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### We have a new district Governor

Your new District Governor has arrived. A tiny guy, when compared to the giant who has been promoted up the chain of command.

Chair of Council (CC) Richard has been a presence in many ways.



Physically he gets noticed, but the energy he has dedicated to CW is beyond precedence. He is definitely up there in the top of the best DGs CW has had.

Ah, we have had only 2? So he is in the top 2.

Every DG is needs a great team around him/her. Our district was spoilt with the leadership that was assembled around him. The result has been new clubs, increased membership and great service during the year that was different from all other years.

If anything we learned, is that the lyrics from Michael Jackson song "Man in the mirror" came to life.

I'm starting with the man in the mirror  
I'm asking him to change his ways  
And no message could have been any clearer  
If you want to make the world a better place  
Take a look at yourself, and then make a change

We all had to change this year, whether we liked it or not. Some of us had to move kicking and screaming in front of the computer screen and to get to grips with Zoom. But we had to. How else could we see the kids and family far away?

It also meant that clubs had to change how they interact with their members. How to give service in a time of social distance. How to fundraise. Most Easter egg raffles and Santa sleigh runs went out of the window, causing a big fall in revenue. Some went on line, but of course the turnover is much smaller. The result was that there was more accent on service. That is good in many ways, remember, our motto is "We Serve". not "We Fundraise".

Having said that, without funds there is certain service we can not provide, so fundraising is part of "We Serve". But, the balance should be right and I believe this episode has rebalanced this in a good way.

Now that we see the light at the end of the tunnel, please think about which changes you made worked for your club. If it worked well, probably it is something you want to keep. Change is a difficult thing to get to terms with. Some of us do it easier than others. Having lived in 4 countries for instance, made me a kind of smooth adapter to change. But it does scare when suddenly the Prime Minister tells us to stay at home. But over a year later, we adapted. So keep the good things and move forward. We can do it!

One of the issues that is close to my heart is diversity. I am myself part of a minority and agree 100% that diversity is important to grow the movement. Ah, I hear you ask? What minority? I am one of the approx. 70,000 Dutch in the UK. So we need more Dutch in Lions and more of anybody else.

So go out there, show your tabard to anybody who shows interest, embrace him/her and let's grow this great organisation.

Can I please ask you to write articles of your activities and publicise them, on social media and in this newsletter. On Social media it supports your membership and in this newsletter we learn from your experience.

Please feel free to invite me to any of your activities. I am a hands on Lion, glad to support you if I can.

My diary for July

- 1 Rugby & Rokeby LC Club meeting/Handover
- 3 District Handover
- 4 Solihull LC Handover
- 8 Aberystwyth LC Club meeting
- 10 Certified Lions Course
- 14 Glantawe Swansea Valley LC Club meeting
- 16 Kenilworth LC Handover
- 20 Harborough Twenty12 LC Club meeting
- 21 Bromyard LC Club meeting
- 25 Cabinet reports due
- 26 Cheltenham LC Club meeting
- 30 Corby LC Charter
- 31 Birmingham Handsworth Restart/handover/charter

Lion Jaap de Jonge



## Membership Matters

We welcome new members to #teamcw

**Kington**—Jackie Turner, Marion Yeats

**Warwick**—Sophie Hodgson, Mathew White

**Gower & Llŵchwr Estuary**—Raul Rosario Feliz, Carlos Chapa Mercado

We also have new Membership Team members.

Guess what – that Team is all of us!

Everyone reading this has a role in growing our Membership in our Clubs and that is a powerful role. You will be looking for those who, like you, want to make a difference in their Community and in the World.

Do you think you could find one new Lion this year? Could you try?

You have a new resource to help you – Contact Us cards. These have gone out to every Club in the British Isles and are simple, but useful, when you meet up with someone who might be that new member you are looking for. We know that not everyone enjoys recruiting and some are better at it than others, but practise makes perfect ....

As I said last month, you are not alone. We have a great new Team in our District who are gearing up to take action for you and with you.

We will introduce them to you over the coming months and they will be joining in the Monthly Membership Monday Meetings so you can bring all your questions, concerns and ideas to share. Watch out for the email with details of the first one coming soon.

It will be great to step out into the world again and do what Lions do best, help others who need our help. The more of us there are, the more good we can do so please be part of the Membership movement..

### 'Contact Us' cards.

These are designed to be carried by all members – in a wallet, purse or pocket. They carry the logos of our key Service Areas plus the Lion logo and LCIF logo- a great aide memoire when explaining what Lions is all about.



The 'Contact Us' side allows any Lion to fill in details so the card can be handed to any interested non-Lion during or at the end of a conversation.

Please use these cards to help with recruiting New Members.

If you would like more cards, please contact MDHQ for details of how to buy some

Lets Grow Together.- *Sue Wilding*—105CW  
Membership Team [gmt@lions105cw.org.uk](mailto:gmt@lions105cw.org.uk)

## Lions - we are having a party

**Gower & Llŵchwr Estuary Lions** are inviting all of 105CW to a party. As we are able to get out and about - join them for a fun event.



## Hereford Lions help those with vision loss.

Hereford Lions Club is helping Herefordshire Vision Links refurbish its city headquarters by contributing several thousand to improve the facilities for those with vision impairment or sight loss.

Chief Executive John Eden said: "Vision Link is very grateful for Hereford Lions Club's support of our extensive refurbishment of the member's areas. The building is very well used by members and clients and the Lions finance is vital to achieving a refreshed and welcoming environment for those living with sight loss."

Sian Bayliss, the Lions Club's president, who chose it as her presidential project, said: Caring for those in the community who need extra support is one of Lions International's key objectives."



**Chepstow and Caldicot**

Lions had the pleasure of some unexpected company on a recent litter pick in Caldicot. Some children from a local nursery school, and their nursery leader, joined in for a supervised walk. The children had fun, and enjoyed learning about litter picking. Four bags of rubbish were cleared from the local area by a pair of Lions.



The members also took part in the #SpringCleanCymru in Chepstow, collecting 10 bags of rubbish on the day. In addition to the 10 bags some very large items were collected in Thornwell including, a large broken plastic patio chair, a heavy metal stand, and broken plastic children's toys.



Please share to all your members

**LCIF DAY—ZONE 8**

Marking LCIF Day In Europe three clubs in Zone 8, **Kenilworth, Southam & District and Warwick** joined together with their local newspaper to showcase the work that the local Lions Clubs had been doing during the pandemic."



"The article which covered a whole page in the paper made truly impressive reading and beautifully illustrated the incredible diversity of service that Lions clubs are able to offer."

**Chepstow and Caldicot elects its first ever female President.**

Chepstow and Caldicot Lion, Denise Harrison will assume the role from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021, the first time ever in the Club's 50 year history that a woman has held the position.

Lion Denise, who has held the Secretary role for a number of years, described her honour in being able to hold the position of President and laid out a promise to support the club, its members and the community. In terms of Lion Denise's plan for the year ahead, the main thing will be a return to strength in service, with lots more activity now that the club, and the community, appear to be able to resume some sort of normality.



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## Redditch

Mental Health Action Group Redditch (MHAG) wanted a shed for their community allotment. Redditch were pleased to help.

By promoting working outdoors with the soil, we are hoping to improve mental health and to boost the confidence of young people who have been cooped up in the lockdowns.



“We have come together to promote the idea of planting, harvesting and cooking for the ‘from field to fork’ initiative, said Sue Yeng of MHAG” “We really appreciate the contribution from Redditch Lions and we’re hoping that, thanks to their help, more people will discover the joys of gardening.”

Mike Andrews, president of the Lions added: “We were delighted to help this fantastic cause which will bring long lasting benefits to the young people of Redditch.”

Young people interested in the initiative should email: [redditchmhag@gmail.com](mailto:redditchmhag@gmail.com) or visit <https://www.mhagredditch.org.uk/>.”

## CWBI 2020 Virtual Lions have been busy.

### Planter boxes made to support those living with Dementia.

Congratulations to Lion Dave Fellows who received a Certificate of Recognition from DG Richard at the District Convention. Dave has designed and built this planter box with seat. One has gone to the winner of our Prize Draw at the Dementia Friends Evening. Orders are coming in from members and other Clubs. The District is match funding all



Clubs in Zone 1 so they can have 2 planter boxes for the price of 1! All money raised will enable Dave to continue to make other boxes for distribution within local communities.

## Celebrating National Volunteers week. 1<sup>st</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> June

CWBI 2020 Virtual Lions members already do a lot of volunteering in a variety of ways and Lion Layla Murphy-Plant helps to run a Coding Club in her local village.

“We run a coding club for children aged 5 - 10 years old. Everyone is welcome from complete beginners to experienced coders. Most children are learning coding at school so this is a way to boost their skills and make friends with similar interests. Due to lockdown, we have only recently started but we are gradually building up numbers as word spreads. It’s great to see the children meeting new friends and helping each other out with their projects.

When they need a break from coding on their tablets and laptops we have Beebots to hand. Everyone really enjoys coding these to make them draw a picture or navigate a maze, which is also designed by the children. We are really looking forward to seeing this club grow as more children join in the fun.”



**CWBI 2020 Virtual Lions Online dog show** - This was run via Facebook over a month and finished with the judges announcing the winners on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. We had a number of great entries in each category: “Owner Lookalike”, “Best Fancy Dress”, “Scruffiest Dog”, “Most Handsome Boy”, “Prettiest Girl”, “Old Faithful”, “Most Appealing Eyes”, “Cutest Puppy”, “Funniest Face” and “Best Rescue/Rehomed Story”.

All the money raised will be going to the charity ‘Dogs for Good’. We would like to be in a position soon to give them £1,000 to support an assistance dog through its training.



**CWBI 2020 Virtual Lions** held their social 'Come Cook with Me' – hosted by Lion Joy Haffner.

They all attempted a chicken or mushroom bhuna. They prepared everything earlier in the day and then switched on Zoom to find Chef Joy in the kitchen giving instructions!

It was a great success.... we were assured by everyone that their curry tasted delicious!!

Just the thing on a warm summer's evening but some members were cooking and eating al fresco.



### **Warwick take to the sky.**

incoming President 86 years young Peter Amis is planning to get his year in office off to a flying start by taking part in a sponsored wing walk in July and in doing so hopes to raise £6,000 for good causes.

Peter who admits to a history of falling off ladders will spend around 15 minutes in the air standing on the wing of a 1940's bi-plane flying at speeds of over 100mph some 500ft. Above the Cotswolds.

He could also fly into the record books as being one of the oldest ever to attempt such a feat. To sponsor Peter use link- <http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lionpeterswingwalk>



### **New Vice District Governors (VDG)**

Congratulations to Lion Ravinder Sandhu of Coventry Mercia becoming 1st VDG and Lion David McKirdy of Black Mountain Lions as 2nd VDG

#### **1st Vice DG July 2021 Club Visits (provisional dates)**

- 01-Jul Castle Bromwich & District
- 06-Jul Ross-On-Wye
- 07-Jul Carmarthen
- 08-Jul Melton Mowbray
- 12-Jul Malvern Hills
- 13-Jul Thurnby
- 14-Jul Blaby & District
- 15-Jul Llantwit Major & Cowbridge
- 20-Jul Worcester
- 21-Jul Northampton

#### **2nd Vice Club visits**

July

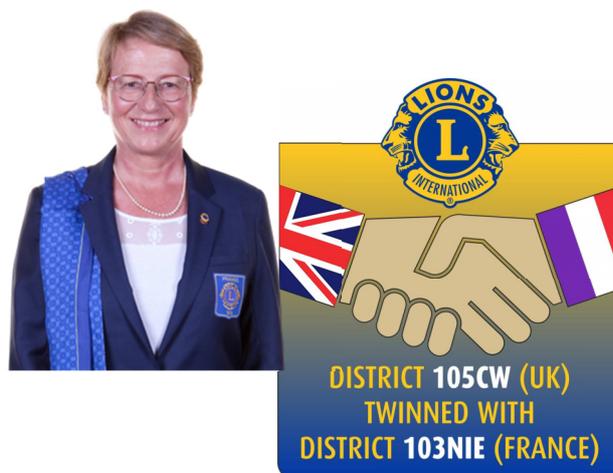
- 6 Rushden & District
- 8 Thornbury
- 12 Wellesbourne
- 26 Pembroke & Pembroke Dock (tbc)

August

- 3 Northampton Eighty
- 5 Corby & District
- 9 Bradley Stoke Branch
- 12 Swansea
- 19 Dursley
- 21 Towcester (tbc)
- 23 Pembroke & Pembroke Dock (tbc)

### **We are twinned with 103NIE in France**

Congratulations to DG Pascale Grieve from District 103 Normandie becoming District Governor of our sister district in France .



### **Hashtag—why?**

You see #teamcw added to some clubs Facebook posts? It is a great way of seeing what other Lions are doing in our district. Type #teamcw in your Facebook search and check it out. Please add to all your posts.

## Shirley Lions at LCICON



Shirley Lions were showcased at the Lions international virtual convention with a video of how they helped their community. How exciting to be showcased together with Lions Clubs from all over the world.



### Newport and Usk Vale—continue litter picking

Their wonderful litter pickers have been out and about again. Well done Lions and Friends of Lions for your efforts. They had some help from Osbourne Lodge Nursery .



## 105 District Governors

Jaap extends his congratulations to his fellow district governors as they embark on the year in office.

133 Ireland	Ann Ellis
105A	Matti Karabjeett
105CE	David Pope
105CN	Neil Martin
105N	Nigel Ware
105SC	Brian Donovan
105SW	Mark Lockie

### WASUP - 2022 Challenge

19 Clubs in the district have reported to [environment@lions105cw.org.uk](mailto:environment@lions105cw.org.uk) a total of 625 bags of litter which is 31% of the total needed.

We still need to collect 1397 bags.

#### Top Districts are:

Zone 10	257 Bags
Zone 6	147 Bags
Zone 7	74 Bags

Congratulations to the clubs in these zones who have been out collecting and have reported their figures.

#### The top 3 clubs in CW based on numbers reported are:

1 <sup>st</sup> Newport & Usk Vale Lions	257 Bags
2 <sup>nd</sup> Acocks Green Lions	110 Bags
3 <sup>rd</sup> Knowle & Dorridge Lions	72 Bags

Also a big thank you to the clubs below who have been out collecting and added to the 625 bags collected so far.

- Bedworth
- Northampton
- Rugby Rokeby
- Wellingborough & District
- Dudley
- Kingswinford-Stourbridge
- Wolverhampton
- Acocks Green
- Sandwell
- Knowle & Dorridge
- Shirley
- Redditch
- Newport & Usk Vale
- Cheltenham
- Cotswold Fosseway
- Bristol Brunel
- Dursley
- Ammanford
- Hereford

If your club has been taking part in the 2022 Challenge and is not listed here please speak to your club president or service chair and find out why they have not reported the numbers to [environment@lions105cw.org.uk](mailto:environment@lions105cw.org.uk)

If your club is unable to email, the numbers can be texted to 07786 515578 with club name and number of bags.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Lion Matt Kilpin - District Environment Officer #TEAMCW

## IPDG Richard and Jackie - Going out in Style

Photo taken after Shirley Lions charter, our one and only in person charter this year, thank you Shirley Lions, it was a different year as DG than planned, but I have been very proud to have been DG of [#teamcw](#), and I am still very much in love with the Leo I fell in love with all those years ago, as this chapter closes, another one opens, take care



### Note from the editor.

My name is Pat Comer, I am a charter member of Wotton under edge Lions and became a Lion in 1977.

I have taken on the role from Melissa Murphy who has been a great guide. Thank you Melissa.

To help me I have a couple of requests please.

- Your contributions need to be in by 25th of each month.
- Can you send any photos as attachments to your email not embedded in the report.

Send to [news@lions105cw.org.uk](mailto:news@lions105cw.org.uk)



### How useful is this newsletter?

Figures suggest not really to many.

Our June newsletter was delivered to 1158 Lions. **Only 145 of you opened it.**

We have 96 clubs/branches in the district.

Only 8 clubs submitted news.

### Missed opportunity?

We all benefit of sharing how we serve and how we raise funds.

This is your newsletter.

What should this newsletter contain?

What should it not be?

Remember - You need to contribute to be in it.

Please share your service and fundraising with all of [#teamcw](#)

