



News from DG Jaap

Again, a month in which I visited a pride of Lions clubs. From Kettering in the East, Forest of Dean in the West and Chipping Sodbury in the South and so many in between. All excellent in their own way. It shows, your club, your way. Every club is like a finger print. None are the same. But one thing they are all busy with is "Service". One put their accent on food banks, the other one on environment, but overall, the LCI boxes get ticked.

I recently received an envelope with great news. In it were certificates for clubs celebrating 50 years and more in existence. Sutton Coldfield and Erdington LC celebrated 60 years and Leicester Host, with a mind boggling 70 years! Also, a number of Lions who reached 50 years' service. All celebrated with a certificate signed by our Patron HRH Sophie The Countess of Wessex GCVO.

We congratulate also with 50 years' service:

Clubs	Members
Brecon	Lion David Green - Cheltenham
Bristol Brunel	Lion Douglas Cross - Solihull
Chepstow and Caldicot	Lion Michael C Jobbins - Walsall
Redditch	Lion Michael Barrow - Hereford
Wellesbourne	Lion Robert G Thompson - Chepstow and Caldicot

We will present the certificates in co-operation with the clubs at a moment they feel is right.

Membership numbers in mid-October reached the same level as when we started 3 months ago. We had a steep drop when the year started, but you have been inducting members with great speed. Thanks to you and a warm welcome to the new Lions.

I attended a few funerals this month. It is very sad when dedicated Lions leave us this way. However, we will cherish their memory and the good work they did while they were here with us. We wish their families strength during these difficult times. As a result of comments from fellow Lions, we have modified our rules regarding distribution of funeral arrangements of members that have gone to higher service. If your club wants funerals published, please inform Lion Joy Haffner ([postmaster@lions105cw.org.uk](mailto:postmaster@lions105cw.org.uk)) with the information. The message will be distributed to the appropriate zones

I had the pleasure of being invited to a few clubs to join their induction ceremonies. I do not want to compare it to an engagement or graduation ceremony, but within a club it is always a very happy moment and I am more than glad to support a club, when possible, by attending. Please remember that.

The picture shows me at my club (Shirley LC) Food bank collection. I could share pictures of charters, but a DG is a club Lion like you. Something she/he should never forget.



Jaap de Jonge

## Membership Matters.

Welcome to all new Members who have joined Clubs in 105CW.

Are you being well looked-after? Do you have a mentor in your Club, someone who is explaining to you how your Club works and encouraging you to get involved in Club Activities and Socials?



I hope all new Members are feeling involved and valued and – most importantly – listened to. Our long-standing Members have done, and continue to do, fantastic things but there is always a place for new ideas and also old ideas re-worked.

One of our greatest Strengths is our fantastic team of Lions – as of October 2021 we have 1,636 members in 93 Clubs. What if we all found one new member – that could double the good we can do and allow us to be an even more positive influence in our communities and the world.

If any Club Membership Officers need some help and advice about looking after New Members and growing their Clubs – just get in touch and let's talk about it!

Also, please remember we are supported by our team of staff operating from our National Headquarters in Birmingham. They are there for all of us and if you need anything you can make contact with the team by email [mdhq@lions.org.uk](mailto:mdhq@lions.org.uk) or phone 0121 441 4544

I hope to see Lions old and new at the Convention in March. Sue Wilding [gmt@lions105cw.org.uk](mailto:gmt@lions105cw.org.uk)

## Welcome to our newest members

Balsall Common	Radu Judele	Melton Mowbray	Andrew Stafford
Bromyard	Becky Bywater	Nuneaton	Dhaminder Mandair
Corby & District	Bhanuka Weerakoon	Shakespeare	Mark Langley
Coventry Godiva	Hitesh Parakh	Warwick	Will Ryder
Coventry Godiva	Harmesh Taank	Wellingborough	Nele Kiinkosch
Dursley	Brian Sheppard	Wotton under Edge	Steve Donnelly

## Club News - Newport and Usk Vale Lions

For a small sized club, Newport and Usk Vale Lions are proud to be able to uphold the principle of Lions 'We serve'. The members of the club and the friends of Lions continue to support local organisations, events and activities across our area. As well as the City of Newport, our area extends to the towns of Cwmbran, Pontypool, Usk, and Caerleon. We cover an area over 250 square miles and a population of 150,000. We try wherever possible to have a visible presence across our area, and some of the ways we do this include: -



### Litter picking challenge 2022

We are a club of 20 members, and our approach has always been to work in partnership with other groups within our geographic area. We have developed formal links with a range of other organisations, and expanded our

'Friends of Lions' groups.

We now have 'litter pickers' across the area including business supporters through the clubs networking groups As a club and through sponsorship of some businesses in BNI we have bought hi viz jackets, litter grabbers, litter bin hoops and plastic bags for individuals and groups to encourage their participation and supplement the equipment supplied through our local authorities. To date we have been able to contribute over 300 bags of litter to the District 105CW 2022 litter picking challenge.

### **Monmouth, Brecon and Abergavenny Canal Trust (MBACT)**

As a club we are a formal support organisation of the MBACT. Several lions are volunteers of the trust and 1 has undertaken a 3-day course and is now a qualified helmsman and Boat Manager.



### **Usk Show**

2021 has seen the return of one of the largest one-day agricultural shows within the United Kingdom and the only one within Wales to take place this year. For many years our club has supported the Show by stewarding the Park and Ride car park. This year we were asked if we could provide 20 Stewards for the day, which with the help of our 'Friends of Lions' we were able to do cover 27 positions. We also manned our own fundraising stall and gave out our new 'Lions Bookmarks' as well the Stepping Forward booklet. In all, approximately 20,000 people attended the show and Lions were on duty from 0745hrs until 1830hrs.



The show was a great success and the weather was kind.

### **Balsall Common Lions**

#### **Balsall Common Memories Café**



To help meet the costs of running their events Balsall Common Lions donated £250 to the Balsall Common Memories Café. Balsall Common Memories Cafe is a free group for people living with dementia.

#### **Autumn Foodbank – It's Another Feast!**

This was our sixth quarterly foodbank collection, since we embarked upon our first Foodbank Collection at the start of the pandemic, over fifteen

months ago. Our army of volunteer collectors and food sorters sorted these essential supplies and loaded the vehicles of four local foodbank charities; Bethany Community Foodbank, Around Again Charity, Carriers of Hope, plus we dropped off a pick-up truck overflowing with food destined for The Trussell Trust Foodbank. Each charity received approximately 125 carrier bags of food and essential supplies - a total of 500 carrier bags! In addition, we received approximately £200 in cash and online donations.

Here's one of the many 'Thank You' comments received. *To all the volunteers and Balsall Common Lions Club thank you so much for the kind donation of food. We fed in September over 1300 people and without your help it would be very difficult.*

*So, thank you once again for all your hard work. Bethany Food Bank.*

## Balsall Common Lions Supporting Afghan Refugees

Balsall Common Lions have responded to the appeal for support of Afghan refugees by donating over £200 in much-needed toiletries and hygiene products, plus in excess of £50 worth of personal donations. The donation from Lions was very generously matched by our local Co-op store, here in Balsall Common.

Pictured here are Lions Ross Collins, Mark Whitfield, and Andy Pemberton with Co-op Store Manager, Dan Warburton with a trolley overflowing with nappies and sanitary products.



## Hereford Lions give Sam his wish

Sam Weale was a happy and active nine-year-old until he was struck by the rare disorder, Adrenoleukodystrophy

The family, Rob and Sarah and his six-year-old sister Bethan are caring for Sam at their home in Sutton St Nicolas. When they asked if there was anything special he would like to do Sam said he wanted to fly in a helicopter.

Tracy Lowe, a children's community nurse

contacted Hereford Lions Club who in turn got in touch with Alan Ramsden, owner of Tiger helicopters based at Shobdon aerodrome who immediately offered to take Sam for a ride in a helicopter, together with the family. They flew over their home in Sutton St Nicolas and the village school he attends.

His mother, Sarah, herself a nurse said: "It was a wonderful treat for Sam and he was so excited to be flying in a helicopter, thanks to Lions Club and Alan Ramsden."

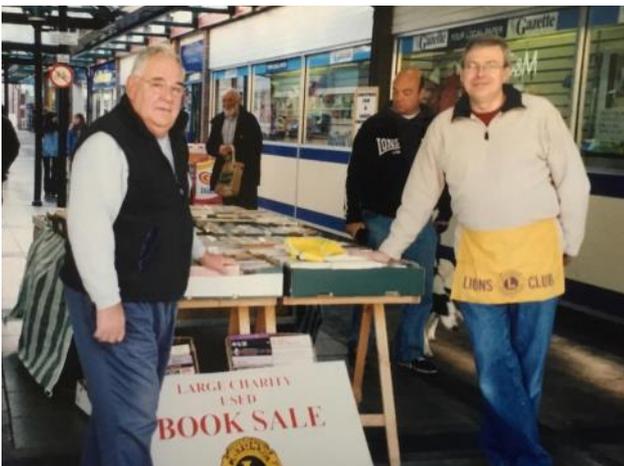
## Coventry Godiva's Funding to First Responder Paramedics

Coventry community first responder (CFR) group, Godiva Voluntary Medical Responders, have received a fantastic charity boost of £1500 thanks to Lions Club Of Coventry Godiva.

Carl Rose, Trustee of Godiva Voluntary Medical Responders Coventry, said: “This generous donation is already being used to directly fund new equipment. Our charity is funded entirely by voluntary donations, like this, and every penny helps to fund our vehicle and equipment which directly helps patients in and around Coventry. Our responders give their time freely and tirelessly to be there for patients in their time of need. Support from the Lions Club really means a lot and I’d like to thank them for their kind donation.”



President of Godiva Lions, Pranoti Jadhav, said: “As a charitable group we aim to provide support to local and international charities and we are delighted to do just that for our local Godiva Voluntary Medical Responders. We are supporting two main charities this year, Save the Children and Bowel Cancer Research, but when we heard about the CFRs we couldn’t pass the opportunity to help.” Club President Pranoti Patil Jadhav, Fundraising Head Nitin Korja and PR/Marketing head Ruby Ghataurhae were present to hand over the cheque to First Responders.



## Thornbury Lions 10<sup>TH</sup> anniversary of the ‘Lions Bookshop’

November of this year marks a milestone in the history of the Thornbury Lions second-hand bookshop in St Mary Centre Thornbury. It is the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the shop.

It all started in 2006 when one of the Lions members, when on holiday, saw a charity selling second-hand books to raise funds. Bringing this idea back to Thornbury, and with

the aid of a trailer and agreement with Centre, the Lions started a small bookstall on Saturday mornings which achieved modest takings. After our initial place outside we were given the opportunity to move under cover. In November 2011, the Centre very kindly gave us the use of a vacant shop which was a big improvement and our takings improved dramatically. However, we had to move premises periodically but were given generous help by other local organisations and the loan of moving equipment by Aldi supermarket.

We moved to our present premises in April 2014 and we became independent in 2015 and our now back to full operation after the enforced closure due to the pandemic.

We are open 6 days a week from 10am to 4 pm and we stock an extensive and varied range of books, with jigsaws added recently which have been a great success during the Covid lockdowns in the dark winters. To supplement Lions members working in the shop we have an excellent and helpful group of volunteers. The bookshop has become an integral part of the local community and we are visited by customers both local and further afield. To help celebrate the 10th Anniversary we are giving away souvenir bookmarks and also stickers with the children’s books.



## Warwick Lions

Warwick Lions spurred on by last year's success decided to once again to assemble Halloween Hunt Packs. The packs which contained everything that the little ones needed to set up a Halloween scavenger hunt within their own homes contained spooky clues and treats and a set of instructions for the adults.

It was again very well received and as well as raising funds for the club was a great community activity and helps to increase the awareness of Warwick Lions"



## Corby & District Lions

Commemorating Lions World Sight Day on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2021, members of Corby & District Lions Club guided the Mayor of Corby, Councillor Lawrence Ferguson through Corby Town Centre with help from Margaret from Northampton Association for the Blind. Councillor Ferguson was blindfolded and given a white cane to raise awareness of sight impairment.

He was assisted by Lions President Ken Shaw and members of Corby & District Lions Club. The Mayor was walked through the town centre and was made to purchase an item from a shop to emphasis the difficulties faced by people living with blindness.

When asked to comment on his experience, Councillor Ferguson said "I feel very vulnerable and felt disorientated with loss of trace of time and overall found it very difficult."



## Coventry Mercia bounces back

Coventry Mercia Lions Club started this Lionistic term with a very difficult beginning, its membership suddenly dropped from 53 to 27 mysteriously but the club bounced back taking its membership again back to 45 which will increase to 55 members on 3<sup>rd</sup> November when Lion Jaap De Jonge, District Governor will be helping us with Induction of latest batch of brilliant new members. Lion Jaap De Jonge has been a source of great inspiration for our club, he speaks from the heart and leads from the front, everyone in our Club adore him.

At the launch of Coventry as UK City of Culture 2021, by HRH Prince Charles. Coventry Mercia Lions Club were key participants. Lion Davinder Prasad JP and Lion Dr Rakesh Sachdev Secretary were invited by Mr John Crabtree, Lord Lieutenant for West Midlands to join him at a special reception at Herbert Arts Gallery and Museum where they had an opportunity to speak to HRH Prince Charles about the work of Mercia Lions Club for people in need especially our fundraising for Indian COVID19 emergency when people across the world were helping India in its time of national crisis. Coventry Mercia Lions Club also work with Canal & River Trust to fulfil their responsibility to care for the environment and our input was appreciated when Lion Davinder Prasad JP was nominated to travel with HRH Prince Charles in a Boat on Coventry Canal where he described to the Royal guest how the club is connecting diverse communities with the work on Canal tow paths and Canal Basin.

Coventry Mercia Lions members were specially invited to line up the tow path



on the Coventry Canal that has been allocated by Canal & River Trust to us for regular maintenance and canal cleaning, one of the main reason was to show the diversity of communities that we are connecting with our environmental work. Lion Davinder Prasad JP travelled in a 30 minutes ride with Royal guest in a boat showing him our work.

### Mayor’s Integrational Cricket Cup - Coventry Mercia Lions win the tournament



#### November Club visits

##### District Governor

- 2nd Bristol Brunel
- 8th Young Ambassador
- 9th Wellesbourne
- 11th Melton Mowbray
- 17th Nuneaton
- 19th Swansea Charter
- 22nd Cheltenham
- 23rd Leicester Host
- 24th Chepstow & Caldicot Social

##### 1st Vice Governor

- 3rd Carmarthen
- 8th Stour Valley
- 10th Lutterworth

##### 2nd Vice Governor

- 1st Severn Dean
- 2nd Birmingham Handsworth
- 3rd Warwick
- 4th Kidderminster & District
- 10th Coventry Leofric
- 23rd Newport

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## International Convention, Montréal, 2022 'La Vie en Lion'

Welcome to the first Newsletter for the 2022 International Convention.



The 104th Lions Clubs International Convention will be held in the vibrant City of Montréal, 2022 in the beautiful province of Québec, Canada from June 24th–28th. Montréal has hosted the International Convention twice before, in 1979 and 1996.

Late June is a wonderful time to explore the city, from the historic District of Old Montréal to the lush green spaces of Mount Royal and beyond, Montréal offers an almost endless list of attractions and things to do while visiting.

Add to this fine restaurants and eateries too numerous to mention and many excellent hotels located conveniently downtown, all make Montréal a place where visitors return again and again. Montréal is a culturally diverse, vibrant, safe and clean city.

The DGEs will be assigned to one of three hotels: **DOUBLETREE BY HILTON, INTERCONTINENTAL or WESTIN**

All are located across from the Palais de Congrès, the Convention Centre and site of the District Governors-Elect (DGE) Seminar.

The British Isles and Ireland have, as their designated hotel, **Hotel Delta Montréal by Marriott** - <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/yuldb-delta-hotels-montreal/> The hotel is 0.7 miles from the Convention Centre, adjacent to the Entertainment District, known as the Quartier des Spectacles and close to Mount Royal.

Every member who wishes to attend the Convention Sessions, Exhibition, Shows etc must register all attending, including spouse and/or partner. This can be done 'on line' through the

LCICON website <https://lcon.lionsclubs.org/>

Once on the site, click on 'Register Now' on the top bar and this will take you to the page for Registration.

Two primary venues will be used in Montréal - **The Bell Centre Arena** is the premier entertainment destination in Canada, hosting hundreds of noteworthy concerts and events each year. Known as one of the most technologically advanced and versatile venues in the world, we will enjoy this arena for the International Show and Plenary Sessions. Located near to many of the Official hotels, the arena is easy to access and once inside we will find plenty of comfortable seating with excellent sight lines.

The beautiful, colourful **Palais des Congrès** is one of North America's most renowned Convention and Exhibition Centres. In the heart of downtown Montréal and near historic and cultural areas, the Palais is right next to the action! More than 5,000 hotel rooms in the Lions Clubs International Official Hotel block are within walking distance to the Palais des Congrès and it is located only 20 minutes away from Montréal-Trudeau airport.

The **Palais de Congrès** will also be the site of the Exhibit Hall, the Business Session, Voting, and Seminars. We shall be holding the **B & I Briefing Meeting on Thursday 23rd June at 7pm** (venue yet to be finalised), and all registered delegates will be welcome.

**The Spectacular Parade of Nations** (International Parade) begins at 9.30am on **Saturday, June 25th, 2022**. An estimated 10,000 Lions from over 120 countries, many in national dress, will march along René Lévesque Boulevard,



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ren%C3%A9\\_L%C3%A9vesque\\_Boulevard](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ren%C3%A9_L%C3%A9vesque_Boulevard). The parade route will cover a distance of 1 mile (1.6 km).

**The B & I Reception**, which all registered delegates will receive a ticket for, will be held on **Monday 27th June** from 9pm–mid. Again, the venue has yet to be finalised.

JTA Travel will again be the official travel agent for MD105 and will be advertising pre and post-convention packages, as well as the Convention period itself. ALL accommodation, if you want to use an LCI Hotel, must be booked through the LCICON website. There are of course, many bed and breakfast and smaller boutique hotels available, but these need to be booked direct, as soon as possible; JTA Travel may be able to assist in seeking alternative accommodation outside of LCI contracted hotels.

If you want to do your own thing, please remember that only the official, contracted, hotels will have the complimentary shuttle buses.

My wife, Jacqueline, and I will be visiting Montréal, when circumstances allow, to view the facilities, venues and our designated hotel.

Further newsletters will be published when we have more information.

**PCC Philip Goodier**  
Chair – International Convention Committee  
October 2021



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B Bell Centre	2 Candlewood Suites Montréal	10 Hotel Bonaventure	18 InterContinental Montréal (DGE Hotel)
	3 DoubleTree by Hilton Montréal (DGE Hotel)	11 Hotel Delta Montréal by Marriott	19 L'Appartement Hotel
	4 Embassy Suites by Hilton Montréal	12 Hotel Faubourg Montréal	20 Le Centre Sheraton (Headquarters)
	5 Fairfield by Marriott	13 Hotel Monville	21 Le Meridien Versailles
	6 Fairmont Le Reine Elizabeth	14 Hotel Omni Mont-Royal	22 Le Saint Sulpice Hotel
	7 Holiday Inn Montréal Centre-Ville	15 Hotel Travelodge Montréal Centre	23 Le Square Phillips Hotel & Suites
	8 Hotel (10)	16 Hotel Zero 1	24 Le Westin Montréal (DGE Hotel)
			25 Marriott Chateau Champlain
			26 Marriott Residence Inn
			27 Marriott Springhill Suites
			28 Renaissance Montréal Centre-Ville
			29 Residence La Citadelle - Université McGill
			30 Residence Carrefour Sherbrooke - Université McGill
			31 Sofitel Montréal Le Carré Doré
			32 W Montréal

The white polo shirt in the photo is available to purchase and can be personalised.

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Recommend the following website for information **LCICON.org**

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