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British Isles District 105CE  
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## District 105CE July 2023 Newsletter

### A word from your new District Governor

Welcome everyone to the new Lions year, with your help I will continue with the good work that IPDG Chris, CC David, PGD Ujjal and PDG Guch have done for our district. I am really looking forward to serving with you all and seeing many of you at the District Change Over which will be held at Peterborough Masonic Hall on July 15<sup>th</sup> (more details on the back page of this newsletter). And no doubt, I'll be sharing a few stories about our International Convention being held in Boston USA, between July 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

As you will see from my cabinet officers, the emphasis is on health this year, something that affects all of us. Instead of a Mental Health Officer this year we have a Dementia Officer and an Alzheimer's Officer. The Brain Tumour Research programme will continue. We have an officer for the Lions International Blood Research Appeal. We have a Lion dedicated to male cancers and another to female cancers. The Childhood Cancer programme is going to be really interesting this year with many events planned which I hope you will all fully support.

This emphasis on health also ties in nicely with my wife Sue's chosen charity, Cardiomyopathy a disease of the heart which can lie dormant for several years and then appear with lifechanging or fatal results.

The District Governors' team for last year and the coming year have been and will continue working hard to identify areas around the district for the formation of club branches. These are crucial for our membership to grow, and I am quite sure you will support these club branches as and when they are formed.

The work that we do in our communities is called service. We tend to start our service from the centre of our communities, the heart of the community, we Lions are the heart of service.

DG Paul Southerton  
Lions are the heart of service



# Club Officer Training

## Don't miss these great learning opportunities!

Training is invaluable for incoming officers and Lions Clubs International has the informational tools to help. As the time to train your incoming club officers' approaches, review the courses with them available in Learn inside the **Member Portal**. Encourage your club leaders to access Learn where they will find these four helpful courses under "Course Catalogue"

- Club Officer Training
- Club Secretary Responsibilities
- Club President Responsibilities
- Club Treasurer Responsibilities

Additionally, encourage your marketing chairpersons to check out the **Marketing Matters** webinar series to boost their marketing know-how. And if your clubs don't have a marketing chairperson, encourage them to appoint one!

Take the time to review some helpful programs and resources with the incoming officers, which are noted below.

- **Club Quality Initiative Program** – A strategic planning tool that helps clubs identify opportunities for improvement. By understanding our current operations, identifying areas that can be improved and taking measured steps to accomplish your goals, your club can be even better.
- **Plan for Your Club's Success (Global Membership Approach) Webpage** – This webpage has been designed to assist clubs in attracting new members, overcoming challenges and developing new goals and strategies. Clubs can use the **planning guide** and **PowerPoint** to discover their strengths, ways to improve and new opportunities that will help them grow and thrive! Planning forms help develop a vision, assess your club's needs and organize your plan for a successful implementation.

Encourage club officers to familiarize themselves with the dedicated webpages and resources available to them to help them succeed in their roles. The **Managing a Club (Club Officer Team)** webpage provides direct links to club officer webpages, e-Books and other resources.

As you prepare for your year ahead, please contact your District & Club Administration Division Support Team if you have any questions, they can be reached by email at **[clubofficers@lionsclubs.org](mailto:clubofficers@lionsclubs.org)**.

## **INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

We now have details of international institutes that are currently on offer in our Constitutional Area for qualified Lions, they are:

ADVANCED LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (ALLI) – this course will be held at Frankfurt from 10 – 12 November 2023. **The closing date for applications is 28 July 2023.**

LIONS CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR PROGRAMME – this course will be held in Rome from 3 – 6 May 2024. **The closing date for applications is 19 January 2024.**

If you are interested in applying for either of these courses, please contact your GLT Coordinator Lion Graham Venables at [gmals@lions105ce.org.uk](mailto:gmals@lions105ce.org.uk) or call him on 07833 551998.

# And now for a few words from Immediate Past District Governor Lion Chris Hibbert Lions is Life Changing!

Diary of a DG - June 2023 – Month 12

WOW! Where has the year gone?

Witnessing 2VDGe Lion Chris Speed starting his journey takes me right back to the start of mine over three years ago. I can't believe this stage of my Lions journey is almost at an end. I couldn't have done it without so many Lion friends, especially my amazing club and wonderful wife.

People sometimes say that we need to recruit 'quality' members. When I joined, I did what I could, due to my other commitments, and doubt I would have been described as a 'quality' member. I certainly never had any plans to become President, Zone Chair or even District Governor. But the more I saw, learned, and experienced the more I wanted to do and contribute. It is all our responsibilities to support and encourage each other to experience these same opportunities to understand just how amazing our association is and what a positive contribution it makes to our entire society.

Sue and I have both had a fantastic year, visiting Club meetings, events and charters, Cabinet meetings, Council meetings, Multiple District Global Service Team meetings (GST), Membership meetings, Global Membership Approach (GMA) meetings, Strategic Planning Team (SPT) meetings. Attending the Lions Day with The United Nations (LDUN). District Convention and Multiple District Convention. Even met and had tea with our wonderful Patron - The Duchess of Edinburgh.

As well as two visits to D124 Romania, the first was our annual trip working with four local Lions Clubs to provide help to children in care, providing food and clothes to elderly in remote mountain villages, providing a day out for Ukrainian families and an incredible day enjoying sport with Special Olympians. The second to attend our twin District's Convention in Bucharest. Such, wonderful friendship and hospitality.

Plus, a visit to Austria to speak at Europa Forum about hunger, a visit to Germany to attend 111NH New Year Conference and most recently a visit to Ukraine to see first-hand the destruction and devastation inflicted during the Russian invasion and to inspect the installation of 10 reverse osmosis plants funded by a \$202k LCIF grant, supplying safe, clean drinking water to c.40,000 residents for free every day.

All this, whilst still supporting my own club which now has its first club branch. Welcome Cambridge New Century Lions Club Branch.

Good luck to DG Paul Southerton for his year, I hope you enjoy it as it will be over in a flash. You have a great team and I look forward to supporting you in whatever way I can.

Thank you all for everything you do to support your communities, wherever they may be.



**1st June.** Straight back to business following our successful trip to Romania and Ukraine with a club visit to Stowmarket Lions. This was an excellent meeting chaired by President Andrew with great fun and friendship with so much going on.

Afterwards I had a chat with ZC Kevin Parker about the work he and his wife have been leading for years for Chernobyl Children. Presented long service awards and banner and pin.





**2nd June.** Social with prospective members of Cambridge New Century Lions Club Branch. Badged up a new member – Welcome Lion Scott Brooker, welcomed transfer member Lion Krishna Data, all while having a round of indoor crazy golf.

We have subsequently formed the club branch and have assigned their President, Secretary and Treasurer. The club are meeting monthly and generating some great plans and more potential members.

I would also like to welcome members of the newly formed Trinity Lions Club Branch.



**I am really excited to see these new club branches develop and grow and hope we can form many more over the next few years.**



**3rd June.** Continuing my weekend tour, takes me down to Billericay for their charter lunch. More long service chevrons presented and recognised some of their newer members. It was a fabulous meal and was so nice to see so many Lions I haven't seen in a while. This included Lion Dave Parker, we had a good chat before and after the meal and looked forward to seeing each other again soon, only to be shocked the following day when I was informed of his untimely passing. We never know how long we have left, so let's try to enjoy every day. Our thoughts are with his wife, family, and friends at this sad time.

**9th June.** Another long weekend of travels, started with a meeting in Lincoln with Greater Lincolnshire Food partnership, supported by some of gleaning leaders, including RC Verdun Webley, PDG Steve Scall, PDG Derek and Aileen Blow and ZC Mike Dempsey. Inspiring discussions about how we can support each other.



Then up to Caistor for the second year running to see them at the beer festival, this year we spent a good few hours together really getting to know many of the members, again more long service chevrons were handed out to Lions with 40 years of service each, even if one was presented with a 10 year chevron due to a gap in membership. Hopefully this can be corrected.





**11th June.** Back to the deep south – this time to Leigh on Sea charter.

Again, great to see so many friendly faces for another lovely Sunday lunch.

Sad that our original plans to stay with Tim and Debs on the Saturday night fell through, due to Tim having an unscheduled stay over in hospital. But amazing to hear of all the fantastic work they do in their community, largely due to the wonderful Lions shop, which is also supported by Eastwood Lions and Lions who in turn benefit from a share of the profits. The amount of money donated each year is astounding.

**23rd June.** Chelmsford Lions Charter – the sequel!

Doesn't seem 8 months since we were here, at the same table.

That said, I would happily attend this charter 3 or 4 times a year. Sue and I have so many great friends here and its always a great night.

Another long service chevron, this time for ex-Lioness Lion Gillian who had fought hard to get her years accounted for and was duly awarded a 30-year chevron. So well deserved, thank for the amazing service provided as a Lioness and now as a Lion.



**25th June.** Nottingham West Lions Club and Nottingham West Pride Club Branch handover. Great to hear the successes of both clubs under the leadership of President Manjit and Branch President Jagpinder and to wish new President Jaspal and Branch President Nina similar success in their forthcoming year. Following the formal speeches and handover we enjoyed a leisurely, delicious Chinese lunch/dinner? Sadly, Sue and I won't be able to attend their 30<sup>th</sup> charter on September 23<sup>rd</sup> but we encourage all who can to attend for what will be an amazing evening.

**27th June.** Off to Wymondham Lions Club meeting. Great to catch up with PDG Jim Cawte and Lion John Coadwell, both great supporters of New Century over the years, also great to get to know some of the other members, what a lovely bunch of Lions.

Only a small club but they have such a packed agenda of activities. Including the Royal Norfolk Show which I attended the following day, more below. I presented a 30-year chevrons to Lions John and Jennifer Coadwell.



28th June. Royal Norfolk Show. Having heard about this show and the service provided by Lions in the area for many years I was keen to attend. This is a wonderful show with thousands of attendees over the two days. Lions provide Guardian Angel wristbands for children and vulnerable people. These are simple and effective, having the parent or guardian's mobile number written on them. Supporting clubs on the day included, Wymondham, Dereham, Attleborough, Great Yarmouth, Whittlesey, EA new Century, Peterborough, and an EA New Century Leo.



*That takes us to the end of June, but we can't rest yet. We still have Retford Lions Charter and Taverham Lions charter to look forward to over the next two weeks and finally:*

*We can finish back where we started at the EA Lioness Lions charter. This was our first charter of my year as DG and seems a perfect place for it to come to its end.*

*This has been such an honour and a privilege to serve this District and Multiple District in this capacity. We have made some great new friends over the three years to add to our amazing growing group of Lions friends. After all, this is what it is all about.*

*We are all equals as Lions, we are all trying to serve people wherever we can. Never above you, never below you always beside you.*

***See you all somewhere soon. Thank you.***

## **Let's get Social**

**Are you following us on these social media channels, if not, why not? Please do follow us, join in and let's get social...**



# Tree Planting with our Patron HRH The Duchess of Edinburgh

A look back at February when our Immediate Past District Governor Lion Chris Hibbert had the great pleasure, with a few other Lions friends to visit the home of our Patron, Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Edinburgh. It was a great honour and an immense privilege for this group of Lions to share tea and biscuits with The Duchess at her Bagshot Park home. To quote IPDG Chris "It was an absolute pleasure to meet The Duchess, who made us all so welcome and joked that we we're overdressed for tree planting".

The visit came about so that The Duchess of Edinburgh could personally plant an avenue of trees at her home as part of the late HRH Queen Elizabeth II's Green Canopy Project. The trees we're supplied by Barcham, a company from Cambridgeshire. The Duchess was so pleased to have what will soon be a lovely avenue of 8 Sorbus Aria Magnifica (Whitebeam) trees in memory of the late Queen Elizabeth II. One from each District.



As the above pics show the weather was very cold, and all were very windblown! In the pic above right, from left to right we have PID Lion Geoff Leeder, DG Lion James Barry Prior -105CN, IPCC Alastair Joel, HRH The Dutchess of Edin burgh, IPDG Rav Sandhu - 105CW, IPDG Chris Hibbert and our very own Patron Liaison Office PDG Lion Patrick Hamblin.

## Welcome to Council Chair Lion David Pope



We have a great reputation for supporting our Multiple District 105, covering the British Isles with excellent leadership in many facets of Lions, including Hunger Officers, Convention Officers, Health & Safety Officers to mention a few. It's a great honour for us to welcome in and wish our very own 'Past District Governor' Lion David Pope as Council Chairperson for MD 105, congratulation Council Chair Lion David Pope, we look forward to his leadership of our wonderful Multiple District 105.

A message form Council Chair David follows:

"Dear Lions of 105CE, my home District. I am so PROUD to have been elected as the Council Chair for 2023/24. IPCC Alastair will be a hard act to follow, but I know I have the full support my own District (& Club) during my term of office. This is such a huge honour for me and our great District, one that I will treasure and enjoy for the rest of my life. We are only here for a very short time, and I absolutely believe in making a positive difference, this is what Lions do, WE SERVE."



# Your District Governor Lion Paul Southerton invites you to join him at Dunston Hall for the 105CE District Convention in March 2024

See details below...

## 105CE District Convention

14th-17th March 2024

Dunston Hall, Norwich

DG Paul Southerton



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To find further details and booking form please follow this [link](#) to the District 105CE website

Remember you will need the password to get to this part of the site

Do come and join us for another brilliant weekend at [Dunston Hall](#)

*Did you know, to get your article in this newsletter, all you need to do is get a message to the Editor Lion Verdun Webley, just click [here](#) and drop the [Editor](#) the details and a picture or two.*



Coningsby & Tattershall  
Lions Club

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Tattershall Village Hall  
Lodge Road, LN4 4LL

Friday 4th August  
5pm - 11pm

Saturday 5th August  
Noon - 11pm

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## Nottingham West Lions Club Charity Golf Day – 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023



### Ruddington Grange Golf Club

- You are cordially invited to come along to [Ruddington Grange Golf Club](#) and enjoy a great day out whilst helping those in need through Lions Clubs International.
- We have an Individual & Team Competition with prizes for
  - Individual Winner, Runner up & Third place
  - Top Team, Longest Drive & Nearest Pin
- Entry is £50 per head, you get a great round of golf on a lovely course and have a fantastic meal with the awards ceremony too
- To register, contact Guch Manku on 07802 918 386. A four ball is preferred, however, we will line you up with a team if on your own!!



## Southwell & District Lions Club (CIO)

Registered Charity No. 1186703

# GOLF DAY

Raising funds to support our local community and overseas Lions appeals



**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct : First Tee 10.30**

Southwell Golf Club : Occupation Lane,  
Southwell NG25 0TS

**£ 160 for team of 4 : inc. bacon cob and buffet**

### To enter a team and more info contact

Graham Coulson 07777 635833 grcoulson64@live.co.uk

Bob Callow 07876 748877 Bob.callow@btinternet.com

Or email lionsouthwell@gmail.com

Your Lions events could  
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Fundraisers

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Anything you are doing

Just send details to:

[editor@lions105ce.org.uk](mailto:editor@lions105ce.org.uk)

# Let's get Social

Having a good social media presence helps our district and organisation as a whole stay relevant in our communities. Posting regular content keeps people aware of the good works we're doing and what it means to be a Lion.

How you help us with boosting our digital footprint...

Photos, videos, clips and memes are widely used on social media, with the average person spending 2-4 hours per day on apps like Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and Twitter.

For this reason, it would be a massive help in promoting our selves if you could share your photos and videos with us, so we can add to our social media accounts.

This may be relating to:

- Service projects
- Community engagement
- Social events
- Club meetings
- Awards and acknowledgements
- Anything else we want to make the public aware of



How you can share your content...

Send your content along with a description to [socialmediacomms@lions105ce.org.uk](mailto:socialmediacomms@lions105ce.org.uk)



**Send your content along with a short description to [socialmediacomms@lions105ce.org.uk](mailto:socialmediacomms@lions105ce.org.uk)**

## **District Governors Home Coming / Changeover**

A reminder to all Lions that the District Governors Home Coming / Changeover is open to all and is to be held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July at the Masonic Hall Peterborough, the price for the event is £16 per person. It would be great to have a FULL HOUSE to welcome home our District Governor Lion Paul Southerton.

### **Venue:**

Peterborough Masonic Hall Ltd, The Masonic Centre, 127 Ellindon, Bretton, Peterborough, PE3 8RD.

Tel: 01733 265121 or 01733 331948. Website: [www.peterborough-masonic-centre.org](http://www.peterborough-masonic-centre.org)

Click here for [Google Maps Link](#)

### **Agenda:**

- 10:30 Welcome by DG Paul plus an update on Lions Portal
- 11.15 Coffee break
- 11:30 Region Chairs, Zone Chairs and Club Presidents Planning with Paul
- 12:00 Group participation and discussion.
- 12:45 Lunch
- 13:45 DG handover
- 14:00 DG's wife appeal
- 14:15 Close.

To book on the event and welcome in DG Lion Paul, please message Lion President Jane Scott of Hunstanton Lions Club on 07748 052765 or email [Jane Scott](mailto:Jane.Scott).