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After all the Charter Dinners and other meals eaten on my travels, I think that I can still just about get in to my clothes!

I would like to thank all of you on my visits so far for your generous hospitality and the warmth of your friendship.

Campaign Sight First II is coming along nicely and you will see a separate article by PDG Lion Ron Cross in this Newsletter. Please support him in the final push on this fantastic Lions project.

PDG Lion Ron has also asked me to pass on the message that due to ill health, the co-ordinator from Newquay Lions Club is unable to receive used spectacles or hearing aids. Bodmin Lions Club are looking into this matter and further details will be issued in due course. A decision is to be made at MD Convention in Torquay and in the meantime send all used spectacles to Chichester .

I have still two months of my year to go and I am looking forward to my remaining Club visits and Charter Anniversaries and in particular to meeting my fellow Lions.

Searchers Concert in aid of District Project, Gift for Living.

Everything is booked, the venue, The Searchers, the support act Soul Survivors, the tickets are printed and available so the only thing still to be done is *for you to buy the tickets!!*

See article below

My thanks to Lion Maureen Kendall and all her committee for all their hard work in making this a success.

DG Lion Mavis Cooke



On Friday 8th June "The Searchers" will be putting on a concert at Dunstall Park Racecourse, Wolverhampton. They will be supported by "Soul Survivors" and if you have not heard of "Soul Survivors" you're in for a treat!

This is a charity concert with all proceeds going to "Gift for Living" a joint project of the Lions and Child Advocacy International.

Tickets are just £15 each and to get yours please call 07920 174 425

Tickets are also available from Region Chairman Lion Ken Barker and you will find his details on page 110 of the directory.

WARWICK LIONS CLUB



It's been a busy time for Warwick Lions Club.

On the left we see the presentation of £500 to the Northamptonshire Air Ambulance.

On the right, the lucky winner receives her Easter Egg from Linda Brown, manager of the Millwrights Arms where £152 was raised with the egg raffle.



£500 to Myton Hospice

On Wednesday 4th April Anita Burrows, the new fund raiser from Myton Hospice, came to talk to Warwick Lions Club at their regular meeting at the Warwick Arms Hotel.

She said that the Hospice has 24 beds and in the course of a year, handles 500 overnight patients and a 1000 day care patients, all this costs about £2.7 million a year. The drugs bill alone is £12,000

per month. The Hospice offers respite care for up to two weeks and looks after day care patients Monday to Friday from 10 am to 3pm. The hospice also has six to eight nurses available for their Homes Service to supplement the District Nurses and they work in shifts seven days a week, 24 hours a day. There will be a new Hospice opening in Walsgrave,



Coventry which will cost £5 million and so far £4.5 million pounds have been raised. This new Hospice opens in 2009 and will have another 20 beds. Macmillan Nurses are a separate organisation, but work from Myton Hospice. Lion President Paul Brown then presented a cheque for £500 for the hospice.

News in Brief

Past International Director Lion Phil Nathan has written to District Governor Mavis thanking her for £100 donated to the Gift For Living appeal. Lion Phil expressed his thanks to 105M for all our efforts and work in raising funds for this worthy cause.

Lion Ron Cross tells me that the Campaign Sight First II walk takes place Sunday May 20th. The walk starts at the BM Shop close by the Tindal Bridge over the Birmingham Fazeley Canal across the road from the NIA. Start time 10.00 a.m. Distance to walk 10Km Contact Lion Ron Cross for your sponsor forms.

Lion Angela Lawton is after your body. Volunteers are needed to transport youngsters taking part in the Youth Exchange programme. Incoming will be on Tuesday July 24th
Outgoing will be Monday 13th August Contact Angela Via Marston Green Lions



A warm welcome to the following new Lions from all the "old" Lions of 105M

Southam	Gerry Young	Warwick	Dorothy Astill	Droitwich	Nick Lynam
Knowle & Dorridge	Richard Chape	Warwick	Barbara Ingram	Droitwich	Carole Moseley
Barwell & Earl Shilton	Lisa McQuillan	Warwick	Dorothy Jones		
		Warwick	Peter Knights		
		Warwick	Stephen Sherriff		

Spectacle Collection

You may have heard rumours that the Lions Club of Newquay has ceased collection of used spectacles and that Newquay will no longer receive parcels.

At least one has been returned already. There was a possibility that Bodmin would take over from Newquay but this is now looking unlikely. I will have definite details about that to announce at MD Convention in Torquay. In the meantime, please direct all used spectacles to Chichester who say that they can cope for now.

Many thanks

Lion Ron Cross

Youth Football

Tony Hickling, Chairman of MD105 YFC tells me that the final this year will be held at AFC Telford on Sunday May 13th.

Tony is arranging kick off for 3:00 or 3:15 to give everyone time to get to the venue.

Tony pointed out that **YOU CAN GO EVEN IF YOUR TEAM DIDN'T GET THROUGH!!**

Now there's a thought.

Visit the MD site for more details.

Campaign SightFirst II Report

Campaign SightFirst II is chugging along nicely but I would like to hear from a few more Clubs who have been conspicuous by their silence. I have heard rumours of donations on their way but not seen the dough! May I remind you of a few points that seem to be sticking in the communication pipeline:-

i) All CSFII donations must come through me, not the District Treasurer.

ii) Each donation must be sent with a remittance advice note with all the relevant boxes completed. If you do not have one, ring or email me and I will send one.

iii) All donations to CSFII qualify for future Melvin Jones Fellowships if the Club so designates on the remittance note. If you do not want it to be for a future MJF, then tick the box marked NO.

iv) Even though you said YES on the note, individual MJF's must be ordered on the MJF ordering form and sent to PDG Lion Stefan Erentraut (address in directory). He requires 21 days for delivery so don't ring on a Monday and ask for an MJF for your Charter Dinner the following Saturday. He is very efficient if we give him a proper chance.

v) I have heard that some Clubs have committed the major funds several years in advance because of contractual commitments on their projects. They claim that they cannot contribute to CSFII in the two years. NOT SO!! Pledges can be made to me, redeemable up to 3 years after the formal end of CSFII in June 2008. These pledges will be contained in the final reported figures for the District, Area and Worldwide.

vi) 105M has contributed approximately £26,000 from only 24 Clubs up to 20th April 2006.

PDG Lion Ron Cross

And finally, a few words of wisdom

A balanced diet is a cake in each hand.

Don't forget that depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.

Always borrow money from a pessimist. They don't expect to be paid back.

Be nice to your kids - they'll choose your nursing home.

DG Mavis has the last word !

Friendship is the hardest thing in the world to explain. It's not something you learn at school. But if you haven't learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven't learned anything.

Mavis's May Meanderings.

1 st	Worcester	CV
2 nd / 7 th	Multiple District Convention	
8 th	Northampton Chinatown	CV
9 th	Brixworth Club Branch	CV
10 th	Shakespeare	CV
12 th	Bedworth	Charter
13 th	Cabinet Meeting	
14 th	Lutterworth	CV
18 th	Aldridge & District	Charter
19 th	Knowle & Dorridge	Charter
21 st	Evesham Vale	CV
22 nd	Malvern Hills	CV