

The Bulletin

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LIONS DISTRICT 105CE

DG Paul Southerton

2023 – 2024

Getting ready for Christmas.

My lounge is now decorated ready for Christmas, the grandchildren love to see it every year and they cannot help but to have a snowball fight.



The last couple of days I have been busy with collecting and selling mistletoe and holly. Not a lot of response this year from the public maybe we should have waited a week.



I was with the Nottingham West Club Branch, helping with their present wrapping service for the public in the Victoria centre Nottingham. What a great way of showing one of the things that we do in our communities. Well done Lions Powder and Jaspal for getting this lovely activity up and running. There was a comments book that was filled in by the public on the service that was offered by Lions, and they were all full of praise for what we do.



Over this past week I have seen some amazing photos by clubs with their sleighs and Santa's in supermarkets. Well done everyone for your efforts in bringing joy to the children and parents in our communities.

On behalf of Sue and myself we wish you all a very merry but safe Christmas.
Paul.

District Twinning Activities Part 2.

Romania

The trip to Romania was a bit different, though similar in some ways. There were 2 distinct parts to the visit, firstly the serious business and fun of Convention and secondly some service and some sightseeing.

The "team" this time was DG Chris and Sue, and me again, along with a number of New Century Lions from their Romanian Pride days of supporting children for 20 years. We all assembled at Chris and Sue's house on the Wednesday evening so we could get to Birmingham Airport early on Thursday morning to fly to Bucharest where we were collected by a couple of Romanian Lions and delivered to our hotel. We attended the launch meeting of the



convention, with awards and introductions, before dinner with all the international guests, about 30 in total, including, Belgium, Switzerland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Holland, Poland and the USA, and a number of local Lions and most of the Romanian Cabinet. Phil Nathan and Heidi were there, although at a different level to the rest of us. Other names you might recognise include Renate and Gunther Kastrowski Kraft and Philip and Natalijia Blobel from Germany, ID Iurg and Iris Vogt from Switzerland, Elisabeth Haderer and Elisabeth Haderer from the Netherlands and Daniel Marney Elkins from the USA.

Friday was a Cabinet Meeting for the Romanian Cabinet, while the international guests were treated to a tour of Ceausescu's Palace. Later in the afternoon, there was the celebration for the beginning of the Convention.



Dinner was at a very traditional restaurant with lots of local wine, music and local food. I had the good fortune to sit on a table with half a dozen Romanian Lions from various parts of the country, who all spoke English better than I could speak Romanian. As the evening went on, and the drink took hold, we all managed to become really good

friends.



Saturday started with some sightseeing in Bucharest, excluding Ceausescu's palace. Later, we gathered in a very prestigious Conference Hall for the Convention, with Prince Michael of Romania in attendance and giving the opening keynote speech. There were the usual elections (DG, VDG, 2VDG,

plus an election for their new International Director. It was all over very quickly, certainly compared to ours. so back to the hotel and change into Evening Dress.



At 5pm we met again at the Romanian Athenaeum Concert Hall for a program of 2 hours of classical music by Enescu, Bruch and Berlioz, from the International Doctors' Orchestra; an orchestra made up of practicing and retired doctors from all over the world) who pay their own costs to play concerts for charity. The quality was as good as any orchestra I have ever heard. And Prince Michael was present, this time with the Prime Minister and his wife.



This was followed by the Banquet and Ball, compered by a famous Romanian personality and a special guest appearance by the top Romanian Rock act. It was absolutely great if a bit loud for this old fogey. Again, a table full of Romanian Lions who spoke English and we were all made to feel very welcome. A football shirt once worn by Georgi Hagi was auctioned for €10,000!



Sunday saw an early start as the team taking water filters to Ukraine. Our own DG Chris Hibbert, PID Phil Nathan, Daniel Marney Elkins, Philip and Natalijia Blobel set off at 6am waved off by the rest of the team.

After checking out, we went by minibus to Mogosoia Palace near Bucharest, which was having a Chinese themed weekend party, and then on to visit a children's home "The Door" which houses a dozen children and helps prepare them for life. We were shown round and met the children, who made fresh traditional Romanian



pancakes for us before we went outside and played croquet, or some sort of similar game, with the children using one of the toys we had brought with us. The kids had a great time and quickly exhausted the adults.

We moved on and had a late lunch at Trattoria Paradise in Corbeanca which is owned and run by the family of a Lion. We then dropped off a load of shopping, jointly funded by Local Lions and our tour party, sufficient to feed for a month the Roma family of 9 people of 3 generations who were in need. No photographs of

this were taken for obvious reasons. A drive into the Carpathian Mountains followed before barbecue dinner on the terrace of the Vila Alexandra in Sinaia, a luxurious holiday retreat that once belonged to the doctor of the Romanian King.



On Monday we set off for some sightseeing at Dracula's Castle in Bran. The castle really did belong to Vlad the Impaler, the origin of the Dracula myth and a guided tour in English helped us understand what we were seeing. The courtyard looked like a set from Game of Thrones. We moved on to Brasov after a gentle lunch outdoors in the grounds. After a wander round the town centre, we went for dinner to La Gustari, a wine bar owned by yet another Lion. There was not just dinner on the menu, but also a guided wine tasting including one of the best white wines I have ever tried and some fabulous reds.



Tuesday started with a leisurely visit

to Sinaia Monastery with a cool chapel and wonderful old buildings, then on to Peles Castle, which was built between 1873



and 1883 as the summer home of Romania's first King, Carol I. It looks like a real fairytale castle but was the first castle in Europe to be powered by electricity with central heating, and today houses Romania's National Museum.

The afternoon included a visit to a ski resort, Parcul Bucegi, at 2000 metres altitude, including a ride up and down in a ski lift gondola. As it was summer,



there was not much snow around but that didn't prevent a snowball fight various of us falling over! Dinner back at the villa. [24 Final Dinner]

All good things come to an end, and Wednesday was the flight home, brightened by meeting one of the Doctors' Orchestra in the boarding queue.

A huge thanks to our brilliant hosts Ciprian and Alina Iosip, and all the other Lions they roped in to look after us so well.



There are trips in planning for this Lionistic year and I have some dates for your diaries.
Irish District Convention - Kilarney March 8th to 10th, the week before the CE Convention.
German MD Convention - Hannover May 10th to 12th, 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.

Your District Website Updates



Lions Club International
British Isles District 105CE

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British Isles District 105CE - Serving Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Suffolk & Essex

At the heart of your community

We are delighted to announce a few updates on the District Website, some of the pages updated are listed below. Our aim to get you to the information you want within three clicks! Please look at the pages below and do share your thoughts and any requirements you may have with us at webmaster@lions105ce.org.uk.

- Home Page - <https://www.lions105ce.org/>
- About Lions Clubs - <https://www.lions105ce.org/lions-clubs.html>
- Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) - <https://www.lions105ce.org/lcif1.html>
- Service project - <https://www.lions105ce.org/service-projects.html>
- District Governor's Partner's Appeal - <https://www.lions105ce.org/district-governors-partners-appeal-2324.html>
- Club Projects - Lions Share - <https://www.lions105ce.org/lions-share.html>
- 5-Core Global Causes - <https://www.lions105ce.org/5-core-global-causes.html>
- International Team Portfolio - <https://www.lions105ce.org/international.html>
- Twinning Overview - <https://www.lions105ce.org/twinning.html>
- Twinning - France 103 Nord - <https://www.lions105ce.org/france-103-nord.html>
- Twinning - The Netherlands District 110 CO - <https://www.lions105ce.org/the-netherlands-district.html>
- Twinning - Germany District 111 NH - <https://www.lions105ce.org/germany-district-111-nh.html>
- Twinning - Romania District 124 - <https://www.lions105ce.org/romania-district-124.html>
- Twinning - Ireland District 133 - <https://www.lions105ce.org/ireland.html>
- Find a Club - <https://www.lions105ce.org/find-a-club.html>

We will endeavour to continue to support you through regular updates over next few months. If you are a portfolio owner, feel free to contact us and we can help update your website pages too. All ideas welcome, contact us at webmaster@lions105ce.org.uk.

Conningsby & Tattershall Lions Club



Our aim when we launched our Christmas Toy and Gift Appeal in September, working in conjunction with Lincolnshire Coop and Horncastle Support team, was to provide gifts for Barnardos Leaving Care plus other children and youngsters living in



the local area. Our Lions club actually received 453 gift donations which is absolutely incredible especially in today's financial climate and we wish to thank everyone who donated for their generosity. Gifts came in from individuals and businesses. Coningsby Coop staff donated presents instead of buying Secret Santa gifts for each other. Lincolnshire Coop travel collected gifts also for Barnardos so combining our efforts we were able to meet our collective aims. All gifts were sorted into age groups and allocated to various organisations for distribution to children and young people living in the local East Lindsey

area.

Our Lions were able to provide gifts for Barnardos, Ukrainian children living in East Lindsey; East Lindsey Early Help; Woodhall Spa Food Larder and for local families known to us and referred to us previously by local government organisations. Thanks to our amazing community many families in the local area will have something to smile about on Christmas morning. We may not know who they are, but we do know the difference it will make to them.

City of Southend Lions Club



Cheque presentation to the 10th Southend Group St Marks in Southend

Seen in the photo

Stevie (Scout Leader) Scouts Alfie, Jake, Elliott. Lion President Dave, at the back Lion Nigel, Chair of Welfare

We need your reports for the December special edition Newsletter. If you haven't sent in a report and pictures before, do it now and show all just what we do. editor@lions105ce.org.uk is where you need to send your reports etc.

Spreading Joy and Awareness: Leo's Christmas Presents



We're excited to share heartwarming news from the New Century Leos this Christmas. In the spirit of giving, the Leos have embarked on a meaningful journey with their initiative, "Leo's Christmas Presents." With a generous spirit, the Leos have chosen to make donations to several charities close to their hearts.



What makes this initiative truly remarkable is their commitment to raising awareness for these charities, leveraging the power of their social media platform. The selected charities hold personal significance for the Leos, stemming from either passionate convictions or personal experiences.



The charities they are supporting include:

1. Little Lifts, 2. Action Cerebral Palsy UK, 3. Cystic Fibrosis UK, 4. Butterfly Thyroid Cancer
5. EACH (East Anglia's Children's Hospices), 6. Dementia UK, 7. Easy Coast Pet Rescue,
8. Mercy Ships 9. DIAL (Disablement Information and Advice Line)

By utilising their social media presence, the Leos

aim to not only contribute financially but also to shine a light on the incredible work these charities do.

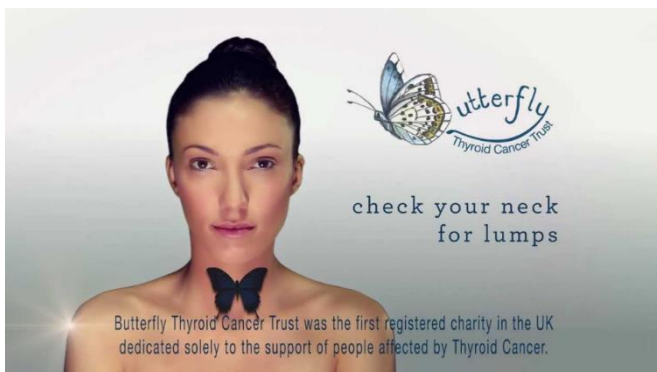


Their hope is to inspire others to join in supporting these causes and, more importantly, to spread awareness about the challenges faced by these organisations.



This Christmas, as the Leos come together to celebrate, they extend an invitation to everyone to join them in making a positive impact.

Follow their journey on social media, where they share stories, insights, and updates about the charities they support. Let's make this Christmas brighter for those in need by coming together to support Leo's Christmas Presents. After all, the true essence of the season lies in spreading joy, kindness, and making a meaningful difference.





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>



Contact Lions Clubs National HQ on
Tel: 0345 833 9502 or
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Lions Clubs International

MD105 British Isles

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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,
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saholland1950@gmail.com

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 17th 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 17th 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

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 28th 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

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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

55th 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 55th Anniversary Charter Dinner. The event will be held at the Brackenborough Hotel on Saturday 24th 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 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.



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL, FROM THE IT TEAM.

DON'T FORGET THE DECEMBER CLUB ACTIVITIES REPORTS WILL ARRIVE ON THE LAST DAY OF THE YEAR.

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