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JUNE 2020



Well this is my last newsletter; thank God, some of you are most likely saying I am sure!

It has been a different year to what I imagined at the start of it.

The picture is probably the last one of a large gathering of Lions this year. Yes, this is what life used to look like in the days before lockdown.

Now, we will have to get used to meeting on-line at all levels of Lions for the foreseeable future This is going to be a challenge to all of us.

Lions Clubs will need to keep in contact with members and the rest of the family of Lions if we are to survive this as a viable District.

We have been saying for years we need to embrace technology; well here is your chance. I have been using it, and if I can, anyone can.

I would like to take a moment of your time, to inform you that 34 Clubs in the District were successful in their application from the MD

Foundation Emergency Grants; a total of £22,025 has been given to the South West for use in your communities. Well done.

Thank you to all Lions in the South West for the honour of serving you over the last year.

I have been humbled and surprised at the varied way you raise your money for the community.

Thank you also to my District officers. I have some awards which I wish to make, but they will have to wait until we can meet face to face.

Stay safe and good luck for the future.

I now wish Lion David Fitzpatrick all the best for his year as District Governor

The **Lions Club of Plymouth** has received a share of £100,000 from the Lions Clubs Foundation of the British Isles. Lions Clubs across the British Isles have benefited from a special fund launched to support local communities during the COVID-19 crisis.

Lions Club of Plymouth will utilise the grant to support the supply and distribution of food for the homeless at this critical time. Lions club of Plymouth President Lion George Poad said: "*This is*

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a significant sum of money that we are putting to good use straightaway. This Coronavirus pandemic is hurting lots of local people in lots of different ways - just because we are all social distancing doesn't stop us from caring - we are doing what we can, and this cash injection will help us do even more for our local community."

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Lion President George Poad finds a 'Fishy' but legal solution to Cheque Presentation during Social Distancing!!!



Following the receipt of £500.00 from the Lions Club Foundation of the British Isles, to be spent on the Local Plymouth Community during the COVID 19 crisis, the Lions Club of Plymouth decided to present cheques to two charities supporting the Supply and Distribution of food to the homeless and needy of Plymouth

The first cheque for £250.00 was presented to Andrew Denham of the Oasis Centre Foodbank.

The second cheque for £250.00 was presented to Alan Jones of the Plymouth North Centre Foodbank.

Clevedon Lions will utilise their Grant to support the Clevedon and district Foodbank. At this critical time a sum of £500 had been granted.

Glynn Hill, Club president, said that this was a significant amount of money that they are putting to a good cause straight away. The Coronavirus Pandemic is hurting lots of people in lots of different ways-just because we are all social distancing, doesn't stop us caring- we are all doing what we can, the cash injection will help us do more. We started with a small donation from our street and now it is growing all around the country.

Launceston Lions Club will utilise the grant of £500.00 to support the Launceston Foodbank and the Cornwall Blood Bikers at this critical time.

Lion President Linda said: *"This is a significant sum of money that we are putting to good use straightaway. This Coronavirus pandemic is hurting lots of local people in lots of different ways - just because we are all social distancing doesn't stop us from caring - we are doing what we can, and this cash injection will help us do more."*

The Launceston Foodbank, which members support with service are desperately short of basic food supplies, as well as personal hygiene equipment (Soap, shampoo and washing powder etc) We bought items for the Coop in Launceston, and the Manager, Martin and the Coop, make a generous top up. It is good for the Club to be seen to support this very needed facility at this troubled time.

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The Cornwall Blood Bikers rely on donations to operate. These are volunteers who transport urgent blood and samples to the main hospital labs for processing. They deliver urgent blood and other items to our local hospitals. They will be undertaking the delivery of samples to Test centres for the testing of Covid-19 So, this is an important issue for us in Launceston and the local area A valuable and much needed service for us in our rural community. Ian Butler, the Fundraising Manager, was over the moon with this donation, as this helps to keep the wheels turning for them to continue to assist the NHS and Hospices in Cornwall at this time



Peace Poster

There **WILL** be a District Peace Poster Competiton **2020-2021**, albeit it with "relaxed rules"
Theresa Warrell has Peace Poster Kits, so please contact her



**Lions Clubs Foundation
British Isles**

LCI MD 105 Foundation Registered Charity Number 1164711

The Foundation supports local Lions Clubs to provide humanitarian aid, disaster relief, and support a range of youth programmes.

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Photographic Competition 2019-20

The photographic competition this year has been very successful, with 29 entries from 6 clubs.

As usual all the entries were judged by an independent professional photographer, who did an excellent job. Thank you to all the entrants – try again next year!

I am very pleased to announce the winners in the following categories: Animals –David Atkins, Glastonbury and Street Lions Club. Landscape – David Atkins. Weather Phenomenon – Dave Rosson, Torpoint and Rame Peninsular Lions Club, Plant life – Veronica Whittle, Minehead and District Lions Club.

As well as winning the District competition, David Atkins brought the MD Trophy back to 105SW for his entry in the Landscape category and Dave Rosson was runner-up for his entry in the Weather category, beating all comers nationally. Well done both! Congratulations to all our winners and hopefully more entries next year.



Winner Landscape and MD Overall winner – David Atkins.



Winner Weather Phenomenon and MD Runner up – Dave Rosson



Winner Animal Life – David Atkins



Winner Plant Life – Veronica Whittle.

Crewkerne Lions

I saw this poem on a video on Facebook. It is very thought provoking and I wanted to share it with the Lions in our district. It is a father, in the future, talking to his son about what it was like before and after Covid 19. It underlines the need for the work we do in serving our communities and our environment. It says that the future was better for it. This desire to get out and help others in the

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community is exactly the spirit Lions need to tap into. Look for those in your community that have chosen to volunteer and tell them that they can carry on this work, without a pandemic by joining Lions. Lesley Chudley

“It was a world of waste and wonder; of poverty and plenty.

Back before we understood why, hindsight’s 2020.

You see, the people came up with companies to trade across all lands,

But they swelled and got much bigger than we ever could have planned.

We’d always had our wants, but now it’s got so quick.

You could have anything you dreamed of in a day and with a click.

We noticed families had stopped talking; that’s not to say they never spoke

But the meaning must have melted, and the work/life balance broke.

And the children’s eyes grew squarer, and every toddler had a phone.

They filtered out the imperfections but midst the noise, they felt alone.

And every day the skies grew thicker, ‘til you couldn’t see the stars’

So we flew planes to find them, while down below we filled our cars.

We drove round all day in circles; we’d forgotten how to run.

We swapped the grass for tarmac; shrunk the parks till there were none.

We filled the sea with plastic because our waste was never capped;

Until, each day you went fishing, you’d pull them out ready wrapped.

And while we drank, and smoked and gambled, our leaders taught us why

It’s best not to upset the lobbies, much more convenient to die.

But then in 2020 a new virus came our way.

The governments reacted and told us to hideaway

But while we all were hidden, amidst the fear and all the while

The people dusted off their instincts; they remembered how to smile.

They started clapping to say thank you and calling up their mums.

And while the car keys gathered dust, they would look forward to their runs;

And with the skies less full of voyagers, the earth began to breathe,

And beaches bore new wildlife that scuttled off into the seas.

Some people started dancing, some were singing, some were baking.

We’d grown so used to bad news but some good news was in the making.

And so when we found the cure and were allowed to go outside,

We all preferred the world we found to the one we’d left behind.

Old habits became extinct and they made way for the new,

And every simple act of kindness, was now given its due”

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“But why did it take a virus to bring the people back together?”

“Well sometime, you have to get sick my boy, before you start feeling better.

Now lie down and dream of tomorrow, and all the things we can do;

And who knows-if you dream hard enough, maybe some of them will come true.

We call it, The Great Realisation, and yes, since then there have been many,

But that’s the story of how it started, and why hindsight’s 2020.

Tomas Roberts

Our Club, **South Molton**, regretfully, are disbanding on 30th June 2020 and we have some equipment we want to dispose of.

If anyone is interested in the items, they are-

1. Tombola drum
2. Lion costume
3. Arch of flags
4. Candy Floss Machine

Any enquiries to me for further details.

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THE **Lions Club of Ivybridge** have reluctantly decided to postpone their annual Funday and music night, featuring The Wurzels, due to have been held at the Ivybridge Rugby Club in July. The events will now take place in 2021 with The Wurzels confirmed as the headline act for the Friday music night on July 9 while the Funday is set for Saturday, July 10.

The decision to delay the events was taken because of concerns over the current Coronavirus situation. Event manager Lion Adam Winzer says: “We did not see how we could have operated this year without putting the health of the public at risk and that was something we were not prepared to do.

“On a positive note we will be back next year and promise the events will be the biggest yet and better than ever before. We look forward to seeing everyone in July 2021.”

Tickets for The Wurzels music night will automatically be transferred over to next year. There is no need to collect a new ticket. The Watermark will contact all ticket holders confirming this by email (or phone if no email held) by the end of May. Ticket holders who have not heard by then and are unable to make the new date must request a refund by June 30 by emailing info@ivybridgewatermark.co.uk or calling 01752-892220. However, this refund can be treated as a donation to help charities supported by the Lions Club of Ivybridge.

As far as stall holders are concerned, all bookings and deposits will also be transferred to next year. Stallholders unable to attend next year’s Funday should contact the Lions Club for a refund of the stall booking fee unless they wish the fee to be treated as a donation towards Lions Club charities.

Lions Club donates £650 grant to food banks and refuge

» THE Barnstaple Lions Club has received a share of £100,000 from the Lions Clubs Foundation of the British Isles.

Lions Clubs across the British Isles have benefited from a special fund launched to support local communities during the Covid-19 crisis.

Barnstaple Lions Club will use the grant of £650 to support Torrington Food Bank, Bideford Food Bank, Barnstaple Food Bank, and North Devon Women's Refuge at this critical time.

Lions president Andy Shiner said: "This is a significant sum of money that we are putting to good use straightaway. This coronavirus pandemic is hurting lots of local people in lots of different ways - just because we are all social distancing doesn't stop us from caring - we are doing what we can, and this cash injection will help us do more."

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