



# MD105 Council Chairman's NEWSLETTER



Welcome to your newsletter from **Council Chairman Richard Williams**

**Greetings my Fellow Lions...** Or as I prefer to call you **#prideMD105**. The reason I prefer #pride is because, that is what we are. We are proud Lions. We have eight Districts which make up MD105, and we are very lucky this Lionistic year, we have some of the most passionate, inspirational, caring bunch of Lions as your new DG Team, I have ever had the pleasure of meeting.

They will all do a great job for their districts, but one thing you the Lions of MD105 must do is communicate with them, whether this is with your concerns, your ideas or just as a sounding board. They all will be inspired by what you as members are doing for your communities whether this be in your own locality, or Internationally by supporting LCIF, this is our foundation and also needs your support, so Lions around the world can also give help and assist with their communities wherever they may be.

We are unique in having such a trustworthy Foundation, and remember LCIF monies do come back into MD105. This pandemic we are living through is still here, and we wonder if life will ever be the same as before covid? We will have to wait and see. Although we must keep doing what we can to serve our communities, it is equally important we look after each other, so if you haven't heard from a member for a while, please pick up the phone and ask if they are OK.

As previously mentioned, communication with each other is in my opinion very important, that is why on 17th July 2021, I will hold my first monthly drop-in. I aim to have a monthly drop-in session for you to join me on Zoom, with 30 mins discussion on a subject, followed by your opportunity to ask me any questions (I might not know the answer, but I will get the answer for you). Or if you have any ideas or suggestions, I am here for you and really would love to see you. We will also find some time for some fun. The subject for the first one has been decided, I have a dream to allow you to become



Dementia Friends this year. This is through a short 40 mins interactive presentation by Dementia Champion, Lion Stu Young. Dementia is something which has unfortunately touched our lives.

Another team which are equally important, and are very clearly working well together at MD Level and District Level, is GAT (Global Action Team). We are lucky to have some excellent MD Officers and in this edition we hear from the three of them on why they feel their MD roles are an important part of our future.

My theme for the year is *'Lions, it's a kind of Magic'*. Why have I chosen that theme? Because you are Magical, you are Lions #beproud.

## Thought for the month

Take my hand my Fellow Lions,  
Let's see a world that needs Lions  
more than ever before,  
Let's promise to serve with Passion,  
Let's promise to serve with Pride,  
Let's promise to serve with a Smile,  
**Most importantly...**  
Let's promise to serve together  
and allow others to join us

## Dementia Friends Session

Helps to raise your awareness of those who are living with dementia and how we can be more dementia friendly. Help Lions across the British Isles embrace the 5 key messages of Dementia Friends.

**Saturday 17th July 18:00 - 19:00**

Register for a place by emailing  
[stuyoung@lionsclubs.co.uk](mailto:stuyoung@lionsclubs.co.uk)

**Lion Stuart Young** Dementia Friend Champion

**#LionsGetInvolved**



Diabetes



Environment



Hunger



Vision



Childhood  
Cancer



Young People



Respond to  
humanitarian crises

# DG Team 2021/22

It gives me great pleasure to introduce you to the DG Team 2021/22. I asked them for their strap lines that they are going to use for their year, with a few words of why they chose them. We wish them Good Luck in their year of office.

**DG Karanjeet Assan** – “Service with kindness and compassion” as I feel very strongly, we need Kindness and Compassion now more than we ever needed before.

**DG David Pope and Claire** – “Be Proud to serve with Integrity”. Proud = Passionate, Resilient, Optimistic, Understanding, Dedicated. Proud, because I am extremely proud to be a Lion, of my Club, my District and of their extraordinary contribution to our communities. Plus M People has a brilliant song called Proud and it has a great line “What have you done today to make you feel proud”.

**DG Neil Martin and Caroline** – “We share” We need to share the good we can do as Lions. Share your heart, passion and service with others. By sharing your support and passion for the good causes you oversee, your clubs can achieve more and make these causes core to your own club objectives and achievements.

**DG Jaap de Jonge and Claire** – “We Serve”. I looked for a long time, making up all kind of strap lines, however I always came back to the same strap line.

**DG Nigel Ware and Elizabeth** – “We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone”. Self-explanatory, If everyone helped others under the banner of Lionism, what a beautiful world it would be.

**DG Brian Donovan and Lesley** – “Through service we grow”. Lions to work together for our common goals, through Service we attract members, through new members we can extend our service and through leadership training we provide the necessary skills for Lions to lead.

**DG Mark Locke and Steve** – “Be prepared for change”. Life is a ever changing thing and it is only us willing to adopt change. We grow stronger.



# Team MD105 2021/22 pictured with DG Ann Ellis from District 133 Ireland

# GAT (Global Action Team)

One important team is the GAT team, as it is three key components of our present and our Future - GST, GMT, & GLT.



**MD105 GST Officer Lion Phil Nathan MBE** writes:



*It has taken an interesting journey with a dedicated and passionate team to begin to weave a synergy map showing how our Service causes can support each other. The 5 main LCI causes along with those within LCIF can be seen to support and interact with most causes we as lions perform locally, nationally or even internationally. Hunger, Vision, Diabetes are automatically related. It doesn't have to be complicated.*

*Visit the Synergy map (on our website) to see how the interaction can support what you do in your community. Service is in the front line of your community and can therefore provide quite logically, the key to membership.*

**MD105 GMT Officer Lion Sue Wilding** writes:



*Membership Matters to us so we must tell others why they should be Lions too. Our positive attitude and willingness to adapt will inspire those around us. Positive Membership Action. Have you got your 'Contact Us' cards? Remember 'Bootcamp'? Let's do more of that,*

*breaking down invisible barriers between us and sharing. Let's be seen out and about being active, showing who we are and what we do. Let's be relevant to modern society and listen to (and try) new ideas so our Clubs will be fit for the future.*

*Find New Members, Build Stronger Clubs and start New Clubs.*

**MD105 GLT Officer Lion Stewart Sherman-Kahn** writes:



*As Lions we are Leaders. All those who lead or have aspirations to lead have to learn. Face-to-Face to learning has not really been an option over the last 18 months so what better time to explore the fantastic range of online learning that Lions Clubs International offers to its Members. Do check out the Lions Learning Centre...*

[www.lionsclubs.org/en/learn](http://www.lionsclubs.org/en/learn)

*Of course, not only will these resources help you be the best Lion you can be but it may also help in your personal or professional life. Happy Learning.*

## GET IN TOUCH

You can contact me anytime...

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