

The Autumn Forum took place on Sunday 27 October at The Stones near Salisbury

There were 35 participants from 21 clubs





District Governor 2024 - 2025 ♦ Lion Sandra Manktelow

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NOVEMBER 2024 SUPPLEMENT



Autumn Forum



The morning started with a warmup. How can you make 9?

Suggestions: 4+5; baker's dozen less 4; cat'o tails Such creative ideas boded well for the rest of the day!



Lion Brian Donovan gave a Health & Safety presentation including risk assessments and all had a go after coffee at practising filling in a risk assessment. Lions Brian and Richard Weaver will be rolling out the H&S training at Zone meetings.



Lions were asked what training opportunities/ knowledge they wanted - ranging from food hygiene to filling out forms to publicity.



A session on the Portal showed how to report service activities and how to find Club statements - our DG failed dismally (her excuse being that it wasn't her laptop!!!)



Lots of chat during lunch - great to see Lions networking.



The afternoon was given over to membership. The message was that we need to think outside of the box and that there are lots of different types of Clubs - think family clubs, branch clubs, speciality clubs, virtual clubs! One Club on the continent is a wheels club - caravans, motorbikes



There was a frank discussion about retention - we need to make our meetings FUN, to value and respect every member and listen to them, be willing to take calculated risks with activities - if it didn't work in the past there's no reason to say it won't work next time. Good to know that there was a consensus about nurturing and mentoring members.



We moved on to membership recruitment and participants shared ideas - shop window stickers 'We support out local Lions Club', new service activities, contact sheets at every event for members of the public to find out more, notice boards, coffee and chat and informal events, sending out positive messages, being up front about our subscriptions and hidden costs, service activity followed by coffee/pub!





Multiple District 105 (the British Isles)

Challenge 10K - aim to keep membership above 10,000 by June 2026

105SC Challenge 1000 - end June 2025 with a membership of at least 1,000.



NURTURE A CULTURE OF GROWTH

My thanks to all those Lions who gave up their Sunday to attend the Autumn Forum and those Lions who led sessions and helped with planning behind the scenes.

If you have any ideas for future events, please let me know. As a District together we can do so much.



Lion Sandra District Governor

