

**As we celebrate 100 years of
Lionism, may this New Year
bring us all that we hope for**



A NEW YEAR A NEW DAWN OF CENTENNIAL YEAR

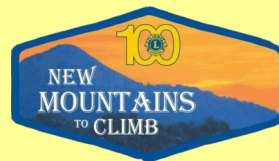
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“Celebrating a Centenary of Service”

Page Two - Lions Appeal

A personal plea from PDGs Lions Mike and Brigid Hendy

Water for Kunkujang, The Gambia

We are prompted to write this appeal by the full page advert for Water Aid on Page 7 of the last edition of the Lion magazine as Water Aid do not have any programmes in The Gambia and, as there are no Lions Clubs in The Gambia, projects for that country do not qualify for LCIF matched funding

In January 2016, we visited The Gambia principally for a holiday but also to visit Brigid's sister (a nun with the Missionaries of Charity Order) and an old Lion friend of ours who studied in the United Kingdom but who is now living and working in The Gambia as a child development worker with ChildFund International.

In The Gambia 48 per cent of the two million population live below the poverty line and only five per cent is over 60 (the median age of the population is 19 as quoted by the BBC in December). It amazed us to note that a two litre bottle of water in The Gambia costs the same as in a supermarket in the UK yet the average wage is just £35 per month. Our friend took us out to one of the villages he is responsible for – Gunjar Kunkujang – a village with a core population of about 2000 people but rising to about 10,000 in the wider area. Just nine taps currently supply the villagers with clean water, one of which is dedicated to a school of 800 pupils! Sitting and discussing with the village chief and his elders about how we might help, they had two requests:

- To have access to a mobile medical facility for basic healthcare: and
- To be able to increase the nine taps to about 25 so that potentially they could serve up to 10,000 people.

We went back again in November 2016 (two further trips are planned for 2017), and the visit resulted in three very positive outcomes:

- We were able to secure a mobile medical facility to visit a village just two kilometres away once a month;
- We met with a new contractor and agreed a programme of works for the creation of a second tower using a redundant borehole which will increase the output from 5,000 litres a day to 120,000 – it will also mean each tower and borehole will have a back up; and
- We secured an agreement with the country Director for ChildFund International for them to monitor and report, on our behalf, how the money was being spent in the same way that a Club or District would with an LCIF grant.



Villagers queuing for water at one of the very few taps

So far with limited local fundraising we have reached the £3,000 mark and we need £5,000 to get the programme kick-started to erect the second tower, put up the solar panels and put in the pumps. Brigid and I are funding all the peripheral works and our travel ourselves, so every penny donated to the Bracknell Forest Lions Gambia Appeal is accounted for. More detail on the appeal can be found on the website which links to the My Donate page we have set up (www.gambia.bracknellforestlions.org.uk) – if you can help us with this appeal (and some Clubs in MD105 have already done so) then please do, otherwise the project will take a long time and they need clean, fresh water **NOW**.

Please send cheques to Bracknell Lions Club made out to 'Bracknell Forest Lions Club – Gambia Appeal'.

PS. We already know that another Club from 105C – Bramley and Wickersley - was out there distributing goods they had shipped in while we were there, as were other volunteer groups and members of the NHS – what a pity all this activity could not be co-ordinated by some umbrella organisation?

Happy New Year!

Let's celebrate our Centenary of Service

I hope you have all enjoyed a Merry Christmas and survived the New Year's Eve celebrations.

As we approach our 100th birthday, I make no apologies for recommending our District Appeal again as an example of how we, as Lions, serve.

The 10th National Special Olympics GB Summer Games are in Sheffield in August, with volunteer members of Lions Clubs from across the country preparing to support the Families Programme.

(This montage shows Lions, many from our District, serving at the last national games in Bath in 2013).

For more than 25 years Lions Clubs International has proudly supported Special Olympics GB by giving donations, fundraising for athletes selected for international competitions and providing volunteers to run especially the Opening Eyes programme as part of the Special Olympics Healthy Athletes initiative.

The National Special Olympics GB Summer Games will be the largest disability sports event in 2017 – coinciding with the 100th anniversary of the founding of Lions Clubs International. Lions Clubs members will be on hand help to organise social and other activities, adding to everyone's memories of this amazing experience – and having fun themselves while doing so.

Around 2,600 athletes – *many from our every county in our District, including the Channel Islands* - with intellectual disabilities, of all ages and abilities will come together from across the country to compete in 19 sports. Athletes will be supported over four days of competition by 800 coaches, 750 volunteers, 150 officials and more than 5,000 family members and friends.

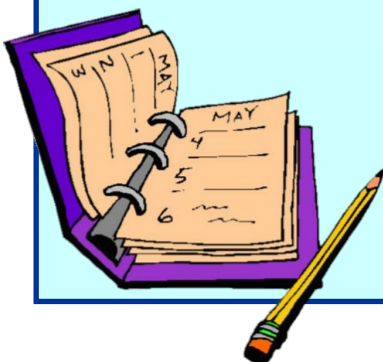
This is what we do best, with some of us volunteering our time and others supporting those in need through financial donations.

Our guest at Convention will be the President of Special Olympics GB, Lawrie McMenemy, and we will be presenting a donation to the Special Olympics on the day.

PLEASE, if your Club has not yet made a donation (through the District Treasurer) to our Special Olympics Appeal, would you consider doing so now. This is one appeal for something we Lions do best, giving hands-on support to those who need our support.

And to those Clubs and individuals who have already made a contribution, a very, very sincere ***'Thank You'***.

DG Lion *David*



Matters of Moment

DG Team Visits

January 2017

DG Lion David

Date	Activity
7/8 Jan:	District Young Ambassador Finals
11 Jan:	GMS Club Meeting
21 Jan:	Loddon Valley Charter Anniversary
25 Jan:	GMS Club Meeting
27/29 Jan:	MD Council Meeting

1 VDG Lion Peter

Date	Activity
6/8 Jan:	District Governor training - Solihull
16 Jan:	Finance Committee conference call
21 Jan:	Playing 'Sarah the Cook' (The Dame) in Bournemouth Lions Pantomime
27/29 Jan:	MD Council Meeting

2 VDG Lion Ken

Date	Activity
16 Jan:	Finance Committee conference call



A Lion cookie cutter

If you want to put a stamp on those biscuit bakes you make for cake sales, have a look at this. Lion Judith from

Newbury Lions Club took advantage of a new business being set up by a family member to commission a cookie cutter in the shape of Lion mascot Roary. The cutter can be used to make large cookies or to put the lion face on smaller biscuits. Trials have proved popular at Club and Zone meetings! The makers are offering the cookie cutter (each one made individually using a 3D printer) at a price of £6 + p&p, and have agreed to donate 50p from each sale to the DG's appeal for the Special Olympics.

To get yours, go online to <https://www.facebook.com/eleven22studio>, where you will find the cutter and details of how to order.

Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

Introduction

In my September article I made reference to the fact that LCIF never knows when the next emergency will arise. On 7 December a 6.5 magnitude earthquake struck the Aceh province of Indonesia. More than 100 people died and many were injured. LCIF responded immediately with two grants of £8,000 and £80,000 for both immediate and longer-term relief.

LCIF disaster grants

In November 2016 ten emergency grants totalling £80,000 were made addressing immediate needs for floods, hurricanes, earthquakes and wild-fires around the world.

Sight for Kids Programme

Many of you will be familiar with Helen Keller's plea for Lions to be 'knights of the blind' as far back as 1925. Since that time Lions' services relating to sight have been met in a very large number of ways. LCIF has had a partnership for almost 15 years with Johnson & Johnson Vision Care Inc (J & J) and as far back as 2002 LCIF and J & J launched a joint initiative 'Sight for Kids'. This is a school-based programme that mobilises volunteers to provide vision screening, professional eye examinations, spectacles and other services. This programme has become one of the Lions' largest and most impactful partnership programmes.

The most recent figures show that more than 125,000 Lions and other volunteers have worked to bring the 'Sight for Kids' programme to more than 20 million children throughout Asia, India and the Philippines. Sight for Kids has referred more than 800,000 children to eye care professionals for further evaluation and provided spectacles to more than 250,000 children. The programme now includes children in Turkey and Kenya. I believe this is another excellent example of the work done by our own Charity.

LCIF Measles and Rubella Initiative

As we move into the last twelve months of the Measles and Rubella Initiative I would like to repeat my previous comments on this amazing children's humanitarian initiative. This is still continuing and tens of thousands of deaths have been averted – mostly of children. £16 million has been raised to date. LCIF has committed to providing Gavi Alliance (a public-private partnership whose mission is to save children's lives and protect people's health) a further £8 million by December 2017. In 2016 Lions and partners have conducted measles activities in six countries and over the next year this will extend into another five or more countries with support from local Lions who play a key role in social mobilisation efforts by working with local leaders, coordinating community-level publicity and serving as volunteers at vaccination centres. Until the involvement of Gavi and LCIF approximately four hundred children were dying every day from measles and rubella. I do hope your Club can make a donation, or further donation, to the LCIF Measles and Rubella Initiative.

Melvin Jones Fellowships

Please contact me if your Club wishes to know its credits towards Melvin Jones Fellowships (MJFs) or if help is needed in making an application for a MJF.

Presentations on LCIF

As mentioned in previous articles I would be very pleased to give presentations to any Club or Zone on LCIF to assist members in understanding its amazing record of funding for disasters, sight, youth and humanitarian needs since 1968.

PDG Lion Patrick Hamblin

District 105D LCIF Coordinator (patrick.hamblin@btinternet.com)

News from the Clubs

Lions help with Free Prostate (PSA) Testing in Dorset



Wimborne and Ferndown Lions have collaborated with the Dorset branch of the PCaSO (Prostate Cancer Support Organisation) to provide a free screening session for PSA testing in Colehill, Wimborne.

According to Jim Davis, chairman of the PCaSO Dorset branch, the facts are: 1) without screening, around 42,000 men are

diagnosed with prostate cancer in the UK each year. 2) almost 11,000 men die of prostate cancer annually. 3) caught in the early stages, cure rates are dramatically improved with well over 80 per cent success.

PCaSO is offering and conducting PSA tests this Autumn/Winter at Dorchester, Kinson, Ringwood, Colehill, Bridport, Christchurch and Parley. The testing is conducted by trained phlebotomists. All blood samples are sent to the Dorset County Hospital, Dorchester for analysis and the results are then issued a few days later to the men by the urologist.

The recent event at Wimborne resulted in 53 men being tested at the Reef Centre, Colehill where only two men were referred on to their GP, which led the urologist to comment that Colehill "must be one of the healthiest areas in the UK!"

Pictured is VDG Lion Peter Burnett from the Lions Club setting the ball rolling.



There has to be one Santa picture in this edition and the honour goes to Bournemouth Lions who took Santa and his sleigh to Castlepoint, the town's largest shopping centre bringing presents and lots of joy to children and adults alike. The Club also distributed new and nearly new toys to Julia's House and the Salvation Army.

Make use of every PR opportunity



As Clubs across the District slow down after the rush of Christmas activities I'd ask every Club to be aware of and make use of the excellent PR opportunities being offered by local businesses.

An ideal example of this came to my Club - Farnborough - through a Facebook message from a member of the marketing team at Think Ford, a large Ford franchise. They asked if they could collect non-perishable foods and tinned goods to donate to their local Lions Club Christmas Hamper Appeal. They had already set up a collection in their Guildford showroom for the Guildford Lions Club's Christmas food collection.

This was an opportunity not to be missed and on accepting Think Ford's offer, events moved quickly with them asking for a press release detailing the work of Farnborough Lions during the Christmas period and any other thing we'd like adding to the promotion. Within hours the Think Ford website posted a page including profiles on Farnborough and Guildford Lions Clubs. Facebook and Twitter feeds followed within a few days. Apart from sending out social media updates, that was all Farnborough Lions had to do. With the benefit of a professional marketing team behind them, much goodwill built up between the Lions and the motor dealership, opening opportunities to include them again in a similar way for future Lions events.

The icing on the cake were the goods donated by Think Ford's staff and customers during the three week collection. A dozen boxes filled with packets and tins were loaded into my car and taken to The Vine Centre, a refuge and drop in centre providing shelter for vulnerable young adults throughout Christmas.

A further benefit were the teddy bears and soft toys and lots of 'easy read' children's books which were donated to the Children's Ward at Frimley Park Hospital.

A very positive outcome for Lions, the community and a local business.

My advice - take the opportunity of seizing positive PR opportunities with local businesses!

Pictured at the collection point are Ford Franchise Director Paul Hayes and Lion Richard Keeley from Farnborough Lions.

Lion Richard Keeley

Marketing and PR Co-ordinator - District 105D

More news from the Clubs

You can't keep a good Lion down!

Basingstoke's Lion has been very busy over this festive season in his own attempt to lift the veil on, to some, the world's biggest secret – the Lions!

Not content with making his usual annual appearances at a variety of stores and supermarkets in his home town where he can easily equal Santa for popularity, he found himself at pastures new courtesy of his 'handlers' who decided to approach various other local events to offer his services.

Thus it was on 19 November he brought smiles and laughter to the Daniel Rolfe Fun Day organised in support of the Wessex Heart Beat which supports Daniel's family through his medical difficulties. Two weeks later he was responsible for the Basingstoke Foodbank's huge monetary success at their Tesco promotion, then took his rather tired paws the next day to the town's Santa Parade where he managed to be included, 'accidentally', in the innumerable photos snapped of other parade features – as well as of himself of course!

He's taking a rest at the time of writing, as he's not been involved in his Club's Christmas food collection on behalf of the Basingstoke Voluntary Association, nor in the 6 am–8 am breakfast shifts the Club is undertaking at the town's Night Winter Shelter through the winter. So his people are busy too, but managing without him.

He's quite pleased – there's only so much hugging he can take!



Me and my friend Daniel



Testing the water

Weymouth and Portland Lions test the water temperature in preparation for the Lions Christmas Day Harbour Swim with enthusiastic help from the Mayor of Weymouth & Portland, Councillor Richard Kosier and the Mayoress Caroline Churchill (who will be swimming on Christmas morning!) along with cast members from the panto production of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' at Weymouth Pavilion, plus members of the Lions Club, including, of course, Roger the Lion.

The Lions Club of Bournemouth Presents:

Dick Whittington

SAT 21ST JAN
at 14:30 & 19:00



TICKETS ONLY
Adult: £6
Child: £1

Kinson Community Centre
Millhams Rd, Pelhams Park, Bournemouth BH10 7LH
Ticket Hotline: 01202 257104

In aid of:
Lions Club Charities
Stables Family Trust
Bournemouth Blind Society
Lions Clubs Charities Ref: 272164



Convention reminder!

**Book your
place
at the seaside
via the District
website NOW!**



Even more news from the **Clubs**

Christmas food parcels from the Lions



The annual delivery of Christmas food parcels to local people has been made again by Wimborne and Ferndown Lions Club.

Club members filled bags with about 25 food items from bulk supplies purchased from Morrisons of Verwood.

In a well established process, stacks comprising units of each food item are assembled on tables. Club members then circulate, filling the bags with one from each stack. The bags are delivered to people most in need who have been notified to the Lions by local Social Services, CABs, GPs, etc.

The Club would like to thank the Verwood Hub for the use of the room for the parcels' assembly and also Jenny Cook of Morrisons for her help in arranging for the efficient supply of the food items.

The picture shows the assembled bags awaiting delivery.

ANOTHER SELL-OUT!



Every seat was taken in the 1,000 seater theatre at the annual free Lions Christmas Show for senior citizens staged by the Weymouth & Portland Lions Club. The audience was entertained by a wealth of local talent headed by the popular band Replay (led by Lion Norman Stagles) who hit the right spot with their 50s and 60s numbers.

A high spot of the evening was the presentation of a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award to Ann Stagles in recognition of the many years she has organised and produced this show along with her husband Norman. This award is very rarely given to anyone who is not a Lion and is the highest award that a Club can bestow.



The Lions are extremely grateful for the support of all the artistes who gave their time freely: Darren Garnett, the Voice of Cool Swing, harmony group The Decadettes, former Yeti Bonny Sartin, sea shanty group Dorset Wrecks and those talented young people from WOW who gave their usual polished performance.

Members of the Lions Club even gave a demonstration of spirited Morris dancing!

LIONS' WIT & WISDOM

Start the New Year with a smile and get it over with.

(with due acknowledgement to the original thought by W.C. Fields)



TAIL TWISTER

The Editor has the last word

I gave up making New Year resolutions many years ago. The very best of intentions barely lasted the first week of the new year when I did for, as they say, life is what happens to you while you are busy making other plans.

However, for we Lions, 2017 is rather special being the Centennial of the foundation of Lions Clubs (although our Centennial seems, for many Clubs, to have started some months ago!). For that reason I have broken a self-imposed rule and made a resolution or two (I don't count giving up smoking or losing weight since I did the former 40 years ago and have fought a losing battle against weight ever since). My resolutions will be to ensure that I play my full part in trying to create a Lions legacy where I live so that my children and grand-children can say "The Lions did that for us" and no one says "Who or what were the Lions?"

In the meantime the very best wishes for a prosperous, peaceful and productive New and Centennial Year.

Lion Peter Tabb

Lion's Tail...



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