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Wishing you all a very *Happy & Healthy New Year*

Important Events coming soon

The scene is set for the very first **District 105CW convention**, which starts on Valentine's Day 14th February with the main convention

day on Saturday 15th February, [more information here](#)

The hotel is fabulous, nestling in the Malvern Hills. Tea & Coffee will be served all day and the layout of the room allows you to move easily in and out at any time. Some parts should not be missed, the truly amazing story of Zara & Ian who walked from John O'Groats to Lands' End (wait until you hear the rest of the story). Patti Hill (3rd Vice International President) from Canada will be with us, she is a brilliant speaker / presenter and there is a surprise guest in the afternoon plus lots more.

There is a resolution to start a new twinning agreement with the French district in Normandy, Medico France is within this district; used prescription spectacles shipped to Chichester Lions Club end up here, so Clubs can bring their glasses to send direct to Medico. This offers an alternative route and they can handle any packaging, any quantity, including glass cases. You can come for the day or stay for a brilliant weekend, there is just one thing missing **YOU**

A brilliant opportunity to take some Lions Learning is the RLLI (**Regional Lions Leadership Institute**) held 27th to 29th March 2020 at the Chesford Grange Hotel, Kenilworth. Places for these events are limited so apply now soon to David Merchant david_merchant@btinternet.com or call him on 01760 441260, please also send your details to me and after you attend the district will reimburse a contribution towards your costs (sadly this does not include your bar bill). For more information, follow this link [RLLI](#)

Another event is the **MD Young Ambassador final**, you will meet some incredible young people and listen to their amazing stories, not be missed. It will be held on 22nd & 23rd February (Sunday is the finals) at the Village Hotel Dudley cathkendall@lionsclubs.co.uk

The DG team are still getting around the clubs, for me it's mainly 2nd Monday & 2nd Wednesday club meetings.

I really hope to see you at convention, please book NOW.

Bye for now

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District Governor

Plans for January (Is this the lull before the storm)?

January 2020

- 8th Redditch CV
- 13th Hinckley & Burbage Club Visit CV
- 24th- 26th Council of Governors Weekend

February 2020

- 1st Rugby Rokeby Charter Anniversary

1st VDG

January 2020

- 2nd Aldridge CV tbc
- 5th New Members Workshop
- 8th Marston Green CV
- 9th Lechlade CV
- 12th 105CW Young Ambassadors Final
- 13th Kettering & District CV
- 21st Harborough Twenty 12 CV
- 24th- 26th Council of Governors Weekend

2nd VDG

January 2020

- 1st Kidderminster Duck Race
- 8th Wooton Under Edge CV
- 9th Swansea CV
- 10th- 13th ALLI



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First 105CW convention
Bank House Hotel Spa & Golf
Bransford, Worcester WR6 5JD

A big warm welcome to the new Lions of District 105CW who joined in December.

Barwell & Earl Shilton	James Griffin
	Sandra Orton
Ross on Wye	Valerie Coker
	Val James
Rugby Rokeby	Paul Dwfty

Harborough Twenty 12 Lions ran a local Christmas card collection for Lions charities. Lions post boxes were placed in local supermarkets and churches, and people were invited to post their local cards for a suggested donation of 30p a card. The club sorted the cards, and hand delivered them.



Birmingham Handsworth Lions worked to bring early Christmas cheer to the faces of children and adults alike during the recent Santa Sleigh located on Soho Road, Handsworth.



Santa and his merry helpers braved the nearly freezing temperatures and the dry weather conditions to hand out sweets and

lollipops to children and presented many photo opportunities for members of the local public and visitors. The day ended with the switching-on of the Christmas



lights, duly by our resident santa Lion Dawer Tawfik.



The collaboration, fun, fellowship and fundraising signified Lionism at its very best again. The Lion members and volunteers managed to hand out over 200 maga-

zines and leaflets about Lions' activities and membership advise. We had a successful tin collection too!



Our thanks to **Acocks Green Lions** for providing the sleigh and to the **Hamilton Trust** for their support and our collaboration with the **Soho Road Bid** continues to grow.

🎄🎄 **We wish all our fellow Lions a Happy Christmas & Prosperous Happy New Year!** 🎄🎄



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Kettering & District Lions have been hard at work fundraising, to purchase six Glideaway beds for the relatives of end of life patients, palliative care, at Kettering General Hospital.

The money raised for these much needed Glideaway beds, which are special folding guest beds, was £4,837.



A spokesperson from Kettering Lions said 'We were very happy to help Kettering General Hospital purchase six of these much needed beds, which will allow family members to stay near their loved ones whilst they are in hospital!'

WARWICK LIONS assist The Side by Side Theatre company.

Warwick Lions have once again turned out in force to assist the Side by Side Theatre Company's annual showcase held at the Royal Spa Centre in Leamington.

Side by Side is an award winning theatre company who give learning disabled actors the opportunity to train in the performing arts, led by a team of theatre practitioners and who produce a well received annual programme that is joyful, moving and heart warming.



WARWICK LIONS have this year entered a Christmas Tree at the Warwick Church of Treasures Christmas Tree Festival held at the Collegiate Church of St. Mary in Warwick.



The tree which was decorated with Lion logos and motifs as well as more traditional decorations celebrated the work that Lions carry out within the local community and also advertised the Message in a Bottle Initiative.

Lions Serving the Community, with a financial boost from the Coop Stour Valley Lions have received a wonderful donation from the Cooperative Group, Local Community Fund Project. This project, which ran from October 2018 to October 2019, enabled Co-op customers to select one of three charities to benefit from a small donation when purchasing goods from the shop. A massive thank you to the community for selecting the Lions as one of the three charities to qualify. The fund accumulated a total of £21,049 and Stour Valley Lions benefitted from a £7,041 share of this sum.

It was a requirement before the start of the project, to specify how proceeds were to be used. Our Club chose projects to address both the young and the aged in our community. The youth project was to establish a Leo Club for the young and as the proceeds were greater than expected we will also be assisting local youth sports clubs with their attire. For the elderly we will organise a senior citizens party or a day out for those in need.

The photograph shows the presentation to Stour valley Lions. From the left is Lion President Dave Squires, Past President Fran Stary, Store Manager John Adams and Store Team Leader Leon





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Coventry Leofric Lions Festive Tombola's



This festive season Coventry Leofric Lions are very proud to have been able to support a number of local organisations with their fund-raising activities, thanks to Disney Stores and the generous donation of plush Mickey and Minnie Mouse toys and other items.

We have supported the Coventry Resource Centre for the Blind, a group that supports those who are visually impaired across our city, we have been associated with this amazing group for 25 years.

The Coventry Enterprise Club, who provide services and activities for those who are differently able across Coventry and support our Walkathon.

Finally Coventry City Football Club Family Zone who support young people attending football matches and help pay for those who can not afford to experience live games the opportunity to be at the local ground on big match days.

Members of Leofric Lions have helped organise the stalls and to get the donations to the venues - we are very pleased to be able to support these amazing local good causes.

Coventry Leofric Lions Supporting Coventry Crisis Centre Leofric Lions Trevor Curtis and Kerry Davies, were delighted to present chocolate & Festive food goods to Eleanor Nunn at the Coventry Crisis Centre.

We purchased the goods with money raised through a 'sweets in a jar' campaign at Jaguar Land Rover.

We hope that our donation helps to make Christmas a little bit better for their service users.

The Coventry Crisis Centre, which supports people out of homelessness through education, training and support with housing, employment and health advice, were thrilled with the donation.

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Tetbury Lions Christmas Fundraiser

Thanks to the exceptional generosity of two local residents and the support of local businesses, Tetbury Lions were presented with an amazing Christmas fundraising opportunity. As the festive season approached the Club was offered as many rooted non drop Christmas trees as it could manage and sell them to boost funds.



All that remained was for club members to dig them up, plant them in pots and offer them for sale. Over the course of one day, the Club managed to prepare for distribution and collection 200 very healthy and sustainable trees that should last for several years. Word soon got round that the Lions had good quality trees for sale at very reasonable prices and with sales taking place on three consecutive weekends, this initiative raised over £1,500 for Club funds.



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Coventry Leofric Lions Christmas Cards & Surprise Good Will Gesture



Coventry Leofric Lions decided not to exchange Christmas Cards with each other but to continue the tradition we have had for many years in producing a Leofric Christmas Card and sending it to each club member, each member makes a donation towards the card.

This year it is a cartoon of Club President Lion Malcolm Knowles whittling in his wood workshop.



Along side sending the card to members we use the money raised from production of the card to make a surprise donation to five local good causes, this year we sent a card with a letter of good wishes to

Langer Aid Cov-

- entry
- Coventry Boot Fund
- Grape Vine Coventry
- Coventry Samaritans
- Coventry Boys & Girls Club

Langer Aid have posted on twitter :-

"We truly appreciate your continuous support and generous donations A big thank you to Coventry Leofric Lions for donating £100 towards our projects"

Oadby & Wigston Lions club definitely put a sock or two in it!

For a second year the Members of Oadby & Wigston Lions Club organised a 'Sock Collection'. They collected 'hundreds' of new pairs of socks which were handed over to David Fawcett at 'The Bridge'. These will be handed out to visitors at The Bridge centre where homeless people can get a hot meal, a shower and clean clothes and a friendly face to help them.



Richard Darlaston, President of Oadby & Wigston Lions Club handing over hundreds of socks to David Fawcett.

Thank you Fairfield residents A great big thank you from the members of Oadby & Wigston Lions Club to the residents of the Fairfield Estate, Wigston for the donations of food collected today. The following day Lions Club members made up food parcels to deliver to families in the area to help them over the Christmas holiday.





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Wigston Christmas Light Switch on This years Christmas Light Switch on in Bell Street Wigston was again organised by the Oadby & Wigston Lions Club.



Amy Laycock, 'Citizen of the Year', had the honour of pulling the lever supported by Father Christmas and the Lions Club mascot Leo. Crowds of people enjoyed the days fun and entertainment and saw how the Lions Club helps the local community.

Oadby & Wigston Lions Club Charter Lunch Our annual Charter Lunch was held at the Glen Gorse Golf Club. President Richard Darlaston welcomed the local Mayor, the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire and representatives of many local Lions clubs along with our own members and guests.



DG Ian Gott got quite a surprise in the charity raffle. He won a jigsaw depicting a Lion!!!



Oadby & Wigston Lions helping the law! The frontage of the Wigston Police Station and next door the Fire Station looked very bleak. Along with members of 'Borough in Bloom' they obtained sponsorship for planting trees at the two stations from the Queen Street Spar Supermarket. Members of Oadby & Wigston Lions Club helped with the tree planting.





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Swim - keep fit and raise money for charity! At their



annual Sponsored Swim Oadby & Wigston Lions club had a busy night with loads of money being raised for Charity, one family alone raised over £500! The Mayor, Cllr Lynda Easton also came long to help, but got worried when we started a story that the Mayor might be thrown in to the pool at the end of the night. Many thanks to the staff at Wigston Pool (Everyone Active) for their help with the event.

Members of Oadby & Wigston Lions Club attended the short service in Peace Memorial Park, Wigston. Chris Huscroft, Jenny Fyfe and Kevin Loydall, joined with Cllr Lynda Eaton and her Consort Cllr Robert Eaton to lay a wreath at the Memorial Garden.



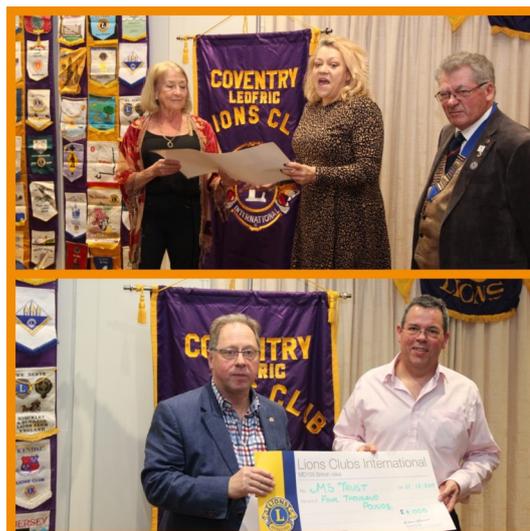
Coventry Leofric Lions Celebrate 2019 At the December meeting, members of Leofric Lions were joined by forty local guests from charities and good causes to celebrate the achievements of the club during 2019.

The evening started with the presentation of two Melvin Jones Fellowships, Lion David Robinson - a dedicated member of our club who has made a significant

contribution to Leofric Lions and the people and community of Coventry and Lion Richard Ireland - an amazing Lion who has served our club and community with distinction making a real difference to people's lives.



After a festive roast dinner we celebrated some of our fund raising achievements of the year, we invited along guests from the chosen Charities of 2019. These included the Sporting Dinner from June and the "Not" The Donkey Derby & Classic Car Run from September. During the evening we presented donations to Myton Hospice, The MS Trust, YMCA Coventry & Warwickshire, Barnacle Hedgehog Rescue, Coventry Grub & Gab, PDSA Coventry, Fosehill Church and Coventry Phoenix ATC totalling over £7,700.





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The evening was a chance for us to showcase the work we do in both service and fundraising and to have fun alongside fellowship with the local community we support, we are looking forward to the new year and

our next set of challenges.

Coventry Leofric Lions Supporting Coventry Riders Action Group During the second weekend in December the Coventry Riders Action Group, held there annual Christmas Toy Run which the Coventry Leofric Lions are very pleased to support. It was fantastic to see many of the bikers dressed in some fantastic examples of festive fancy dress costumes, including of course a variety of Father Christmases.

The riders met at Adsa in Walsgrave Coventry and the impressive bike procession rode through the City to the Coventry Transport Museum, where they were met by Lion President Malcolm Knowles and a number of Micky and Minnie Mouses and other Toys that were presented to the group.

One of our very own Leofric Lions, [Clive Parker-Skelhon](#) took part in the event which involves the bikers from across the country delivering toys, to deserving causes in the City of Coventry.



From the Transport Museum, the bikers headed for University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire to deliver the presents for the Children to be given on Christmas Morning. The donated toys also go to the Salvation Army and other deserving groups across the City.



Membership Matters.

There's no 'I' in 'Team'. An old saying you have probably heard in your working life. Maybe there is no 'I' but there is a 'ME'. A Team is about You and Me, pulling together and on the same side.



So, here is a tricky question – do you feel like you belong to a Lion's Club Team?

Are all your fellow Club Members happy, fulfilled and active - as far as they are able? If not, why not? Has your Club surveyed your Members to get their views on how to improve things like meetings, social activities and Service activities? Its easy to do and your Zone Chair can advise on how to do this survey.

We trying hard to make Lions Clubs visible, to help the public know who we are and what we do. We hope they will want to join us so we can Serve our Communities better – but If we are not a happy Team, why would anyone want to join us?

Being a Lion is not about hard work, it is about being amongst like-minded people who do what they can to make a difference for others. New Year is a good time to focus on what joins us together and a chance to make sure we go forward with a shared sense of purpose.

If you have views on anything Membership related, please feel free to get in touch or come to Convention in February and lets talk Membership together!

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