certificate and pin from the Lions Clubs International President and sit well on their CV as they move towards either higher education or employment.

• **Anne Higgs and Lion President Judith John with Young Leaders in Service Award participants. Silver Awards for 50 hours of service went to Alex, Lily, Ben, Marcus, Ben, Nina and Emily. Gold Awards for 100 hours of service to Joe, Andrew and Andrew**





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# 2015 European Musical Competition

Report by PCC Bryan Riley

**T**his year the instrument is the clarinet. We are very grateful for the continued sponsorship of our Insurance Brokers, Miles Smith PLC. The MD105 final was held on 12 April at the Birmingham Conservatoire. Despite the fact that there were only five competitors the standard as stated by our three eminent judges was very high indeed. The judges themselves are all clarinetists, Andrew Penny, Conductor of the Hull Philharmonic, John Bradbury now Principal Clarinet with the BBC Philharmonic and Colin Bradbury, who was principal clarinet of the BBC Symphony Orchestra for over 30 years.

These young people are very talented and it is a credit to our Multiple District that we continue to help them enhance their chosen careers in music. There was a wide variation of the clarinetists' choice of music which made for an interesting and stimulating competition. The age groups of the musicians spanned nine years from 14 to 22.

The results and prizes were:

- 1st **Rachel Coe** sponsored by *South Wolds Lions Club* (District 105-C) - £500
- 2nd **Elliott Gresty** sponsored by *Birchwood Lions Club* (District 105-BN) - £200
- 3rd **Luke English** sponsored by *Birmingham Chinatown Lions Club* (District 105-M) - £100
- 4th equal **Emily Hart** sponsored by *Caterham Oxted and Godstone Lions Club* (District 105-SE) and **Latchen Kinghorn-Perry** sponsored by *Vale Royal Lions Club* (District 105-BS)

I was delighted that Council Chairman Michael Phillips and District Governor Barry Collins were able to attend. CC Michael presented the prizes and representatives from each Club presented the five Certificates of Appreciation.

Rachel Coe will now represent MD105 at the European Musical Competition final in Augsburg, Germany from 7-11 October 2015. In this final there are usually 20 contestants. This competition is the springboard to launch the music career of each contestant.

The instrument for 2016 will be the violin and the European final will be held in Sofia, Bulgaria.





# *Ruislip Lions with very bad colds?*

No it was just **Red Nose Day** being celebrated!

It all started on Charter Night. Lion President Arthur foolishly allowed a rogue Lion to pounce on revellers to get them to do a Red Nose selfie for cash - just look at the results! Then it spread - Film Nighters from Ruislip Lions Film Club arrived unaware of their Red Nose selfie experience with Lions 'photo bombing' the picture. Immediately, Film Nighters entered into the spirit of the occasion with gusto.

Finally preparing at our regular meeting for Red Nose Day on Friday 13 March at the Palladium, our tame lion 'Roary' just had to have a selfie with some of the Lions.

Then the great day arrived and a couple of tickets miraculously appeared so we could take our modest but hard won £100, (we found out this could buy 3000 injections against Malaria) given with loads of love to the fantastic organisers of this annual Red Nose event supporting children and young people across the world.







# United Nations Day, Wales

**W**rexham Maelor Lions Club celebrated United Nations Day at Glyndwr University, Wrexham. The welcome speech in both Welsh and English was delivered by Emrys Vaughan and District Governor Carol Godden. The UN Purposes was delivered by Army Cadet Katie. The guest speaker was Past Council Chairman Lion David Firth who spoke about the Empowerment of Widows - Sewing Machines 1-2-4 Project.

Angharad Stead gave a presentation covering her visit to Costa Rica and Nicaragua on a Raleigh Community Project, during which time she took part in the Clean Water Project, among other Projects.

District Governor Carol Godden gave a talk on the work of Lions Clubs International with the help of Rhosymedre Primary School pupils.

Fusilier Shean Stocker gave a thought provoking talk about his time serving in Afghanistan. In 2007 at the age of 19 and just six days short of the end of his tour, Shaun stepped on an IED – with the result that he became a blind double amputee. In December last year Shaun underwent surgery in Sydney, Australia to have a procedure called Osseointegration which is ground breaking surgery to fit titanium implant rods into his stumps.

This was very successful and although Shaun has one artificial eye he has recovered about 30 per cent of peripheral vision in his other eye, and next year he is going to embark on a 100 kilometre walk to raise funds for Blind Veterans which is also a Lions Project.

Wrexham Lions presented a cheque for £300 to Nora Lucas who teaches at Penley School which is twinned with a school in Lesotho where pupil Maseiponeis's education is being sponsored by Wrexham Lions.

Entertainment was provided by Rhosymedre Primary School Choir and The Clwyd Clippers barbershop choir.

The meeting was closed by Chairman of Council Lion Michael Phillips.







# *Lions Sight Savers Trust helps perform a Million Miracles*

A massive thank you from Lauren Lloyd, on behalf of the charity Sightsavers



**L**ions Clubs in MD105 have been supporting the charity Sightsavers (previously Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind) since 1972. Clubs make donations to the Lions Sight Savers Trust, which is run by four Trustees, all Lions, and in the early days donations from Clubs supported 'Eye Camps'.

More recently, donations from Lions Sight Savers Trust are being directed towards sight restoring cataract operations in Africa and Asia, through Sightsavers' 'A Million Miracles Appeal'.

The kindness and generosity of Lions never ceases to amaze and inspire us at Sightsavers, but you have completely bowled us over this time. In the first three months of the appeal you gave an astounding £100,000! The total you raised was matched by the UK government's Department for International Development (DFID), to make a staggering £200,000.

We want to say a massive, heartfelt thank you for everything you've done to raise such a wonderful amount. Your generosity will truly change lives.

## **One in a million**

Many of you watched our live broadcast in October 2014, when we launched 'A Million Miracles' by following the incredible story of Winesi March. Winesi had been completely blind for two years, and we followed his story as his cataract was diagnosed and he received his first miracle, sight-restoring operation – the first of our Million Miracles. We were privileged to share the magical moment when Winesi's bandages were removed and he was able to see again.

We caught up with Winesi recently, and he told us how much his life has changed now his sight is restored. Not only is he able to help care for his grandchildren, cook, and fix things around the house (he was up on the roof when we met him!), he's also started making hoes, which he can sell to help support his family again. Winesi's heartwarming

story sums up why 'A Million Miracles' is so special and so crucially important. The grant we'll receive from DFID will launch a new cataract innovation programme, to ensure that people with cataract living in some of the poorest and most isolated communities in the world, have access to the surgery they need.

## **Let's make more miracles**

So far Lions in MD105 have given 6666 people the miracle of having their sight restored, saved or protected. At an average cost of £30 for a cataract operation, please help us to perform even more miracles by the centenary year

For those of you who missed Winesi's story, or would like to see it again, please visit [www.millionmiracles.org](http://www.millionmiracles.org). Don't worry if you're a little squeamish – no graphic images of surgery are shown.

**Thank you!**



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# Serrekunda Maternity Hospital Water Tank

**Lion Barrie Frost, of Bramley and Wickersley Lions Club tells all about it**

In July 2008 I was asked by Les Hince, a friend who manages my local pub, if I would like to go with him to Gambia to deliver shoes to children. As in previous years, shoes were collected by local primary schools and money was raised through quiz nights, race nights and other fund raisers in the Three Horse Shoes to pay the excess baggage charges for transporting them. I was profoundly moved by the poverty I saw in the villages we visited and impressed by the friendliness of the local people.

Les and I made two more trips before we joined the new Bramley and Wickersley Lions Club. The Club then adopted the project by collecting shoes, clothes and also equipment for schools such as books, and furniture. The Club paid the cost of transportation and its members packed the container. The following year, this was taken over as an International Project by District 105-C.

During our visit in 2014, Les asked me to go to a local hospital to look at a problem with the water supply to its only shower. I did this very reluctantly as I imagined wards full of severely malnourished children and people dying of malaria. To my surprise (and great embarrassment), it was a maternity hospital and checking the shower involved walking through the ward in which two ladies were giving birth. Old fashioned hospital bed screens would be very useful there if we could find some to give dignity and privacy to the patients. A lady who had just given birth was given less than a pint of water to wash herself while a nurse took her new born baby to wash it under the outside tap!

With my face as red as a beetroot, I checked the shower to find that it had no water at all so I went back through the labour ward to check the valve outside the building. It had been turned off months before my visit by a local plumber who had been called out to fix a leak. The nurses were overjoyed when I turned on the valve so the

shower was up and running although the leak was still there. We drew up a schedule for turning the valve off at night and on again each morning to preserve precious water stored in the tank and I paid a different plumber to replace the leaky part.

The mains water pressure to the hospital is so low that the storage tank only fills at night. The tank was old, it's a rusty metal one, was full of bees and did not hold enough water for the hospital's daily needs. I decided there and then that I would make it my personal project to raise money to fit a new, plastic tank at the hospital. I costed the project using local parts and labour and found that it could be done if 500 people would each to donate £1.

The collection got off to a flying start when Rotherham United, my local football team, reached the playoff finals at Wembley. Along with Les Hince, Lee Agus and other Lions travelled to the match with Rotherham United Supporters. After a heart stopping game, we won and were promoted to the Championship. The generosity of the fans was as overwhelming as their excitement and over £200 was donated by them to the water tank fund.

I then began asking family, friends and any Lions that I met to contribute £1 (or what they could give) to the fund. Word of the project spread and, through Hornsea Lions Club, a donation of £164 was made by Mrs Carol Davis in memory of her husband.

Having raised the money, Lee Agus and I travelled to Gambia to install the tank at Serrekunda Maternity Hospital in March. Bramley and Wickersley Lions have donated two plaques to fix to the tank. One bears the logo of Lions District 105-C and the other depicts the Rotherham United Logo with the wording "Kindly donated by Rotherham United Supporters".

I would like to thank everyone who helped to raise the money for this project. It's amazing that so many people, from different sectors of our community, are willing to help improve conditions for new mothers in a small hospital thousands of miles away.



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# Encouraging Achievement

**W**itney Lions Club has donated £500 to the Achievement Centre in Wood Green School, Witney. The money will be used for transport on a day trip to London for the staff and children to visit the London Eye and London Aquarium.

The Head of the Achievement Centre, Denise Healy, said "The

students have been studying tourism and endangered animals, so the trip will really enrich their learning experience. The children are all looking forward to this exciting opportunity, which has been made possible by the very kind and generous donation from the Witney Lions Club".

Club President Rod Attewell said "We think the Achievement Centre does a wonderful job working with children who have learning difficulties; the money will enable this trip to happen".



## CCHU Presentation

**T**he President of the Amersham & Chesham Lions Club, Chris Orchard, presented a cheque for £2000 to the Cancer Care and Haematology Fund at Stoke Mandeville Hospital in March.

Each year the Lion President chooses a particular charity, and Lion Chris chose this as his charity because of the wonderful care they took of him during his treatment for lymphoma. The extra funds will go to providing better facilities and more nurses than are available from NHS funds alone.

The attached photo shows June Wilson OBE, founder and fund raiser for the Fund, receiving the cheque together with Dr Helen Eagleton, one of the consultants, and some of the nurses and staff.





# Kenilworth Quackers!



**E**very Boxing Day an unusual ritual takes place in Kenilworth in the heart of England when, at noon precisely, the Mayor helps to launch 1500 defenceless little ducklings into Finham Brook just across the road from the town's famous castle, visited on more than one occasion by Queen Elizabeth 1.

After a bracing swim of some 200 metres, the little ducks cross the finishing line in the town's Abbey Fields, the first four finishers capturing prizes of £100, £75, £50 and £25 respectively.

This annual Kenilworth Lions event has been running for more than 25 years and has captured the public imagination to the extent that it now attracts thousands of visitors from the local area as well as those from far and wide. The race has featured on BBC Radio 2, in The Guardian and The Times.

Over the years more than £80,000 has been raised to help



those in need with donations being made to local, national and international worthy causes. Indeed the event enabled the Kenilworth Lions to send £4000 to help after the Far East Tsunami ten years ago.

The ducks all have numbers painted on their little botties (ah yes, I well remember carrying out this bit of craftwork on the duckies owned by my own Lions Club. **Ed**). The raffle tickets come in different colours, so the crafty Lions are able to sell all 1500 ducks over and over – this last time they sold 9000 tickets at £1 a punt.

Says Lion Barrie Rogers: "We are fortunate to have the largest Club in 105-M, which guarantees that we have enough ticket sellers and helpers on the day. It's a wonderful way to have fun, serve the community and raise much needed funds for those less fortunate than ourselves. Long may our ducks keep on swimming!"



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# Under Starter's Orders at Windsor

It's the biggest fundraiser on  
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**T**he Windsor Great Park Cross Country Ride 2015 is  
scheduled for 12 and 13 September (see poster).  
Entries are now open for this great event, now in  
its 39th year, which over the years has raised  
more than £2 million for good causes and given  
thousands of riders the amazing opportunity to  
ride the nine-mile course in the glorious  
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For more information, contact Entries Secretary Lion  
John Jenkins at: [horse@windsorlions.co.uk](mailto:horse@windsorlions.co.uk) or call on  
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# Ladies Driving Challenge

**C**hester Lions are raising much needed funds  
for the Countess of Chester Hospital by  
organising a 'Ladies Driving Challenge'  
running on the 6th and 7th June 2015 at  
Poulton Airfield, Pulford, Chester. Chester  
Lions are specifically funding the Nurses  
Station in the Neonatal Unit and a Baby Bed.  
Ladies will have the opportunity to drive police cars, fire engines,  
ambulances, double decker buses, JCB's, Mini digger/dumper,  
trucks, tractors, quad bikes, truck and trailer and fuel tanker.

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# Chicks Tweeting for Lions

**A** group of Telford knitters have been frantically making scores of woolly Easter chicks to donate to their local Lions Club for a fundraising event in support of Marie Curie Cancer Care. Members of the "Get Knitting" group from the Park Lane Centre handed over 100 chicks to Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions President, Colin Thompson.

Lions Club members were to be found standing on the world famous Iron Bridge on Easter Sunday looking for visitors who can give the chicks and their accompanying Easter eggs a new home.

Lion President Colin said: "The "Get Knitting" group do a great job, knitting various items throughout the year in aid of charity. At Christmas they donated hats, gloves and scarves they had knitted to assist with our contribution to Operation Christmas Child.

"The Easter chicks are really cute and each one comes with a little chocolate egg. We like lots of people to come along to get one and help us support Marie Curie Cancer Care - an organisation that so many people come into contact with and rely on help from at some stage in their lives."

The "Get Knitting" group are always on the lookout for donations of wool to assist with their charity work. Anyone with spare wool they can donate should contact either Anne Shearer from "Get Knitting" on 01746 766993, or John Marsh from Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions on 0845 833 9516.

**Left to Right: Edna (Get Knitting) Colin Thompson Ironbridge Lions and Carol (Get Knitting)**



# Melvin's Fellows at Ballina

**T**his happy mini bus load were pictured at a recent lunch of the six Melvin Jones

Fellows of Ballina Lions Club in County Mayo.

Pictured are from left to right Adrian Bourke, Gerry Jordan, Danny Graham, Desy McAndrew, Frank Doyle and Pat O' Brien. In the driver's seat of the Lions Bus is Henry Bourke, Club Vice President.





# A Fabulous Convention

## Lion John Fox writes:

**D**G Kevin's motto is Fun and Laughter, and that's certainly what we had at the 105-EA Convention held in Peterborough. Thursday night saw 34 early arrivals enjoying an informal dinner with our International Guest PIP Jim Ervin and Lion Sharon along with PID Phil Nathan and Lion Heidi-Ann. This carried on with a few hardy souls in the lounge bar, where PIP Jim asked each how and why they became a Lion and what they got from being a Lion. Although each had their own story to tell it came down to being able to make a difference in their community and beyond.

Friday saw the official start to Convention with PIP Jim and DG Kevin raising the Lions flag in front of the hotel, followed by lunch then a short Cabinet meeting to finalise details for the business session on Saturday. Afterwards Lion John Cheetham held a very informative Hearing Awareness session; dozen Lions including PIP Jim went away from this highly regarded Workshop better equipped to relate to those with hearing difficulties, and a bit shocked with the number of deaf and hard of hearing children and adults around us. If anyone has the chance to take part in the full workshop please do so, and also if you know of any residential home or businesses that could benefit from this training please get in touch with Lion John.

The evening saw a very different look, back in time to the 1950's for Host Night, full skirts, bobby sox, teddy boys and some dodgy looking climbers! Some might say the judging was fixed when the DG's own Club won best group with their rendition of Summer Nights (and No! DG Kevin wasn't Danny). Everest was conquered again that night and as Butlins Red Coats and barrow boys all took to the floor. All enjoyed their chicken in a basket and danced into the early hours, including PIP Jim and Sharon.

Saturday started with a parade of all the Clubs in the District accompanied by the flag party from 56th Peterborough (Bretton) Scouts and 2nd Nene Apollo Scouts. (They actually took £220 in their collection – thanks to all).

The business session was formally opened by The Mayor of the City of Peterborough, Councillor Lion David Over, (who also joined us for the Banquet and Ball in the evening). The new DG Team was elected during the day. Taking up the reins for 2015/16 will be DGE Chris Crick and Lion Evelyn, VDGE Nigel Folkard and Marion with 2VDGE Derek Prior and Sheila. We all wish them well and know EA is in safe hands.

PIP Jim gave a very inspirational talk, encouraging everybody to pass on their enthusiasm and passion to all new members. This way we will keep members and improve our organisation. Also that membership is everybody's responsibility, not Cabinet's or International. They can suggest ways to try but it's down to each and every individual to ask someone to join and then encourage and enthuse them to take part in all Club activities.

Operation Friendship Guests PDG Lion Charlie and Lion Jan of District 201 V6 (Australia) talked of their District and its work for Lions Clubs International.

Lion Mandy Hawksley presented PID Phil Nathan with a cheque for £5479.80 for Gift For Living raised during her year as District Governor's Lady.

The day culminated with the Banquet and Ball, again a superb evening of fun and laughter, old friendships renewed and new ones made. The newcomers quiz was hotly contested, the winner coming from Clacton Lions winning a bottle of bubbly. We have some very hardy members in EA as a group including New Century Lions (who nearly made it through to breakfast) and PIP Jim and PID Phil enjoyed an impromptu sing-along with DG Kevin's son borrowing PDG Tony's guitar.

The last day started with a late breakfast, everyone encouraged to wear their slippers! Many then departed as it was Mothering Sunday, and many had lunch booked with family. But several stayed on for the open forum with PIP Jim, PID Phil and DG Kevin. Many issues were discussed including PR and membership, but also our Centenary was discussed with all the exciting projects that will be available to get involved in.

The majority of Lions then headed home leaving PIP Jim to a well-earned round of golf with District Secretary David Pope.

We cannot finish this without saying a huge thank you to Convention Host Gaby Sharman and her team who did a fantastic job. They certainly made the weekend FABULOUS.





# for 105-EA



## Lions Get a Head of Steam

sell the tickets for the local Railway Preservation Society and because of that they give us a few bob for Wicklow Lions - and we do nothing really!"

That's how Wicklow Lion Sean Olohan cheerfully dismisses what is probably a lot of hard work - selling tickets of any kind is usually a bit of a struggle.

But this is obviously a very popular local attraction. As Lion Sean told 'Our Man in 105-I', Jim Bradfield: "We had a trip on the Steam Train yesterday - really good! We usually supply 'our Lion' for the trip and he is an amazing success every time. He is a great novelty and a very good PR exercise for our Club.

"I think this has great potential for all Clubs - maybe a joint venture for a 'trip down the line?'"







# Our Young Amba

2015 brought forth yet another amazing group of Young Ambassadors of the 21st Century. This year there were 12 as the candidate from 105-SE had to withdraw. There was again a full house of Lions, parents, family and friends present at the Village Hotel, Dudley on 22 February for the Presentation Ceremony in support of the 12 District winners.

As usual, there was a great diversity in the activities/projects presented by the candidates. This made it difficult for the panel of three judges (Michelle Crowley, Mike Kendall and Mike Field) to arrive at an overall winner of winners. However, on Sunday morning, their chosen candidate was named as Orla Jackman, sponsored by Carlow Lions Club from District 105-I. The Shipshape Award went to James Lingfield, sponsored by Wanstead and Woodford Lions Club of District 105-A – a very popular choice!

Thanks go to the three Judges for their time and expertise and to Chris Phillips, the winner from 2014 who acted as mentor and supported the 2015 candidates throughout the weekend.

**Glenys Sanders – Young Ambassador Committee Chairman**



**105-A JAMES LINGFIELD**, sponsored by **Wanstead and Woodford Lions Club**. All but 15 years old, James was awarded Epping Forest Young Citizen 2014, is involved in Chigwell Riding Trust where he fundraises, encourages and offers practical and emotional support to nervous riders (James has Muscular Dystrophy). He is passionate about inclusion and empowers other disabled young people to make informed choices. He has spoken about disability sport on BBC Breakfast and is often asked to talk to newly diagnosed young people and their families.



**105-BS HANNAH TELLES** is 18 years old and sponsored by **Cannock Lions Club**. Last year she helped organise a world record for 'The Most Heart Shaped Hand Gestures' to support Stephen Sutton who was dying from cancer.

Hannah also organised and participated in activities linked to 'National Good Gestures Day' and a Charity Ball. Currently she is planning 'Laughathon 2015' on 3 May. Continuing to promote Stephen's message. Hannah has helped to plan and choreograph the school show together with running dance and drama clubs.



**105-BN GRACE COLLIER**, sponsored by **Birchwood Lions Club**, is 16 years old and passionate about education, volunteering each week at her local Primary School helping with extra – curricular activities and pupils' development.

She also gives two weeks of her summer holiday to help children with the transition from Primary to Secondary level. In 2013 she visited their partner school in South Africa and on her return, set up a fundraising group 'Team Ubuntu'. To date they have raised £2500 and established 'The Birchwood Scholarship', funding education and uniforms for 50 pupils.



**105-M JESSICA GOULDEN** is 16 years old and sponsored by **Dudley Lions Club**. Jessica states that life is about people, not targets. She recently lost her grandmother to Cancer and this has led her to believe that bereavement support needs to be given to all. Jessica has raised

£1800 for St Giles Hospice where her grandmother was cared for. Jessica is to begin training young bereavement councillors at school to help young people through a difficult time. Teenagers find it difficult to express themselves at times like this, so it would help to talk to others of a similar age.



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E

**105-E JAMIE TRUSLER**, is sponsored by **Loughborough Lions Club**. He is the East Midlands Regional Cadet of the Year and Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and Rutland District Cadet of the Year for St John's Ambulance. He is a National Ambassador for the National Citizen Service and been elected as a deputy member of Youth Parliament. His election manifesto was to promise to campaign for the teaching of First Aid to be made compulsory in Schools. His Bursary will be used towards this.



D

**105-D JENNA VOLPERT** is 18, sponsored by **Jersey Lions Club** and hopes to read medicine. She is a talented musician and helped others with their music lessons, along with teaching younger pupils in maths and science. Jenna volunteers at the local hospital and spent a month helping in a South African Township hospital, gaining valuable experience. She is involved in a variety of community work – including 'Autism Jersey' where she has helped with events that showcase the organisation, thus increasing befrienders-in-training. As a local befriender to a young autistic boy, Jenna has developed an increased understanding and awareness of autism.



EA

**105-EA JAZZMAY THOMPSON** is 18 and sponsored by **Great Yarmouth Lions Club**. Jazzmay is a cadet in 221 Squadron Air Training Corps, a member of the Royal British Legion, a school senior leader, a Sports Council member and a Community Passionate. The latter means she helps to organise local fetes and fairs in the community. Jazzmay is also a Young Ambassador for the Youth Sports Trust and helps children with special needs



C

**105-C EDWARD HAWES**, sponsored by **Warmsworth Edlington Lions Club** is 17 years old and helps to mentor students with special needs in school. He has helped to raise funds for Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice and for 'Clic Sargent', a children's cancer charity. He attends a drama group and helps others less able to participate on stage within their capabilities. He is also a volunteer at a guinea pig sanctuary called 'Cavy Corner' which cares for abandoned or mistreated guinea pigs.



NE

**105-NE LAUREN BAILLIE**, sponsored by **Teesdale Lions Club**, is 17. She has been involved in Scouting for seven years and is now a qualified Young Leader, volunteering with Scouts and Cubs. Lauren has gained her Community Sports Leadership Award, Level 2 and is working towards Level 3. This involves leadership work with children and disabled groups. She has won awards including 'Young Volunteer of the Year for Durham and Dales', the 'Jenny Askew Award' for work in the community and the 'Shrievally Award' for work in scouting.



SW

**105-SW SAMANTHA BLAKE** is sponsored by **Newquay Towan Blystra Lions Club**. She is President of Newquay Towan Blystra Leos and for two years, Newquay's Mayor's Cadet. Samantha and the Leos are supporting Newquay Hospital. Their mission is to ensure the hospital can offer their community the best service possible by acquiring much needed equipment. Before Samantha entered this competition the hospital's only resuscitation doll was 20 years old. As around 3000 more houses are being built, equipment is necessary to update first aid to nurses, doctors and the community to make Newquay a better equipped town and to help save lives.



I

**105-I ORLA JACKMAN, THE WINNER**, chosen by the judges, and sponsored by **Carlow Lions Club**. Having been diagnosed with Leukaemia at the age of 12, she underwent treatment for the next three years. After she recovered from the shock of her initial diagnosis, she decided that she wanted to help others in the same situation and raise awareness of childhood cancer. This led to her being heavily involved in fundraising. Her fundraising events have been very varied, including quizzes, an auction along with an annual cycle event 'Cycle with Orla for Crumlin', and baking sales. To date, this dedicated young lady has raised 80 000 Euros in support of childhood cancer in Ireland- an amazing result! Orla also designed the cover of the Cytarabine booklet, a chemotherapy drug administered by parents in their own homes. She is also on the Youth Advisory Council which comprises young patients from Three Children's Hospitals advising on the new National Children's Hospital.



W

**105-W TONI-LOUISE CLEATON**, sponsored by **Llandrindod Wells Lions Club**, has been a member of St John Ambulance from the age of 3 and at 10, moved into the cadets and completed her Grand Prior Award. Toni became Badger Leader Assistant, completed her Duke of Edinburgh Award and continues to help run Badgers meetings. She is a volunteer at 'Thumbs up Club' run by Play Radnor for children with Special Needs. Toni has been a Girl Guide since she was six, is now a Ranger and has achieved the Baden Powell Award. She also helps in local fund raising events.





# Promoting

The main objective of the Public Relations/Marketing Team is **'to substantially increase public awareness'** of Lions Clubs in the British Isles and Ireland

To do this more effectively and efficiently the team are going to create a **PR & Marketing Toolkit**, so that District PR Officers and members of Lions Clubs can download from the online resource and utilise what has been created.

This is an example of what is currently being produced but there will be more to follow:



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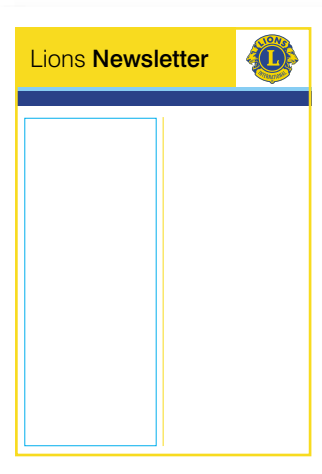
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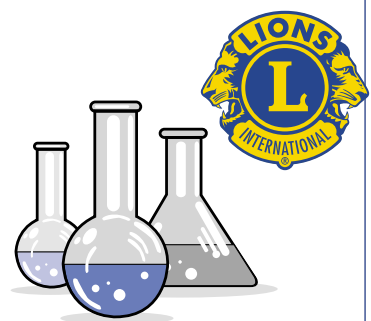
## Key facts about Lions Clubs International ...

Continuous updates about Lions Clubs will be posted online



## Moving forward...

The Public Relations/Marketing Team are seeking ways to test new initiatives as they are developed. As these are generated in the Lions Laboratory, they will be trialled through a pilot programme working with clubs, zones and districts to test these new approaches. It's all about being adventurous and experimenting with ideas and if they work, they will be spread more widely.



Please let us know if you would like to be involved as a club, zone or district by contacting **Mandy** via **pr@lionsclubs.co**





# Feedback

## on Why Lions do Lifeskills

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### Okehampton Lions Club

Okehampton and District Lions Club recently presented Okehampton College with a Lions Lifeskills resource – **'Citizenship'**. Citizenship education covers an enormous breadth of topics focusing on a wide range of issues from local, national and international perspectives. Lion President Mike Chastey is seen presenting the pack to students from the college – with their tutor Mike Gurney – Citizenship leader and the Club's Vice President Lion Walter Jory.



### Thanet Lions Club

After attending a recent **'Smoking and Young People'** seminar, two Thanet Schools requested the help of Thanet Lions Club to purchase the resources **'Up in Smoke'**, **'Sex, Drugs and Alcohol'**, **'Keys to Drugs'** and **'Keys to Alcohol'**.

Thanet Lions Club President Jacquie Prebble is shown presenting the resources to Patrick Sawyer, Charles Dickens School and Carol Cavanagh, Hartsdown Academy. Carol Cavanagh said *"as school budgets are extremely tight we are very grateful that Thanet Lions have agreed to purchase these resources for us"*.

President Jacquie Prebble said *"these resources help teachers with some of the most difficult problems faced by young people today"*.

### Feedback received on Lions Lifeskills resources from Hathersage St Michael's CE Primary School, Hope Valley, Derbyshire – presented by a local Lions Club

Fiona Jackson, Headteacher said, *"We have used all of the resources donated to us across the school for fun based active learning. This has developed empathy and understanding skills and has built self-confidence within our pupils. These resources cover many areas very well, they are easy to use with lots of suggestions and activities linked to one learning objective."*



For more information on Lions Lifeskills, please contact  
**Lion Mandy** on **01204 435340**



# Storytime with the Lions

**C**heddar Vale Lions teamed up with Cheddar Library again for "Storytime with the Lions" last Friday. Special guest was 'Brian' our own special Lion who loved listening to the stories with the children although at times he was a bit too vocal. Lion Theresa Warrell kept control of Brian and read several stories about Lions and the jungle before letting the children loose to find pictures of Lions hidden around the Library and also do some colouring. The Friends of Cheddar Library made refreshments for the mums and children and all the children went home with a small Easter egg and bookmark.

Storytime has become a regular holiday event for the Library and Cheddar Lions and is a great way to meet up with mums and dads. By giving each child a bookmark with the Club's website and contact details it also encourages parents to see what else we get up to and hopefully they will be interested enough to join us.



## Biking Goes to the Wall!

**Lion Shaun Middleton, President of Hednesford Lions Club who is helping to organise this event, has an invitation for Bikers...**

**H**ednesford Lions would like to invite any motorcycling Lions Club Members along with non Lion pillions and guest riders to meet with fellow Lions and friends whilst supporting the fantastic "Ride to the Wall" charity - [www.ridetothewall.org.uk](http://www.ridetothewall.org.uk). Registration is open and numbers are growing for this unique motorcycling event. Hednesford Lions will greet you on the morning of the 3rd October 2015 at the Hen House, Eskrett St, Hednesford, WS12 1AR at 8.30am for a hearty reasonably priced breakfast at 9.00am (safe parking is available). Lions and guests will have time to socialise and prepare for the day's events before a short briefing in readiness for our ride out. We hope to make short visits to landmarks and local Clubs in the area before we make our way to the National Memorial Arboretum and after the service we will have plenty of time to walk the grounds and view the very emotive memorial gardens and wall. Before we leave the Arboretum we will have the opportunity to meet Lion

representatives from our District at the Lions International shelter situated in the grounds.

For more information about registering please contact Shaun Middleton on [info@hednesfordlions.co.uk](mailto:info@hednesfordlions.co.uk)





# Lions Club "Free Raffle"

("Free" — but donations are welcome!)

Members of the Camborne Redruth & District Lions Club have once again been collecting at Morrisons, for one of the most popular charities in the County, Children's Hospice South West. The Lions were offering a free raffle ticket to enter into the draw with a chance to win one of the four prizes on display, two food hampers, a bottle of wine and a box of chocolates. (However donations made to the appeal were readily accepted!)

The draw was made by Silvia Bray from the Friends of Children's Hospice South West.

Over the course of three days around £330 was raised for the cause. Lion President Paul Bray said that this has been a popular and worthwhile annual event with the Lions and also the shoppers

at Morrisons over the past few years.

He said that the Lions are most appreciative of the public donations and Morrisons for allowing them to collect each year and that when the proceeds from the Lions Cow Pat competition would be added to Morrisons Free Raffle they were hoping to present a cheque for £1000 to the Hospice.

• **Right: Jan Davis (Mary's Well) Big Hamper winner receiving her prize of groceries from Lion Alan Hampton**



• **Left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Ken Rail from Tuckingmill giving a donation to Lion President Paul Bray**



• **Left to right: Lion Viv Broadhurst, and event organiser Lion Derek Canham supervising the draw being made by Silvia Bray from the Children's Hospice**



• **The organising committee of the Wicklow Lions with President Brendan O'Connor at the grand final of the Club's annual table quiz. This year the Club distributed €10,000 between 19 local charities.**

## 'The Blues'

Wicklow and District Lions Club brought their weekly quiz nights to a finale in the Grand Hotel in Wicklow.

After ten nights of exciting brain storming in various local pubs the grand final was once again the highlight of the year when 150 people turned up to support their individual charities.

Over €10,000 was distributed between 19 different charities.



# *Lions Club volunteers blitz canal side litter*

**Traffic cones, a kitchen worktop, two car wheels, four tyres, a plastic chair, paint tins, metal sheets, timber and six bags of bottles and cans were amongst the haul.**

**A** tonne of discarded debris has been removed from the 200-year-old Leeds & Liverpool Canal by Douglas Valley Lions Club volunteers and Canal & River Trust staff. The major litter clearance at Appley Bridge Lock No. 91 unearthed traffic cones, car tyres and even a kitchen worktop, along with a range of fly-tipped material and litter threatening the appearance of this popular and attractive canal.

The Lions adopted a stretch of waterway between Parbold Moorings and Appley Bridge in 2012 in response to their 'adopt a canal' programme.

## **Making a difference**

Since the start of the canal adoption, monthly towpath taskforce clean-up events have taken place including litter picking along the towpath, painting locks, clearing graffiti and refurbishing community noticeboards.

The Lions are now part of a growing network of more than 85 other groups who are helping protect the UK's 2000 mile inland waterway system.

Whilst the Canal Trust still owns the canal and carry out essential multi-million pound year-round maintenance, adoption groups are helping to bring important added benefits to the waterways by carrying out tasks such as towpath improvements, cutting back vegetation, litter and graffiti removal and improving the overall appearance of the canal.

Alice Kay the Trust's our volunteer leader said: "We're very thankful for the support of the Lions in tackling such a problematic issue such as litter. Their efforts will only make the waterways more enjoyable for thousands of visitors who use them each day. Our waterways have an incredible history so it's important that they're supported into the future and we're making every effort to work closer with local people and bring the canals closer to the heart of the community."

Douglas Valley Lions Club spokesman, Lion Alan Trevarton said: "We take a lot of pride in our local canal and the main aim for us has been to try and keep the banks litter free and create a welcoming space for local people to enjoy. Littering and fly-tipping is mindless and disgraceful and people should really take more care when discarding their rubbish. It can build up very quickly, so we just ask that people show a bit more respect and help us and the Canal & River Trust to protect this beautiful environment."

## **Want to get involved?**

Members of the public interested in joining the monthly litter picks between Parbold Bridge 37 and Finch Mill Swing Bridge 43 can contact [volunteer@canalrivertrust.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@canalrivertrust.org.uk) or contact the Lions direct on 08458 335739.

Full details about Waterway Adoptions can be found at [canalrivertrust.org.uk/volunteer](http://canalrivertrust.org.uk/volunteer)

At a hands-on level we will work with the group to understand what work needs to be done, whether it's to record and improve wildlife habitats, maintain towpaths, help fundraise, run educational events or help combat anti-social behaviour.





# Lions in China!

Lions of 105-BS had a taste of the Orient to start the District Convention on Friday evening. With Peking Ducks, Great Walls, Noodles and a Dragon Dance in the form of a Lion, the Origami table decorations, food, fortune cookies and the beautiful room decorations, some on loan from Manchester Chinatown Lions Club, it was like a night in Shanghai. The evening concluded with dancing and our International Guest PIP Jimmy Ross hardly left the floor.

Saturday was the Business Session. It started with the opening ceremony with the flags and Sea Cadets of Stoke on Trent and rousing renditions of the National Anthems. A moving Invocation started the proceedings with an emotional one by PDG Lion John May and had a standing ovation. The emphasis of the weekend was good news. We are all very aware of membership declining (not in this District!) and other sad news so it was great to hear of the things that our District had achieved to the oohs and aaaahs of the audience. We had a talk from Mr Steve Dayman MBE from Meningitis Now, our DG's Partner Lion Ed Godden's charity for this year and then we heard from our fabulous Young Ambassador Hannah Telles who told us all about the competition and her good work in the community.

In the afternoon Session we were advised how to get our stories on the radio by Jodie Looker from Radio Stoke and then an absolutely mesmerising talk about Prostate Cancer from Dr David Baxter-Smith. There was lots of laughter even though the topic was a serious matter. He said things that you would never think you would hear at a Convention!

The man with the hat PIP Jimmy Ross enthralled the audience with his speech and generous nature. He worked the room tirelessly all weekend speaking to all, shaking hands and posing for photos. You had to be there to appreciate the new comic double act Jimmy and Frankie as laughter filled the room. Land of Hope and Glory concluded a great business session and Lions sang at the top of their voices.

The Banquet and Ball was a great finale to the weekend and DG Carole made an emotional speech thanking all who had made her Convention a great one. Thanks to Zone G for all their hard work bringing this Convention together. It rocked, but then we knew it would. Good luck Zone F for next year's Convention we are looking forward to it already!





# *Magic, Fun and Games at the Lionesses Conference*

Once again the Lionesses successfully combined the business of an AGM with a variety of social activities. Fun, laughter and discussion were the order of the day when the Lionesses gathered together in Maidstone for the Annual Conference.

Friday's casual meal was complemented by a Magician who moved round the tables performing tricks which defied belief. Bertie, the Magician, then managed to persuade the Chairman of Council Lion Michael Philips to hold a 'window cleaner' in the air for the rest of the evening! His dedication to the job was admirable as may be seen from the picture below right!

Saturday morning, and the Mayor of Maidstone officially opened the Conference and Acting MD Chairman Lioness Phyllis King welcomed all our guests including host DG Lion Terry Mason and Sue. She then guided us all through the business meeting



which included a discussion to decide the future of the MD Lioness Conference and the format of the Advisory Body – this will make the organisation more relevant in the future.

A cheque for £1690 was presented to a representative of Silver Line Helpline-the MD Chairman's charity this year. They listen to and befriend elderly people who are lonely (see picture below)

To lighten the mood The Dowager Lady Crabtree [alias Paul James] gave an entertaining address entitled 'Growing Old Disgracefully'. [see photo]The Lionesses then danced late into the night after a formal meal.[see photo]

On Sunday there were talks on a variety of Lions Projects in 105-SE information about The Belarus Trust, The Shoebox Appeal and LIBRA and how the Lionesses can assist with these activities.

Everyone travelled home having had a great weekend and we are looking forward to 2016. The format may change but the enjoyment will be as good as always.







Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**

# A Grand Gift for LCIF

When they attended the Vale of Belvoir Lions Club's Charter little did Coningsby and Tattershall Lions Peter Green and Chris Capes realise that would meet someone in the hotel who would make them a marvellous offer. Susan Fry, whose father was a Lion, was at the hotel for a Craft Weekend, and she offered to make a quilt

True to her word she later presented the Club with an exquisite handcrafted quilt. It takes time, love, and, of course, skill to produce such a work of art. This quilt, with an estimated value of £1000, will make a fantastic family heirloom for some lucky owner.

The grateful Coningsby and Tattershall Lions came up with the idea of raffling this beautiful work of art, and decided to sell 1000 tickets at £1 each, the proceeds to go to the LCIF 'Measles One Shot, One Life' Appeal.

As Lion Gordon Davison, Editor of the 105-E Newsletter 'UPDATE' says: "Measles kills an estimated 430 people every day, can cause blindness, and could stop a child from seeing something as beautiful as this quilt".

Fast forward, and who should be visiting our shores but Past International President Barry Palmer, the current Chairman of LCIF.



As International Guest at the 105-E Convention he was right on hand to receive the money raised to support this extremely worthy LCIF initiative.

Lion Patricia Phillips, spouse of PDG Michael the current Chairman of Council, joined Lion President Anne Simons of Coningsby and Tattershall Lions Club, to make the presentation.

Says Lion Patricia: "I sold quite a few tickets when we were either on training weekends or Council of Governors' meetings, and would like people to know how successful this raffle was and what their contribution raised towards the Measles Initiative.

## Vive Guide Dogs!

International President Joe Preston met this group of happy dog trainers when he toured the Lions-supported Guide Dog School in Eze, France. Said President Joe: "The staff are warm and friendly and it was obvious that they loved training the dogs and working with visually handicapped people who receive the dogs"

He got a hands-on experience when, wearing a blindfold, he was led through a complex and intense course, up stairs and round obstacles. "The dog did great.... and so did I once I relaxed and gave control over to the dog!"







# *Lions Golf World Championship 2015*

**T**he fight against the threat to children worldwide from Measles received a significant boost when more than 240 guests from all over the world attended the Gala Ceremony held in Spain to celebrate this event.

Past International President Barry Palmer, now Chairman of LCIF, was presented with a cheque for US\$75,000, and at once announced that LCIF would double this amount, making a total of US\$ 150,000 to help eliminate this terrible worldwide scourge. (With this amount 150,000 children can be vaccinated, a procedure which could prevent blindness or even death).

The event involved 150 golfers from 30 different nations who played two practice rounds at the Villa Pardierna Golf Resort, followed by three tournament days on prestigious golf courses.

Players, guests and spectators enjoyed a wide variety of entertainment, and substantial sponsorship reflected the respect that this event - and the Lions - are regarded. Among the many

VIP guests was Past International President and Past LCIF Chairman Wayne Madden.

Winners were presented with valuable prizes - and responded by giving them back to be auctioned - described as 'a truly Lionistic act'.

The Smart Car (pictured), won by overall winner Ivi Giner from Barcelona, raised a substantial amount, as did the other donated prizes, which included a First Class trip to Mauritius, a valuable painting and a diamond ring.

Participants are looking forward to the next Lions Golf World Championship, which will be held in Taiwan between 22-27 February, but before then the Lions Golf European Championship 2015 will be played from 1-6 December in El Rompid (Huelva) in Southern Spain.

For details, go to:  
[www.lionsgolf.info](http://www.lionsgolf.info)





# Lions Show their Talents at Convention

Lions got Talent. That was the theme of 105-E's Host Night, and those attending were superbly entertained by a host of talented Lions - one highlight featured 'Naked Pianists' (Don't ask me, try someone from 105-E! Ed).

The Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire, Brian Marsh, BEM, who opened Saturday's Business Session, spoke about the support Lions had given to the Hydrotherapy Pool at Humberstone Park Special School, a project with which he is closely involved.

Past International President Barry Palmer was the guest of honour for the weekend, and captivated all with a thought-provoking account of his current role as Chairman of LCIF. He also spoke about the need for all to work towards increasing membership.

Displays included a Guide Dogs stall, reflecting the Appeal of Jane, the wife of District Governor Alan Hall.

The Centennial celebrations were launched at Convention - the next two-and-a-half years will be a very special period of preparation.

The traditional Banquet and Ball brought proceedings to a close, but not before the Vale of Belvoir Lions had promised to stage a splendid 2016 Convention at their very own little place, Belvoir Castle, whose chatelaine, Her Grace the Duchess of Rutland, is herself a Lion.

With Convention 2015, the Lions of 105-E were once again able to revel in fun and entertainment while enjoying the Fellowship we are all so fortunate to celebrate and share in our Lions service.



• Above: Humberston North Sea Lions enjoy the Host Night fun

• Left: District Flag presentation to Vale of Belvoir Lions...

• Right: Inspiring words from Young Ambassador Jamie Trusler

• Below: District Competition winners



• Left: Visiting DGs from 'SE' and 'C'

• Far Left: Belvoir Castle



• A random selection of awards recipients

• IPIP Lion Barry takes a few moments to 'recharge'

• Appropriate gift



# OBITUARY

*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.*

## **JONES: Lion Trevor John (77)**

*Romsey Lions Club.* Members are sad to report the death of Lion Trevor. A Lion for some 40 years, he was a Charter Member of Wolverhampton Lions Club, then a member of Wimborne and Ferndown. A committed Lion, Trevor was known for his dry Black Country humour and his beloved pipe. A thoughtful and intelligent man, he was always one of the first to help others. He fought cancer with dignity over ten years, never complaining. He will be greatly missed and our thoughts are with his devoted wife Ann and family.

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## **BRENNAN: Lion Ken (96)**

*Tring Lions Club.* Members are sorry to report the passing of Lion Ken. He was a member of Burgess Hill Lions Club for around six years, and then in 1983 went to live in Spain. Some 13 years ago he returned to the UK, living in Tring where he became a member of the Lions Club. In spite of his advanced age he led an active life until about six months before his passing.

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## **KNOWLES: PDG Lion Michael (89)**

*York Lions Club.* Club members are sad to announce the passing of Lion Michael who had been ill for some time with Alzheimers. A Charter President in 1957/58, he was District Governor in 1963/64 and Chairman of Council in 1964/65. He was a very long-serving and dedicated Lion of our Association. Our thoughts go out to his wife, Barbara.

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## **RILEY: Lion Allen**

*Glanford and Lindsey Lions Club.* With great sadness we have to report the passing of Lion Al, who had 35 years of service. He was formerly with Grimsby Cleethorpes Lions Club before joining Glanford and Lindsey. Born in 1935, he had been a dedicated and active Lion since 1980, although his failing health restricted him in recent times. He will be sadly missed and our thoughts are with his wife Gill and family.

## **ALLEN: PDG Lion Norman, MJF (93)**

*Solihull Lions Club.* Members are sad to report to death of Lion Norman. He joined Lions in 1964 with Exeter Lions Club. He moved with his business and joined the City of Birmingham Lions Club in 1966 and was President in 1981/82. He was partly responsible for the formation of District 105-M, and was the third Governor in 1977/78, very much the father figure of the District. When City of Birmingham closed he moved on to become a member of Solihull in 2006. He died at home having served the Multiple District, his District and Clubs in many capacities during his 50 active years as a Lion. He will be sadly missed and our thoughts go out to his family.

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## **PINNER: Lion Mike (68)**

*Carterton Lions Club.* With great sadness we learned of the sudden death of Lion Mike, a staunch and totally reliable member since 1993, joining in all activities with enthusiasm and bringing so many bright ideas. He was a leading light on our social team, organising memorable and very happy events and sharing his unique sense of humour with us. He was loving and very well loved and our thoughts are with Val and his lovely family.

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## **WOOD: Lion Fred, (MJF) (93)**

*Llandudno Lions Club.* Members are very sad to report the death of Lion Fred after a very short illness. Twice President, he was a very active member for 27 years, always the first to volunteer. He was made a Privileged Member in 2010. The Club's oldest member, he continued to be actively involved until a few weeks before his death. He was a great character and his banter will be sorely missed both at Club meetings and at the Lions Shop. At social functions he was always first on the dance floor. Those who knew him were inspired by his unflagging support and work on behalf of Lions which he continued after his death by donating his body for Medical Research. The Club extends sympathies to his wife Pat and his family.

## **MOULTON: Lion George D., MJF (84)**

*Hykeham Lions Club.* With deep sadness members report the passing of Lion George, a Charter Member of the Club who held a number of key posts including President, Welfare Chairman and Medical Alert Officer. George, who was honoured with a Melvin Jones Fellowship for his services to Lions, was an active member until ill health prevented his participation in Club activities when he was made a Life Member. He will be sadly missed and our sympathies go to his family.

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## **ARMSTRONG: Lion William (Bill) (83)**

*West Cumberland Lions Club.* Members are deeply saddened by the death of Lion Bill after a long illness. A Past President of the Club, Lion Bill gave 44 years of service to Lions during which he held various posts. He was an active member of his church, of PROBUS and served as a JP for more than 20 years. He will be sadly missed, and our thoughts and sympathy go to his wife Audrey and family.

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## **MURPHY: Lion Maurice**

*Roscrea Lions Club.* Members sadly report the death of Lion Maurice, a member for over 45 years. He served as President and held a variety of roles during his long service to our Club. He also served as Deputy District Governor, Zone Chairman and was on Cabinet for many years. He was always available to his Club in any role. Club members formed a guard of honour from his home to church and then to his final resting place. Our thoughts and sympathies go to his wife Cepta and all the family.

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## **RADIA: Lion Uday (57)**

*Lions Club of Moor Park.* Members sadly report the passing of Lion Uday on 2 April. He was a very dedicated member since 2006 and was Club Secretary in 2012-2013. He will be keenly missed, and our deepest sympathies go to his wife Jayshree and family. May his soul rest in peace.

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# Lions Day with



For more than 20 years now Lions and the United Nations have celebrated their relationship of over 45 years in March or April every year in Vienna, either in the UN building or the Austrian

Parliament, or another auspicious building where around 250-300 people attend, including high ranking politicians and UN Officers.

Here in our House of Commons we can accommodate only 170 Lions. May I thank our host Sherryl Murray, President of the Palace of Westminster Lions Club and MP for South Cornwall. We are still able to showcase the different aspects of the International side of Lions in the British Isles and Ireland. We had representatives from Wateraid, Smile Malawi, who care for those who live in an orphanage in Malawi, UNICEF, of course, and our work in this country with Street Children. Yes I do mean Street Children in this country!

Help2Read with School Aid UK is how our Lions support the 10 year International Presidents Reading Action Programme but Elspeth

Baecke informed us about her particular project in her orphanage. It was a story to inspire and to make us SMILE.

WATERAID is such an important project for Lions as it helps to empower women to break the chain of disease borne by poor water. Hygiene Education is essential to ensure that we keep our water clean and safe. Jennie York was presented with a cheque for £9438.

PID Howard told us about his new appointment by LCI as Lions UN representative in Geneva.

Lion Brigitte Green introduced the Peace Poster winner....Jessica and ensured that we knew how important the Peace Poster was.

Katie Cox from UNICEF UK was presented with a cheque for £13,453 for School projects Boxes.

Lion Joginder Gill, Street Children Officer for District 105-A, recently recognised by a Certificate of Appreciation from LCI for her work with Street Children, told us about her inspirational work in this country.

We were also honoured to welcome our International President Joe Preston to our celebration with the UN.

DG Terry Mason from SE gave the Vote of Thanks.

• PCC Jacquie,  
International Relations Officer





# *the United Nations, 2015*







This year members of the Bexley and Sidcup Lions Club collected with enthusiasm on 5 days throughout March at various locations in Sidcup, Bexley and Welling. They raised a tremendous £1,622 which will fund 81 hours of local Marie Curie nursing care.

The Lions Club would like to thank Marie Curie's Community Fundraiser, Fiona Dodd, who gave them the opportunity to raise funds for a very worthy cause. Everyone who collected enjoyed talking to local people who all gave so generously.



*Some of the members of Bexley and Sidcup Lions Club*



*Lion Kalwant Main, Lion Verendra Rishi,  
Lion Ranjit Deogun*



*Lion Karamjit Matharu*

*Lion Gurdial Bharj*



**Thank you to all the many Lions Clubs who have collected for Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal this March.**



**THE GREAT  
DAFFODIL  
APPEAL**





# OBITUARY

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## ALEXANDER: Lion Jimmy, MJF

*Ballymena Lions Club.* The Club members are greatly saddened to report the death of their longest serving member. Lion Jimmy was a Founder Member and Secretary of the Club when it was Chartered in 1965 and remained a member until he died. He will be greatly missed - he was one of the best attenders until failing health forced him to take a back seat. In recognition of his many years of service he was made an Honorary Life Member in 2011. The thoughts of the Club members are with the family. The Club recently gave a donation to Pinewood Residential Home in memory of Lion Jimmy in recognition of the care they bestowed on him during a stay there. His wife Gwen pre-deceased him several years ago, but her memory lives on in that she presented the President's Chain of Office on behalf of the wives and girl friends of Club members in 1966.

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## CARLESS: Lion Tim

*Yarm District Lions Club.* Members are sad to announce the death of Lion Tim who was a Charter Member in 1992. He collapsed at home and was rushed into hospital where sadly he passed away. Tim was a dedicated Lion and was currently Chairman of the Community Committee. Ironically, on the day he died Tim had been scheduled to be on Yarm High Street with other Club members, collecting for Marie Curie Cancer Care. He will be sorely missed for his quiet authority and dedication to others. Condolences go to his wife Jean and family.

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## GOODWIN: Lion President Rod

*Swaffham & District Lions Club.* Members are greatly saddened to report the sudden death of Lion Rod, their much loved and respected President. He joined Lions with Blaby & District Club in 2008, transferring to Swaffham & District in 2010. He was an enthusiastic and hardworking member, always first to volunteer for Club events. A natural leader, he was also involved with other organisations in the community. Lion Rod will be greatly missed by all Club members. Our thoughts are with his family, especially his wife, Lion Sue.

## DANIELS: Lion Ralph (83)

*Wroxham and Hoveton Lions Club.* It is with great sadness that members announce the death of Lion Ralph who was a Charter Member in 1975, and the main driving force behind the formation of the Club, being at the forefront of all Club activities in the early years. He was the instigator of the Lions Charity Shop which has raised a tremendous amount of money over many years. Lion Ralph was the President in 1998/1999 and was an active Lion to the end. He was a quiet and unassuming man who always had a funny story to share. He was a good and dear friend to all of us and will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and deep sympathies go to his wife Elsie and family.

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## LAWLOR: Lion Jack (84)

*Carrick on Suir and District Lions Club.* With great sadness we report the passing of Lion Jack, an incredibly active Lion for 37 years serving as Club President from 1991-1993, Secretary, Zone Chairman and Regional Chairman. He was Club PRO for the last 20 years. In 2013 Jack was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship. He was active and well known in his local community and he truly exemplified the Lions motto We Serve. Jack is greatly missed and our thoughts are with his wife Kitty and family.

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## ESMAIL: Lion Mohamed (69)

*Lions Club of Moor Park.* With great sadness members report the passing of Lion Mohamed. He had been a very dedicated member since 2003 and supported all the Club's fund-raising and social events. A very generous and humble man, he will be very much missed. Our deepest sympathies go to his wife Sushma and family. May his soul rest in peace.

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## THOMPSON: Lion David

*Wymonham Lions Club.* Members are saddened to report the passing of Charter Member Lion David, a Lion for 45 years. David's work prevented regular attendance for the past few years but he still turned out for major events when required. More recently, David had not enjoyed good health but has left a memorable legacy from his service in the early years of the Club. Our thoughts are with Gillian and the family.

## EUROPA FORUM 2015

This will be held in Augsburg in Bavaria, hosted by the Lions of Germany, 9 - 11 October. Go to the website for details.

## FOR THE RECORD

According to the latest available figures, Lions Clubs International had 1,374,673 members in 46,322 Clubs and 755 Districts in 210 countries and geographic areas. There were 371,707 Melvin Jones Fellow recipients, and 71,450 Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows.

## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION COUNTDOWN

2015.....Honolulu, Hawaii,	June 26-30
2016.....Fukuoka, Japan,	June 24 - 28
2017.....Chicago, Illinois,	June 30 - July 4
2018.....Las Vegas, Nevada	June 29 - July 3
2019.....Milan, Italy,	July 5 - 9

## YOUR ADDRESS? ARE YOU ON THE MOVE?

If you are moving or changing your contact details this should be reported not to MD Headquarters, but to your Club Secretary who is tasked with the responsibility of updating the records on MYLCI.



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# *A Warning From PCC Sylvia*

**D**uring the early hours of Saturday January 14, I was sitting watching television when I heard a very loud bang followed by crackling noises. On investigating in the kitchen I was greeted by a terrible sight. Our dishwasher had exploded and burst into very large flames, reaching the ceiling, and there was thick black toxic smoke everywhere.

As Rocky and our little Westie, Holly, were fast asleep upstairs, I closed the kitchen door, dialled 999, then woke Rocky. He went back into the fire to rescue Holly, which he should not have done, but then she is part of our family and he could not leave her, even though the Fire Officer on the telephone was telling him to get out!

Two Fire Engines and an Ambulance arrived 20 minutes later, by which time we were all in the road outside the house. The Chief Fire Officer said we were extremely lucky, because if I had also been asleep when it happened we would all have been killed by the smoke.

He also asked us to please tell all our friends and loved ones not to leave



• **Past Council Chairman Sylvia and Rocky, pictured at their Club's Christmas Party (before the fire, which explains why they look so happy and relaxed!)**



electrical equipment on, either overnight or when they are out of the house. This applies especially to dishwashers, washing machines and telephone

chargers, as there have been so many fires caused by these appliances.

Please, please, take notice of this, as I still cannot believe the damage caused by the dishwasher fire. But thank God we are all still alive and have each other. Material items can be replaced - lives cannot.

The pictures show the condition of our kitchen after the fire, and the dishwasher responsible. The whole house is fire-damaged. We are hoping to be able to move back into our home in May, but this is just an estimate as so much rebuilding, refurbishing and redecorating has to be undertaken. *(Sylvia was writing early in March -Ed.)*

We would like to thank all those Lions who sent us lovely messages – without you all we would have struggled to get through it.



“The Fire Chief asked us to tell all our friends... not to leave electrical equipment on overnight or when they are out of the house.”



# LIBRA

Lions International Blood Research Appeal

## *£68,000 of Funding From LIBRA for King's*

**T**he Haematology team at King's College Hospital is able to move forward with major laboratory developments thanks to substantial funding from the Lions International Blood Research Appeal (LIBRA). Trustees recently presented Professor Ghulam Mufti, Head of the hospital's Haematology Department, with a cheque for £68,000. The funds were raised through LIBRA's Giving 4 Growth Campaign which has a target of £200,000.

Following the cheque presentation, £48,000 is now being used to cover the cost of significant developments within the hospital's Stem Cell Laboratory. The remaining £20,000 will go towards vital upgrades to the Rayne Cell Therapy Suite (RCTS). The developments are particularly significant as they will enable professors to work on a vaccine for Acute Myeloid Leukaemia.

Professor Mufti commented: "We are so grateful to LIBRA and

its wonderful supporters for raising these funds. We so desperately needed the £68,000 as it will help us develop some of our most important laboratories. It means we can have the work space needed to create and test new treatments for leukaemia and allied blood cancers. Without this funding we simply wouldn't be able to carry out the research required to create life saving therapies."

LIBRA is still campaigning to reach its £200,000 campaign target as further funding is required by King's for the development of its Cellular Therapy Laboratory. Trustees hope that Lions, the general public and anyone who has been touched by blood cancer in some way will help to raise funds for the Giving 4 Growth Campaign.

For further information about LIBRA and the Giving 4 Growth Campaign, please visit [www.libralionscharity.org](http://www.libralionscharity.org)

To request a fundraising pack contact Claire Allaker on 01428 656283 or email [info@libralionscharity.org](mailto:info@libralionscharity.org)



• LIBRA Trustees with Professor Ghulam Mufti and Swee Lay Thein, a Professor of Molecular Haematology



# It's a Wonderful (water) World



◀ Past International President Jimmy Ross and his wife Velda, in MD-105 for local Conventions joined in the fun ▶

Since 1999, over 20,000 children and young people with special needs and learning difficulties are entertained at the Waterworld Beach Party. This originally started through the Newcastle Under Lyme Lions who saw a need to help disabled children and young people enjoy activities that were denied them as they were unable to mix readily with their more able contemporaries. It seemed to the Lions that there were no activities in their local area that could be enjoyed by some children and young adults in the company of similarly challenged people. Coincidentally, at Festival Park in Stoke on Trent there was a facility called 'Waterworld' - an indoor water theme park and it closed to the public every Tuesday for maintenance.

The need was seen and the opportunity seized as Waterworld were persuaded to let the Lions use their slides, their wave pool, their water shoots and their plunge pools on a closed day for a

'private' party. It was recognised that as a project it was too big for just one Club. The idea was taken to their next Zone meeting and was backed by the other Clubs.

The Beach Party's reputation has spread in the specialist education world and now party-goers come from all over Staffordshire, the south and east of Cheshire and the east of Shropshire. It would seem the only limiting factor is how far the schools are willing to travel to get to us. From humble beginnings of just over 200 youngsters from the immediate Stoke and Newcastle neighbourhood, Waterworld Beach Party now attracts between 650 and 700 bathers each year, 200 staff who accompany the students. These helpers can come as well the 'wet' or dry depending upon whether they need to support their charges in the water or watch from the sidelines - but, of course, there is just so much more fun to be had in splashing a 'dry' teacher!





# Safety First for Sick Babies

...as the Lions donate £7000 for a "super pod"



**T**he Lions Clubs of City of Bath, Crewkerne, Glastonbury & Street, Ilminster, and Yeovil presented the crew of the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance with a cheque for £7600. The money was given to provide a baby pod for the safe transportation of small infants in the helicopter. The Baby Pod II uses the same technology, materials and design features that keep a Formula 1 driver safe in a crash. The external shell of the vehicle is manufactured from carbon fibre with no metal components, which

not only keeps it light but means the baby can be given an MRI, CT scan or an X ray without leaving the controlled environment within the pod. The whole unit can be easily transported from the helicopter to the hospital due to a unique fixing system that doesn't require any special mounting points.

Each of the Lions Clubs had pledged £1500 as a Zone project, each raising their contribution in a variety of ways. The additional £100 was donated by Lion Alan Rudkin and his wife Jane of Ilminster Lions in celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary. The cheque was presented by Zone Chairman Lesley Chudley.



Cerebral Palsy Sport  
England & Wales

## Cerebral Palsy World Games...

A reminder that these Games are to be held in Nottingham from August 6 to 16. This is a great opportunity for the Lions of MD105 to show that we care and are willing to serve. Volunteers are needed to help out, not necessarily for the full period.

For details contact Lion John Kyte at: [lionjohnkyte@btinternet.com](mailto:lionjohnkyte@btinternet.com)





# Newcastle Lions' Life-saving Gifts

In January 2015, two senior citizens, Nan and Francie O'Reilly who lived in a caravan in Newcastle, County Down, which was heated by LPG gas, were overcome by Carbon Monoxide fumes and died. This type of death has occurred in other parts of the British Isles and Ireland and in 2005 two young men died in a similar way, when the LPG in their apartment in Portrush, Northern Ireland was wrongly installed.

Newcastle Lions wanted to highlight the dangers of Carbon Monoxide to local senior citizens, so tried to purchase 100 alarms but could only manage 50. On a Saturday in March they gave the

alarms out as a free gift (with no further responsibility for maintenance or battery replacement in the future). Having consulted with the District Council they also gave out helpful CO awareness leaflets and offered home safety visits by Council Officers.

The alarms should have cost £26 each, but the Lions received some donations, including one from the relatives of the O'Reilly family, and the supplier reduced his price as a donation. We hope other Lions Clubs will take this project on.

For further information please visit our web site [www.lionsclubnewcastlecodown.com](http://www.lionsclubnewcastlecodown.com)



## MEA CULPA CORNER

In the last issue of LION there was a slight outbreak of mislabelling, or similar. On page 4 the item headed "£12,000 for Lions Hospice" showed a picture of Burgess Hill Lions Club World Sight Day event instead of the correct image, which is of Swanley & North Downs Lions making that presentation to the Hospice (see right).

Also, on the Peace Poster pages, 22-23, District 105-E was mistakenly labelled twice, once for its own entry, and again for the 105-BN image which is shown correctly, with apologies. (These things happen... **Editor**)







# *Special Memories from a Welsh Visit*

International President Lion Joe Preston was welcomed to South Wales when, accompanied by Past International Director Howard Lee, Past International Director Patti Hill and her husband Lion Greg Holmes from Canada, and District Governor Tony Buchan, the party was introduced to Porthcawl Lions Club members by President Gloria Ward who presented him with gifts to mark his visit, including a Welsh Spoon, a Welsh Miners Lamp and some Welsh recipe books so that he and his family can try a bit of Welsh cuisine when they get back to Arizona!

More sombre was a visit to the Porthcawl Lions Club's Beach Cleaning Project, which was started in 2006 as a commemoration of the sinking of the 'Santampa' off Sker Rocks in 1946, a tragedy which resulted in the loss of the crew of the Mumbles Lifeboat and most of the Santampa's crew.

From small beginnings, the Lions' Beach Clean Project has now spread to include all of the Porthcawl sea front and has brought together many local groups helping to sustain this valuable environmental work.

Also at the Lifeboat House the official party were shown some of the other projects of the Porthcawl Lions - and met some of the Porthcawl Leos, who had been excused lessons to take part in the event.

Lunch, at the Prince of Wales pub at Ton Kenfig, gave the

International Guests a further chance to sample Welsh traditions. An excellent turnout of Lions from the areas surrounding Porthcawl came to meet President Joe, and Port Talbot Lions Club had the special honour of having a new member badged up by the International President.

Lion Joe received gifts of Welsh stamps from Swansea Club President Lion Michael Thomas, and a Welsh Dragon and friendship banner from Gower & Lwcher Lions presented by their President David Williams, MJF.

Probably a new experience for the man from Arizona was a lunch of Welsh Cawl, served with assorted Welsh local produce. Especially appreciated by the guest of honour was a short history of the area, delivered by landlord Gareth Maud.

Then it was on to Cardiff for a whistle-stop tour of the Welsh Assembly. The party was met by Lion Stephen and Rosie Simmonds from Porthcawl, along with representatives from Cardiff and Brecon Lions Clubs. Longstanding Assembly Member Bethan Jenkins travelled from her home in Neath to meet the visitors and guide them around the Assembly. Lion Stephen presented President Joe with a large book of Welsh coastal scenes along with a letter from First Minister Carwyn Jones, AM, on behalf of the Welsh Assembly.

Despite typical Welsh weather, the occasion was a great day for Welsh Lions. (And we also made a - small - profit on the lunch, which we donated to LCIF!)





# *"Hope for Tomorrow" — also a visit from the Leos...*



**A**s ever, the programme for the 105-W Convention started with Host Night. This year, our international guest was Past International Director Dr Patti Hill, accompanied by her husband Lion Greg. We were also graced with guests from other Districts, including PCC Phil Robinson and his wife Lion Jackie.

The affair was very informal and our guests could (and did) mingle freely with all present. Music, at a volume that permitted normal conversation, was provided by Lyndon Jones. We were all pleased to meet and talk to Patti.

Saturday, and Convention was called to order by Sergeant at Arms, Lion Byron Hughes. Flags were paraded by Zone Chairmen and other District Officers, led by the District Treasurer, Lion Alan Denham. The In Memorium was led by 2nd Vice District Governor, Lion Godfrey Morris.

International Guest Patti, District Officers, Leos and Rachel Johnstone, regional fundraiser for Hope for Tomorrow, were introduced. For the third year running, the Leos were holding their own annual Convention at the same time as the Lions of 105-W.

Thirty Clubs were represented. We proceeded to the presentation of the candidates for DG (Lion Keith Wilding, Ross-on-Wye), 1st VDG (Lion Godfrey Morris, Bridgend), 2nd VDG, (Lion Steve Petty, Melksham). DG Tony was later pleased to announce that all three had been duly elected.

Rachel Johnstone gave an informative presentation on Hope for Tomorrow, a particular passion of DG Tony. Founded in 2003 by Christine Mills, after losing her husband David to Cancer, her passion to ease the strains on chemotherapy patients, caused by having to visit oncology centres, led to the launching of the world's first mobile chemotherapy unit in 2007.

Like the Air Ambulances, these units are funded entirely by public donation, though are staffed by NHS nurses. It is Christine's dream to have a unit in every county. Growth has been tremendous: there are currently eight units operating, and there are expected to be 10 later this year – still a lot of counties to cover! Over £32,000 has been raised by Lions nationally. Thank you Christine (now an MBE) for your vision and thank you Rachel for the presentation. Over the weekend, we were able to raise over £200 for the charity, by the sale of two Beryl Cook paintings, some dubious auctioning by PDG Harry Smith and "taking of wine" at the banquet and ball.

PDG John Charles presented the Mervyn Bennett Memorial Trust report followed by Lion Julia O'Neil, District Centennial Celebrations Officer who laid down the International President's challenge: to help 100 million people by 2017 in the areas of Sight, Hunger, Environment and Youth. Julia told us that we have already helped 20 million in the last six months.

PDG Larry Pearce introduced the Leos of Ross and Porthcawl..... Leo President Flora told us about their activities helping the Teenage Cancer Trust, Riding for the Disabled, Children in Hospital, and homeless people. Ross Leos are supporting a Leos Club in Uganda, and to that end are funding them with £100 a year towards their running costs. Answering the question "Why join Leos?", she listed meeting new friends of different ages, and developing life skills as major factors. She gave us two interpretations of the LEOS "acronym" – Leadership, Experience and Opportunity and also Let's Enjoy Ourselves. The Leos then livened up Convention by demonstrating their "team action song" I'm Alive, Alert, Awake, Enthusiastic, and had the whole of Convention joining in - Patti enthusiastically taking part! We look forward to them joining us again next year.



# *A Convention to be Remembered*

**T**hat was how District Governor of 105-NE, Andrew Kerr Sutherland, summed up the District Convention, which, in the finest traditions of our northern neighbours, took place in November!

Hosted by Dumfries Lions Club, speakers included Andrew Hanlon from the Outward Bound Trust, and District Governor Andrew, writing in the District 'Spotlight' Newsletter, encouraged all Lions Clubs to engage with young people, and take the Young Leaders in Service on board. (Andrew Hanlon has begun his work for this Award)

We are delighted to publish just some of the terrific pictures which were taken by PCC Geoff Leeder at the Convention.





# Fifty Years Celebrated

Lion Johnson Wong writes:

According to my researches, back in 1961 District 105 became a Multiple District, with two Districts, A and B. Later in 1965, MD105 further sub-divided to form four Districts, A,B,C, and D.

And so, this year 105-A celebrates its 50th Anniversary. The Convention was held at the Holiday Inn, Borehamwood with more than 200 Lions and guests attending this memorable event.

On the right may be seen a few of the many photographs taken on the day, but a large selection will be published on the District website.

1. Flag Bearers
2. PDG Parveen Verma and PDG Alan Kings
3. PID Howard Lee and PDG Ram Jaggi
4. PID Howard with 105-A District Governor Ramesh Parmar
5. DG Ramesh with the Mayor
6. PDG John Savell and DG Ramesh light the Candle of Remembrance
7. The Mayor and his lady, with Lion NC Patel.
8. PID Howard, DG Ramesh, and IPDG Sarbjit Assi
9. Top Table: PDG Parveen Verma, DG Ramesh the Mayor and PID Howard
10. PCC Geoff Leeder
11. Young Ambassador James Lingfield who won the Shipshape Award at the Y.A. Finals
12. The gang's all here!
13. Leos who helped in the Flag Ceremony
14. Sergeant at Arms PDG John Savell





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# News update from MDHQ

Greetings to you all from Birmingham.

**W**hat news from MDHQ....as you can imagine we are in the thick of preparations for MD Convention in Birmingham ARE YOU COMING ??????. HAVE YOU BOOKED ?????? We do hope to see many of you there. We have one or two new items in supplies and of course many displays of Lion projects in the exhibition area. We are also working on the preparation for the next Council meeting prior to the start of Convention.

Distribution of Lions Message in a Bottle is now at a stage where we have pallets of bottles in stock, so if your Club needs Bottles you can order smaller amounts direct from us at HQ and if you want a complete pallet we can organise that for you as well.

We are currently operating with only two members of staff in MDHQ as Becky has now resigned. I must take this opportunity of thanking Jan for her tremendous support and I am pleased that Jan will now be working full time in the Office with immediate effect.

As you will know we have reached the time of year for updating Club information. Again we are asking all Club Secretaries to report new Club Officers direct to MyLCI by the end of April 2015. We will be downloading this information to create the new Directory 2015-16. Many thanks to all of you who have reported already.

If you need us then you know the numbers by now, but here it is just in case. Tel : **0845 833 9502** Email: [mdhq@lions.org.uk](mailto:mdhq@lions.org.uk).

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# Another Celebration for

**Lion Naresh Gupta reports...**

**F**ifteen years and counting...the Senior Citizen Celebration (SCC) has continued its now well trodden path of getting together many hundreds of senior citizens to spend an afternoon with friends and family and simply have fun.

The day as always begins early on a Sunday morning when many of us are still curled up in our warm beds probably after a heavy night before.

The amazing fact remains that several hundred Lion volunteers give up their time to come to the Harrow Leisure Centre, normally on a cold, frosty, crisp windy day to serve. It's what Lions do best.

Starting with an empty bare freezing hall, with no tables or chairs, the transformation is indeed quite inspiring by lunchtime.

Like clockwork, every volunteer instinctively knows where they must be and what they must do. If they don't there is always someone at hand to provide direction and guidance.

Chairman of the SCC organising committee Lion Parveen Verma was standing tall with pride as the hard work from this talented pool of committee members made sure everything fell into place.

First thing to be done in the morning by the team comprising Lions, friends and partners is to arrange tables and chairs for all the volunteers to set about the task of buttering many hundreds of white and brown bread slices, for another group to place veg or non veg fillings.

Sausage rolls, slices of pork pie, spring rolls, Samosas were cut and prepared. Careful thought was given to guests who had opted for veg and non-veg menus to ensure their dietary requirements were met.

The continuous availability of boiling hot water urns ready for the tea and coffee stations allocated to different coloured zones catering for the four sections was set up.

By lunchtime, the tables, chairs, decoration, biscuits, jugs of juice, tea/coffee cups, sugar, small jugs of milk and bottled water were all laid out ready for 80 tables hosting 800 guests.

All the volunteers broke for a quick bite of pizza, and biryani provided by the organising committee and Lion Asad Hameed of Hadley Wood respectively.

A team from St John Ambulance were stationed near the entrance ready to provide all our guests with reassurance and for those that required it wheelchairs for comfortable delivery to their table.

By 2pm guests started streaming in table by table section by section. Lion chaperones welcomed all of them and guided them ones who were able to their section/tables or to the Lions Club representative who invited them. By mid afternoon Harrow Leisure Centre was buzzing and roaring with music and amusement. The fun had begun. Lions Club members manned their stations ready to serve hot water to each table for jugs of tea and coffee.

Everything went off like clockwork. Hot water was flowing to each station, the meals were served to guests, and an

overwhelming number were so keen to voice their pleasure at how the fun was flowing.

Bollywood dancers graced the stage with a toe tapping medley of dances from old and new film hits. A magician roamed the floor table by table with tricks to surprise the guests, blowing balloons and shaping them into little pets, while a fairy rode around on a huge penny farthing cycle attempting to maintain balance.

District Governor Lion Ramesh Parmar spread the word of Lions to everyone present and thanked all of them for partying with District 105-A Lions Clubs and how their smiles had become so infectious which made all the Lions present proud to serve.

The afternoon ended with the customary bingo and raffle, with all 80 tables participating, listening attentively to the numbers being called out and eager to be the first to shout "house" if they won.

Like all fun events, the close had to come with guests promising to return next year and enjoy the fun and friendship which all Lions are committed to deliver.





# Seniors in 105-A





# Centennial Celebrations

and an upsurge in members

**T**he Lions of Conroe Noon Club in Texas celebrated 2015 with the induction of no fewer than 18 new members, boosting the membership to 299! When they were recruiting new members they found that people wanted what the Lions Club offered - "Helping folks in need" was one answer. Another potential member cited "Getting to know the good people in the Club", as their reason for joining. A third summed up the situation as "Service is my passion..."

The hope is that other Lions Clubs worldwide experience the same success in adding new members as the Centennial of Lions Clubs International approaches.

• The Lions worldwide are adding members, The Dhaka Shamon Lions Club in Bangladesh were pictured inducting new members



• The Chicago Montclare Elmwood Lions Club in Illinois added an 18-year-old to its rolls.



• Clubs in Multiple District 300 swear in members during a visit by International President Joe Preston



• A wife admires the pin of her husband, a new Lion in Hungary



# A "Golden" Celebration

## When 105-C had its 50th Convention

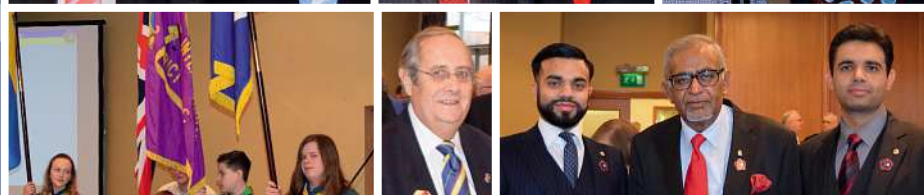
Over 150 members from Clubs in District 105-C converged at the Holiday Inn, Doncaster for the District's 50th Convention.

Convention welcomed the International Guest, PID Lion Kenneth Person and his wife Lion Eva as well as the Deputy Civic Mayor of Doncaster Councillor Paul Wray who officially opened the Convention.

Thereafter, it was business as usual. The Convention was entertained by the Wickersley Young Stars after the lunch break.

The event started on the Friday with the Host Night for which the theme this year was Golden. The Business session on Saturday was as usual followed by the DG Banquet and Ball in the evening which was attended by over 80 members.

Sergeant at Arms, PDG Lion Brian Yeoman and the Host Committee were thanked by the DG and the Convention for an excellent weekend.







# 65th Charter Anniversary Celebrations

**Lion President Girdhar Sodha takes a proud look at how London Host celebrated its remarkable 65 years...**

**W**e had a wonderful day on Sunday 22 March when more than 120 guests attended our celebration for the Club's 65th Anniversary and I count myself fortunate to be President of this prestigious Lions Club on such an occasion.

Past International President Pino Grimaldi and Ornella made a special trip from Italy for four days and we were also honoured with the presence of Past International Director Howard Lee and Claire, the Chairman of Council, PDG Lion Michael Phillips and Patricia, and our own 105-A current District Governor, Lion Ramesh Parmar.

We were also delighted to welcome Past Council Chairman Geoff Leeder, seven Past District Governors, and Lions and Lionesses from Clubs and Districts from across our Multiple District including as far away as the Isle of Wight.

European Lions and guests came from France (Paris Doyen Lions Club), Italy (Lecce Lions Club) and Southern Italy. The Past President of our Twin Club, Lion Leif Orgen, thanked and congratulated us and presented us with a memento of this historic event.

Eleven members of the London Host Club attended in person, and five who could not be there very kindly donated more than £400. Thank you all!

I had the pleasure of greeting VIP guests Past International President Pino and Ornella at Garwick Airport and bidding them farewell on their departure.. They stayed as our guests. The function took place at the Holiday Inn, Regent's Park, all arranged excellently by PDG Vijay Arora. The atmosphere was delightful with good humoured speeches. Everyone had an enjoyable afternoon and left pleased and satisfied.

I have received numerous messages of thanks and



• PIP Pino (right) with Club President Girdhar and District Governor of 105-A Ramesh Parmar

congratulations on a memorable event (nearly £2000, excluding the cost of meals, was spent to ensure that this was a good and successful occasion).

A 52-page Souvenir Brochure was produced to mark this very special Birthday, and among the many good will messages was one from Her Majesty the Queen, and one from our Patron, the Countess of Wessex

Bouquets were presented, and a special Anniversary Cake was shared by all (see picture). Past District Governor Vijay also undertook the role of Master of Ceremonies on the day. Donations of over £600 were received or pledged by members. The Lion presented by the family of the late David Lawrence was raffled, and found a good home with COC Michael Phillips and Patricia.

A cheque for £100 was given to the Charity I chose for my year as DG, Mandeville School in Ealing, and £500 was presented to the Marie Curie Cancer Appeal.

On behalf of the Club I would like to express my sincere thanks to all Club members, and especially to those who not only attended but also helped at the function. Special thanks also must go to DG Lion Ramesh, who gave gifts of bracelets to all the ladies. As a Club we also presented a 65th Special Pin to all Lions, and a gift of a shawl for the ladies.

I must thank Sergeant at Arms PDG John Savell, who not only assisted me with articles in the LION magazine, but also gave me a window to address the Winter Forum in October and the District Convention in March.



• Left to right, Club Secretary Lion Krishna Pujara, Ornella, DG Ramesh, Club President Girdhar, PIP Pino, Pramila Sodha, Chairman of Council Michael Phillips and Patricia and PID Howard Lee.



• PIP Pino with Club President Girdhar



# *The 'Best Host Night Ever!'*

**T**he 105-I Convention took place early in March at the Tower Hotel, Waterford, when the Lions of Ireland welcomed Past International President Jim Irvin and his wife Sharon as their special guests.

Convention was opened by the Mayor of Waterford, James Tobin, and other 'dignitaries' included Past International Director Phil Nathan and his wife Lion Heidi, Chairman of Council PDG Michael Phillips and his wife Patricia and a horde of District Governors and PDGs from around Multiple District 105.

By common consent Friday Night was voted the 'Best Host Night Ever' with a cabaret including an excellent local tenor, a very funny comedian, a large Irish Dance group, a first-class local soprano and dancing to a great band until the early (or not so early) hours.

As is traditional in 105-I, United Nations Day was celebrated on the Sunday morning of Convention, with retired Deputy Garda Commissioner Peter Fitzgerald, who served several tours with the United Nations all over the world, including, among other trouble spots, Kosovo, Cambodia, Namibia, and Lebanon. His account was about the service of the Gardaí (the Irish Police) to the UN. He dwelt mainly on his first tour, in Namibia, and on the horrors of Kosovo where he headed up the International Police. (For more about this exceptional man look him up on Wikipedia).







# It's Goodbye from..

It was just before Christmas 30 years ago that I took on the role of Editor of what was then generally known as 'The B & I Lion'.

It was a 52 page publication with only the front cover and four internal pages in colour.

Our very own Lion Bert Mason - the Man from Donaghadee - was International President, and his badge, featuring a bell, called upon Lions worldwide to "Answer the Call to Serve". Lion Bert had taken his inspiration from the 'Meditation' of John Donne, part of which reads

'....never send to know for whom the Bell tolls; it tolls for Thee'

In the 30-plus years which have passed (so rapidly!) much has changed. But, looking at my first magazine it is clear that many - most in fact - of our core values and projects have stood the course.

Christmas 1984 was the time of the terrible starvation in Ethiopia following crop failure. Lions were in the forefront of helping the afflicted as they have been in so many subsequent tragedies. Spectacles were winging their way around the world - Lions from 105-SE, on a twinning jaunt with their colleagues in Normandy, carried 1250 pairs of spectacles to be re-furnished by Medico-France. Small diabetics were helped to overcome fear of injections by seeing teddy bears, given by Lions, staunchly putting up with the needle.

A Charity Swim by Wigston Lions raised £4250 (a very large sum 30 years ago, and pretty impressive today); Drug Awareness activities were being pursued by many Clubs; ducks were plunging bravely off high bridges; a 'Roar of the Jungle' sale by Southam Lions raised £1000, and three young girls went mobile thanks to the gifts of mobility aids by three different Lions Clubs.

And then there was the 'Birdman Rally' to see who could fly the farthest off Bognor Pier and organised by Bognor Regis Lions. Our Man with the Wings, Lion David Mannings of London Crystal Palace Lions Club, fetchingly got up as a seagull, managed a memorable 11 metres (one out and ten down) before he hit the briny.



Margaret Kimberley

Alas the Birdman Challenge is no more (something to do with our friends 'Elf and Safety?'), and it is unlikely that the LION magazine of today would be publishing a terrific picture of the West Kent Foxhounds and huntsmen belting across the grounds of Penshurst Place as part of the Game and Country Fair organised by Sevenoaks Lions Club.

It was the time of the 'Chocolate Lions' - fund raisers no longer with us; LIBRA was doing its best to boost funds for the Kings College Hospital - a project which is going great guns to this day.

Guide Dogs - and their adorable puppies-in-training - were as popular as they are now, and Petersfield Lions put on a hugely successful stunt involving a concrete mixer and untold quantities of custard (don't ask!).

The International Youth Centre and Youth Award (as it was then known) were flourishing.

Much may have changed, but Lion Bert would have no difficulty in recognising many of the projects from his time.

Setting a 2015 issue next to 'my first' the changes in the magazine may look dramatic, but they were gradually achieved over the years, as technology developed.

I am indebted to so many fellow Lions, too many to list, but I will select those stalwarts who have served as Chairman of the LION Management Committee, the first being PDG Cecil Wobey of 105-A (who was actually on the selection panel where I was chosen!). From Cecil through to the present Chairman, PDG John Savell, they have been supportive and helpful friends.

And I have to thank the staff at our printers, Warners. Both on the production and advertising sides, the present incumbents being Jo Williamson (publishing) and Jayne Notley (advertising), who keep the wheels oiled.

Above all, I will always be grateful to my good friend the incomparable 'Shaun-at-Warners'. Shaun Sinnott has a wonderful creative talent for turning vague hopes into beautiful reality, and if the Editor wants some sort of unusual exotic flower, for example, can conjure one up. All this is combined with a cheerful and willing 'nothing is too much trouble' attitude. For many years now he has played a huge part in creating an excellent publication.

I wish my successor every fulfilment and hope that they get as much satisfaction from editing LION as I have.





# .....Me!

## An Editor's Life...

**B**ack in the day, there was a very famous national cartoonist known simply by his surname, BOGIE. When I retired from my previous post, as Editor of Eastern Electricity's monthly house magazine CABLE, before taking on the Lion magazine, he gifted me these cartoons which I have always treasured.

Luckily none of my Chairmen has been anything like the ones depicted here, although that feeling of relief at a job concluded is very familiar (as is the waste basket scenario!)



# End to End

If you live on the direct route from Land's End to John O'Groats you may see a Lion flashing past your window some time between May and August. If so, dash out and say 'Hello' - or better still, also throw some dosh his way!



Lion Keith Ogley of Kettering & District Lions Club is undertaking this wonderful challenge for the second time (the pictures are from last year's stroll though England and Scotland!). He is fund-raising for his Lions Club and also for the Cransley Hospice.

He would welcome meeting Lions along the way - and also could do with some help.

For more details get in touch with: [keithlejog@btinternet.com](mailto:keithlejog@btinternet.com)





# *Showman's Show back for a 30th outing in 2015*

**W**ith an impressive number of stands already confirmed for 2015, the 30th outing of the Showman's Show is promising to deliver for both visitors and exhibitors alike. The popular trade show continues to offer a diverse range of products and services, from event staples to innovative technology and sustainable solutions. In addition following on from the success of the new Acts & Attractions tent in 2014 it is set to return with entertainment ideas.

Held at Newbury Showground, Berkshire from 21st -22nd October, the Showman's Show is the UK and Europe's most comprehensive exhibition for the outdoor and special event industry with visitors travelling from all over the world. Over 350 exhibitors are anticipated to be in attendance looking to meet an audience of over 4,400 event professionals across the two day event. Exhibitors for 2015 include Arcotherm, Batmink Distribution, Capita, Custom Covers, Eve Trakway, inspHire, Pearce Hire and Sunbaba.

"We're delighted to have made such a promising start to the 2015 Show. It is great to have so many exhibitors already confirmed, says show organiser Jeremy Lance. "As always we will be working hard to ensure that the Show continues to be the ideal platform for companies providing everything from practical and functional industry staples to sustainable solutions, technology and entertainment. The Show will have something to offer anyone involved in organising events."



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