



# Lions Clubs International

## British Isles District 105CE

*At the heart of your community*

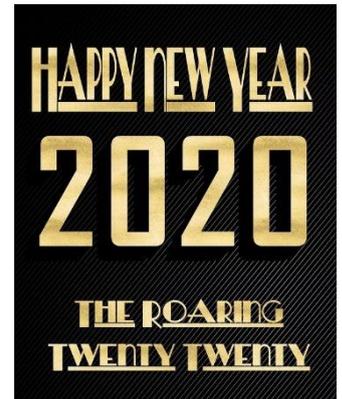
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MONTHLY NEWS JANUARY 2020



Fellow Lions, I hope you all had a great time with family and friends over the festive season and are now raring to go for the second half of our Lionistic year. As we enter 2020, both Ravinder and I wish you and your loved ones a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Let's make 2020 a great second half for our first year as 105CE and also let's make it a great start to our second year too.

It is true what they say, before you know it your year as DG is gone.... This seems especially true in our first year as 105CE, we have made a great start but still have lots to do as we move '**Forward Together**' and I ask for your support in helping to build up 105CE. Feel free to contact me or any of the senior leadership team if you feel we should be doing something we are not, or you have any constructive ideas to build up our great District.



On a sad note, we have lost many Lions in 105CE to higher service this past year and our thoughts go out to their families and friends. It is always hard to go through special occasions for the first time without those wonderful people that have been part of our lives for so long. Let us all spare a thought for those Lions and family members that have lost their near and dear ones.

Our condolences also go out to the family and friends of International First Vice President Judge Haynes H. Townsend who passed on to higher service on 17 December. Judge Townsend served for 40 years as an active member of the Dalton Noon Lions Club in his home of Dalton, Georgia, USA. He will be missed with great sadness and is an incredible loss to our Lion family.

As we begin this new calendar year, it is customary for the incoming Vice District Governor to start to build his team for the forthcoming Lionistic year and we would welcome anyone that is interested in being part of the 2020-21 Cabinet to let themselves known to either myself or to Vice District Governor Lion Ujjal Kular. We will be delighted see how you could be part of the team for 2020-21.

As we look to 2020 and the vision created for our first few years, I remind you of the 5 goals that are our imperatives and ask you how you are doing in your club and what more we can do from the District to help you achieve these goals. They are:

**DRIVE SERVICE GROWTH** – to serve our communities and invigorate member retention and growth

**PRIORITISE LCIF** – to give to and maximising use of our Foundation for large scale service projects

**DRIVE LEADERSHIP** – to build and empower Club, Zone, Region and District leaders

**DRIVE MEMBERSHIP** – to better retain and build our numbers to serve our communities

**GROW THROUGH EFFECTIVE USE OF MARKETING, COMMS and ICT** – to better use marketing and technology to grow our impact on our membership and the communities we serve

I look forward to meeting more of you as I visit more clubs, cheque presentations and charter anniversaries over the coming months and on a final note and a bit of a plug, I would like to remind you of the excellent District Convention we have lined up for you between 12 and 15 March.

**See next page for details and booking instructions.**

**Importantly - If you plan to stay over during the Convention, you will need to book by 31 January, as we are required to hand back any reserved hotel rooms by then!!**

**Get on that web site and book your place now!!**

Till the next time.

Best Regards, Guch



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# Inaugural 105CE District Convention

## 12<sup>TH</sup> to 15<sup>TH</sup> March 2020

Holiday Inn Peterborough - West, PE3 6SG



We have great pleasure in inviting you to the unmissable Inaugural 105CE District Convention with a fun packed experience for all where you can learn more about Lions, get to know each other and have your say and mould how we move 'Forward Together'.

It will be great to see you at any / all of the events below. See more event information and choose your package on the enrolment form [HERE](#).



### Thursday 12th

Arrival for the early birds, informal dinner, meet and greet fellow Lions.



### Friday 13th

Registration, Plenary Sessions, meet and greet fellow Lions and enjoy a fun packed Host Night!



### Saturday 14th

Registration, Business Meeting, Partners trip to Burghley House and Banquet & Ball.



### Sunday 15th

Meet our Guest Dr. Patti Hill, International 3rd Vice President, Lions Clubs International.

**We have a great Convention lined up so book early to avoid disappointment!**

## Christmas Wish for Hope comes true



Mother, Emma wanted to reignite the magic of Christmas for her daughter Hope who had been asking Santa to grant her wish, unsuccessfully for two years. Wisbech Lions Santa aka Lion Jack Connor gave 6 year old, Hope Weston, the good news that her Christmas Wish for a new arm and bionic hand was granted. Hope's mother Emma stood by while Santa presented Hope with a gift box to open during a specially organised Children's Christmas Party at the Black Bear Public House on 7<sup>th</sup> December. When Santa presented the box and told Hope her wish had been granted, she immediately said "What my Unicorn scooter?"

Inside the box however, was a carefully written scroll, written by the principal organiser and fundraiser, business woman Betty Cunningham. Santa managed to read the certificate for a new arm and there were few who didn't have a handkerchief to hand.

Whilst Wisbech Lions conducted their own fundraising activities and donated a considerable sum towards the £25,000 needed. Their strength

was in the support given to the organisers and giving the Lions seal of approval generating great interest in the local community, indeed internationally.

Lion President Marilyn Batrick, accompanied by many members, attended the event and said "Fantastic to see Hope's face as Santa read out the scroll, it is something I will always remember. I, for one feel very privileged to be a small part in the Hope experience. It reminds us all that together as a group we can help to make a difference.



## Swaffham & District Lions

Swaffham Lions had a wonderful evening touring the married quarters at RAF Marham with Santa in his sleigh. The Lions had notified Marham of the route the sleigh would take, which enabled the families to come out with their children. With cameras flashing it was difficult to see who was more excited, mums and dads or the children. Santa's Marham tour is one of the most rewarding events that Swaffham Lions do in the community, despite the fact that it was cold and raining, especially when you see the joy and smiling faces of the children.



Swaffham Lions held their annual Seniors Christmas Lunch at the Sacred Heart School, over 70 people sat down to a traditional Christmas Turkey lunch. The guests, many of whom were collected by bus, were welcomed by Lion President John Collins and offered a welcoming drink of sherry. He thanked the Sisters for the use of the dining room and kitchen, St John Ambulance and the Lionesses. The Mayor, Jill Skinner, mingled with the guests before lunch, which was served by the Lionesses. Entertainment was provided by the Phoenix Singers who sang Christmas Carols and Paul Derby with three rounds of bingo. A visit by Santa gave an opportunity for the guests to have their photo taken with him. The lunch was planned by the Lions Welfare team, headed up by Bobbie Elsom, which involved preparing the vegetables supplied free of charge by Tesco, cooking the meal, finishing with washing up all the pots and pans.



Following a busy year, the Lions took time out to enjoy their annual Christmas Party. With the Assembly Rooms beautifully decorated, the Lions and friends enjoyed a four-course meal followed by dancing to the Strollers.



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Improve eye health and eye care



Protect the environment



Engage young people



50th Anniversary FOUNDATION Respond to humanitarian crises

### Congratulations to the Vice President of Reepham Lions.



Members of Reepham Lions would like to thank you for your support during 2019 and to wish you all a Happy and Healthy 2020. In November 2019 Reepham Lions held its second Charter Night at Whitwell Station ([www.whitwellstation.com](http://www.whitwellstation.com)). During the celebrations, Reepham Lions Vice President, Barry Howes, was presented with a Certificate of Achievement by Immediate Past District Governor, Mandy Hawksley. As Club Membership Chair, Barry received recognition from Lions International for increasing gender parity in recruitment efforts, so giving our entire community an opportunity to serve as a Lion. The Club has said goodbye to its inaugural President, Andrew Hadley, who is retiring for health reasons. The Club would like to thank Andrew for his role in taking the Club forward in its first year and for spearheading its fundraising efforts, the proceeds of which are crucial to its being able to donate to local organisations. With effect from 1 January 2020, Barry becomes President of Reepham Lions. Please come along to one of our meetings and learn about Reepham Lions and how you can become involved. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, 9 January 2020, in St Michael's, Reepham. The Group usually meets on a first Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm at St Michael's. Therefore, the February meeting will be held on Thursday, 6 February 2020. Members start to arrive at 7 pm when they are able to join with others for a cup of tea and a catch up before the meeting starts.

### Sleaford Lionesses have been very busy.

They have assisted Santa during his busy time of year, visiting some of the local streets with his sleigh. They have also helped him give out presents at party events at 'Craze Bongos', a soft play centre. The children's faces and chatter to Santa is the best start to the festive season.

The Lionesses prepared and sold Jumble Jars at the Sleaford Christmas Market raising over £300 for local charities and they were also pleased to participate in the Methodist Church Festival of Trees with 'Floral Disarrangement' -- a collection of hand-made flowers resulting in a very pretty tree.

The Lionesses spent a morning decorating cakes with the pupils at the Sir Isaac Newton School in Grantham. Great fun was had by all and hopefully it raised some money at their Christmas Fayre.

They don't forget themselves enjoying a lovely meal at a local hostelry whilst swapping secret Santa presents.



The Sleaford Lionesses would like to thank all the people who have helped them to raise money for local causes throughout 2019. Events are being planned for 2020 –date for the diary being their Charity Golf Day 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

### Southwell and District lions busy over Christmas.



The community Carols for Everyone Concert in collaboration with Southwell Choral and Orchestral Societies took place on Saturday 14th December at the Southwell Minster and raised approximately £3,000.

**The Major Oak Chorus** did us proud with their own medley of Christmas songs. **Lowes Wong Infants School children** also performed something special but, of course, the audience also joined in with the traditional carols.

The beneficiary this year is the Keframa High School in Northern Uganda. Whilst the first phase of this secondary school opened in 2019, lots of equipment is still needed to enable pupils from poor backgrounds to train to help their community.

Their website [www.keframaschoolbuild.co.uk](http://www.keframaschoolbuild.co.uk) gives a fuller picture of the school and their local supporters.



A lot of smiling faces as this marked the end of this year's Santa float run! Just going the last count up at the Reindeer Inn.

Doesn't our Float look good! Great job everyone! Looking forward to next year.





## A Great Opportunity for Lions to work with the Young Farmers Clubs.



Young Farmers Clubs (YFCs) can help Lions Clubs with organising and carrying out their community service and fundraising events. In return, Lions Clubs can offer support at key YFC events. This cooperation will provide a fantastic platform for Lions Club to raise its profile within your community and an opportunity for both groups to grow membership by recruiting members from your area.

*Lions Clubs members have a wealth of experience in planning and hosting events for the general public and would like to support and to receive support from YFC. This kind of event assistance could be used to help many clubs and YF county federations continue to stage and host fantastic occasions for Lions, YFC members and the general public.*

### **Examples of how Lions Clubs members have already helped YFCs**

- Catering at an annual rally – cooking food and serving drinks
- Live musical accompaniment at concerts. A Lions Club member volunteered to play live music at the concert and a memorable evening was had by all.
- Car Parking and marshalling at events, which in 2019 raised over £10,000 for local worthwhile causes.



### **Other ideas and suggestions**

#### **Christmas charity fundraising (Lions with Santa).**

Lions Clubs and YFCs can work together to help raise even more money for good causes in the community.

#### **Bonfire and fireworks display.**

Lions Clubs could invite YFCs to volunteer alongside them at their event, could invite YFCs to attend the display as a Club trip, or a YFC could organise a community bonfire and display in partnership with the Lions Club.

#### **Attendance at Shows and Fates**

Lions Club could invite YFCs to volunteer alongside them at these events and help promote the awareness of the worthy causes supported such as MIAB, MIAW, MedicAlert, etc.

**For further information on how Lions can work together with Young Farmers contact your District Global Membership Team who can advise you and put you in contact with your local Young Farmers Representative.**

### **CHARTER NIGHT CELEBRATIONS**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
<b><u>February 2020</u></b>			
14 <sup>th</sup>	Wisbech Lions 47 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm.	<a href="mailto:billbatrict678@btinternet.com">billbatrict678@btinternet.com</a>
29 <sup>th</sup>	Caistor and District 40 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<a href="mailto:agutherson@yahoo.com">agutherson@yahoo.com</a>
<b><u>March</u></b>			
7 <sup>th</sup>	Mersea Lions 42 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30	<a href="mailto:colin95kimble@gmail.com">colin95kimble@gmail.com</a>
7 <sup>th</sup>	Isle of Axholme	7.30	<a href="mailto:sec@isle-lions.org.uk">sec@isle-lions.org.uk</a>
<b><u>April</u></b>			
4 <sup>th</sup>	Peterborough 5 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<a href="mailto:dlpcrp@hotmail.com">dlpcrp@hotmail.com</a>
25 <sup>th</sup>	Wymondham Lions 50 <sup>th</sup>		<a href="mailto:jamwilde@hotmail.com">jamwilde@hotmail.com</a>

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CHARTER CELEBRATIONS IN THIS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER PLEASE SEND DIRECT TO [verduncw3542@gmail.com](mailto:verduncw3542@gmail.com) TO ENSURE THE DETAILS ARE HERE, AS WELL AS POSTING ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE.



## Southwell & District Lions Club

### Photo competition 2020



The competition theme this year is  
"Looking through..."

£5 per photo. Enter as many photos as you like.  
Cash prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> places.

The competition is open to all age groups  
It opens on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan and closes on 15<sup>th</sup> April  
Full details are on our website

<https://www.southwell-lions.org>



## Bourne Lions Club

Charitable Trust Fund Registered Charity No:1077290

### 1940s

## Evening of Music & Dance



### THE DREAMBELLES

&

### The Blitz Dancers

Saturday

15<sup>th</sup> February 2020

7:30pm - 11:00pm



Venue: Bourne Corn Exchange  
3 Abbey Road Bourne PE10 9EF

Tickets £17  
Including Fish & Chip Supper

Available from:

Harrison & Dunn Hardware Store  
34 North St, Bourne, PE10 9AB

or

Email: [cranegraham60@gmail.com](mailto:cranegraham60@gmail.com)

1940s Style Dress Desirable but not Essential  
<https://bournelions.org>



## LIONS CLUB OF HORNCHURCH

### Charter Night

Members of the Lions Club of Hornchurch invite you to join them at  
their Charter Presentation



Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February  
2020

7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Venue:

Kanchan's Banqueting Suite

53-55 Perth Road Gants Hill

Ilford, Essex. IG2 6BX

Ticket Price:

£35pp including 3 course Indian meals

Free Wine

Beer & Spirits available at the Pay Bar

For tickets please contact Club Secretary: 07863 347704  
email: [satvinder.dhand@ntlworld.com](mailto:satvinder.dhand@ntlworld.com)

"RAISING FUNDS FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE"



INSPIRING PEOPLE DOING AMAZING  
THINGS



Lincoln Lions are holding a  
Inter Zone Quiz night in aid of  
Headway  
On Friday 28th February 2020  
at 7:30pm  
At the Castle Ward Club  
Lincoln (LN1 3JN)  
£3 per person (max 6 per team)

As a private members club we will need names and addresses

of all persons attending on the night.

Please email the details to Paula by

the 14th February 2020

on [paulamellows@hotmail.com](mailto:paulamellows@hotmail.com)

