



Lions Clubs International

British Isles District 105CE

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105CE February 2023 Newsletter

Diary of a DG - January 2023 – Month 7

I know it's nearly February, but Happy New Year to all those Lions and their families I haven't seen or spoken to so far this year. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and I look forward to seeing many of you through the coming months.

International Lionism

For Sue and me, it was a different Christmas, but a lovely one, as we welcomed a friend from Romania into our home. Iulia first came into our lives around 10 years ago, when at the age of just 14 she offered to act as our translator on our annual visit to Romanian Children's homes. Year after year Iulia and then her younger sister Irina joined us and translated exactly what was said, rather than what the authorities often wanted us to hear. Whilst Iulia was with us, we spent Christmas with Sue's family in Wrexham, visited Chatsworth House and took her to see The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. Well, it was them that took me if I'm honest!



After New Year the three of us travelled out to Bremen with PDGs Derek Prior and Ujjal Kular and Manjit Kular to join our twin District 111-NH for their New Year's reception. We had a fabulous time, and I won't steal Derek's thunder by describing the visit here. But we were incredibly well looked after and Iulia, a Romanian, living and working in Vienna was badged up in Germany to be a Lion in the UK (so proud to welcome her into our club and District). International, is such an important part of Lionism for me as we can learn so much from each other and develop lasting friendships at the same time. Those that are attending Convention will see how much International brings to our Lionism.

A game of two halves

Last year I concentrated on bringing you our first Autumn Forum, which we called Lions Share, thanks to all those who attended and contributed; this was a great success and will be continued for the remainder of this Lionistic year. This was done to help bring clubs together and to share amazing service projects with each other.

Half time, change ends! For the second half of this Lionistic year, I want us **ALL** to concentrate on retaining, growing and developing our membership through the Global Membership Approach (GMA) and through the continued use of available development opportunities such as New Voices, Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI), Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI) and identifying our next round of delegates for Symposium.

We held our second face to face session of the GMA team on 15th January, where PDG Derek Prior distilled a 2 ½ day club development workshop into 2 ½ hours! This generated a huge amount of interest and discussion. 2VDG Colin Talbot spoke about where, and more importantly why, we are losing so many members with 3-10 years' service. We heard from Lion Chris Speed and his team about their efforts to communicate and welcome our new members and help them understand what they have joined and, last but not least, Lion Graham Venables explained that he and his team are in place to provide whatever training and development is required.

Branch Clubs – time to grow!

On Monday 23rd January, a few of us held our first informal zoom meeting with a group of people living in Cambridge. We had created a WhatsApp group called 'Cambridge Lions Club' before Christmas which included prospective members where we could start chatting and sharing ideas. The zoom meeting was a nice, relaxed chat to get to know each other and share a few ideas. After the meeting we identified a third person, who is an ex-Leo who has since been added to the group. We plan to have a social get together on 4th Feb. Using WhatsApp and/or Facebook to create the feeling of club existence is very useful!



Not to be outdone, PDG Steve Scall and Lion Verdun Webley expressed a keen desire to develop a branch club in Newark / Bingham and have already started discussion with the mayor and have the offer of a meeting venue. This may be a specialty club based around gleaning!

Likewise, there are early discussions around a branch club in Crowland, which would see Lions return to this town and there is also talk about a branch of Clacton Lions. Lion David Broadley, our officer for New Club Development has sent an email asking that clubs consider and vote on whether they will be willing to support the creation of new branch clubs. If you haven't done this please do, either way, yes or no, we need to know before we target areas.

As I have said many times before, growing, retaining, and developing our membership will not happen by accident, it will take work and effort. What better way to serve our communities than growing our association to serve in more locations?

Can I take this opportunity to give a very warm welcome to all 66 of our new members, you have joined the most amazing association and I sincerely hope you all get to learn and love it as I do.

Convention 2023 – Dunston Hall 16th – 19th March



The Convention Team and Convention Officer have been working hard to bring us all a Convention to remember. Numbers are increasing steadily; we have 97 booked for the host night (Safari theme) and 118 for the Banquet and Ball. There are still rooms available and still options for day attendance. This is your opportunity to have your say, hear about what is going on and have fun! We have an amazing line up of speakers, including our International Guest DG Daniel Marney Elkins who some of you have met before, he will certainly wake us all up.

Lions Philip and Natalija Blobel who will inspire us with stories about their 9 aid missions to Ukraine.

We will have a presentation from Sue's brilliant chosen charity - Magic Breakfast and I'm really looking forward to hearing from our amazing Young Ambassador Ashton Fulchur, who's project 'Pallet Teen' has raised thousands for local causes such as GeeWhizz, The Bumblebee charity and East Anglian Children's Hospice (EACH).

We will also hopefully fit in a virtual St Patrick's Day celebration event with global reach. To be sure!

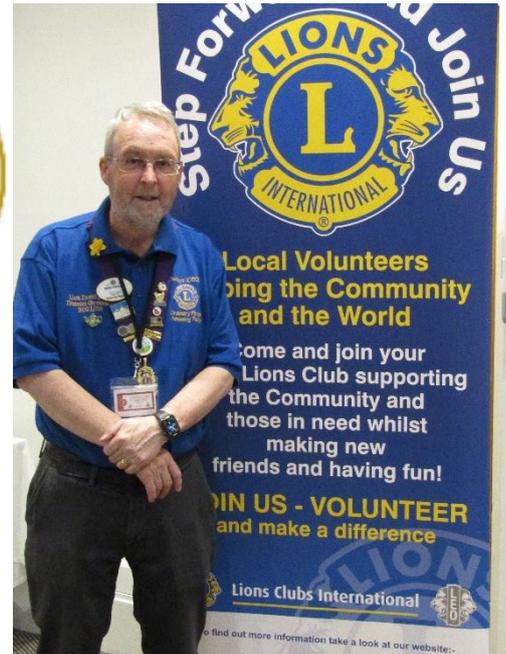
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Immediate Past District Governor of 105Ce elected to top job.



Lions Clubs MD105 are delighted to announce that the incoming Council of Governors for 2023-24 have elected PDG Lion David Pope from District CE to be their Council



Chairman. A member of the 2021-22 Council of Governors.

Lion David brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the role and will most certainly have an enjoyable and successful year working with the incoming Council.

Good Luck for your year in office, from 105ce. We are all PROUD of you.

Generators to Ukraine update.

Union Mart have sold out of our two generators - all stock - over 200 of each I am told - have gone to the Ukraine.

We are sending three generators, one at £286.80, one at £358.80 and one at £490.80. all Clarke petrol generators from Machine Mart.

The Lions International Marketing Award - Win \$2,000

The Lions International Marketing Award submission deadline has been extended to February 15, 2023. Don't miss this chance for your club to be recognized for their marketing efforts, receive a trophy - \$2,000 USD - to use toward future club marketing, and complimentary LCIcon (International Convention) registration for two club members plus guests (4 total registrations). Visit lionsclubs.org/marketingaward for more info and to apply.

Here are some tips to get your application off to a great start:

- 1. Meet the 15th of February Deadline.** Be sure to get your application in soon.
- 2. Include samples.** Be sure to submit examples of all promotional materials used in your marketing campaign (e.g., Facebook posts, press releases, flyers, posters, etc.).
- 3. Include photos.** If you have photos that will help "tell the story" of your marketing achievements, please include them.
- 4. Be detailed.** Descriptive answers are the best way to tell your marketing campaign story, so provide as much detail as possible when completing the application form.

Chelmsford Lion Club

December into January is a busy time for the Chelmsford Lions Club. In the Essex County main library, we supported Cards for Causes helping to sell Christmas cards of forty charities. At the Hatfield Peverel Xmas Fair, we sold hand knitted toys and donated some to children of Afghan refugees.

Our 22nd annual sleigh ride has supported eleven local charities. The sled, accompanied by music and bells, was driven around Chelmsford for twenty evenings collecting funds for Barrow Farm Riding for the Disabled; Chelmer Ladies; CHESS Homeless charity; Families in Focus; Farleigh Hospice; Haven Hospices; Helen Rollason; Guide Dogs for the Blind; the Mayor's Charities; New City Women's Institute and the Parkinson UK. On thirteen allocated nights, each charity's members help us to collect funds that will be used to support their initiatives. We shall look forward to our presentation evening in February when we award cheques to all the organisations involved. On seven further nights Lions club members collect donations that will subsequently be allocated to help other local causes. We also introduced card donations for collections this year. By using 'Sum Up' we enabled any people who said 'that I no longer carry cash' to successfully donate.

Andrea Cooper, President of the Chelmsford Lions Club said: 'It is always a pleasure to take the Sleigh around the city to see the excitement that young children show, and to meet families and people who are happy to support our charities.

After Christmas, the Chelmsford Lions Club engaged with Farleigh Hospice's Christmas Tree Collection over the first weekend of January 2023. This activity involved three Lions teams driving around Essex to collect Christmas trees which are then mulched down on a farm for compost. Farleigh Hospice ran the logistics for this event effectively, enabling 2000 trees to be collected in two days.

Recently we have also welcomed two additional Lions to our meetings. Keith Radley from the former Witham Lions branch, now closed, and Shawn Pullman who has moved from Loddon Valley.



You can participate in our **Double Trouble quiz sheet** on chelmsfordlionsclub.org. UK website. This fundraiser is for the Children's Burns Club at Broomfield Hospital. It includes rounds of cryptic and puzzle questions covering locations, travel, and history; entertainment with films and TV; plus, questions on food and cooking. This can be purchased online for £2.00 a sheet.

There are prizes for correct answers which must be submitted by the end of February. We hope you will take part and look forward to receiving your answers.



Clacton on Sea Lions

Christmas Store Collections

The local supermarkets are very supportive when it comes to the Christmas Store Collections, with Managers getting lots of positive feedback from their customers. We are the only Charity in Clacton that does NOT charge for having pictures taken with Father Christmas and his helpers, but donations are always gratefully received! We started in the Co-op in Brightlingsea for two days, then moved over to Asda in Clacton for 4 days and then finished in Morrisons, Little Clacton for three days – finishing at 1pm on Christmas Eve. We also squeezed in a 2-hour street collection outside Lions Mags and Alans house in Brightlingsea,



with Father Christmas and his helpers there too. We had an interloper at our collections – The Penguin – he was a firm favourite with the children so we think he will be visiting again next year.

Travelling Lions



Jim and Liz were on a Caribbean Cruise in December and plans to meet up with Lions on the islands were thwarted by Liz contracting flu on board which meant a short cabin isolation followed by a slow recovery. They did however see the Lions Logos on the Bonaire Lions meeting hut and their Lions time capsule, and they also visited the Lions Dive Beach Hotel in Curaçao. The Curaçao Lions set up a crowdfunding project



in the 1980's to raise the funds to build this hotel. It is now a luxury resort. Jim and Liz were made most welcome when they visited (wearing their District polo shirts of course).

Cheque Presentation Evening After a busy few months fundraising, January is a 'recovery' month with just social meet ups. We do however, have the – highlight of the year – our Cheque Presentation Evening in Clacton town centre, where we give away the majority of the money we raised. Lion President Keith handed out a cheque to volunteers from Clacton Lifeboat Station. Frinton and Walton, and Harwich Lifeboat Station volunteers were unable to attend so their cheques will be presented to them in the next few days. Cheques were also presented to Asda Clacton who chose to support our Brain Tumour Research Appeal in memory of their colleague driver Steve, with Morrisons Little Clacton supporting their store charity which is Together for



Short Lives. We also surprised Bobby-Jean with her Leo badge. 2nd VDG Colin gave the honor of pinning this on her, to Destiny – who was last year's 105CE District Young Ambassador. Bobby-Jean and Destiny are the founders / trustees of Sonny's Army who have been tirelessly helping families in hospital since 2019. Lion President Keith also surprised them by announcing that Sonny's Army will be chosen Charity for the Golf Day on Thursday 18th May 2023 (entry forms will be on our website soon).

Spalding Lions Club



Spalding Lions Club members Stuart, Eileen, Julie and Sally attended an event organised by a local medical centre, where health, social and community partners from the Spalding area came together. The event had been organised for the public to meet the local services who would be sharing and celebrating work ongoing in the community.

It was a worthwhile event giving us the opportunity to share the side to Lions work not always appreciated by the public. We also took time to talk with other organisations from our area, making new contacts and gleaning information during the day. Overall, it was a productive worthwhile day.

International Twinning Trip to 111NH in Germany

On Thursday 5th January a team of 6 of us from our District, DG Chris and Sue Hibbert, PDG Ujjal and Manjit Kular, myself and one guest, Iulia Mihulet from Romania, set off for our German Twin District's New Year Reception. This is a big event in Germany, as their District Conventions are business only, and this is the main opportunity for Lions from all over their District to socialise, eat, drink and be merry.

After leaving Stansted on RyanAir (I know) we were met at Bremen Airport at teatime by our driver, Oliver, a Lion who had volunteered to spend 4 days driving us around with typical German efficiency and good humour. On arrival, we went straight into a Zone meeting where 3 clubs and guests met, ate dinner and listened to a speech on a very current "hot topic" in Germany relating to whether tanks should be supplied to Ukraine. Around 80 Lions were present taking part, and there was a lively question and answer session. Not bad for a Zone Meeting!



On the Friday, we visited Hannover, with a guided tour by a local Lions expert, of the Town Hall building, a walk round the town centre viewing art installations and a mediaeval church, with lunch in the famous MarktHalle. In the afternoon, we visited a project of a specialist Lions Club, Aegidius, who have built and now run, a home for up to 12 disabled children. This is the only project of the club, but they raised €1.8 million for the building and now raise around €70,000 per annum to add to state and city grants to cover the annual running costs. We got to meet the staff and a couple of the children (many others were not there as it was still the Christmas holidays) and were very impressed with the whole thing. Aegidius Lions is only 1 of the 26 Lions Clubs in Hannover, a city of 500,000 people (the same size as Edinburgh) where there are about 500 Lions and is a great example of a very different type of Lions Club.



On Friday evening, the German Cabinet and we visitors shared a meal in the hotel, and over a few (!) drinks got to know each other much better until the wee small hours.



Saturday saw the New Year Reception, with around 100 Lions from all over our Twin District in attendance. It started at 10am with informal groups chatting with a glass of bubbly in the hand, before we went into a formal lunch, a lot like a formal Club Charter Night in the UK. During the lunch, two International President's Awards and an MJF Award was presented by DG Thomas Prinz. DG Chris also took the opportunity to badge up into his own club, the 6th member of our travel group, a Romanian woman, Iulia Mihulet who Chris and Sue have known for over 10 years and who now lives in Vienna. Again, this reception was a great chance to meet and get to know a numerous number of Lions, who mainly spoke English with us. Saturday afternoon saw most of us walking round the hometown of Renate (the 111NH Twinning Officer) and 2VDG Gunther, trying to recreate pictures of a calendar Gunther has produced. To round off another full day, we all went for a pizza in a local restaurant and again drink was taken.

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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.

DISTRICT DEVELOPMENTAL OPPORTUNITIES

It is hoped to run at least one developmental meeting each month for the rest of this Lionistic year. The aim is to provide information on a variety of topics that hopefully will assist both individual members and clubs.

Wednesday 22 February 2023 – Development of New Members – an opportunity to discuss how best to develop new members with a view to them becoming more active and future leaders of your club.

Friday 17 March 2023 – Certified Guiding Lion- an opportunity for experienced Lions to become a Certified Guiding Lion able to help develop clubs. This will be face to face at Convention.

For further information click on the link: [Guiding Lion Program | Lions Clubs International](#)

Wednesday 26 April 2023 – Potential Cabinet Officers – an opportunity for those thinking of taking a Cabinet position for the first time to find out more.

Wednesday 31 May 2023 – Club Officers 2023-24 – an opportunity to find out more about your forthcoming role and to discuss /share ideas.

Wednesday 28 June 2023 – Incoming Cabinet members – an opportunity to find out more about the requirements of a cabinet officer.

Meetings will be held on Zoom unless otherwise indicated. We are happy to do presentations face to face at Region or Zone meetings. Please contact Lion Graham Venables if you are interested at, lioncgv@gmail.com.

We are always prepared to include additional events based on the requests from club officers or members.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES, a quick reference to membership options.

For prospective members who may not be able to meet the obligations of active membership, Lions International offers several membership categories to fit their needs.

Active member- Active membership is the “typical” category of Lions membership. Active members who meet all requirements of Lions membership receive all benefits.

Affiliate member- An affiliate member is someone who is not able to participate as an active member of the club but desires to support the club and its community service initiatives.

Associate member- An associate member has active membership in one Lions club and associate membership in a second club in their community of residence or employment.

Honorary member -An honorary member is not a member of the Lions club but may be granted honorary membership by a Lions club for having performed outstanding service.

Life member -A life member is a Lion who has maintained active membership for at least 20 years, or at least 15 years if the member has reached age 70. Life membership may also be granted to a Lion who is critically ill.

Member-at-large- A member-at-large is a member of a club who is unable to regularly attend club meetings but desires to retain membership in the club.

Privileged member -A privileged member is a Lion who has been a member 15 or more years but must relinquish active status because of illness, infirmity, advanced age or other reason.

Friendly February 2023

MONDAY



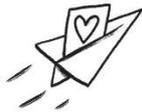
6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while

13 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day

20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun

27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them

TUESDAY



7 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others

14 Tell a loved one or friend why they are special to you

21 Really listen to what people say, without judging them

28 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today

WEDNESDAY

1 Send a message to let someone know you're thinking of them

8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust

15 Support a local business with a positive online review or friendly message

22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today

THURSDAY

2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently

9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you

16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help

23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise

FRIDAY

3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone

10 Look for good in others, particularly when you feel frustrated with them

17 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life

24 Tell a loved one about the strengths that you see in them

SATURDAY

4 Invite a friend over for a 'tea break' (in person or virtual)

11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost

18 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself

25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why

SUNDAY

5 Make time to have a friendly chat with a neighbour

12 Focus on being kind rather than being right

19 Share something you find inspiring, helpful or amusing

26 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones



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Sunday 5 March

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Toftwood Social Club

