

# The Bulletin

## December 10 2023



**LIONS DISTRICT 105CE**

**DG Paul Southerton**

**2023 – 2024**

### The latest from a busy DG.

Since my last report I have attended a club meeting and presented a 15-year long service chevron along with the accompanying letter from our International President Dr Patti Hill to Lion Steve Millar. Congratulations Steve.

Tuesday evening Sue and I were with Lincoln Lions for their Christmas meal. Thanks, Theresa, for organising this event again.

Wednesday morning, I was on the zoom meeting for the final of Lions Roar and schools from all Districts were present. Our District winner was a school from Great Yarmouth and their project was recycling old clothes. Well done Great Yarmouth Lions for sponsoring this school. Well done to all of the schools for their remarkable projects.

Thursday and Friday Sue and I were celebrating her 65<sup>th</sup> birthday with friends and family.

All clubs are now well into their Christmas activities, and I hope the joy that we bring to children with our sleighs etc. Is worth all the service we give to our communities.

Above all I hope you enjoy whatever activities you are doing and please stay safe

Paul

## District Twinning Activities Part 1.

In the last Lionistic year, some of us celebrated our 'District Twinning's by visiting Germany and Romania. This year, we are planning to go one better by including a trip to Ireland as well as repeat visits to Germany and Romania. Details at the end of the article. Whilst the trips this year will not be the same as last year, we hope they will be just as good if not better!



We visited our Twin District of 111NH in and around Peine, near Hannover. Each year they have a New Year's Reception with attendees from clubs all over their District and some neighbours.



On a Thursday afternoon, 6 of us, DG Chris and Sue, PDG Ujjal and Manjit, Julia Mihulet, originally from Romania, now in Vienna, and I flew to Bremen airport where we were collected by a German Lion, Oliver, and delivered to an amazing dinner event with speeches from some Lion and non-Lion VIPs. There were about 60 present at this ZONE meeting! Afterwards we were brought to our hotel.



The Friday morning late start was appreciated, and after a visit to Hannover's Town Hall with an expert,





a local Lion guide, a wander round the city centre visiting art installations and a mediaeval church, and lunch in a famous market, we visited a respite home for disabled children, Aegidius Haus. This facility is supported by a single Lions Club, also Aegidius, and it is their only project. Talk about a specialist club! We had the opportunity to meet and chat with Aegidius Lions and staff at the centre, and best of all a chance to play with the kids. All in English.

The Friday evening was a Cabinet dinner, and a chance to meet even more new friends and get to know those we met earlier in more depth.

Afterwards, we got together in the bar, and somehow killed a bottle or 2 of fine whisky with some new firm friends, before bed at 2am.



The next day was the reception itself. All of us were dressed formally, with dinner jackets and long dresses for some pre-lunch cocktails, followed by lunch sitting with new German and other Lions friends from around Europe. Most of them spoke English better than some of us! It was very similar to a Charter Night, with some speeches, one by our IPDG Chris Hibbert, some awards and a badging up of a new member for New Century Lions Club, Julia Mihulet!



Saturday afternoon we were accompanied by our hosts, Renate and Guenther, on a stroll round their hometown, Gifhorn. And the evening was a low-key dinner in a local

Pizzeria with all 6 of us, our hosts, and the DG of NH111, Thomas Prinz. Again, everything was in English.

Sunday morning, we were taken back to Bremen airport by the same Lion to fly home, albeit without Iulia (who left early for Vienna) and Manjit and Ujjal, who spent the rest of the week with Renate and Guenter.

I thought the weekend gave us a great chance to get to know a lot of Lions in our Twin Districts and see both projects and a very different way of doing things. We have started to build good relationships which we hope will turn into good joint projects in the future.



There are trips in planning for this Lionistic year and I have some dates for your diaries.  
**Irish District Convention** - Kilarney March 8th to 10<sup>th</sup>, the week before the CE Convention.  
**German MD Convention** - Hannover May 10th to 12<sup>th</sup>, Hosted by our Twin District 111NH, the week after the MD105 Convention in Weston super Mare.  
**Romanian District Convention** - Deva May 24th to 26th  
 For all 3 conventions, we would like a team to go from CE to support our twins, help them celebrate and perhaps join in some service events after the conventions. This is open to all Lions and Partners, not just Cabinet Officers!

And there may be a trip to France Nord in spring to renew old or make new friendships and to do some maintenance on the Lions bench which was placed at the Thiepval Memorial. Dates and details to follow.

### **District Young Ambassador for 2024.**



CONGRATULATIONS to Mollie Speed the winner of the District Young Ambassador 2024 competition, sponsored by Peterborough Lions. Mollie impressed the judges with the variety of projects she supports and leads. These included campaigning for the schools within the OAT Trust to have a uniform swap shop to support families struggling in the local area. Mollie challenged her school to raise money for 'Help for Ukraine' and smashed their target raising £17,000. Mollie has also worked with friends to fundraise for the cancer charity 'Little Lifts' and for Cystic Fibrosis Trust. She also demonstrated her leadership skills to the judges. She was chosen as Head

Girl, does an incredible amount of peer support work in school, has a role on the national student leadership team and represented the students voice at the National Head Teachers Conference.



Mollie is also a member of the New Century Leo branch based in Great Yarmouth. As a Leo she has worked hard recruiting new members, fundraising, working on community projects including period poverty, and is currently Leo President.

Mollie will use her District bursary of £500 to further support Little Lifts, Cystic Fibrosis Trust and period poverty.

Mollie hopes to study law at university next year, with an emphasis on human rights.

The Lions of district 105CE wish her all the best for the MD finals in Dudley in February. Anyone can attend this amazing event where you can hear all the district candidates speak about their inspiring projects.



## **Felixstowe Lions Club**



The Felixstowe Lions Club switched on the Christmas lights on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, as from the picture I'm sure you'll all agree that this year the tree looks fantastic, which was supplied by Swann Nurseries. Also, the new lights for the Christmas tree and on the tree's on the triangle.

On reporting this article, we have one more night taking Santa around Felixstowe, we have completed 5 nights already.

With the help of Cotman House residence who put together Xmas parcels, we presented

them to Basic Charity in town. These will be distributed by them to people this Christmas.

We would like to wish all fellow Lions a very Happy New Year.



## **On Saturday 14th October, the Great Yarmouth Lions Club celebrated their 70th Charter Anniversary.**



Lion President Janice Barr was joined by 100 guests at The Imperial Hotel for a wonderful evening. The Great Yarmouth Lions were joined by members from clubs across the UK and even from Rambouillet, France, whom the club



have enjoyed a twinning with since 1976.



Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Penny Carpenter gave a delightful speech about the town and her activities since becoming Mayor.

The club has supported the local community with many events over the years; Petticoat Lane, Car Competition, carnivals, gleaning, litter picks, sponsoring youth sports kits and, of course, Santa's Sleigh, which has been running for over 50 years, bringing joy to all.

In addition to the 70th celebration, two members of the



Great Yarmouth Lions were also presented with MJFs, Melvin Jones Fellowships, an award to recognise them for their long service and dedication to helping others. Lions Malcolm Bird and Phillip Mobbs were shocked to say the least, when presented with their awards.



## **Southend Lions Club**

The City of Southend Lions Club President Dave Tame and Chair of Welfare Lion Nigel Folkard, seen presenting First Aid Kits to the Southend (East) Allotments and Garden Society  
Also seen in the Photo  
Committee Chair Susan Bielowiecki, Mick Holland and Moira McCann



## **Lion Geoff's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration His hour in the Sky**



Lion Geoff is a stalwart member of Beccles and District Lions Club who contributes much to the Clubs activities and fundraising. This year he celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, and his daughters gave him a ticket to have an hour and a half flight session in a Boeing 737-800 Flight Simulator.

As Geoff has always been an enthusiast of flying and aircraft, he was delighted as he has not actually flown himself. The day started with a short drive to Mildenhall, where the Flight Simulator is based, but not before enjoying a splendid lunch at a nearby hostelry – needless to say, as he was going flying, no alcohol was consumed.

At the Simulator, Geoff was given a comprehensive preflight briefing and then was ready to take to the air. His hour at the controls was demanding as all flying was manual, not on autopilot! However, Geoff rose to the challenge and made a smooth departure from Stansted Airport, completed complex manoeuvring exercises to familiarise himself with the aircraft's handling, and culminated with a safe and sound arrival at Luton Airport. A memorable Birthday experience for Lion Geoff!



Pictured is Geoff enjoying lunch, Geoff at the controls - concentrating furiously- and Geoff thanking his co-pilot Kenneth Mockford of Sim2Do, Mildenhall.



## **Southwell & District Lions Club**

### **Christmas is coming to Reach!**

The tenants at Reach's new accommodation in Southwell will be spending their first Christmas at their new home next month and we could think of no better way to help them celebrate than to give them Christmas trees, lights, and decorations to add a festive feel to the accommodation. Several residents were on hand yesterday to take delivery and are looking forward to decorating their new home shortly when all the residents are together.

Special thanks also go to Southwell Garden Centre for their very generous contribution towards the trees and decorations.





Thanks to the Lions of the British Isles and the support of Lions Clubs International Foundation over the past 26 years, we have been rebuilding the Country formally known as Yugoslavia. There is still much more to do, please let us continue with the work that we have started.

**Is your Club out and about with Santa- please remember any foreign coins in the tin send into Lions Clubs National HQ to support the Gift for Living project.**

**Your Gift for Living Project needs your foreign notes and coins...**

- If you are on a lovely Christmas break and arrive back home with coins and notes why not donate them to Gift For Living?
- Send them to Lions Clubs National HQ, where they will be sent to a specialist dealer.
- We accept any currency inc. UK coinage and notes, even pre-Euro currencies such as Spanish Pesetas or Greek Drachma.
- Why not arrange a collection at your local School, Church or place of work.

Gift for Living website is on the following link  
<https://www.lionsclubsinternational-agiftforliving.org.uk>



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## CHARTER INVITES.

Sleaford and District Lions Club will be celebrating their 50th Charter Anniversary in 2024.



The Charter will be held at the Solo Bar and Restaurant, Market Place, Sleaford on Sunday, 12th May 2024. It will be a celebration lunch commencing at 12.30 pm for 1pm.

Further details at to menu choices and cost will be distributed at a date nearer the event.

This hopefully serves as a Save the Date entry in your diaries.

The members would love to see you there to celebrate the half century.



### Mablethorpe, Sutton District Lions Club

Lion Stephen Holland, LEXHAM, Seaholme Road,  
Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire, LN12 2EF.  
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Dear Fellow Lions,

On behalf of Lion President Stephen Holland, his Consort Valerie Corkell and members of Mablethorpe, Sutton District Lions Club. I am writing to invite you, your partners and friends to our clubs 48th Charter Anniversary Celebration, to be held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

The cost: £35.00 Per Person. Cheques made payable to "Mablethorpe Sutton District Lions Club" or direct to "Lion Paul Denton, Bank acct: 04231627 Sort Code: 55 - 50 - 09.

Charter Venue: The Bacchus Hotel, 17 High Street, Sutton-On-Sea LN12 2EY

Charter Time: 07:00 pm for 07:30 pm

Charter Dress Code: Black Tie or Dark Lounge Suits (Something extravagant for the Ladies).

After Dinner Entertainment: To be arranged.

Please reply to me by or before 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024, with the names of diners and their individual choices and notifying me of any special dietary requirements.

We all look forward to your company at our Charter dinner.

#### MENU CHOICES

##### Starters:

Soup of the Day

Pate with Melba Toast

Prawn Cocktail

Melon

##### Main Courses:

Steak and Guinness Pie

Salmon Fillet with a Culie Sauce

Pork in Apple Brandy Sauce

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##### Desserts:

Apple Pie with Custard/Cream/Ice Cream

All Cheese Cakes

## **WROXHAM AND HOVETON LIONS CLUB CIO**

**The President of Wroxham and Hoveton Lions Club and its members cordially invite you to their 48th Charter Lunch on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at :-**

**The Old Rectory Hotel, Crostwick Lane, Crostwick, Norfolk, NR12 7BG.**

**12:30 for 13:00.**

**Dress:- Gentlemen Smart Casual, Ladies dress to impress.**

**The cost will be £31.50 per person. Cheques will not be cashed until on or around the due date. Those wishing to pay by BACS please let us know, and we will send you the relevant details.**

### **MENU**

#### **Starters:**

- A. Homemade Tomato and Roasted Red Pepper Soup, served with hot crusty bread(v).
- B. Prawn and Crayfish salad topped with a classic Marie Rose sauce and served with bread and butter.
- C. Farmhouse Pate' served with Apple and Real Ale Chutney and Melba Toast.

#### **Main Course:**

- D. Slow Roasted Salt and Peppered Topside of Beef served with homemade Yorkshire Puddings.
- E. Roast leg of pork served with crispy crackling, sage and onion stuffing and bacon wrapped sausage.
- F. Oven poached fillet of Salmon served with a hollandaise sauce and finished with fresh watercress.
- G. Parsnip, Chestnut, and Sweet Potato bake, topped with crispy sautéed potatoes and finished with melted cheddar (V) or (VG)

#### **Dessert:**

- H. Vanilla cheesecake topped with either fresh strawberries or raspberries and a red berry sauce.
- J. Homemade Bramley apple pie served with custard.
- K. Warm chocolate brownie served with vanilla ice cream and a warm chocolate sauce.
- L. Cheese and Biscuits (a £2.50 supplement will apply if ordered)

Fresh Ground Coffee or Tea and After Dinner Mints.

### **WROXHAM & HOVETON LIONS CLUB 48th CHARTER LUNCH**

FROM.....CLUB

Name                                      Lions Position      Starter      Mains      Dessert      Any food allergies etc

Name	Lions Position	Starter	Mains	Dessert	Any food allergies etc

**Please return with your cheque, payable to WROXHAM & HOVETON LIONS CLUB to PDG Dennis Moxon, 133 Norwich Road, Wroxham Norwich NR12 8RY**

**Please ensure bookings are returned by Jan. 21st 2024** Cheques will not be presented until approx 1 week prior to the event





## **Louth and District Lions Club**

55<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary Dinner

The Brackenborough Hotel

Cordeaux Corner

Louth

LN11 0SZ

Lion President Andrew Mackenzie and the members of Louth and District Lions Club would like to extend a warm invitation to your members to join us in the celebration of our 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Charter Dinner. The event will be held at the Brackenborough Hotel on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

### **Details as follows:**

Assemble: 7.00 for 7.30, Carriages: Midnight, Dress Code: Black Tie.

Dance Music: Ricky Lee, Ticket price: £35.00pp. (Payable with booking please)

BACS Account Number: 00245742. Sort Code: 30-95-22. Ref: Charter

Payment by cheque: Please make payable to Louth and District Lions Club

Kindly let Lion Christine know if you are able to attend and inform her of your menu choices.

Contact Lion Christine at [cmvickers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cmvickers@hotmail.co.uk) OR on 01507 604151 OR 07718 172942

**Lions out at Christmastide spreading lots of cheer,**

**Inviting all and sundry to enjoy this time of year.**

**Out collecting money in every kind of way,**

**Not forgetting to have fun in weather foul and fair.**

**So just enjoy your efforts showing all we care.**



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