

Best wishes and enjoy being a
productive and creative
Lion in 2024!



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Who are the PDGs behind Santa's whiskers?

(It's no good looking inside for the answers, your Editor doesn't know either!)



The International Association of Lions Clubs



District 105SC

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“Changing the World”

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The Acting DG's Leader...

"Changing the World"



Dear Fellow Lions ...

S In the blink of an eye Christmas Day was over! I hope that everyone managed to eat, drink and be merry after all the hard work put into your Lion activities.

Districtwise, December was a quiet time for me including a Club visit to Wimborne & Ferndown and a Charter Anniversary lunch at New Milton. Lion Di Hopkins and I were privileged to judge our District Roar event – it was great to see the super ideas the children had come up with. I also zoomed in to the Multiple District finals – two hours of enjoyment.

Reading the *Lion Magazine*, it was heartening to see so many mentions of Clubs in our District. To my knowledge I spotted the following names – Bournemouth & Christchurch, Farnborough, Fleet, Ringwood & Fordingbridge, Romsey & Waterside, Sandown & Shanklin, Windsor and Wokingham. Not bad for one of the smaller Districts.

We are now halfway through the Lion year. Clive and I have booked our meals and rooms for our Convention which is at Swindon on Friday to Sunday 8 to 10 March. We've also booked for Multiple District Convention at Weston-Super-Mare in May. Booking for both events is now live.

I don't make New Year resolutions but usually reflect on the past year. I expect many Clubs will also be doing the same. I was very impressed with the 4D model mentioned in the *Lion Magazine* – Discovery, Dream, Design and Deliver which focuses on the positive.

Thought for the month:

If you see someone falling behind - walk beside them.

If you see someone being ignored - find a way to include them.

If someone has been knocked down - lift them up.

Always remind people of their worth.

One small act could mean the world to them.

Wishing you all a peaceful New Year.

Lion Sandra Acting District Governor

*And a final word...
Massive Congratulations to
Sentinel editor Lion Peter
Tabb who was awarded a
British Empire Medal in the
New Years Honours List for
services to the Community,
Island Charities and
Non-Profitable
Organisations of
Jersey.*



The bigger picture



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

A very happy New Year to all of you reading this. I hope your Christmas collections were successful and everyone stayed safe.

So, a disaster strikes, the Lions help with the immediate aftermath and then they go away. Wrong. Lions stay around to see the job through. In the December *Sentinel* I mentioned that Lions are still supporting those in Ukraine and now I am going back further to April 2015.

On 25 April 2015 Nepal suffered a devastating earthquake, which became known as the Gorkha Earthquake. It took 9,000 lives, injured almost 23,000 and destroyed roughly 500,000 homes. In May a massive aftershock of 7.3 killed a further 200, injured 2,500 and left more Nepalese homeless. LCIF issued a Major Catastrophe Grant of US \$100,000 to MD 325 Nepal for immediate disaster relief. This was not the end of the story. The Lions realised that schools were among the

buildings that had been lost and that for the future of Nepal the education of the children needed to be helped. Roughly 32,000 classrooms had been lost. Lions decided to help re-build schools and applied for funding from LCIF. Two grants totalling over US \$4.6 million were awarded to rebuild 18 schools. The going has not been easy as some of the areas were hard to reach and deliver supplies. However, the Lions persevered and the collaboration of Lions and LCIF have invested in a hopeful future for students in Nepal.

So, your donations may have helped give the students hope in their future.

Lion Ann Huntley MJF

District 105SC LCIF Coordinator



From the LCIF Chairman, Lion Brian Sheehan

Hello Lions, Leos and fellow humanitarians,

As we close 2023, I encourage you to reflect on everything you and your fellow Lions accomplished in the year through your acts of service and generosity. Together with funding from our global Foundation, Lions worldwide continued to create amazing impact in communities whenever and wherever we were needed. Congratulations on all that you have accomplished.

As an example, LCIF grant funds helped Nepal rebuild after a devastating earthquake struck in 2015, just as new funding is helping the country recover after another 'quake struck towards the end of the year.

As we enter a new year, please continue to be an ambassador for our global Foundation and share with our fellow Lions, Leos and others around the world how LCIF empowers our humanitarian service. Through LCIF, we can think bigger and implement projects that our individual Clubs or Districts cannot do alone. Your donations to LCIF make this life-changing service possible.

Make a great day,

Lion Brian Sheehan

Chairman, Lions Clubs International Foundation

Matters of moment

Acting DG's Month January

- 3 Jan: Brain Tumour Research Officers' Meeting
- 4 Jan: GAT Meeting via Zoom
- 7 Jan: Planning meeting ADG/IPDG/2nd VDG
- 8 Jan: Petersfield Lions Business Meeting
- 9 Jan: Finance via Zoom
- 10 Jan: Crofton Lions Official Visit
- 12 Jan: Visiting Naomi House Hospice
- 13 Jan: MD GST
- 14 Jan: DG Team planning meeting
- 15 Jan: Hook & Odiham Lions Official Visit
- 21 Jan: Cabinet meeting via Zoom
- 27 Jan: Council of Governors meeting via Zoom
- 29 Jan: Bradford-on-Avon Lions Official Visit
- 30 Jan: Zone Chairmen's meeting via Zoom
- 31 Jan: 1stVDG catch-up via Zoom

**Go west, young Lion!
Over them thar hills, Swindon
in March beckons!**



**Now is the time to
book your place at
the 105SC District
Convention.**

PASSED TO HIGHER SERVICE

It is with sadness that the Westbury Lions Club reports the passing to higher service of **Lion Terry Stunell**

The 105SC Sentinel offers sincere condolences to Lion Terry's family, friends and fellow Lions.

BE CREATIVE. A NEW YEAR RESOLUTION?

It is probably true of many of us, if not most, that our New Year resolutions have probably faded into dim memory by the end of January, if not sooner.

In these articles, we have looked at many examples of the value of branding, not least, last month of Father Christmas himself.

Ask most marketing people and they will almost always claim that the success of any brand relies on advertising. However, this is something of a simplification because every experience anyone has in relation to a brand will influence how they feel or think about it.

Branding experts call these experiences 'touchpoints'. Our Lions brand probably has more touchpoints than we think. For instance, all the following are just that: advertising, sponsorship, relationship experience, (how Lions react to people and how people react to them), word of mouth, news coverage, social media activity, and our websites. All of these touchpoints will influence how those in our communities who we set out to serve will perceive us.

What is most important is that every touchpoint renders the same experience - that what we say on our website is what we do in practice. How we promote ourselves is what we deliver.

Someone I spoke to recently said they didn't have time to be a Lion. I pointed out that being a Lion meant more than devoting a couple of hours a week to it. Being a Lion is very much a state of mind and one we cannot nor want to switch off.

Happy New Year.

Lion Peter Tall MJF MCIM MCIPR

More Matters of Moment

Welcome New Lions

This first month of the New Year a warm welcome to nine new members to Lions International and best wishes to them for a long and happy time as a Lion.

ABINGDON - Lion Elizabeth Hale

ALTON - Lions Davina Malkin and Trevor Malkin

BRACKNELL - Lion Don Rajapakse

FAREHAM - Lions Steven Church and Roland Dumont

WINDSOR - Lion Islam Hussein

WOKINGHAM - Lion Veronica Conroy

YATELEY & DISTRICT - Lion Warren Steyn

Acting DG *Lion Sandra*



Changing the world
with International
President
Lion Dr Patti Hill

Dear Lion

Every day, we are changing lives for the better. With every life we change we are changing the world. The best part of our mission is that we are doing it together, as a global community of caring and dedicated Lions.

The greatest gift we can give is our care and our kindness, and our kindness means even more to people and families in need during the holiday season. You can make the holiday season brighter by planning a project to fight hunger in your community or make a gift to our global foundation, LCIF. Your contributions will make a profound difference in someone's life.

Yours in service

Lion Dr Patti Hill



Let's get the Lions insurance we need

It's fair to say that we have had problems with our insurance, but let's work together to improve it.

Many thanks to the Clubs that have already provided details of their events so that they can be screened by the brokers and put into the traffic light system. I am asking other Clubs that whoever in the Club is responsible for organising events to let me have a list of those events (it can be your events chairman or whoever you wish). A basic list with the name of the event and a brief description, please. In addition, there are some events which unfortunately are not covered by our standard insurance, such as Santa's sleigh and firework displays. It is possible to get additional insurance through our brokers but it is obviously good practice to seek equivalent cover at a better price, and I know a number of you have done so. In order that we do not constantly reinvent the wheel, please let me know of any such policies you have taken out – the type of insurance, who through, when, and the rough cost.

Email both/either to me at: insurance@lions105sc.org.uk

I appreciate that I am giving you extra work, but hopefully that will result in less work and heartache for Clubs in the future.

With best wishes for a happy and successful New Year,

Lion Steve

Lion Steve Spencer - Insurance Adviser, District 105SC

And even more Matters of Moment

NEW ENVIRONMENT RESOURCES

LCI have recently updated their service resources for the environment:

- **Tree Planting and Tree Care** – Improve your community through the planting of locally appropriate tree seedlings or saplings, contributing to cleaner air and a healthier environment.
- **Environmental Cleanup and Restoration** – Protect nature and habitats by cleaning debris and shielding pollutants from harming ecosystems, marine life and the community.
- **Recycling and Waste Management** – Conserve resources and reduce waste to minimize adverse impacts on sustainability.
- **Environmental Awareness, Education and Advocacy** – Raise awareness of the importance of protecting the environment, educate your community members and create positive change.
- **Clean Water & Sanitation** – Ensure safe water and adequate sanitation for all, promoting better health outcomes around the world.

A flyer for each of these service areas can be downloaded from lionsclubs.org/environment.

We hope you find them useful.

If you have any questions or feedback on this new approach, please contact us by email at serviceactivities@lionsclubs.org.

You can now report your service activities under the above headings.

PDG Lion Judith Goodchild

Environmental Officer for 105SC
environment@lions105sc.org.uk



Lions/Brain Tumour Research Appeal Update

Up to the end of 2023 Multiple District has raised **£273,116.98** towards our **£1m** target.

Our District has raised **£42,258.33** of that amount, just over a thousand pounds less than District CW which has raised the most.

If every Club throughout Multiple District had donated £400 for four years, then our million-pound target would have been reached but sadly not every Club throughout the British Isles has participated.

In our District 43 Clubs have contributed to the appeal – a great achievement. I would like to give a big shout out to the following Clubs in recognition of their donations of £1,600 or above: Alton £1,600, Hook & Odiham £1,600, Devizes £1,700, Romsey & Waterside £1,700, Chippenham £2,000, Hart £2,042, Warminster £2,390 and Jersey £2,600.

And finally, my own club, Petersfield has raised a staggering £6,478.71 (including some from Barrie Hayne's mermaid walk).

The appeal is still ongoing so if you would like to host an event or donate, please do. I was fortunate to attend a fundraiser by Swanwick Lions in December with the proceeds going towards the appeal. If your Club donates £2,740 or more then you will be entitled to a plaque on the wall of hope.

Every little helps us reach our target.

With much appreciation to all Clubs who have embraced the challenge. Together we can and do make a difference.

Lion Sandra

“Try your best to make goodness look attractive.” - Fred Rogers



WORKING TOGETHER TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITIES A PERSONAL VIEW

My strapline, when I was District Governor back in 2009-2010, was 'Working together to serve our communities'. I envisaged Lions Clubs getting together to perform service and working with other service groups.

My Club, Hook and Odiham, had already started to do this by working with Hart Rotary at the annual Hartley Wintney Festival. Subsequently we have asked Odiham and Hart Rotary to help us with the annual Hook Village Show.

Christmas sleigh rounds in our villages of Hook, Odiham and Hartley Wintney have always been difficult as Rotary and Lions want to cover as much as the area as possible.

So a couple of years ago we worked with Odiham and Hook Rotary to ensure that we did not duplicate routes.

This year, when we met in August to discuss routes it was suggested we went further and worked together on the routes in Hook and Odiham. Our members agreed and this would mean that we each organized three routes supplying the sleigh, Santa and Rudolph and the collectors came from both Clubs. Decision made, we then had to find more collectors to cover all the evenings, but luckily for Lions, we had some new very keen members, who were willing to help as well as some old stagers like myself. We got our collectors and I did not have to go on every round as usual!

On the first joint evening the Rotary President picked me up and we set off. Much to my surprise the Rotary Santa proceeded to walk the route. With the Lions sleigh Santa is strapped into his seat and talks to the children from the float. This Santa went to the doorway and talked to the children, often high-fiving them. However, this did take some time, especially where there were families in close proximity and we did not always know where Santa was. When the Lions go out they each have a walkie talkie so that they can communicate with each other but we didn't have that luxury!

However we managed to finish the round in good time and I was able to get home before too long.

The other evenings also went well and we collected a good sum of money which is being shared pro rata between the two Clubs.

Would I do it again? Yes, and so would the other Lions who helped. Perhaps next year we can do more rounds covering more of Hook and Odiham.

I will be going to the Rotary Council to discuss it all but so far Rotary also seem to have appreciated the experiment. It has even been suggested that we build a combined sleigh!

Hook and Odiham Lions are also going to work with another Lions Club by holding a joint Charter Anniversay with Loddon Valley on Friday 15 March at The Wellington Arms in Stratfield Turgis. The venue is on the border of our patches and as the Presidents are married, i.e. myself and John, it seemed a good idea to join forces and hopefully get a bigger attendance.

PDG Lion Judith Goodchild

President Hook and Odiham Lions Club



(A design for your joint sleigh, Judith)

“The nice thing about being a celebrity is that when you bore people, they think it’s their fault.”

- Henry Kissinger

Guernsey Lions’ Peace Poster Competition Winners

Creating peace posters gives children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity.

The Guernsey Lions Club first took part in 2019 and in 2021 an artist from Les Beaucamps High School won the District final and went through to the national UK finals.

The Peace Poster competition is for 11, 12 and 13-year-olds who design a picture symbolising Peace and based on this year’s theme of “Dare to Dream”

They are not allowed to use lettering or numbers in the content of the picture.

During the last 20 years more than four million children from 100 countries have participated in this global contest.

The local competition closed in October with more than 30 posters received from Guernsey’s St Sampson’s and Les Beaucamps High Schools. Initial judging of the posters took place at the schools and the teachers submitted a final five posters to the Guernsey Lions.

Judging then took place with local artist, Tiffany Matthews, as the lead judge joined by Lions President, Lion Rob Holder, and Lions Youth Chairman Lion Paul Allaway.

After much deliberation, one poster was selected from each school to go through to the District final in England.

The winner from Les Beaucamps High School was 11 year old Chloe Wooldridge who received a £50 Amazon voucher presented during an Art class by



Lion Paul Allaway. A donation of £100 was also made to the Art class in recognition of their support.

The winner from St Sampsons High School was 13-year-old Satang Yusong who also received a £50 Amazon voucher with a £100 donation to the Art Class during a presentation at the school assembly.

Both pictures were submitted to the District finals competing against other Lions Clubs in the District.

Satang’s picture was chosen as the District winner and went through to the UK final where it was judged against other posters from Clubs around the UK and eventually placed a credible third in the national competition.



Fleet Lions at the top of the tree

Fleet Lions continued to promote their 50 years in the town by entering a participant in a local church’s Christmas Tree festival.

The church was raising funds for a group that helps homeless youngsters and also the Foodbank by charging admission and selling lots of things. There were more than 30 trees from various bodies, mainly younger people in Scouting, Guiding and youth groups. And what innovations and plays on words they came up with!

Fleet’s Lion Jim went for the boring angle of “Happy 50th Birthday” and made decorations out of pictures and logos of the Lions’ activities past and present plus a few props. LP Laura found him some lion-shaped tree lights and did her fairy on the top of the tree act with a picture of her-self in her “Simba” lion suit.

The event attracted record audiences over the week-end it was held, so hopefully it raised lots of funds for two very worthy charities.

And, of course, the Fleet Lions participating was a nice bit of PR for the Club and gave the Lions another festive and seasonal way of celebrating their 50 years of serving their local community.

The tree will also provide a number of ready-made materials for future displays in the happy New Year.



“Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others” - Cicero

'Cherry on Top' ROAR with success in Farnborough

The pupils at Cherrywood Primary School in Farnborough are roaring with pride after their team won the national ROAR 2023 Competition run by education tech company 8 Billion Ideas and the Lions Clubs of the British Isles. Farnborough Lions Club sponsored their entry into the competition which encourages primary and junior school pupils to innovate and 'think big', creating 'world changing ideas' that will be of lasting benefit to us all.

The competition process teaches the children to work together as a team to create a concept, make a prototype, an advertising poster plus a radio jingle before giving a presentation to a panel of judges 'Dragons Den' style. A video of their presentation is then submitted to 8 Billion Ideas to be judged alongside all the schools taking part throughout the United Kingdom.

Team 'Cherry on Top' won through their school heats to take part in the national final broadcast to over 20,000 primary and junior school pupils in hundreds of schools nationwide via Zoom in early December. Their concept created an app for mobile phones so customised ice cream deliveries can be made straight to customers' home addresses.

The judges at the national final liked this idea so much they voted it to be the best entry in District 105SC. Seven other District winners were announced in the same Zoom broadcast.

Cherrywood School has taken part in the last three Lions ROAR Competitions and Farnborough Lions Club is proud to have sponsored their competition entry alongside four other Farnborough schools who entered this year.

The benefits gained by all the pupils taking part in this competition are immeasurable. The ROAR Competition is a unique initiative and fun learning programme to increase children's confidence and self worth giving them future proofing skills and imaginative ideas in line with the national curriculum.

Major donations from Woolmer Forest Lions to local Foodbanks



WFL Acting President Lion Richard Balchin hands over a £4,000 cheque to four Local Foodbanks

Pictured from left to right: Martin Firman, (Bordon Foodbank) Pauline Firman (Headley Down Foodbank) Lion Richard Balchin, (WFL) Nigel Drury (Liss Foodbank) and Mary Braitch (Liphook Foodbank).

Nigel Drury from the Liss Foodbank thanked, the Club and spoke on behalf of Bordon, Headley Down, Liphook and Liss local foodbanks who each received £1,000 donated by Woolmer Forest Lions Club at the Club's December meeting.

Photograph: Kelvin Perry



Kayden, Armin and Scarlet are pictured with Farnborough Lions President Steve Boast at the Cherrywood Awards Ceremony with the school Raising Aspirations Champion Mrs Nina Lynch.

“Just about anybody can face a crisis. It’s everyday living that wears you out.” - George Seaton

Westbury’s Golden Anniversary

At the end of 2023 Westbury Lions proudly celebrated 50 years of service to the community.

To commemorate this momentous event, Westbury Lion Jason Bull invited a local brass band and schools to record songs for the Santa float. Collaboratively a wonderful playlist was put together capable of bringing joy to everyone.

Santa’s route covered the entire town over a 19 night period, and the music was enjoyed by young and old alike. The schoolchildren were very excited to see Santa and hear their recordings.

The local brass band were delighted to be invited to take part and the leader of the band said, “This fabulous idea snowballed into something much bigger. The band decided to record not just a few songs but a whole CD of popular Christmas music.”

A teacher from the local school said that the children had thoroughly enjoyed the singing, knowing that it was being sent to Father Christmas. Their faces lit up.

This project was masterminded and brought to fruition by Lion Jason Bull, one of the Club’s youngest members, well-supported by his fellow Lions.



Blandford and District Lions Club presented Blandford Foodbank with £810 of meat vouchers. Foodbank manager Gail is pictured receiving the vouchers from Blandford Lion James Mayo.



District 105SC

Convention 2024

8th – 10th March 2024

The Wild West

DoubleTree by Hilton
Swindon



Ensure your five minutes of fame!

The Convention team is looking for Lions to give a five minute talk on a successful project related to one of the seven pillars of Lions – Vision, Hunger, Diabetes, Youth, Environmental Issues, Childhood Cancer and Sport. Please get involved. It’s great to share your success!

Please email lionlisa001@gmail.com



Sentinel's eye on...

The Events Calendar

Club events for the next three months and updated month by month are listed here

Club Events: January, February and March 2024

- ◆ **ALTON** - Second Saturday of the month, **Lions Craft Markets**
- ◆ **BASINGSTOKE** - Saturday 17 February, **Quiz**
- ◆ **CHIPPENHAM** - Saturday 27 January, **Burns Night**; Saturday 23 March, **Counterfeit Duo tribute concert**
- ◆ **HOOK & ODIHAM** - Friday 15 March, **Charter Anniversary celebration with LODDON VALLEY LIONS**
- ◆ **ROMSEY & WATERSIDE** - Wednesday 10 January, **Business meeting**; Saturday 13 January, **Bookstall in Romsey Market**
- ◆ **WOKINGHAM**: Friday 2 February, **Comedy Night - Guest Charity, Wokingham Foodbank**; Friday 1 March, **Comedy Night - Guest Charity, Thames Hospice**
- ◆ **WOODLEY & EARLEY**: Friday 9 February, **Skittles Night**; Saturday 2 March, **Quiz Night**

Webpage - www.lions105sc.org.uk/events

District Diary Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday 9 January at 7.00 pm via Zoom
Monday 19 February at 7.00 pm via Zoom

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Most people like to have time off between Christmas and New Year, but I have a better idea. I'd like to have the time off between New Year and Christmas.

RECYCLING AFTER CHRISTMAS

Christmas produces a mountain of waste material but does it all have to go into land fill? There are many things which can be saved and recycled, including **Christmas Trees**. *Artificial ones cannot be recycled but can be kept for many years.* **Rooted Christmas trees** can be planted in the garden and taken indoors in future years. Those without roots can be shredded at home, if you have a shredder, or in many areas they can be taken to a local site for shredding. Check with your local Council.

Christmas Cards. Those made entirely of paper can be thrown into a green bin for recycling. Those with glitter or shiny paper should have these parts taken off before recycling. However you can recycle at home. Many people cut them into gift tags for next year or like me, you can use the pictures to make new cards.

Stamps. Many people save stamps for charity. The following link gives details of 19 charities that welcome stamps.- <https://www.countryliving.com/uk/news/a34891519/used-stamps-donate-charity/> I also use the Christmas stamps to make cards!

Wrapping Paper. Unfortunately most of this cannot be recycled. You can save the best and reuse next year!

Christmas Crackers. Generally these are not recyclable because of the materials used to make them but, once again, I recycle bits to make cards.

Fairy Lights. These should be taken to a small electrical collection bank for recycling.

Christmas Decorations. Unwanted ones in good condition can be taken to a local Charity Shop. *Tinsel cannot be recycled so needs to go in your normal dustbin.*

Unwanted Gifts. Either send to someone else, give to a Charity Shop or donate to the next raffle.



OLD MONARCH

The Editor has the last word...

Apart from "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year", I kept hearing "Where did this last year go?" from family and colleagues alike. It is no doubt a truism that the older you get the faster time seems to fly. So much to do and so little time.

I have had a busy year and I know so many of my correspondents have too and, although Covid still lurks, hopefully we can look forward rather than back. Times are harder now for many in our communities and it is those who do not or cannot enjoy the self-fulfilment, fellowship and commitment that being a Lion gives to us that we should be thinking of and serving as the new dawn of 2024 already begins slipping away. Happy New Year!

Lion Peter Tabb



**Lions
tail...**



"Oi, You lot! What Lion let the reindeer loose?"

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