

# The Bulletin No 7



## LIONS DISTRICT 105CE

### DG David Pope MJF

2021 – 2022

Dear caring Lions & LEOs of District 105CE

Wow – you have now served over 100,000 people in your community, in fact we have served 109,329 people, what a magnificent milestone but that is only from less than half of you! 55% of clubs haven't reported any of their activities on MyLion. It's now so easy to do, your Zone & Region chairs are your local experts, give them a call if you are struggling or let me know what your problems are in reporting.

Since our last notice I have been out and about meeting many Lions, I am a trustee of the National Welfare Trust and attended the AGM in Stoke on Trent, it's interesting to see the difference trustees can make to a charity – well done to the trustees of Charity 283799.

I have also had the opportunity to drop into see PDG (1982/83) Lion Bryn Roberts of the Helen Keller Lions Club, it was lovely to see him after nearly 2 years, his wife Lion Shirley had passed away a few months ago and I was unable to go to her funeral due to covid restrictions, it is Lion Shirley's design that is on my banner & pin.

Well done to Wisbech Lions on their recent conker championships, one of the recognised "warm up" events for the World Conker Championship taking place this weekend, it certainly looked like there was a lot of fun during the evening. On the same evening I attended the Chelmsford Lions Brain Tumour Research Quiz held by Zoom, it was well supported with 11 teams of up to 8 people in, the final amount raised will be announced by Chelmsford Lions – thanks to the Brentwood Rotary who did the questions and managed the technical aspects.

We've got some great Development opportunities coming up - we have a national presentation skills workshop taking place on 30th October in Birmingham, there is an Advanced Lions Leadership Institute taking place in Brussels in March, a Regional Lions Institute taking place in Warwickshire in April, these are all national / international courses ran by some very talented people and are well worth attending. Coming soon - we have a workshop "How to become a District Officer" on 17th October, please book to attend – it's free. If there is an area of development that you think would help you, drop our Development Officer Derek Rutter an email on [glt@lions105ce.org.uk](mailto:glt@lions105ce.org.uk) and he can let you know what is available or consider it for the future.

Once again, thanks for all you do for your local community, you make such a difference to everyone you help.

Yours in Lionism  
Lion David Pope MJF  
A very PROUD DG

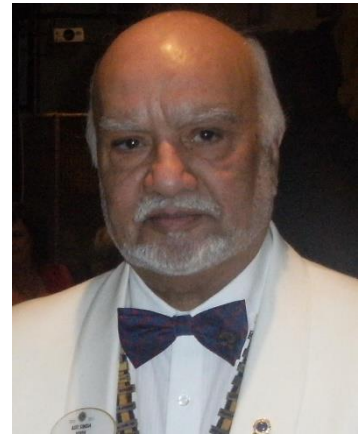
District Governor for District 105CE covering the counties of Cambridgeshire, Essex, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Nottinghamshire & Suffolk, and some adjacent areas.



## **Sad News – PDG Lion Ajit S. Virdi PMJF**

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing to higher service of PDG Lion Ajit S. Virdi PMJF who sadly left for his heavenly abode on the afternoon of Friday 8th October after a short illness.

PDG Lion Ajit was a founding Lion of Nottingham West Lions Club and its inaugural President. He was well known at District level, always finding time to talk, to learn and to guide those around him. Always ready to find new ways to serve, he was instrumental in bringing the first District 105E Convention to Nottingham in 2010 after some 34 years, also that year he pushed to have one of the first Club Branches in the District and became the first of three District Governors from the Club.



PDG Lion Ajit also served on Cabinet in District 105CE, he was always ready help. This being demonstrated by some 35 years of support given to Ramgarhia Sabha Nottingham, the local Gurdwara (Sikh place of worship) where he was Treasurer and lately Finance Secretary.

A true believer in serving those in need, a very dear dad and grandpa, a gentleman, a diplomat, a fantastic service minded helpful individual and a great Lion, he leaves a massive void in many lives.

Our deepest condolences to the Virdi family, including his wife Mrs. Kulwant K. Virdi, PP Jaspal Virdi MJF, PP Davinder Virdi MJF, President Jasvinder Virdi MFJ, Lion Nina Virdi and all members of Nottingham West Lions Club, Nottingham West Lions Pride Club Branch, and the many Lions friends of PDG Ajit.

DG Lion David Pope MJF

## **Your Club's Achievements**

Every edition of the Newsletter includes numerous examples of Clubs and their wonderful achievements. These are achievements of which our members are justly proud, and they wish to celebrate and publicise their successes. Local papers and circulars, along with social networks, are equally full of Lions and the successes within their local communities.

We urge all Clubs to remember MyLion when they are preparing their success stories for publication and to make sure these successes are recorded in MyLion; make it the responsibility of one member of the Club to ensure this happens. If help is needed with recording your successes on MyLion please contact your Region or Zone Chair for assistance and they will help or know someone who can! It takes very little time to enter the information and because the information is accumulated it gives the Club leadership constantly updated detail of the Club's successes and achievements. Clubs can use this information to make periodic press releases to emphasise their current total achievements and by so doing generate even more public interest.

This approach provides information for a range of District Officers and enables them to be better prepared and informed during Club and Zone visits as well as when attending Charter Anniversaries. It also ensures the Global Services Team see which Causes are being supported within our District and to what extent they are supported.

Let us be in the position where every Club in the District is recording their fantastic achievements on MyLion.

Lion David Merchant

As the Secretary of Eastwood Lions Club and it is my duty & privilege to announce Eastwood Lions Club forthcoming 6th Anniversary Charter (it would have been our 7th if it hadn't been for COVID19)

Sunday 21st November 2021. The commencement time: 1.45pm for 2.00pm. The Venue: the Sands Restaurant, Western Esplanade, Southend on Sea, Essex.

The meal is an afternoon Tea with sandwiches, cakes, and Ice Cream. Speeches will be short (I'm the Toast Master and switcher off of microphones) if you have any allergies or dietary requirements, please let me know when booking and they will be forwarded onto the venue. Tea & Coffee is included, but if you wish to have alcohol it can be purchased. There will be a 'Table Service Only' available.

The Cost: £22.50, **but** if you pay before the **12th November** we will let you in for £20.00 (cheques made payable to Eastwood Lions Club {endorse the back of the cheque Eastwood Charter please}).

To book please E-mail me; PDG Lion Brian Stanbridge at: [brianstanbridge@gmail.com](mailto:brianstanbridge@gmail.com)

To pay: Please send your cheques to our Treasurer; Lion President Eric Hoile, 10, the Maze, Eastwood, Leigh on Sea, Essex. SS9 5RW. Alternatively pay by Bank Transfer to account number 67666027; Sort Code: 55-50-28, include in payment reference "Charter-Your Surname" or "TEA-Your Surname" if you cannot fit it in!

Numbers limited to 64 so please book and pay early to avoid disappointment.

PDG Lion Brian Stanbridge.

### **WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS**

Tracey Lewis, Barton-on-Humber Lions.

Deborah Winchester, Braintree Lions .

Philip Richardson, Caistor & District Lions Club.

Keith Holden, Horncastle & District Lions.

Redon Konjuvca, Hornchurch lions.

Shilpa Tejura Vithlani, Hornchurch Lions.

Tina Nash, Lincoln Lions.

Firat Mehmet Aydog, Market Rasen Lions

Calling all new and experienced Lions who want to learn more about our great organisation.

You never know things may have changed since you last looked at Lions International.

Are you available Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 11am for about an hour or so?

If so contact me on [glt@lions105ce.org.uk](mailto:glt@lions105ce.org.uk) to book onto a zoom meeting.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Derek Rutter (District Global Leadership Team Co-Ordinator)



# **"CONVENTION 2022"** **Holiday Inn, Peterborough** **March 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> 2022**



## **The serial Episode 3**

**Friday 11th March [later]**

**In the words of Dean Martin's iconic song:-**

**"When the moon hits your eye like a big pizza pie that's  
... a Host Night!"**

**Ok, not exactly as the song goes, but scusa me, we are heading back to Old Napoli where the world seems to shine like you've had too much wine and we sing "Vita Bella".**

**Yes, we are going ITALIAN. We aim to bring the warmth and passion of 'La Dolce Vita'. Good food, Good company and a Good time!**

**Pino Soccio, a local Italian who is 'proud' of his heritage, will be our entertainment. He'll make sure we have a great night with lots of Fun, Singing and Audience Participation.**

**Food just like MAMA would make!**

**We are going to build on our great August Handover Event and make the 2022 Convention a truly fantastic event. Already we have loads of activities and entertainment lined up for you to enjoy. You will find out exactly what in the following episodes of our little serial!**

**However, the next step is yours – PLEASE get your Booking in. The Convention Committee, who work tremendously hard on your behalf, really need to know that their work is not in vain! You should have no concern about your payments as the Hotel has committed to again being totally flexible should circumstances cause concern.**

**You also have some time to pay by Standing Order and so spread the cost across the remaining months.**

**SO, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?**

## **Many hands make light work - help required!**

Help is urgently required from Lions and their family, friends and other community groups at some upcoming farm produce gleans. Starting with the big one: our District have been given the challenge of rescuing up to 50 tonnes (yes that's right) of apples and pears from an orchard in Harwich. So, we need as many Lions on this as possible, provisional dates are from Monday 1st to Friday 5th November. The farm is happy to provide bins and collection equipment, transport the fruit from the orchards and hold the fruit in cold storage while we redistribute it to those in need. Lion Chris Hibbert and I have a number of projects we can potentially share the fruit with however, if any Lions know of others that would benefit, please let me know. Any help will be gratefully received, even if it just an hour. We will need to compile a list of volunteers and the dates and times available.



As well as this mammoth project, help may also be needed to rescue leftover pumpkins from a farm in Peterborough on Saturday 6 November, full details of which can be obtained from VDG Lion Chris Hibbert, [chris.hibbert4@ntlworld.com](mailto:chris.hibbert4@ntlworld.com). This may be a good opportunity to stay over at the Holiday Inn prior to our Cabinet meeting on the Sunday. All Lions are welcome to attend but please notify Lion John Potter.

There is also another pumpkin and squash glean being planned for early November (date to be confirmed) in Billericay, so if any clubs are interested, please let me know provisional interest and further information will be provided.

To register interest in helping at the Harwich or Billericay glean or any other glean for that matter, please contact District Hunger Officer Lion Andrea Cooper on 07736 438249 [andrealoom@virginmedia.com](mailto:andrealoom@virginmedia.com)

Lion Dr Chris Hibbert

Vice District Governor

### **How to become a Cabinet Officer**

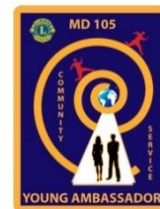
**Have you ever wondered what you must do to become a Cabinet Officer in our great district?**

**Do you have any skills that you think could be useful in helping others to become more fulfilled in their Lionism?**

**Why don't you give up some time to attend a session that might help you become an Officer? It might also help you to understand why the Lions on Cabinet hold the positions they do.**

**Join us on Zoom on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30 am**

**Contact Lion Derek Rutter [glt@lions105ce.org.uk](mailto:glt@lions105ce.org.uk)**



## **"Have YOU, your Club and Zone taken up the Challenge"?**

### **Young Ambassador - Now's the Time!**

**Completed Candidate Application Forms and Bursary Description Documents etc to be received by:**

**District Officer no later than Sunday, 14th November 2021**

**District Finals:** - Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. 2021, (confirmed)

**MD Finals:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022, (confirmed)

**Europa Forum:** - September / October 2022, (to be advised)

With young people always under the spotlight for their wrong doings, bad habits and general poor behaviour this is your opportunity to seek out and reward a young person for their work both in and for their community. They're not all bad and we as Lions support the youth of today in many ways.

There are young people engaged in projects supporting people with many different needs, actively working in animal welfare or environmental schemes, and even creating websites to help support other young people. Any one of them aged from 15 up to 19, by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022, qualifies as a possible candidate for the Lions Young Ambassador competition.

The huge majority of these fantastic young people have never heard of our organisation and therefore have no comprehension that we may be able to offer this opportunity for them to win a bursary for their group. It is up to all of us in Lions to try and track down these young entrepreneurs of charitable work.

On behalf of those young people, I appeal to each and every Lion in our District to endeavour to find and offer support and reward for a young person's endeavours.

Additional information can be found on both the

District website <https://www.lions105ce.org/young-ambassador1.html>

MD website <https://lionsclubs.co/MemberArea/knowledge/lions-young-ambassadors-and-shipshape-award/>

Thank You

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**I KNOW MANY OF YOU HAVE CHARTER CELEBRATIONS PLANNED. PLEASE SEND THEM IN SO THAT I CAN COMPILE A DIARY OF THEM. NOT TOO FAR AHEAD THOUGH, AS PEOPLE TEND TO IGNORE THEM IF MORE THAN FOUR MONTHS AHEAD!**

## Membership Matters Drop-in



On behalf of the Membership team, Alan Hall, District Membership Officer will host a monthly Membership drop-in session for all membership matter. This will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month, at 7 pm.

To book, contact [Alan Hall](#) for the zoom invite for the forthcoming session.



## The Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)



Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**

Want to know more about how you can support and benefit from The Lions Clubs International Foundation? Check out the webinar presentation on LCIF in the Member's area of the District Website under [International/LCIF](#)

Please follow the link below and ask to be added to District 105CE Facebook Group.

**WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU - IF YOU HAVE ARTICLES FOR THE ' BULLETIN' OR 'MONTHLY NEWS' – PLEASE SEND TO: [pr@lions105ce.org.uk](mailto:pr@lions105ce.org.uk)**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/262327261535199>

## PR & Social Media Drop-in



for the forthcoming session.

On behalf of the PR and Communications team, Fiona Reid, District Social Media Officer & Webmaster will host a monthly PR and Comms drop-in session to help to improve positive impact form use of social media, websites and PR Tools. This will be held on the 1st Tuesday of every month, at 8 pm. To book, contact [Fiona Reid](#), for the zoom invite

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