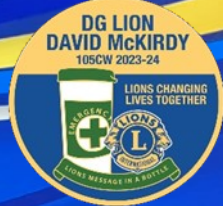


# TEAM CW

# Changing the World

November 2023



The main event this month is our Autumn Forum at the Freemasons' Hall, Kings Heath, Birmingham on Sunday 19 November. Our Global Leadership Team lead, Lion Melissa Murphy, has put together an excellent programme designed for members to actively interact during the day. These events are beneficial for all of us and an excellent opportunity to network with other members who we may not physically see very often. Gift for Living – please remember to bring your unwanted foreign notes and coins.

October has been a busy month primarily with numerous Club Visits, it is great to witness some of the excellent work being carried out in support of your respective communities. Many clubs are busy planning for Fireworks and Santa, I wish you all every success. Please remember your Risk Assessments and adequate insurance cover.

I was especially pleased to be invited by Corby and District Lions Club on the planting of 50 trees at East Carlton Park, Corby, to mark the Club's 50th anniversary. This was done in co-operation with the Woodland Trust who advised on the variety of trees to be planted and their location within the park.

Unfortunately, this month I have had to say a sad farewell to PDG Chris Southworth's wife Karen from Worcester Lions Club and Lion President Steven Monte-Pearsall from Bromyard Lions. On behalf of District, I would like to convey our condolences to their family, friends and of course the respective club members for their sad loss.

Another sad duty this month is me having to close Coventry Mercia Lions Club due to numerous reasons of un-lionistic behaviour. I did this to protect the reputation and the integrity of Lionism both within Coventry and nationally. I am hopeful that some Mercia members will join other clubs in the area and trust that their applications will be welcomed.

Region and Zone Chairs have attended Zoom Training in respect of Risk Assessments and New Member Orientation. They will now be able to deliver this training to Clubs.

The Risk Assessment Training is designed to give a basic all-round knowledge and I request those members who have a higher level of proficiency in this area to be supportive for the greater good. Further professional training is being procured by MD at their expense which will be delivered in 2024.

New Member Orientation is a vital area where considerable amount of work is being undertaken. A New Members Magazine has been written and its distribution has been authorised by our Council of Governors. This will now go to print with the aim of being distributed during November. The magazine is designed for the New Member's Pack, there will be a few spares for Clubs to retain. It is recommended that a Mentor is appointed to assist new members.



## ROAR National Awards Day 2023

The Roar 2023 National Awards day can be viewed on Zoom on the 6 December at 10.30 am until 12 noon.

Join us through the following zoom link



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89147579192?pwd=cDF3VEJaSld3aitPZ0pmMVZwSC9GZz09>

The meeting ID is: 891 4757 9192

The passcode is: 623155

If your Lions club is interested in seeing how this exciting new youth programme engages children, then please join us on the day.

The ROAR Team

[www.lions-roar.com/](http://www.lions-roar.com/)

## 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 – all of us! We started this year with 1,674 members and the challenge is on to increase that – can we do it?

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 can offer advice, resources, Club supplies and more. 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 and they will point you in the right direction.

Sue Wilding

[gmt@lions105cw.org.uk](mailto:gmt@lions105cw.org.uk)



## MEMBERSHIP

*Welcome to our new members*

**BRISTOL BRUNEL CLUB** CAROLYN THOMPSON

**COVENTRY GODIVA LIONS CLUB** PRATISH MISTRY, SUNIL PAREKH

**NUNEATON LIONS CLUB** PAGAN SINGH BHANDAL

**SEVERN DEAN L C LIONS CLUB** DEBBY ADAMS, NEALE ADAMS

**STOUR VALLEY LIONS CLUB** RICHARD PROBETS

**TETBURY LIONS CLUB** MATTHEW NICHOL

**GOWER & LLWCHWR ESTUARY LIONS CLUB** MICHELLE CRUZ



## 105CW Autumn Forum

'Dear Lions,

We hope this message finds you well.

This is a friendly reminder to book your spots for the upcoming Lions District 105CW Autumn Forum. This event promises a wealth of opportunities to delve into various Lions initiatives, learn from fellow members, and strengthen our collective impact.

105CW Autumn Forum is on Sunday 19th November 2023.

Arrive at 10.00am for tea and coffee with a prompt 10.30am start. We aim to finish at 3.30pm.

Bookings need to be completed by Friday 3rd November 2023 in order for us to confirm numbers, catering etc.

The accessible venue is the Freemasons Hall, Kings Heath, Birmingham, B14 6DT where there is ample parking.

Morning Sessions include:

- 'How Mission 1.5 can grow your club'
- 'Service -Changing Lives Together'
- 'New Voices – learning from each other.'
- Guest speaker Darren Kench from Eden Project Communities talking about the Big Lunch, Community Camps and Environmental Projects.

Plus more...

Afternoon Workshops include:

- A community room with the service team carrying out service projects with Darren Kench from Eden Project Communities.
- A Membership room running a new members orientation, then a session 'Strong Foundations for Growth'.
- A Development room with opportunities to talk to the IT team, Health and Safety Officer and Vulnerable Persons Officer.
- Program subject to change.

There is also an opportunity to drop off your collected spectacles at National Headquarters which is only a few doors away from The Freemasons Hall. Brigitte has kindly offered to open at 8.30am but will close at 10:00am to be able to attend Autumn Forum – if you can't get there before then, please leave the spectacles in your car and drop them off at the end of the event. (Please let Joy know how many boxes you will be bringing with your booking details).

District Governor David also would like to ask, if you could, please bring your unwanted foreign coins and notes for 'Gift for Living'.

Tea and Coffee will be available all day. You are welcome to bring a reusable mug to reduce waste.

The subsidised cost of the event is £15 per person and that includes a buffet lunch and hot drinks during the day. This should ideally be paid in advance via BACS.

To book your place and places for your club members please email [postmaster@lions105cw.org.uk](mailto:postmaster@lions105cw.org.uk) with the names who would like to attend and any dietary requirements.

To pay online the account details are:

Sort Code 30-95-47

Account No. 00527060

Name: Lions Clubs International MD105

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If paying online please email [treasurer@lions105cw.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@lions105cw.org.uk) confirming the reference given (including 'AF'), 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 'Autumn Forum' along with your club and the names of the people that this covers) please make payable to:- Lions Clubs International MD105. and send to the address below.

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).



Nearby hotels if required, include –

The Limes Country Lodge Hotel, Forshaw Heath Ln, Earlswood, Solihull B94 5JZ

The Travelodge Maypole Ln, Birmingham B14 5JF

Premier Inn Stratford Rd, Hall Green, Birmingham B28 9ES

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing in this enriching experience together.

Warm regards,

David McKirdy, 105CW District Governor and Melissa Murphy, 105CW Global Leadership Team Lead

## Risk Assessments

All the zone chairs and region chairs were invited to attend a workshop with our District Health and Safety officer, John Tunney to look at Risk Assessments and it covered these points:

- Why should we do Risk Assessments?
- What information should a Risk Assessment include?
- Are there any standard Risk Assessments available to use?
- What hazards and risks exist in and around events?
- Who is responsible for doing the risk assessments?
- How often should risk assessments be reviewed?
- Where can we get advice from?



The presentation and risk assessment template are now on the District 105CW website and can be found via this link: <https://lions105cw.org.uk/district-information/health-and-safety/>

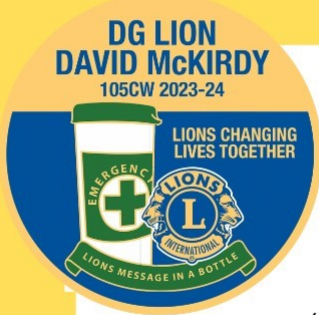
All members on the mailing list have also received the link via email.

Any questions or queries can be directed to John via email: [hso@lions105cw.org.uk](mailto:hso@lions105cw.org.uk)

## New Members Orientation

Your Zone and Region Chairs also have access to a New Members Orientation Presentation that can be shown to new members at a club or zone meeting. Talk to them about what arrangements might suit you best!





# Autumn Forum

## DISTRICT 105CW

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**WHEN: SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER  
10.00AM COFFEE 10.30AM START - FINISH 3.30PM**

**WHERE: THE FREEMASONS HALL, KINGS HEATH,  
BIRMINGHAM, B14 6DT**

**BUFFET LUNCH**

**COST :£15 PER PERSON (SUBSIDED COST)**

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

## COMPETITIONS UPDATE – November 2023

Remember remember ..... the 31st December, which is our Competitions year-end.

Photographs have been coming through steadily, although from what I see on social media there are many more Lions out there taking photos that could fit into one of our five categories. So please, don't just share them on Facebook and any other platforms (although that's equally important if your Club is aiming to take the best social media or best kept website trophy); send them through to me at [competitions@lions105cw.org.uk](mailto:competitions@lions105cw.org.uk). There can never be too many for our judge to consider (or so he has said!).

The same applies to Visiting Lions. Entries have picked up recently – no doubt because of all the Club Charters and summer events where Lions have enjoyed another Club's celebrations or helped each other out. But I'm sure there are more that you may have just forgotten to send in.

Please check through your diaries and photos and get those entries to me before that 31st December deadline. In fact the sooner the better as I know from previous years that so many Clubs are heavily involved in Christmas events everyone's time becomes very precious.

A reminder of the photo categories;

**Plants**

**Weather phenomenon**

**Animals**

**Other aspects of nature**

**Birds**



And Visiting Lions can be anywhere in MD105, not just CW District.

Best kept website, best social media and membership growth competitions don't require any sort of entry submission – all Clubs posts/website/membership stats are automatically checked and 'judged' by experts in the relevant field.

So, please use any spare moments you may have before the December rush is upon us all and get photos and Visiting Lion entries to me, keep updating and sharing on social media and websites, and working on Mission 1.5 in whatever ways suit your own Club to not only increase but also maintain your membership figures.

You don't need me to remind you that you have to be in it to win it!

Lion Jan Watson

105CW Competitions Officer

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## Lions Club of Coventry Godiva

Lions Club of Coventry Godiva in association with Lions Club of Banga Nischay India, Free Eye Camp and Diabetes screening held on the 1st of April 2023 in the village of Thandian, Punjab, India.

The Camp was instigated by Lion Bob Sharda, wife Sonia and daughter Shreena. They raised the necessary funds with the help of Godiva Lions. Fellow Lions Davinder Mankoo, Kiran Brar and Saudagar Nagra also attended and helped.

600 people were screened, free medication and advice was given as necessary and had their breakfast and lunch provided.

42 people were selected for eye surgery. The cataract operations were carried out at City Central Eye Hospital in Philaur. The patients had their sight restored and given free medication and after care, enabling them to lead normal lives.

Thank you to Banga Nischay Club for facilitating and all the help in organising the event. Well done Lion Bob and family and all the Lions on a very successful Eye Camp. Together we make a difference.





## North Sea Lions Update CW Project update (2021 project) The Philippines

Our project is progressing at a pace, following a pause, caused by the rainy season, which was extremely wet and windy this time. Recently PDG Lauren Pearce was lending a hand, mixing cement at the building site. The building has a roof now and I recommend you follow the NSL Facebook page for regular updates.



## 2022 project, which is a library project in Ghana

Regarding the 2022 project, this has been a successful where 2,000 children have been helped, 34 teachers trained, a library that has provided books and more than 800 other materials supplied. The final report will be submitted in 2024.

In September I travelled on your behalf to the NSW board meeting in Denmark. We approved an exciting new project presented by Hamburg-Altona LC, District 111N. It is the setting up of a laboratory for medical analysis at a hospital in Ouagadougou, capital of Burkina Faso.

We are already aware of 2 clubs in CW that are showing interest in applying for NSL funding in the next year. If you have a project, please contact me about applying. You have to be in it, to win it!

Claire de Jonge-Vors NSL Officer 105CW [ns1@lions105cw.org.uk](mailto:ns1@lions105cw.org.uk)

## Bradley Stoke Lions



The Apollo Wind Band Concert held recently to support the Brightwell MS Centre in Bradley Stoke was a resounding success. The band gave it their all on the night and we had a good turnout. The photo shows Bristol Brunel and Bradley Stoke Lions presenting a cheque from the proceeds of the concert to Doro the Chief Executive on the left and Victoria, one of the Managers on the right.



Congratulations from Bradley Stoke Lions to Jackie Culliford of Shirley Lions who was presented with the Melvyn Jones Fellow Award by President Jaap for her contribution and commitment to the Lions Youth Projects.

Whilst attending Shirley Lions meeting, my fellow Lion Margaret and I took 2.700 recycled Spectacles, 2 boxes of bras and 2 bags of plastic bottle tops as President Jaap kindly volunteered to take them to HQ to save us another journey. So grateful - my garage had no spectacles for 1 whole day until the next boxful arrived! Last year Bristol Brunel and Bradley Stoke Lions collected over 22,000 spectacles, the target for this year is 24,000. Sorry Garage - you will never be empty.

And we gave a warm welcome to another new lion to join Brunel Lions pride. Lion Carolyn seen her at her induction with 2nd VDG Sue Wilding and Julia O'Neill."





## Warwick Lions

Warwick Lions have been long time supporters of Safeline, the National Charity based in Warwick dealing with victims of rape and sexual abuse. We recently provided assistance when they took over the local market for a day and the picture show Past President Peter Amis and Lion Jessica Wilson delivering decorating materials to the charity for refurbishment of one of their client rooms.



Warwick Lion Will Ryder (centre) has won a well deserved individual Community Support Award from WCAVA Warwick District. Will has a dedication and passion for helping others and can be found volunteering for many different organisations and good causes, giving advice or counselling or just helping out. He is known everywhere he goes for his wit and affability.

## CWBI 2020 Virtual Lions Club

We are very proud to announce that Grace Cottington is our first Gold Seal Award winner! She was presented with her letter of commendation, YLiS badge and certificate by Councillor Steve Baynes, Mayor of Burton Latimer, watched on by her family and friends. Well done Grace!!

Photograph l-r: Councillor Baynes, Grace Cottington, Heidi Vowles, library manager. & Lion Barbara Gray, Club Sec CWBI 2020 Virtual Lions Club





## Corby & District Lions

### World Sight Day



Mayor of Corby, Cllr Leanne Buckingham, Lions District Sight Officer Richard Stannard, Joy with her Guide Dog and members of Corby & District Lions Club, all joined for Lions World Sight Day. Corby Lions marked the day by blind-folding the mayor and walking through Corby Town Centre and do some shopping to raise awareness of difficulties with vision impairment.

Cllr Buckingham was keen to be involved in Lions World Sight Day and on completion of the 'blinded walk', presented a certificate of appreciation to the Manager of Specsavers, who over many years have helped collect used spectacles which are gathered and sorted and sent to third world countries to be reused. To-date Corby Lions have collected and sent over 192,000 pairs of spectacles to be reused.

Corby Lions would like to thank Specsavers for their ongoing help and support and also to all who attended the event.





## Black Mountains Lions

The Black Mountains Lions receives many requests for funding from local groups. We support communities in Talgarth, Hay-on-Wye and the surrounding villages by funding local people, groups and international causes.

### Penyrheol Chapel - defibrillator

A donation to the remote Penyrheol Chapel in the Black Mountains for the purchase and installation of a defibrillator for those attending the chapel and for the many hikers who pass through the chapel grounds and use their facilities. As the chapel is accessed by a tiny, very steep lane and is far from any facilities, the defibrillator could be life saving for both members of the congregation and hikers. This ancient chapel (built in the 1780's) is in a beautiful spot in the Bannau Brycheiniog (Brecon Beacons) National Park and is one of the few Baptist chapels still open in the area. It provides services for the local congregation and welcoming facilities including a tea and coffee, and a 'loo with a view' in the chapel's converted stables during the summer months for the many walkers who pass that way along the footpaths.



The Minister and the Secretary, Treasurer and Trustees of the Chapel gave the representatives of the Black Mountains Lions a warm welcome on 20 October 2023, at a handover meeting on a very wet, Welsh day. The steep little lanes to the Chapel were turned into streams of muddy water. Despite this bad weather, The Lion's President and other Lions, the Minister, his wife, the chapel trustees and officers were present and enjoyed hot drinks and biscuits after the presentation. The chapel's Minister Paul Smethurst and his wife Robyn serve their local congregation, and also aim to help people enjoy creation and think about the Creator. The chapel is in the foothills of the Black Mountains and has glorious views across Radnorshire and beyond. They also run a 'Go Wild' programme for children to enjoy nature, a programme supported by the Scripture Union.



### Hay Dial-a-Ride

Hay Dial-a-Ride wishes to change their mini-bus, which is 9 years old, and they have a funding gap of £20,000. Members felt that it is one of the most worthwhile charities in our area, assisting numerous people each week, as public transport is almost non-existent. Members agreed to a donation of £5,000.

**Additionally,** a donation of £1,510 was made to Cancer Research UK, via PCI Pharma Services who kindly allow The Black Mountains Lions to raise funds from using their car parking area during the Hay Festival in May.



## DG Diary

### November

- 1 Shirley Lions Visit
- 2 Castle Bromwich Lions Visit
- 4 Marston Green Lions Charter
- 7 Ross-on-Wye Lions Visit
- 8 Redditch Lions Visit
- 11 District Treasurers' Meeting
- 13 Kenilworth Lions Visit
- 14 Birmingham Acocks Green Lions Visit
- 19 Autumn Forum & 2<sup>nd</sup> Cabinet Meeting
- 24 DG on holiday until 9 December

### January

- 3 Tetbury Lions Visit
- 9 Stour Valley Lions Visit
- 13 MD GST Meeting
- 16 Worcester Lions Visit
- 20 Balsall Common Lions 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Charter
- 27-28 Council of Governors' Meeting





**TRAIN THE TRAINER WORKSHOPS  
RISK ASSESSMENTS AND  
NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION**





Thanks to the help of the Lions of the British Isles and the support from Lions Clubs International Foundation, much has already been done over the last 25 years. This project started to rebuild a devastated Country, but, it doesn't end there, there is still a lot more that needs to be done. Please let us continue with the work we have started.

## Your Gift for Living Project needs your foreign notes and coins...

**Have you returned from holiday with unwanted currency, or got old foreign coins and notes hidden away in the back of a drawer?**

Only a few of us ever change the money back into sterling. The rest stockpile it at home, in all probability that the cash will be forgotten. If you arrive home with coins and notes you could afford to donate, then please send them to MDHQ where they will be collated and forwarded to a specialist dealer.

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO GIFT FOR LIVING.**

We can accept any currency, including UK coinage and notes and even defunct pre-euro currencies such as old Spanish pesetas or Greek drachma.

You can download a foreign currency recycling poster from the Gift for Living website to arrange a collection at your local school, college, church or workplace.

And, if you manage to collect coinage weighing over 8kg - that is about five mugs full - we can arrange to collect it from you. Contact MDHQ on Tel: 0345 833 9602 or Email: [mdhq@lionsclubs.co.uk](mailto:mdhq@lionsclubs.co.uk)



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