

Lions Clubs International

MD105 Obituaries

January – February 2018

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

ADAMS: Lion William Gerald Adams MJF BMA

Exeter West Lions Club

Joined Exeter West Lions 4th April 1989

I am Sorry to announce that Gerald passed away on Friday the 19th of January after several months of illness. Not only did he receive the Melvin Jones and Bert Mason awards but also the highest award from South African Lions after personally collecting and sending over 22,000 hearing aids to the South African De Grendel Lions Club, who ensured they went to the people in the Townships drastically changing the lives of many who would otherwise never have had access to such items. A True Lion During his 27 years of service Gerald Served in every role except Secretary.

Our thoughts are with his Wife Jean, Daughter Linda, Son Roger and his family.

ALCOCK: Lion Sam (also known as Alan) MJF (79)

Alsager Lions Club



Alsager Lions wish to report the sad loss of President Sam (Also known as Alan) Alcock, MJF, aged 79. Sam was a Charter Member of Alsager Lions Club and seven times President of the club. He passed away peacefully in his sleep at home, on the morning of Monday the 22nd January 2018.

Sam who never retired, was still working, as Verger at Christ Church, Alsager. He will be sorely missed by family, friends and neighbours and all Alsager Lions Club members and partners. An extremely intelligent and intellectual person with a good heart and great spirit of well being for his fellow man. He gave so much of his time and efforts to the local people of Alsager and his stories, anecdotes and dreadful jokes will long be remembered.

We'll all miss you Sam.

AUSTIN: Lion Stanley
Hereford Lions Club

BEBBINGTON: Lion Liz
Shepshed Lions Club



Liz Bebbington

It is with deep regret that I have to report the death of Lion Liz Bebbington. Liz joined Shepshed Lions in 2004, and balanced an active involvement in the Club with her duties as a Shepshed Town Councillor, in which position she served for 13 years. Before joining Lions, Liz was also actively involved in the town's Twinning Association, and she made many trips to the charters of Shepshed's twin Club, Domont, near Paris. It was on one of the French Club's return visits that Liz earned her reputation for dangerous play at the traditional Leicestershire game of long alley skittles, by completely demolishing an overhead light with a wayward throw and showering the spectators in glass. When we returned the following year the light was pointedly protected by a metal cage. It was quite late in her life that Liz met her partner, Mick, who after meeting her also joined Shepshed Lions. As Liz's health broke down, Mick was a huge support for her, and the thoughts and sympathies of all in Shepshed Lions are extended to him in particular at this sad time.

BROWNLIE: Lion Alexander (82)
Helensburgh Lions Club

BRYANT: Lion Carol

Coningsby & Tattershall Lions Club

Lion Carol Bryant, a lovely lady with a big heart has passed to Higher Service! Carol touched the lives of many and will be remembered as a dedicated and hard working Lion. Carol had an infectious laugh and always thought of others even when struggling with life's challenges herself. It was a privilege and a pleasure to serve with her. We will remember her with Pride and Gratitude for her many years of service to Lions and to the Community. May she rest in peace.

CANN: Lion George MJF (73)

Macclesfield and District Lions Club

A member for 36 years.

Past President on two occasions. Past Zone Chairman, Past District Drug awareness officer.

George will be sadly missed by all especially by his wife Heather and three children.

CHANDLER: Lion David

Chelmsford Lions Club



Lion David Chandler)

Lion David was introduced into Lions in 1972 to Chelmsford Lions by Lion Peter Davis - Chelmsford's last remaining Charter member. Over the last 45 years Lion David held most offices in the club, Club President twice and more recently Club Secretary for many years, he was awarded Chelmsford's Lion of the Year at least twice.

During the early 1980's Lion David was very keen to see the formation of a LEO Club in Chelmsford and over the years his children were encouraged to join in taking part in all kinds of events.

Lion David's contribution to Lions didn't stop at Chelmsford; he served our District of East Anglia over several years as: District Leo Chairman, Zone Chairman and Region Chairman – during these terms of office, he went out of his way to identify and encourage potential leaders of the future.

Throughout his 45 years in Lions he took an active role in all aspects of the club, in recent years establishing and organising the Club's annual Burns Lunches, Quiz sheets and Pig Races. He was instrumental in setting up the Region's Potty challenge where the winners each time have the dubious honour of looking after a chamber pot until they are next challenged, a testament to Lion David's cheeky sense of humour.

Where there was a need over the years Lion David was always at hand - Go Kart Grand Prix's, Donkey Derbies, Race Nights, Boxing Dinners, the purchase of a community bus, the

renovation of the "Lions Hall" in Chelmsford, anything that needed a practical hand would probably have found him involved in. Just before the start of this year's Santa's Sleigh Runs he decided that the routes that the club used needed writing up "just in case" anyone wasn't sure where to go – he spent several hours at his computer typing away - something that didn't come naturally to him.

Lion David and his wife Sylvia had many lovely holidays in fantastic locations with their Lions friends and met some really great people at the conventions they attended. Looking through their photos it's obvious that they enjoyed travelling to some amazing parts of the world with some wonderful people.

Lion David's contribution to his community and to his local Lions Club has been recognised many times, culminating being awarded a Melvyn Jones Fellowship in 2002, truly well deserved.

Lion David was the "go to" man, for information about anything - he'd either have it or he would find it. He's been invaluable in guiding so many of us (particularly the newer members of Chelmsford Lions Club) over the years and his passing leaves a huge hole in so many lives.

CRAIG: Lion John

Rottingdean and Saltdean Lions Club

GABRIE: Lion Inderjit Singh

Ealing Lions Club

It is with great regrets and sadness, we inform you of demise of Lion Inderjit Singh Gabriele of Ealing Lions Club.

He will be greatly missed for his sense of humour and humorous jokes.

Rest in peace

HALLIDAY: Lion Sandy MJF

Little Orme Lions Club

Founder member of Little Orme Lions he will be missed so much and will leave a huge hole in our club

A life filled with service to others which include Lion's, Blind Veterans uk. Magistrates tea bar. Llandudno in bloom. St Davids Hospice. Craig y Don Park Committee to name a few
RIP Sandy

KENNEDY: Lion Frank

Crosby & District Lions Club

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KISSANE: Lion George MJF

City of Liverpool Lions Club



It is with deep sadness we announce the passing of Lion George Kissane MJF. George started life in Lions with Leigh Lions Club in 2000 becoming an active member of the Club along with Wife Beryl for many years serving on many committees, offices before becoming Club President in 2001-2002 . In 2002 he became Vice District Governor and MERL team member. In 2004 - 2005 became 105BN District Governor and has served the cabinet for many years, in various Offices and committees. In 2013-2014 George was appointed to the office of Sergeant at Arms performing the duties with great gusto & military precision while also being a Global Leadership team member. Over the ensuing years he transferred to Lancaster Lions in 2006 later transferring back to Leigh Lions club in 2012. In 2014 George made a requested a transfer to the " City " he Loved and (City of) Liverpool Lions Club where he was welcomed with open arms taking up the office of Club Treasurer . When George was unable to attend Club Meetings due to his illness he would join the meetings through face time so he could be as active as possible. At the Clubs Last Charter Anniversary Evening George was awarded an Melvin Jones Fellowship from the club, Present By Roy Axton DG, an award that was well over due !!!

KNIGHT: Lion Dave

Bedworth Lions Club



Dave Knight

It is with sadness that I have to inform you of the death of Lion Dave Knight of Bedworth Lions Club. His obituary is below. I have also attached a photo, which I have to say is not the highest of quality but does give an indication of his laid back style.

Lion Dave has been an active member of Bedworth Lions Club for 16 years. For the last ten years he has been living with prostate cancer. As a result he has become an ambassador in spreading the awareness about prostate cancer issues on many occasions. He has described the club as a family to which we all belong and he will be sadly missed by all club members both past and present who knew him. Even though he was often in great pain he remained cheerful and optimistic

LAYBOURNE: Lion Robert

Yarm Lions Club

Yarm Lions are sad to announce the passing of Lion Robert Laybourne, aged 73, who had been a very active member for the past 22 years..Bob served as our President twice, in 2004-5 and again in 2012-3. For a time took on the mantle as Chair of the Fund Raisong Committee.

His ebullient presence at Club Nights will be greatly missed

MATTHEWS: Lion Tony

Lowestoft Lions Club

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PARKER: Lion TERRY

Swale Lions Club

I inform you of The extremely long serving Lion of 39 years. TERRY W PARKER OF SWALE LIONS CLUB. SADLY MISSED BY ALL. WIFE BERYL AND FAMILY AND ALL OFF SWALE LIONS. MAY HE REST IN... PEACE.

POWELL: Lion Mick
Lions Club of Newquay



Mick and his wife Dee

Lion Mick passed away suddenly on 13th October 2017 age 73.

Mick had been a very active, popular and loyal member of Newquay Lions for over six years. He raised considerable sums of money for the Club through weekly raffles at a local hotel, organised our 100 Club, casinos and helping organise our Hendra Holiday where Newquay Lions provide a week's holiday for needy families from up and down the country. He was always on hand to support the Club in its various activities.

Mick was a voluntary driver for Age UK Cornwall taking people to hospital and in just two years managed to clock up just over 80,000 miles!!

Mick and his wife Dee, enjoyed eating out with family and friends and really enjoyed their holidays having just come back from Alaska and then Corsica.

He is going to be sorely missed by all and he was one of life's good guys.

SCOTT: Lion Alex Duncan

Chorley Lions Club

It is with deep sadness – I Report The very sad loss on 1st. Feb. 2018 – very suddenly of our much loved Lion Alex Duncan Scott aged 62YRS.

TURNER: Lion Gordon

Malling District Lions Club

It is with great sadness that Malling District Lions Club have to report the passing to higher service of Lion Gordon Turner a member for over 18 years. Gordon will always be remembered by the club members for his attention to fine detail. Our sincere condolences go to his wife Sandra and his family.

WIGHTMAN: Lion Alan Edward

Shepshed Lions Club



Lion Alan (in the red top) at the presentation of a cheque to the Salvation Army for their Christmas Appeal in 2012. The Salvation Army was a favourite cause of Alan's

It is with deep sadness that I have to report that Lion Alan Wightman passed to higher service on 29th November 2017. Alan's membership of Lions began in 1972, and he was a very active member from the start, serving as Treasurer and President of Loughborough Lions. He lived in Shepshed all his life, and in 1985 he sent out letters to test what interest there might be in establishing a Lions Club in his home town. His efforts bore fruit, and Shepshed Lions Club was chartered in 1986, with Alan serving as Guiding Lion. He later went on to be President, Treasurer, and Welfare Officer of the Club, carrying out his duties in all these roles with characteristic thoroughness and enthusiasm. One of his ideas was to prepare and deliver Christmas hampers to elderly and disabled people in Shepshed, and at the beginning of December the home he, his wife Anne and two sons shared used to resemble Santa's workshop, with parcels and hampers crammed into all the available floor space. Just after Alan died, it was therefore particularly poignant for the Club to receive a letter from the sister of a disabled man who also died recently. She wrote to say how much her brother had appreciated getting his hamper each year - he really appreciated the gifts it contained, but even more so the fact that it showed someone cared.

Alan's illness prevented him being actively involved in Lions for the last year of his life, but he remained interested and keen to hear news of what was happening in the Club he founded right up to the end.

Alan's funeral was held at the parish church in Shepshed on 18th December, and was attended by members of both Loughborough and Shepshed Lions Clubs.