



News from DG Jaap

Another month that saw the miles increase on the milometer. In a typical week this month I visited Glantawe Swansea Valley LC for their Charter, Cheltenham LC for their business meeting, the next day Leicester Host and the following day Chepstow & Caldicott LC. Only apply for this job if you do not mind clocking up the miles!

The month started on a down as we had to cancel Autumn Forum. Sadly, these things do happen and when tough decisions have to be made, you voted the guy in who can take them! So, Lion Stu and I had a think and its now called Winter Forum and we found the perfect location. For those who came to Handover, it is the same place. Old Court Hotel in Symonds Yat, West, between Ross on Wye and Monmouth. Easily accessible for everyone. It is 23rd January 22 and price is the same £10, which includes coffee on arrival and a great lunch. More info about how to pay etc. elsewhere in the newsletter.

As I mentioned last month, I received the awards for long service and I have started handing them out. I find it amazing to look into the eyes of a Lion who receives a 50-year award. I will definitely not get one of these, unless I reach 103. I find that highly unlikely. It is amazing when I hand them to active Lions like Lion David Green in Cheltenham and Lion President of Bristol Brunel, Lion Duncan White. 50 years of service and not giving up. They deserve this award! I also was very happy to give Lion Keith Messenger his Membership Key pin and medal for 25 members. I could not believe the beauty of the ornaments. Go out and sponsor 25 members and get one of these beauties. It is worth the effort!

We welcome Tamworth LC to our district. Tamworth LC asked to move from 105CN to CW, being so close to Sutton Coldfield. We were happy to oblige after CN decided it was ok. It is not the way we like increasing CW's membership, so keep recruiting. We are doing well, keeping numbers stable, but we want to get out of this treading water situation. The easiest way to do that is to ensure your members stay. Our GMT has strategies for that. Please ask her for info and join the Membership Mondays for inspiring talks.

Make me very happy that we welcomed 25 new Lions to our district in November.

Success this month with your sleighs and collections. We will meet on the other side of the New Year and I wish you all great holidays. Stay safe and that 2022 will be the best it can be. See you at the Winter Forum

DG December Agenda - No club visits this month. Supporting Shirley LC with driving the sleigh and as Santa. If you want to see me, come to Shirley (Solihull). We can always use another collector and have a mulled wine afterwards.

Welcome to our new members					
Brunel	Mark Farrell	Coventry Mercia	Gad Turuthi	Shakespeare	Diane Mason
Coventry Leoafric	Patrycja Dwornikowska	Forest of Dean	Bianca Bertalot-Farr	Stour Valley	Suzanne Jeffries
Coventry Mercia	Kobir Ali	Forest of Dean	Tom Farr	Stour Valley	Tadge Sabatowski
Coventry Mercia	Kalsoom Aslam	Melton Mowbray	Georgina Halliday	Tetbury	Theodora Houlis
Coventry Mercia	Nutan Desai	Melton Mowbray	Roy Spreckly	Worcester	Emma Pack
Coventry Mercia	Ebru Gokberg	Melton Mowbray	Susan Spreckly	Brecon	Haydn Evans
Coventry Mercia	Njehu Nganga	Nuneaton	Josh Sandhu	Ceredigion Invictus	Domink Galuszka
Coventry Mercia	Bhavesh Shulka	Nuneaton	Charanjit Soomal		
Coventry Mercia	Surinder Singh	Ross on Wye	Louise Hamilton		

Membership Matters

Being a Lion makes an impact. Why else would we join a Lions Club, if we didn't think that we can offer our time and skills to make a difference?

The difference you make to other people is awesome and when we tell people about our Service, that can provide the inspiration that makes them want to join us.



Do we share our stories of the difference we make? We tell people what we do – the activity, the fundraising, the volunteering which is all fantastic. But that isn't the whole story. It isn't all about what Lions *do* – it's also about the stories of those who are recipients of our Service. In simple terms, the before and after story that shows clearly the difference Lions make.

I watched Children in Need and the stories told in that programme are crucial. They talk about projects and fundraising but they also show the difference that this Charity makes in the lives of children, young people and families. We all have stories like that in our life as a Lion but do we tell them? There must be hundreds of people who have reason to thank Lions so are we giving them a voice and enabling them to tell others how they have been helped?

We need to start to share our stories of how we have changed or improved the lives of others in need. If our communities hear our stories, realise our impact, then maybe they will be inspired to support and maybe join us.

We have a great hobby as a Lion. A hobby that helps us, together with other like-minded people, make such a difference in our communities and in the world. We must remember to talk to people we meet about the difference we have made Then ask them to join us!

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Does your club use a card reader?



We would like to have a feature in a future edition sharing what you do with other clubs. The more clubs that respond the more useful it will be. We want your answer even if you do not use a reader. We have some questions that will take less than two minutes to answer

Please agree to take part by emailing: news@lions105cw.org.uk



On Sunday 23rd January 2021 starting at 09:30am we will be holding the 2022 Winter Forum in person, at Old Court, Symonds Yat West, Whitchurch, Herefordshire, HR9 6DA.

A chance to celebrate being a part of #TeamCW, see our friends and continue to be inspired as Lions.

Highlights of the day will include: -

Sessions from the Global Action Team (Service, Membership and Leadership)

Information on North Sea Lions, Brain Tumour Research Appeal, Lions Club International Foundation, and on District Convention 2022

- Who Moved My Cheese
- Inclusive Leadership
- Ask the District - A Question and Answer Session

There is also the opportunity to bring your collected prescription spectacles along and we as a District will ensure that they are transported to National Head Quarters for processing (please let Joy know the number of boxes you will be bringing along)

The subsidised cost of the event (£10 per person) including a Roast Lunch (Beef, Lamb or Chicken with a Vegetarian option available) should ideally be paid in advance via BACS.

To book your place and places for your club members please email postmaster@lions105cw.org.uk with the names who would like to attend and your menu options and dietary requirements. The district will then confirm your places and the amount that needs to be paid.

If you would like to pay online the account details are: -

Sort Code 30-95-47 Account Number 00527060

If paying online please email treasurer@lions105cw.org.uk confirming the reference given (including 'WF'), how much has been paid, the club and the name of the attendees this covers, so Christine can identify the receipt.

If paying by Cheque (please endorse the back of the cheque 'Winter Forum' along with your club and the names of the people that this covers) please make payable to: - LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL, DISTRICT 105 and send to:

Lion Christine Moss - District Treasurer 105CW

12 Hillhurst Grove, Castle Bromwich, Birmingham, B36 9TS

However, if you would like to pay cash on the day this is also available (please be aware that by booking you agree to pay for your place). Bookings need to be completed by Friday 14th of January 2022 in order for us to confirm numbers, catering etc.

We hope to see as many of you as possible at Winter Forum 2022.

DG – Jaap & Lion Stuart Young Global Leadership Coordinator



It's competition time

As we come to the close of 2021, we can look back on a year that was full of challenge AND one in which Lions everywhere dug deep to do what Lions do – to serve!

As 105CW Competitions Officers we have not been idle, despite the impact that lockdown has had, and have been focusing on the existing competitions as well as looking forward to 2022 and planning for some exciting NEW competitions.

For the current year, our focus is on:

- Best Website
- Best Social Media
- Membership Growth
- The DG Award for Best Club
- Photography Competition – see below*

Winners in these categories will be announced – and awards made – at the District Convention in March 2022.

*So far we have only received a few entries for the Photography Competition for this year. The closing date for entries is 15 January 2022 so can we encourage members to 'get snapping' and let us have them. Otherwise, with regret, we may be forced to postpone for this year and re-introduce it for 2022, along with the new competitions. Details of these will be announced very soon.

Of course, we are always open to ideas and suggestions for competition themes so please feel free to contact us by e-mail to: competitions@lions105cw.org.uk Lions Jan and Ralph Watson.

Club News

Barwell & Earl Shilton Lions

We have a few Christmas related pictures in club news - this picture from Barwell and East Shilton Lions shows one of their newer members Lion Elaine Maxfield showing us all why it's great to be a Lion

All had a fun filled weekend at the light switch and all the visitors to their grotto.



Diabetes Awareness—Coventry Godiva

On Sunday 14th Nov, at Ramgharia Gurudwara, **Lions Club of Coventry Godiva** in partnership with Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group and local health professionals celebrated World Diabetes Day.

More than 200 people attended the event and took advantage of free blood tests. Talks from Health Professionals, testimonies from Diabetes patients & healthy food.

Godiva Lions also presented a cheque of £1500 to Diabetes UK that was raised by Lion Aman Mankoo completing a 100mile run during the Pandemic.



Saturday 2nd Oct, saw **Coventry Godiva** hold their first Golf event post Covid at Stonebridge Golf Club. It was club's 15th Charity Golf Tournament. In spite of horrendous weather more than 40 players took part in the competition. It was inspiring to see the players enthusiasm.

Registration started on time at 10am and first Tee off took place at 11.30 sharp. 10 teams ready to play in the downpouring rain. Halfway house was filled with delicious food and was well looked after by our Lion Ladies. One of our distinguished guest player Chris Aniyi said "Golf Tournament on Saturday by Lions Club of Coventry Godiva might be described as 'Dancing in the Rain' Hole 19 was excellent though credit to Charitable and efficient organizers, especially the ladies and the overall winner and champion of the event was a Lady Golfer too" The competition was divided in to two divisions. 1st Division Winners were Mohit Kotecha, Matt Holcroft and Neeraj Kotecha as 1st., 2nd and 3rd respectively. Nearest to Pin winner was Nindi Matharu and Longest Drive winner Jay Shah.

2nd Division winners were Davinder Mankoo, Aqbal Jhutti and Mishali Hindocha (our only Lady Golfer) as 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively. Nearest to Pin winner was Jaz Panesar and Longest Drive winner was Mishali Hindocha. Tournament was followed by delicious dinner catered by Punjabi Foods Coventry. We would like to thank all our sponsors for their generous donations. It was extremely successful event and we raised substantial amount towards our chosen charities 'Save the Children' and 'Bowel Cancer Research UK' Lions Club of Coventry Godiva has been in forefront in raising funds for Local and International Charities as well as community service projects.

Hereford Lions Club

Seven year old Ryan Gilbert was born with cerebral palsy making walking very difficult, but now a gift of a specially designed trike from Hereford Lions Club gives Ryan, a pupil at the city's Trinity School lots of mobility. He is one of triplets with a brother and sister. Mum Lisa said: "The trike will make a big impact on Ryan's life, thanks to Lions Club."

Lion Mike Hughes, (pictured) chairman of the community support team said: "It was a privilege to present the trike to such a lovely young lad."



Southam Lions

Despite heavy rain all day the Southam Lions, as usual, were present at the Mop Fair with 3 activities: A raffle, tombola and sale of pulled pork baps with trimmings. Local businesses generously supported these activities with attractive prizes and the local populace braved the rain to give their support and show their appreciation for the service the Lions give to the local community.

All 3 activities proved very profitable and in all a profit of about £1,300 was made, which will be donated to local causes.



Lions Mark Higgins and Steve Jones prepare freshly cooked pulled pork baps with side helpings of apple sauce, fried onions and relish.

The popular **Southam Lions'** triathlons had to be cancelled in 2020 due to the Covid pandemic. Again, this year the April event had to be cancelled.

Having had an enforced 2-year break from holding the Sprint Triathlons which help raise a considerable amount of money each year,

Southam & District Lions Club hosted their **Autumn Triathlon Event** for Adults and Junior, letting them blow out those cobwebs and test the hard work they have been putting in. Both events were very well supported, not only by the local populace but also the glorious weather, given that the delay had pushed us into October.

New categories for the men and women were introduced to offer a wider spread of the trophies (Eco

-friendly this year, along with the finishing medals), those categories being Junior 15-24, Senior 25-39, Veteran 40-59 and Vintage 60+.

The children were also given extra trophies due to the continued increase in support of our event gains year on year. All in all, another fantastic event.

The organiser, Lion Simon Turner, should be congratulated on his perseverance in reviving this event, which is so popular with the contestants, as the positive feedback we received will testify. Simon in turn wishes to thank all the club members and other volunteers, who helped to make the event run smoothly and so successfully.



Charnwood Lions Club

President, Shila Morjaria has a couple of friends who started painting during lockdown last year as a hobby .

During lockdown, Jay Chauchan one of the artists converted his garage into a studio .

Jayshree Chandarana a close friend sent her a good morning message during lockdown with one of her paintings. Shila asked if she would be interested in painting some more to raise funds for a excellent cause .

Shila contacted her friends & arranged for an Art Exhibition to be held in September 21, It was held in the garden due to safety reasons & Covid situation.

The exhibition was raising funds for Myeloma which is a form of blood cancer & one of her chosen charities for her Presidential year 2021-2022.



Newport and Usk Vale Lions

Our litter pick challenge 2022 is continuing to prove popular with community groups. One of the most popular being the Osbourne Lodge Nursery in Pontypool, where leaders take 2 or 3 children out each week to clean the roads and car parks near to their nursery. To date they have collected over 60 bags of litter.

As a reward the Club have donated them a litter eating Monster which arrived just in time for Halloween. The bin 'eats' plastic for recycling which underpins our WASUP initiative. The club intend their mascot Simba to visit the nursey and take the children and staff some Lion themed cupcakes when covid restrictions allow.



Wolverhampton Lions

Members of Wolverhampton Lions teamed up with the Canal and River Trust to help improve and brighten up a section of the banks along the local canal towpath by planting 400 Daffodil bulbs.

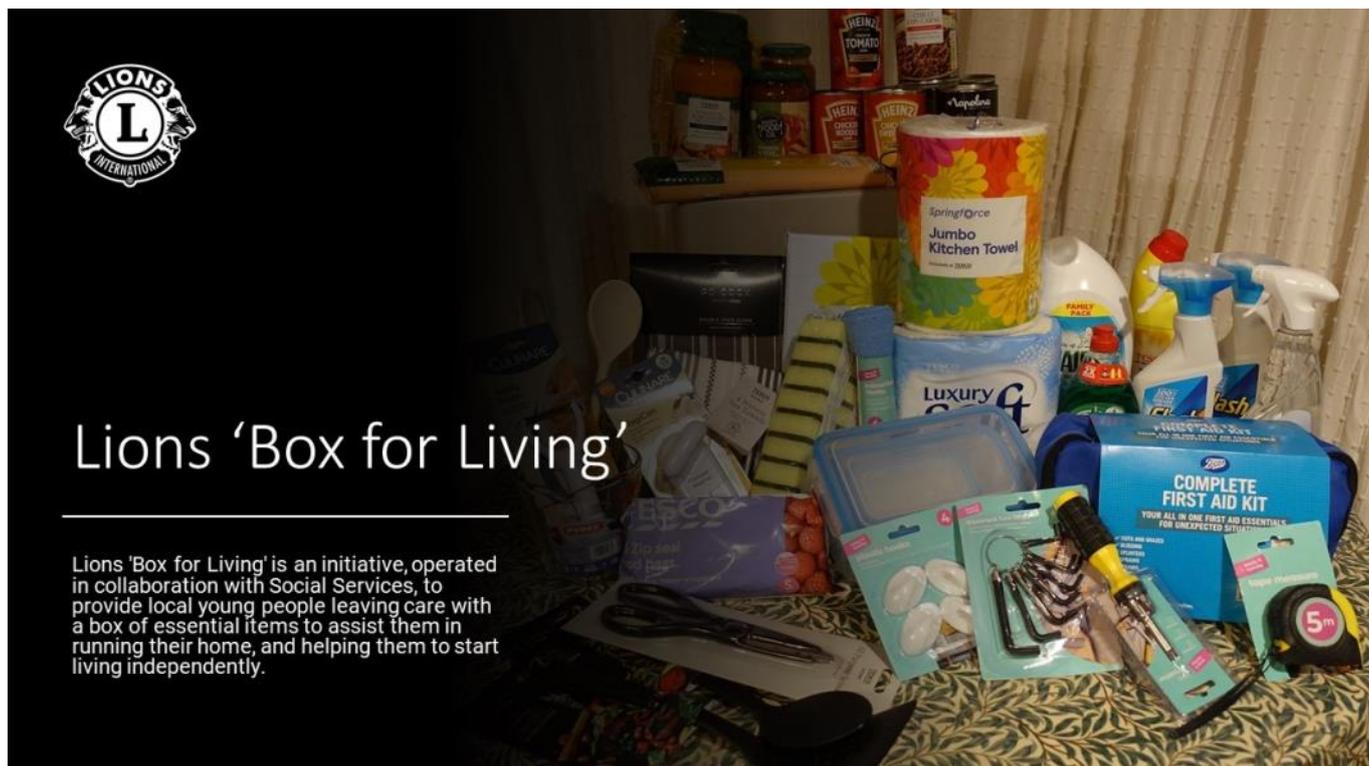
Wolverhampton Lions supplied the bulbs as part of their environmental projects and are looking to do a similar project in the spring.

Club members will also be working with the Canal and River Trust on other local projects in the near future.



Chepstow and Caldicot - Box for Living appeal

Every year at the run up to the festive season we run our main appeal. Last year we donated £3000 to two food banks in our area.



Lions 'Box for Living'

Lions 'Box for Living' is an initiative, operated in collaboration with Social Services, to provide local young people leaving care with a box of essential items to assist them in running their home, and helping them to start living independently.

This year we are focusing on young people who are leaving care at the age of 18.

Lions 'Box for Living' is an initiative, operated in collaboration with Social Services, to provide local young people leaving care with a box of essential items to assist them in running their home, and helping them to start living independently.

This is a terrifying experience for many youngsters who have no experience of living in the wider world. They have no family to support them and no frame of reference for how to embark on setting up and running their own home. It can be a desperately lonely and scary experience.

We aim to provide around 20 'Box for Living' at an estimated cost of £100 each.

Warwick Lions

After the limitations imposed by Covid, Warwick Lions partnered by the Rotary Club of Warwick bravely decided to put on the towns Bonfire and Firework display again this year only this time it would be known as Bondfire Night and follow a James Bond theme to coincide with the release of the latest Bond film "No time to die".

As a number of the other local displays had been cancelled we were expecting a large turnout so opted for a ticket only affair with a maximum of 6,000 tickets being put up for sale.

Warwick Racecourse agreed to host the event again and also to provide a James Bond sound track over their PA system and Aston Martin agreed to provide an Aston DBS complete with a life sized cut-out of Daniel Craig.

As anticipated the tickets quickly sold out and the event attended by all the local dignitaries was a great success.



Rugby Rokeby Lions get an early start for Christmas



As a precursor to the famous Rugby Rokeby Santa Sleigh activity, the Club was delighted to support the festivities surrounding the switch-on of the town's festive lights. Our Santa and elves were kept busy all day in the grotto, visited by almost 200 children! That's a lot of ho, ho, ho!

Then on to the centre stage, where our Santa was alongside our heroes from the emergency services and NHS as they hit the big red button to light up the town and start the firework display. Also on stage was our Mayor and honorary Lion Deepah Roberts. Overall, a great day for the people of Rugby and a great success for Rugby Rokeby Lions.

All the 50's at Chepstow and Caldicot

Chepstow and Caldicot Lions not only celebrated their 50th year of service this month but so did founder member Lion Rob Thompson... here he is receiving his certificate of achievement signed by Her Royal Highness Sophie Countess of Wessex, member of Wokingham Lions Club and Patron of the Lions Clubs Great Britain. Lion Rob is accompanied by his wife Val, and Lion President Denise Harrison of Chepstow and Caldicot Lions. That's an amazing achievement and we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Rob for his dedication to service.



Wotton under Edge Lions raised funds to erect 75 trees and add the lights in the main street.



Remembrance Sunday

Warwick Lions have a long and close association with The Rotary Club of Warwick.

Pictured here are Lions President Peter Amis and Rotary President Paul Jaspal paying their club's respects to the fallen at the Remembrance Service at the Warwick War Memorial on Sunday 14th. November.

Wotton under Edge Lions President Jess Eastland brought a budding Lion to the parade in Wotton.



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MONTREAL 2022 NEWSLETTER

Newsletter No.2

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

Welcome to the
second Newsletter
for the 2022
International
Convention.



Every year, Lions and Leos from around the world gather in one place to celebrate the past, present and future of service. It's when we catch up with friends from around the world, see what's going on in the organization, and make decisions about the future. The International Convention (LCIF) is an opportunity for fellowship for Lions and Leos. It's the perfect place to reunite with friends and colleagues from around the world and experience service together.

Montreal is easy to get to from anywhere in the world. Montréal-Trudeau International Airport is just 20 minutes from the downtown core and easily accessible from most major cities. Safe, friendly and easy to navigate, Montréal serves up all the excitement of a major urban centre, yet its compact size and laid-back vibe gives it a feel that's all its own.

The Palais des Congrès de Montréal convention centre and the Bell Centre are both within close walking distance to official convention hotels,

Convention Venue

All convention events including the plenary sessions, exhibit hall, seminars, elections and the International Show will take place at the Palais

des congrès de Montréal and the Bell Centre.

The Palais des Congrès de Montréal is the largest and most versatile exhibition and meeting venue in Montreal.

Convention Registration

- Registration fee up to January 7, 2022 is US \$175
- From January 8 to March 31, 2022, the registration fee is US\$225
- From April 1, 2022 and including on-site registration, the fee is US\$250

British & Irish Delegation Hotel

We have been assigned the HOTEL DELTA BY MARRIOTT, subject to availability. The room rate is C\$215, £127, based on two adult guests per room; in accordance with North American practice, breakfast is not included.

The hotel is 0.7 Miles, 1.1Km, from the convention centre.



Convention Highlights and Ticketed Events

Parade: The Parade of Nations will be held on Saturday 25th June with step-off being at 09:00. The Order of March will be published in January 2022.

Melvin Jones Fellow Lunch: This traditional event, which honours LCIF contributors, will be held on Sunday 26th June from 13:30 – 14:30 in Room 517 at the Palais des congrès de Montréal. Tickets are US\$75.00 each.

International Show: The International Show will take place at the Bell Centre on Saturday June 25th from 18:00 – 20:00. The International Show is complimentary for all registered convention attendees – simply wear your convention badge for admittance.

Plenary Sessions

The Plenary Sessions are one of the main draws at the International Convention. During the three sessions, Lions hear from excellent keynote speakers, listen to leaders speak about what Lions have achieved — and what's coming next. And there's plenty of good entertainment to enjoy.

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



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