

#TEAMCW

105CW News and Information March 2023



News from our District Governor

Fellow Lions, I have returned from a great trip with my wife Lion Jas, to Punjab in North India for charitable youth projects. We have a youth football club consisting of 5000 children across the North of India from 10 to 17 years of age. I have been a part of the club since its foundation in 1998. It originally started as a male football club, with a mission to save underprivileged children from the use of drugs and help to build their successful careers.

In 2009, we took a major step towards empowering girls by starting a computer education program for them, and soon after, the girls made their first entry into YFC Rurka Kalan. In 2010, we were the champions of the Street Child World Cup in South Africa.

As many of you know, I attended the Street Child World Cup in October 2022 which held in Qatar, to support our youth team YFC Rurka Kalan, whereby they succeeded to the quarter final stages. Some of these children have now reached international levels playing in the under 14s and under 16s all India teams. We are proud to have achieved gender equality and will continue with our mission to empower youths through sport.



During our trip, we also visited our local charitable hospital which I helped to establish and fund in 2004. This hospital offers treatment to those who cannot afford medical treatment. It has also been used to promote health and well-being, eyesight testing and detecting cataract so they can be treated at a larger hospital specialising in cataract surgery.

105CW District Convention

Fellow Lions, please book for your 105CW District Convention which is being held on Friday 31st March – Sunday 2nd April 2023 at The Manor Hotel, 127 Main Road, Meriden, Coventry CV7 7NH. Our Black Tie Formal Gala Dinner is on Friday evening 7:00pm for 7:30pm, Saturday is the Convention Day and in the evening we will enjoy a fabulous evening with a live Bhangra group.

We are honored to have our International Guests attend – Lion AP Singh Third International Vice President and Lion Sangeeta Jatia Past International Director & New Voice Advocate – two inspirational Lions who serve with compassion, speaking about Leadership and New Voices within our International Association. To book your place, please email brigitte@lions105cw.uk or call Brigitte on 0121 441 4544. I look forward to seeing you at the Convention.



Membership Matters

If I say the number 137 does it mean anything to you?

For me, 137 means the number of Lions who have joined our District Clubs since an amazing number of new members who are starting to get involved and make a their community and their world. Well done to the Clubs who are membership taking time to focus on growth – our new members are the future of Lions Clubs.



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Are you one of those 137? If so, welcome and I know all your fellow Lions are very pleased you made the decision to join us. We are all like-minded individuals, we have much to offer in terms of skills, abilities and experience that can help to move Lions forward and help us grow. Please make sure you talk to your sponsor or mentor in your Club, ask them what the Club needs and tell them what you can offer.

For all Lions, please remember that there is plenty going on that you can be part of. The world of Lions is much greater than one Club, one Zone or even one District. It is by participating in events that we meet new people, get inspired by new ideas and learn more about how we can continue to enjoy being Lions. Make the most of being a member and make sure you join in. With our District Convention in a very few weeks, it will be great to be together and feel the power that comes from being Lions together.

Sue Wilding Membership Team gmt@lions105cw.org.uk

Welcome to our new members

Ammanford	Barry Morris	Fishguard And Goodwick	Mary Venables
Birmingham Chinatown	Yemi Daramloa	Leicester Charnwood	Bharat Raval
Chepstow And Caldicot	Nadine Axon	Leicester Charnwood	Ramnik Modi
Coventry Godiva	Steve Lall	Leicester Charnwood	Sue Rayner
Coventry Leofric	Maathangi Iyer	Lutterworth	Alexandra Wilson
Coventry Leofric	Rishab Garg	Lutterworth	Osman Canaku
Coventry Mercia	Atul Jobanputra	Rushden & District	Sue Warren
Coventry Mercia	Sakshi Garg	Wotton Under Edge	Simon Cooper

Youth Fund

Has your club supported the district youth fund? Or is your club one of the 25%

It has come to light that about 25% of Clubs in CW have not contributed towards the Youth Fund. Coming immediately after a very successful Young Ambassador Final, hosted in our District, which featured some very inspirational Young People this news was disappointing. Many Young Ambassadors go on to join Lions and they also spread the word to their friends, competitions such as this represents excellent publicity for our organisation.

I appeal to those Clubs who have not contributed to the Youth Fund to reconsider their decision by forwarding your contribution to the District Treasurer.

David McKirdy - 1st Vice District Governor

District Officers 2023/24

Now that we have entered 2023 my thoughts turn to our District Officers for the Lionistic Year 2023/24 which starts in July. The Global Action Team (GAT) will be led by Lion Sue Wilding (Membership), Lion Paul Murphy (Service), Lion Melissa Murphy (Leadership) and Lion Rav Sandhu (Extension). All four will be looking to build their teams to assist in taking our District forward to achieve our agreed objectives.

Inevitably some of our current officers may decide to retire and they deserve our thanks for their service. Other officers may wish to change to a different portfolio to broaden their Lionistic career by taking on a fresh challenge. I very much wish that we can attract some new officers who will bring with them fresh ideas that will challenge all us to improve and develop our District.

If you are interested in taking on a District Officer role, do not wait to be asked – put yourself forward to the GAT lead or myself for consideration by stating where your personal interests lie and tell us how you feel that you can contribute to the well-being of our District. You may wish to consider the following – “What can you bring to the role?” & “Why do you want to step up?”

We are just about to enter our 5th year as Team CW, the first 4 years have been a success but we cannot afford to rest on our laurels, we can always improve and indeed need to in order to face upcoming challenges.

David McKirdy - 1st Vice District Governor



Club News

WARWICK LIONS have been delighted to be able to induct into the club two new members, Jessica Wilson and George Preston who have been assisting at various fund raising events over the busy Christmas period. The two new members soon also showed their sporting prowess by helping Lions emerge victorious in the annual skittles challenge match against the Rotary Club held at the Wild Boar Public House in Warwick."

Our picture shows Jessica & George with Lion President Peter Amis and sponsor John Tunney.

Congratulations to the first ever Welsh winner of ROAR in District 105CW

Chepstow and Caldicot are soooo very proud of our very own **Lions ROAR 2022 winners Shirenewton Primary School** who became the first ever Welsh winners (out of 100 schools) in the national competition. Their innovative idea to support those affected by **Plantar Fasciitis** won the judges hearts and minds. We loved it too! Please put your hands together for the pupils and teachers at Shirenewton School, near Chepstow, Monmouthshire.

The pupils and teachers received their trophy on Friday 10 February from the Mayor of Chepstow, Cllr Margaret Griffiths, with Lion President Denise Harrison adding that she was very proud of not just Shirenewton winning the district spot, but of all five of the Welsh schools in the area who put everything they had into the competition. The prize giving ceremony was held at Mounton Brook Lodge, a local wedding and events venue, with thanks to the staff for providing the use of the space, and support on the night.





Wotton under Edge Lions



Every year Wotton provide support to Bournstream. **Bournstream** is a unique outdoor adventure playsite on the Cotswold edge, roughly between Gloucester and Bristol - half a mile out of Wotton-under-Edge, set in a hidden valley bordered by fields and woodland. **Bournstream** playsite is not open to the general public. Its dedicated use is for children and young people with disabilities or special needs - for their families, carers, respite groups and special schools.

This year we are refurbishing the buildings. Thanks to Buildit Cam for supplying at cost.

Trauma packs for Ukraine

Wotton recently sent trauma packs to Ukraine for immediate treatment of severe injuries in front line areas. Our latest consignment being opened.

