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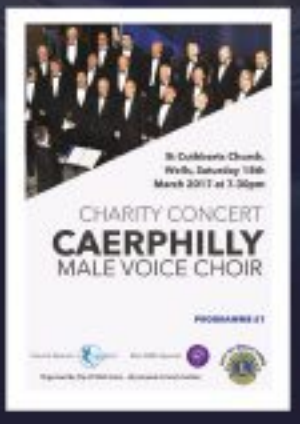

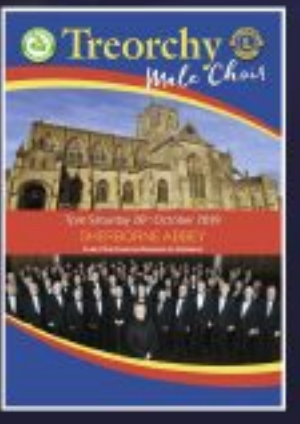

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We're different, we're the same

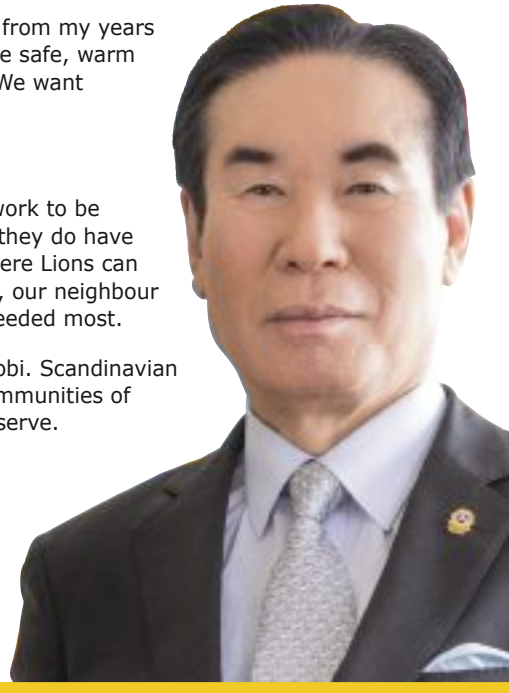
Greetings Lions!

We talk a lot about serving our community as Lions. Service is best when it is personal and close to home, and when it enriches our relationship with our neighbours.

But now, as the world becomes smaller, the space between our communities grows smaller, too. Sometimes we focus on how different another culture is. How their food is flavoured, how they dress, how they celebrate and how they mourn.

> "We treat the world as one global community"

But while the diversity of cultures across the world is truly astounding, what I've learned from my years as a Lion is how much we are all the same. We all want the same things. We want to have safe, warm homes. We want to feed and clothe our families and have good schools for our children. We want healthcare when we're ill. And at some point, all of us need a helping hand of some kind.



LIONS STAND TOGETHER

This is why I say we need to be ready to look at our global community to see if there is work to be done. Unfortunately, there are areas with great need that do not have Lions Clubs. Or, if they do have clubs, the clubs do not have the resources required to address the great need. This is where Lions can truly make a difference. We can stand together and reach out to our neighbour countries, our neighbour continents, our brothers and sisters on other sides of the world, to give help where it's needed most.

Lions in Korea have partnered with Lions in Japan to build schools in needy areas of Nairobi. Scandinavian and European Lions have banded together to provide aid to refugees in Turkey. These communities of Lions, and many more like them, have looked beyond their borders to see how they can serve.

When we treat the world as one global community, the differences between us seem less important than what makes us the same. We are different, and we are also the same.

Sincerely,

Dr Jung-Yul Choi
International President, Lions Clubs International

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Hello again

Environmental disasters continue to make headlines across the British Isles and around the world. As usual, Lions Clubs on the ground act quickly to offer help and comfort to affected communities. Their efforts are supported by the generosity of fellow Lions in fund-raising and making donations. Thank you to everyone who contributes whenever disaster strikes, near to home or far away.

As part of our special environmental section in this issue (starting on page 8), we bring you stories of restoration and hope from the Australian bushfires and the devastating floods in Yorkshire. You can read how in both places, the spirit of Lionism rose to the challenge. We also explain the vital role that the Lions Clubs International Fund (LCIF) plays in bringing immediate relief to local communities.

You may have heard the phrase, 'There's no Planet B', which reminds us that we have a responsibility to live lightly and protect our precious world. Lions Clubs have a long track record in undertaking environmental projects. We live by the motto, 'Be the change you want to see in the world'.

In the LION, we like to share your good deeds and inspire others with practical tips of how #LionsGetInvolved. This includes some fantastic recycling initiatives that clubs large and small can copy. We celebrate clubs planting trees and those organising community clean ups.

You can also enjoy winning entries in the Lions environmental photographic competition, as well as the best peace poster and essay. There's a handy Lions event calendar to help you plan ahead, and a guide to using social media tools.

Among lots of interesting stories, we feature Keith Trott, who joined Lions aged 24 in 1955, and remains a proud member of Keighley Lions Club.

Looking ahead, we preview the Summer issue of LION. Published in June, we're looking for stories, features and photographs on youth issues. Please get in touch if you'd like to contribute. In the meantime, please share your news via Facebook or Twitter.

Finally, don't forget you can download the magazine as a PDF, read online, or via an App available from Google Play or the iTunes store.

Nicky Rogers
Lion editor

YOUR POTATO STARCH MAGAZINE WRAPPER

Just to remind you, your potato starch magazine wrapper should not be put with your plastic recycling. It is **not plastic** – but it is **100 percent degradable** so should go in the normal household waste bin, your food waste bin if you have one, or your compost heap.

NEW CLUBS & MEMBERS

The Pride of Lions

Lions respond where there is power in numbers, so we are delighted to welcome 199 new members who have joined between October and December 2019.

DISTRICT 105A

Barking
Arvind Kantaria, Bachan Sanger, Balvinder Singh, Bhanu Patel, Dharmbir Thethi, Mansukh Kantaria, Satnam Kaur, Surinder Jhita, Surinder Tiwari

Feltham and Whitton
Jules Ainslie

Friern Barnet Centennial
Nilesh Shah

High Wycombe
Steve Harris

London Covent Garden
Can Deng, Viny Poon

London Hendon
Manmohan Rao

London Hornsey
Girdhar Parmar

London Westminster
Khalifa Rashid

Moor Park
Hemanshu Udani

Wanstead and Woodford
Pushpinder Chauhan

Winslow
Andrew Crossey, Peter Ward, Terry Capstick

Witney
Jennifer Dolphin

TOTAL NEW MEMBERS 23

DISTRICT 105CE

Barton on Humber
Tony Hutchinson

Brentwood
Burhan Qureshi

Bungay Area
Amanda Pearce, Ian Brown, Luana Osborne, Zara Dyer

Clacton on Sea
David Webb

Edwinstowe and The Dukeries
Allison Malcolm, John Pearson, Virginia Maanda

Hornchurch – NEW CLUB
Dinesh Bist, Donna John, Harjinder Chauan, Harpreet Jandoo, Harvinder Dadi, Jeet Manku, Kamaljit Manku, Kamaljit Rooprai, Malkit Dadi, Manjit Bassi, Manu Padhiar, Pushpinder Kaura, Rajinder Pardesi, Ranvinder Jassal, Ritu Bedi, Sneh Dhand, Vinod Patel, Vipul Raja

Humberston North Sea
Ian Kaveney

King's Lynn
Ian Gutteridge, Stella Gutteridge

Market Rasen
Jill Appleyard

Nottingham West
Aneeta Purwaha
Lakhbir Athwal

Peterborough
Daniel Oldland

Romford
Lynne Talbot

Saffron Walden
Mike Sell

Southend on Sea
Bill White
Karen Soper

Southwell and District
Roger Vaughan
Stephen Bradbury

TOTAL NEW MEMBERS 41

DISTRICT 105CN

Ashby-de-la-Zouch and Coalville
Graham McMillan-Cox

Bury
Hesham Gharib, Magda Morsy

Conwy Valley and District
Jean Simons

Crosby and District
June Batty

Garstang District
Andy Moreland

Keswick
Duncan Merrin

Matlock Derwent Valley
Alan Dennis

Nantwich
Kelly Hancock

Newcastle under Lyme
Salwa Booth

Prestatyn and Rhyl
Wendy Bowden

Rochdale
Susan Holmes

Uttoxeter
Clare Large

Whalley and District
Brian Counsell, Cath Counsell

TOTAL NEW MEMBERS 15

DISTRICT 105CW

Bilston and Willenhall
Donna Hazeldine, Joy Jones

Birmingham Chinatown
David Yates

Birmingham Moseley and Kings Heath
Stan Hems

Cheltenham
Martin Shorland

Cotswold Fosseway
Deborah Emm, Martin Tregoning, Mary Mills, Peter Mills

Coventry Leofric
Richard Yarnall

Fishguard and Goodwick
Jamie Grove

Kenilworth
John Freestone, Patricia Cain, Trevor Neat

Kidderminster & District
Clive James

Kington
Sian Rump, Susan Atkins

Ross on Wye
Val James

Rugby Rokeby
Paul Dufty

Shakespeare
Barry Shakespeare

Swansea
Kathryn Lacey

TOTAL NEW MEMBERS 21

DISTRICT 105N

Doncaster Went Valley
Karen Taylor, Richard Bailey

Dumfries
Belinda Thomson, Graeme Alison, Innes McMinn, WendyTremble

Holderness
Glynnis Pocklington, Sandra Bedforth

Huddersfield
Gabrielle Butler, Linda Lewis-Harding

Pocklington District
Elizabeth Frankland-Barber, Lynda Frankland-Brown

Scarborough
Angie Kershaw

Tickhill and District
Margo Shepherd

Tynedale
Paul Wharrier

TOTAL NEW MEMBERS 15

DISTRICT 105SC

Crofton
Gillian Kendall, Laraine Benbow, Neil Benbow

Devizes
Gisela Coker, Paul McDonald

Fareham
Joseph Waggot

Fleet
Jacqui Morris

Hayling Island
Annette Wickramasuriya, Charlotte Atkins, Louis Martin, Nalin Wickramasuriya

Isle of Wight Sandown Shanklin
James Harwood

Melksham
Isobel Buxton, Paul Buxton

New Milton
Christopher Clarke

Reading
Ian Henderson

Swindon
Ritesh Jaiswal

Swindon Chautari – NEW CLUB
Abishek KC, Besh Thapa, Bishwo Ghimire, Devendra Shrestha, Laxmi Thapa, Min Thapa, Naz Khadka, Nirmal Parajuli, Parbati Upadhyay, Rajan Chhetri, Ram Rijal, Ramesh Banstola, Ramesh Gautam, Ramraj Malla, Ranjan Malla Ravi Upadhyay, Ruchila Bastola, Rupa Gurung, Samjhana Khadka, Subash Mall, Tanka KC, Top Raut, Yam Gurung

Westbury
Madeline Strout, Mark Lycett

Wokingham Berks
Gareth May

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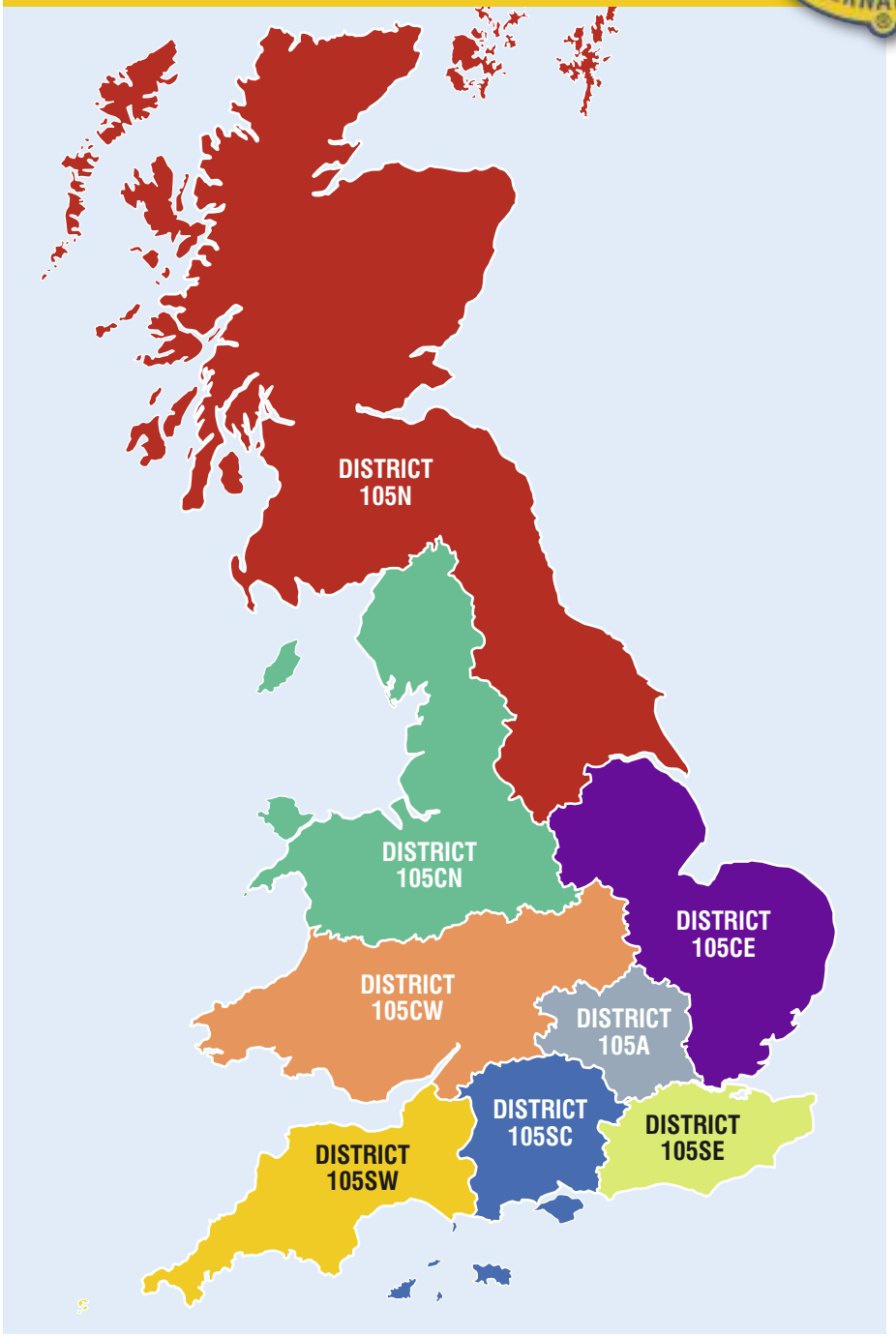

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Bexhill on Sea
Susan Taylor

Canterbury
Adam Hogarth, Alicia Pointon, Callum White Cassandra Dalziel, Sophie Kitson

Chanctonbury
Julian Swarbrick

Crowborough and District
Vida Routledge

Gravesend District
Ranjeet Anota, Satpal Anota

Guildford
Alastair Knowles, Peter Goodyear

Horley
Adam Twine

Hythe and Romney Marsh
Jeanette Bowman

Northfleet and Ebbsfleet
Reay Barnett, Ian McCubbine, Adam Twine

Hythe & Romney Marsh
Jeanette Bowman

Northfleet & Ebbsfleet
Sandra Wade

Sevenoaks
Adam Harker, Lorna Bidston

Southbourne
John Morgan, Michael Donnelly

Uckfield District
Karen Bedwell

TOTAL NEW MEMBERS 21

DISTRICT 105SW

Barnstaple
Mandy Peeling

Budleigh Salterton
Paul Bartlett

Clevedon
Alison Holland, Frieda Pollock

Exeter West
Christopher Blick

Fowey River
Stephen Jones

Liskeard
Christina Whitty

Nailsea
Penny Smith

Newquay
Graham Willmott

Newquay Towan Blystra
Angela Backhouse, Tara Brown

Roche
Steven Gregory Sr.

Seaton and District
David Beavis

St Austell
William Hooper

Tavistock
Ross Ayling

Truro
Judy Lawton

Weston super Mare
Kate Bach, Tracey Garrett

Yeo Valley
Martin Robertson, Thomas Luker

TOTAL NEW MEMBERS 20

There is no 'planet B'!

As MD Environmental officer, I'm heartened that this issue is dedicated to how Lions are helping to preserve the environment in their local communities. Your creativity and commitment is amazing. There are some great tips alongside the stories, so I hope you come away with new ideas from reading the articles over the next pages.

I am a member (and treasurer) of Bolton Lions Club, I work as an accountant at a software company and was District Governor for 105BN in 2018/19.

So, what made me want to take on the role of MD Environment Officer and not stick to finance?

Well, I have two children and one of them is training to be an environmental consultant. Surely it is my responsibility to do all I can to protect the environment for my children and their children?

Just like you, I think that I am a pretty ordinary Lion, who cares passionately about what happens to our environment. We only have one planet and David Attenborough's 'Blue Planet' TV series helped to convince me that we must do all we can to protect it.

There are many ways that we can help the environment. We are all passionate volunteers and no doubt, you are passionate about the places where you live. If you'd like to do more to help the environment, my three priority suggestions for projects – where you can work with members of your communities are: tree planting, litter and plastic picking, and educating children with the Wild Tribe Heroes books. You can find 'how to' guides on each of these on the Lions members website.

So, I have a few suggestions for what you and your Clubs can do to help.

PLANTING TREES

Top of my list is planting trees to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. You might have read that the National Trust is planning to plant 20 million trees in the UK over the next decade. They will need volunteers to help them, and that seems a perfect job for Lions. Your club could co-ordinate volunteers from other organisations.

LITTER AND PLASTIC PICKING

Whether your club is located in an urban environment, the countryside or at the coast, there will undoubtedly be litter and plastic waste to collect. Not only is litter unsightly, but it can harm wildlife and their natural habitats. Some clubs support other organisations that undertake regular collections, or invite others for planned clean-ups. Either way, this is a great way to meet new people, and potentially recruit some members. Check with your local council about what and where you can recycle the waste you've collected.

PICTURED: John Crompton, MD Environmental Officer

WILD TRIBE HEROES BOOKS

Schoolchildren are amongst the most enthusiastic champions of the environment. Donating the Wild Tribe Heroes books helps educate them with a series of engaging stories. They are available from **www.wildtribeheroes**. Almost 60 Lions Clubs have bought copies for schools. Bungay and Area Lions Club has reached around 4,000 children by donating to each of its local primary schools. The books include ideas for teachers to discuss the true stories about animals affected by plastic in the oceans or palm oil deforestation. If you haven't already, do get in touch with your local school. Each book bought by clubs will feature a message about Lions.

Disaster relief

Global news and social media mean that we are more aware than ever of the devastating impact of disasters on humans and wildlife. Videos – often filmed by those affected by a disaster – appear on our televisions and mobile devices immediately. We watch live with horror as catastrophic damage unfolds. Our natural reaction is to help as quickly as possible. That's why the Lions Clubs International Foundation was founded over 50 years ago.

Over the next pages, we explain more about LCIF and how it awards grants, before focusing on stories from Australia and Yorkshire that show the benefits of rapid action by Lions Clubs.

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is the charitable organisation of Lions Clubs International. It was founded in 1968 and supports the efforts of Lions clubs and partners through humanitarian service projects and grants.

Every dollar donated to LCIF goes directly to support its work.

Whenever and wherever disaster strikes, Lions are often among the first to offer help. LCIF is ready to support their efforts with funding assistance through global disaster relief programme and grants.

> The global reputation of LCIF is evident in its eight consecutive 4-star ratings from the Charity Navigator for effective financial management and commitment to accountability and transparency. LCIF donors can be confident their donations are being used in support of the programmes for which they are intended. A copy of LCIF's Annual Report for 2019 is available to download from the members area of the MD website.

LCIF provides grant funding to support the compassionate works of Lions, empowering their service and addressing the needs of their communities both locally and globally.

The Emergency Grant Programme provides immediate emergency relief assistance to victims of natural disasters through the service work programmes of Lions Clubs Worldwide. Four types of grants are available:

1. **Emergency Grants** provide relief aid in the wake of tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, typhoons, monsoons, ice storms, wildfires, flooding caused by excessive rains, and similar natural disasters.
2. **Community Recovery Grants** aid districts in supporting short-term clean-up and repair efforts in situations where other organisations have already addressed immediate needs. The intention is for Lions to focus on select groups with specific unmet needs where gaps in relief services have been identified in the community.
3. **Disaster Preparedness Grants** support districts partnering with local authorities and other community organisations to plan and prepare for future relief efforts. The objective is for Lions to identify needs and determine their role in the community long before a disaster strikes. Lions are encouraged to engage in advance planning through training and partnering with local emergency/ disaster management services and other social agencies.
4. **Major Catastrophe Grants** are awarded after large-scale natural disasters at the discretion of the International President and LCIF Chairperson.

Like or follow the LCIF Lions Facebook group to learn more about LCIF grants and how they help communities:
https://www.facebook.com/LCIFLions/

Australia

We all watched the Australian bushfires on TV with our hearts breaking – we were a world away and felt helpless. On the ground, Lions Clubs across Australia were out in full force doing everything they could to support those impacted so badly by the fires. They have supported local residents and fed emergency service workers.

The Lions Clubs MD105 Council of Governors approved an immediate response. Following discussion with Past

International President, Lion Barry Palmer of Australia, it was agreed that Lions Clubs of the British Isles would contribute towards the purchase of much needed water tanks. Each tank costs £1,600, and a payment of £26,000 has been made to the Australian Lions Foundation.

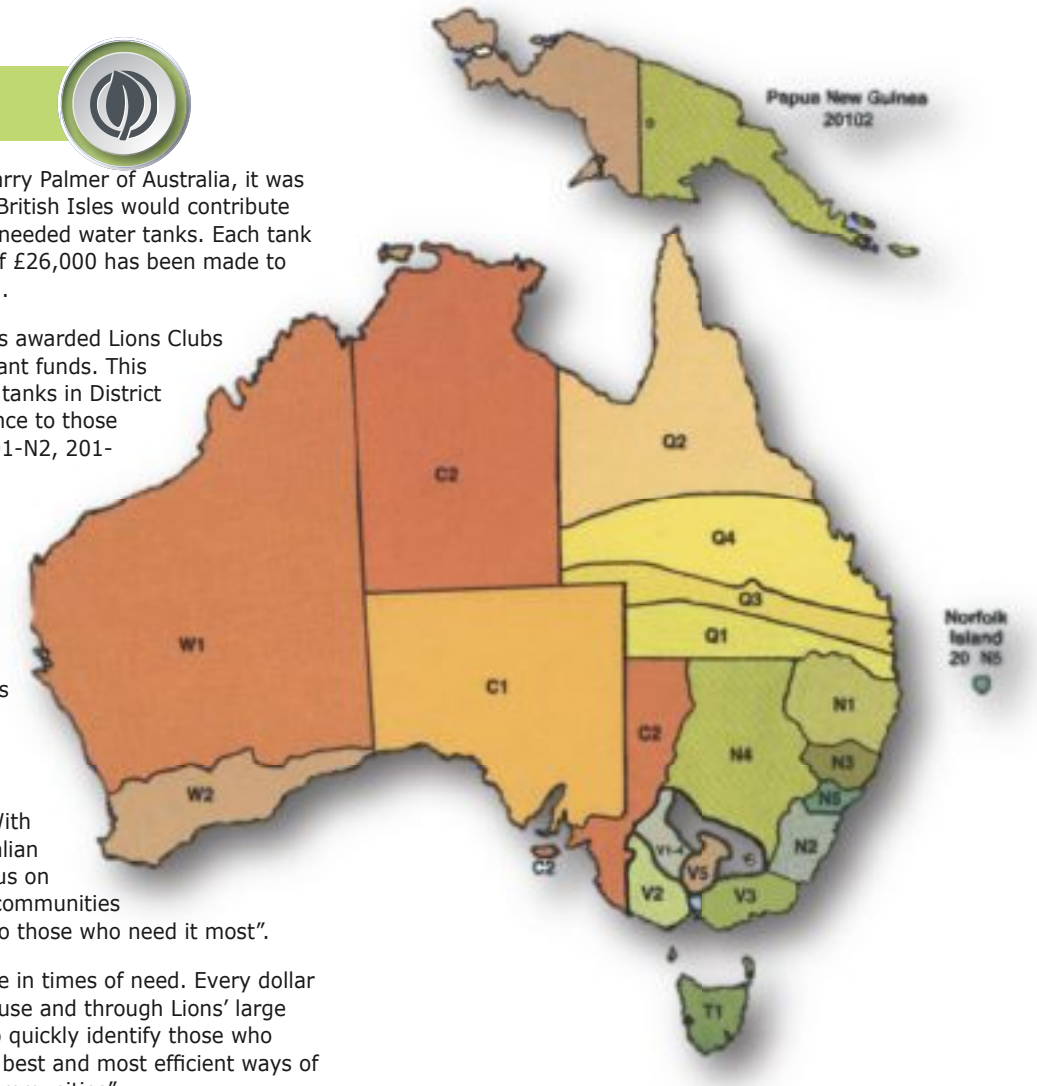
Since November 2019, LCIF has awarded Lions Clubs on Australia US $343,000 in grant funds. This has provided funding for water tanks in District 201-N1 and immediate assistance to those affected in Districts 201-N1, 201-N2, 201-V3 and 201-V6.

Tony Benbow, Australian Lions Foundation Chair reported in early January that they had supplied twenty 20,000 litre water tanks to Northern New South Wales residents. These were installed through the Lions network, then connected and filled with water.

Rob Oerlemans, Lions Australia Chief Executive Officer said: "With the incredible support of Australian Lions Foundation, we could focus on getting emergency support to communities in need as quickly as possible to those who need it most".

"This is why Lions is so effective in times of need. Every dollar donated goes directly to the cause and through Lions' large network of clubs we are able to quickly identify those who require assistance and find the best and most efficient ways of supporting those people and communities".

Food, water, clothing and essential personal needs were provided to people affected through a voucher scheme that was particularly useful for people who had been relocated. Lions also provided funds to buy bedding, linen, kitchen items, small white goods as well as school equipment for children who had lost everything.



The destruction will have a devastating environmental impact for years to come, so LCIF is working closely with Australian Lions to provide continued relief and support. Lions 'on the ground' teams have identified where more water tanks were needed as well as some longer-term community recovery projects. In some areas, children's playgrounds have all been destroyed so there are plans to rebuild those.

Yorkshire

Closer to home dreadful floods affected many local communities at the end of 2019. These included several across Yorkshire where initial flood relief support provided by the council involved local organisations, businesses and voluntary groups.

One of these was the Lions Clubs of Doncaster, which launched an appeal to create eighty-five Christmas hampers for households affected by the floods. The local council provided tinned items and Lions funded additional seasonal items.

One note of thanks to the Lions said: 'A very big heartfelt thank you for my hamper due to the flooding damage. This was such a kind gesture and a lovely surprise, it really touched me.

The work you do is wonderful and if you're making people smile like me then you are very special people.'

Several weeks later, around 170 properties have not yet dried out. Most of these are in the Bentley and Scawthorpe areas that have been flooded several times. To help these residents, the council has collected a considerable amount of furniture and other items donated by businesses from across the UK.

Proving their DIY skills, local Lions Club members have been assembling flat pack furniture, as well as helping to catalogue and sort out sofas, beds, mattresses and other household items ready for supply to those affected by the flooding.

The MD105 Foundation donated £12,000, with Lions Clubs across the country responding to an appeal pledging £14,000 to date. The money donated by clubs will be used to purchase white goods (cookers, fridge freezers and washing machines), soft furnishings, household linen and a welcome home pack. Each recipient will receive a certificate confirming that the items have been donated by Lions Clubs.

Environmental Phot

The 2019 entries in the four categories of the Lions environmental photography competition were

LANDSCAPE

1

PICTURED: The overall winner of the Environmental Photograph Competition, taken by David Atkins, Glastonbury and Street Lions Club

2

WEATHER

PICTURED: The overall runner-up taken by Dave Rosson, Torpoint and Rame Peninsula Lions Club

ograph Competition

assessed by a panel of district governors. Photographed by International Director, Geoff Leeder.

PICTURED: The overall third-placed photograph taken by Wayne Hoyle, Rothwell Lions Club

ANIMALS

PICTURED: The judges (L-R): John Chambers 105CN, Kamal Sharma105A, David Butler OBE 105SE, Andrew Sutherland 105N, Gurcharan (Guch) Manku 105CE, Ian Gott 105CW, Jim Partridge-Hogbin 105SW and Jarvis MacDonald 105SC

All entries of the competition are shown on the Lions members site **https://lionsclubs.co/MembersNews**

Club projects – tree time

The Committee on Climate Change states that the UK needs 1.5 million hectares of additional woodland by 2050 to help hit the net zero carbon emissions target. Increasing tree cover needs to happen faster and at a far greater scale than ever before, and crucially, needs to be sustained over several decades. The Woodland Trust supports this saying that trees and woods can help to fight climate change by storing carbon, keeping it locked up for centuries.

The Woodland Trust has published a report entitled: 'Emergency Tree Plan for the UK' that is available to read from https://www.**woodlandtrust.org.uk/publications/2020/01/emergency-tree-plan/**

The following stories show how Lions around the country are rising to the tree planting challenge and at the end of this section, we offer a few pointers to get your own project off the ground.

100 planted, 100 to go

PICTURED: Happy in their work: Aberdeen-Bon Accord Lion Shane O'Neill and his partner Emma Tassie planting willow trees

District 105N has initiated a challenge to plant 10 trees for every Lion. An encouraging number of Clubs have risen to this and some have already started. This also offers us an opportunity to invite friends to come along and join us in an activity which reflects one of the Lions core service areas.

Malcolm Hogg, 105N Environment Officer, says that he has seen interest in environmental matters rise dramatically as people become more aware of the damage we have done to our planet. "Playing our part in the battle to save our planet will enhance our reputation and increase our significance in the minds of our communities.

"We cannot plant rainforests in the Scottish Highlands, nor in the Dales but planting species native to our own areas allows local wildlife to thrive and flourish. "The trees we plant can be small so major excavations are not necessarily needed for each tree. Fast growing species such as willows root easily and provide food for a large number of species which in turn feed birds and other wildlife."

Aberdeen-Bon Accord Lions planted 100 trees in November and will be planting another 100 this Spring.

Good advice from Burnley Lions

PICTURED: Burnley Lions, Peter Ashkettle and Keith Wilson tree planting in Wilson's Wood

Burnley Lion, Janet Clunie, read an article once by International President Wing-Kun Tam challenging Lions worldwide to plant a million trees. By the end of 2011, an update was published saying that 5.25 million trees had been planted.

To mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, Janet contacted the local parks department and got permission for the Club to plant trees on a reclaimed tip area.

Applying to the Woodland Trust, a pack of 105 trees was chosen to encourage wildlife, which included a 'royal oak' from an acorn gathered in the grounds of one of the royal residences. Trees were planted in the shape of a large diamond to celebrate the Jubilee and to date, the Club has planted 840 trees to date.

The planting and maintenance of the trees has been in partnership with another voluntary group, Trees for Burnley.

Burnley Lions Club has ordered another 105 trees (to be delivered in November 2020) through the Woodland Trust's website, **https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/community-tree-pack/** these will be delivered as small plants about 12-18 inches tall and include wooden canes for support and plastic spirals for protection against browsing by small deer.

If your Club would like to plant trees, contact your local parks department/tree planting group or establish the grid reference of the land you wish to

plant and get permission from the legal landowner before applying for free packs of trees from the Woodland Trust.

Also approach local farmers to see if they have any land which they want to set aside for a wood or copse, either as part of their environmental considerations or simply because the land is unfit for anything else.

To find out more about this Burnley Lions project, email Lion Frank Seed at: **fseed@fseed.plus.com**

Shelter and food for wildlife

PICTURED: Hedging by Harpenden Lions

Harpenden Lions have planted 70 metres of hedging (300 saplings) along the edge of Marquis Meadow at Batford Springs Nature Reserve. The trees planted were a mixture of hazel, wayfaring tree, crab apple and guelder rose, with 50 percent hawthorn. All of these species are great for wildlife, producing flowers, fruits or nuts for a wide range of birds and insects to feast and live on. The hedge joins on to a section of hedging already found along the meadow, creating a fantastic corridor for animals to use as shelter and navigation to other areas.

Spruce'ing up Bexleyheath

PICTURED: Bexley & Sidcup Lions at Danson Mansion

During National Tree Week last November, Bexley and Sidcup Lions planted two trees in the grounds of the Danson Mansion in Danson Park, Bexleyheath.

St Austell Lions' parish project

PICTURED: St Austell Lions at Tregrehan Jubilee Playing Field

St Austell Lions planted trees and hedging plants at Tregrehan Jubilee Playing Field for Carlyon Parish Council recently and Chairman of Carlyon Parish Council, Alan Moore, said: "This planting is one of a number of parish projects to enhance the environment and combat global warming."

Trees help us towards a bright future

Last November, London Lions members local councillors and volunteers gathered to plant 100 trees at Silver Jubilee Park in Kingsbury, London. Muhammed Butt, leader of Brent Council said: "We need to be mindful of our environment and make sure we have a bright future for everyone. By planting these trees, we are sending a message out to everyone that we are in an environment where we can breathe clean air."

PICTURED: London Lions members

HOW TO ESTABLISH YOUR CLUB'S TREE PLANTING PROGRAMME

Saplings for your tree planting project

You can order your free saplings from The Woodland Trust at: **https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/**

The delivery periods are March and November – so Clubs should apply very soon. The Tree Council also has a grant scheme that is due to be launched shortly with useful guidance documents at: **https://www.treecouncil.org.uk/grants**

Arrange a planting event

Then work with others in your community, this provides an excellent opportunity for publicity and to meet potential new members. As always, post photographs and news of the event on social media.

Club projects – clean up experts

We can't all live in beautiful countryside or stylish town centres, but we can all make the most of what we have and take care of our surroundings for our benefit and for our neighbours. We all cringe at the amount of rubbish thrown from car windows and the carelessness of people who litter our hedgerows. The following stories show how Lions are organising very simple (but highly effective) clean up events. Your Club can do the same and help to make your area somewhere to be proud of.

Community effort

As a part of World Clean Up Day in September 2019, Southall & Greenford Willow Tree Lions Clubs joined local community groups in a litter pick all the way from the Wharncliffe Viaduct to the Grand Union Canal in Hanwell.

A large amount of rubbish was cleared from under arches of viaduct, they also cleared the area near Hanwell cricket pitch and tidied the footpath adjacent to the Brent River past Ealing Hospital to Hanwell Lock.

PICTURED: Southall & Greenford Willow Tree Lions and other groups after a great day's work

Portishead pickers

On a cold and frosty Sunday morning, Portishead Lions turned out to clear litter from the stretch of path alongside the Rhyne from Harbour Road to Wyndham Way. Six bags of rubbish were collected and the path is now more pleasant for people to use.

PICTURED: Portishead Lions braced for their frosty litter pick

Ongoing work

Throughout last year Clubs in 105SE organised litter or plastic picks where they encouraged members of the public to take part and take pride in their local environment.

These events enabled Lions to engage with members of their communities, raise awareness by promoting the work of Lions and to increase membership.

These were not intended as 'one-off' service activities but, for many Clubs, have formed the basis for on-going programmes of events. Clubs are already planning this year's litter and plastic pick projects along beaches, riverbanks, public parks and playgrounds.

Tackling coastal waste

PICTURED: Lion Terry Dezille with local SAS coordinator Claire Sumners and part of their collection from Seaford Beach, November 2019

Newhaven, Peacehaven and Seaford Lions have been working with a local group 'Surfers against Sewage' (SAS) to help to clean up their beaches of plastic waste and on the first Sunday of each month, walk the shoreline, collecting discarded fishing tackle, netting, cotton buds etc.

Lion Bill Yoxall said: "It is a lovely excuse to get out in the fresh air, take some exercise, meet new friends and make a difference to our environment."

Local Authority guidance for Swale Lions

Swale Lions liaised with their Local Authority to arrange a litter/plastic pick in a local public park and play area. The LA gave guidance, provided litter picker sticks, rubbish sacks and protective gloves, then collected the waste ready for disposal.

PICTURED: Swale Lions and volunteers at the end of their litter pick

THE GENERATION GAME

Prudent financial planning should cater for the needs of all the members of a family, from the youngest to the oldest.

When the Queen turned 93 on 21 April 2019, she served as a very public reminder of how much longer, as a society, we are living. In her own family, four generations are now all alive at the same time, from the Queen herself down to her latest great-grandchild. An increasing number of families now find themselves in the same position, which has implications for financial planning.

As a nonagenarian, Her Majesty is far from alone. The number of people over 90 years old rose by 39% between 2007 and 2017, according to a report published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) in 2018.[1]

A further ONS report states, by 2037, the UK's 65 years and over age group could reach 24% of the whole population - a marked increase in the 18.2% figure recorded in 2017.[2] Another key theme is how we manage our wealth against the backdrop of a growing generational wealth gap.

For those born after the Second World War and in the 1950s, the economy of their working years was benign and kind to them; but it was less so for those born in the 1980s and 1990s – the so-called 'millenials' – who are finding it harder to get jobs and to get onto the property ladder. It means many parents are having to support their children financially well into their adult lives.

While our children are struggling with their finances, our parents are living longer. This has led to an increase in the need for long-term care, which is likely to be financed from accumulated savings, selling the family home or with support from younger generations.

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[1] ONS – births, deaths and marriages data, September 2018
[2] ONS, Overview of the UK population: November 2018

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HOW TO ESTABLISH YOUR CLUB'S LITTER PICK PROGRAMME

Sign up for the Great British Spring Clean that runs from 20th March through to 13th April at: **https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean**

- Choose a spot eg: woodland, farmland, or on a town centre street.
- See if there is already a local group, and get in touch with the group leader. See if they would be interested in picking the area you have chosen.
- Contact the land owners, you will need permission to litter pick on private or public land. If you don't know who owns the land, search on the Land Registry map. Some councils and the Canal & River Trust will charge you to litter pick on their land, for public liability insurance purposes.
- Carry out a risk assessment.
- Pick a date, preferably a weekend day, to maximise volunteer numbers.
- Gather your equipment, your local Council should be able to provide you with litter pickers. You will also need bags, gloves and hi-vis vests. Depending on the type and amount of litter you are dealing with, a skip and wheelbarrows may also be useful.
- Arrange a waste collection, ask your Council to collect your litter after your litter pick.
- Insurance, it is recommended that you have public liability insurance for litter picking.
- Brief your team, make sure they know where you are meeting and what to bring with them.

Club projects – recycling champions

Not everything is recyclable yet, but just taking a couple of seconds on your way to the bin thinking 'is this really rubbish' may just save recyclable material accidentally ending up in landfill. The following stories show how some Clubs are recycling on a super scale and making money to boot.

PICTURED: (L-R) Lions Clive Millman and Jim Partridge-Hogbin

PICTURED: Crewkerne Lion Jean Langmead and Lesley Chudley packing bottle tops bags for the recycling plant

PICTURED: Derwent Lions' water station at the Yorkshire Marathon

PICTURED: A pool full of plastic

Plastic milk bottle tops, a quick and easy project for everyone

Crewkerne Lions Club collect plastic milk bottle tops to be recycled and as word of their project spread, several other Clubs in the District began to do the same. Some Clubs approached other organisations, such as Tesco in Launceston, an industrial estate in Exeter, guest houses and clubs in Paignton, an estate agent and nursing home in Budleigh Salterton and the U3A in Cheddar, as well as friends and neighbours. Over time, it evolved into a whole District project, with about 13 Clubs contributing to its growth.

So far, approximately 1,425kgs of plastic milk bottle tops have been handed over to Crewkerne Lions. Each 5kg bin bag contains about 3,500 tops, so we have already saved around 1,000,000 from landfill. This equates to roughly 285 bin bags full, which is a very bulky amount to dispose of and only a tiny proportion of what the whole of South West England would normally throw away. These figures highlight the enormity of what is happening to our planet as a whole, so by recycling just this one type of plastic, 105SW is definitely making a difference.

The tops are recycled by GHS Recycling in Portsmouth. They granulate the tops and sell the granules to specialist companies, who sell them on to manufacturers of other plastic products, such as children's beach and garden toys and even new milk bottle tops, which can be recycled four or five times.

The recycling company also pays £30 per 500kgs to their collectors and the money raised from Crewkerne Lions bottle tops goes to the Yeovil and Sherborne MS Society. Crewkerne Lions also collect the trigger sprays from cleaning product containers and these bring in 4p per spray. The Club estimates that by May 2019 their milk bottle tops and trigger sprays had contributed about £80 for MS Society funds, so they are fulfilling another valuable service to others as well as protecting the environment.

Derwent Lions don't bin bottles!

Environmental issues relating to plastic water bottles are of growing concern for organisers of charity runs, particularly relating to the disposal of unpackaged surplus stock. Derwent Lions Club, in partnership with Jane Tomlinson's Run for All, have developed a viable alternative – they donate the spare bottles via agencies to local homeless people.

HOW TO RECYCLE YOUR PLASTIC MILK BOTTLE TOPS

- collect only supermarket-type ones – usually coloured red, green and blue, but occasionally lilac or gold;
- check that on the inside of individual tops or identical batches there is a triangular recycling symbol showing a number 2 or 4;
- milk bottle tops with the name 'Arla' on the top (usually in yellow, blue or red) and some tops with an extra rim inside (blue, red or dark green) are also acceptable, as long as they show the 2 or 4 recycling mark;
- throw away all differently numbered tops and anything with a 2 or 4 symbol which does not come from a milk bottle top;
- remove all inserts, including the little white tags and the white circular bases that often stick to the inside of the tops;
- wash them thoroughly;
- dry them;
- store them in containers suitable for the quantity collected but no bigger than what a black bin bag can hold;
- do not include any other plastic tops, even if they look similar, because tops colas, squash, fruit juice, mineral water bottles and all other types of plastic are not required;
- when ready, put your name, lions club name or company name on sticky labels on the outside of your bags or boxes; finally
- deliver them to a Lions Club member or designated collecting point for onward transport to your appointed recycling centre.

The new initiative was trialled at the recent Yorkshire Marathon, where Derwent Lions Club members and volunteers operated a water station. After the run, the Lions collected their spare bottles and delivered them to Kitchen for Everyone (KEY), a volunteer group who provide hot meals for homeless people in York.

Imagine a sea full of plastic

Fleetwood and Cleveleys Lions Club held an environment awareness project recently at a local swimming pool.

They put around 200 plastic bottles into the water with the Sea Cadets and school children just to show what will happen if we don't reduce our plastic waste. They then asked the swimmers to guess how many bottles were in the pool and this also provided the opportunity for the children to contemplate the impact that a sea full of plastic would have on ocean life.

Seasonal recycling

Telford, Derwent, St Albans and Harpenden Lions Clubs have all partnered with JustHelping to offer Christmas tree collections (real trees only) and a recycling service. Part of the proceeds from this are donated to their local hospices and local Lions charities. The service provides a collection from homes, shredding and re-use of Christmas trees within the local area.

JustHelping provide the guidance and support to allow people to book a collection online, take voluntary donations and plan the collection routes. The Lions Clubs provide the volunteers and additional resources to collect and recycle the trees.

All the trees are recycled, most are chipped and then used in composting and mulching, or as bio fuel in parks and on sports grounds, some are planted in sand dunes to prevent erosion. In Telford, the shredding has provided mulching for the AFC Telford United ground.

To find out how you can get involved visit **https://charityxmastreecollection.com/**

PICTURED: Derwent Lions collecting Christmas trees

PICTURED: Spot the Telford Lion!

PICTURED: Rushden & District Lions have saved a whopping 18,000 crisp packets from landfill

Crisp anyone?

Walkers sponsor the recycling of crisp packets through the recycling company, Terracycle. They encourage people to set up centres where packets can be deposited for recycling.

Helped by their local Asda, Rushden & District Lions Club have been running a great recycling project – they allowed the Club to leave a large Lions labelled box for customers to deposit their empty crisp packets while shopping.

As Lions Geoff and Marion Hollis explain: "The packets have to be straightened and flattened before we can put them into boxes, but we consider it to be a service to the community as otherwise, these packets would go to landfill. The public are getting the message and we are now being called to Asda three times a week to empty their bin and often, carrier bags full of empty packets are being left by the side of the full bin."

Rushden & District Lions Club make £2 a kilo and so far, they have raised £180 from around 90 kilos of crisp packets – that's approximately 18,000 crisp packets saved from landfill.

Turning Christmas cards into trees

Shirley Lions have been collecting a vast number of used Christmas cards. Thomas Bragg & Sons, a local funeral director, offered a recycling service for the cards, pledging that for every 10,000 received they would plant a tree in a natural burial ground in Solihull. The cards themselves went to St Giles Hospice who sold them on to a local waste company.

Shirley Lions posted details of the appeal on their social media pages and cards poured in to the two collecting points at an amazing rate. They had to be sorted, counted and boxed up so another appeal went out asking for volunteers. Shirley Lions helped with this and Ross on Wye Lions donated 20,000 cards, already counted and boxed.

At the last count, 300,000 cards had been received meaning that at least 30 trees will be planted, the hospice will raise funds and several tonnes of cards will go for recycling. A win for everyone especially the environment.

Club projects – education

We all live and learn 'every day is a school day' as the saying goes, but teaching by example can be a great way to influence others. Lions understand this and put a lot of effort into helping to educate the next generation of members. These stories below, show how imaginative they can be.

PICTURED: Head teacher, Caroline Ashcroft, teaching assistant, Helen Goddard and pupils with Warwick Lion, Neil Chisholm

Learning to plant food

Warwick Lions have long helped schools and motivated young people in their area and so they jumped at the chance of involving themselves in an environmental project for a town centre school.

Clapham Terrace Primary School is housed in a fine Victorian building in Leamington Spa in the centre of a built-up area. It had very little outdoor space and they appealed for funds to create an area where the children could explore nature and environmental issues.

The plan which was devised by teaching assistant, Helen Goddard, herself an allotment holder and keen gardener, was to establish a place where the children could plant flowers to attract insects and vegetables to eat and also so learn about mini beasts, how to whittle, saw wood and use tools correctly and safely.

Warwick Lions have so far donated £1,000 to this project and are looking forward to watching its future development.

Books and newsletters

Lion Christopher Evans, District 105CN Environmental Officer, has devised three booklets for children to teach them about their environment, including information about wildflowers, planting tree whips and competitions.

He has devised a scrapbook competition for children up to the age of 11 to help them identify different tree leaves. His scrapbook shows coloured images of leaves and children simply look for matching leaves when they are out and about, pick one and stick it in their book. It encourages them to look up, rather than down at their phones!

His monthly newsletters are full of nature tips and facts, October's for example discussed the decline in moths in the UK, (60 species became extinct in the last century) but on a more positive note, he sets out the steps we can all take to ensure we maintain a better environment for these valuable insects.

ROAR it from the rooftops!

Roar 2019 is a schools idea competition created by Lions Clubs and the ideas company 7billionideas. It aims to unlock the creative spirit in every child by giving them the time to imagine and develop ideas that could change the world.

It also enables schools and children to develop their presentation skills, which they will need for their future and encourages teamwork and collaborative skills.

The competition also gives Lions a platform to introduce our other youth programmes, such as Lifeskills and the Peace Poster competition for example, not to mention the opportunity for a major PR boost within the school and in the local press.

The ROAR2019 competition finals were held in December at Wakehurst, the home to the Millennium Seed Bank and over 500 acres of the world's plants in Sussex.

More than 50 schools attended the finals, which were held over two days. Awards were given for the best poster describing the idea, the best model of the design and best display stand illustrating the idea.

The ingenuity shown by the pupils and the scope of the designs were remarkable and every one of the children that took part received both a certificate and a medal as a memento of their contribution to a very interesting and inspiring event.

MD Convention 2020 - Birmingham

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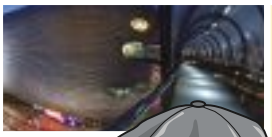
The Holiday Inn has an NCP car park at the rear of the hotel and rates for parking have been negotiated. There is so much to do right on your doorstep. Birmingham is an exciting place to be and within walking distance you have many restaurants, theatres and places of interest to visit.

TAKE A PEEK AT BIRMINGHAM



Do come along and support the exciting programme we have lined up.
FRIDAY is our **WELCOME NIGHT** with a '**Peaky Blinders Theme**' and lots of fun and entertainment.
SATURDAY GALA DINNER will have you dancing the night away with friends old and new!

Booking is open on the Lions members site.

Newport Lions sponsor winning peace poster

The peace poster competition strives to encourage young people between the ages of 11-13 to express their own personal vision of peace.

Since the competition began, more than four million young people from 100 countries worldwide have participated.

The young artists are free to use a variety of mediums and often, the finished work portrays the young artists' life-experiences and culture.

Again this year, we are delighted to report that every single District has taken part in the competition and because of the sheer volume of excellent posters, judging the winning District poster was very tough.

The winner of this year's competition themed 'Journey of Peace', who was sponsored by Newport Lions Club 105CW, has been invited (along with their family) to the Houses of Parliament in March for the Lions UN Day when they will be presented with their prize.

Posters go through several judging levels; local, district, multiple district and international. At the international level, judges from the art, peace, youth, education and media communities select one grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners.

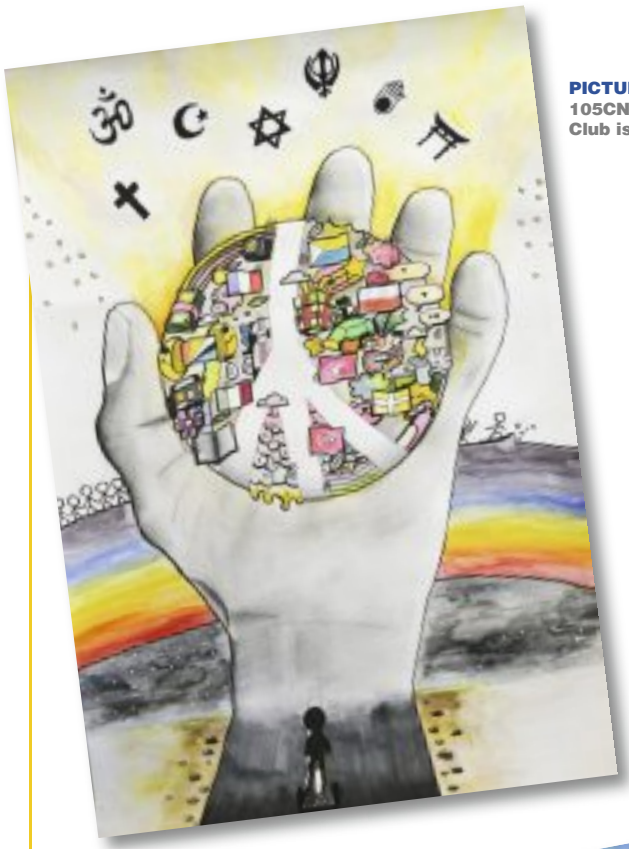
All the district winners were judged at Lions HQ in Birmingham in November, where an overall UK winner was selected and sent off to Lions International HQ for the International judging.

Let's keep all our fingers crossed that our winning poster does well at international level. We should find out during the first week of March.

Designed by William Higgs (12)

Designed by Natalie Martin (12)

Designed by Hadrian Olney (12)



PICTURED: The entry from District 105A, sponsored by Northwood Lion Club is by Noah Smith (12)

PICTURED: The entry from District 105CN, sponsored is by Stone Lions Club is Sinead Quigley (12)

PICTURED: The entry from District 105CE, sponsored by Wisbech Lions Club is by Ruby Gibson (11)

PICTURED: The entry from District 105SW, sponsored by Seaton & District Lions Club is by Tatyana Pushkarey (11)

PICTURED: The entry from District 105N, sponsored by Consett Lions Club is by Evie Lumley (12)

1ST PLACE PICTURED: The winning peace poster, sponsored by Newport Lions Club, was designed by William Higgs (12)

2ND PLACE PICTURED: This poster by Natalie Martin (12) sponsored by Bexhill on Sea Lions Club, came second

3RD PLACE PICTURED: This poster by Hadrian Olney (12) and sponsored by Ringwood & Fordingbridge Lions Club came third

A blueberry orchard for generations

By Jamie Konigsfeld

Next door to the Albany Victory Gardens were unsightly, deserted sites. There were homes on the land that were previously declared uninhabitable, so they sat empty, dangerous and not beneficial to the environment. Lion Gregory Sheldon envisioned a better use for this land. He partnered with Albany Victory Gardens, which purchased the land, demolished the homes and, along with local organisations and community members, Sheldon cleared the land of debris and invasive vegetation to start a community garden. Specifically, he wanted to grow blueberries.

This garden became part of a larger community project, a place where the neighbourhood now comes together to share gardening knowledge, grow food and volunteer time, bridging social, economic, and diversity gaps. It is a vital part of the neighbourhood, as it enables self-reliance and access to nutritious food in an underserved area.

But first, the land needed to be prepared for growing blueberries, so Sheldon enlisted volunteers to help local companies spread woodchips, mulch and soil. Using a US$1,500 grant from a partnership between the Anthem Foundation and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), the Albany Troy Lions Club, which is actively investing in community health equity, food sovereignty and social justice, planted 200 blueberry bushes helped by Anthem volunteers and other community members.

BLUEBERRY BENEFITS

Blueberries were the perfect fit for the gardens. They're high in nutritional value and antioxidants. The bushes attract pollinators such as bees, which will increase the amount of blueberries and other produce harvested from the garden. The sandy loam soil is designed to absorb water, reducing storm water runoff by up to 100,000 gallons. At the same time, the sandy loam provides good drainage and will help purify the air, along with the plants.

All of this is on land that was once occupied by empty, uninhabitable houses.

Thanks to LCIF, the Anthem Foundation, Albany Troy Lions Club, Lion Gregory Sheldon and the incredible community volunteers, this neighbourhood now has a beautiful orchard they can care for and enjoy for multiple generations. "All the kids that worked hard to develop this site will be able to share these blueberries with their kids. This is truly why we do what we do," says Sheldon.

« **PICTURED:** Lion Gregory Sheldon works to spread woodchips at the site

» **PICTURED:** Lions, Anthem volunteers, and other community members work together to plant 200 blueberry bushes

The journey of peace

The most recent essay competition was created to offer an opportunity for visually impaired young people to express their feelings on the subject of 'the journey of peace'.

The winning essay was sponsored by the City of Liverpool Lions Club and the winner, Joseph Critchlow has been invited (along with his family) to the Houses of Parliament in March for the Lions UN Day when he will be presented with his prize.

Author, Joseph, is no stranger to the limelight – readers will remember that he won last year as well, with his beautiful essay; 'Kindness matters'.

Joseph's winning 'Journey of peace' essay is reproduced here:

Journey of Peace

I looked at a World in conflict. Who could help me answer a question, how can we solve the world's problems? There seems to be no way as we fight each other in our neighbourhoods, Cities and Countries for so many reasons. How can we journey to save our forests and Oceans if we don't have peace first? I looked at my City, Liverpool and wondered who could answer my peace question? I went to a City Gateway, Lime Street Train Station, and in my mind asked the statue of the great entertainer Sir Ken Dodd, 'how can we find peace?' I felt he said 'share laughter, laugh together, happiness is a key.'

I looked up at the Liver bird statues, a symbol of our City at a Gateway to the Oceans. I asked 'how can we find peace?' I felt they said to me 'we can see across the world and time, we can see the Statue of Liberty. Many people look at what is different, not the same, find what is the same and come together there. This is a key.'

I went to the statue of John Lennon and asked 'how do we find peace?' I felt he said 'Give peace a chance. This is a key'. I wondered, if just one person stopped and did just that, would others do the same? Could I be the 'mustard seed' from which things grew? Could my voice be heard?

I went to the statue of Noel Chavasse, who sacrificed his life in the Great War winning the highest award for bravery the Victoria Cross, twice. I asked 'how do we find peace?' I felt he said 'do what is right, help others. Learn from the mistakes of history we paid for in blood. Use your voice and strengths to tell others and help them learn. This is a key.'

I stopped at the statue of John Hully, a founder of the modern Olympics. I asked him 'how can we find peace?' I felt him say 'sports are a way we can come together and celebrate what is the same, where we can have fun, keep healthy and make friends. This is a key.'

My journey to find an answer was complete. I looked at all my keys.

Although I am visually impaired, I can lead the way, my voice can be heard, I can bring others together. I may not see you well, the colour of your face or the clothes you wear, but I can help the world find peace by my example. As Gandy said 'there is no pathway to peace, peace is the pathway', let me help lead you along that path by following my voice. Let us come together in things like music and sports as better ways to see we are just the same. It is from here that we can work together in making a safer, better world. We all have the keys.

Lions Clubs and Marie Curie in partnership

How can you get involved?

Host a collection

We know Lions Clubs are experts in collections. They bring local knowledge, reliability and organisational skills, which make them the perfect partners for Marie Curie.

Marie Curie hold collections throughout February and March as part of their **Great Daffodil Appeal** and we are calling on your club to get involved.

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Morrisons' Week

This year, we have been given a fantastic opportunity by Morrisons'. They have given us a whole week of collection dates across the whole of the UK. We will be in-store from **March 9th – 15th** collecting.

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Lions Clubs have raised an amazing **£910,047** which has funded **3,565** hours of local nursing care during the last seven years by supporting **Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal**.

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Marie Curie

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Lions Event

January 2020 — *Hunger Awareness Month*

	Announcement of the British Isles Peace Poster and Essay Winners
13th January	Melvin Jones' Birthday, Founder of Lions Clubs International
13th – 17th January	LCIF Week

February 2020 — *Childhood Cancer Awareness Month*

15th February	International Childhood Cancer Day
21st – 23rd February	Young Ambassadors Finals Weekend in Dudley

March 2020 — *Brain Tumour Awareness Month*

7th March	42nd Annual Lions Day with the United Nations in New York, USA
10th March	Lions Day with the United Nations at the Palace of Westminster
20th March – 13th April	Great British Spring Clean

April 2020 — *Environmental Awareness Month*

22nd April	International Earth Day

May 2020

1st – 3rd May	Lions Clubs MD105 Convention, Birmingham

June 2020

1st June	Helen Keller Day
5th June	World Environment Day
6th June	World Hunger Awareness Day
7th June	Lions Clubs International Birthday
8th – 14th June	Diabetes Week in the UK
26th – 30th June	103rd International Convention in Singapore

Calendar 2020

July 2020

6th – 12th July	Health Information Week in the UK
31st July – 10th August	Youth Exchange and Youth Camp in New College, Worcester

August 2020

12th August	International Youth Day

September 2020

20th – 23rd September	Great British Beach Clean
23rd – 29th September	National Eye Health Week in the UK

October 2020 *Vision Awareness Month*

1st – 3rd October	Lions Europa Forum (Thessaloniki, Greece)
8th October	World Sight Day
15th October	International White Cane Safety Day
16th October	World Food Day
24th October	United Nations Day

November 2020 *Diabetes Awareness Month*

14th November	World Diabetes Day

December 2020

5th December	International Leo Day

New events are included throughout the year to the International Lions Events Calendar
https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/lions-events-calendar

Lions Clubs International Forums are held in different regions
across the world, a full listing is available
https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/forums

Diabetes

Raising awareness on World Diabetes Day

Almost four million people in the UK suffer with diabetes, 90 percent of them with type 2 diabetes. Treating it costs £14bn a year – 10 percent of the NHS budget*. World Diabetes Day was held last November and Windsor Lions helped to raise awareness of this increasing health problem by manning a stand at a supermarket in Windsor. They provided leaflets and information about the disease along with a quiz asking shoppers to rank jars of cooking sauces and chutneys by the amount of sugar they contained. Most were staggered that a small jar of mango chutney contained 24 teaspoons of sugar!

***https://www.diabetes.co.uk/cost-of-diabetes.html**

PICTURED: Windsor Lions helped to raise awareness of type 2 diabetes with this stand at a local Tesco

Lions Club Godiva Coventry – Diabetes Awareness Day

To mark World Diabetes Day 2019, and in partnership with Coventry and Rugby Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Lions Club Godiva Coventry held a Diabetes Awareness Day in the local Ramgharia Gurudwara.

It was a large scale event at the Gurudwara as local communities were taking part in the global celebrations to mark the Holy Guru Nanak Devji's 550th birthday so it was an ideal an opportunity to reach out to hundreds of people.

The team engaged with almost 350 people on the day – advice was offered and information about support services to prevent the disease in the first place was also shared.

126 of these people took a health screening test to check their blood glucose level and blood pressure checks were carried out by NHS volunteers. They also took height, weight and waist measurements to determine the body mass index and whether they were at risk of diabetes.

One in 10 people were diagnosed as being pre-diabetic and were given expert advice about the next steps.

There was opportunity to share other health information, such as NHS 111, winter health, prostate cancer screening benefits and the Message in a Bottle scheme.

The event gave families and members of the community the unique opportunity to discuss any other concerns about their health, and some Punjabi speaking volunteers from the Lions Club were available to support with any language barriers.

Club members also prepared a simple vegetarian lunch to promote the important message about healthy, nutritious food.

PICTURED: Checking blood glucose levels

PICTURED: Quick and easy blood pressure test

PICTURED: Promoting healthy, nutritious food

PICTURED: More than just a book shop

Lions help the NHS

When the West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust was looking for a central location in Hemel Hempstead to distribute NHS hearing aid batteries, the Lions book shop in the Marlowes Shopping Centre was ideally placed.

Now, people with NHS hearing aids simply show their record books, collect new batteries from the shop and leave their old ones for recycling.

The book shop has been running for more than 10 years and is open seven days a week, manned by volunteers from local Lions Clubs. It is also a collection point for used and unwanted hearing aids as well as spectacles, these are refurbished and support hearing and sight schemes in the developing world.

Harrogate home comforts

Harrogate Lions donated 100 toiletry packs to the emergency department and medical admissions unit at Harrogate District Hospital recently. They will be offered to patients who are admitted into hospital in an emergency, and include shower gel, a comb, soap, a flannel, a toothbrush and toothpaste.

Matron, Steph Davis, said: "I'd like to thank Harrogate Lions Club for the toiletry packs. They will be of huge benefit to patients who are admitted into our care unexpectedly."

PICTURED: Harrogate Lions donating toiletries to local hospital

Brain Tumour Research project goes viral

Clubs are already organising events in aid of Brain Tumour Research and so far, we have raised more £16,000 towards the £1million target.

Kingswinford and Stourbridge Lions Club raised £410 recently at their quiz night and Droitwich Lions Club raised £1,200 with their charity concert in aid of Brain Tumour Research and other local charities. An additional £212 was raised on the night from the sale of Brain Tumour Research pin badges.

Project lead, Fran Stary, said: "I have been touched by the sheer number of stories of Lions who have been affected in one way or another by brain tumours. It adds to my determination to achieve the £1million target to help find a cure for a disease that has affected so many of us.

"Together we will do it!"

GET INVOLVED

Email Lion Fran Stary at: **franstary@lionsclubs.co.uk** and let her know what your Club is planning, where possible, she will attend your event.

MDHQ holds a stock of leaflets (free of charge) for Clubs holding events and also has banners, tablecloths, hats and buckets available for loan. There is a limited amount so be sure to get in touch as early as possible if you need any.

Share your stories and fundraising photos so they can be added to our website.

Visit: **https://lionsclubs.co/MemberArea/brain-tumour-research/** for updates.

The Early Start Programme

Supported by Lions, the MedicAlert Early Start Programme (ESP) offers free membership for vulnerable children every year up until their 10th birthday.

Membership provides each child with a personal electronic record that securely stores their information including comprehensive medical history, directives or precautions to ensure fast and accurate first care decisions in an emergency. This full record is only a phone call away via the MedicAlert 24/7 emergency phone line.

Each child receives their first item of MedicAlert jewellery free of charge. The disc is engraved with their most critical medical information, the emergency phone line and their unique membership number, so that paramedics and first responders can access the child's electronic record quickly.

ESP AND LIONS CLUBS GIVING SERVICE

Joshua Mountford is six and has several conditions including eczema, asthma and hay fever and was recently diagnosed with a severe nut allergy. He became a MedicAlert member through the ESP when he was three.

His MedicAlert membership and ID jewellery help to provide his family with the peace of mind that, in an emergency situation, his details can be obtained quickly when every second matters.

Kate, Joshua's mum, said: "Joshua's dad and I are Community First Responders and the ESP came to our attention when we attended an awareness meeting arranged by a local Lion, David, of Thirsk Lions Club; one of the speakers was the Lions Club national MedicAlert coordinator."

"We were already aware of medical ID jewellery and the protection it provides to the wearer; however, we hadn't yet come across anything we thought would be suitable for Joshua. After the meeting with John, we realised we had found the perfect thing to keep Joshua safe. We registered straight away and Joshua became a member".

"We try our best to ensure Joshua isn't affected by the precautions we take due to his allergy. When we ask, he says his allergy doesn't make him feel different to anyone else, which I am thankful for. Now he has his MedicAlert membership and ID jewellery, I have peace of mind and know it's a lifeline for him, should the worst happen."

Jacob Clark has Haemophilia B. He is also allergic to aspirin. Jacob became a MedicAlert member through the ESP and he wears his MedicAlert sports band with pride. His hidden medical conditions are engraved on his bracelet, so they can be seen by his teachers if he has an accident at school.

His mum, Eloise, said: "In the event of a medical emergency, I know that MedicAlert is only a phone call away, so that Jacob gets the treatment that he needs. This gives me peace of mind when he is away from me and I am reassured knowing he is wearing his MedicAlert bracelet."

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

When a parent has a child living with a medical condition, it can be quite challenging and stressful. They may have an allergy that puts them at risk of an anaphylactic reaction, diabetes that needs to be managed and monitored, epilepsy, autism or a heart condition that teachers need to be aware of. All parents want to keep their children safe, but cannot be with them all the time.

This is a potentially life-saving service provided by MedicAlert and sponsored by Lions Club International throughout the UK. It offers parents and the entire family the reassurance that, in the event of an emergency situation, their child will be safe.

PICTURED: Joshua became a MedicAlert member when he was just three

PICTURED: Jacob wears his MedicAlert sports band with pride

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MEDICALERT

To celebrate 55 years of the MedicAlert – Lions Clubs partnership, MedicAlert has offered to match every two children funded by Lions Clubs with one more from their central charity funds. This joint funding will run this until the end of July 2020.

To support this Lions Global Service – MedicAlert project you can send your donation to your District Treasurer or direct to The MedicAlert Foundation, Suite 1, Liscombe South, Liscombe Park, Soulbury, Leighton Buzzard LU7 0JL.

For donations sent direct to MedicAlert, your Club will receive a letter of thanks and information regarding children supported in your area.

For more information regarding the Lions ESP please contact Lion John Sutherland at: **johnsuth2016@gmail.com**

PICTURED: The MedicAlert bracelet is engraved with members' most critical medical information

PICTURED: Guest speaker, Helen Pierce with Tony Pickup President of the Lions Club of St. Austell

Sight problems in children

At their last meeting St Austell Lions welcomed dispensing optician, Helen Pierce, who gave an informative talk on the importance of the early diagnosis of sight problems in children.

Helen said: "An estimated one million UK children are currently living with undiagnosed eye/vision problems. This needs addressing as soon as possible so that they can achieve their full potential. Some eye conditions have symptoms that parents and carers can look out for, and others are harder to discover without a test.

For more information please visit: **https://www.abdo.org.uk/eyecarefaq/childrens-eyecare-basics/** or speak to your local optician.

Birmingham Handsworth Lions support Solihull Community Advice hubs

Lions Clubs' 'Message in a Bottle' scheme is a simple and effective way for people to keep their basic personal and medical details where they can be found in an emergency on a standard form and in a common location – the fridge.

It helps the emergency services to identify an individual very quickly and lets them know if they have any allergies or take special medication. The service and kits are provided free of charge, and more than seven million kits have been distributed by Lions Clubs in recent years to people with conditions such as diabetes, allergies, disabilities and life-threatening illnesses.

Last November, Kate Turrell, manager at Solihull Community Advice Hubs, invited Birmingham Handsworth Lions to speak about Message in a Bottle and provide kits to be distributed through their Solihull advice centre and at Chemsley Wood.

Kate said: "We are grateful for Birmingham Handsworth Lions Club for providing these valuable, free kits. We have a lot of demand for them and their benefits are unquestionable."

Lions install 27th defibrillator

PICTURED: (L-R) Andrew Hill Portishead Lions; John Miles local resident, Roy Shaw Lions President, Phil Joyner Portishead Lions, John Beynon landlord of the Black Horse and Derrick Roberts, Parish Councillor for Clapton

Portishead Lions Club have installed their 27th defibrillator. The latest one is at the Black Horse pub in the remote village of Clapton in Gordano. Local resident, John Miles donated £2,500 towards the cost to buy and install it and it will give peace of mind to residents.

Portishead Lions are coming towards the end of their campaign to install defibrillators in Portishead and surrounding areas within their Club's boundary, but are still raising money to pay for the ongoing maintenance of the units.

South Yorkshire Lions give Children's Air Ambulance a lift

Lions Clubs in the South Yorkshire region celebrated 40 years of the South Yorkshire Police Brass Band with a concert in Doncaster Minster. The recently crowned national champions, Second Section, were conducted by their musical director, Leigh Baker. Also appearing was guest solo percussionist, Simone Rebello, who gave an enthralling display of her skill on the xylophone and vibraphone.

Nearly £10,000 was raised for the Children's Air Ambulance, which provides specialist and intensive care in the air for critically ill babies and children.

PICTURED: Simone Rebello, solo percussionist at the concert in Doncaster Minster

Lions' Classic Car Tour helps Slide Away

The Tonbridge Lions Classic Car Tour has been raising funds for six years now for a variety of charities and good causes.

Last year, one of the beneficiaries was Slide Away, an organisation that provides a bereavement support service to children and young people in West Kent. It helps them to manage their grief through a range of creative and outdoor activities.

Lion President, Lofty Bunyon, presented a cheque for £500 to Lyn Mannering, a trustee of Slide Away.

Lions brave the weather for fireworks night

Dartford Lions Club's biggest fundraiser last year was their bonfire night and fireworks display.

While other displays throughout Kent were cancelled because of atrocious weather, the Dartford Lions amazed local residents yet again and the event was an overwhelming success.

Club President, Lion Milne Davidson, said: 'We were determined not to disappoint people who had already bought tickets for this event and the dedication of the Lions and all the other volunteers ensured that this did not happen".

"The generosity of everyone who attended means that we will be able to continue to support local charities and individuals throughout the coming year".

GARFORTH LIONS RAISE THOUSANDS

Garforth's 2019 community bonfire was given a boost with their fantastic win earlier in the year in Tesco's Bags of Help scheme, which helped them pay for the firework display and the skip hire.

The weather was better in Garforth than it was in Dartford, making it another successful community event. They raised more than £3,000 from collections which will go towards supporting other local projects.

If other Lion Clubs would be interested in applying for a grant visit: **tesco.com/bagsofhelp**

PICTURED: Garforth Lions framing up for a great event!

Wokingham Lions Club donates profits from first comedy night

Wokingham Lions Club donated proceeds from the first #Woky Comedy Night to the WADE Day Centre and the Ollie Young Foundation.

Jackie Wilson, of the WADE Day Centre, said: "We are so grateful for the continued support of the Wokingham Lions. Their recent donation will be used to enhance the activities and services we provide for our day centre clients, many of whom are suffering from various stages of dementia, or physical challenges."

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Lions to the rescue

When members of Douglas Valley Lions Club visited St. Vincent's School in Liverpool, a specialist school for sensory impairment and other needs, they discovered that they were in urgent need of a new minibus. So, with the help of Liverpool Lions, Lions Evan Jones and John Tamlin set to work on raising more than £24,000.

A matching grant was obtained from Lions Clubs International Foundation and the keys to a magnificent nine-seat Toyota Versace were handed to the school recently.

PICTURED: St. Vincent's head girl and boy, Caitlin and Rainbow with Liverpool Lions and others who donated to the project

PICTURED: The Lion branded minibus for St. Vincent's School

Sarah Simpson, founder and trustee of the Ollie Young Foundation, said: "The money we received from the #Woky Comedy Night will be put towards securing our fourth PhD student, who will research a cure or prevention for paediatric brain tumours, like the one that Ollie had. Thank you."

PICTURED: (L-R) Sarah Simpson and Barbara Young of the Ollie Young Foundation, Lyn Baily of Wokingham Lions Club, Jackie Wilson of WADE and John Cleary of Wokingham Lions Club

Ruislip Lions pull in the funds

Like most Clubs, Ruislip Lions come up with lots of different ways of raising money for good causes, here are just a few of their successful activities.

Over three days last October and with the help of Lion Rory, they raised more than £800 at their local Waitrose to support Hillingdon MIND and Hillingdon Young Carers.

Then at their 'Last Night of the Proms' they raised £1,500 and their stall at the Pinner Panto Fair raised £193.00.

The Harefield /Brompton Charity Santa run put a further £70 into the charity pot and just before last Christmas, they worked with Ickenham Residents Association to run a Chocolate and Teddy Tombola – bringing in £222.

The Sacred Hearts Church fair following the carol service there raised a further £90.04.

RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS

With minds always on the future, Ruislip Lions manned a stall at Brunel Volunteers Fair to encourage students to volunteer to help Lions and 59 of them signed up.

PICTURED: 'Ruslip Rory'

PICTURED: Clevedon Lions visited the new Great Western Air Ambulance HQ

Keeping the air ambulance flying

Clevedon Lions support the Great Western Air Ambulance (GWAAC) and as a thank you, were invited to visit the new headquarters for a conducted tour.

GWAAC launched an appeal in 2018 to help them to buy new premises near Almondsbury interchange and £1.30m was raised by the local community. The annual cost of running the service is over £3m and it all comes from charitable donations.

The specialist team is made up of critical care doctors, specialist paramedics and specialist Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) pilots who attend, on average, six missions a day throughout Gloucestershire, Bristol and Somerset. They also run two critical care cars from the base.

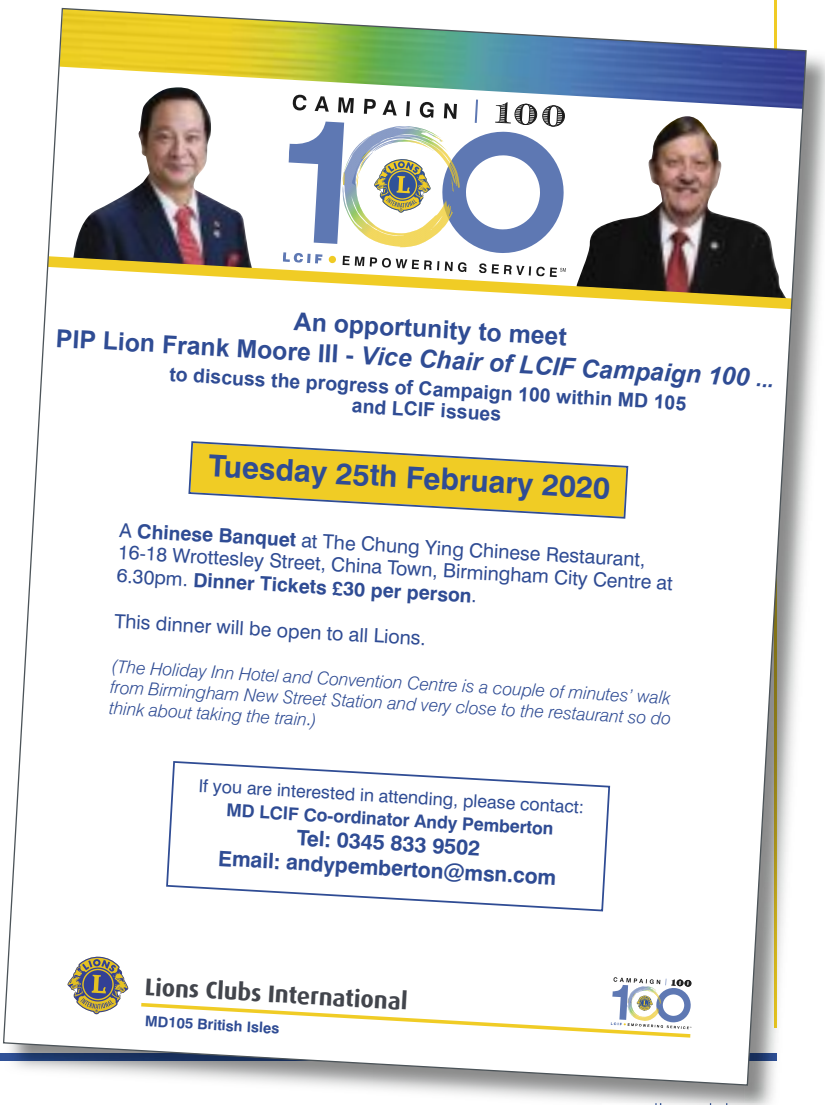
The visit was extremely informative and gave Clevedon Lions the opportunity to see how all their donations are used.

Lions visit BBC studios

Plymouth Lion, Jill Owen, arranged for a group of 19 Lions, their partners and friends to look round the BBC Plymouth TV and radio studios last autumn.

After delivering the lunchtime edition of Spotlight, presenter, Andy Breare, and the programme producer answered questions about last minute adjustments they sometimes have to make to the programmes and passed on some secrets from behind the scenes.

PICTURED: The TV control room at BBC Plymouth



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Cheese on porridge anyone?

Felixtowe Lion, Lisa Williams, fought off contestants from 11 countries to win the Golden Spurtle at the World Porridge Making Championship. This was the 26th year of the championship which is held in Carrbridge in the Scottish Highlands and the fourth time that Lisa had entered. In the competition, the porridge must be made using only the traditional ingredients of oatmeal, water and salt and the golden spurtle is named after the traditional implement used to stir the porridge while it cooks.

Lisa said: "I absolutely love the competition. From the moment you step into the village hall you are welcomed like family. It's hard to describe but from the flags and the tartan, to the people from the village who organise everything, the ladies who serve the porridge, the volunteers who wash up our equipment, the porridge parade, the bagpipes – it's just magical!".

PICTURED: Golden Spurtle winner, Lisa Williams

Lisa runs Stennetts Community Café for adults with learning difficulties in Trimley St. Mary, near Felixstowe. She has twice been President of the Lions Club of Felixstowe and has been an active member for 17 years.

At home Lisa likes cheese on her porridge.

MBE for Greenford Lion

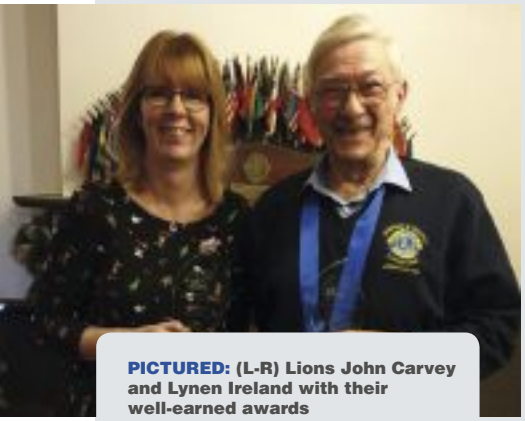
Greenford Lion, Kanti Nagda, was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in the 2020 New Year Honours list.

PICTURED: Lion Kanti Nagda MBE

Two Uckfield Lions make the rest of us feel inadequate!

Uckfield Lions President, John Carvey, and Lions Secretary, Lynne Ireland, have been honoured at the 2019 Uckfield FM Community awards.

Lion John received the Paddy Rea Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award that recognises and honours someone who has continuously given back to the local community. John was a Wealden district councillor for four years, Uckfield Town councillor for eight years and Mayor for three years. He is now treasurer and trustee for two local groups, President of Uckfield Bonfire Society, President of the local British Legion branch, and of course, President of Uckfield Lions.



PICTURED: (L-R) Lions John Carvey and Lynen Ireland with their well-earned awards

Lion Lynne won the Volunteer of the Year Award. A Lion for 27 years, she works tirelessly for the local community being Secretary of Uckfield Lions and is vice chair of the District Convention committee. She is secretary to three other local organisations and is on the organising committee for Uckfield's very successful late night Christmas shopping event and the Uckfield festival week.

As well as all this work, Lynne has abseiled from the i360 in Brighton and done two 100k walks across the Sussex downs for the Alzheimer's society.

55 years – and counting

Plymouth Lion, Roger Carver (95) has been given a special 55 year service award for his unstinting service to the local community on behalf of Lions.

Roger is the last remaining Charter member of the Club which was formed and chartered on 16th January 1965, with 19 members. He has loyally served as an active member at the majority of fundraising activities and presentations for many years with his late wife, Lorna, before becoming a privileged club member. Roger served as President of the Club in 1969/70.

PICTURED: Privilege Lion, Roger Carver, accepts his award from Plymouth President, George Poad and Privileged Lion, Geoff Woodland

Another award for Lion Robbie

At the November business meeting of the Lions Club of St. Austell, Lion Robbie Bhonsle was presented with an award acknowledging his contribution to recruiting new members.

PICTURED: (L-R) Lion David Honey presents Robbie Bhonsle with his award

Two awards for Roche Lions

Lion Heather Vaughan was presented with her 30 years' service badge recently. She has been a member of the Lions Club of Roche since its inception in 2002, and Lion Mel Tapping received a special Centenary award for increasing membership of the Club.

PICTURED: Lion Heather Vaughan with President, Jack Heaton

PICTURED: Lion Mel Tapping with 1st Vice District Governor, David Fitzpatrick

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District 105A youth celebration

On Sunday 24th November, Lions of 105A hosted another successful District Youth Celebration (DYC) for disabled and disadvantaged young people and their carers at Allum Hall, Elstree.

The year's theme was 'Toy Story' and thanks to all the volunteers, sponsorship and support, the hall was transformed to provide a great atmosphere. There was plenty of music, dancing, clowns, face painters and balloon artists etc. to entertain more than 500 guests including the Mayors of Elstree, Barnet and Harrow and many Lions and Leos of the District.

Dartford Scouts invest in the next generation

Dartford Lions Club encourages the organisations it supports to give updates on how they have benefited from the help given to them by the Club. Although this is not always possible, (due to the nature of support given) when organisations do provide updates it is very satisfying to see the difference that Lions have made.

At their first meeting of 2020, members of the Dartford Scouts gave Lions a presentation of their trip to the USA and Canada, where they were representing the UK as part of the 2019 Jamboree.

The group of seven presented a very powerful and well prepared slideshow all about their trip, the various events they attended and also, the massive impact they felt that the trip had made on them.

From having the experience of going abroad without their family, to an increase in confidence, working with others and a huge boost in communication skills – this group covered it all.

At their presentation to Dartford Lions, it was very clear to see the passion the group had for their trip. One of the most common points all seven scouts had was that "it was amazing to work alongside so many different nationalities who all had one thing in common – Scouting!"

Club members agreed that this was a very good investment in the next generation.

PICTURED: **Dartford Scouts updating their supporters about the 2019 Jamboree**

Articulated and talented young people at Youth Camp

Chris Whiteley, District 105N Youth Exchange Officer, reports on the 2019 MD Youth camp.

What a Camp we had this year with 37 young people from 22 countries. It was an amazing group of individuals; they were articulated, talented and capable of working together at short notice – amply demonstrated by their 30 minute cabaret for the gala evening that they put together in just four days.

Before the delegates arrive at Camp they have already 'met' each other through a What's App group, which also keeps them up-to-date with plans and arrangements.

A Westbury Leo joins Westbury Lions Club!

19-year-old Maddy Strout, was a charter member of the Alpha Leos Club in Westbury when it was formed at Matravers School in 2015 and in November, she became a member of Westbury Lions Club.

Lion Maddy said: "I hope I can be a real asset to the Club and encourage more young people from our community to come and join us to have fun and care for the people around us."

Matravers School governor, Lion Nigel Coward, has been overjoyed to see the Leos start to deliver new membership. He said: "The Leos Club has been a great advert for the Lions in Westbury, and it has also shown the finest qualities of the students of Matravers School in our community. Many of our older Leos are showing enthusiasm for moving into the Lions Club as they leave secondary education, and this shows that our strategy for putting youth at the forefront of Club activity is now paying off.

"Now as the strategy begins to yield results, it is encouraging to see other Clubs seeking to follow our lead and establish a long-term view not only for growing membership but also in ensuring the organisation's name and deep ties to the community are reinforced across all age groups."

Maddy joins her parents in Westbury Lions Club – mum, Michelle, is the current President and Club's Leos officer, and dad, Craig is also a member.

PICTURED: DG Jarvis MacDonald welcomes Maddy Strout to Westbury Lions Club

The 2020 Jamboree

The Lions Club of Launceston have donated £100 to Ella Stephens of Tregadillett Guides towards her trip to the International Jamboree of Scouts and Guides, which is being held in Gdańsk, Poland later this year.

PICTURED: With the help of Launceston Lions, Ella is off to Gdańsk this summer

Youth Exchange delegates are hosted by families all over the UK for the first 10 days. They then go on to the Camp for 10 days and with help of Lions Clubs, they learn our culture with visits to local attractions. They also have to take part in a Service Day which they did last year by helping Lions Clubs at the Doncaster Fun and Sports Day.

#LionsGetInvolved #JoinUs

Social Media Tools for Lions Clubs

Lions Clubs and individual Lions use social media to connect with individuals, community groups, businesses and media. They share news of projects, events and service activities. As a global network, Lions can follow each other on social media, like and share content, and engage through direct messaging. Together we can boost awareness of what we do, show how we get involved and encourage others to join us. Facebook, Twitter and Instagram are the most useful for Lions Clubs.

TIPS:

TIPS

- Plan ahead – have a schedule of stories, photographs and short videos to post or share.
- Use social media apps for easy posting, including live from events.
- Add the Club's social media details on other communications and ask people to connect.
- Create interesting imagery – photographs, graphics and short videos.
- Before posting Lions photographs featuring people, remember to get their permission.
- Encourage those attending Lions events to share their photos on the Club's social media.
- Use a hashtag for content to be found. For example #WeServe #LionsGetInvolved.
- Share content published by other Lions Clubs, your District and the MD accounts.
- Remember that everything you post should be suitable for sharing publicly.
- Answer comments and direct messages promptly and remember #KindnessMatters.

Facebook - People have profiles – organisations, such as Lions Clubs need to set up a page. At least one Club member with a Facebook account needs to be the page admin. Include the Lions logo, and a header image, which can be changed to highlight upcoming events. Add information about the Club, photos, videos and events. Invite people to follow the Club page.

Twitter - Create a profile with a unique name of up to 15 characters. Use the Lions logo as the profile photo and you'll also need a header image. Add a brief biography (up to 160 characters) and a pinned Tweet with more information to stay at the top of your timeline. Next find people to follow from the local community (including media). Add news Tweets (short posts) and reply to others' Tweets. This will help attract followers.

Instagram - Set up a free business account. Add a Club profile, logo and contact button. Create good quality images and craft interesting captions to tell stories. Include hashtags to attract followers. Use the profile/biography to add links to events.

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Tales of Keith Trott

At the age of 24, Keith Trott became the youngest member of his Club, and quite possibly of the whole of the country. Sixty-five years later, Lion Keith remains a proud member of Keighley Lions Club.

A fresh face among a crowd of middle-aged businessmen, Keith joined Lions at an exciting time. The Keighley Club was newly organised when the long awaited visit of International President Monroe L. Nute from Pennsylvania USA was announced. His itinerary included attending a joint meeting of the Bradford, Leeds, Blackpool and Huddersfield Clubs.

Bradford Lions – then the largest Club in the country, with 77 members – sponsored Keighley Lions Club. Thanks to some quick work, the Club's charter was arranged for 28th March 1955 with the Charter presented by the International President.

Lion Ed. Peckham, District Governor for the British Isles, praised the achievement during an official visit to the Club that year, saying: "there were only seven weeks between the foundation and chartering of the Club and that was a marvellously fine record".

112 YEARS OF SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY

Sponsored by Bradford's Lion Willie Lightowler as the Keighley Club was being formed, Lion Keith's first job was the grandly titled, Chairman of Publicity. Two years later, Keith became Club Secretary and held this office for 33 years, which he felt was "long enough".

He also served as Club President at least twice, Zone Chairman, and Sergeant at Arms for the District. Alongside this outstanding service, Keith became a Freemason in 1963 and later, the Worshipful Master of Keighley Lodge, which he still attends. The time he has given to Lions and the Freemasonry totals an amazing 112 years.

Like many Lions, Keith recalls attending his first Lions Convention. Held in Blackpool from 13th-15th May, 1955, this was the same weekend that Keith and his late wife, Ann Patricia, got married. The newlyweds received a congratulatory telegram from fellow Lions that was read out at Convention.

Keith became a regular at Conventions, where his trademark shout, "TROTT, KEIGHLEY", could be heard in any venue (without the aid of a microphone) as he stood to 'Challenge, Comment or Agree' with motions being proposed or discussed.

LOVELY MEMORIES

One funny event Keith remembers from the late 1950s was when the Club bought a barrel organ that had to be moved across the town to where it would be stored.

"Being the youngest member, I was 'volunteered' to hang on to the shafts whilst sitting in the open rear doors of a van being driven from the pickup point, down a steep hill, West Lane in Keighley, then through the main streets to the destination. Good job we got there safely as the organ was used for street collections and galas for the next 30 plus years."

PICTURED: Lion Keith Trott with with Lion Amin Dada

PICTURED: Keith Trott, tuning to face the camera, with his late wife by his side

Another memory is one of Keith's proudest achievements. "For a number of years, the Club hired an engine and nine carriages from British Rail and sold tickets, filling all seats for a journey to London. As the train was on its way, our Treasurer, Selwyn Dewhurst and myself, moved along the carriages with trolleys full of Keighley-made 'Yorkshire' pork pies. I reckon, I actually walked to London doing all the hard work, while Selwyn just collected the money."

Telling the story behind the bronze German Shepherd dog ornament proudly displayed on his bookshelf at home, Keith explains: "Our third Club President, Lion John A Davis, became involved with Guide Dogs for the Blind in 1957. During his year of office we raised enough to sponsor a dog. Over the years, the club sponsored 33 dogs in total. When John passed away, his wife gave me the bronze which had been presented to the Club."

A report in the Lion magazine of March 1955 ends: "Congratulations, Keighley, and long life and happiness in Lionism". Clearly this is a message that Lion Keith Trott took to heart.

KEIGHLEY LIONS CLUB MEETS

PICTURED: This photo, taken in 1956 shows Lion Keith Trott holding the Keighley Lions Plaque

KEIGHLEY LIONS CLUB WELCOME

PICTURED: Lion Keith Trott, standing first left (1955)

Gifts in memory benefit future generations

LIBRA often receives enquiries from individuals who wish to set up tribute funds in memory of a loved one. Every story is different, and we are always touched to find out why LIBRA has been chosen as the beneficiary.

A gift in memory of a loved one is a wonderful tribute to their life, and a touching way to help raise funds for the Haematology Department at King's College Hospital (King's). Gifts given in tribute help their work to tackle blood cancers and blood disorders.

WHY GIULIA WANTED TO GIVE IN MEMORY

LIBRA received an email recently from Giulia Cane from Kent, who lost her husband, Steve, to lymphoma. She raised more than £4,000 in his memory, to mark his bravery and the outstanding care he received at King's. Here, Giulia shares her story:

"My beautiful husband Steve was first diagnosed with large diffuse B-cell lymphoma in March 2018. He received a course of chemotherapy that summer and was amazingly positive and brave throughout. Despite the treatment, he was a fantastic, fun-loving dad to our two girls, and a loving and thoughtful husband to me.

"In March 2019 we discovered that the lymphoma had relapsed and far more aggressively this time. Steve, yet again, was positive and strong from the outset. He had another course of chemotherapy and many people around him did not realise how seriously ill he was because he never complained or felt sorry for himself.

"This time round, the chemotherapy was not enough and Steve was approved for a very new, ground-breaking treatment for terminal blood cancer patients called Car T-cell therapy. Steve knew from the start that the risk involved in this treatment was extremely high, but he was determined to try it in the hope that he would get better.

"Steve was admitted to King's for the Car T-cell therapy on 9th August and he received outstanding care from the staff. Amazingly, the infusion of Steve's own genetically modified cells only took 15 minutes.

PICTURED: Steve and his daughters

"He stayed in hospital for the following three weeks and when his condition deteriorated he was admitted to critical care where he received the best treatment and nursing anyone could wish for, making his final days as special as possible.

"As a family, we decided to set up a tribute fund for LIBRA so that we can remember Steve and help others like him receive the best possible treatments and care available. It is wonderful that we have been able to raise such an amazing amount. Steve would be proud."

SETTING UP A TRIBUTE FUND

Many supporters like to ask for donations to LIBRA instead of flowers at their loved one's memorial service. A note about LIBRA and how funds are used is often included at the back of the order of service.

Funeral directors can take cheque donations for 'LIBRA' and post them directly to LIBRA Treasurer, Rob Pullinger, via 20 Soundy Paddock, Biggleswade, Bedfordshire, SG18 0RQ.

LIBRA also has a secure, online fundraising account with Virgin Money Giving so that individuals can set up personal tribute fund pages in memory of their loved one. It can be set up to raise funds for the current 'Going for Gold' campaign here: **http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/goingforgold**

If you would like to arrange a tribute fund in memory of someone special and require LIBRA's help, please email: **info@libralionscharity.org**

Visit website: **www.libralionscharity.org**

GOING FOR GOLD

Kindness mattered to the man in the bow tie

A tribute to International First Vice President Judge Haynes Townsend

By Jamie Konigsfeld

In the Autumn of 2019, the video team at Lions Clubs International headquarters sat down with First Vice President, Judge Haynes Townsend to begin capturing footage for his presidential videos. We interviewed the Judge, his family, and those who knew him well. On 17th December 2019, VP Townsend passed away unexpectedly. Here is a portrait of the man by his family, friends and himself during these interviews. He will be greatly missed by his family and by his extended Lions family.

As a Judge in the Whitfield County Magistrate court in Georgia, Haynes Townsend, 64, often saw people on their worst days. People being evicted from their homes or charged with stealing food. He knew these were not bad people, but people in bad circumstances. One day he was faced with a young woman in her early twenties with three children in tow, ranging in age from three or four down to an infant in her arms. She had been charged with shoplifting.

"I'd like to plead guilty," she said. He asked her what she had shoplifted. "Baby food and nappies," she responded. She had just moved to the area from Kentucky and her husband left her shortly after they arrived. She couldn't afford childcare, which meant she couldn't get a job. So, she had no money.

Judge Townsend dismissed the charges against her and asked her to wait for him until he was finished with court that day. He then contacted local shelters, which gave her a place to stay and food to eat.

It's what he loved about the job — being able to help people solve their problems. He became good at knowing who was telling the truth and who was leaving something out. But regardless, his motto was always to lead with compassion.

"I knew it wasn't going to do any good to put her in jail," he said. "If you can't put yourself in someone else's shoes, then you can't be an effective judge."

Before becoming a judge, Townsend had helped run a hardware store with his mother in Dalton, Georgia, where she instilled in him the importance of working hard. But Townsend never seemed to find life very hard.

"Growing up in Dalton was a lesson in small town culture," he said of his hometown, which sits at the base of the Appalachian Trail.

As the only child of Clifford and Evelyn Townsend, he was doted on. His father, a pilot and former flight instructor during WWII, taught Townsend to fly at a very young age. "I actually soloed when I was 10 years old. They don't generally let you do that anymore," he said.

When he wasn't flying with his father or helping his mother at the hardware store, his playmates were the diverse group of neighbourhood kids who, like him, lived on the 'wrong side of the tracks.' If they wanted to play baseball, they'd find some space, mark off some lines, and play. They didn't have umpires, and nobody fussed about the rules. "Everybody recognised when they were out," he says. "It was that kind of experience that taught us how to get along with each other, and how to trust each other."

His friends crossed racial and cultural divides and he credits that for teaching him how to get along with all kinds of people, which has served him well in his career as a Lion.

"Diversity can be termed in many different ways, and it's not all about colour, religion, or what country you come from," he said. "A lot of it is just about ideas that you have about some of these other cultures around the world and how you react to those, and we have to be willing to accept those ideas, because that's how we grow as a species, and how we turn into better human beings."

After graduating from high school, Townsend attended Young Harris College, a small junior college in the mountains of northeast Georgia, where he met his wife, Donna. He sat next to her at a showing of 'Night of the Living Dead' at a theatre on campus. "I had bubble gum in my mouth, and I was blowing bubbles," said Donna. "I had the biggest bubble and Haynes reached over and he popped the thing. It went all over my face. And I thought, 'Okay, this relationship is over.'"

But it wasn't. It was the beginning of a 40-year marriage. "We've been partners ever since," said Townsend. Donna describes a man who loved to joke around, but who also loved to take long, quiet drives in the country. "Sometimes we just get in the car and drive through the mountains for three or four hours, and we don't even have to say anything," she said. He loved photography and reading and seemed to be an infinite well of knowledge. She was certain there weren't too many people like him.

The couple had two daughters, Morgan, 36, and Madison, 32, who

PICTURED: The late Judge Townsend and his wife, Donna

learned the importance of kindness by watching their father.

Madison recalls a time when she was young and the family was going to out to eat. There was a man outside asking for help and her father asked the man to join them for lunch. "I was in shock," she said, but she was also in admiration of him. "Every time I see something like that – somebody needing some food or just help – I think back to that day."

Morgan remembers when her cousin had her first child and her father went to the hospital to see her and the new baby. "She is a brand new mother and my dad was carrying this tiny little baby around, helping to change its nappy, because she didn't know what she was doing yet."

Not only did he show kindness to others, but to his daughters, too. He supported them in all their endeavours, teaching them to go after whatever they wanted, and to go at it full force, with open arms and a humble heart.

Kindness was something he lived. He truly believed the world could be a better place if people were kind to one another. "That's what we have the ability to do as Lions," he said. "Unleash that kindness onto the world."

Townsend joined the Dalton Noon Lions Club in his hometown shortly after he and Donna were married, and Donna began attending events shortly after. "I thought, 'I'm never going to see this guy if I don't go with him,'" she said. He sponsored her when women were allowed to join, and she has never looked back. "Haynes took me from a quiet little town in Dalton, Georgia, with a population of 35,000, to billions of people around the world. Who gets to do that?"

In addition to being a Lion, Townsend was also part of Dalton First United Methodist Church, the Downtown Dalton Development Authority and the Dalton Christmas parade. Most recently, he was nominated for Judge of the Year by the state of Georgia. "If you go around town anywhere, they know dad," said Madison. "He'll see somebody walking down the street when they're going out to get lunch or going out to the grocery store and he'll take five, 10 minutes out of his day just to catch up with a friend he hasn't seen in forever," she said. He made time for people. It was his way of showing he cared.

"My dad has never known a stranger," said Morgan. "If he meets someone, they're friends forever." He loved to be a part of the community.

But he was truly passionate about the mission of Lions. And more importantly, he believed in Lions themselves.

He urged Lions to invite prospective members to service events, not to meetings. "The millennials and the new people out there don't really want to come to a club meeting that's boring and sit around in there for an hour and a half or two hours and listen to old stories," he said. "They want to do something. They want to get out there and have interaction in the communities and feel like they're helping somebody."

He knew that people came to Lions from all walks of life, and that made the organisation stronger. "I think that's the best thing we can do – be willing to accept what they're willing to give, and know their glass may not be 100 percent full of Lionism. But if it's 50 percent full, we need to drink of that."

Townsend spent more than 40 years as a Lion. And he would have made an exceptional International President.

The influence he has had on others is reflected in the love they give back. As he struggled through illness over the past year, Lions all over the world reached out. The entire organisation has been shaken by his sudden loss. But the fact that he is gone doesn't diminish the impact he has made, and can continue to have, through others who follow the example he set.

In his own words:

"Lions, it's been a privilege having served up until this point…I hope that any time you think you need something, whatever it is, feel free to call…It might be a while before I can call you back, depending on which part of the world I'm in, but keep up the kindness, keep doing great things. God bless you all."

"Rosalynn and I are saddened to learn of the passing of our friend Judge Haynes Townsend. His kindness and generosity were evident in his passion for the Lions Clubs and its partnership with The Carter Center. His legacy will certainly live on in our hearts. We offer our deepest condolences to Haynes' wife, Donna, their daughters, and the global Lions Clubs International family."

– Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter

Ryedale Lions buy 'emergency chair'

Ryedale School has just bought a second evacuation chair for wheelchair users so they can be carried safely downstairs from first floor classrooms in the event of an emergency. Ryedale Lions donated £700 to buy the 'Evac' chair when it heard that they were not provided by the local authority.

Until recently, the school had only one pupil who needed aided assistance in an evacuation. But when two more wheelchair users joined the school it meant that having only one Evac chair was insufficient.

Assistant head, Dr Carolyn Williams, said: "Now that we have a second evacuation chair, all students can benefit from the classrooms, facilities and equipment on the first floor. This has really helped us provide a fully inclusive place to learn."

PICTURED: Ryedale School pupils Mia Strickland (left) and Daisy Kneeshaw with Ryedale Lion Andrew Mansfield and assistant head, Dr Carolyn Williams

PICTURED: You can have any colour, as long as it's 'Lion blue'

Portishead painters

Portishead Youth Club recently asked for help to paint the railings surrounding their building, because they were in urgent need of refurbishment. Portishead Lions Club were happy to help and over a few days, a team of five Lions rubbed the railings down, undercoated them and repainted them.

Head of Centre and Youth Provision at the youth club, Kimberley Jones, said: "We are so thankful to the Lions Club for giving up their time and helping us. It was a huge task but everyone who came to help did an amazing job. Their commitment to helping the community is what helps organisations like ours thrive."

Lions help brighten up hospice

Nailsea Lions have helped to brighten up the Children's Hospice South West near Bristol by presenting them with two colourful planters for the garden outside the Family Room.

The funds for the planters were raised at a garden party hosted by friend of the Lions, Sue Routley, and they were prepared by a local garden centre with plants which would be attractive all year round.

PICTURED: Nailsea Lions with hospice fundraiser, Emma Parker (centre)

Warmth for rough sleepers

When Stevenage Corey's Mill Lions Club President, Caroline Berkley, visited the Feed-up Warm-up drop-in in Stevenage, she a saw that they needed support in a lot of different ways. The community itself has been very kind with all their donations of clothes and food but Caroline found out that the rough sleepers, in particular, were in serious need of sleeping bags.

Corey's Mill Lions put in a request to their District and were awarded 15 sleeping bags which they delivered to the drop-in centre before Christmas. They plan to provide additional funds during the winter for more sleeping bags and other items to keep the rough sleepers warm.

Keeping rescue service going

Môn-SAR is a highly trained and dedicated volunteer lowland search and rescue team that provides emergency services and the community on Ynys Môn (Anglesey) with specialist expertise to search for vulnerable missing people.

They put in an urgent request to Anglesey Central Lions recently as they needed to buy new safety helmets. Their existing ones were just about to 'time expire' and without replacements they couldn't operate. Anglesey Central Lions agreed to buy 10 helmets at £45 each.

PICTURED: (L-R) John Rogers of Môn-SAR with Anglesley Lion, Paul Smith

Tetbury Lions build on science, technology, engineering and maths lessons

Tetbury Lions introduced a Community Gift Card scheme in 2018 to identify and address needs across the whole age spectrum. This led to the creation of a five-member Community Support Group through which it became apparent that the most significant and immediate community need was to improve opportunities for young people in the town, a challenge that was taken up enthusiastically by Lion Warren Hateley.

The primary school advised that 20 percent of their pupils are from disadvantaged backgrounds, which often results in delayed language skills and lower reading skills; this group often struggles to settle into the school environment.

PICTURED: Year 3 programmers

Working with the school, Tetbury Lions set aside a £2,500 Opportunities Fund to help with transport costs for school visits and a Lego Educational Solution Package to promote science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) education.

The Lego Education Package provides the engaging, hands-on experiences pupils need to explore core STEM concepts and link them to real-life. It comes with programming tools and supporting lesson plans for teachers to develop pupils' natural curiosity, helping them develop essential communication, creativity, collaboration and critical thinking-skills in a fun and exciting way. Tactile, flexible solutions grow with pupils as they problem-solve and discover how science, technology, engineering, and maths affect their everyday life.

At the launch of the project Warren said "We chose the Educational Lego because it served to help, encourage creativity, inspire and develop team working and give some foundation to life skills. Four hundred children will benefit from its use covering all sectors of the social spectrum and would be totally inclusive. Tetbury Lions have put in place a fully sustainable project benefitting generations to come."

Tetbury Lions will continue to work with the primary school as they plan to sustain the Opportunities Fund. In addition, a similar approach is being developed with the senior school specifically to help disadvantaged pupils.

All aboard!

The Lions Club of Launceston donated £200, proceeds of their Christmas bingo, to the Little Red Bus (LRB).

LRB is the Launceston Community Transport Partnership set up to fill some of the gaps in public transport in the locality. It provides a dial-a-ride service for all ages from villages, hamlets and communities in and around Launceston that have a poor (or non-existent) bus service.

The service can be used to go into town, library, leisure centre, health centre, hospital and supermarkets etc as well as Launceston town centre. There are also regular excursions from Launceston to other towns and local events.

PICTURED: Launceston Lions presenting their cheque to Moira Wilding of Little Red Bus

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LCIF EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Jackson Hole, Wyoming, USA – October 9-12, 2019

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

1. Confirmed the decision of the majority of the conciliators in the district dispute resolution complaint filed by Al Rehab Lions Club, affirmed the international director endorsement of Past District Governor Ahmed Salem issued during the District 352 convention held in May 2019.
2. Declared that former member Byung-Gi Kim not be eligible for future membership in Lionism and that he not be recognized in the future as a Lion or as a past international director.
3. Revised the International Officer and Vice District Governor Election Complaints Procedure in Chapter XXV of the Board Policy Manual to clarify that elections for international third vice president and international director are elections for their district or multiple district endorsement and not for office.
4. Revised Chapter VI, Paragraph B.1. of the Board Policy Manual to make it consistent with previously adopted changes.
5. Drafted a resolution to be reported to the 2020 International Convention to amend Article II, Section 6 of the International By-Laws to reflect the current practice of voting over three days of convention.
6. Drafted a resolution to be reported to the 2020 International Convention to amend Article IX, Section 6(e) of the International By-Laws to remove voting rights from appointed district cabinet positions during special meetings to fill a vacancy for a district governor, and to require a 15 day notice be provided to all qualified attendees.
7. Drafted a resolution to be reported to the 2020 International Convention to amend Article XII, Section 2(a) of the International By-Laws to increase annual dues by $3.00, effective July 1, 2021 and to allow for an annual adjustment for U.S. inflation to be applied to the previous year's semi-annual dues, effective July 1, 2022.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

1. Established per diem allowances for appointed Credentials Committee members serving without other reimbursement, District Governors-elect and District Governors-elect Faculty and headquarters staff attending the 2020 Singapore convention.
2. Revised the 2020 Singapore Convention schedule.
3. Increased the hotel night reimbursement for District Governors-elect at convention.
4. Amended policy to eight (8) geographical areas where applicable.

DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

1. Recognized the Republic of Iraq as an undistricted country and appointed Past Zone Chairperson Amine Hacha to serve as Coordinating Lion for this country for the remaining months of this fiscal year.
2. Appointed International Director Rodolfo Espinal to serve as Coordinating Lion for the Republic of Haiti for the remaining months of this fiscal year.
3. Approved the redistricting proposal submitted by District 315-A2 (Bangladesh) to take place at the adjournment of the 2020 International Convention
4. Amended the District Governor Reimbursement Policy to allow the district governor to make multiple club visits as needed within the allocated budget.
5. Requested the Constitution and By-Laws committee draft an amendment to the International By-Laws to be voted on at the 2020 International Convention to remove voting rights from appointed district cabinet positions during special meetings to fill a vacancy for a district governor and to require a 15 day notice be provided to all qualified attendees
6. Amended the Standard District By-Laws to limit voting during special meetings called for the filling of a vacancy in the position of vice district governor to the district governor, remaining vice district governors, past district governors, past international directors and past international presidents and to require a 15 day notice of the meeting to these positions.

FINANCE AND HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE

1. Approved the fiscal year 2019-2020 1st Quarter Forecast, reflecting a deficit.
2. Requested the Constitution & By-Laws Committee draft an amendment to the International By-Laws to be voted on at the 2020 International Convention related to international dues.
3. Amended the Investment Policy Statement for the International Association of Lions Clubs 401(k).
4. Revised Chapter II of the Board Policy manual related to the conflict of interest policy for clarification.
5. Revised Chapter V of the Board Policy manual related to modified protective status of clubs to provide additional clarification.
6. Revised Chapter XI of the Board Policy manual to align with current association practices and associated housekeeping revisions.
7. Revised Chapter XXIII of the Board Policy manual to incorporate Africa as Constitutional Area VIII.
8. Revised the Executive Officer Travel and Expense Reimbursement Policy.
9. Revised the signature authorization level matrix of the purchasing policy.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Approved a proposal to finalize the annual institute schedule for 2020-2021 four months earlier than the previous year so that the institute schedule can be released by April 2020 and institute applications by May 1, 2020.
2. Confirmed the phased launch of the new Learn application within the LCI digital ecosystem, which includes the new GAT-GLT reporting tool and the Lions Learning Center, with the goal for the application to be available to all Lions/Leos members in January 2020.

LCIF EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

3. Approved a proposal for future curriculum revisions to the leadership development pathway for all leadership levels over the next four years.

MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

1. Revised Chapter XIX, Paragraph A., B., C., and D. of the Board Policy Manual to update deprecated language and clarify Marketing Division priorities. In general, updates made to this chapter reflect the move to deliver more media and content through digital means.
2. Revised Chapter XIX, Paragraph F. of the Board Policy Manual to increase the number of Presidential and Leadership awards for recognition relating to Campaign 100. The number of Presidential Medals will increase by 200 (for a total of 1825) and Leadership Medals will increase by 200 (for a total of 1980) for Lions' years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. After year 2020-2021, the number of Leadership Medals and Presidential Medals will automatically revert to the previously available amounts.
3. Revised Chapter XIX, Official Protocol, of the Board Policy Manual be amended to clarify the description in the opening paragraph. The change replaces the word "precedent" with the word "precedence".
4. Revised language related to LION magazine to allow meetings of the LION international editors to be set at the discretion of the Editor-in-Chief. As a result, Chapter II, Paragraph J.1.c.(7) of the Board Policy Manual was amended by deleting the phrase "every year" and replacing it with the phrase "when the Editor-in-Chief of LION Magazine determines it is needed".
5. Approved PR Grants for Multiple District 3231, Multiple District J, Multiple District LD, Multiple District H, Multiple District 103, Single District 50.
6. Adjusted PR Grants criteria to allow for applications from sub-districts, provisional zones and regions–in addition to multiple districts and single districts–in the future. Official changes will be made to application forms for the 2020-2021 Lions' year. Provisional granting of applications will be entertained in the 2019-2020 year as received and approved by the Marketing Communications Committee.
7. Discussed the exploration of sponsorship opportunities as part of Convention Committee and Marketing Communication Committee conversations. Discussed exploration and development of prospectus as part of the initiative, with the goal to report back to the committees at the next board meeting.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Extended the maximum age of the Leo-Lion membership type and all of its associated benefits from age 30 to age 35 and amended provisions in the board policy manual mentioning the maximum age of Leo-Lions to age 35.
2. Approved the proposal from Multiple District 104 to create the Lions Club of Norway, a special virtual club, for a pilot program to be evaluated at the October/November 2022 board meeting.
3. Approved eight (8) Lions and eight (8) Leos as part of the Leo Clubs Advisory Panel for July 2020-June 2022 term, along with seven (7) alternate Lions and eight (8) alternate Leos.
4. Amended the criteria for Specialty Club Coodinators to claim reimbursement until the pilot program's end in June 2020. Previously, the criteria was to charter three specialty clubs AND recruit 100 new members for a maximum up to US$2,000. The new criteria includes reimbursement of a maximum up to US$1,000 for chartering two new specialty clubs.
5. Required the approval of a District Governor when adding more than 30+ new members at a time in an existing club.
6. Modified language in Chapter XXIV to reflect a change to GAT multiple district coordinator terms from a three-year to a one-year term effective July 1, 2020.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

1. Approved a new logo and brand identity for Lions Clubs International's Strides diabetes awareness program.
2. Revised Chapter XIII, Paragraph D.4. of the Board Policy Manual in order to better align it with LCI's current international relations practices.
3. Discussed the importance of club service reporting, and plans to increase it in the coming year.
4. Reviewed plans to celebrate World Diabetes Day by screening 1 million people for type 2 diabetes, in partnership with the International Diabetes Federation.
5. Received an update on many current and anticipated programs, including type 2 diabetes screening, diabetes mini grants, strides, diabetes camps and support groups, and Lions Eye Banks.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

1. GDPR was discussed at length and the committee recognized the continued importance of member privacy.
2. The committee received an update on existing products and roadmaps and met with the Convention, District and Club Service, Leadership Development, Marketing Communications, Membership Development, and Service Activities Committees.
3. The committee reviewed uses of technology - especially in the area of natural language processing and machine learning.
4. The committee received a strategic update on eCommerce and approved a proposed approach moving forward.

For more information on any of the above resolutions, please refer to the LCI Web site at: www.lionsclubs.org or contact the International Office at 630-571-5466

VOTING AT 2020 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Voting for Executive Officers and International Directors

Every Lions club in good standing can participate in the election of executive officers and international directors and can vote on amendments to the association's bylaws by assigning delegates to represent the club at the international convention.

At the International Convention certification and voting will occur at the same time in the convention Voting Area. As soon as you are certified, you will receive a ballot and will be able to vote immediately. Certification and Voting days and times are:

- Sunday, June 28, 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM (12:00 – 17:00)
- Monday, June 29, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM (10:00 – 17:00)
- Tuesday, June 30, 7:30 AM –9:30 AM (7:30 – 9:30)

Assigning Club Delegates

Club Delegates for the International Convention of Lions Clubs can be assigned by the club president or secretary, using one of the options below:

- www.lionsclubs.org >>> LOGIN >>> MyLCI >>> My Lions Club >>> Conventions
- Submitting the Club Delegate Form to LCI headquarters, at the address below.

Clubs using MyLCI can assign their club delegates at any time between January 1 and June 24, 2020 11:59 PM CST.

Clubs using the Club Delegate Form to assign their delegates will need to mail the form to International Headquarters by May 1, 2020. If you are not able to mail the form by May 1, 2020, bring the signed form to the convention site. The form will also be available online.

For more information on voting at the International Convention go to:
http://lcicon.lionsclubs.org/experience/certification-voting/

Lions Clubs International Member Service Center
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email: MemberServiceCenter@LionsClubs.org
fax: 630-571-1687
phone: 630-203-3830

International Convention Club Delegate Entitlement Table

Delegate count is based on the club's membership as shown by the records of the international office on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held. See Article VI, Section 2 of the International Constitution and Chapter XVII – Membership, Board Policy Manual.

*Delegate entitlement is one delegate for every 25 members or major fraction thereof.

Membership	Delegates Entitled
1-37	1
38-62	2
63-87	3
88-112	4
113-137	5
138-162	6
163-187	7
188-212	8
213-237	9
238-262	10
263-287	11
288-312	12
313-337	13
338-362	14
363-387	15
388-412	16
413-437	17
438-462	18
463-487	19
488-512	20
513-537	21
538-562	22
563-587	23
588-612	24
613-637	25
638-662	26
663-687	27
688-712	28
713-737	29
738-762	30
763-787	31
788-812	32
813-837	33
838-862	34
863-887	35
888-912	36
913-937	37
938-962	38
963-987	39
988-1012	40
1013-1037	41
1038-1062	42
1063-1087	43
1088-1112	44
1113-1137	45
1138-1162	46
1163-1187	47
1188-1212	48
1213-1237	49
1238-1262	50
1263+	See below*

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CLUB DELEGATE FORM

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Confirmation of the Club Delegate assignment will be emailed to the Club Delegate. When the email address of the Club Delegate is not available, the Confirmation will be emailed to the club officer.

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Club Name: _____

Club City:_____

State: _____

Country: _____

Delegate Member Number:_____

Delegate Name: (first middle last) _____

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Delegate Preferred Ballot Language: _____

Authorizing Club Officer: (select one) Club President Club Secretary

Officer Member Number: _____

Officer Name: (first middle last)_____

Officer Signature:_____

Mail form by May 1, 2020 to:

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If you are not able to mail the form by May 1, 2020, bring signed form, along with your government issued photo I.D. to the convention site.

Clubs using MyLCI must assign their club delegates by June 24, 2020 (11:59pm CST)

Lions Clubs International

CONVENTION AND HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

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DEADLINES MAY 1, 2020: Deadline for advance registration and hotel reservation. Deadline to submit a refund request for registration, housing and/or ticketed event cancellation.

REGISTRANT INFORMATION:

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____

Daytime Phone _____ E-mail _____

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COMPANION: First Name/ Family (Last) Name _____ Badge/Call Name _____

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CHILD: First Name/ Family (Last) Name _____ Age _____ ☐ Alpha Leo

PACKAGE A:

Includes convention registration for each registrant listed above plus one (1) hotel room serviced by shuttle buses during convention.

☐ Before January 10, 2020 ☐ Reservation in delegation hotel
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Hotel Name _____

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I/we plan to attend the following event(s): (Must be registered to attend)

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June 28/ 12:30-14:30	US $75	_____	$_____

EVENT: DISTRICT GOVERNOR/PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR BANQUET

DATE/TIME	FEE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT DUE
June 29/ 20:00-22:00	US $150	_____	$_____

Dietary Requirements: ☐ No restrictions ☐ Indian Vegetarian ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Other_____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Emergency Contact Name _____ Emergency Contact Phone Number _____

SERVICE PROJECTS IN SINGAPORE

☐ I am interested in participating in a hands-on community service project during the Singapore International Convention. Further details on registering for service projects will be sent to you in the coming months.

PAYMENT:

Full payment is required with this form. US currency only. Checks and money orders must be drawn on US banks. Visa, MasterCard & Discover cards accepted.

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REGULAR	(January 11 through March 31, 2020)	US$225	US$20	US$100
LATE	(April 1, 2020 – onsite)	US$250	US$20	US$100

PACKAGE A:		PACKAGE B:	
Registrations:	US$ _____	Registrations:	US$ _____
Ticketed Events:	US$ _____	Ticketed Events:	US$ _____
Hotel Deposit:	US$ **200.00**		
Total Due:	US$ _____	Total Due:	US$ _____

☐ Check # _____ ☐ Wire transfer *(payment slip must be attached to this form)* ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover

Name as it appears on card _____ *Credit card must be in the name of the registrant.*

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Clearing clouded vision in Vanuatu

By Jamie Konigsfeld

Clerence has had diabetes since she was a baby. Unable to afford medical care, she developed cataracts which seriously impaired her vision. She lives in the gorgeous archipelago nation of Vanuatu, home to lush rainforests, soft sand beaches and surrounded by turquoise water; however, the 23-year-old woman could no longer see its beauty.

In Clerence's area of Vanuatu, health care resources are often unavailable or unaffordable. Without a diagnosis for many years — something that is all too often the case in Vanuatu — diabetes took its toll on Clerence's body. She suffered a series of infections, which led to having her toes amputated. Mobility is now difficult, although a wheelchair helps her get around.

Lions of New Caledonia knew they could improve the situation in Vanuatu with support from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). In collaboration with Fred Hollows Foundation New Zealand, Lions of New Caledonia secured a US$330,043 LCIF SightFirst grant to expand and enhance cataract screening and surgery services in Port Vila, the capital of Vanuatu and Clerence's hometown.

At an existing eye clinic, the grant made it possible to update old equipment and build a new operating theatre. In addition, Dr Johnson Kasso is the new, permanent ophthalmologist there at the clinic. Prior to Dr Kasso, Port Vila did not have an ophthalmologist and operations could only be performed once a year when a team from Fiji visited.

Having a permanent doctor in the area came as an enormous relief to Clerence, who had her cataract removal operation postponed four times due to repeated infections. When the new operating theatre opened, Clerence was the first patient to receive an operation. She even sang at the inauguration.

After the surgery, Dr Kasso checked Clerence's vision and asked if she could see clearly. Clerence had a smile on her face she couldn't hide. She shouted, "I kiln I pitim kiln!" – meaning "more than clear!" in her native language. It was a significant and memorable moment for Clerence, Dr Kasso, and the clinic's nurses. Clerence says she is "happy tumas" – very happy – to receive the surgery. What was once dark, cloudy, and blurry, became bright, crisp, and clear.

PICTURED: Dr Johnson Kasso

PICTURED: Clerence (seated) smiles at the clinic's inauguration ceremony

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Sail away

The Lions Club of Plymouth organised a golf day to raise funds for the Special Olympics Team Plymouth and District. They plan to use the £600 donation from the Lions to stage an event in April commemorating the 400th anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower.

Lion President, George Poad, presented the cheque to Kirsty Bisgrove, who represents the Special Olympics Team Plymouth and District.

PICTURED: George Poad presenting the £600 cheque to Kirsty Bisgrove

Saad is a champion

He's only gone and done it! Saad Abdul Quayyum won seven gold and three silver medals at the British and World Transplant Games, which were held in Newcastle last summer.

When he was 11 in 2008, Saad had a liver transplant at Birmingham Children's Hospital – he went on to overcome all the odds and ill health and smashed it at the Games.

Saad was sponsored by Acocks Green Lions and he did them proud!

PICTURED: Champion Saad has done Acocks Green Lions proud

Dartford Lions help to produce world-class players

Dartford Lions and Northfleet & Ebbsfleet Lions have funded five sports wheelchairs for a local club.

The Argonauts Wheelchair Sports Charity in Dartford caters for disabled and able-bodied people of all ages. They currently focus on wheelchair rugby league and out of 30 players, the charity has produced five international players, four in the England squad and one in the Ireland team.

The first team, The Skeleton Army, finished their second season in the National Premier League in third place and are confident that they will be title contenders in the 2020 season.

Two of the England squad players were selected for the tour to Australia in October 2019. The team played two International test matches and three provincial matches, winning all five.

PICTURED: The Skeleton Army in action (image courtesy of Stephen Halsey)

Wisbech Lions help windsurfer on his first steps to Olympic glory

Luke Hayes is 13 years old and in September, he was crowned UK Windsurfing Association National Boy's champion, despite only taking up the sport the year before. The championships are part of the process of selection for the Zone Squad, leading the way to possible Olympic selection.

Luke has the determination and support of the Wisbech Sea Cadets and his mother, Nicola, to make his way to the Great Britain Olympic team, so now he needs to raise £2,500 to put towards a new windsurfing board, clothing and accessories.

In November, Wisbech Lions' Vice President, Alan Edmunds, presented Luke with £300 for the clothing and Kings Lynn Lions Club has since pledged £300 towards a new board.

Luke will display the International Lions Club logo on his clothing and equipment and Lion Alan said: "This is an excellent way for our members to encourage young people to be active, competitive and respectful. We wish Luke great success and we are confident he will be a great advocate of the Lions organisation."

PICTURED: Luke with his proud sponsors

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Consett Lions Club

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Haywards Heath Lions Club

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Minster Lions Club of York

BOLLAND: Lion Geoff
Romiley and Marple Lions Club

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Weston Super Mare Lions Club

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Callington Lions Club

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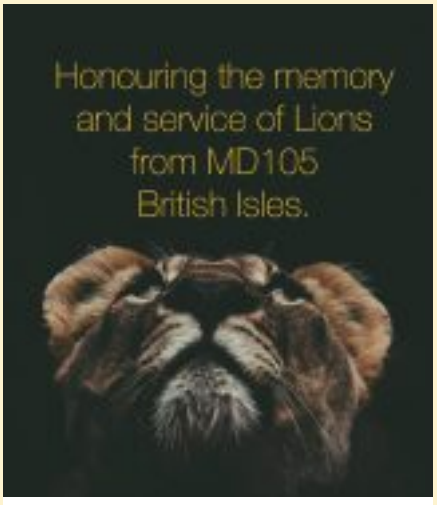

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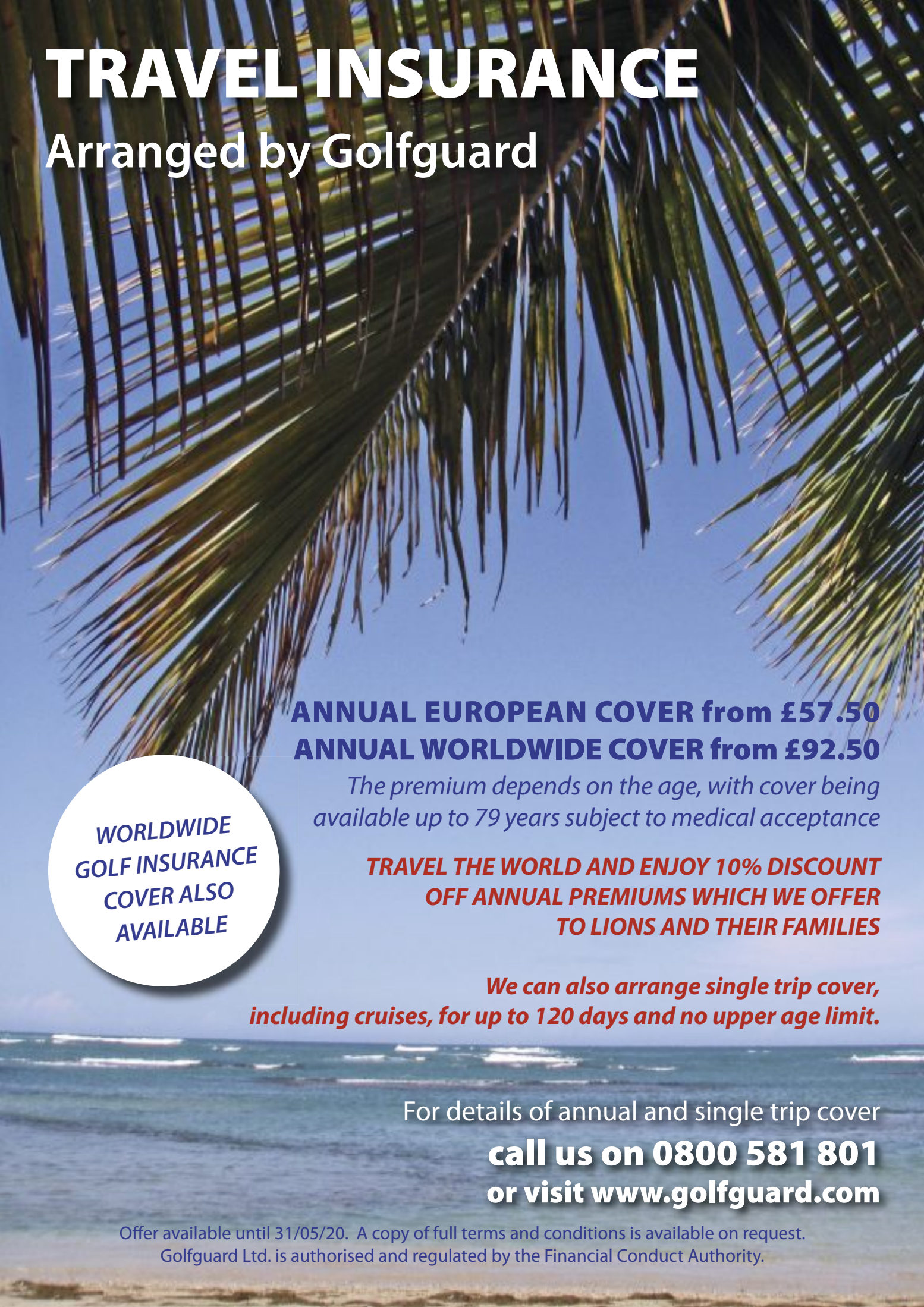

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