



# Lions Clubs International

## British Isles District 105CE

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Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Suffolk & Essex



### **MONTHLY NEWS SEPTEMBER 2020.**

The last two months have been busy for the Cabinet and the Teams preparing to serve the District in the forthcoming months.

I would like to welcome the New Members who have joined Lions, our Great organisation, and wish them and their Clubs a successful future. We are here for you.

The Administration has been dealing with CIO, Nominations & Resolutions, Insurance, Health and Safety to mention a few. This has kept us busy as it's the beginning of the year. The work carries on to keep our Clubs informed and updated with information etc.

The Strategic Planning Team, is working together with Team Leaders in a way that the District machinery operates efficiently enhancing each other to deliver service to our Clubs and members and arrive at a common goal.

Further training for Club Officers has been in operation; the training is not only for serving Officers but for future Officers and Leaders, so please take up the training and look into the future. We need qualified Lions in reserve.

Schools are opening soon, its time to approach them and introduce the Youth programmes and competitions; many are not familiar with Life skills, Peace Poster, ROAR, Young Ambassador and Young leaders in Service. Please get in touch with the Youth Team for assistance.

I saw, that some Clubs are recognising their community members, who have been giving of their time and substance by giving Certificates of Recognition to these deserving individuals. This recognition is of value to the recipient on their CV as an achievement. You as Clubs, in the name of LCI have this power to recognise them.

Some Clubs are beginning to meet Face to Face keeping social distance. I went to one such event of my own Clubs Change Over Lunch. It was well organised; members were delighted to see each other and presentations took place including an MJF award.

I and the DG Team are eager to meet you in your meetings online or Face to Face where safe to do so. Please drop me a line so we can join you.

August is a time when we are on holidays recharging for the colder months; this year is different and most of us have had a long unwanted holiday. However Lions are getting ready to face the near future and are preparing themselves as normal, given the circumstances.

Please don't forget Manjit's appeal is DIABETES; will be grateful for your Support.

Keep up the Good Work.

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### **Swaffham Lions**

Swaffham Lions joined forces with four local restaurants to encouraged the residents of Swaffham to support local businesses during the 50% government discount scheme, at the same time support the Brain Tumour research charity with some of their savings. The Lions lost one of their members earlier this year through the disease, also in Swaffham little Esme has been going through a lot of treatment for the same condition. The collections raised £230 for the charity.



When the Lions had a call from Louise Thompson about a small charity SENSational Families need for funding for their carers, the welfare team investigated the work of the charity. The charity based in Norfolk work with families of children who have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). The charity has been sending out Smile boxes for children but they have recognised that the careers also need to be looked after. They have made up boxes that include hand cream, body lotion as well as tea and coffee for the carers, Swaffham Lions have donated enough money for 20 boxes to be distributed to carers in Swaffham.



## Humbertson Northsea Lions Wingwalk for the NLI



We continue to have problems arranging fund raising activities of late with the issue of social distancing and have had to postpone a number of events. But one of our Members, Bob Wraith, went ahead with a wing-walk on a bi-plane at Wickenby Airfield in Lincolnshire to raise money for the RNLI (he had no trouble social distances on that activity!). It is now 10 years since Bob swam the Humber Estuary, with the help of a veteran River Humber swimmer Pete Winchester (an ex-member of our Lions Club). The River Humber is 7 miles across from Spurn Point to Cleethorpes Beach in a straight line but because of the river flowing out and the tide going out with it or coming in against it, Bob had to swim in a horse shoe route of 11 miles. This took 5.5 hours in cold water. However, as he put his feet down in the water approaching Cleethorpes beach he unfortunately collapsed with a heart attack. Pete pulled him into the support boat, started CPR and radioed for help. As he was about 70 meters from dry land (the tide goes out a long way at Cleethorpes) the Cleethorpes Inshore Lifeboat came to his rescue, brought him ashore and continued with CPR until the ambulance arrived. Bob made a miraculous full recovery after a couple of days in hospital and wanted to say a big thank you to mark this 10<sup>th</sup>

anniversary by doing a wing-walk to raise money for the RNLI. Through sponsorship and donations he raised a fantastic £2,300. Well done Bob.

Bob Wraith aka 'the bird', Cleethorpes Coxwain and President Mike Lee

We held our annual Charity Golf Day at Cleethorpes Golf Club in August raising a best ever £1236 which was amazing given the problems of obtaining the usual number of sponsors for the event; however the golfers were extremely generous in taking part in our name cards for 3 wonderful food and drink hampers. Perhaps it was because this was the first competition day in the area since lockdown, but we had a record number of teams. It was a very hot day and so the halfway house was very welcome consisting of some snacks and a cool drink with a meal enjoyed at the end of the round. Because of the social distancing the meals were pre-ordered as the teams arrived and a time slot given to eat at the end. The issues around COVID-19 also precluded any suggestion of a prize giving ceremony so the prizes were delivered later to the lucky winners. Many thanks to the Cleethorpes Golf Club, sponsors and the golfers for a very successful day.

## Wisbech Lions

The club has many proud moments to reflect upon. We now celebrate the success of Maddie Booth who recently graduated from Warwick University with a 2.1 degree in Politics and Global Sustainability Development. Our Club had great confidence in Maddie, as we put her forward, in 2016, to become Young Ambassador for East of England. Maddie exceeded our expectations by making us, and her mother, Lion Saffron Booth, proud of her achievements, being a perfect role model for other young people in Wisbech and in the wider community.



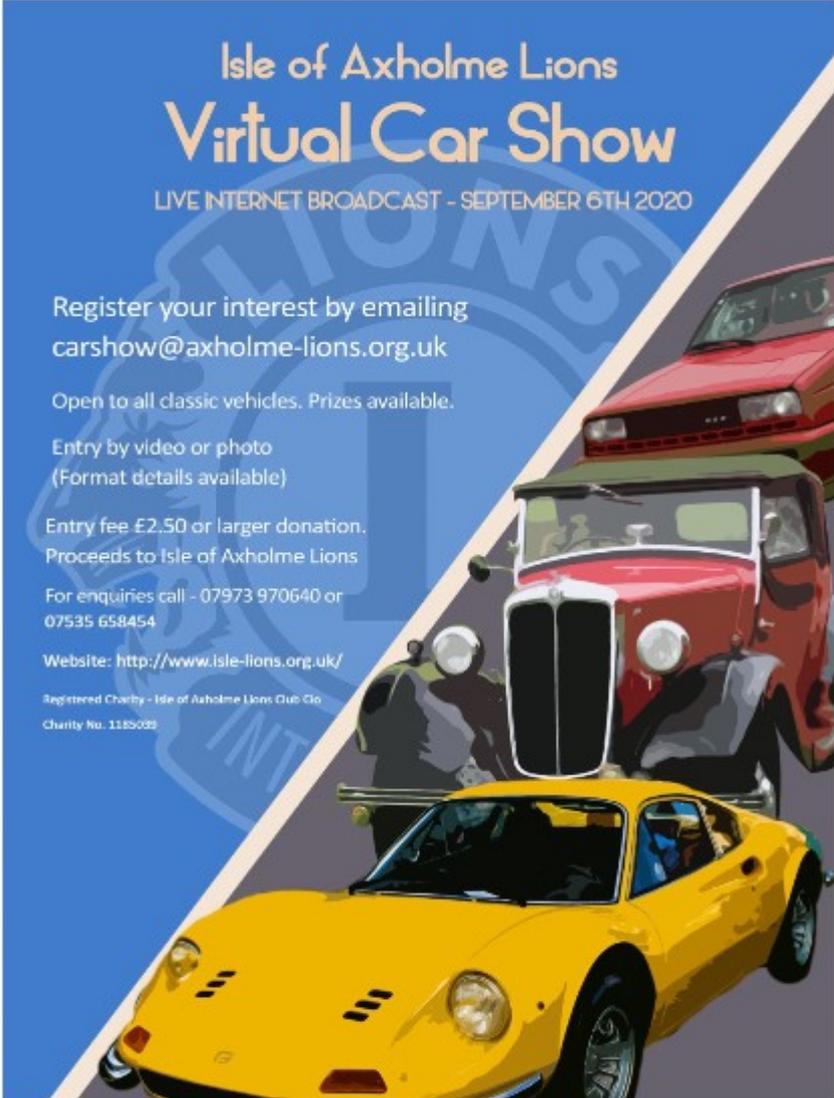
After graduating Maddie started working at Solihull Uni Centre and is the Founder and Managing Director of her own company, Scrubbee UK. When we caught her with her we asked how being a Lions Club member had helped her in life. She told us that her role as Young Ambassador helped her to connect with lots of people, many of who she still keeps in contact with. She felt this gave her huge advantages in building her own confidence and in public speaking.

Being the Young Ambassador opened many doors for Maddie, as she was able to attend Lions events in various areas where she met lots of interesting people and helped raise money for her chosen charity. Maddie enjoyed being a member of Wisbech Lions Club and in turn the Lions Club International, as it was really helpful to learn so much about the areas she visited. At the time Maddie first became associated with Wisbech Lions Club she was a student at Wisbech Grammar School.

In 2016, Maddie attended the Global Young Leaders Conference in the USA. She was then sponsored by Wisbech Lions Club and Wisbech Grammar School, Wisbech Rotary Club and the Elizabeth Wright Trust. Maddie's journey culminated in her delivering a speech at the Global Simulation Summit at the United Nations building in New York City. While in the USA she was invited to the US Department of State in New York City and Washington DC, the White House and many more interesting places where she met delegates from more than 140 countries.

When Maddie returned she went to Australia, where she commenced studies at Monash University, Melbourne. Little did she know that Wisbech Lions Club and Rye Lions Club, Victoria, Melbourne would be twinned, as we have been since 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020. She thoroughly enjoyed her time at Monash and told us that Melbourne was one of her favourite cities. Maddie then attended Warwick University, and says she has since been asked multiple times at job interviews about her time as a Lions Club member as it highlighted a number of key skills that employers valued - especially teamwork, volunteering and fundraising. Maddie finally explained that being part of the Lions organisation gave her confidence, communication skills, the ability to be part of a team and ultimately how to become a leader.

## Isle of Axholme Lions Car Show Not Cancelled Completely!



**Isle of Axholme Lions**  
**Virtual Car Show**  
LIVE INTERNET BROADCAST - SEPTEMBER 6TH 2020

Register your interest by emailing  
[carshow@axholme-lions.org.uk](mailto:carshow@axholme-lions.org.uk)

Open to all classic vehicles. Prizes available.

Entry by video or photo  
(Format details available)

Entry fee £2.50 or larger donation.  
Proceeds to Isle of Axholme Lions

For enquiries call - 07973 970640 or  
07535 658454

Website: <http://www.isle-lions.org.uk/>

Registered Charity - Isle of Axholme Lions Club C/o  
Charity No. 1135023

In September 2019 Isle of Axholme Lions held their first Classic Car Show, thanks to the generosity of Epworth Show Committee who loaned their facilities to the Lions. It was a great success and they were hoping to build on this success in 2020 and raise more than the £3,500 that allowed a donation of £3,000 to the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance. These hopes were dashed with the arrival of the Covid-19 Pandemic and the Lions thought that would be the end of a Car Show in 2020. However, with usual Lions ingenuity the idea came to have a Virtual Car Show online on the same day in September as the show would have been. So, Isle Lions are asking anyone who has a Classic or notable vehicle they would like to have included to contact them by email: [carshow@isle-lions.org.uk](mailto:carshow@isle-lions.org.uk). [carshow@isle-lions.org.uk](mailto:carshow@isle-lions.org.uk)

As the idea was to raise much needed funds there will be a modest charge of £2.50 per entry (or more if so inclined to boost Lions Charitable Fund). Lion Tyrone Smyth said, "It was so disappointing to think we couldn't have a show this year, so I thought that as everyone seems to be using Zoom or similar, a Virtual Show would be worth investigating. Now, with Lions members bringing their tech skills in, we can still have something exciting happening and it will be a great way for people who love their special vehicles to show them

off despite the restrictions. The show will premiere on 6th September and will be available thereafter on the Isle Lions Channel on YouTube - "[tiny.cc/islelions](https://tiny.cc/islelions)"

To contact anyone re the article please use the contact numbers on the poster.

07973 970640 Terry Condliff, 07535 658454 Tyrone Smyth

## Romford Lions Club.

The Club recently agreed to donate £500 each to 2 food banks, in the London Borough of Havering. Both food banks have been undertaking most vital work, particularly during the current restrictions, and are supporting many people who have been struggling during the pandemic crisis. Accordingly, a donation of £1000 was agreed, to be shared between the Harold Hill, and Romford/Collier Row food banks.

During the period of lockdown, the Club had also made a donation of £1500, to the Havering Volunteer Centre, generously assisted by a grant of £500 from the MD, included in this figure. Donations have also been made to The Rainbow Trust, and Barrow Farm, Riding for the Disabled, of £500 each.

We are proud that, despite the necessary restrictions of lockdown, we have continued to serve, and assist those less fortunate than ourselves.

**STILL NOT VISITED THE DISTRICT WEBSITE? WHY NOT VISIT IT STRAIGHT AWAY. THERE IS LOTS OF INFORMATION FOR YOU TO PONDER WHETHER YOU ARE A LION OR NOT. YOU MAY FIND YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE HELPING YOUR COMMUNITY JUST AS YOU ARE NOW AND MAYBE JOIN YOUR LOCAL CLUB. [www.lions105ce.org.uk](http://www.lions105ce.org.uk) WILL TAKE YOU STRAIGHT THERE.**

## **Taverham & District Lions**

With the issues surrounding Covid-19 and the subsequent lockdown, it has been a difficult last 6 months for the Club, where no income has been forthcoming from “normal” fundraising activities, and as result has impacted on the numbers of individuals or organisations we may have been able to assist.

Fortunately as we had a reasonable amount already in our Charity Account, we have been able to support a few local charities with donations to the Norwich Hamlet Centre; East Anglian Children’s Hospice and Priscilla Bacon Hospice, we have also managed to donate boxes of food to the Norwich Foodbank.

Prior to the schools finishing in July we managed to present a set of Wild Tribe Hero books to a local school in Taverham, we have other sets to hand to other schools on their resumption in September, to spread the word about how important it is to reduce plastic from our daily lives and also preventing this from getting into the oceans where it can have a detrimental effect on marine life.



Our Lions Truck has undergone a transformation, which is used for various fundraising events, which is now resplendent in new livery as well as being supported by local businesses who have bought advertising space on it, thus helping cover the cost of yearly maintenance tax and insurance.

The following pictures shows our outgoing President Lion Trevor Smith, handing over the Chain of Office to Lion Bob Boothroyd MBE at our first social gathering since January 2020, when we all enjoyed a lovely carvery lunch at the local Golf Club in Taverham.

1st VP Lion Sue Howes, who has already been Club President three times and is currently the Club Secretary, was honoured with being presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship by IPP Trevor and LP Bob, and came as great surprise and totally unexpected. Her MJF plaque now resides on our hallway will undermine the one which I received in May 2004



With the future uncertain, it is difficult to see if and when we may be able to resume fundraising activities, but we are looking to see if we can run with our Float in December, but failing this we are also actively looking at other ways of raising funds, where this will not impact on the safety and well being of our members but also the general public, who have provided so much support to us over the past 34 years.

## **Southwell and District Lions**

The club proudly displaying the flag which is now flying in the shopping area in the town. Part of the 30 groups in southwell whose banners are also displayed. Probably the first such display in the country arranged by a town council.



**If you enjoy a quiz why not indulge yourself in our latest on-line offering. Details on our poster below.**



**Southwell & District  
Lions Club (CIO)**  
Registered Charity No. 1186703

## Turn the corner QUIZ



**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 7.30 pm**

It's easy to join in. No need to pre-register

Go to : <https://www.southwell-lions.org/turn-the-corner-quiz.html>

Questions will be on screen from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm, with a space to enter your answers.

Answers will be posted on line at 9.45 pm so you can work out how well you've done.

Email us with your score for the leader board.

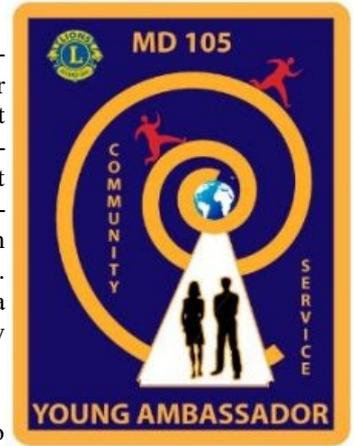
Any donations welcome.

Email for bob.callow@btinternet.com

more info. or: lionsouthwell@gmail.com

## YOUNG AMBASSADOR.

The Lions Young Ambassador of the 21st Century Award recognises young people for their outstanding community service involvement and encourages them in furthering their community involvement and public speaking. It broadens awareness of community service opportunities and organisations and enables them to sharpen interview and communication skills. It also gives them the opportunity to win a bursary for the community project which they have been undertaking.



This is a National Competition which aims to celebrate the many achievements of young people. It takes place every year with youngsters who are at least 15 years of age but under 19 years of age at the end of June.

There are several stages to the competition the first would be the nomination of a young person by their school, youth club or other organisation to their local Lions Club. If chosen to be sponsored by the club then the youngsters will go forward to the District Finals where 3 judges will talk to, and ask questions of, the candidates about their different projects and work within the community.

The winner of this final will be given a bursary of £500 to spend on their community project and will progress to the Multi District Final in February with the opportunity to win a further bursary of £1000 for their project.

The competition gives us and you the opportunity to inspire and recognise the outstanding work carried out by young people within their community. If there is a young person in your school who deserves the recognition this award offers and you would like some more information about the award then please make contact with your local Lions Club. Just click on the map on our website, [www.lions105ce.org.uk](http://www.lions105ce.org.uk)

## Eastwood Lions Club

Past District Governor Lion Brian Stanbridge, secretary of Eastwood Lions Club which is situated within the Borough of Southend on Sea, received a phone call from someone who he knew through the Rayleigh branch of the Royal British Legion. She knew he was a member of a Lions Club and told him about a Mobility Scooter that needed a new home as the owner had passed away. To cut a long story short he went and looked at the scooter and arranged for it to be delivered to his home. The batteries were completely dead, but with some gentle persuasion the batteries regained their charge. The club circulated that they had the scooter and soon found a new home for it. Eastwood Lions donated a much needed mobility Scooter to Betty in Hadleigh on Saturday 5th September. Betty, who is 92, is a member of the Salvation Army & visits many people in her local area. This scooter will help her get about more often under her own transport as she has now given up driving, having been a car driver for over 53 years she is now back in control again.

Lion Brian is seen seated in the scooter in the first photo, Betty, the recipient, is seated in the second photo.



## **ROAR 2020 – Lions and 7billionideas.**

Where There's a Will - There's a Way – A Digital approach for ROAR 2020.

Lions are helping children returning to school to reunite with friends and teachers and to continue their education in a different way than before the pandemic, we have around 50 schools taking part in ROAR 2020!!

The ROAR 2020 programme enables the kids to interact with their friends and think about ideas that can change the world for the better. A great opportunity for them to use their creative juices and make our world a better place to live at the same time. We need creativity more than ever in this ever-changing world!



The pandemic of course has created challenges but with the ability of 7billionideas to think outside the box, ROAR 2020 will go ahead in a digital form! Two districts are involved in ROAR 2020, our own, Central East (CE) and South East (SE). The top three entries from each district will be chosen for the National final's presentation. The picture on the left shows a briefing for last year's winning Haxey C of E school sponsored by Isle of Axholme Lions Club.

The schools taking part will be contacted regularly by 7billionideas to explain the way forward. The kids as well as coming up with their great ideas will create a video to show how their ideas make the world a better place. The videos from each school will be judged to choose the winners. The timeline for the competition is:

- September school entrants are briefed by 7billionideas
- End November school entrants have chosen their individual winners and produced a video for their school entry.
- Thursday 3rd December winning videos are available for judging by Lions Districts.
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December and the top 3 from each district will be chosen.
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Final Presentation Day. All Lions, family, friends, teachers, and Uncle Tom Copley if he is free, can view the final.

Please note, there is still time to take on a few new entries, if you are interested contact Lion Steve Scall at [stevescall@gmail.com](mailto:stevescall@gmail.com)

This is another great opportunity for Lions and the community to work together for the benefit of youngsters and showcase our District Governors' message "Spread Your Wings" and the Lions motto "We Serve".

### **Winners of the ROAR 2019 final**

#### **The 'Allergy Fork'**

Haxey School

Sponsored by Isle of Axholme Lions

### **Second place finalists**

#### **The 'Homeless Backpack'**

Bleasby School

Both sponsored by Southwell and District Lions

### **3<sup>rd</sup> place finalists**

#### **The 'Dry-Abrella'**

Lowes Wong School



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