

District 105CW News & Information



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District Governor 105CW
2020 - 2021

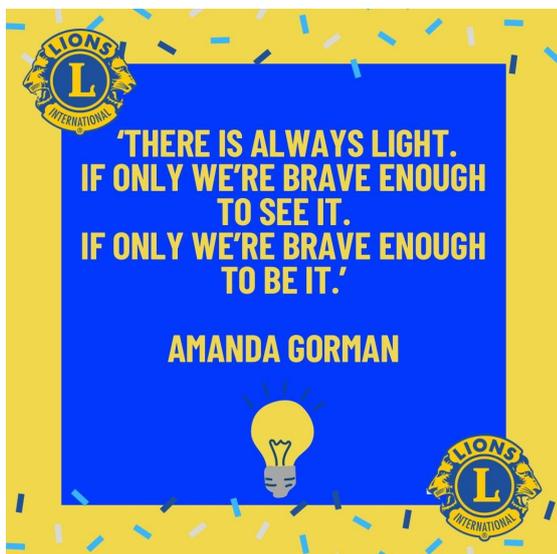
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Dear fellow Lions of District CW (#TeamCW), I hope you are all ok, as I feel yes we do excellent work for our community, but we must also look after our members. Remember we are here for each other.

If you want to hear a inspirational Speaker on our World's future, listen to Amanda Gorman's poem. Here is a clip <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/world-us-canada-55739805>.



The deadline for the SWOT reports to be returned to me, has now closed. Thank you to those who returned this form. We will be holding a Q & A session with the DG and GAT Team shortly on Zoom, to share the conclusions that were obtained from this. Every member is welcome to attend, details will come out shortly, I would love to see and hear from you.

So the world of Lions still mostly lives In a world of Virtual, More details on that in a while. But as Lions we always respond when we hear a shout for help, the latest call we have been responding to is the call for Volunteers for Marshalling for COVID vaccinations, I heard a Lion say to me the other day, how much pride he felt in helping stewarding for a local Covid vaccinations program. He said, he caught himself stopping for a moment and looking around him, with his fellow Lions, and a new breed of volunteers. Most of the volunteers had never given time free but were willing to get cold and wet. The aches and pains some of them felt at the end of the day was overcome with a willingness to make a difference. What impressed me was that the Lion said his club had decided to give a certificate to all the new volunteers to say 'Thank You' on behalf of their community, but maybe not present them now but when it is possible to put a Lions night on, when a thank you can properly be made. Now that is exciting, We are entering a great time to inspire, introduce and allow this new breed of volunteers to join us.

During my time as DG, I have had many times, I have felt pride. As we get close to chartering our latest New Lions Club, Bromyard & District, I wish them well. I hope they feel the pride I feel to be a Lion.

Thought for the Month

Take my hand my fellow Lions, let's go for a walk, let's look at our world, let's realise Lions have a job to do. Let's do it with passion, let's do it with pride, let's do it with a smile, but most importantly let's do it together.

Thank you for reading our Newsletter #TeamCW



District Governor Lion Richard Williams will be asking International Rugby Union Referee Nigel Owens a series of questions.

Do you have a burning question for Nigel ?

The District Governor will choose the best questions to ask Nigel during our 105CW Digital Convention.

Please Email your questions to dg@lions105cw.org.uk

#TeamCW

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District CW Convention on 13th March 2021

Theme—"Lions It's a Kinda of Magic"

To begin with I'd like to say that this Convention is yours, the Lions of 105CW (TeamCW). So will it be worth attending? Yes, for many reasons. I'm excited to announce that we will be joined by several fantastic guests.

Firstly Nigel Owens who is a world renowned Rugby Union Referee, having refereed three World Cups. Additionally Nigel is also president of National Federation of Young Farmers. He is also a farmer in South Wales and has been a great Ambassador for his Rural Community.

Secondly Internal Lions Guest- PID Lion Howard Lee, who has been a personal friend of mine and Lion Jackie for many years, he speaks with passion, humour and will inspire us.

You will also be able to ask questions to the DG Team, GAT Teams or any other District officer. To be able to do this you must submit your questions ahead of the Convention the deadline for questions is the Monday the 1st of March.

Please send your questions to dg@lions105cw.org.uk.

What else can you expect?

You will be able to hear from the candidates for DG Team 21/22. Let me personally wish Lion Jaap, Lion Rav and Lion David good luck, and thank you for wishing to step up and keep #TeamCW the best it can be!

You can also submit questions to the candidates and this has an earlier deadline of Friday the 5th February.

Then there will be an opportunity to vote for the candidates for the year 2021-2022.

There are lots of other presentations which we hope will make you laugh, be inspired and most of all feel a great amount of pride.

We expanding our Zoom capacity to be able to cope with a larger number of participants and have International Guests and Lions friends from all over the World who wish to join us too.

To register go to our District website using this link:

<https://lions105cw.org.uk/district-convention/>

I look forward to seeing you there!

DG Richard Williams

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BROMYARD BRANCH

CHARLOTTE BARLTROP
WENDY POTTER

COVENTRY MERCIA LIONS CLUB

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OLA-DAPO A AJAI
RAMESH ALEXANDER
ROIS ALI
SIRAJ ALI
RENA ANNOBIL
TEJDEEP SINGH BADHESHA
SURINDER KAUR DHILLON OBE
SATNAM SINGH GILL
JASBIRO KAUR GREWAL
IRYNA KING
PRU PORETTA MBE
CHITHRA RAMAKRISHNAN
BHAJAN SINGH SAMRA
KULVINDER SHOKER
RAJINDER SINGH
UTTAM SINGH
SUNIL THAPLIYAL

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FREDERICK WILDRIDGE

MELTON MOWBRAY LIONS CLUB

ANDREA ELIZABETH LOVEGROVE

WOTTON UNDER EDGE LIONS CLUB

STEVE BOYD



Lion Jaap de Jonge, standing for the Office of District Governor

Born in the Netherlands, having lived in a number of countries, in one of them picked up (now Lion) Claire, ended in the UK in 1996. June 2012, I joined Shirley Lions in Solihull. It is a dynamic club and soon I was swept up, joining a variety of committees. I was Fundraising Chair, Club President and currently Membership Officer. I joined the 105M Cabinet in 2014 when I became editor of the District Newsletter. In 2015 I also became North Sea Lions (NSL) Officer for the District. I was Chair of 105M Zone C, now renamed Zone 7 till the end of M. I think that if there was a highlight in my Lions career so far, it was the awarding to the zone of the Queens Award of Voluntary Service. Probably the zone is not much different from other zones, but to me it is the best zone ever and I was immensely proud we were recognised for the great work we do together.



Lion Rav Sandhu Standing for the Office of 1st Vice District Governor

Following my tenure as President of Coventry Mercia Lions Club for two consecutive years (2016/17 and 2017/18), Zone F Chairman (2017/18) and Region 2 Chair (2018/19), I was honoured to have been appointed as GMT Membership Growth & New Clubs Lead by the 105CW District Governor, Lion Ian Gott.

I moved to Coventry in 1968 at the age of 11 from India. After my GCE O levels, I completed the 4-year technical apprenticeship with a Ministry of Defense Company who also sponsored my higher education at Coventry University. In 1978, I became a Freeman of the City of Coventry and, after graduating with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, I married my wife Jas, Nurse Practitioner, and together we

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have raised three wonderful children. Two of them are professionally qualified and the third is studying at an Independent School.

I am also the Director of a successful property business which I founded in 1988 and I have strong connections within the local community and further afield. Regarding my personal interests, I have trained in body building and competed at a national level.



Candidate for 2nd Vice District Governor 2021/2022 Lion David McKirdy

I joined Hereford Lions Club in 2000, transferring to Leominster in 2003 on my wife Jenny joining that club. Unfortunately, Leominster had to close in 2013 and we were both invited to join Black Mountains Lions Club.

I was born in Chesterfield and on leaving school with 4 GCE O'levels started working in a bank. Finding that banking was not how I saw my life progressing I joined the Army in 1971 serving 22 years with the Royal Army Pay Corps. It was whilst serving in the Army that I qualified as a Chartered Management Accountant. On leaving Army service I continued working in the Ministry of Defence as an accountant until my retirement in 2017.

In 2002 I attended my first District Convention; this was to kick start my Lionistic career in that I was introduced to PID Lion Phil Nathan by members who found out that I was to be going to Bosnia for 6 months shortly after Convention. I was given contacts in Sarajevo for the Lions Gift for Living project. Whilst stationed in Banja Luka I was able to arrange visits to Sarajevo to see firsthand much of the wonderful work that had been, and continues to be, delivered. This culminated in me being asked to represent MD105 in the opening of the neo- natal ward in Bihac alongside the UK Ambassador who was representing the Department for International Development.

After a tour of duty in Jordan, Iraq and Kuwait during Gulf War 2 Jenny and I went on holiday in the United States. It was here that I really learnt how powerful our Lions Badge can be.

Whilst touring Yosemite National Park I met Lion Gordon Zeigler from Richmond, Saskatchewan, we would never have met if it was not for the badge. We built up a friendship with Gordon and his wife Beverly over the years during which time I told him about my experiences in Bosnia. This led to me being invited to give a talk on Gift for Living at the USA/Canada Forum in Saskatoon, Canada. Like all of us we try to prepare thoroughly for our presentations, like the best laid plans however this did not work. Lion Phil Nathan presented me with a new DVD 10 minutes before my presentation in front of, as I found out later, the current and a few past International Presidents. One of them commented that I looked as though I had not seen the DVD and he was surprised when I admitted that was true.

At District level I was Cabinet Treasurer for 3 years and Football Officer which finished on the Lions Football Competition losing its support. My last year however did see a club from W as the winner so I suppose Llantwit Major & Goodwick are still the MD105 champions.

I served 4 years as President in Leominster and sadly had to preside over its closure, the club saw fit however to present me with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. At Black Mountains I have been Club Treasurer since 2016 and LCIF Co-Ordinator since 2017. I am also the District CIO mentor.

Outside Club and District responsibilities I am Deputy Council Treasurer with the mandate to be Chief Accountant for Lions Message in a Bottle Ltd. This is a challenging but extremely rewarding role in a project that is fast developing. It has taken me to places that I would not ordinarily have wished to visit at 2 of Her Majesty's hotels. I have also added a role of a slightly international flavour as Secretary/ Treasurer for the Lions International Stamp Club. This role has seen me attend International Conventions in Hamburg, Toronto, Chicago, Las Vegas and Milan to organize Stamp Club meetings and exhibition events at these conventions.

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Greetings and Salutations Lions of TeamCW

Thank you to all the Lions from across our District who attended the Global Action Team Event - Don't Stop Me Now at the end of January, it was a day full of interesting facts and opportunities for Lions to ask questions and learn from each other, key an eye out for our third event in the Spring / early Summer

As we look forward we have a few workshops that might be of interest to you:-

Dementia Friends Workshop

Delivered Via Zoom
Sunday 6th February 2021 11:00 – 12:00
Sunday 28th February 2021 13:30 – 14:30

Certified Guiding Lion (CGL) Programme

Delivered Via Zoom
Sunday 7th March 2021 10:00 - 14:30

To find out further details please visit our dedicated webpage for Global Action Team - Leadership www.lions105cw.org.uk/training

If you wish to attend any of them please email glt@lions105cw.org.uk stating your name, your membership number, your club, and the event you would like to attend including the date.

Should you have any ideas of future courses please do not hesitate to drop me an email and the Global Leadership Team will endeavour to meet your needs.

Yours in Service

Stuar Lion Stuart Young FDI, CGL
105CW Global Action Team - Leadership Coordinator

Other Events that are now Virtual

MD Convention 1st May 2021



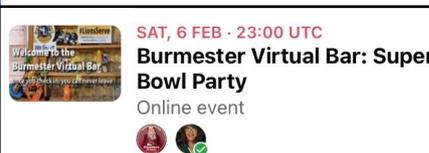
We recommend you register today.

You can do so by clicking this link:

<http://www.md105convention.uk/>

Delegate or Alternate?

You will also need your club President or Secretary to complete the form on the Registration page.



This Facebook page comes highly recommended by the District Governor Richard and other members. They have stayed up to attend the Burmester Virtual Bar Event and chatted to Lions all over the World! It's good fun and a great social.

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International Convention is going Virtual!

Dates: 25th- 30th June 2021.

You can read the announcement here: <http://shorturl.at/sBTW9>

For some Lions it is a once in a lifetime opportunity to attend a International Convention as it will take place online.

As of going to press no details for registration have been advertised but look out for an email via the postmaster as soon as they are released.



Membership

Matters.

What makes a successful meeting?

That is a question that probably has many and varied answers.

Some might say the shorter the better. Others might say there has to be a chance for everyone to have their say, no matter how long that takes.

It has to be said that many Lions have found the pause in physical, face to face meetings to be difficult and yet others have embraced the use of online meeting tools such as zoom.

Last year, LCI put together some tips for holding a successful online meeting which you might find useful to check

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/blog/Tips-for-hosting-a-successful-virtual-meeting>

Social contact is very important in keeping Club members together. One tip is to open an online meeting 10 – 15 minutes before it is due to start to give people a chance to join and say hello to each other – and maybe compare drinks and the need for haircuts!

Just like a physical meeting, keep it purposeful but light-hearted, look out for people who haven't contributed and if you have a tail-twister maybe they can add some friendly humour at the end.

There was a lot of talk in 2020 about the 'New Normal'. It looks like the use of technology, mixing online meetings with physical meetings, will change what our Normal will look like for quite some time. It may never go back exactly as it was before – who can be sure?

One thing we can be sure of - if you or your fellow members are still struggling with holding meetings, please remember that there are others who can help and advise. Just get in touch.

Sue Wilding 105CW Membership Team
gmt@lions105cw.org.uk

Its time to plan how you will recruit new Lions

The Global Leader in Humanitarian Service

New Member Joining Fee suspended until the end of June

Find those volunteers who will join your Club and increase your Service

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Wotton Lions

Youth counselling

Wotton donated £500 to “The Door” a project aimed at bringing hope into the lives of young people and their families by unlocking potential and opening opportunity so that their past does not define their future. Our £500 was towards the cost of one on one counselling for vulnerable youth during the current lockdown.

Membership growth of 77%

With another new member in January – Wotton Lions continues to grow. Having existed as an active club with only 10 members, Wotton Lions have added 13 members in the last 2 years taken them to 23. Lion President Jess Turner “Whilst we are still a small club compared to many, the increase in members has brought renewed vigour to the club. The more members we have the more we can do in our community” Wotton Lions focused on social media and reaching out to volunteers with other groups to achieve the growth.

FUNDING FROM THE WOTTON LIONS




IS FUNDING COMMUNITY YOUTHWORK RESOURCES IN WOTTON

Operation Snowfall - Christmas parcels awaiting delivery.

WARWICK LIONS while still managing to follow government guidelines have been very active over the Christmas Period.



Apart from our traditional can collection & distribution of food parcels to the local needy and infirm, Past President Tamara Friedrich has been interviewed by BBC CWR on the Christmas Kindness Boxes which she masterminded on behalf of the club, our Social Committed have organised a most successful virtual Christmas party complete with party packs which were distributed to each member and in conjunction with other local organisations we collaborated with Morrison’s Supermarket’s Operation Snowfall whereby 200 shoe boxes were filled with donated gifts, wrapped and delivered to people who would not otherwise be expecting a Christmas gift.



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Zone 2 Lions happy to help.

Before Christmas, as Zone 2 Chair, I received a request for help from a local man, Jason, who had a four-year old son recently diagnosed with Congenital Muscular Dystrophy. He needed to be able to convert his garage into a room his son would be able to access for the rest of his life. The local Council had provided the largest grant they could for the conversion, however, this continued to leave the family £5,000 short from the builder’s quote – so they asked for help from Lions.

Rushden and District Lions Club, local to the family, were asked to visit and found the family had managed to source the money shortfall, however, they needed to fit a hoist to help the child move independently through the conversion. As a Zone all Clubs unanimously decided to help with the purchase of this item and get it fitted.

It is, therefore, with great thanks to Northampton, Northampton Eighty, Rugby Rokeby, Rushden and District, Towcester and Wellingborough Lions Clubs that Jason wrote the following:

‘Here is a photo of me and Ronnie with the new hoist system.

Thank you once again for this generous donation, this is going to help Ronnie with his care needs.

We are so truly blessed for all the Lions help.’

Chepstow and Caldicot Lions Club

Partnership working with the Townswomen’s Guild, helping the local hospital trust, COVID, toothpaste, soap, and a pile of pyjamas.... it has the makings of a blockbuster story.

The Lions Club of Chepstow and Caldicot joined forces with the Chepstow Jubilee Townswomen's Guild to supply approximately 20 pyjama sets for patients who have been admitted to hospital and unable to get access to a range of personal items. The pyjama sets were on a list of items supplied as an urgent request from the Aneurin Bevan Health Care Trust. In the photo Lion John Robinson (Right) and Chepstow Jubilee Townswomen's Guild President Chris Robinson (Left) load up the haul of nightwear for male and female patients. In addition local people have been dropping off new and unused personal items such as toothpaste and soap etc., at a number of drop-off points set up by the Townswomen's Guild, and together with the pyjama sets, all of these items will be supplied to the Aneurin Bevan Health Care Trust later in the week.



Moseley and Kings Heath Lions



We know what a struggle it has been for many individuals and families during this pandemic. **Moseley and Kings Heath Lions Club** like many of our Clubs throughout the Country are collecting donated food from supermarkets, various outlets and individuals and we are creating food bags for families in need. Our own Club, like many has members isolating and shielding and so we are so fortunate that we have some members still able to move about and continue this necessary work.

One area not covered so consistently is for feminine hygiene products - these can be costly for many families and is something not thought about and is often a taboo subject. Please give some thought to this when you create your food packs

The successful Club application for a small grant from Birmingham City Council has enabled us to purchase some food items to continue this much needed service

The provision of food and other products may help people break free from poverty by providing additional support to help people we at Moseley and Kings Heath are happy to continue with this work to support our community

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Officers & Trustees

Time is fast approaching when clubs will be considering their officers for the 2021/21 Lionistic Year. CIOs and Clubs with Charitable Trusts are reminded of the legal requirement for prospective candidates to sign a 'Declaration of Willingness to be a Charity Trustee' prior to the election taking place. This requirement applies to all Lions who are nominated for the offices of President, Secretary, Treasurer and Trustee. In the unlikely event that a Lion finds that they are unable to sign this declaration they are ineligible to stand for election for the offices of President, Secretary, Treasurer or Trustee and must withdraw their nomination. This requirement is an annual process and applies also to those Lions who are being re-elected into their current office.

Please address any questions or seek advice from the undersigned.

The 'Declaration of Willingness to be a Charitable Trustee' template has been uploaded to the District Website for your convenience.

Lion David McKirdy
Lions 105CW CIO Mentor

Lechlade and District Lions

"Calling all gardeners - Help the Lechlade Lions Grow".

The Lions raise money to serve the Lechlade community, with pharmacy deliveries for those who are shielding, hardship funds, provision of community transport for groups and the elderly shopping, by providing manpower at local events such as the Traction Rally, Duck Race, Royal International Air Tatro and more.

In these difficult times for fundraising, we ask that you set aside some of your plant cuttings this autumn and sow seeds next Spring to be sold as seedlings/plants to raise much needed funds.

You supply the seedlings/cuttings in Spring 2021 and sell to friends, neighbours, even hold a plant stall. Get your children to have a competition to raise money by growing the tallest Sunflower for instance. We might even have a map of Lechlade showing where plants can be bought if enough people are prepared to come forward and man a table at their premises.

Last year as an example a Lion sold his excess tomato and pepper plants to friends. Just 10 plants raised £33. Think what could be achieved by 100 or more participants.

The money raised is of course yours but we hope you will donate a proportion to the Lechlade Lions page of Virgin Money Giving. The Lions will promote the event - and every penny will go to good causes.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/finalCharityHomepage.action?charityId=1018920>

Help out with new growth and a bumper harvest for 2021. Similar events could happen across the UK with other Lions clubs.

LECHLADE and DISTRICT LIONS SOW AND REAP 2021 PROJECT

Help raise funds for the Lions to be used for local good causes.

How?

- Take Cuttings or Sow seeds.
- 2021 Sell to Family, Friends, Table Top sales etc.
- Have fun and challenge others.
- Donate the monies raised via the Virgin Money Giving Page to The Lechlade Lions Charity Reg No 1179767

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com>
www.facebook.com/lechladelions

Newsletter

Lions of 105CW, do you have any good service stories for next month's newsletter?

Send content and photos to news@lions105cw.org.uk by the 25th of each month.

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North Sea Lions And 105CW



At the 2020 District Convention the resolution was passed by a majority for our district to join the North Sea Lions (NSL) group.

NSL was formed as a cooperation between Districts in countries bordering the North Sea over 40 years ago. It was formalized in 1980 with a Covenant listing the rules and obligations relating to NSL. Districts from Denmark, Germany, The Netherlands and the UK form the organisation. Currently 6 districts form NSL.

Within the Covenant is an OBLIGATION for each District to contribute €80 per club to a central fund that would be spent on approved projects. In 105CW this is collected by asking clubs twice a year to transfer £50 to the District treasurer. Please note that all the clubs in these districts can propose a project (in the developing world) and receive the large amount that is available, enabling clubs to undertake very large projects.

All donations to NSL are from the Club Charity Account.

NSL has built schools, orphanages, large water projects and much more. Please visit the NSL Facebook page for more information. facebook.com/northsealions or call your NSL officer, Claire de Jonge-Vors (0121-7444844)

We anticipate to submit a CW project in September 2021 when the next Board meeting takes place. As always, you have to be in it to win it!

Pictures show an orphanage in Lithuania and a school under construction in Africa. Just two of the projects where NSL was one of the major sponsors.



Website Tip of the Month:

Tip 5. To get further up the google ranking make sure you are using a domain for your website.

When you have published your website get all your members, family and friends to type in your Domain and search for it in Google.



PR Tip of the Month:

Tip 5. Use # to reach more people.

When people search a particular thing such as hunger all post that have #hunger will show up.

Try Searching #WeServe

For more details visit the PR resources on the district website:

<https://lions105cw.org.uk/pr-resources/>

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Sponsoring Football Kits

Alcester & District Lions Club are proud to be associated with the young people of Alcester through our participation in local football with the Alcester Town Football Club. This year A&DLC are sponsoring the training kit for the Alcester Town Football Club juniors. We have witnessed first hand how beneficial sport is to youngsters and wholeheartedly support the club in its community sporting activities. As you can see from the photo attached our Logo appears on the back of their training tops which are worn to the matches, during the warm up, and on the journey home. The tops are so popular with the players that they are also worn as normal attire. We are certainly getting tremendous exposure due to Lions logo going wherever the team should go!!



Worcester Lions have been super busy this January!!

- Laptop appeal for homeschooling in partnership with Youthcomm Radio. The response has been amazing and we will be giving an initial 7 laptops and tablets to Worcester Sixth Form College this week, with more on the way for other local schools.
- Assisting St Johns House Surgery Vaccination Hub. This is an ongoing commitment for as long as we are needed.
- Making scrub bags for NHS and Care Workers.
- Re-charge bags for staff at Worcestershire Acute Hospital, containing lip balms, hand creams, tea, coffee etc...
- "Wiggly bags" for children and young people in oncology at Worcestershire Acute to store their central lines.

- Setting up collections for a foodbank at Cranham Primary School.
- Donating art supplies to Oasis Hub, a local community centre.



HEREFORD LIONS OFFER USE OF HOLIDAY CARAVAN TO DISTRICT 105CW LIONS CLUBS

Hereford Lions Club own a high quality caravan on a popular seaside holiday park close to Portmadog in North Wales hired at low cost to families needing a break. The caravan accommodates up to six and is designed and equipped to cater for either an adult or child with a disability, but is equally available to families with health issues struggling to cope. The weekly peak season hire is just £375 June-September. Lions Clubs in District CW might consider this a great opportunity to help a local family who might not otherwise benefit from a seaside holiday. The Greenacres Holiday Park, part of Haven Holidays is a short walk to the beach. The park has excellent facilities, including an indoor heated pool, splash zone, entertainment each evening, bars and restaurants and a Kid's Club. Lion Ian Foster who manages the project said: "It has been well received by our local holidaymakers and we felt fellow clubs in the District might like to introduce the holiday opportunity to their communities and families deserving support."

For more information contact Lion Ian on 01432 880816 ianfoster06@btinternet.com

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Photo of Hereford Lion’s Caravan

Southam & District Lions Club – A Token of Remembrance and Respect.

One sad consequence of the Covid 19 Tier restrictions over Christmas and New Year was that many folk were unable or found it too difficult to visit the graves of their departed loved ones, especially in cases where the graves are some great distance away from Southam. The Southam & District Lions Club decided that they could help to support families in this situation by placing a wreath at a place of remembrance and let this be known generally via social media. The Lions Club donated a suitable wreath along with a plaque (kindly donated by Lion Steve Jones) both of which were placed at the ‘Memory Tree’ in St. James Church Yard in Southam

The plaque reads:

“In remembrance and respect of all those in and around Southam District who cannot visit their ‘departed’ loved ones this Christmas.”



This gesture was greatly appreciated by those who visited the churchyard to view the memories tree.



LIONS CLUB BEAT THE COVID CURSE AND TAKE SANTA TO MEET LOCAL CHILDREN

Father Christmas was worried that the Covid virus would stop him meeting children this year but Southam & District Lions Club devised a way to enable him to see them. On 8 evenings Santa ventured out in his float with a driver and 4 elves (Lion members) with collecting buckets ensuring that they were all socially distanced and wearing masks. This procession progressed at walking pace moving steadily through the evening’s designated town or village and were greeted by hoards of families in their gardens or on foot-paths eagerly waiting to see Santa, who waved to them all as he passed slowly - the local populace had been alerted to the planned itinerary. The children were even more excited and enthusiastic than in previous years.



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Typically an outing lasted about 90 minutes. Door-to-door collection of donations was not allowed this year, so it was not expected that as much money would be raised for our chosen charity but the bucket collections exceeded expectations - After the first 3 evenings £630 had been collected. The latest count is £1,200. The final count will not be known for a few days as the cash is quarantined for 72 hours before counting with gloved hands - a necessary precaution in the circumstances. It is proposed that we add the tax relief from last years collection along with sums from the donate button on the Lion’s website to the final total, which is then expected to exceed £2,000, which will be presented to this year’s designated charity; The Helen and Douglas House Children’s Hospice.

Santa also made himself available on Zoom to families who booked ahead. In 2 hour sessions he chatted to the children of the families, who had booked a slot, for 5 minutes each. This was a great success and much appreciated

The Lion’s Club members seemed to enjoy the outings as much as all the children that Santa greeted, despite some very wet evenings. In all 8 outings were undertaken amongst other villages Harbury, Long Itchington, Bishops Itchington and the whole of Southam including the new estates. Santa is hoping he doesn’t catch the virus as his contact list would be enormous!

A special thanks to the organiser Lion Malcolm Jakeway and all those Lion Club members who took part in Santa’s procession.



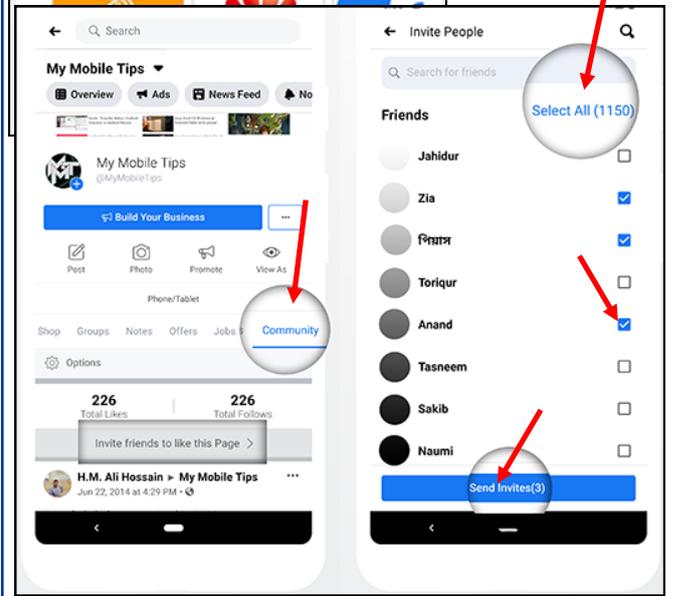
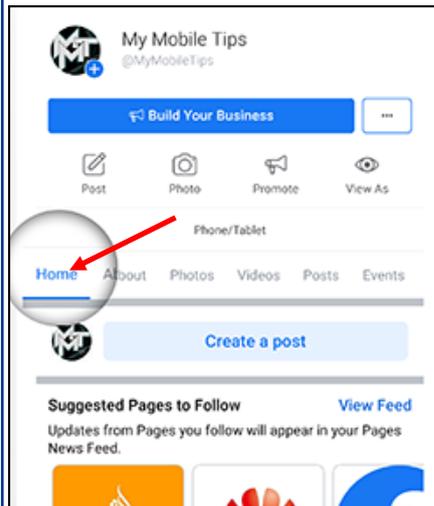
Social Media - Melissa Murphy sm@lions105cw.org.uk

Would you like to increase your presence on Facebook? One way to spread your posts is to invite friends to like, follow and share them. Ask all your club members to do the same.

Don’t worry about pestering people. They get a invite notification that they can accept or ignore but you’d be surprised how many people respond positively.

- 1) Go to your club and the District page.
- 2) Home should be in blue writing, then tap community, then scroll down slightly and tap the Invite friends button and select all or you can select individuals by clicking in the circle.

As of the end of the month our District page has 1,336 likes and 1,756 follows but we would love to tip over the 2000 mark. DG Richard is challenging you all to spread the word!



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Gower & Llŵchwr Estuary Lions Club

With the support of the Gower & Llŵchwr Estuary Lions Club, Lions Club members David & Morena take a nice relaxing holiday in Cancun, Mexico.

With an all-inclusive complex of hotels, sandy beach and high temperatures, waiters to serve cool drinks, they just have to turn over every 30 minutes. So, what do they do? Chatting with Carlos Mercado, Jewellery shop owner in their hotel, David and Morena learned about the number of children that are on the streets and seem to have nowhere to go and nothing productive to do. Investigating further, it appears that a number did have families but they were cast out because either their property had been claimed for building tourist hotels or due to problems within the family ie. there is an awful lot of physical abuse in that part of Mexico for the women.

David and Morena found that Raul had set up an organisation named "Good Intentions" about 6 years ago to help these street children and reported the following to us upon their return.

We got together a project so that they can do a mobile school, not just in the area where these children came from but also to help up to 1000 other children around the Quintana Roo area. These are mainly indigenous people— Mayans, who have no education. These Mayans were moved from the coastal areas where tourist hotels are now situated and have very little resources and facilities. In fact, they are like forgotten people because, according to what is said, they don't exist but I can assure you they do exist out in the jungle.



On the day we visited them, we supported them with a smart TV, v & a solar panel and a inverter which will enable lessons to be taken out to the

children. Even for children who are not in this situation, there is little chance of education in school for at least the next 12-months due to the pandemic so even when they are back at school, they will be a long way behind and of course these children will be even further behind.



Morena added: *'The equipment will also be used with the adults on giving them the skills to be able to sell the crafts that they make and in order for them to start to make a living for themselves, so yes it's primarily for children but of course a lot of the adults they are also illiterate so the lessons are both for children and adults and to enable them to improve their lives so it's a good project to be involved with and they are working with the local government and trying to get out lessons too many parts of the area so at least it's a start for them and then they can move forward. The other thing that was really interesting was that Carlos and Norberto Torres have a 3D app based on dinosaurs which when the children like they did on the day they drew art and did colouring in then by using this app the dinosaur comes to life on their pictures so it's an interactive thing. At the moment it is only in Spanish but there is work going ahead now to get the app to work in English and Mayan so that they can keep the indigenous language going so we have a copy of the app so we can work forward, maybe it's a good project so many of the packs may be able to be sponsored by a club. With a 5-hour time difference this is ideal for doing a project linked up with a local school or schools in the area so they can see exactly what is happening and learn about the culture and maybe even start to learn about each other's culture. With this in mind we wish to start collecting old mobile phones and laptops that are able to receive internet to be serviced and used by these children. Please email: gowerlionssecretary@gmail.com'*

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Two days before departure from Cancun returning home and coinciding with the Spanish 3 Kings celebration, David and Morena were able to provide a small party restricted to a group of 20 due to Covid. This was co-ordinated through Mr. Carlos Mercado, a jewellery shop owner who also wished to make a difference for these children.

9 boys and 8 girls attended and they were able to engage these children with various activities like colouring, painting and watching 3D educational film about dinosaurs. They distributed drinks, Roscón de Reyes Kings Cake, and also Christmas presents because they believe that traditionally, presents are given to children on that day. There were a number of items for each child also had a small silver pyramid which is a replica of the Mayan pyramid in Chichen-itza. COVID-19 19 restrictions have been strictly adhered to with this project.

What a year! Lions use their heads to help local good causes

LIKE many charities during lockdown, Shirley Lions had to cancel all their usual fundraising events including the Shirley Carnival and their usual Santa Sleigh tours around Shirley. To maintain much needed income they first organised pop-up sales on members' drives selling plants, toys, cakes, bric-a-brac, jigsaw puzzles and the like, all socially distanced of course.

Then, realising the impact on families who had lost jobs, in isolation or who had suffered from Covid they had the idea of asking for food donations which they would send to their local foodbank, managed by The Trussell Trust.

They began in August by delivering leaflets through the doors of the selected route during the preceding week asking for donations and to leave them on their front doorsteps on the Sunday morning ready for collection from 10am on.

The collections went well and 670kg of food was collected. Encouraged by this, further monthly collections covering different routes were arranged.

The total so far after five collections is nearly four and a half tonnes, by The Trussell Trust at £5,200.

On the December collection a gentleman even went to his cash and carry and loaded up his van.

In view of the quantity he volunteered to take it directly to the food bank himself and donate it in the name of Shirley Lions.

The Lions were absolutely amazed at the generosity of people and by ensuring that everyone donating was given a thank you note and brief information about the club this helped to maintain their profile and also generated enquiries from people asking to join in and help.

President Jackie Culliford said: "Since August we have made five collections, one every month and we plan to continue next year.

"This food is making a real difference to people lives and we are so grateful to all who have donated.

"Thanks also to the Trussell Trust for their hard work in distributing this much needed food to those in need in the local community."

In the lead up to Christmas other ideas were tried including messages from Santa via Facebook in return for a donation. One member set up his living room as Santa's fireside at the North Pole and started recording personalised messages. Most were for children but also a couple for adults with learning difficulties one of whom was very worried Santa wasn't going to come this year.

His mother told the Lions and all their Facebook followers that he is reassured and plays the message every day.

This started as a fundraising idea but turned into more of a community service activity.





Dementia Friends Workshops

The District Governor's Partners Appeal this year is raising awareness of those who are living with Dementia

We are hoping to make many Lions Dementia Friends over the next 12 months

We will be running sessions online

We are challenging Lions across 105CW to become a Dementia Friend, learn more about what it is like to live with dementia and turn that understanding into action

The next sessions are available through zoom

To register to attend email

glt@lions105cw.org.uk

Sunday 6th February 2021 11:00 - 12:00

Sunday 28th February 2021 13:30 - 14:30

