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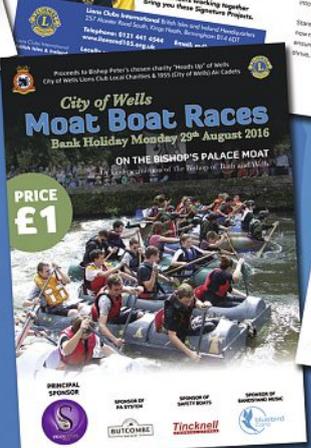
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A New Service Platform for our Second Century

When I was younger in the 1960s, the winds of change blew. Then again, those winds are always blowing. "Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future," President John F. Kennedy said. So we have to manage the inevitable change. "Change with direction" is how I like to put it. We need to change the world in a positive manner.

Lions Clubs International is changing with direction. We are moving ahead with a new service platform. Our past is still relevant, and we'll still help the blind, support youth and do the many things that Clubs do. Besides focusing on vision, we'll control diabetes, address childhood cancer, protect the environment and curb hunger. These five areas represent our new global service framework.

Our work with diabetes will be emphasised. Diabetes is a rapidly growing scourge both in developed and developing nations. Lions will increase awareness and expand screening and treatment programmes.

We'll also really step up our environmental efforts, which really matter to younger Lions and Leos. We'll work for clean water and air, better sanitation and more passive sources of energy.

As for vision, besides assisting the blind and continuing to build eye clinics and hospitals, we'll help those with impaired vision. We'll increase our eye screening of children and devote

more resources to growing problems such as macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy and glaucoma.

A common chord we will strike in serving will be supporting youth. We'll especially target pediatric cancer. Sadly, survival rates are as low as 10 percent in some nations.

We chose this framework after much study and consultation with Lions and Leos. We are confident that our new global service framework matches the interests and capabilities of Lions and Leos.

Our goal is to serve 200 million people annually by 2021. That's an ambitious plan: it triples our current humanitarian impact. But we know that in the past, when Lions have been asked to reach a goal, they smashed past it.

The world is rapidly changing. Lions will meet that change with a renewed, refocused commitment to serving the world's needs. Our second century of service will greatly expand our scope and reach, and ensure that Lions remain the greatest force for good among all service groups.

Chancellor Bob Corlew
Lions Clubs International President



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Editorial



HELLO EVERYONE

I expect many members will have lived with teenagers and while it is wholly wrong to tar them all with the same brush (so I am speaking from personal experience here) there are days when, as a parent, you wonder where you've gone wrong.

Silences, door-slamming, secret phone calls, late night forays for a bit of fridge-diving. But also, we have the absolute joy of watching them spread their wings, learn, form their own opinions and make the very most of their opportunities.

In February, had the privilege to watch the final of the 2017 Young Ambassador of the Year awards in Dudley. There is a full report on page 46 of this issue, which I urge you to read. But every contestant was an inspiration to me. Their dedication to helping others was immeasurable and we can all be assured that with people like them in our world, we can perhaps sleep a little easier. The winner, James Curtis – actually, I won't go on, you can read about him later, but I'm sure of one thing – we haven't heard the last of him, not by a long chalk.

It's that time of year isn't it, where we feel a bit of heat in the sun, spring is in the air and we feel ready to shake off the winter gloom. This issue reflects the energy and joie de vivre of Lions as they surge forward to help community members less fortunate, wherever they are. It doesn't matter really how old anyone is, I think all Lions are inspirational.

Keep in touch won't you, especially with your centennial projects.

Nicky Rogers Lion Editor

WE'RE OFF TO BLACKPOOL!

On the Friday and Saturday nights of the MD Convention 2017, (21st and 23rd April) Blackpool Tower will be lit up in Lions colours to help us celebrate our Centennial!



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NEW MEMBERS



Lions respond where there is a need and there is power in numbers, so we are delighted to welcome our new members who joined during January and February 2017.

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Amersham & Chesham	1
Bicester	2
Chipping Norton	2
Harpenden	1
London Central Host	4
London Covent Garden	3
Newport Pagnell & Olney	1
Redbridge Centennial	1
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	15

District 105-C

Beverley Westwood	2
Bradford Central	3
Denby Dale District	3
Elmet	1
Garforth & District	2
Guiseley & District	2
Huddersfield	1
Maltby Rother Valley	1
Mexborough	2
Pocklington District	1
Ripon	1
Tickhill & District	1
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	20

DISTRICT 105-D

Basingstoke	1
Guernsey	1
Havant	1
Hayling Island	1
Hook-Odiham	1
Loddon Valley	1
Maidenhead	1
Meon Valley	1
Salisbury & District	1
Yateley & District	1
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	10

District 105-E

Ashby-de-la-Zouch & Coalville	3
Barton on Humber	1
East Elloe	1
Edwinstowe & The Dukeries	4
Glanford & Lindsey	2
Horncastle & District	1
North Notts	1
Notts/Derby Hemlockstone	4
Rothley Soar Valley	1
Scunthorpe	1
Shepshed	1
Sleaford & District	1
Vale of Belvoir	3
Woodhall Spa	2
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	26

DISTRICT 105-I

Athy	4
Ballyclare	1
Bishopstow & District	2
Bray	1
Cashel	2

Clontarf & Districts	4
Cobh	3
Douglas & District	2
Drogheda	1
Dundalk	1
Edenderry & District	2
Killarney	2
Lucan	1
Malahide	5
Naas	1
Newbridge-Kildare	4
Portarlington	1
Sugar Loaf	2
Thurles	2
Wexford	2
Wicklow & District	1
Aldridge & District	1
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	45

DISTRICT 105-M

Barwell & Earl Shilton	2
Birmingham Chinatown	4
Birmingham Moseley & Kings Heath	1
Corby & District	1
Harborough Twenty 12	1
Marston green & District	1
Northampton	1
Rugby Rokeby	1
Sandwell	1
Southam	1
Stour Valley	3
Thurnby	1
Towcester & District	1
Wellesbourne	2
Worcester Worcs	1
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	22

DISTRICT 105-W

Ammanford	1
Black Mountains	1
Caerffili	1
Calne	2
Cheltenham	1
Chippenham	1
Chipping Sodbury	1
Dursley	1
Highworth & District	3
Keynsham and District	1
Marlborough & District	1
Northleach & Fosse	2
Severn Dean	1
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	17

DISTRICT 105-BN

Garstang District	1
Hyndburn Centennial	12
Keswick	2
Leyland and Cuerden Valley	1
Penrith	1
Warrington	1
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	18

DISTRICT 105-BS

Beaumaris-Menai-Aethwy	1
City of Bangor	1
Congleton	1
Llandudno	1
Newcastle under Lyme	2
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Vale of Llangollen	1
Vale Royal	1
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	10

DISTRICT 105-EA

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Attleborough 2013	3
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Felixstowe	1
Halesworth	1
Haverhill	1
Huntingdon Grafham Water	1
Long Stratton	1
Norwich West	1
Southend on Sea	1
Stowmarket & District	1
Whittlesey	1
Wisbech	1
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	16

DISTRICT 105-NE

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Filey	4
Morpeth	2
Tynedale	2
Tynedale	2
Yarm District	2
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	14

DISTRICT 105-SE

Burgess Hill District	1
Crowborough & District	1
Gillingham	1
Horley	1
Maidstone	1
Southbourne West Sussex	1
Tenterden	1
Thanet	1
Woking	1
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	9

DISTRICT 105-SW

Bodmin	2
Budleigh Salterton	1
Clevedon	1
Crediton & District	1
Holsworthy	1
Ilminster	3
Launceston	2
Newquay Towan Blystra	1
Okehampton	1
Plymouth Tamar	1
Saltash	1
Tavistock	1
Wadebridge	1
Wells Somerset	3
Worle	5
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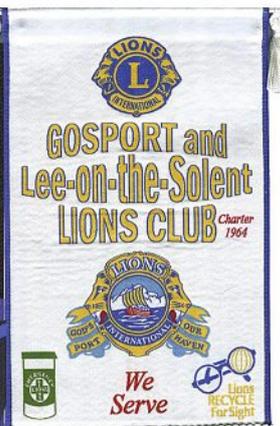
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Bletchley Web Award

Clevedon Lions second annual Dream Scheme award presentations were held at the Barn Youth Centre, Clevedon, where representatives of the 10 successful local groups and organisations met to receive their cheques from Lions Club members.

Over £4,500 was distributed, with the money coming from the Lions Santa Float collections last Christmas. Lions wanted to see that the money collected locally was distributed to help as many local people as possible by helping local voluntary clubs and groups. Applicants were encouraged to apply for grants to help them with their work in supporting others in the community.

Following the success of the Lions Dream Scheme last year, the awards this year will again help several hundred more local people.

For youngsters; winning groups were Clevedon Gymnastics Club and two teams from Clevedon United U12s Football teams. Children at All Saints School will benefit as Lions helped the PTA buy books for their their library. Roundabouts Pre School Group and the YMCA we also recieved help.

For work with families, Homestart North Somerset won an award – they provide practical and emotional support to families in Clevedon as well as in other parts of the area. Support was also given to North Somerset Play Forum who

will be organising play days in the school summer holidays. For the older generation, Wickham Court Day Centre benefited.

Lions Club spokesman, Peter Marlow said: 'When the recipients accepted their cheques they all spoke about how many people the grant money would help, in fact the lives of thousands of Clevedon people will benefit in some way. Our aim is to be transparent, so that money collected from the public at Lions events, especially at Christmas, can be seen to be recycled into doing great work in our local community and supporting a huge band of unpaid volunteers who work tirelessly to help others.'



PICTURED: Representatives of the Clubs who benefited, with Clevedon Lions

Witney Lions Dream Scheme

Peter Lovell of Witney Lions Club wrote this article to follow on from the one above!

Last year, we read an article in the Lion Magazine about a successful Dream Scheme idea by Clevedon Lions Club. We thought that it was such a good idea that we copied it and ran "The Witney Lions Dream Scheme" this year, using some of the money collected with our Christmas float.

It culminated on Tuesday 7th March when we were able to present cheques, totalling £3,000 to eight voluntary groups, ranging from helping to provide special facilities for a cystic fibrosis student, books to help primary school children to read, equipment for a village play area, the

local Boys Brigade, a village preschool group, a Scout group to enable them to do voluntary work abroad, volunteers who maintain local woodland and finally to a group of disabled, vulnerable and elderly people so that they could purchase musical instruments and enjoy making music together.

Not only will hundreds of people benefit in some way but local people can see that the Christmas float collections are being used for local people and Lions are benefitting from the increased publicity. So it becomes a win, win, win situation for everyone.

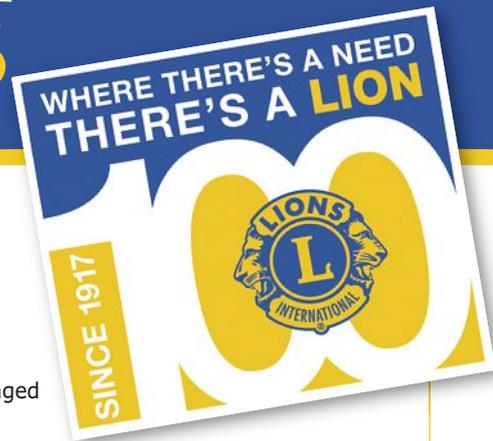
So, thank you Clevedon Lions, both for the idea and for your help.



PICTURED: The Witney Lions Club Dream Scheme presentation evening



CENTENNIAL PROJECTS



Centennial Celebration Legacy Projects are visible gifts to your local community that commemorate our Centennial and create a lasting legacy of your service contributions.

Your Legacy Project will serve as a reminder of just how important your Club is to the community during the Centennial and beyond. All Lions Clubs around the world are encouraged to complete a Legacy Project by 30th June 2018, and it's never too early to start planning.

Centennial Poster Competition

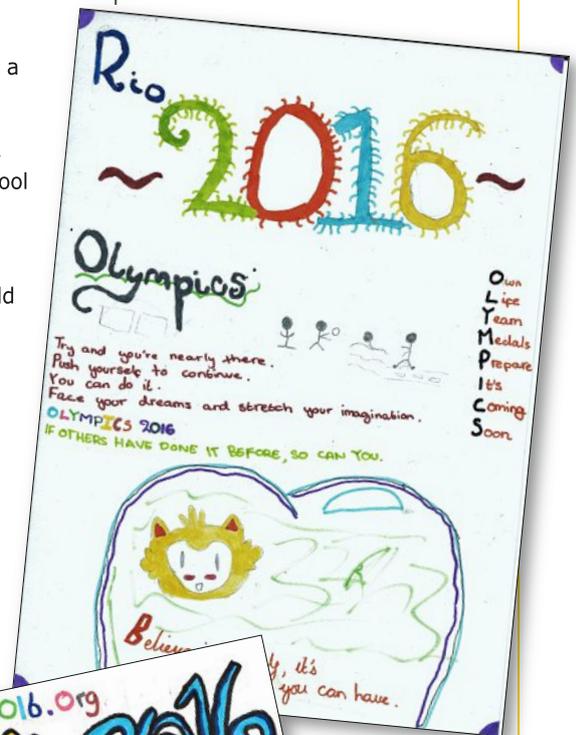
Durham Lions are setting up two projects to celebrate the Centennial, the first is a poster project run in conjunction with their twin Club, Hahndorf, and the second, is a legacy project to establish a lasting memorial to one hundred years of Lions.

During the last Lion year (2016), Durham Lions initiated a pilot poster competition, based on the Olympic theme, between two local schools; Esh Winning Primary School and the Blue Coat C of E School.

As the main aim was to encourage participation and to widen the knowledge of the pupils involved, the two schools didn't compete against each other, rather, each held their own competitions with prize money of £50.00 donated to each school by Durham Lions. The judging process remained under the control of Durham Lions who had to judge over 250 posters from each school!

Using the experience gained from this pilot scheme, Durham Lions compiled rules for the Centennial poster competition and sent them to the Hahndorf Club. The theme for the English schools is 'Australia' and the theme for the Australian schools is 'England'. How these themes are represented is entirely up to the pupils taking part, the hope is that this will encourage them to increase their knowledge of the subject by carrying out research into their chosen topic, resulting in colourful and inventive images.

Durham Lions are in the preliminary stages of setting up a legacy project to provide something lasting for the local community, for example, sponsoring or planting a tree in a safe environment, with a plaque commemorating the Lions International Centennial.



Morpeth Lions Open New Hotel

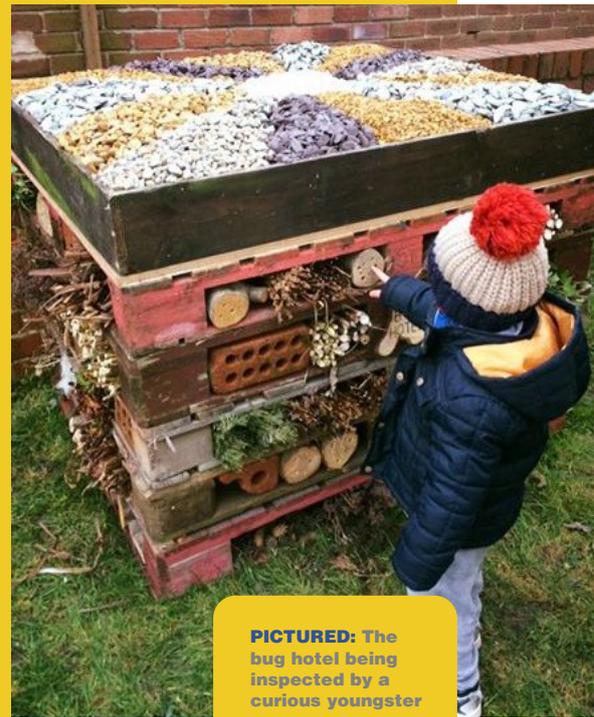
Morpeth in Northumberland has a new hotel and it is all down to the Lions Centennial Celebrations.

In common with other Lions Clubs, Morpeth Lions wanted to mark the Centennial Year. Club President, Chris Offord, read about the Beacon Community Garden Project in Morpeth. This project was planned for the Stobhill area of Morpeth, which has large numbers of council and ex-council houses with few local facilities. The St Aidan's Church community was looking to develop a green space round the church to provide a community garden. The project was a self-sustaining gardening project aimed at the elderly, the disabled and vulnerable local residents and includes a link with a local school. The scheme was to be worked up with Groundwork North East and Cumbria.

Thanks to Lions funding, one of the first phases of the project, the 'bug hotel' is now open to bees, butterflies and a variety of other invertebrates. It is already a hit with local children and soon, a dedicated wildflower area will be developed alongside it with the local school children helping to plant it.

Chris said: "It will provide a healthy and inexpensive activity for people of all ages and abilities, it will help foster community involvement, encourage healthy eating, provide an outdoor workshop for school environmental studies and make better use of some previously under-used green space.

"This is a most worthwhile project for Morpeth Lions to be involved with in the Lions Centennial Year and should provide enjoyment for future generations in years to come. Furthermore, we hear the insects quite like it too."



PICTURED: The bug hotel being inspected by a curious youngster

Blooming Marvellous!

Back in October last year and with the blessing of Bottesford Parish Council, the Vale of Belvoir Lions Club, along with friends and helpers planted over 3,000 crocus bulbs on the Jubilee Green, Bottesford to help celebrate the Lions Centennial year. The display was based loosely on the Lions badge with a reference to the 100 years of our being.

Earlier in the month and after all the hard graft, Lion President, Clive Yates, presided over the installation of a commemorative plaque and at the same time, he checked the progress of the bulbs. Things were growing well and judging by the early signs of green shoots and in the thought that spring was on its way we are happy to report that the anticipated and much hoped for display has finally arrived.



PICTURED: 3,000 crocus bulbs in Bottesford to celebrate the Lions Centennial

Launceston is Spick and Span

In 2016, members of the Lions Club of Launceston took part in the 'Clean for the Queen' initiative and cleaned a road and roundabout, as part of Launceston Clean.

This year Launceston took part in the 'Great Britain Spring Clean', and once again members of the Club turned out to clean the riverside and surrounding roads.

It enabled the Club to clock up another achievement in their Centennial Challenge.



PICTURED: Launceston litter pickers



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213-237	9
238-262	10

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438-462	18
463-487	19
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563-587	23
588-612	24
613-637	25
638-662	26
663-687	27
688-712	28
713-737	29
738+	See below*

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Young Achiever of the Year Award

Bradford Lions Club President, Lion Ibrar Hussain, won the Young Achiever of the Year Award at the 5th Annual Gala Dinner for The British Muslim Awards 2017 in January.

The Award was presented to him for the service to the community through Bradford Central Lions Clubs and also for being the youngest President.

Lion Ibrar has been the member of Bradford Central Lions Club since the Club was formed in June 2013. He has been very active in all the Club's service projects and continuously strives for the betterment of the community.

Lion Ibrar has the drive, passion and determination which he has demonstrated time and time again through his selfless contributions.

Charter President and founder of Bradford Central Lions Club, Lion Amin Dada, said: "We are extremely proud to have Lion Ibrar as our member and President. He truly deserves this Award for all the work that he does for the Club."



PICTURED: Lion Ibrar Hussain won the Young Achiever of the Year Award at The British Muslim Awards 2017

Bletchley Web Award

The Lions Club of Bletchley won an award for the best website (maintained by Lion John Stupples) and an award for the best newsletter (produced by Lion Victor Wright) at a Lions Club International Convention in London.

Lion President David Goodridge said: "We are very proud to except these awards and this is how we need to promote the Lions and generate new members.

Young people are more likely to find information on the internet that anywhere else now, so this is the way to go"



PICTURED: Lion John Craxton with District Governor Godfrey Morris 105W

Bridgend Lion Wins Leadership Award

Bridgend Lion, John Craxton, received the International Presidents Leadership Award at the 42nd Members Annual Convention recently. The prestigious award was presented by International Director, Lion Gabriele Sabatosanti Scarpelli.



MD 105 CENTENNIAL STAMP COVER

At the January meeting of the Council of Governors, the report submitted by the Centennial Committee, including the production of a stamp cover to commemorate the Centenary of Lions Clubs International, was approved.

The cover has now been designed and a sample of it is shown here. The postage stamp shown may not be the one to be used but it will be a 2017 Royal Mail new issue 1st Class stamp.

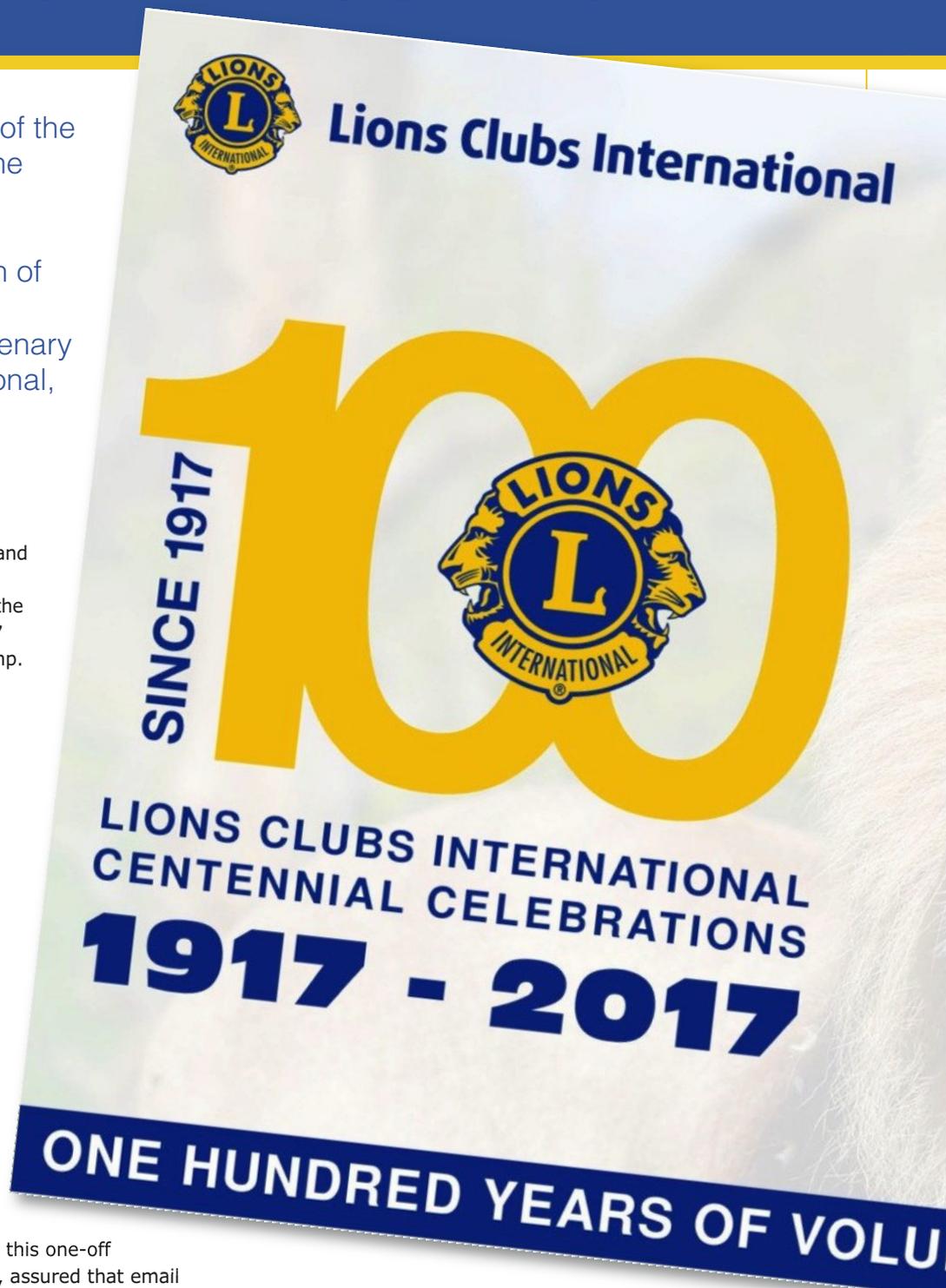
There is a possibility that some of the covers will be signed and numbered and work is ongoing to explore the feasibility of this, more will be known by the time of the MD105 Convention to be held in Blackpool.

The covers will be produced by Buckingham Covers at no expense to MD 105 with orders going direct to Buckingham. The company has offered a minimum of £1 per cover sold to be donated to Lions charities and the Council of Governors approved LCIF as the beneficiary.

There will be a mailing going out to Club secretaries via the MD 105 mailing system advertising this one-off opportunity, members are however, assured that email addresses will not be divulged to Buckingham.

The cover will be date stamped 7th June 2017 with a specially designed hand stamp. The confirmed price of the Cover is £12.95 plus postage and packing.

In the event that we are successful in obtaining signed covers, the retail price will be higher than the unsigned version.



Facilities will be in place for orders to be taken at the Blackpool MD105 Convention located on the 'Lions Clubs International Stamp Club' (LISC) stand. Lions Club members are therefore able to take a look at what LISC has to offer and the benefits of membership.

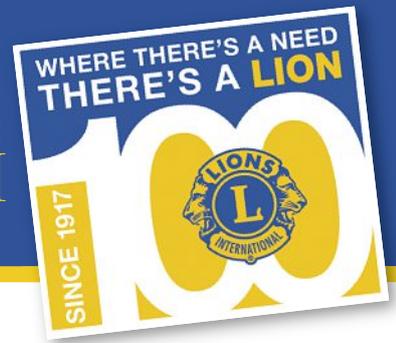
Lion Jenny McKirdy
Past President LISC Chapter 5



NTARY COMMUNITY SERVICE WORLDWIDE



CENTENNIAL 100 BEDS FOR BABICHI



District 105 SE is supporting orphans at the Babichi Boarding School in Belarus for part of its centennial project.

The orphanage gets next to no government support, and its young residents, aged between four and 16 have no-one to provide a safe and dry environment for them to live in.

Previously, District 105 SE has helped with vital repairs and a heating system, but now, their aim is to provide over 100 new beds. The furniture in the children's living quarters is falling to bits and most of the makeshift beds are completely inadequate and desperately need replacing.

Howard Lee, Chairman of the Lions Belarus Trust, reported in his January 2017 newsletter, that due to Lions' generosity, he had been able to send €15,000 so far, which was enough for around half the beds. Howard thanked all Lions in his newsletter, but picked out Hastings, Maidstone, Thanet and Farnham Clubs, all of whom sponsored whole accommodation blocks within the orphanage and he thanked Uckfield Lions for their £1,100 donations. Subsequently, Gillingham Club has also sponsored a whole block.

MORE HELP NEEDED

As the pound has weakened significantly, even more money is needed now to buy furniture for all 11 blocks, and as Howard says, the children are desperate.

Lions first visited the Babichi Orphanage, in Belarus, in 2006. The roof leaked like a sieve, water ran down the bedroom walls, and the heating system was hopelessly inadequate. All 150 children were living and going to their lessons in wet, cold conditions and they suffered from the resultant coughs, colds, chest conditions.

Lions Clubs (including Lions friends in Germany and France) donated to the funding necessary to rectify this unacceptable situation, and so far, the roof has been re-built and the central heating system has been renovated. And on a recent visit to the orphanage, Howard Lee and other Lion visitors saw what a huge difference Lions' efforts have made. The building is now dry and warm. The staff have now been able to re-decorate properly, and to make the place a bright, welcoming environment for the children. The difference is truly breath-taking.

But the job is not yet finished. The orphanage gets no funding to furnish the children's living quarters, and of course there is no parental contribution available

for orphans. As a result, the furniture in these quarters is falling apart.

Howard says: "As well as beds, the list of furniture needed includes, mattresses, TV stands, wardrobes and couches. In negotiation with the Director of the Babichi school, we have established a price list which amounts to over £37,000, at current exchange rates."

The list shown, is broken down to show the costs relating to individual living units within the building.

Any Club or Zone wishing to sponsor a particular block will have a suitable plaque erected there in recognition, and they will receive a report and photographs of that particular block in due course. Blocks 1, 2, 6 and 10 are already spoken for.

Howard asks that cheques should be made payable to 'Lions Belarus Trust', and sent to: **PDG Frank Lees, Heathers, 16 Rochester Way, Crowborough, TN6 2DR**

www.lionsbelarustrust.org

Lions Belarus Trust		Babichi Living Accommodation Furniture		
		Rubles	£	
	Exchange Rate	23,338	1.00	
	Bed (inc mattress)	4,160,000	179	
	TV stand	1,530,000	66	
	Wardrobe	4,360,500	187	
	Couch	11,339,000	486	
Block 1				
1	Beds	13	2,327	
2	TV Stand	1	66	
			<u>2,393</u>	
Block 2				
1	Beds	15	2,685	
2	TV Stand	1	66	
3	Wardrobes	4	748	
			<u>3,499</u>	
Block 3				
1	Beds	14	2,506	
2	TV Stand	1	66	
3	Wardrobes	2	374	
			<u>2,946</u>	
Block 4				
1	Beds	16	2,864	
2	TV Stand	1	66	
3	Wardrobes	2	374	
4	Couch	1	486	
			<u>3,790</u>	
Block 5				
1	Beds	14	2,506	
2	TV Stand	1	66	
3	Wardrobes	4	748	
4	Couch	1	486	
			<u>3,806</u>	
Block 6				
1	Beds	15	2,685	
2	TV Stand	1	66	
			<u>2,751</u>	
Block 7				
1	Beds	15	2,685	
2	TV Stand	1	66	
3	Couch	2	972	
			<u>3,723</u>	
Block 8				
1	Beds	8	1,432	
2	TV Stand	1	66	
3	Wardrobes	4	748	
4	Couch	1	486	
			<u>2,732</u>	
Block 9				
1	Beds	16	2,864	
2	TV Stand	1	66	
3	Wardrobes	2	374	
4	Couch	1	486	
			<u>3,790</u>	
Block 10				
1	Beds	15	2,685	
2	TV Stand	1	66	
3	Wardrobes	4	748	
4	Couch	1	486	
			<u>3,985</u>	
Block 11				
1	Beds	14	2,506	
2	TV Stand	1	66	
3	Wardrobes	4	748	
4	Couch	1	486	
			<u>3,806</u>	
Total				£37,221



PICTURED: Home to Belarus orphans



PICTURED: Hopelessly inadequate beds



PICTURED: The furniture is falling apart



PICTURED: All 150 children were living and going to their lessons in wet, cold conditions



LCIF

Reaching Across Borders to Fight Poverty

by **Cassandra Rotolo**

Lions in Ireland are teaming up with Lions in India, to help the poor in rural areas to help themselves.

Although India has one of the fastest growing economies in the world, an estimated 50 percent of Indians lack proper shelter. An overwhelming majority of the population does not have access to adequate sanitation or secondary education.

Lions of District 106 I in Ireland, are partnering with the Arni Silk City Lions of District 324 A4 in India, to help women break the cycle of poverty. Together, they received a US\$50,000 Core 4 grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) to fund a microenterprise programme for single and widowed mothers.

LCIF believes that microenterprise boosts the economic well-being for those who live at or below the poverty level and have limited skills and capital, but who aspire to improve their situation.

The Lions are working with Nandri, a nonprofit in Ireland, and Child Aid Trust (CAT) in India to provide microenterprise loans to single and widowed mothers. Most of the women who participate in CAT programs are illiterate and support their families through menial labour. They are part of the Dalit caste, the lowest social class in India and the women are denied access to traditional credit or loan options.

INDEPENDENCE

The women are given a loan of Rs. 25,000 (approximately US\$366), which they repay at a one percent interest rate for 25 months. Some women use their loans to buy a cow, whose milk they can sell on an on-going basis. Some choose to buy sewing machines so they can find consistent work as seamstresses. Others open small shops to sell snacks and cold drinks in their communities. All of these options allow the women to be more independent and to feed and educate themselves and their children.

Lions are involved in every step of the process, from reviewing loan applications to distributing cheques. Lions from both countries serve on an advisory committee, providing financial oversight, organising public awareness events and even training beneficiaries on budgeting.

CASE STUDY

Lourdu Mary, a destitute widow in the village of Moranam, received a microenterprise loan. She lives with her two children in a small hut without electricity or proper sanitation and works as a daily labourer in a field. She used her loan to buy a cow and selling the cow's milk for food and dung for fuel is helping her meet her family's basic needs every day.

Since piloting microenterprise grants in 2014, LCIF has funded six projects in India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Ireland and Kenya, totaling US\$475,000. More than 1,200 loans have been issued.

PICTURED: Microfinance loans provide an option for women to break the cycle of poverty and support their families

MORE INFORMATION

For information on LCIF's on LCIF's microenterprise grant program, visit: lCIF.org



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Reach New Heights in Service Through LCIF



As a new Lion in 1978, I instantly loved the camaraderie. But I remained a Lion because of the service my Club provided to the community. All those lightbulbs, brooms and mops we sold helped a huge number of people in need. We also protected the sight of youth through vision screenings, distributed Thanksgiving baskets and held activities

for orphans and underprivileged children. It was astounding how much good my Club did.

But I was in for a revelation. What my Club did on its own could not compare to the results we achieved as a Multiple District. Among other accomplishments, we created the Tennessee Lions Eye Center, one of the nation's premier eye hospitals. This center has dramatically impacted the lives of thousands of children.

When I became a District Governor and then even more so when I served as International Director, I continued to learn of the advantages and achievements of many Lions acting together and pooling their time, talents and treasure. We all know that the Clubs are the heart of our world of Lions. Yet when Lions come together on a broad scale we can accomplish remarkable things.

That's precisely why LCIF has been such a great force for good in our communities and the world. Our

Foundation is a tool to leverage the desire to serve, deep in the heart of every Lion. Elsewhere in this issue we present a summary of some of LCIF's recent accomplishments. Read it and be proud. But also continue to support LCIF through Melvin Jones Fellowships and Contributing Memberships. The Measles Initiative is particularly in need of support. A donation can help save a life.

Certainly, your service to your community demands your time and attention. But also unite with your fellow Lions through LCIF and change the world. Help LCIF help others. Through LCIF we reach new heights and climb new mountains.

Chancellor Bob Corlew
Lions Clubs International President



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LIBRA Announces Campaign Success

The Lions International Blood Research Appeal (LIBRA) is pleased to announce that £200,000 has been raised in aid of its Giving 4 Growth Campaign.



Trustees launched the appeal in August 2012 to help raise funds for the Haematology Department at King's College Hospital, London. Initially funds were required to cover the cost of urgent laboratory developments, but needs grew to include funding for essential research and ward equipment, along with equipping a new ambulatory transplant unit.

LIBRA works closely with Professor Ghulam Mufti, the Head of the Haematology at King's, and other health experts within his department. Trustees and professors are in regular contact to ensure funding is being raised to support the most urgent needs of the department. The professor also advises trustees on how funding is used and progress meetings are held at the hospital.

In 2012, LIBRA pledged to raise £100,000 after receiving a wish list of laboratory equipment from the professor and his team. In 2015, the funding requirements became greater and LIBRA pushed the campaign target up to £200,000 to ensure wider needs were being met. With the invaluable support of Lions and the public, LIBRA has reached the campaign target. Funds have been raised through generous donations, Lions events, sponsored challenges, and by King's patients and their families.

LONG-TERM BENEFITS OF LIBRA FUNDING

Through Giving 4 Growth, LIBRA has helped to cover the cost of extensive developments within the hospital's Stem Cell Laboratory and vital upgrades to the Rayne Cell Therapy Suite (RCTS). These developments have enabled professors to work on a vaccine for Acute Myeloid Leukaemia – the first of its kind in the world.

Professor Mufti commented: "We are so grateful to LIBRA and its wonderful supporters for raising the significant funds required for laboratory developments. We so desperately needed the funding to improve some of our most important laboratories.

"It means we 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 also donated funds so that the hospital could purchase a new PCR machine that will help to power King's research into sickle cell disease for many years to come. Dr Stephan Menzel approached LIBRA after the Haematology Team identified a need for a PCR Machine.



PICTURED: Adur East Lion Susan Saunders and her partner Lion Maurice Allan took part in a sponsored cycle along the South Coast, raising £4,000. The couple cycled more than 420 miles in 12 days



PICTURED: Lion Erica Collins raised funds for the Giving 4 Growth Campaign. She took part in a sponsored head shave as part of her year-long campaign for LIBRA



PICTURED: Horsham Lion Tom Osbourne, centre, raised £1,200 for the Giving 4 Growth Campaign by taking part in a long distance sponsored coastal walk. He met up with fellow Lions along his route



PICTURED: 2016 LIBRA organised its annual visit to King's for 50 Lion supporters from various Clubs across District 105SE. Professor Ghulam Mufti, Head of Haematology, and Farzin Farzaneh, Professor of Molecular Medicine, both gave presentations about the department and explained how vital LIBRA's support is

Speaking about the support the hospital has received from LIBRA, Dr Menzel said: "Funding for sickle cell disease research is very difficult to obtain, there is no significant dedicated charity or government funding available.

"LIBRA support has been incredibly helpful to us to keep our research going at a time when funding conditions are tough. The selfless work of LIBRA is inspiring to us and we feel encouraged by the fact that they deem our work important enough to receive some of the precious funds raised through Giving 4 Growth."

The focus of his team's research is on the genetics of sickle cell disease, an inherited anaemia. The only cure is a bone marrow transplantation, which is currently possible in a very small minority of patients only, because it is so toxic.

AMBULATORY TRANSPLANT UNIT

Most recently, as part of the Giving 4 Growth Campaign, LIBRA was asked to support the creation of a new Ambulatory Transplant Unit on the hospital's Davidson Ward. The Haematology Department requested funding to cover the cost of essential equipment for the much-needed outpatient unit.

In 2016, LIBRA successfully applied for match funding from the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) for this unit, with 50 percent of funding secured from LCIF and 50 percent raised through LIBRA and Lions fundraising.



Patients with a range of blood cancers will benefit from access to the new unit as it will be well-equipped to diagnose and monitor those undergoing outpatient chemotherapy and/or radiotherapy, prior to and following a bone marrow or stem cell transplant.

Many patients will attend daily for treatment with chemotherapy as part of their transplant protocol, blood checks, transfusions and any other care required as part of the transplant process. The unit will also decrease time required for inpatient stay.

With the support of the LCIF funding, LIBRA is covering the cost of 27 specialist infusion pumps for patients receiving treatment on the ambulatory transplant unit.

LIBRA is also funding an additional 43 infusion pumps so that there are enough to be used throughout the Davidson Ward and on the ELF and LIBRA Ward.

NEW CAMPAIGN TO LAUNCH

Following the success of the Giving 4 Growth Campaign, LIBRA is set to launch the 'Tree of Life' appeal later in the spring. The new campaign will provide vital support to King's to ensure that the best possible treatments are available for patients suffering with blood cancers and disorders. The campaign is currently being developed by LIBRA and Professor Mufti and more information will be made available to Lions as soon as the new fundraising target is agreed.

Andrew Lodge, LIBRA Chairman, commented: "I would like to thank Lions across the Multiple District for providing such great support throughout our Giving 4 Growth Campaign. The funds raised will benefit patients today and in the future. Although we have raised such a significant amount, there is always a need within the Haematology Department and across the wards, so our fundraising efforts must continue. Together we can help in the battle against blood cancers and blood disorders. We look forward to launching the Tree of Life Campaign this spring and hope that Lions will continue to get involved with fundraising activities."

Professor Ghulam Mufti added: "Funding from LIBRA has been and still is the life blood of this department. LIBRA funding has been pivotal in initiating a number of key programmes including bone marrow transplantation. The ongoing commitment from LIBRA is essential as we rely on funding to move the development of new treatments forward. Our long-term goal is to become one of the top blood sciences institutes in the world and we hope to achieve this in the next 10 years with the support of LIBRA.

"We are most grateful to LIBRA and Lions for raising funds through Giving 4 Growth and wish you all the very best with the new campaign, which will ensure our work to develop lifesaving treatments can continue."

If you would like to fundraise for LIBRA or make a donation towards the next campaign, please visit: www.libralionscharity.org to find out how you can provide support.

LIBRA thanks all the fantastic Lions Clubs who have provided support throughout the Giving 4 Growth Campaign.



Bletchley Senior Citizens' Celebration

Lions Club of Bletchley invited 40 local senior citizens to lunch recently at the Harrow Leisure Centre. They joined over 1,100 other senior citizens from 60 Lions Clubs in the South of England, and enjoyed an afternoon of fun, dancing, singing and games.

Lions Fence in Wallace



PICTURED: A more relaxed Wallace and Mrs Penney

Wallace, a six year-old Labrador guide dog, can now relax, run around and have fun in his garden, thanks to Bexhill Lions Club.

Mrs Penney from Bexhill, is registered blind and had to move to a bungalow with a small garden. But her dog, Wallace, which she has had for four years, couldn't go outside because the garden was not fenced off to keep him safe. Mrs Penney is a client of Homecall – The Home Visiting Scheme for Blind and Partially Sighted People living in Bexhill.

Leah Norman, Scheme Manager explained. "Wallace was confused because all guide dogs have separate working time and playtime; playtime is usually when they are let out into the garden without their harness. Mrs Penney was taking Wallace to the park for a break, but as he was wearing his harness, he thought he was working".

Homecall contacted the Lions to see if they could help. Lion Nick Porter explains: "We contacted the RNIB to ensure we got the correct fence specifications and Leah obtained the approvals."

Now, Wallace can play safely in the garden and it has made a huge difference to him.

Black Mountains Lions Annual Schools Quiz

The Black Mountains Lions annual quiz was held at Gwernyfed School in January and was supported by four pupils from each of the seven schools; Hay-on-Wye, Clifford, Talgarth, Clyro, Bronllys, Llangorse and Llyswen. The scores of all teams were close and coming first this year by just one point, was Clyro Church of Wales School. They will hold the trophy for one year and each student was awarded a £20 book voucher and the school received £300. All other students received a £10 book token for taking part.





Swimarathon at Lytham St Annes



PICTURED: Lytham St Annes Swimarathon ladies

Lytham St. Annes Lions annual Swimarathon raised £14,000 for Brian House Childrens' Hospice.

More than 400 swimmers of all ages took to the water at St Annes YMCA pool for a day-long event. Lion President, Eileen Skelly, and her team worked for hours to organise the event and she said: "We are so grateful to everyone who took part and to our sponsors for their support."

Michelle Lonican from Brian House Childrens' Hospice in Blackpool said: "This is an incredible total and it will make such a difference.

"We thank the Lions for their good work. It was so humbling to be part of such a wonderful event and we feel honoured that the Lions chose our charity in their centennial year."

Windsor Lions' Silver Lunch

Windsor Lions held its annual 'Silver Lunch' for the elderly in February when over 140 Windsor and District-based residents were wined, dined and entertained with a mix of music and song.

A two course lunch was prepared by the Windsor Lions team, led by the Club's own 'chef de cuisine' Lion Graham Alston, and served by members of Windsor Lions, their families and friends.

Event organiser, Lion Diane Purchase, said: "It is probably one of the Club's most worthwhile events of our calendar – it is so much fun, our members love doing it and of course, our guests have a whale of a time.



PICTURED: A royal lunch at Windsor



PICTURED: BuN Lions raised significant funds for the Midlands Air Ambulance

New Lions off to a Flying Start

Barton under Needwood (BuN) Lions began their journey into Lionism in February 2015. Since then, they have become very active in the town and their local area, including the Muddy Boots project, where a large garden and plot is being converted for use by people with disabilities.

BuN Lions (all six of them!) raised significant funds for the Midlands Air Ambulance, raised funds for the Holland Sports Club Nursery appeal, liaised with Age Concern, assisted at a Guinness Book of Records attempt for the world's biggest rugby scrum (defeated by the weather – but watch this space) and put on the most successful Christmas party for the elderly, isolated and housebound that Barton under Needwood has witnessed.



PICTURED: The Muddy Boots project

‘Supermarket Sweep’ in Ruislip

In February, Ruislip Lions club did their own version of ‘Supermarket Sweep’ called the Ruislip Lions Trolley Dash, in collaboration with Waitrose in Ruislip.

During the week prior to the Trolley Dash Ruislip Lions members, and mascot, Rory, sold raffle tickets to win a two-minute dash around the store to collect all the goodies the winner had earmarked.

Raffle winner, David Weatherhead, wanted to donate his winning dash to the Uxbridge Foodbank – what a man,

so generous and something not seen often enough these days.

Once the store had closed for trading, Pastor Vine and Mark Stimpson from Uxbridge Foodbank were on hand, trainers at the ready, to do the dash in place of David as he felt they would be clearer about the foodbank’s needs.

Waitrose’s manager was the time keeper and Mark managed to collect £135.00 worth of food desperately needed by the foodbank.

Ruislip Lions send their deepest thanks to all the wonderful Waitrose customers who gave so generously to our local charities, it was a shame more could not win. The Waitrose staff were marvellous during the ticket selling week and during the dash.

Everyone was a winner in one way ... because they helped Ruislip Lions raise £897.54. When the cost of the food and expenses were deducted we cleared £736.03 for our local charities.



PICTURED: Preparing for the Ruislip Lions Trolley Dash at Waitrose



Beccles Lions Present Second Community Defibrillator

Beccles and District Lions Club have provided Beccles with its second accessible community defibrillator. It was presented to the Mayor of Beccles, Councillor Graham Catchpole, by Beccles Lions Club President, Lion Fred Helsdon.

The new defibrillator is situated on the outside wall at the entrance of the Beccles Station Café building, part of the newly refurbished Beccles Railway Station development.

Lion President Fred said "Because of the tremendous support we received for the first defibrillator at the Citizens Advice Bureau in the centre of the town, we wanted to get a second defibrillator for another busy location.

Say it With Ukuleles

In February Caerffili Lions Club present 10 new ukuleles to the pupils of Ysgol Gymraeg Caerffili, a local Welsh medium primary school. They were a thank you to the pupils and staff for providing an excellent mixed choir for the last three years at Christmas, when Caerffili Lions visit a number of local community homes for the elderly to sing carols in Welsh and English to the residents.

Caerffili Lions Club has a flourishing ukulele band, which plays at various different venues and raised almost £1,000 for the charity fund last year.



PICTURED: Lion President Paul Rees presented these ukuleles to the deputy headmistress, Carol Hesden

MD Hearing Aid Target Smashed

Derbyshire County Council invited Matlock Derwent Valley Lions Club to an event in Chesterfield, to promote the 'Message in a Bottle' and 'Message in a Wallet' schemes to the local deaf community.

Also at the event was Jo Tucker, a lead audiologist from Chesterfield Royal Hospital, she said she was struggling to find someone to take a large supply of hearing aids that she had, and had noticed that Lions collected them when she visited the website.

A couple of months later, Lion Colin Turnbull received an email to say there were LOTS of hearing aids for us to collect.

True to her word, Jo provided 11,400 old hearing aids which were despatched to Dr Michael Nolan of the Starkey Hearing Foundation. From there, they are sorted and sent for refurbishment before they go abroad to help people with hearing difficulties.

So that is how Matlock Derwent Valley Lions Club smashed the MD target of 10,000 aids in one fell swoop!



PICTURED: Lion President Bill Lansdowne with Jo Tucker and Lion Colin Turnbull



Ben's Bike

Redway School asked Bletchley Lions to see if they could buy a tricycle for Benjamin.

The Club contacted Benjamin's mum, Melanie, to see what she needed, and as you see in the picture, Benjamin is now enjoying his new mode of transport, which enables them both to get out more and cycle around their local area. With better weather to come they should get a great deal of enjoyment out of the tricycle.



PICTURED: Melanie and Benjamin on the tricycle with Lion President Dave Goodridge



PICTURED: A very determined start

Trolley Dash Swindon-style

The trolley dash organised by Swindon Lions Club at their local Cooperative supermarket, raised £1,200, which will be donated to the Young Carers Service at Swindon Carers Centre.

Started by Swindon's Mayor, Councillor Eric Shaw, the prize draw winner, Austen Gray, dashed around the supermarket filling up his trolley in a set time with as many different food items as he could. He collected groceries totalling nearly £120.

Lions Boost Funds and Help Two Local Groups

Clevedon Lions heard that the members of 1st Clevedon Beavers were organising a sponsored event, setting themselves the challenge of walking the equivalent distance from Clevedon's pier to the Eiffel Tower in Paris, (that's about 400 miles!) to support the local Springboard Opportunity Group.

Springboard Opportunity Group is a charity that supports children in North Somerset who have additional needs and disabilities. The vital service helps more than 100 families each week through its play and learning sessions and family support service.

The Beavers will cover the distance over three walks, with each Beaver clocking up around eight miles. The walk makes up part of the Beavers' work towards their world challenge and community impact activity badges.

Lions thought that they could support both groups at the same time, so Eric the Lion (who lives with Lions Past President, Sue



PICTURED: Eric and the Beavers with Lion Glynn Hill handing over the cheque

Miller) visited the Beavers' weekly meeting to give them a cheque for £250 so they could boost their fundraising for Springboard.



PICTURED: Thetford Lions Club member, Eric Lawrence, on his bloodbike

Lion Eric Lawrence, the Bloodbiker

How often do you find that it's the busiest people who are able to pack more into their daily lives than those who claim they never have enough time?

Thetford Lions Club member, Eric Lawrence, is a classic example. Like his wife, Pat, he belongs to numerous groups including walking, cycling and photography as well as running regularly and looking after a sizeable allotment.

But that is only part of the story as Eric has always endeavoured to put something back into the community, so in addition to his Lions Club membership, he volunteers with the National Trust and until a few years ago, was a retained fireman.

However it is his involvement with the charity, SERV (Service by Emergency Response Volunteers) which runs the Norfolk Bloodbike Medical Transport Service that Eric finds most satisfying, because it allows him to do vital voluntary work and enjoy his love of motorcycling.

READY TO GO

Eric explains: "I am a member of a team of trained riders throughout Norfolk who are on call to the NHS every night,

weekend and Bank Holidays, to collect and deliver urgent medical supplies.

"I am usually on call for one or two consecutive nights, so four or five nights per month, ready to travel between Cambridge where we collect blood, platelets and plasma from the centre attached to Addenbrookes Hospital, to anywhere in Norfolk.

"Sometimes it can be outside the county delivering samples for urgent diagnosis and once, I delivered donor breast milk from Shropham to the neo-natal care unit at Addenbrookes.

"Seeing the tiny babies in incubators and only able to feed on the milk I had just delivered really bought home to me how our work is so vital and life-saving."

Norfolk is fortunate to have its own dedicated bloodbikes, (some provided by Lions Clubs) so Eric does not use his own 1200cc BMW machine but the service is always looking for more volunteers.

Training is provided to ensure high standards are maintained and more information can be found at: www.servnorfolk.org.uk



UNITED NATIONS IN SCOTLAND



PICTURED: All the speakers with Lenny the Lion

The Lions District 105NE United Nations Day was held on Wednesday 15th March 2017 at the Scottish Parliament, Holyrood, Edinburgh. PDG Lion John Sutherland MJF reports.

Clubs from across Lions District 105NE, gathered at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh for their annual United Nations celebration recently.

The event, organised by Lion President, Andrew Kerr-Sutherland, of the Edinburgh Lions Club, is an opportunity for Lions across Scotland and the north east of England to celebrate our connections and work with the United Nations.

Andrew introduced DG David Wheeler to the Rt. Hon. Lord Provost, Donald Wilson, honorary member of the city of Edinburgh Lions Club and Ruth Davison MSP, leader of the Scottish Conservative party. DG Lion David welcomed everyone to the gathering.

Ruth Davidson welcomed the Lions of District 105NE and other Lions to the Scottish Parliament and spoke of how much she appreciated the community

work carried out by the members of Edinburgh Lions club across the City. She had been impressed by the wide range of international humanitarian projects, which Lions supported both at home and across so many countries around the world.

She thanked the Lions for asking her to speak at our United Nations day, especially during our joint celebration of 100 years of Lions Clubs International and 50 years of service by the City of Edinburgh Lions Club.

INTERNATIONAL FAMILY

Ruth Davidson MSP introduced Lions from our international family who had joined us for the evening; Lion Janet Chesney of Mzuzu LC, the Chesney Trust and the Edinburgh Girls School in Malawi as well as LP Harold Hotz-Behofsits and Lion Ursula Freitas from Vienna Ambassador LC, both twinned with the

City of Edinburgh Lions. She also welcomed Lion Tatyana Kalinga from Capitol Hill LC Washington DC.

PCC Lion Michael Philips reminded us of our proud history with the United Nations, in 1945 the UN asked the Lions, who were already an established worldwide service organisation, to help develop the non-governmental organisation (NGO) charter and to this day, Lions Clubs International remain the only permanent advisor on NGO matters to the UN, the relationship between us has been limited to humanitarian endeavours with no involvement in political or security affairs.

Lion Michael reminded that have provided both aid and manpower for projects with UNICEF, WHO and UNESCO working with other agencies to provide spectacles to help children read and save lives through the



DG David Wheeler

LEO President, Emma Quinn

Lewis Baillie

Liam Gillam Young Leader in Service

Rt. Hon. Lord Provost, Donald Wilson

Lion President, Andrew Kerr-Sutherland

Michael Philips

Ruth Davidson MSP

Stuart Fraser, Woodhill High School

eradication of measles as well as providing safe drinking water and many other international projects.

TALL SHIPS TROPHY WINNER

The Young Ambassador of the Year finalist, Lewis Baillie, addressed the meeting about his numerous projects ranging from his work with the Princes Diana Anti-Bullying mentor programme, other community projects and leadership within the Scout movement. He explained how pleased he was to have won the Tall Ships trophy at the Lions Young Ambassador's final weekend in Dudley and is looking forward to his trip aboard the Jubilee Trust Tall ship, mentoring and befriending differently abled young people.

LIONS YOUNG LEADERS IN SERVICE PROGRAMME

Stuart Frazer deputy Rector of Woodhill High School, Dunfermline said that the benefits of the Lions Young Leaders in Service programme had made a difference to the confidence and community awareness of young people in his school. He said that working to support others had been character building and he was proud of the perseverance that students had

demonstrated. He is delighted to have given 31 YLIS awards to students and is looking forward to continuing the project.

Liam Gillan also of Woodhill High School spoke of his achievements as a Young Leader in Service and what it meant to him, improving his communication skills and the satisfaction of working with other young people. He has a particular interest in helping others with sport and spoke about his highlight of going to Sweden to help out at sporting events.

LP Andrew thanked LP Cathy Scott for her efforts in promoting Young Leaders in Service around the schools of Dunfermline.

LEO PRESIDENT, EMMA QUINN

Liam was followed by LEO President, Emma Quinn, of the Harlaw Academy LEO Club, Aberdeen. She talked about how being a LEO had built her self-confidence by taking part in and responsibility for organising events for fundraising or friendship groups, and learning how to communicate with older people. Emma said all this comes through partnership working "being a LEO means taking an active role"

It was acknowledged that VDG Malcom Hogg had been the driving force behind the development of Harlaw Academy LEO Club.

FIGHTING INEQUALITY IN EDINBURGH

The Rt. Hon. Lord Provost Donald Wilson, an honorary member the City of Edinburgh Club, talked about the OneCity Trust. The mission of the OneCity Trust is to fight inequality and exclusion in Edinburgh. It uses the idea of a 'community foundation' to give people and organisations a means to reach across the divides of the city and support those who are excluded from the community. He drew attention to the similarity of goals with Lions.

He concluded by thanking the Edinburgh Lions for the work they do for the City of Edinburgh and wished Lions Clubs international every success for our next 100 years.

District Governor Lion David Wheeler brought the proceedings to a close by thanking everybody for attending and Lion President, PDG Andrew for arranging yet again, another successful United Nations Day.



PICTURED: (L-R) Janet Chesney, Lion Tatyana Kalinga, Lenny and Ruth Davidson MSP



PICTURED: (L-R) Lenny, Ruth Andrew, Donald Wilson and DG David Wheeler



PICTURED: Clumber Park Memory Walkers

Where There's A Need, There's A Lion

The Alzheimer's Society needs YOU and YOU can make a difference.

Memory Walk is Alzheimer's Society's biggest fundraising event, involving a series of sponsored walks which take place in the autumn, across England, Wales and Northern Ireland. It supports some of Alzheimer's Society's vital work, including essential research, and life-changing local services for thousands of families affected by dementia. In 2016, walkers raised over £6.5m – that's enough to fund 76 PHD students for three years to conduct innovative research to ultimately search for a cure.

In autumn 2017, walks return to over 30 locations, reaching from South Shields all the way down to Exeter! Memory Walk is open to all ages and abilities, and four-legged friends too. Families and friends are encouraged to come together, united against dementia to raise funds. At each event there are two walk lengths to choose from – a shorter accessible route around 2km, or a longer, more challenging walk which is up to 10km. The first events start the weekend of 2nd September, and end 14th October with the first ever Memory Walks at Night in London, Liverpool and Cardiff.

LIONS LEAP TO HELP

Essential to the success of the walks are the fantastic volunteers – the team really can't host these walks without the right amount of volunteer support, which is why recruiting enough volunteers is so crucial. Memory Walk has been lucky enough to have support from local Lions groups across the country. Just last year, vital support at Clumber Park came from Stephen Green and the Edwinstowe and The Dukeries Lions who signed up to volunteer. By giving just six hours of time on a sunny Saturday, the team helped to raise over £260,000 from one event alone. In 2017, 3,500 volunteers

are needed to make the events a success – this equates to over £2,500 raised for each volunteer recruited!

Roles for volunteers are varied; helping us from everything to setting up stalls in the morning, to marshalling the route and helping to take banners down at the end of the day. Volunteers also support with fundraising and handing out medals to the finishing walkers. Six members of Edwinstowe and The Dukeries Lions lent a hand at Clumber Park Memory Walk in early October 2016, volunteering in pairs on marshal points around the long route. Stephen said they decided to come along because, "As Lions 'we serve' and this was a wonderful way to help serve people less fortunate than ourselves. Some of our members have a close connection to dementia, and if we helped one of the walkers raise just £1.00 to help develop treatments for this disease, then we will have succeeded in making a difference". Stephen and the team said their favourite part of the day was being able to talk to and encourage all of the walkers passing by their marshal point – giving the long walkers in particular a bit of a boost while walking up a hill! When asked what he would say to other groups considering volunteering, Stephen encourages everyone to sign up now, "don't think very long, get on the website and register today, live our Centennial motto of 'Where There's A Need, There's A Lion' because to run these events, Alzheimer's Society need us".

For Clubs which don't currently have a Memory Walk event nearby, there is also the opportunity to organise a walk in the local community. The Memory Walk 'Your Walk, Your Way' programme provides the organiser with all of the tools needed to arrange a small Memory Walk in the local area.





To find your nearest walk, visit:
www.memorywalk.org.uk

For more information on any of the events, or to enquire about how you could support Memory Walk in other ways, please email memorywalk@alzheimers.org.uk or call 0300 330 5452.

PICTURED: Edwinstone Lions at Clumber Park



PICTURED: Where would we be without volunteers?



PICTURED: The start line



PICTURED: Leeds Memory Walkers



CANDIDATES FOR INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR 2018 – 2020

PCC Lion Geoff Leeder



- Served as Host Committee Secretary for Birmingham 1998
- Served as Programme Director for Europa Forums in 2006 and 2014
- Appointed internationally as LCIF MD Coordinator since 2008
- Appointed internationally as GLT Area Leader since 2010
- Trustee for LCI 'A Gift for Living' and for LCI 'MD105 Appeal Fund'

Luton Lions Club is proud to nominate Lion Geoff Leeder as candidate for International Director 2018-2020

AS THE CLUB LION

Past Council Chairman, Geoff, has a distinguished record of service to our Association, dating back some 40 years since joining Luton Lions. During that time he has never let wider service to Lions Clubs International affect his involvement in the activities of the Luton Club.

AS THE DISTRICT LION

Governor of District 105-A in 1992, Geoff has served in a wide range of roles covering such fields as international relations and drug awareness – in 1982, Geoff was appointed one of the first Drug Awareness Officers in MD105 and was instrumental in setting up support groups within the District – LCIF, membership retention and extension, information technology, diabetes education, District Secretary, Europa Forum and leadership and training programmes for District and Club officers.

AS THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT LION

Geoff was Deputy MD Drug Awareness Co-ordinator in 1985- 87, and from 1988-91 was MD Drug Awareness and Life Skills Officer and Chairman of the Lions/TACAIDE Steering Committee – a period in which the drug awareness programme was introduced into more than half of the MD state schools.

Elected Chairman of Council in 1993, Geoff oversaw the changes in the format of Council meetings and the structure and operation of the MD Youth Committee. During his year as Council Chairman, Geoff was honoured to represent Lions at the opening of the West Wing of Great Ormond Street Hospital, following our Lions' support for the hugely successful 'Wishing Well' Appeal.

At this time he also took on the mammoth task of Secretary for the MD Host Committee for the 1998 International Convention in Birmingham.

In 1994, Geoff was Grant Administrator of the US\$ 230,772 'SightFirst' grant for 'Operation Cataract' which enabled 800 people to have sight-saving operations earlier than planned.

In that same year, he became Acting Secretary to Council in addition to serving on the Headquarters Management Board and the Council Advisory Committee.

Geoff has attended 19 International Conventions, serving as Committee Chairman in Detroit and has been present at 33 MD Conventions (giving IT support at times), as well as visiting numerous District Conventions and events throughout the Multiple District. Additionally, Geoff has attended 15 Europa Forums, having served as the MD Europa Forum Committee Chairman (2008-2010) but also as the Forum Programme Director in 2006 and 2014.

AS THE INTERNATIONAL LION

Geoff has gained considerable experience internationally in roles with LCIF, to which Past International President Mahendra, LCIF Chairman 2008-2009, appointed him, and with GLT, where he has served as Area Leader not only for our Multiple District, but also covering The Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, Israel, Andorra and Gibraltar, having been appointed by International President Sid Scruggs in

2010. (Re-appointment to both of these roles is performance-related and confirmed annually by the International President.)

AS THE FACILITATOR/MENTOR.

Having had extensive experience of training adults, both with his work and in his District, Geoff's skills and knowledge have been utilised as a seminar leader at International Conventions in Seattle, Hamburg and Toronto, as well as at most of the recent Europa Forum meetings. Additionally, he has facilitated at Advanced Lions Leadership and Faculty Development Institutes. As GLT Area Leader, Geoff has been responsible for the DG Elect training across his area; not surprisingly he comes from a family of educators!

RECOGNITION

Geoff's leadership has been recognised at all levels with numerous awards including 13 International Presidents' Certificates of Appreciation and 6 International President Awards. He is proud to be a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

PRIVATE LIFE

Geoff has been married to May for 45 years. A retired senior nurse, she actively supports his service in Lionism and has readily committed herself to his efforts at every stage throughout their travels world-wide. With her support, and armed with his wide knowledge of our incomparable Association, Geoff, who retired last August from a pharmaceutical company he helped to grow from 11 to around 200 employees in 35 years, is convinced that he has the time, support, capability, energy and total commitment to undertake the duties of an International Director.

CANDIDATES FOR INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR 2018 – 2020

PCC Lion Phil Robinson

FAMILY

Phil has been married to Vice District Governor, Lion Jackie for 35 years, they have three children and six grandchildren. His hobbies include Lions, more Lions and even more Lions! plus the odd round of golf.

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Taking early retirement following a thirty-year sales and management career at Santander Bank, Phil is now a learning technologist at the University of Kent. He lectures on IT and virtual learning environments, and provides IT solutions and support for distance learning students studying Challenging Behaviour and Autism courses. These students are based all over the world. He has daily contact with students from many different cultures and backgrounds and his key task is to provide effective online communication between students and their lecturers, including real time webcasting of lectures and teleconferencing. The university has agreed to provide Phil with flexible working patterns to carry out this role.

LIONS

A member of Thanet Lions club, Phil has held every position in the Club and is currently Club treasurer for the second time.

He had the honour of being District Governor in SE in 2012-13 and then Council Chairman for British Isles and Ireland in 2013-14.



He has also held a number of key cabinet posts including Zone Chairman, Leadership and Training Officer, District Treasurer, PR Chairman, Webmaster, and he is currently International Relations Officer and Centennial Chairman.

Phil says: "I passionately believe the most important role in the organisation is being a Club Lion, and therefore I have always tried to use my knowledge and skills to provide support, training and guidance to clubs and aspiring Lion leaders. I am an MD trainer for IT, and District trainer on public speaking, finance, and the wider Lions picture. I also facilitated at Europa Forum in Birmingham.

"I have gained significant international experience, working with Lions in Europe, Belarus, and further

afield in Sri Lanka. It was here that Jackie and I helped run an 'eye camp' and restocked a hospital after the Tsunami.

"Whilst Council Chairman, I also provided the lead in supplying over 1,000 water filtration units to the Philippines after Typhoon Haiyan, and represented MD105 at many European District and MD conventions. Jackie and I have also attended five international conventions.

"I believe I have the knowledge, skill and aptitude to represent the thoughts and wishes of this MD at the International Board, and with my professional expertise I will work hard to influence its future direction. I will also provide feedback to the MD on Lions International objectives, challenges and the work of the board, as we continue to build this organisation over the next 100 years."

AWARDS

"Whilst I must say that awards and medals do not motivate me, I am always grateful, and appreciate any recognition from fellow Lions. I have been fortunate to receive International Presidents Certificates of appreciation, International Presidents Leadership Medal, Club Presidents Excellence Award, Membership Key awards, and my Club has awarded me a Progressive Melvin Jones fellowship."

MD 105 has the opportunity to nominate a candidate for the office of International Director 2017-2020. There are two eligible candidates nominated; PCC Geoff Leeder 105-A and PCC Phil Robinson 105-SE. The election will take place on the Saturday of Convention. Each candidate will have five minutes to address Convention. Voting will be by secret ballot, the winner must receive at least a simple majority of the votes cast.



ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION



PICTURED: This beautiful, winning image was taken by Lion Lesley Day

HOW TO ENTER



Please see the entry form on the opposite page.

Get snapping!

Judith Goodchild, MD Environmental Officer, reports on the environmental photographic competition, and invites entries for the next one.

This year, the competition attracted entries from seven Districts and the standard of entries was very high. The competition was judged by the current and incoming Council of Governors at their meeting at the end of January. This year, Districts had been invited to submit photographs in four categories and the winners of these will be displayed on the environment stand at MD Convention in Blackpool.

Only one winner can go forward to the International competition and the photograph chosen can be seen here. It was taken by Lion Lesley Day from Caterham, Oxted and Godstone Lions Club in District 105-SE. Congratulations to Lesley.

CALENDAR

This year, MDHQ produced a desk calendar from some of the entrants from last year's competition and they will be producing a new one using new photographs for 2017-18, so even if your photo did not win a category it might still feature here!

Next year the competition will be run on the same lines and I would like to see entries from all 12 Districts. You do not need a special camera, just a good eye for a photo which depicts our environment.

Environmental Photo Contest



The Lions Environmental Photo Contest provides a way for Lions and Leos to portray, through an original photo, their pride and commitment to improving, protecting and preserving the environment. Every Lion or Leo from a club in good standing can enter a photograph. The photograph should depict the local environment of the community the Lions or Leo Club serves. They must therefore be taken within the geographical area of MD105.

Entry Guidelines

The competition at International level invites photos depicting a nature theme. At MD level there will be four categories:

- 1) **Plants**
- 2) **Animals**
- 3) **Weather phenomenon**
- 4) **Other aspects of nature including landscape**

This will allow more photographers the chance of winning the Multiple District competition. A winner will be chosen from each category and the overall winner will be selected from these.

The photos must measure 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4cm). The photos must not include people.

The contest begins at club level and winning photographs will advance to the District, Multiple District and International Competitions. Winning District photos must reach MDHQ by **January 19th 2018** so that the Governors can choose the overall winner. The chosen photo will be sent to Lions Clubs International HQ and will be displayed at the International Convention **Las Vegas 2018**. Registered convention attendees will vote for their favourite photos. The three photos receiving the most votes will win 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize. An award will be presented to the winning photographers and the photos will be featured on the LCI website.

To learn more about the **Environmental Photo Contest** please contact us:

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LCIF

IS INVESTED IN HUMANITY



PICTURED: Seamstress, Mary Ndundo



PICTURED: A Nepalese health care worker provides a life-saving measles-rubella vaccination

The Foundation plans to raise \$50 million annually in the fight against measles and other challenges facing the world.

LCIF is raising the stakes. And we're doing it at a time when the need couldn't be greater.

For nearly 50 years, the Foundation has supported the life-changing work of Lions, serving some of the most vulnerable people and the neediest places on earth.

Now, as we prepare to celebrate our 50th anniversary in 2018, we have set a goal of raising \$50 million a year. We know the goal is challenging, but it will position Lions for even greater impact in our communities, and our world.

WE CAN DO MORE

We can fund more vision screenings and clean water systems, build more clinics and rebuild more communities when disaster strikes. We can do more in the fight against measles, a preventable disease that takes the lives of 300 children a day. That's why the Foundation is mobilising Lions and working with global partners like Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, UK's Department for International Development and the Gates Foundation to end the epidemic. With an estimated 17.1 million deaths prevented from 2000 to 2014, we know Lions are making a real difference.

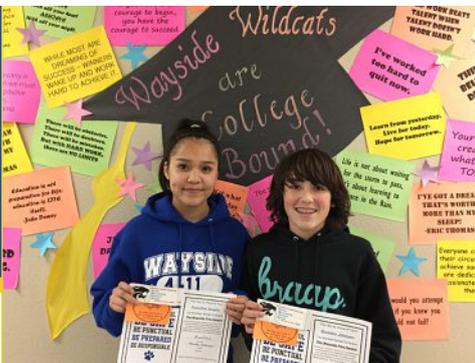
The Foundation wants to do more because global needs are growing. In 2015-16, LCIF raised \$39.5 million, but awarded \$45 million in grants. And Lions are launching a new global service framework that will require the Foundation's support. It will take increased funding to keep pace with the growing demand for service.

Through the support of Lions, LCIF can reach its \$50 million goal and bring more hope to the world. Keep reading to find out how we're already doing just that. **We're proving that kindness matters.** LCIF is helping more people than ever before.

HUMANITARIAN HELP

Hour after hour, Mary Ndundo (see photo), a middle-aged seamstress, bends over her sewing machine in Nairobi. She lives and works in Kibera, Kenya's notorious slum. Since she received a small loan thanks to LCIF and Lions, her business has taken off. She is sewing batches of tracksuits and sweaters for schoolchildren, and her landlord has expanded her shop. Ndundo is one of many women now better able to provide for their struggling families because of an LCIF microenterprise project. Small loans enable the women to purchase supplies and equipment to start or expand businesses. The Lions of District 411 A in Kenya, in partnership with ASA Kenya, are empowering the poor to take control of their own destiny.





PICTURED: Pupils at Wayside Middle School



PICTURED: Thanks to LCIF and Lions, children in El Salvador are finally getting their vision corrected



PICTURED: LCIF responded with a US\$10,000 Emergency grant, awarded to the Lions of District 204 Micronesia for relief efforts in Saipan



NURTURING YOUTH

"OK, all of you are going to the principal's office." That's what Leah Roberts told her seventh-grade writing class. But the students were sent out of the room not for misbehaving but to receive praise for commendable conduct. A shy student, reluctant to share his writing, had been encouraged by classmates, who chanted his name. After Leah read aloud what he wrote, there was "not a single snicker – only praise." That kind of positive behaviour has been part of the classrooms at Wayside Middle School (see photo) near Fort Worth in Texas since it implemented Lions Quest, LCIF's social and emotional learning program. Leah credits Lions Quest with increasing her students' enthusiasm, integrity, citizenship and compassion. Lions Quest was adopted by the Eagle Mountain Saginaw Independent School District in Fort Worth thanks to a \$300,000 grant from the NoVo Foundation. Lions Quest has trained more than 600,000 educators reaching more than 14 million students in nearly 100 countries.

SAVING SIGHT

In El Salvador, an impoverished nation terrorised by violent gangs, parents whose children have vision problems often have nowhere to turn. Healthcare resources are poor or non-existent. The Benjamin Bloom National Children's Hospital in San Salvador is the nation's sole public hospital dedicated to children. But thanks to LCIF and Lions, children in El Salvador are finally getting their vision corrected (photo). The Lions of District D 2 in El Salvador received a SightFirst grant for US\$53,601 to expand the National Program for Pediatric Low Vision at Benjamin Bloom. The grant facilitated infrastructure upgrades and human resource training for 28 eye care professionals. Through LCIF, Lions save sight in El Salvador and around the world.

PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF

Typhoon Soudelor devastated the Western Pacific region and claimed dozens of lives in the summer of 2015. Monsoon rains, high winds, flooding and landslides left millions of families without water, electricity or shelter. LCIF responded immediately with a US\$10,000 Emergency grant, awarded to the Lions of District 204 Micronesia for relief efforts in Saipan (see photo). A US\$200,000 Major Catastrophe grant was awarded to Multiple District 300 Taiwan to assist with both immediate needs and long-term reconstruction. The LCIF Emergency Grant program provides financial support to Lions and other partners engaged in disaster response and recovery efforts. When a disaster strikes and makes the news, Lions want to help. LCIF gives them that opportunity. "When I see someone that's been devastated, I just ache for them. And I want to do as much as I possibly can for them," says donor Lion Terri Oster of the West Hempstead Lions Club in New York.

And we're doing even more. Read more life-changing stories at LCIF.org.

HOPE IS WITHIN OUR REACH

It starts with achieving our \$50 million goal. Each person and family in need motivates us to keep pushing forward toward our goals. And each act of kindness and every dollar matters when we're investing in hope. Because it isn't always easy to come by when people are struggling. But through the efforts of Lions and LCIF, hope can be restored.

The numbers prove it. In 2015-16, the Foundation impacted the lives of more than 44 million people, undertaking large-scale projects that lead to healthier communities, brighter futures, and lasting hope. Each of those 44 million is a real life like Mary Ndundo, whose life was improved

thanks to an LCIF microenterprise project. That's why LCIF matters.

What's more, LCIF is truly *your* Foundation. Every dollar flows back into our communities through the effort of Lions. And each dollar is spent where it will have the most impact and managed with full transparency. Not surprisingly, our Foundation has received a four-star rating – the highest awarded – from Charity Navigator for six consecutive years.

It's true, raising \$50 million a year is ambitious, especially in an age when engagement in volunteer organizations is declining. That's \$10 million more than the Foundation raised in 2015-2016.

Achieving that goal will require renewed commitment, compassion and exceptional generosity. But most of all, it will take all of us – all 1.4 million Lions – joining together, ever mindful of the lives we change through service, never forgetting the joy that comes from helping others and the smiles that greet us.

If every Lion gave \$10 to the Foundation, we wouldn't just meet our new fundraising goal, we would far exceed it. With LCIF supporting the work of Lions, and Lions supporting LCIF, there's really no limit to how much hope we can restore to the world.

EVERY \$10 MATTERS

We can vaccinate 10 children or feed a family after a natural disaster.

So give today!
LCIF.org/donate

LCIF IS THE STORY OF HOPE



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**



UNITED NATIONS AT WESTMINSTER



PICTURED: Al Brandel with Grace, Brigitte Green and 105BS DG Steve Shields

The MD Lions Day with the United Nations was held on Tuesday 14th March at the Palace of Westminster, London. District Governor, Lion Steve Shields reports.

The annual United Nations Day was held as usual, in the Palace of Westminster in the imposing Committee Room 14. No matter how many times one visits the mother of parliaments, the paintings, statues and grand ceiling friezes transmit a deep feeling of history and pride to be British.

PDG Evan Wm Jones again assembled an interesting group of speakers including Past International President, Al Brandel (LCI Representative to the UN New York) and there were no spare seats.

Proceedings started with a short film showing the links between the two organisations going back to 1945, with the commitment to 'a certain and lasting peace'. Then Sheryl Murray MP, President of the Palace of Westminster Lions Club, officially opened the event

but then passed on her chain of office to James Cleverley MP, whose first task is to recover the Charter from a previous President.

Chair of Council, Heather Jeavons, expanded on the common objectives – feeding the hungry and caring for the sick.

REFUGEES

Gonzalo Vargas Llosa (UNHCR Representative to the UK) explained the current situation with refugees and said that around the world, there were an incredible 65 million people 'displaced'. Europe has become the target destination for people fleeing Syria, the Middle East and Africa. Many as refugees having to stay put in the first country they enter causing overcrowded camps and insanitary conditions. The

main cause is of course conflict and he stressed that more needs to be done in troubled areas to stop fighting before there is any chance of reducing numbers fleeing for their safety.

He said that there were some positive signs with the recent New York Declaration and he sees a role for civil society, with organisations like Lions becoming more involved.

SAFER SHIPPING AND CREWS

Lee Adamson, of the International Maritime Organisation, which is the UN Agency responsible for all aspects of international shipping, heads a team of 300 staff based in London, made up of over 50 different nationalities. He gave a detailed review of the impact his organisation has made in getting laws and standards accepted by all the



172 member governments to make life safer for ships and crew. On the fiftieth anniversary of the Torrey Canyon disaster, it was comforting to note that this past year, of 10 billion tonnes of crude oil shipped, only 6,000 tonnes were spilt.

PEACE POSTER WINNER

Next we had one of the highlights when Lion Brigitte Green (MDHQ) introduced our MD Peace Poster winner, Grace Medley, sponsored by Cannock Lions of 105BS. PIP Al presented her with a cheque for £100 and the 12-year old then took the microphone and thanked the audience – can we get her tagged, we cannot afford to let such talent get off Lions’ radar?

PID Howard Lee informed us that there is an additional Lions UN Day set for

27th September in Geneva, the day before the Europa Forum.

UN PEACEKEEPING FORCES

Next the District Governor of 105I, Paul Allen, told us of his years with Oglai na hEirann (Irish Defence Force) concentrating on his involvement in Lebanon. We now know why Paul is a master of the English language as he explained the crucial wording of the Mandates that they worked to restricted so much that trained soldiers were able to do when serving with the UN Peacekeeping Forces.

EVERY NON-LION IS A PROSPECTIVE LION!

Al Brandel covered some connections between the UN and Lions but made a great point. Lions, he said, can make monetary donations but we have more

than other agencies, such as UNICEF and the Bill Gates Foundation, we have people on the ground. That is willing Lions who have local knowledge and an understanding of the priorities in each disaster area. In addition refugee centres in even advanced countries like Germany, Denmark and Holland are finding the Lions Quest programmes (Lifeskills here) particularly useful. On a general point he also plugged Quest as early education against substance abuse, changing laws just doesn’t work he said.

DG Nigel Folkard (105 EA) proved that he had concentrated to the end with a brief summary of all the speeches before proposing a vote of thanks. Reminding us too of one statement that came out during the proceedings that every non-Lion is a prospective Lion!



PICTURED: The winning peace poster by Grace Medley



Sleep Well

Parents who stay with their children overnight at Doncaster Royal Infirmary will benefit from a more restful night's sleep, thanks to the big-heartedness of Lakeside Village and the Thorne Rural Lions.

The two organisations teamed up to support their local children's hospital and bought three new chair beds for parents to use when they stay overnight with their child on the ward.

Lesley Musk, children's ward Sister, said; "Thank you to the Thorne Rural Lions and Lakeside Village Outlet for this very generous donation. We are gradually replacing our old chair beds and needed some new ones. Having a sick child in hospital is a worrying time for parents and offering them a comfortable chair bed will be very much appreciated."



PICTURED: (L-R) Sister Lesley Musk, Auriol Henton and Brian Ball, Thorne Rural Lions, Staff Nurse Katie Heaney, Lyndsey Parry, Deputy Centre Manager Lakeside Outlet and Suzanne Prime, Thorne Rural Lions'



World Sight Day The Launceston Way

Combining fun with a serious message and to mark and promote World Sight Day, Launceston Lions asked youngsters to decorate spectacle shapes. This led to questions from the children about sight-related topics, and provided the opportunity to tell them about how Lions collect unwanted spectacles to go to the third word to enable people to see.

Some children said that they were going to ask if their school could collect spectacles.

« **PICTURED:** Glasses galore

20,000 Pairs of Glasses!

Bridgend Lions' 'Spectacle Man', Lion John Craxton, has worked tirelessly since 2008, building a great spectacle collection, despite suffering ill-health along the way.

During the first year he dispatched 1,400 pairs and between the end of June 2015 and January 2016, 1,950 pairs were sent for the recycling process to begin.

He has amassed a grand total of 20,000 pairs of spectacles in all, from various local collection points, including the eye clinic at the Princess of Wales Hospital, shops and schools.

The Club's youngest member, Lion Sarah, is a great asset to the Club with her knowledge of modern technology and she helps Lion John with the distribution of the recycling receptacles. As a team, Lions John and Sarah visit local schools to explain the great benefit of recycling spectacles that are no longer needed.

PICTURED: (L-R) President O J Paton, Lion Sarah Harris and a former President, John Craxton of Bridgend Lions Club with a small sample of spectacles





The Coventry Lions 'Guinness World Record' Attempt

Coventry Leofric Lions Club would like Clubs to participate in the largest mascot race to try and beat the current Guinness World Record which stands at 125.

It will take place before the Coventry Leofric Lions annual 'Coventry Walkathon' event at the War Memorial Park: 11:00am – Sunday 14th May 2017.

They need as many Clubs and charities to join in and there are cash prizes for the winners.

For further information visit: leofriclions.org.uk or email Reg Brown at: walkathon@leofriclions.org.uk



Best in Show Bliss!

The Camborne Redruth & District Lions Club 37th annual fun companion dog show took place in January.

Judge, Mrs Norma Willoughby, helped by June Trethowen, judged the pedigree and novelty classes and awarded prizes in all classes. The 'Best in Show' was Bliss, a whippet owned by Terry Mellow from Redruth.

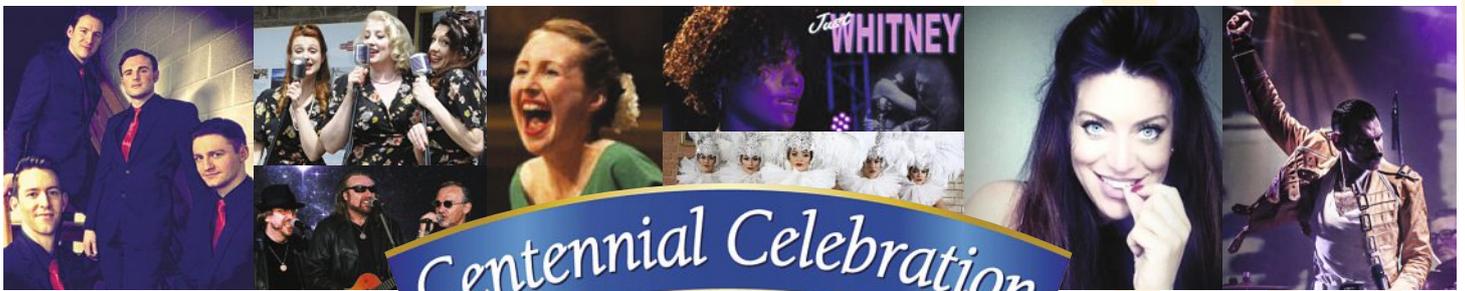
More than £325 was raised for the Lions charity account.

← PICTURED:
Best dog, Bliss

Murder at the White Poppy Club

Everyone who attended Bridgend Lions Club murder mystery evening in February, hoped to solve a murder that had taken place in the White Poppy Club in Shanghai in the 1930s. Then, gang warfare was frequent and brutal and the owner, Fu Manchuria, had been stabbed through the heart with a chopstick.

Audience participation was excellent and thanks go to all who helped to make a truly enjoyable event.



Centennial Celebration

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Sounds OF A Century

FRIDAY EVENING 24th November 2017

- 6.00pm **Cocktails in the Bar**
1920's Showgirls and Tap Boy
- 6.30pm **Call to Dinner**
Martyn Jones, Master of Ceremony
- 6.30pm - 7.15pm **Tom Carradine**
Cockney singalong
- 7.15pm **Dinner** - to be served with music
- 7.45pm - 8.45pm **Beverley Savarin** as Whitney
- 9.15pm **Coffee** served
- 9.15pm - 10.00pm **The Applejacks**
1920's and 1930's
- 10.15pm - 11.00pm **The Hotsie Totsies** - Army Girls
- 11.15pm - 12mid **The Claytons**
with **Andy Wilsher** - Rock
- 12.15am - 1.00am **Martin Jarvis** as Tom Jones

SATURDAY AFTERNOON 25th November 2017

- 2.00pm - 4.30pm **Afternoon Tea** will be served
- 2.00pm - 3.00pm **Andy Wilsher**
with the Rat Pack Tribute
- 3.15pm - 4.15pm **Jersey Guys** as the Jersey Boys

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- 7.45pm - 8.45pm **Lee Jackson** as Elvis
- 9.30pm **Coffee** served
- 9.35pm - 10.00pm **Jersey Guys** as the Beach Boys
- 10.00pm - 10.30pm **Nicola Marie** as Madonna
- 10.35pm - 11.20pm **Bootleg Bee Gees**
- 11.20pm - 11.50pm **Nicola Marie** as Amy Winehouse
- 11.50pm - 12.35am **Andy Wilsher**
as Robbie Williams
- 12.40pm - 1.30am **Gary Goodmaze**
as Freddie Mercury

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MUSICAL MEMORIES**

**FRIDAY 24th &
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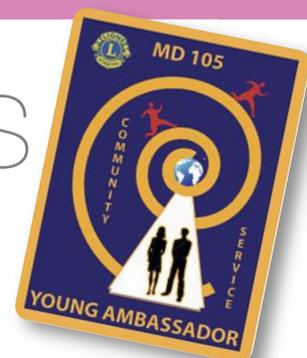
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Youth Projects

AIM

To provide the young people of the world with opportunities for achievement, learning, contribution and service, individually and collectively, through sponsorship of activities identified as creative in the field of youth development.

PICTURED: James Curtis, the 2017 Young Ambassador



Young Ambassadors

Lions of MD 105 gathered in Dudley recently to honour the truly inspirational young people who were hoping to become the Young Ambassador of the 21st Century. Lion editor, Nicky Rogers, reports.

Held on the same day as the Academy Awards in Los Angeles (but without anything approaching the Warren Beatty/Faye Dunaway bit) the finals of the Young Ambassador of the 21st Century served to remind everyone of just what outstandingly thoughtful, confident, driven and funny individuals some young people are. Remember, all the entrants are aged between 15 and 18. This is an age where the increasing pressure of school work has to be top priority, they are starting to feel their way in the world, form opinions, socialise and try to work out their future paths.

The Young Ambassador scheme operates throughout Europe and aims to recognise, encourage and support young people who are actively involved in the welfare of the community. Candidates are selected by a Lions, Leos or Lioness Club and each Club is responsible for



PICTURED: Lewis Baillie (centre) winner of the Shipshape Award with James Lingfield to his right and Mike Field, one of the judges, to his left

THE 2017 FINALISTS

• Georgia Allison	Crowborough Lions Club	District SE
• Lewis Baillie	Teesdale Lions Club	District NE
• Beth Bowring	Crediton and District Lions Club	District SW
• James Curtis	Milton Keynes Stony Stratford Lions Club	District A
• William Ellison	Retford Lions Club	District E
• Alex Flanagan	Shirley Lions Club	District M
• Chelsea Gibson	Cashel Lions Club	District I
• Susan Hart	Great Yarmouth Lions Club	District EA
• Megan Montford	Gnosall Lions Club	District BS
• Rosie Nicholls	Jersey Lions Club	District D
• Lizzie O'Brien	Thornbury Lions	District W
• Leah Page-Stott	Selby Lions Club	District C
• Victoria Stammers	Birchwood Lions Club	District BN

actively sponsoring the candidate as they progress through the levels of the competition.

So even before they got to this MD final stage, all the entrants had won at Club and District levels; the winner of the MD final goes on to the European final held at Europa Forum.

All finalists win a bursary of £500 and the overall winner receives a further bursary of £1,000. These bursaries are to be used to support the candidates' projects, or for training to develop the candidate's potential to carry out their welfare work. Thanks to a generous, anonymous benefactor on the day, all of this year's finalists were given an extra £100.

There is an additional award in this competition; the 'Shipshape Award'. This award is given by the Jubilee Sailing Trust (JST), a charitable organisation that brings the adventure of four-mast sailing to individuals,





including those with a disability. The JST owns and operates two ships, 'Lord Nelson' and 'Tenacious' and this award is presented to the candidate, who in the judge's opinion, would gain most from a voyage on one of the tall ships.

Following a presentation by the 2016 Young Ambassador, Gurleen Kaur, the group of this year's 13 finalists (representing all 13 Districts) had to make a three-minute presentation to an audience comprising representatives of each of the sponsoring Lions Clubs, judges, guests, parents and Lions from all over the country.

Quotes:

"In my small way, I hope I have helped individuals and my community."

Georgia Allison

"It is very important to encourage young people to talk about bullying."

Lewis Baillie

"I set up a community group on Facebook when I was 12 to renovate a local, run-down park. It has just won a 'Britain in Bloom' award!"

Beth Bowring

"I'm an ambassador for Auditory Verbal UK and we are helping to get 50,000 deaf children in the UK, into mainstream school."

James Curtis

"My little after-school [rugby] club has brought so many people together."

William Ellison

"If I win today, my bursary will go to help a charity that supports children who have lost a parent."

Alex Flanagan

"I am always on duty."

Chelsea Gibson

"I want to raise enough money to buy a dedicated, fully kitted-out car for the Norfolk Accident Rescue Service."

Susan Hart

"I have volunteered for eight years already and I always try to do the right thing."

Megan Montford

"My bursary will help children benefiting from an NSPCC scheme called 'Letting the future in'. It supports those who have suffered sexual abuse."

Rosie Nicholls

"I am passionate about volunteering."

Lizzie O'Brien

"I helped to build a school in the Kruger National Park last year, I want to provide more funds for the children there."

Leah Page-Trott

"I take pride and pleasure in helping children in need."

Victoria Stammers

UNBEARABLE TENSION

All 13 presentations, without exception, were gripping. The enthusiasm, and confidence of the candidates was refreshing, inspirational and infectious. If these passionate young people are encouraged and allowed to fly, the world and its disadvantaged inhabitants will lead better lives, thanks to them.

They are shining examples of just how much can be achieved with compassion, a good, solid plan and encouragement. As the Deputy Mayor of Dudley Council, Councillor Dave Taylor, said in his short speech, "It is so important for adults to nurture youth in the community." And Lion Heather Jeavons, Chairman of the Council of Governors said: "We have heard from the very best young people today – our future is safe in their hands.

"They are beacons and will remain wonderful people all their lives, they will make a real difference to people's lives.

"We applaud you and we are very proud to know you."

As the tension began to get almost unbearable and before the 2017 Young Ambassador was announced, James Lingfield, winner of the 2015 Shipshape Award, sailed through a rip-roaring account of his week aboard the Lord Nelson. Buddied by Heidi Nathan, James had sailed from Lisbon in Portugal to Cadiz in Spain. With very scant grasp of Spanish (he just added a 'a' or an 'o' on to the end of words) and despite finding himself high up on the crow's nest one day, he enjoyed the adventure of a lifetime, the story related with such gusto that he plainly has a career in the offing as a motivational speaker if he doesn't fancy being a sea captain.

AND THE WINNER IS...

Well there were two winners. Firstly, for the 2017 Shipshape Award, (the 'Spirit of Youth') the judges look for someone who is already doing incredible community work and who would benefit most from more leadership training, and the award was given to Teesdale Lions Club's, Lewis Baillie.

The 2017 Young Ambassador Award, the silver rose bowl and a £1,000 bursary went to an outstanding young man, James Curtis.



PICTURED: (L-R) William Ellison with Reg Hunt from District 105E





Despite being born profoundly deaf James is a national advocate and mentor for deaf children for the charity, Auditory Verbal UK (AVUK). James has double cochlear implants and supports parents of newly-diagnosed deaf babies and children and organises peer-to-peer support. He has also helped to raise £420,000 by encouraging celebrity and business support for the AVUK 'Loud Shirt Day'. Sundays are taken up helping youngsters with Hebrew lessons and Jewish studies. A keen sportsman, he helps coach tennis locally to become an accredited Level 1 coach. Despite a full curriculum, taking 11 GCSEs and four A levels a year early, he is also a member of his school's magic society.

We're bound to hear more about James, (he will be at the MD Convention at Blackpool this year and at the Europa Forum) a worthy and charismatic winner, the bursary will help him to achieve even more.

GET INVOLVED

The Young Ambassadors at the 2017 final represent many other young people in all communities. Glenys Sanders, Chair of the MD 105 Young Ambassadors' Committee, asked fellow Lions to involve young members in their area. She said: "Every Lion should come to this event at least once, because it demonstrates true Lionism."

Visit: <http://lionsclubs.co/MemberArea/index.php/2015-09-20-17-39-33/young-ambassador>

JUDGING CRITERIA

- Candidate's involvement in community service, up to 50 percent of the marks
- Personality and leadership qualities, up to 15 percent
- Proposed use of the bursary, up to 15 percent
- Ability to speak for up to three minutes about community activities, up to 20 percent

This event was the highlight of the weekend for everyone, which included an informal buffet supper on the Friday night, a gala dinner on the Saturday evening and a stress-busting bowling session at 'Tenpin Bowling'.



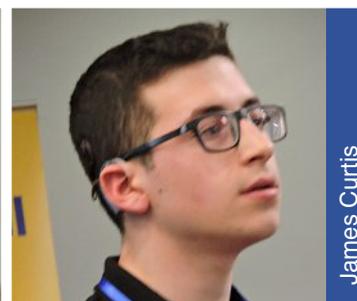
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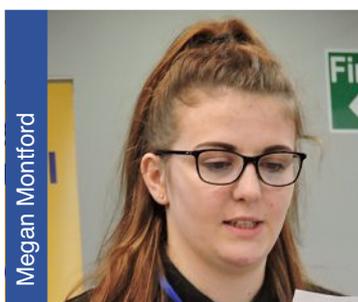
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Newquay Towan Blystra Lions Find Gold

Eight year 12 students from Newquay Tretherras, have been undertaking the Level Two Deloitte Employability Initiative. It enables young people to develop the skills needed to succeed in securing and sustaining employment, and each student has earned the 'Young Leaders in Service' gold award this academic year, sponsored by Newquay Towan Blystra Lions Club.

The Scheme, which is in partnership with Cornwall College, have seen these young people undertake some amazing working in their local communities. In September, they held a Macmillan Coffee Morning

with a twist of having a careers fair for 257 students, and raised £303 in two hours for their local Macmillan team.

For Christmas they were selling Christmas cakes; truffles and biscuits (which they made in the college catering department). They had a stall at the Newquay Beer & Ale Festival in November and in December, at Heartlands Christmas Fayre in Redruth.

The students have also used funds raised to do a massive grocery shop for the Newquay Foodbank and helped those in crisis over the Christmas period.

Lion President, Danny Baize, and Lion Lesley Baize of Newquay Towan Blystra, and District Young Leaders in Service Office, r Lion Jodie Ward, went to the presentation evening which took place last June at Cornwall College in Redruth. Natasha Mackay, Charles Edwards, Alex Glastonbury, Chloe Rich, Stuart Beardsley, Courtney Rich, Jasmine Isaacs and Megan Prentice were all presented with their Gold Young Leaders awards and pins.

Lecturer Sandie Johns, who runs the course throughout Cornwall, said: "We wanted the students to be part of the Young Service Leaders Programme and gain some well-deserved recognition for all they will have done for their community by the end of the year. We also have a couple of them who have excelled in leadership skills and qualities.

"These students have been an absolute pleasure to have over this academic year and we could not be more proud of them."



'Sell-Out' Prostate Cancer Screening

Ironbridge & Severn Gorge Lions staged their first prostate cancer screening event in March, after months of fundraising to pay for testing kits and flyers.

To ensure sufficient funds were available the project also claimed another 'first' by inviting Ironbridge Rotary Club to join forces, as well as making a successful application for Lottery funding.

Ironbridge Lions Club President, John Marsh, said: "On the evening, men were queuing up half an hour before the doors opened, the queue disappeared down the street and round the corner.

"After three hours, every available testing kit had been used and we had to turn the last few men away. However, we know of two more Lions

Clubs in the area that will be holding similar events in the next few months and we have undertaken to forward details of those events to all the people we could not test.

"This was the first time we had staged such an event as this and as the kits cost £15 each we were nervous about over-ordering. Never in a million years did we envisage that the 420 kits we ordered would be insufficient.

"The success of this event shows there is a massive need for a national prostate cancer screening programme, but until this happens, we shall continue to raise the money to stage further screening events and would urge other Lions Clubs to do the same.

"It must be said, however, that none of this would have been possible without the generous time given freely by

retired consultant urological surgeon, Mr David Baxter-Smith who supplied and supervised the blood tests and the seven nurses and phlebotomists who took the blood samples."



PICTURED: Richie Woodhall and nurse, Julie Rich



It's the Best of Times for Dickens' Descendant

The Bookmart run by the Glenside Lions Club is regarded as the best used book shop in South Australia. It has a good back story, too; a volunteer is a descendent of Charles Dickens.

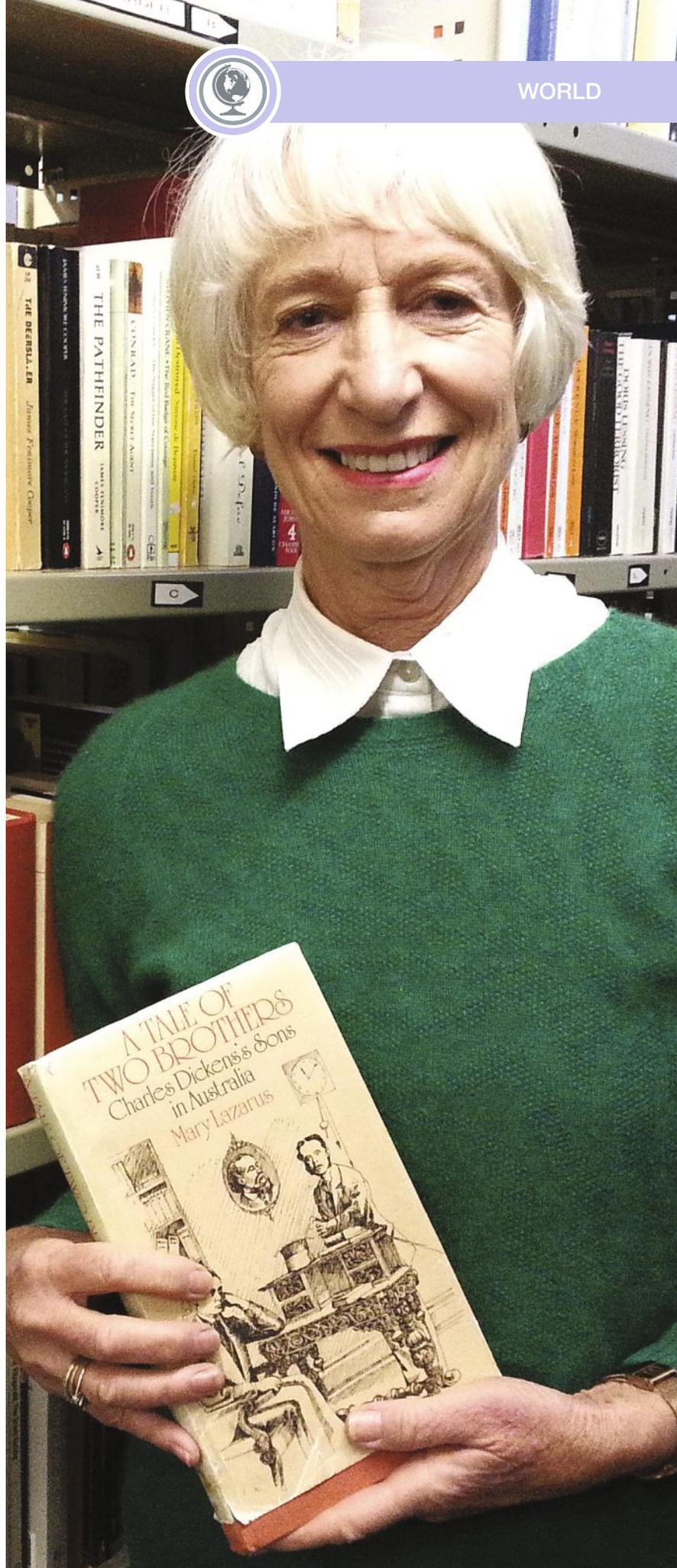
Jacqui Holdich volunteers because she's a big reader and wants to serve her community. But the rare and out-of-print books on Dickens she's discovered in boxes of donated books have turned her into somewhat of a Dickens scholar and transformed her into a sought-after speaker.

Jacqui is a first cousin of Dickens, four times removed. They share a grandfather, Charles Barrow, whose daughter, Elizabeth, married Dickens' father. Growing up, Jacqui knew she was related to the writer, but last year, she traced her exact connection through Ancestry.com. "I was excited and told all my friends at the Bookmart," she says. "Not everyone has a relative buried in Westminster Abbey."

Jacqui has been a reader of Dickens but now is diving into his complete collection of novels, which she owns. Her interest in the author grew even greater when she stumbled across a donation of "A Tale of Two Brothers: Charles Dickens's Sons in Australia." Jacqui then wrote a six-part newspaper story on Edward Dickens' life in Australia, and since then has been invited to speak at an international conference on Dickens in Sydney and before a gathering of teachers and librarians in Adelaide. "This is all a new development in my life," she says.

Staffed by Lions and volunteers, the Bookmart is located next to a scenic park and creek. It raises more than AUS\$100,000 (US\$73,500) annually. Jacqui works in the extensive children's section. "It's pleasing to know so many local charities are reaping the benefits," she says of the store's success.

PICTURED: Jacqui Holdich's understanding about her ancestor, Charles Dickens, has grown since she started volunteering at the Lions' Bookmart





Primer Book Doesn't go Out of Style

In 1963, devoted Lion, Áureo Rodrigues, worried that fellow members in Brazil didn't understand what Lions were all about, published a 45-page, pocket-size primer on Lions Clubs. His idea had staying power. Last year the 37th edition of "Smart Lions" was published.

The current edition has 264 pages, compared to the 45 pages of the original, and the material, including information on the Lions' centennial, is updated, of course.

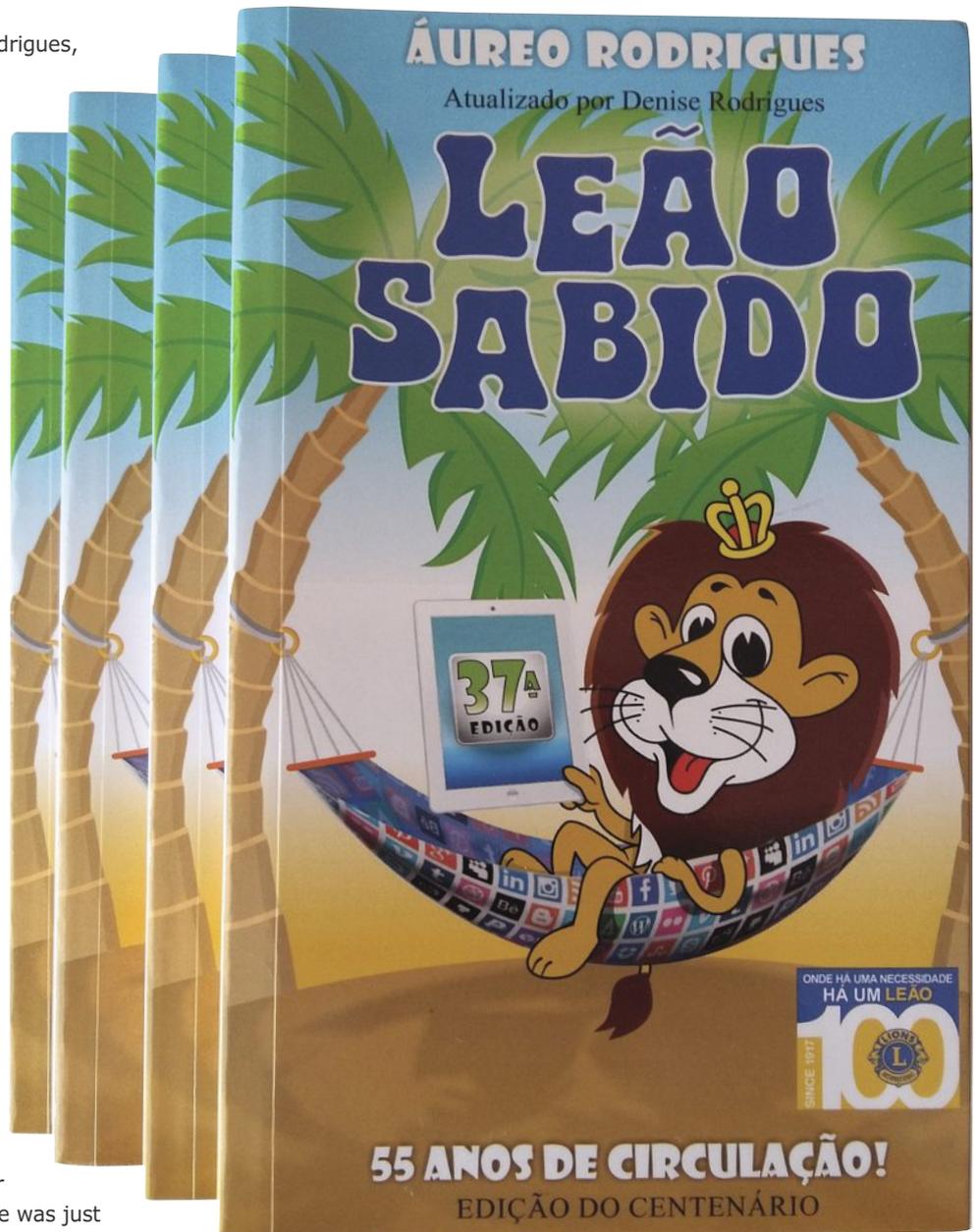
But otherwise the book, written in Portuguese, has been remarkably unchanged. It's still pocket-sized, still mostly in a question-and-answer format and still explains the basics of membership such as Lions' history and protocol, the requirements for a Melvin Jones Fellowship and tips for better meetings.

The book also has stayed in the family. Rodrigues, who served as an international director from 1965-67, died in 2014. But his daughter, Denise Rodrigues, the editor of the Portuguese LION in Brazil, now oversees its publication.

Her older sister helped her father prepare the first edition when she was just eight. An estimated 70,000 books have been sold in Brazil and Portugal through the years.

"I don't think my sister or my father would have realized it would have been such a success," says Rodrigues.

The updated material includes digital age advice such as creating a password on MyLCI and centennial matters including the centennial service challenge. But her father's goal to further service remains at the heart of the book. "Take your little book and serve without fear, with an open heart," Denise Rodrigues writes in the latest edition. "If you have any questions, consult the book. That is how my father became 'the Forever Smart Lion.'"



PICTURED: Last year the 37th edition of "Smart Lions" was published



PICTURED: Lions make picnic benches at Tallinn Zoo. Lions went to the zoo to mark the centennial

Lions Right at Home at Zoo

Nearly 100 Lions from Estonia spent a day of service at Tallinn Zoo, the nation's only zoo, to celebrate the upcoming anniversary of Lions Clubs International. They raked the grounds, mended and painted fences, and after animals were whisked away temporarily, even cleaned cages.

Lions from 12 clubs also erected eight picnic benches, each marked with a club name. After their work was done, they enjoyed pancakes they made for themselves on electric stoves.

The zoo's collection includes a snow leopard, a Siberian tiger, and, yes, an Asiatic lion.



No Record but the Deep-fried Chocolate Was Tasty

In America it's how many hot dogs you can eat in one sitting on Coney Island. In Scotland, in a twist on food gorging, villagers in small seaside Stonehaven munched on deep-fried chocolate bars and washed them down with an iconic Scottish soft drink.

The contest was not how many bars one person could eat but how many people would simultaneously indulge in the gluttony. Some 53 people took part, and some decided to help themselves to a few extra. "I ate three myself," says Lion Mike Hopkins. "They're quite easy to eat. They're soft, and they melt in your mouth after they've been cooked in batter."

The Stonehaven & District Lions Club organized the eating stunt as part of its annual Feein' Market, a community festival with entertainment, food and stall after stall of goods for sale such as crafts, clothes, jewellery and books. The Mars nutty chocolate bar is a longtime favorite at the Carron Restaurant in town, and the drink consumed was Irn Bru, wryly known as "Scotland's other national drink."

The intent of the Lions was to set a world record with their "fancy piece and a bru" endeavor. But Guinness World Records rejected the bid. "We were a bit cheesed off, especially when one of the records is someone watching TV for

94 hours," Hopkins vented to a local newspaper. "We were told our record is not a skill, and I don't really see how watching TV is a skill."

The Feein' Market dates back hundreds of years to when farmers converged on the city centre to offer their labour and skills – a kind of mobile job centre. The modern market began in 1973, and Lions took it over 16 years ago.

The eating spectacle drew a crowd of more than 400 people. "The atmosphere was really good. We had a great day," says Hopkins.



PICTURED: Deep-fried chocolate and a Scottish soft drink make for happy festival goers



**Jamie
Bradbury**



**Lee
Speight**



**Tony
Sykes**



**Scott
O'Brien**



**Martin
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MEMBER PROFILE



Lion Harry Purchase

Lion Harry Purchase was born in January 1932 and died last November when he was 84. He was a member of Windsor Lions Club for 42 years and lived a life full to the brim as a true Lion, happiest when serving others.

This is a profile of Harry, written by his Windsor Lion friends.

Harry was brought up in London and during WWII, he was bombed out twice. He lost a young, close friend who was killed next to him during a raid and as a consequence, Harry was evacuated to live with his grandparents in Somerset. But his somewhat troubled childhood made him more determined to achieve whatever he wanted to do in life.

Harry moved to Leeds in his 30s where he worked in the finance industry. His accountancy skills, and keen business acumen promoted him to senior management levels. In his spare time, he performed in music halls where he developed his musical talents and the craft of public speaking.

Business commitments in 1975 brought Harry to Windsor and the Lions. His energy, passion for helping others, sense of fun and highly creative mind were brought to bear on the Windsor community, the Club and the wider Lions family. He made a major impact on the Club – receiving the Melvyn Jones Fellowship. He became Lion President in 1984/5 and again in 1994/5, holding almost every officer position along the way. As a professional marketing man Harry ran marketing and communications workshops for the District, determined that all related matters were 'done properly'. He would get involved in almost every project the Club adopted and always had an opinion, not always well-received by colleagues!

One of Harry's strengths was his sense of justice and he became a JP, but he



PICTURED: Harry and one of his beloved boxers

also had a passion for fundraising and fun. Over the years, Windsor Lions' projects which Harry initiated or was involved in, raised millions of pounds for good causes. He was a great supporter of disability sport and became Vice President of a local charity, SportsAble, for many years.

In 1981 he initiated the 'Bristol to London Wheelchair Push' to raise money for SportsAble, it turned out to be an uproarious adventure for the Windsor Lions members involved, who walked with the three wheelchair pushers almost 160 miles along the A4! In 2002 (and 2005) he organised the 'Marathon Row' along the Thames as a fundraiser for local charities, and the 'Unique Entertainment Experience' – held at Windsor Barracks.

But apart from Harry's 'own' events, he was involved in almost all the fundraising events staged by Windsor Lions over his 40+ year tenure, very often being the front man for the public and the media. Particularly, the Windsor Great Park Horseride which so far, has raised over £2m.

In the late 90s, Harry demonstrated his immense creativity by writing a stage play 'Algernon Goes to War' – a comedy (of course) enacted by Windsor Lions members. It was huge fun and a great success, enjoying a record run in Windsor of three nights in front of packed audiences.

Harry was a keen and accomplished oarsman and was part of the Helsinki Olympics squad in 1952. For many years, Harry had his own boat on the Thames and his efforts to improve the waterway led to frequent 'battles' with the Environment Agency – his 'powers of the pen' were legendary, just ask his local MP and the editor of The Times!

The single passion of Harry's that was head and shoulders above the rest was that for his family, his wife Diane, son Alaster and daughters Lindsay, Serena and Naomi, and nine grandchildren. His enthusiasm for Lionism was passed on to them – Diane joined Windsor Lions becoming Lion President; Serena joined Stokesley Lions Club and Alaster and Lindsay are members of Windsor Lions. Naomi became a member of Windsor Leos.

And that's just a snapshot of Harry Purchase – an unforgettable, irreplaceable character. There aren't many people like him, but if you do meet one, you are very lucky indeed. A great Lion, true to the ethos of Lionism, a champion of the under-dog, charismatic, loud, confident, generous and driven. A professional in every sense of the word, a notable raconteur, with a huge sense of humour and always great fun to be with.

Thank you for the memories, Harry!



Letters

TO THE EDITOR

Centennial

Last night I took my wife to see the film 'Lion'. I would urge all Lions to see it. It is a true story about a child lost in India and it highlights the plight of the 80,000 children who go missing each year in that country. Given the title of the film, I would have thought that our Centennial year provides a great opportunity to help fund the charities trying to look after the street children of India and promote the name of our organisation.

Regards,

Malcolm Luxton
Maidstone Lions Club

Pin collecting

You raised two questions in the February/March 2017 edition of Lion magazine, relating to the hobby of pin collecting (page 28).

In answer to your first question (how many pins to you have in your collection?) I gave up counting when I reached 8,000 pins. In January 2004, I was lucky enough to have a four-page article in the World's number one collecting magazine, "Collect it!" At that time, I estimated I had 1,500 pins in my collection, and it has grown rapidly since then.

Your second question (which pin means the most to you?) takes me back to 1981, when I went to my first International Convention, held in Phoenix, USA. I was approached by a Lion from Texas, who asked if I had a pin to trade, he was PDG Joe Parish, a member of the Odessa Downtown Lions Cub. His pin trade consisted of three pins featuring the Longhorn cattle, and these mean the most to me, and have been on display in my home ever since.

This meeting resulted in a lasting friendship, and in 1985, after attending the International Convention held in Dallas, USA, my wife and I spent a week at their Texas home. We were back with them again in September 1989, when we were on the road with Lion Joe and his wife, which included a trip into Mexico. When he passed to higher service several years ago, we lost a great friend.

Kind regards,

Lion Deryck Chambers

Biggest sum ever raised?

On page 39 of the February/March 2017 issue, we reported that Wetherby Lions raised £21,103 at the Great Yorkshire Bike Ride. We wondered if it was the largest amount raised in a single event and threw out the challenge. Well, it seems the Lions Club of Jersey has topped it.

Dear Editor

While £21,103 might be the largest sum raised by a Club in Yorkshire, the amount raised at the Lions Club of Jersey Swimathon (a single event) in 2016 was £145,000. This is not in itself a record because the same event in 2012 raised £148,000. There may well be even larger amounts raised by one Club at one event but I'm afraid Wetherby's (although very laudable) is not one of them.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Peter Tabb

Editor's note: Has your Club done better? Let us know by email at: lion.editor@lionsclub.co



OBITUARIES

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.



ALEXANDER: Lion David (87)

Witney Lions Club

With great sadness, Witney Lions Club have to advise of the unexpected death of David, who had been a dedicated, committed and enthusiastic Lion. In his 40 years of service he also brought over 14 members into the Club. A kind, gentle man who always saw the best in everyone. Our deepest sympathy goes to Muriel, Rupert, Rachel, and family.

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BOOKER: Lion Bob (94)

Leatherhead Lions Club

It is with deepest regret that Leatherhead Lions Club announces the passing of Bob Booker, a member since 1976. Twice a Lions President in 1984 and 1997, he brought a vigour and enthusiasm to everything he did. A former builder, he would have no hesitation in undertaking hair-raising tasks to erect the tents at our carnivals. Generous in his wish to help others he will be sorely missed by all members and we will remember him for his happy, smiling demeanour.

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BRENTON: Lion Doug (84)

Gillingham Lions Club

Gillingham Lions Club is sad to report the passing to higher service of one of their most respected and longest serving members, Lion Doug Brenton. A member for about 45 years, he had held many senior offices within the Club and had regularly attended meetings until he became too incapacitated to do so about a year ago. He is a very sad loss to the Club. With a great sense of humour and fantastic devotion to Lions, he remained interested in the Club's activities to the end. Good bye old friend.

COULSON: Lion George Robert

Littlehampton District Lions Club

Lion George was a GP and joined Littlehampton District Lions Club in 1983, during a period when the Lions had a particularly strong association with local medical teams. Being an avid community bus driver he was well known in the district because of his immensely friendly demeanour. As a Club member declared: 'George had a no-nonsense approach and can-do attitude' and made his and our Lions times together all the more enjoyable. Our thoughts and prayers are with Pauline for her loss.

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COWTON: Lion Ray MJF (91)

Filey Lions Club

It is with great sadness that Filey Lions Club announce the passing of former Lion, Ray Cowton MJF. In 2016, aged 90, Ray had to retire from service through ill health. He joined Filey Lions Club in 1967, and served in every office in the Club. Ray was instrumental in organising the 2000 District Convention and received 30 perfect attendance awards. His service to the Club and the Lions movement was impeccable. He will be remembered and missed greatly by all who knew him and our thoughts are with his wife, Phyllis, at this time.

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FLEMING: Lion Alec (83)

Morpeth Lions Club

Alec was a dedicated club member for over 10 years. Despite health setbacks, he never complained, was a great can rattler and well known in the community for his charity work. Our deepest sympathies go to his wife, Gena.

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MCKENNY: Lion Peter, MJF

Downpatrick Lions Club

A Charter Member and Past President, Lion Peter was a true gentleman, much valued for the integrity, energy and commitment that he brought to everything he did. No one was his equal when it came to selling our club calendars, a project which he ran very successfully for 17 years.

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RAYNEY: Lion William Arthur (96)

Lincoln Lions Club

Lincoln Lions Club is sad to announce the passing of William Arthur Rayney aged 96. 'Bill', as he was known, was the last known surviving founder member of the Club, Chartered in February 1970. He retired from active membership a few years ago after he had been very active in the formative years of the Club, ensuring it was established on a sound basis. He was a well-loved Lion and a gentleman who will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

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RICHARDSON: Lion John (84)

Barnstaple Lions Club

Sadly, Barnstaple Club reports the passing of Lion John Richardson after a long illness. John was an active member for 25 years and he will be greatly missed.

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SUTTON: Lion Barry (73)

Stone Lions Club

Stone Lions Club are sad to report the passing to higher service of Lion Barry Sutton. Barry joined Stone Lions in 1987 and served as President twice, in 92/93 and 97/98. For many years he was our 'Lion Tamer', and was well known as the organiser of our Charter. He will be greatly missed by all in the Club, and our thoughts go to his wife, Jean, and his family.



THOM: Lion Mike MJF (81)

Farnham Lions Club

It is with great sadness that Farnham Lions Club report the passing of Mike Thom MJF, aged 81, in January. Mike joined Farnham Lions in 1983 and held many posts within the Club becoming President in 1997. Amongst many achievements he initiated a charity golf day in 1997, running to this day and raising £120,000 in its 20 years. He started Project Wenceslas in 2012, raising funds from pensioners not fully utilising their winter fuel allowances. He was a great supporter of Farnham Beerex and the elderly persons' party. His contribution to the Club was enormous, he was a quiet and unassuming man and his counsel will be missed.

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THOMPSON: Lion Stuart (68)

Romsey Lions Club

Lions Club of Romsey are saddened to report the death of Lion Stuart in November 2016. He was a Club member for over five years and during that time, was a very competent Secretary. He was also involved with Jane Scarth House, a local charity for cancer. He was an enthusiastic member of the TR Club as he was a proud owner of a TR4A red sports car. Stuart was very popular Club member and will be sorely missed by his colleagues, friends and family.

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VENNER: Lion Tony

Horley Lions Club

Horley Lions Club is saddened to announce the passing of a distinguished and hard-working Lion, Tony Venner, who was a past secretary, organiser of a darts tournament and participant in the Beaujolais Runs both of some years ago. Tony had been a Lion since 1981 and had been ill for some time. He will sorely missed by all those who knew him.

WELLER: Lion David (Dave) (79)

Adur East Lions Club

Adur East Lions Club is sad to report the death of Lion Dave Weller, a member of this Club for the past 16 years. Dave was a lovely man and a dedicated Lion, still helping out at bingo sessions for the elderly until very recently. He will be fondly remembered and greatly missed. Our heartfelt condolences go to his wife, Pat, and family.

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WIESMATH: Lion Wilhelm (84)

Truro Lions Club

A member since 1980, 'Bill' preferred to work in the background rather than seek office. He was popular and also hard-working, until his health prevented him attending Club events and he was given privileged status in 2013. His generous spirit and good humour will be missed by all.

WINDER: Lion Colin (79)

Weymouth and Portland Lions Club

Weymouth and Portland Lions Club, sadly report the passing of Lion Colin in September 2016. He joined the Club in January 1989 and, amongst other club positions was President in 1995/6. He was a committed Lion who was active in the Club to very end. Our thoughts go out to his wife, Kathleen. We have lost a good friend and a great Lion.

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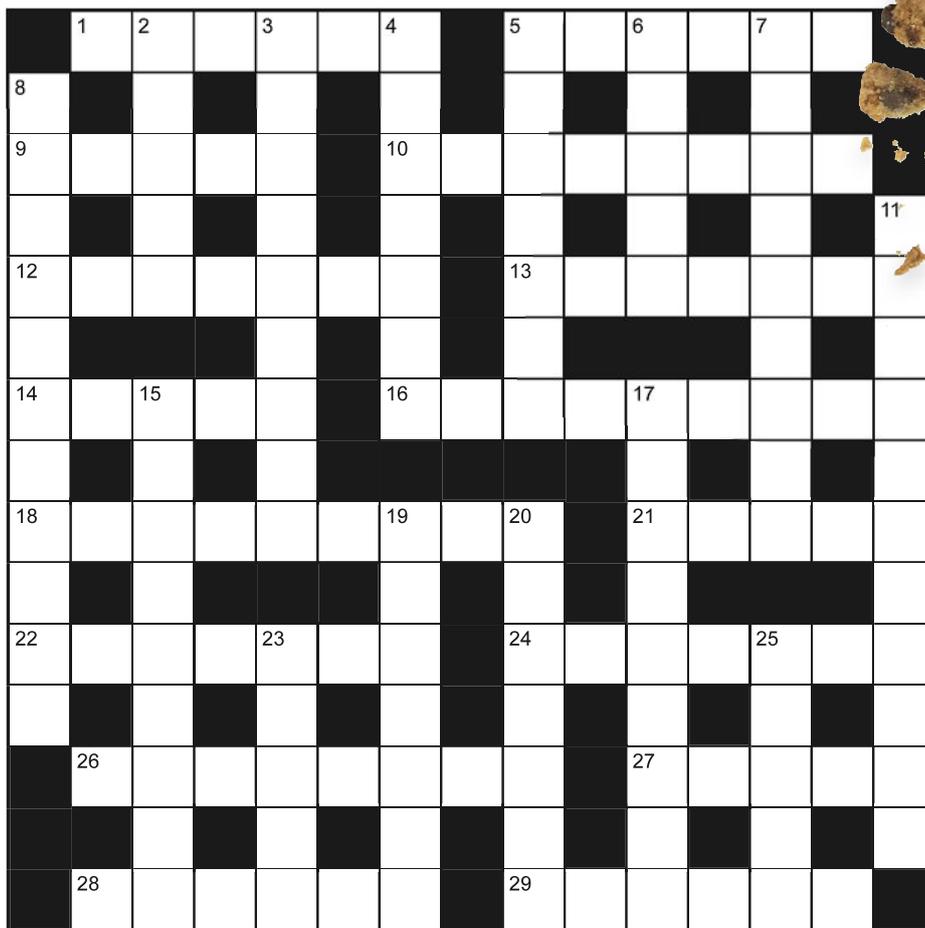
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ACROSS

- 1 Darling, principally I'm a comedian but I'm not very bright (6)
- 5. Editor in charge absorbed by manuscript for doctors (6)
- 9. Old mule spilled sulphuric acid (5)
- 10. See 25 Down
- 12. Scary story from German poet needing no introduction (7)
- 13. See 8 Down
- 14. Backward boy Edward pried (5)
- 16. Thus a popular time is needed for TV series (4-5)
- 18. Her voting changed in a short space of time (9)
- 21. Some frown at allegation of birth (5)
- 22. Crazy for fruit (7)
- 24. Reaches a turbulent river second (7)
- 26. Henry's first pal made off with car part (8)
- 27. Bird starts to collect eggs from here (5)
- 28. Son wastes talents (6)
- 29. Former model's show (6)

DOWN

- 2. Old tribe bringing diamonds to Northern Ireland (5)
- 3. Where racketeering goes on in the courts? (9)
- 4. Wot's up? A road's approaching (7)
- 5. Girl's aimless wandering (7)
- 6. Tea towel perhaps is not so damp (5)
- 7. Con men opt out in part (9)
- 8,13 "Surely you jest?" famously addressed to judge in court (3,6,2,7)
Across.
- 11. Settled Sheila's debt somehow (11)
- 15. One US writer or another by stream (9)
- 17. Now his rep gets busted for possession (9)
- 19. They talk incessantly of balloons (7)
- 20. MP later resolved to tread roughly (7)
- 23. Boy, a new rising 3 Down champion (5)
- 25, 10 Evening Star is going to set out aims for 3 Down champion (5)
Across.

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