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Hello Fellow Lions

I just cannot believe that this is my last time of writing for the 105CW newsletter as District Governor, before I continue I need to share some fantastic news

"Lions support the nation's air ambulances

We have some great news to share with you about a successful grant secured from LCIF. This comes on top of the £140,000 grant monies made available by the Lions Clubs British Isles Foundation last month to individual clubs, and the time and financial donations made by clubs to help your local communities. We can all be very proud of our COVID-19 response.

Please note that a press release, photograph and social media content will be available for clubs and individual use from Wednesday 3rd June. In the meantime, this information remains confidential within the Lions family.

You will be aware that air ambulances have been busier than ever during the coronavirus pandemic - supporting the COVID-19 response as well as doing their 'day job'. They have faced a drop in their fund-raising income and considerably extra - unbudgeted - day costs.

A team at MD (*including our own Andy Pemberton*), along with the umbrella body, Air Ambulances UK, have been finding out more. As a result, they compiled a list of equipment and supplies needed by individual air ambulance charities, which formed the basis of a successful grant application to the Lions Clubs International Foundation.

This is an amazing recognition of the needs of communities across the British Isles - and specifically our air ambulances that are almost entirely funded by public donations."

Do look out for the news release and coverage in your local media. I'm sure you agree this is another fantastic good news story for Lions."

What a fantastic journey as the first district governor of our new district! It started back in September 2018 with the elections at the special meeting. Then in on to Chicago for the DG training (where I found out how cold -35° C was). I managed to slip in an ALLI training in Marseille in March, and then do the Conga at the MD convention in Swansea and on to being sworn in as District Governor in Milan.

In Milan we had on our Union Jack waistcoats and bowler hats in the International Parade, an unbelievable sight where all countries show off their national costume and march with Lions from all over the World.

Then back to the UK with my first white jacket outing at Chinatown charter. As planned half of the cabinet meetings were successfully held on-line and the first full meeting after a great day at the Autumn Forum.

Three of us forming the DG team had warm welcomes from all 92 clubs during our visits; we just managed to finish them before lockdown.

Attended numerous Charter, including three 50 years, celebrations was brilliant and helps to add support all over our new district of 105CW.

Then Covid-19 put a stop to other 20 or so Charters that were in my diary, with no free weekends until the end of June. It has also put a stop on my planned trip to Singapore (not too hopeful of getting any money back).

I am so please that many clubs have adapted to the current situation and are arranging on-line and now out-door events. A special mention to Paul & Melisa Murphy who arranged a brilliant afternoon at the Virtual Village Fayre (if you missed it, you missed a great day).

In closing, I would like to thank my Cabinet for their support throughout the year and of course to all of you for the warm welcome at every visit and event.

The coming year will bring challenging times when we all need to realise that this Covid-19 thing isn't going away soon so we need to plan for all eventualities and start thinking up new solutions e.g. find a bigger room so that you can mix on-line and physical meetings

Good luck to next year's team of Richard. Jaap & Rav.

Hope to see you all soon

Ian Gott
District Governor 106CW



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

Birmingham Acocks Green	Catherine Wagg
Birmingham Chinatown	James Wong
Kenilworth	Ken Burgess
Wotton Under Edge	Ciara Harding

Membership Matters. Another month, another time of having to be careful and change both what we do and how we serve our Communities. Have you given out Certificates of Appreciation to those who are non-Lion volunteers? These have been designed to be simple to hand over, together with information about



your Lions Club, to encourage volunteers to consider continuing to volunteer with and within Lions Clubs. If you have someone who has helped you – pass them a Certificate of Appreciation. Please use them now to reach out to those who might make great Lions of the future!

Some Lions are themselves at home and not able to take an active

part at the moment. If that includes you, don't worry – your time will come! Your fellow Lions are Serving in your name and in the name of all Lions. As was said to me recently " I can't help my Club at the moment, but when I hear and see what the others are doing it makes me proud to be a Lion".

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WARWICK LIONS with the help of additional donations and logistical support from staff at the local Tesco store and Warwickshire County Council have made donations of food parcels together with children's toys and activities to disadvantaged families in the local area.

Warwickshire County Council has thanked the club and said that the families were overwhelmed and hugely apprecia-

effort that had gone into this act of kindness, and Lion President Tamara Friedrich has noted that as the club's ability to fundraise has been severely limited during the lockdown this could not have been achieved without the help of a grant from LCI MD105.



Kettering Lions would like to congratulate a few of the



lucky recipients of our Giant Easter Egg, William (The Park House, Kettering) plus Libby & Phebe (The Wayfarers, Kettering). William, an athlete

in strict training, decided to donate his to the nurses of the Centenary Wing, Kettering General Hospital, shown with their well deserved egg.

Due to the current situation some pubs & Clubs may not yet have made their draws but will no doubt do so when they re-open. We are very grateful to them & their customers for their continued support.

SWANSEA LIONS have had a busy month and we've even managed to hold our first virtual meeting over Microsoft Teams!

Whilst taking part in Clap for careers and a chance conversation with a neighbour we were informed about an increase in demand for food from the St Thomas food bank, that serves the east side of Swansea. This led to us donating £300 in order for them to buy food. We have since found out that with the COVID outbreak there has been an increase in demand from all food banks so every month we are now going to support a different food bank in whatever way we can. Below is pictured some of the food that the food bank was able to buy with our donation.



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Swansea Lions Club has also donated £500 to Blood Bikes Wales this month. We are very proud to support this amazing group of people who provide a completely free courier service for the NHS who rely solely on volunteers and donations. We were very keen to support them as we found out that they have increased their service from Friday to Sunday to 7 days a week.



Finally we would like to say a massive thank you and congratulations to all

involved in organising the Lions Stay at Home Virtual Village Fayre, a number of our members attended and a very enjoyable afternoon was had by all! Made even better by Swansea Lions Club having 2 competition winners.



Children's Best NHS Rainbow by Emily Berry

Best Drink by Lion Elizabeth Berry



Ross on Wye Lions reach another Milestone

The Pharmacy deliveries being undertaken by members of Ross Lions are going so well they have reached 1,000 deliveries and still going strong! The partnership with Lions, Rotary and local volunteers means that someone is taking much needed medicines out every day. It seems that their efforts are much appreciated as they have been thanked by the local press, the local people and, unsurprisingly, those who are being helped.

The making of scrubs bags has ceased, there are sufficient

in the area at present. Ongoing is the 'friendly phone call' Community scheme where phone calls are being made to those who are isolated and in need of a friendly chat from time to time. Oh, and guess what – Ross Lions are already talking about plans for Christmas!

A TRIO FOR JIM Lion Jim Hamilton, a former president of three Lions Clubs, a District Governor and IT advisor to Multiple District has died at his home in Allensmore, Hereford aged 80 (May 14). He was particularly proud of his Scottish ancestry and would wear his kilt and sporran at official Lions functions.

Jim joined the international community service organisation in 1983, later becoming President of Surrey Borders Lions Club before moving to Herefordshire in 1996 and joining Ross-on-Wye Lions Club where he also served as President. He was briefly a member of Forest of Dean Lions club before a move to the Hereford area seven years ago saw him become a member of the city club and completing his trio of presidencies. His President's projects in 2018 devoted £25,000 to Hereford County Hospital towards funding vital new equipment for testing prostate cancer, a bladder scanner together with a large donation to help build a special delivery suite in the maternity department for families whose babies do not survive birth.

A retired computer software consultant, Jim was a former chairman of Lions national IT committee and also served as District Governor in 2004/5 in the then Lions 105W district, now part of District 105CW.

He is survived by his wife, Louise, three children, James, Nicola and Maria and two grandchildren Toby and Poppy.

Lion George Thomas, president of Hereford Lions said: "Jim was an outstanding Lion, dedicated and highly knowledgeable. We will miss his advice and more important his company."



Jim in his Lions regalia plus his kilt.



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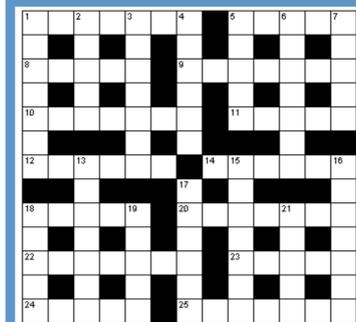
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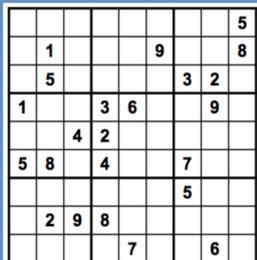
Solutions will be published in July's Newsletter



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May's Solutions



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Puzzle Page thanks to Lion Stuart Young & Coventry Leofric Lions Club



With so many Lions missing their usual fix of running Tombolas and Raffles at the Summer Fayres in the local area this year a small team of techie Lions challenged themselves to produce a virtual version! Lions from all over the District bought into the crazy idea and submitted some fabulous photo entries into the competitions as part of the afternoon of fun. Three distinguished judges had the tremendously difficult task of whittling down the 150 or so entries before the public voting took place. During the Saturday afternoon Lions treated themselves to afternoon teas, other delicious snacks and drinks of all descriptions. They were entertained with music and games and got to socialise with other Lions they hadn't met before. Here are just some of the pictures of the day to give you an idea of what people enjoyed. Thank you to Stu Young, Martyn Yeo (aka Leo the Lion) and Paul and Melissa Murphy for their hard work organising it. It just shows what is possible.



Well this is the last newsletter of this Lions Year 2019/20 for me and I would like to thank everyone that has sent in their articles, it has been greatly appreciated and I have enjoyed reading what clubs have been up to... From the new Lions year 2020/21 Melissa Murphy will be taking over from and I hope you give Melissa as much support as you gave me. Please continue to send your articles to news@lions105cw.org.uk they will from now go to Melissa in preparation for her 1st newsletter and of course to Brigitte who is the Lion Liaison between the clubs and the Lion magazine.

Hello my fellow Lions, my name is Melissa Murphy and I will be your new Newsletter Liaison Officer from the 1st of July.

This newsletter is designed for YOU to celebrate how YOUR stories, YOUR actions and YOUR service can truly make a difference to your communities. By sharing these with other clubs we will encourage new ideas and find ways to communicate our love of being a Lion. I would encourage you to also share this great news publicly via press releases and social media platforms to show a wider audience the fantastic things the us Lions get up to.

I would love to get more clubs submitting articles so that we can showcase the strength and diversity of our District. Highlight the best things about your club's work - cheque presentations and unhappy faces are not really what we are looking for. So let people know that you are taking a photo and getting their permission first is essential (and covers GDPR). **The deadline for articles is the 25th of the month.**