

# TEAM CW

# Changing the World

September 2023



Summer is fast disappearing, and many will have already enjoyed their holidays. August however has been a busy month with the DG Team out visiting Clubs and of course our first District Cabinet of this Lionistic Year.

Now that they have had time to enjoy their first formal meetings, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the Lions of Coventry Holybush, Coventry Pheonix, Coventry Sonali, Coventry Trinity, Northampton Castle and Warwickshire Coaching into CW and wish them all every success in supporting their local communities. Our team of Guiding Lions will be devoting many

hours in the coming months helping these clubs to develop into fully functioning Lions Clubs. A big thank you from myself and the DG Team for all your dedication and hard work in guiding our new clubs.

As always it is a great privilege as a DG Team member to have the opportunity to visit our clubs throughout the District and hear about all the wonderful work done by our members. My travels this month have largely been to the east of the District. I also notice that there is a healthy social life, a very important element as Lionism should be fun. My travelling partner, Leon The Lion can be seen here enjoying Afternoon Tea on the Rutland Belle kindly hosted by the Lions of Hinckley & Burbage.



**Membership** I make no excuses for stressing membership as during their respective years all my predecessors did. Mission 1.5 serves to concentrate the mind on our goal of membership growth. Without membership growth we will not be able to achieve the heights of service that we currently deliver. New members help to regenerate our clubs and this needs to be a continuous process, even for those new clubs mentioned earlier. We also always hear from members that our Subscriptions are too high. It is a vicious circle as membership growth drives up income which is needed to meet spiralling costs, without that growth our membership subscriptions will rise.

**Branch Clubs** Some members may feel uncomfortable about having new members who are considerably younger than themselves. Please consider whether a Branch Club may be appropriate. This approach has many advantages, primarily in that only 5 new members are required as opposed to 20 for a new Club. A potential benefit for the Branch Member is that the parent club undertakes all the administration. We have a shining example of such a Branch Club in our District at Bradley Stoke, parented by Bristol Brunel.

Unfortunately, there are occasions when members feel that their Club has come to the 'end of the road'. I would ask any club considering closure to consult with our GMT, 2 VDG Sue Wilding, who will advise on the appropriate action to take. Whilst we never like to lose members it occasionally must be recognised that personal circumstances may necessitate resignation. As an organisation we would however like the legacy to be a re-invigorated club instead of closure. We in this District are blessed with having the services of our Global Extension Team led by IPDG Rav Sandhu who has now opened or revived numerous clubs and is open to the challenge. The advantage of re-invigorating an existing Club is that 10 new members are required to achieve this objective, as opposed to 20 for the New Club.

**New Clubs** There are currently a number of initiatives throughout the District developing New Clubs. The team built by Rav and Lion Fran Stary is working hard to bring about new clubs. They would of course welcome suggestions and assistance from clubs in the areas where they are working. I think it appropriate to recognise and thank the assistance the Lions of Warwick and Kenilworth are giving Lion Fran. If you have a town nearby that you think may be a suitable location for a new or branch club, please let us know. The Extension Team will welcome these suggestions although may not necessarily have the capacity to look at the viability immediately, any offers of assistance would I am sure be most welcome as well.

**Event Planning** Now that Autumn is approaching many clubs will be planning their Bonfire and Christmas events. Early in this planning process needs to be the completion of Risk Assessments and consideration of insurance implications. Do not leave insurance to the last minute as this may become more difficult now that we will be dealing with a formal insurance broker who works office hours. In any case the cost of insurance is required for budgeting purposes. Do not leave insurance to the last minute.

Lion David McKirdy

105CW District Governor

**Lion Stu Young , 105CW First Vice District Governor**

Greetings Fellow Lions,

I hope that the month of August has treated you well and that you have managed to enjoy some summer sunshine - this month I have been busy working with the Region and Zone Chairs helping them to help you serve your local communities.

I have chaired a District Finance Committee meeting where we recommended to cabinet a budget for the Global Extension Team for 2023/2024 and confirmed that Zones who have not previously applied for a Matching Service Grant can still apply for one - talk to your Zone Chair if you have a Service Idea for your Zone.

Attending the first District Cabinet of 2023/2024 at our National Headquarters was very interesting and it was a real privilege to Chair the Zone & Region Chairs pre cabinet meeting - keep an eye out on the district website for the cabinet minutes in the coming weeks.

I have spent time during the month attending Membership Meetings, Club Support Meetings, and the New Voices Fireside Meeting focusing on Mission 1.5 - take a look at the dedicated website and see if you can join in by asking one person to join your club.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/mission-to-grow>

I am about to start my club visits in September so please follow me on my journeys across #TeamCW on my personal Facebook page.



If your club would like a pair (or pairs) of willing hands Martyn and I are always keen to come along and help - as long as neither of us are working or have a prior commitment in the diary - just drop me an email and we will support where we can.

As always thank you for being the inspirational lions that you are, and for making a real difference in your communities. Yours in Service & Friendship

Lion Stu Young  
[vdg-1st@lions105cw.org.uk](mailto:vdg-1st@lions105cw.org.uk)

## Membership Matters

How do we care for our Members? We certainly care about finding Members and encouraging people to join our Clubs but how do we look after them once they are Lions?



One way we try to help is to have a District Almoner, currently Lion Adrian. He sends a welcome letter and information to all new Lions to tell them some outline information about how we are organised – including a list of the dreaded acronyms we use! If you have a new member, ask them to share their welcome pack so you can see what they get.

Adrian also congratulates Lions on special occasions including birthdays, wishes people well if they are ill and send condolences when a Lion is lost to Higher Service. He will also contact family members as part of our extended family if they have a special occasion, an illness or an operation. My daughter recently had a minor op and Adrian sent her a card which she was really delighted to receive. We show that we care for our community, we must also show we care for each other.

So, please make sure someone in your Club contacts him as often as is needed [almoner@lions105cw.org.uk](mailto:almoner@lions105cw.org.uk)

Then, what about your Club, do you also do something like this? For example, do you know when it's the birthday of one of your members and do you say Happy Birthday? A simple thing but it shows you know and you care.

We have to make sure that all our Club members feel that they are cared for and that they feel they belong.

*Sue Wilding   Membership Coordinator   [gmt@lions105cw.org.uk](mailto:gmt@lions105cw.org.uk)*

## Welcome to our new members

**BEDWORTH LIONS CLUB**   KAREN KATHLEEN HUGHES      **NEWPORT LIONS CLUB**   SARAH PAGINTON

**LEICESTER CHARNWOOD LIONS CLUB**   PARESH KOTECHA, YOGESH SHAH, MANISH VITHLANI

**RUTLAND LIONS CLUB**   PAUL JOHN CUNDY, ADRIAN RAWLINGS

## Sight Awareness

World Sight Day will be celebrated on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October this year. This is an opportunity to put the focus on what we do collectively in Service for Sight. I would like to share with the District all that clubs are doing in this arena. Please send me your clubs Service & initiatives with Sight & I will then present a compilation of our efforts next month in time for World Sight Day.

Contact: [sight@lions105cw.org.uk](mailto:sight@lions105cw.org.uk) or Tel: 07587121604. YIL, Richard Stannard  
District Sight Officer



## Community Service Report 2022-2023

Wow! What a Year 2022-2023 was for our Lions in 105CW! Over an amazing 900,000 were served by us in one way or another! This is something we should be proud of!



Let's celebrate by sharing the Service Community Report for the year – share on your social media, share on your website, share wherever you can – these are figures that need to be shared!

Paul Murphy—Global Service Team Lead



## Lions Clubs International

British Isles District 105CW

*At the heart of your community*

**COMMUNITY  
SERVICE  
REPORT  
2022-2023**



Our Lions District has a membership of approximately **1700** in **98** Clubs across the Midlands and Wales. Lions give their time freely to serve their community and beyond through support and aid.

**Our Motto is "We Serve"**

### During 2022-2023, our members have:

Volunteered **68,729** hours in service to our local and wider communities

Taken part in **2,658** separate service activities across the year

Served **926,547** individuals in the local and wider community

Donated over **£400,000** to good causes in our local area and further



VISION



FIGHTING HUNGER



ENVIRONMENT



FIGHTING DIABETES



CHILDHOOD CANCER

As well as supporting Lions International's Global Causes, we are proud to support many good causes in our local area as well as nationally and internationally.

### To FIND your Nearest Club—Make Contact...

Phone **0121 441 4544**

Web [lions105cw.org.uk/](http://lions105cw.org.uk/)

Or visit the usual socials to find out more...

FIND OUT MORE





Learn. Lead. Grow.

Learning is part of the human experience. It empowers us to improve our thinking, our feeling, our communication, and our service. When Lions and Leos put learning into action, leadership happens.

The Leadership Development Team works year-round with Lions and Leos who want to continue growing for the sake of their clubs, their communities, and Lions Clubs International. If that describes you—no matter where you are in your leadership journey—training and development opportunities are available to keep you moving forward.

Keep a look out for upcoming workshops on a Yours in variety of topics and save the date for Autumn Forum where I can guarantee some fantastic learning opportunities will be available.

Yours In Service

**Lion Melissa Murphy - Global Leadership Team Lead**



**NEW LIONS – NEW VOICES  
105CW ZOOM GET TOGETHER**



Have you recently joined a Lions Club?

It's an exciting time!

Would you like to connect with other new members in the area?

It's a great way to find out more about what projects and activities Lions carry out.

Do you have questions but are unsure who can help you find the answer?

Come along to our New Members – New Voices Zoom Get Together.

Join an inclusive and diverse group of people to learn more about the impact Lions make, everyday!

When: Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 at 7.30pm

Register for the Zoom Link here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEkf-6hqDsqGdaZx9B8Vpz9UMEtAM7BAhaN>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Help us by highlighting topics or questions you'd like covered by filling out this Google form:

<https://forms.gle/KwHvG2zoXrBRS5LA6>

Looking forward to seeing you there!

**Michele Preece – New Voices Officer:** [nvc@lions105cw.org.uk](mailto:nvc@lions105cw.org.uk)

**& Melissa Murphy - Global Leadership Team Lead:** [gl@lions105cw.org.uk](mailto:gl@lions105cw.org.uk)



# *Save the Date!*

## **DISTRICT 105CW AUTUMN FORUM**

**WHEN:**

**SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER  
10.30AM - 3.30PM**

**WHERE:**

**FREEMASONS HALL,  
KINGS HEATH,  
BIRMINGHAM, B14 6DT**

*Be energised. Be enthused.  
Be enriched!*

**EVERYONE WELCOME**



On 12 April 2024 Normandy Lions will be supported by Shirley Lions Club and Lions from Belgium with picking Tulips which will be sold the next day to raise funds for Cancer research.

This will take place around Caen and Bayeux..

If you would like to take part in a long weekend full with service, culture and great food (we are in France after all), please contact Lion Jaap [lionjaap@gmail.com](mailto:lionjaap@gmail.com)



## Subject: Golf 2023

Godiva Lions Charity Golf tournament took place on Saturday 15th July 2023 at Stoneleigh Deer Park. More than 60 players from all over the UK participated and helped us to raise funds for Kidney Cancer UK, our main charity this year. This event was successfully organised by Golf Captain Lion Inderjit Girn and his Committee. It was a fun day with goody bags, half way house and 3 course Dinner in the evening.

Lion Inderjit Girn received the players in the morning. Our registration team worked hard to get the event to a great start. Players enjoyed samosa and sandwiches at half way house provided by our President Lion Davinder Gahir. Highlight of the event was the attendance by Pro Golfer Gurdit Virdee. He donated a raffle prize of 3 free lessons. Golf tournament winners were:

### Division 1

Longest drive - Matt Holcroft

Nearest to the Pin - Frankie Haydari.

No 1. Jason Gavin

No 2. Paul Webster

No 3. Rishi Aggarwal

### Division 2

Longest Drive - Barry Purewal

Nearest to the pin - Kip Singh

No 1. Glen Brow

No 2. Sukh Jatana

No 3. Sanjay Duggal

The Lion Subhash Aggarwal Trophy - Glen Brow. The other trophies were sponsored by Lion Abby Kundi of A1 Turning Ltd.

Lion Inderjit thanked all the players, Sponsors, Lions and partners for making this event very successful. We raised substantial amount for charity.

