



**Lions Clubs International
District 105D
District Governor
Mike Hendy**



The 'Lions International' Rose

**District 105D
50th
"Golden" Convention**

**20th to 22nd March 2015
The Wessex Hotel,
Bournemouth
BH2 5EU**

"Teamwork, Leadership and Compassion"

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL PURPOSES

TO ORGANISE, charter and supervise clubs to be known as Lions clubs.

TO COORDINATE the activities and standardize the administration of Lions clubs.

TO CREATE and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.

TO PROMOTE the principles of good government and good citizenship.

TO TAKE an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.

TO UNITE the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.

TO PROVIDE a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest, provided, however that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.

TO ENCOURAGE service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavours.



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Hello and Welcome My Fellow Lions and Guests to 105D District Convention,



It is my honour and my pleasure to welcome all of you today to this, our 50th Convention for 105D – the ‘Golden Convention’ celebrating 50 years of service by Lions in the counties of Berks, Channel Islands, Dorset, Hants, Isle of Wight and part Bucks, South Oxford and Wiltshire. We have not been at this venue in Bournemouth for Convention I believe since 1997 so I hope you enjoy your return or, for some of us, a new venue.

The District Convention Committee under the watchful chairmanship of Graham Drayton have worked hard with me to get a programme which is interactive, entertaining and, above all, embraces the changes to convention that you the membership asked for in 2013 when you completed the questionnaire and which I promised to try to deliver.

Keynote speaker representing Lions Clubs International will be PID Phil Nathan, MBE our very own MD105 endorsed candidate for the post of 2nd International Vice President. Phil was in Winchester last year with the International Guest Past International President Jim Ervin. Phil is also the MD Co-ordinator for our centennial celebrations so I know that, along with his wife Lion Heidi-Ann, both will be a formidable partnership in this MD for many years to come and bring to us this weekend and wide range of experiences to share with you – the 105D membership. PID Phil was my International guest in 105A when I was District Governor in 2000/2001 and he was a serving International Director.

As you arrive, I hope you will see the flags flying outside the convention hotel where they will have been flying since the Friday afternoon – in my mind (and yours) they should be outside and visible to the general public denoting our presence in the town and not tucked away in the corner of the convention hall. There will also be an opportunity during the business session for an Open Forum from the rostrum – the floor is yours and we will not duck the questions/answers. Saturday afternoon there will be time for interactive workshops on a variety of subjects – again it's open house for you to discuss issues and how we might address them for the benefit of the Association.

Sunday morning there will be a Soap Box session – any club has just 5 minutes to promote to those present something good that is happening within your club and community – a worthwhile membership drive, a new project, a new fund-raising idea – the floor will be yours but we will be strict with the timings. Please let Graham Drayton know during convention how many clubs wish to partake of this opportunity as timings limit is to 6 – but remember timing will be strict because it has to be. Following this will be a workshop delivered by extremely skilled facilitators from 105C to demonstrate the difference between telling and selling using our new penny cards

This year the Convention team have agreed that first timers and new Lions should be looked after and shown the ropes. We will hopefully have volunteers (this is being written in December) to identify those people and just act as a buddy whilst they are here. At some stage during the weekend (and you will be notified in your pack) there will be a designated opportunity for 1st timers and new Lions to meet with PID Phil – bring your buddy along or make sure they tell you about it and where it is. Can I ask also that if you have any issues with the hotel facilities at any stage you contact one of the committee members wearing their distinctive shirts who will take the issue up on your behalf

As Convention unfolds it is always the highlight of any District Governor's year and planning started whilst I was 1st VDG. During my visits to clubs last year and this I have tried to listen to what you feel so that I can try to incorporate into the programme – it is the members' convention; the District Convention Team and the District Governor just act as stage managers and script writers for the occasion. I look forward to meeting with as many of you as possible this weekend – especially newcomers to convention and new Lions. To all attendees I say that this year's team and next year's Convention team need feedback from you, the attendees at this convention, so that we can review for next year

Have fun, make friends and enjoy the weekend

Kind regards,

Mike & Brigid



PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR LION PHIL NATHAN, M.B.E.

Lion Phil Nathan, of South Woodham Ferrers Lions Club in 105EA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 82nd International Convention, held in San Diego, California, USA, June 28-July 2, 1999.

Lion Phil Nathan has been active in the life of his community for many years – and for Lion Phil 'community' begins where he lives and extends to encompass the world community. Phil is married to Heidi-Anne – also a Lion and member of the Helen Keller Internet Club

Prime among the many recognition for his untiring work, was being honoured by Her Majesty the Queen with an MBE.

He has received innumerable awards and other recognitions from Lions Clubs International, notably, and uniquely among current International Directors from MD105, being honoured, before he served as an International Director, with the Ambassador of Goodwill Award, the highest recognition bestowed by the Association.

In his working life, Lion Phil is a well-respected Stockbroker in the City of London, one of 14 Directors of a leading independent firm with 1000 employees. He runs the trading areas and in a highly competitive environment is noted for this integrity. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Directors, a Fellow of the Chartered Securities Institute, a Charity Steward of the Stock Exchange Veterans and on the Board of the Stock Exchange Benevolent Fund.

His skills as a leader and strategic thinker have been recognised by his appointment to the Boards of world-leading charities. From a Lions-nominated Director he was later elected Chairman of the MedicAlert Foundation for the British Isles and Ireland and a result of his work in developing joint programmes led to a Memorandum of Understanding being signed between the two International Associations in 2012.

For 11 years he was a Trustee of the 105-EA Lions Hearing Trust, now being extended across the MD, and in 2011 he was elected to chair the Board of Music and the Deaf, retiring in 2013 having led the transformation of the charity's fortunes and creating a new strategic direction.

Following the acquisition of the assets of TACADE, Council appointed Lion Phil as a Director of MD105 LifeSkills Ltd to take over and develop the business. Lion Phil is a Director of Special Olympics GB with which Lions worldwide have a highly successful relationship and constantly uses his contacts for the benefit of Lions and partners. He has sourced the last two sponsors for the Youth Ambassador Competition, Reuters and Winterflood Securities, and in connection with 'Gift for Living' has to date been responsible for securing anonymous corporate donations of considerable sums to complement LCIF Grants totalling more than £1.5 million, the most recent, \$75,000, being approved in October 2013.

Phil was prime mover in MD105 hosting the 2006 Europa Forum here in Bournemouth and re-established that successful team again for the 60th Europa Forum held in Birmingham in October/November 2014. In October 2013 PID Phil was appointed as Chairman of the Lions Central Eastern European Initiative (CEEI), the objectives of which include actively supporting regional growth and development needs, building a strong membership base, improving Club health and enhancing the quality of leadership at every level all to ensure that LCI remains the world's leader in community and humanitarian service.

Council have appointed Phil as Centennial Committee Chairman for the period 2014 - 2017 to coordinate the MD's contribution to the Association's Centenary Celebrations.

Lions Clubs International District 105D 50th Annual Convention
The Wessex Hotel, Bournemouth

Order of Proceedings

PLEASE BE SEATED IN THE CONVENTION HALL BY 09.10 hrs
DOORS CLOSE FOR THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 09.15hrs PROMPT

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6.	Introduction of Guests & Principal Officers: District Governor Mike Hendy	
7.	Recognition of PDGs and 1st Timers	
8.	Ethic and Purpose: 2 nd VDG Lion David Taylor	
9.	Remembrance Ceremony – 1st VDG, Lion Alan Chapman.	
10.	Lighting of Remembrance Candle: DG Team and International Guest with partners	
11.	Break: Those who wish to leave can do so at this point, those who wish to stay are more than welcome to	
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27.	Special Presentation: Introduced by District Governor Mike Hendy	
28.	Open Forum: District Governor Team, International Guest and District Officers	
29.	Introduction of Guest Speaker: Lion Patrick Hamblin	
30.	Guest Speaker: Mr David Baxter-Smith	
31.	Vote of Thanks: Lion John Mack	
32.	Summation: District Governor Mike Hendy	
33.	Attendance Report and Notices: District SAA Dave Ebsworth	
34.	LUNCH	
35.	Ballot Boxes will be open for Voting for District Governor 2015/2016, 1st Vice District Governor 2015/2016 and 2nd Vice District Governor 2015/2016 until 13.30	
36.	Workshops as listed in Main Hall, Wessex Suite and Bourne Suite	
37.	Settle back	
38.	Reconvene business session: District Governor Mike Hendy	

39.	Competitions and Awards: Lion Judith Goodchild: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Field Sight Cup • Leo Plumley award for Community Service • Ian Birch Membership award • Barrie Richardson Travelling Lion award • Website and Social Media awards • John Greenaway award for International activities • Colin Rickman Award for youth activities 	
40.	Announcement of Election results – those elected invited to address convention: District Governor Mike Hendy	
41.	Leo Club of Guernsey	
42.	Introduction of International Guest: District Governor Mike Hendy	
43.	Address of International Guest – PID Lion Phil Nathan, MBE	
44.	Vote of Thanks: Lion Brigid Hendy	
45.	International Awards: District Governor Mike Hendy and PID Phil Nathan	
46.	Presentation of gift to International guest: District Governor Mike Hendy & Lion Brigid Hendy	
47.	Presentation by Convention Host Committee 2016 and introduction of Committee: Lion Peter Burnett	
48.	Presentation of 2015 Host Committee: Lion Graham Drayton	
49.	Any other important business: District Governor Mike Hendy	
50.	Tailtwister's final fling	
51.	Final announcements: District SAA Lion Dave Ebsworth	
52.	Closing Ceremony: Everybody	
53.	CLOSE OF 50th CONVENTION - 2015	

Workshops in afternoon

Title	Venue	Presenters	Time
Plan for the Centennial	Main Hall (front)	Dave Ebsworth/David Firth	13.30
How you can support LCIF	Main Hall (front)	Patrick Hamblin	14.00
Formation of New Clubs	Main Hall (centre)	Pauline McCreanor/Peter Burnett	13.30
Blueprint for a stronger club	Main Hall (centre)	David Merchant/Steve Spencer	14.00
Becoming a District Officer/Future District Governors	Main Hall (rear)	Mike Hendy/Phil Nathan	13.30
Youth Projects	Main Hall (rear)	Yorky Tuke/Denise Stenner	14.00
New Lions Orientation (60 minutes)	Wessex Suite	Brigid Hendy	13.30
Social Media (60 minutes)	Bourne A	Richard High/Richard Keeley	13.30

Sunday Morning – Order of proceedings (all in Main Hall)

1	Tell us what you do – you tell us in 5 minutes what has been successful in your club (no props – just stand up and speak – limited to 6 clubs)	09.30
2	Competitions and Awards (continued): Lion Judith Goodchild <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment poster awards • Essay competition • Poetry Competition • Junior Peace Poster and CAD awards 	10.00
3	“Telling ain’t selling” – how you approach the public with the penny cards and other material	10.15
3	Parlez with Phil – an opportunity to chat with PID Phil and ask the questions YOU want answers about in LCI	11.40
4	Coffee and rolls	12.10
5	Tell us what you think: District Governor Mike Hendy and Convention Committee Chairman	12.15
6	Thanks and goodbye: District Governor Mike Hendy	12.25
	CLOSE	12.30

**MINUTES OF THE 49th ANNUAL CONVENTION OF DISTRICT 105D
HELD AT THE HOLIDAY INN, TELEGRAPH WAY, MORN HILL SO21 1HZ
ON SATURDAY 29TH MARCH 2014**

1. Call to Order

The Annual Convention of District 105D was called to order by District Sergeant at Arms Lion David Firth.

2. The Health & Safety Briefing was carried out by Lion Jo Hamblin, District Health & Safety Officer.

3. Introduction and receive District Governor Lion David Merchant and Lion Diana Merchant and distinguished guests were introduced by the SAA Lion David Firth:-

Past International President Lion Jim Ervin and his wife, Sharon Dillard escorted by 1st VDG Mike Hendy and his wife, PDG Lion Brigid Hendy.

Past International Director, Lion Phil Nathan and his wife, Lion Heidi-Ann Nathan, escorted by 2nd VDG Lion Alan Chapman and his wife Anne Chapman.

The National Anthems of the UK and the US were sung.

4. The Invocation was conducted by 2nd VDG Lion Alan Chapman.

5. The Lions Clubs International Code of Ethics were read by Region 3 Chairman, Lion Derek Knight.

6. The Lions Clubs International Purposes was read by Region 4 Chairman, Lion Geoff Foan.

7. Welcome to the 49th Annual District Convention and Introduction of PID Lion Phil Nathan was carried out by DG Lion David Merchant.

8. The Official opening of Convention was carried out by PID Lion Philip Nathan.

9. The Vote of thanks to PID Lion Phil Nathan was performed by the Region 5 Chairman Lion Dave Ebsworth.

10. Messages: SAA David Firth read out the greetings received from Buckingham Palace and stated that he had also received a number of cards wishing the DG a happy Convention.

11. Introduction of Other Guests: DG Lion David Merchant welcomed guests from other Districts, Lions attending their first Convention, MD Council Chairman, DG's from other Districts and members of the District 105D.

12. The Remembrance Ceremony was conducted by 1VDG Mike Hendy.

All in attendance were asked to stand in silence in remembrance of:

Lion Alan Brown	Lions Club of Newbury
Lion Vivian Morris	Lions Club of Henley
Lion Marion Swayne	Lions Club of Meon Valley
Lion Johnnie Johnson	Lions Club of Jersey
Lion John Bastable	Lions Club of Newbury
PDG Lion Ian Birch	Lions Club of Yateley
Lion Jennifer Stallard	Lions Club of Eastleigh
Lion William Palmer	Lions Club of Pangbourne, Theale & District
PDG Lion Sidney Longson	Lions Club of Jersey
PDG Lion Ian Imray	Lions Club of Fleet
Lion Alf Corral	Lions Club of Henley on Thames
Lion Alan McIntyre	Lions Club of Slough
Lion Malcolm Wilson	Lions Club of Havant

Let us also remember those ex-lions, who during their life gave of their time and who have now also passed to higher service.

13. Lighting of the Remembrance Candle was performed by 2nd VDG Alan Chapman.

14. Vote of thanks to all involved in the Opening Ceremony: DG Lion David Merchant thanked everyone involved.

15. Distinguished Guests escorted from the platform was performed by Sergeant At Arms, PCC David Firth.

16. Doors were opened for partners and guest to depart.

- 17. Convention Business Session Call to order** was performed by District Sergeant At Arms Lion David Firth.
- 18. Invoke District Standing orders** was carried out by DG Lion David Merchant.
- 19. Attendance Report:** District Sergeant at Arms Lion David Firth reported that 72 Delegates and 1 Alternate, representing 42 clubs had registered for voting purposes.
- 20. Minutes of the 48th Annual Convention and any matters arising:** were drawn to the attention of the delegates. They were proposed by IPDG Roger Munday (Fleet) seconded by IPDG Lion Ron Twining (Sandown & Shanklin) that the minutes be accepted as a true record.
The proposal was carried. There were no matters arising
- 21. Report of Constitution, Nominations and Resolutions Officer and Business and Voting Procedures:**
CNRO Lion John Goodchild (Loddon Valley) presented his report which was as written.
Proposed PDG Judith Goodchild (Hook & Odiham) seconded by Lion1VDG Mike Hendy (Bracknell).
The proposal was carried.
- 22. Business and voting procedures:** were read out by CNRO Lion John Goodchild who also confirmed that there was a quorum at Convention.
Lion John pointed out that there were 5 Resolutions to be voted on. Resolutions 3 to 5 required a 2/3rds majority, as it required amendments to the Constitution. The other Resolutions only required a simple majority.
- 23. Nominations for District Governor 2014/2015:** CNRO Lion John Goodchild announced that there was only one candidate for the position, Lion Mike Hendy (Bracknell) proposed by the Lions Club of Bracknell (Lion Steve Pope) and seconded by the Lions Club of Reading (Lion David Ebsworth). Both then made a short presentation on behalf of Lion Mike, who then addressed Convention.
- 24. Nominations for First Vice District Governor 2014/2015:** CNRO Lion John Goodchild announced that there was only one candidate for the position, Lion Alan Chapman (Warminster), proposed by Lion Richard Owen (Warminster) and seconded by Lion Denise Stenner (Gillingham, Mere and Shaftesbury). Both then made a short presentation on behalf of Lion Alan, who then addressed Convention.
- 25. Nominations for Second Vice District Governor 2014/2015:** CNRO Lion John Goodchild announced that there were the following two candidates for this position:-
Lion David Taylor (GMS) proposed by Lion Deborah Clarke (GMS) and seconded by Lion Patrick Hamblin (Reading). Lion David then addressed Convention.

Lion Peter Burnett (Wimborne & Ferndown), proposed by Lion Frank Fortey (Wimborne & Ferndown) and seconded by Julian Behmber (Fleet). Lion Peter then addressed Convention.
- 26. Report of the District Governor:** DG Lion David Merchant stated that he had not written a Convention report, as it was part way through his year. It would be more apt for a report to be written by the IPDG, as follows, which covered their whole year.

Report of Immediate Past District Governor: IPDG Lion Roger Munday said his report was as published. He wanted to highlight the International Presidents theme of the year, "Reading Action Program", as our District had received a Trophy for this, and IPDG Roger had to pay £15 Customs Duty!! 😊
The report was proposed by IPDG Roger Munday (Fleet) and seconded by PDG Lion Judith Goodchild (Hook & Odiham) that the report be adopted. **The proposal was carried.**
- 27. Report of the District Secretary:** PDG Lion Godwin Micallef (Wimborne & Ferndown) said that his report was as published. It was proposed by PDG Lion Godwin Micallef and seconded by Lion Peter Burnett (Wimborne & Ferndown) that the report be adopted. **The proposal was carried.**

DG David Merchant asked PIP Jim Ervin to present Lion Godwin with an International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation.
- 28. Report of the District Treasurer:** Lion Linda Picton (Hart) said her report was as published and this included the District accounts for 2012-2013, both of which needed to be accepted.
The report was proposed by DT Lion Linda Picton and seconded by Lion David Firth (Westbury) that the report and accounts be accepted. **The proposal was carried.**

DG David Merchant asked PIP Jim Ervin to present Lion Linda with an International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation.
- 29. Resolution 1:** This Convention resolves that "that Messrs Gilroy & Brooks of Alton, be sincerely thanked for their services to the District in the past and that they may be, and the same hereby, re-appointed as Independent

Examiner for the year. It was proposed by DT Lion Linda Picton (Hart), on behalf of Cabinet, and seconded by IPDG Lion Roger Munday (Fleet). **The proposal was carried.**

Resolution 2: The District Per Capita Levy for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 shall be in the sum of £11.00 per Lion. This shall be payable in two equal instalments - £5.50 per Lion by 1 August 2014 based upon the known membership as at 30 June 2014 and £5.50 per Lion by 1 February 2015 based upon the known membership as at 31 December 2014.

It was proposed by District Treasurer Lion Linda Picton (Hart), on behalf of Cabinet, and seconded by IPDG Roger Munday (Fleet). **The proposal was carried.**

Resolution 3: This Convention resolves that:

Article III Section 1(f) of the District Constitution be amended by adding after the words "District Governor" the words "First and Second Vice District Governors" so that the Section will read:

"The Officers listed in sub sections (b)(i) to (b)(iii) of this section, together with the District Governor, First and Second Vice District Governors and, if appointed, the Region Chairmen shall constitute the Officers of this District. This Resolution required a two thirds Majority.

It was proposed, on behalf of Cabinet, by CNRO Lion John Goodchild (Loddon Valley), and seconded by District Secretary Lion Godwin Micallef. **The proposal was carried.**

Resolution 4: This Convention resolves that:

Article III Section 2(a) of the District Constitution be amended to read:

"The Governor shall convene a meeting of the Cabinet during the month of July of the year and in conjunction with Convention. He shall convene a maximum of three further meetings of the Cabinet during the year except that, if any scheduled Cabinet meeting is not quorate, an extra meeting may be convened if required for the purpose of conducting District business.

Additionally, in an emergency and when so agreed by a majority of the voting members of the cabinet, the Governor may convene a Special Meeting of the district cabinet and must do so on receipt of a request to do so from a majority of the voting members of the Cabinet, by the District Secretary or the Governor."

This Resolution required a two thirds Majority.

It was proposed, on behalf of Cabinet, by 1st VDG Mike Hendy (Bracknell), on behalf of Cabinet, and seconded by District Secretary Lion Godwin Micallef.

The proposal was initially carried but, following a query as to whether this required 2/3rds of those voting "Yes" versus those voting "No", the Resolution was Defeated, as the Constitution required a 2/3rds of the "Total" Registered Delegates. E.g. Abstentions should have been taken into account.

Resolution 5: This Convention resolves that:

Article IV Section 5(a) of the District Constitution be amended to read, "Each Year the Immediate Past Governor (acting as Chairman), First Vice Governor, Second Vice Governor, District Secretary and District Treasurer shall be the Permanent Finance Committee of the District."

This Resolution required a two thirds Majority.

It was proposed, on behalf of Cabinet, by IPDG Roger Munday (Fleet) and seconded by 1VDG Mike Hendy (Bracknell).

The proposal was carried.

30. Introduction of Past International Director Jim Ervin: was carried out by District SAA David Firth.

31. Convention Address – Past International Director Jim Ervin: congratulated our District on our achievements to date. Our future depends on whose hands it is in. E.g. a Golf Club in his hand is probably not worth much. However, a Golf Club in the Hands of Tiger Woods could generate Millions of Pounds. The question being what is the future of our Organisations and stressed the importance of our membership, especially Retention. We have a responsibility to attend meetings, support our Activities, pay our Dues and share Lionism with others, in order to continue being the World's largest 'Doers' in the World.

32. Vote of Thanks to Past International Director Jim Ervin: was given by DG David Merchant.

33. Presentation by the Membership and Leadership Team Coordinators:

GMT Coordinator, Lion Pauline McCreanor gave a presentation on the "New Club Development Partnership Program". The aim is to rejuvenate Lionism by building new Clubs.

This will not be an easy task and will require training for those taking part. Training will be provided and the MD will train the District Teams who will take the project forward. The aim is for every District to create 2 new Clubs each year. Our District is looking to start new Clubs in both Four Marks and Southampton.

GLT Coordinator, Lion Brigid Hendy presented the importance of membership. We have lost 66 members, so far, this year. People join Lions to meet friends, Serve the Community and achieve some self-fulfilment.

There is a new "Lions Leadership Seminar" program, which was developed by Turkey, and will consist of 5 sessions. It is aimed at newish members, with 3 to 4 years service, as that is where we sustain most membership losses.

Presentation on the Mombasa Orphanage

DG David Merchant invited Lion Mike Spencer (Sandown & Shanklin) to make a presentation re the Orphanage. Lion Mike said that his Club started the project some 7 years ago and raised some £52,000 pounds, which included £23,000 from LCIF. The Orphanage opened in 2013 and they now have plans to develop the site further to enhance the growing of crops and they require a vehicle to transport the produce to the market. In addition, they plan to develop a 'drop-in' centre where various medical services could be provided.

34. Attendance Reports and Announcements: No change was reported.

35. Tailtwister: District Sergeant at Arms PCC Lion David Firth (Westbury), extracted many fines which would be donated to Lion Dianne Merchant's Charity for the year, "Missing People".

36. The first Business Session was closed: District Sergeant at Arms PCC Lion David Firth reminded Delegates to cast their votes, for the DG and VDG positions, into the Ballot Boxes.

37. Delegates Move to Convention Workshops: Lion Graham Drayton (Fleet) introduced the various workshops that were taking place during the extended lunch period.

38. Adjournment for Lunch.

39. Delegates move to the second set of Convention Workshops.

40. Reconvene Convention: was called to order by District Sergeant at Arms PCC Lion David Firth (Westbury).

41. Announcements:

District Sergeant at Arms PCC Lion David Firth (Westbury) reported no change to registered Delegates.

42. Presentation on Europa Forum 2014: PID Phil Nathan gave a presentation on the 2014 Europa Forum, which will be held in Birmingham on 30th October to 2nd November 2014. It will be the Forum's 50th Year, and will be celebrating 60 years of Lions in Europe, with the theme of 'Service from the Heart'.

43. Presentation of awards for the District Competitions.

DO Lion Judith Goodchild announced the following Competition winners:-

AWARDS PRESENTED ON SATURDAY	
Award Name and dedication	2014 winner
Bill Field Sight Cup Presented to a Club or individual member of a Club for particular effort in a sight related area.	Hart
Leo Plumley Award Presented to the Lions Club or Zone who have made a significant contribution to the well being of those within our Society with Physical and Learning Disabilities	Hayling Island and Zone C
Ian Birch Membership Award Presented to the Lions Club or Zone, that has made the greatest effort to increase Lion Membership (this is not necessarily the club with the largest membership). This is presented for the formation of a Branch in Aldershot	Bracknell
Barrie Richardson Travelling Lion Award - awarded to the Club gaining the most points for visiting other clubs wherever they may be, or attending District, Region and Zone organised events.	Hook and Odiham
The Graham Drayton Award Presented to the Lions Club which was judged to have the best overall content	Bracknell
The Brigid Hendy Award for IT technical excellence Awarded to the Lions Club with a website which was judged to have the best technical excellence	Fleet
The Ron Twining Youth Environmental Poster Award Presented to the Lions club sponsoring the winning poster produced by using traditional materials in the 11-16 age range	Ella Fishwick Sponsored by Sandown and Shanklin
The Ann Twining Youth Environmental Poster Award Presented to the Lions club sponsoring the winning poster produced by using traditional materials in the 7-10 age range	Gabby Clothier Sponsored by Blackmore Vale
Godwin Micallef Peace Poster Trophy Lions Clubs International Competition ages 11-13 years	Charlotte Robinson-Green Sponsored by New Milton Lions
Bill Smith Memorial Peace Poster Trophy (9-10)	Lilly Messenger Sponsored by Blackmore Vale Lions
Bill Smith Memorial Peace Poster Trophy (7-8)	Lilly Marshall Sponsored by Blackmore Vale Lions

AWARDS PRESENTED ON SUNDAY	
Award Name and dedication	2014 winner
John Greenaway International Award Presented to the Zone or Club most involved with Lions International Projects.	Ringwood and Fordingbridge
Colin Rickman Award Presented to the Club which has made the greatest contribution with support and sponsorship in all aspects of Youth in the community, whether this be a Lions International initiative, Scouting or other Community and Social Projects. For their involving local schools in a Dragon's Den and thereby creating interest in Youth projects. This was accomplished through the hard work of their President	Cosham
John Goodchild Junior Poetry Competition presented to the club who sponsored the winning entrant in the 7-10 age range	Phoebe Rolfe Sponsored by Loddon Valley Lions
Judith Goodchild Senior Poetry Competition presented to the club who sponsored the winning entrant in the 11-16 age range	Lewis Williams Sponsored by Loddon Valley Lions

NOT AWARDED IN 2014	
Award Name and dedication	
Lions International Sight Savers Patches Presented to Clubs in recognition of their support for "Comprehensive Eye Services" over several years, (formerly known as "Eye Camps" .There are 5 patches Platinum 100 x £250 funded Diamond 75 x £250 funded Gold 40 x £250 funded Silver 20 x £250 funded Bronze 10 x £250 funded	None Awarded
Bill Smith Memorial Peace Poster Trophy for Computer Aided Design	Not Awarded
Club Magazine Award Presented to the club for best Interest and Topicality, Layout and Presentation and Regular Publication	Not Awarded
Scrapbook Competition The award is to the Club Scrapbook, which showed the most variety and volume of media and other coverage over the year, whilst maintaining an attractive and appealing presentation.	Not Awarded
Peter Allen Environmental Trophy Presented to an individual member of a Lions Club for particular effort in the Environmental Photo Competition	Not Awarded
Helen Deakin Make the World a Better Place Award Presented to the Lions Club which best improves our environment Presented to a Lions Club which has been working for several years on a local project to improve it	Not Awarded
The Roger Munday Youth Environmental Poster Award Presented to the Lions club sponsoring the winning poster produced by using Computer Aided Design in the 11-16 age range	Not Awarded
The Christine Munday Youth Environmental Poster Award Presented to the Lions club sponsoring the winning poster produced by using Computer Aided Design in the 7-10 age range	Not Awarded

44. District Governor Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation:

DG David Merchant presented the following:-

- * International Presidents Certificates of Appreciation to Lion John Apps (Portsmouth) and Lion Steve Pope (Bracknell)
- * District Governor's Certificate of Appreciation to:-
Lion Brian Locock (Basingstoke)
Lion Fred Massey (Fleet)
Lion David Firth (Westbury)
And last, but not least, Lion Diana Merchant.

45. Presentation and Adoption of Cabinet Reports (en bloc): DG David Merchant asked if there were any questions re any of the Cabinet reports. As there were none, they were to be all voted en bloc. Proposed by PDG Ron Twining (Sandown & Shanklin) and seconded by 1st VDG Mike Hendy (Bracknell) that the reports be adopted. **The proposal was carried.**

PDG Judith Goodchild updated her Environmental Projects Report:

Since my report was written, Cabinet has agreed that the Woolmer Forest Tree Project should become a District Project known as Trees for Communities. Since then an appeal letter has been sent to clubs and I am delighted to say that £600 has been sent to the District Treasurer and another £300 is in the pipeline Thank you to those clubs who have sent donations. Keep up the good work

46. Partners rejoin Convention

Lions Diana Merchant, Heidi-Ann Nathan and Sharon Dillard were invited to join those on the stage.

47. Introduction & Presentation by the District Young Ambassador Winner.

Youth Chairman Lion Yorky Tuke introduced Jenny Russ who was sponsored by Jersey Lions Club.

Jenny gave a presentation of a number of things she is involved with, especially in helping launch a Dental Service in St. Luke's Hospital in Kenya and helping & supporting an Autistic child.

PIP Jim Ervin re-presented the Cup to Jenny.

48. Keynote Event: Unfortunately Ms Jo Youle was unable to attend Convention but Brian Higgins, Director of services for "Missing People", came in her place.

49. Keynote Speaker: Brian Higgins thanked Lion Diana Merchant for her support and gave a presentation of the Services and activities performed by the organisation in helping to find/reunite those who had lost members of family.

50. Vote of Thanks to Keynote Speaker: Lion Diana Merchant thanked Brian Higgins for attending and presenting at Convention, given the short notice. She has raised £2,674 so far and requested more from the attendees. PID Phil Nathan said that he would make up the difference up to the £3,000 mark.

51. Announcement of Results of the Ballot for DG, 1VDG and 2VDG 2014-2015.

DG Lion David Merchant announced the results of the ballots held earlier in the day:-

District Governor 2014-2015

Lion Mike Hendy (Bracknell)

1st Vice District Governor 2014-2015

Lion Alan Chapman (Warminster)

2nd Vice District Governor 2014-2015

Lion David Taylor (Gillingham, Mere and Shaftesbury)

52. DG David congratulated all the winners and sought, and received, permission to destroy the Ballot papers. He also thanked three Senior Lions, who acted as the Tellers.

53. 2nd Vice Governor Elect: Lion David Taylor (GMS) thanked everyone and addressed Convention.

54. 1st Vice Governor Elect: Lion Alan Chapman (Warminster) thanked everyone and addressed Convention.

55. District Governor Elect: Lion Mike Hendy (Bracknell) thanked everyone and addressed Convention.

56. Call for Nomination of Convention Host Club 2016

CNRO Lion John stated that we had not received any invitations to Host the 2016 Convention, therefore, it will be coordinated by Cabinet. The District Secretary was requested to add this item to the Agenda of the Cabinet meeting on 18th May 2014.

57. Presentation of the 2014 Convention Host Committee: Lion Travis McCall (Fleet) introduced the members of the committee which was chaired by PDG Fred Massey. DG David Merchant thanked the team for their effort.

58. Presentation of the 2015 Convention Host Committee: Lion Graham Drayton (Fleet) introduced the Committee and announced that the next Convention will be in Bournemouth on 20th to 22nd March 2015. It will be the District's 50th Year Convention.

59. Summary of the Day: PIP Jim Ervin stated that he was proud to be a Lion and part of a Team teaching Lions. He is part of the United States GMT Team and was pleased that we will be doing the New Clubs Development Program. He congratulated our Multiple District on being able to host the next Europa Forum, despite only having 18 months notice. He wanted to congratulate all those who had received awards/recognition today, as well as those elected into Office for next year.

He was proud to hear the activities of our Young Ambassador and our Youth Activities.

He thanked the Convention Committee for organising the weekend and PID Phil Nathan for his contributions.

60. Presentation to International Guest: DG Lion David Merchant presented a personal present to the International Guests wife, Sharon Dillard. The DG also confirmed that a small contribution had been made to LCIF, in the name of PID Jim Ervin

61. Any other essential or relevant Business. None.

62. Announcements: None.

63. Tailtwister: Yet more fines were extracted.

64. Presentation of Convention Flag to Host Committee Chairman 2015: The Convention Flag was presented to Lion Graham Drayton (Fleet) by PDG Lion Fred Massey (Fleet).

65. Closing Ceremony.

DG Lion David Merchant thanked everyone and the ceremony closed with the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne'.

66. Close of the 49th Convention of Lions Clubs International, District 105D

Constitution, Nominations And Resolutions Officer - PCC Lion John Goodchild

Following last year's Convention, I advised our Association's International Office of the names of the successful candidates in the ballots for District Governor, First and Second Vice District Governors 2014-2015. The District Constitution was revised in line with the decisions taken at Convention and the revised version was (and continues to be) published on the District Website.

From my point of view, there are no other matters arising from Convention 2014.

The Convention 2015 Call was issued by the District Governor in August 2014, together with a call for nominations to the posts of District Governor, First and Second Vice District Governors 2015-2016, any Resolutions to be considered at Convention 2015 and Invitations to host Convention 2017. The District Cabinet have accepted a proposal to host Convention 2016. This will be presented to Convention 2015 for approval.

By the closing date for receipt of nominations, resolutions and invitations:

- One nomination had been received for the post of District Governor 2015-2016
- One nomination had been received for the post of First Vice District Governor 2015-2016
- Two nominations had been received for the post of Second Vice District Governor 2015-2016. All these nominations will require an election by secret ballot at Convention.
- Four Resolutions had been received for debate at Convention 2015, all being from the District Cabinet.
- No invitation was received to host Convention 2017, but I understand there may be one forthcoming from the floor at Convention 2015.

Details of the above Nominations and Resolutions were circulated to clubs by the due date and are to be found elsewhere in the Convention Brochure. I can confirm that all candidates are fully qualified (as defined by the Constitution and By-Laws of our International Association) to stand for the posts for which they have been nominated.

At the time of writing (early January 2015) one amendment has been received to the above mentioned Resolutions and this, once approved by the District Cabinet at their January meeting, will be circulated to Clubs. However, the closing date for receipt of amendments by me is Friday 16th January 2015 so it is possible that the situation may change. Should this be the case, Clubs will be advised accordingly, well in advance of Convention.

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SECONDED BY THE LIONS CLUB OF GILLINGHAM MERE & SHAFTESBURY
FOR DISTRICT GOVERNOR 105D 2015-2016**



Lion Alan Chapman

Personal Details

Secondary education. Joined the Scouting Movement in 1955. Patrol leader 1956 to 1959. Duke of Edinburgh Award (Bronze) in 1959. Left school at 15 and took an apprenticeship in blacksmithing and general engineering leading on to vehicle body repairs. Worked for the Cooperative Insurance Society for 3 years. Started my own vehicle Body repair business in 1970 which evolved into general engineering and fabrication working on Government and private contracts until 1987. 1987 to 2001 worked as engineering manager for a flooring company designing aluminium extrusions for entrance matting. I took over the Health and Safety aspect of the company in 1999 to 2001. Semi retired doing consultancy work until 2005. Offered work in Health and Safety where I took an NVQ and the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health Foundation Certificate in Health & Safety in the Workplace, this enabled me to carry out H&S checks on businesses taking school students on Work Experience. Fully retired in 2010. Hobbies include Deep sea fishing, Beach casting, Gardening and Lions.

Lions Curriculum Vitae

Warminster Lions Club

Joined the Warminster Lions Club 1st August 1995
Became the Club Youth Chairman/Life Skills Officer 1996 - 1999, 2000 – 2007, 2008 - 2013
Club President July 1999 – 2000, 2007 – 2008
Club Admin Chairman 2006 – 2007, 2009 – 2010

District 105D

Region 2 Zone C Chairman 2000 – 2001 + part year standing in for Zone Chairman due to illness 2008 – 2009 continuing 2009 - 2010
Youth Award Officer 2001 – 2002
Youth Committee Chairman/Tacade Officer 2002 – 2005
Youth Outreach/Tacade Officer 2005 – 2013
Region 2 Club Development Chairman 2010 – 2011
Region 2 Chairman 2011 – 2013

Certified Guiding Lion 2012

Elected 2nd Vice District Governor 2013 - 2014
Elected 1st Vice District Governor 2014-2015

Multiple District 105

Deputy Multiple District Youth Chairman 2004 – 2005
Multiple District Life Skills Officer 2005 – 2008
Deputy Multiple District Life Skills Officer 2008 – 2009

Awards

DG Certificates of Appreciation 2002, 2003, 2009
LCI Certificate of Achievement for Lions Services to Children 2007
International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation 2003- 2004, 2007- 2008
Region Chairman's Medal 2012
Region Chairman's Excellence Award 2013

Lion David Taylor

Nominated by the Lions Club of Gillingham, Mere & Shaftsbury

Seconded by the Lions Club of Reading

For First Vice District Governor 2015-2016

Curriculum Vitae



I have been a Lions Club member for 18 years, joining when I lived in Preston. I was honoured to be elected last year as 2nd Vice District Governor. Since then I have concentrated on visiting as many Clubs on my assigned list at social events as well as business meetings; this has enabled me to chat informally with far more club members to exchange views about our District.



Born in Devon and raised in London, my main career led me around the globe in the RAF, retiring after 25 years as a Wing Commander with logistics, IT and PR experience. During my career I had responsibility for large staffing levels and the associated budgets along with an enormous amount of committee work. After moving from Lancashire I worked for Wiltshire Police as a media officer working with local and national journalists. Since then I was asked to set up and manage the voluntary-staffed Tourist Information Centre in Shaftesbury.



Meanwhile, in Lions, I had served as Club Treasurer and President before being invited to join the District Cabinet as PRO; during this time I also served on the Lord Mayor's Show Committee and was also asked to serve on the Multiple District PR Committee, originally for three years but then asked to stay on for a further fourth year. I have also attended, and spoken at, our District Conventions and Multiple District Conventions. After serving my third term of office as President of GMS Lions, I was invited to be a Region Chairman and I have thoroughly enjoyed visiting our Clubs, seeing how different we all are while sharing the same values.



Away from Lions my community work continued: chairman of the local Cancer Research Committee; director of the local community partnership; director of the community swimming pool and giving my time to referee football for the English Schools FA and local community leagues. In recognition of this community work I was very proud to be selected as a Torchbearer for the 2012 Olympics and took great delight in being told the strapline of "Lions Clubs International" came up on the live broadcast.



Having served for over thirty years in a uniformed environment, I know the value of planning and organisation. However, working in the voluntary sector has confirmed my belief that the pyramid of organisation starts with the individual Lion at the very top, supported (not controlled) by each level underneath them – Lions Club members helping each other, Zone Clubs helping each other with Region/District there to offer further advice and support when needed.

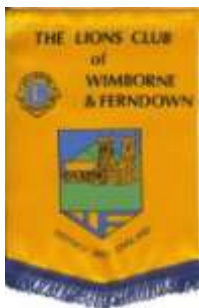


My visits to over 30 clubs now have reinforced my opinion that the variety is one of our strengths. That also reinforces the need for our District to provide a wide range of support and advice as each Club will have different interests and needs. There are so many different ways we can all serve our local community and provide global assistance. **But should be having fun as we do it!**



(Although I appreciate that not everyone is stupid enough to abseil in a Lion suit and skydive from 13,000 feet)





The Lions Club of Wimborne & Ferndown
Supported by
The Lions Club of Fleet

Are proud to nominate

Lion Peter Burnett
For Second Vice District Governor
District 105D - 2015 – 2016



At Club Level:

I joined Pocklington District Lions Club in 1985 serving as Treasurer, Secretary, and Tail-Twister. After transferring to Hornsea & District Lions Club in 1988, I served there as both Secretary and Fund-Raising Chairman.

I took a temporary break in 1990 due to the commitments of a young family, but rejoined a year later with Wimborne & Ferndown Lions Club. Since then I have been Club President in 1997 and 2004, also serving on a number of Committees including being Treasurer, Secretary, Tail Twister, Welfare Chairman and Fund-Raising Chairman.

At District Level:

I became the Diabetes Officer in 1998, LEHP Officer 1999, Zone Chairman 2005 & 2010, Region Chairman 2006, 2007, 2012 & 2013, Health & Safety Officer 2008 & 2009 and a Vulnerable Persons Officer in 2008. This year I am the District Membership Specialist.

Additional Lions Experience:

As Zone Chairman in 2005, I also supported Bournemouth Lions Club by being their acting President; for this work I was awarded the District Governors Zone Chairman Award. I am also a Certified Guiding Lion, have attended numerous District Conventions and have been a regular at Multiple-District Conventions since 2006. Last year I attended the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute in Budapest.

At Work:

I am a pharmacist by profession and, having sold my pharmacies in Bournemouth, I now act as a locum pharmacist. My wife and I also owned a convenience store and still own a post office in the same large run-down estate in Bournemouth as one of the pharmacies. Working in such an area allows us an insight into the problems of poverty in their community and we are both involved in various local organisations to improve the lives of the residents.

At Home:

I am married to Lion Debbie (who has also been a Zone chairman and currently acts as Guiding Lion to Southbourne & Boscombe Lions). We have six children – I have three, Debbie has two and between us we have 12 year old Bethany who is often seen at Club charter dinners. Our children have been brought up surrounded by Lions and have all helped in many ways.

Having sold our shops I can now dedicate the time and commitment to the role of 2nd Vice District Governor.

Amongst other things I would like to make our organisation more family friendly; I believe that the experience our children have enjoyed of family lionism gives me the necessary expertise to do this and therefore enable us all to attract younger members and their families.

After nearly 30 years of Lions membership, with over 10 years on our District Cabinet, I would be honoured to be given the chance to represent our District at Multiple District level. My main focus would be on enhancing our District membership in terms of retention, new members and more family orientated membership.

Lion Ken Staniforth, The Lions Club of Salisbury
Nominated by the Lions Club of Salisbury and seconded by the Lions Club of Loddon Valley
For 2nd Vice District Governor 2015 - 2016

Club Level

President
Secretary
Tail Twister
Membership Director (2 years)

Lions Award

International Presidents Award
for outstanding service to Lions
Clubs International



District Level

Region Community Service Officer
Zone Chair (2 Years)
Region Club Development Specialist
(present)

Outside of Lions

Recognised by both Wiltshire
Council Board and Wiltshire Police
for service to the community

Other Lions Activities

Attended Multiple District Conventions
Attended District Conventions
Instrumental in taking Salisbury Club membership from 7 to 28
Instrumental in the planting of 124 trees
Instrumental in setting up membership recruitment plans for other Clubs in the District
Leadership Certificate holder from Advanced Lions Leadership Institute
Regular community service by way of entertainment at nursing/residential homes, Stroke Club, Senior Citizens Club, Wiltshire Blind Association, Christmas party for the elderly and more as part of our Club
Community Activity Services

Prior to joining Lions

Known in Salisbury for fundraising activities including:
Raising over £10,000.00 for terminally ill 9 year old boy
Being arrested by the police in Salisbury City Centre and jailed until I made bail for the Royal Institute for the Blind (£820.00 raised)
6 x 12 hour pool marathons raising money for various causes including SANDS (Stillborn And Neonatal Death Syndrome £550.00 raised), Cancer Research, Canine Partners, Poppy Appeal to name a few.

Originally from Barnstaple, North Devon where I have two Daughters and two Grandchildren, I moved to Salisbury in 1999 and then to Bulford near Amesbury 3 years ago. I live with my partner Jean who is the Immediate Past President, Fundraising Committee Member and a serving Salisbury Lions Club Director.

I am the Managing Director of the health and safety practice that I opened in 2006.

My passion is music and I was performing semi-professionally for over 30 years as lead vocals and rhythm guitarist. Nowadays I just do the occasional 'freebie' for organisations the likes of which are listed above.

Although my time in Lions is seemingly short, I have achieved a great deal and have a panache for motivating people, something that has stood me in good stead in my past work life, in the development of my own Club and indeed whenever I have been called on to assist other Clubs. I am also no stranger to serving my community wherever and whenever the need has arisen and have been proud to do so in a relaxed manner in order to achieve the desired end result.

My belief is that we need to be reaching out to young people with fresh ideas whilst retaining the stalwarts who are the backbone of our Clubs, we need to guide and encourage those who are to be the future leaders of our organisation. My own Club is very diverse, and I firmly believe that everybody has something to give, regardless of their age, gender or personal background situation.

DG TEAM - CONVENTION 2015 REPORTS

District Governor - Lion Mike Hendy

I am writing this to keep you all aware of the activities I have undertaken in the first six months of office up to end of December 2014.

Club Visits: These are now all complete with the exception of two re-arranged visits to be undertaken in January and March; as was my plan, I and other members of the DG Team have the time in the second six months to give advice/assistance to any clubs experiencing difficulties of any sort – you only have to ask.

Charters: The season is now well and truly upon us, so far this year Brigid and I have attended 8 charters with a further 10 scheduled in so far for the period January to June 2015.

Club Activities: In line with my promise when elected I have managed to get to a few diverse club activities when time has permitted – these include Bournemouth Lions Health and Well-being fair, Weymouth Lions Beach Moto-Cross, Fleet Lions Christmas Concert and Ringwood and Fordingbridge Lions Den. I will be trying to attend other events in the District over the next 6 months so that I can see the range of activities that clubs undertake in the name of Lions.

District Activities: A Presidents lunch in September followed by the District Service, ably hosted by Alton Lions Club, in October. This event exceeded my wildest expectations when planning the service – the music was absolutely magnificent.

National Activities: I have attended two Council of Governors meetings and also two GMT/GLT MD meetings.

International Activities: I was proud, as a serving District Governor, to act as one of the hosts at the 2014 Europa Forum in Birmingham. I was also proud to represent this country at the District 124 (Romania) Special Convention where Brigid and I had been asked by the District Governor to undertake a workshop as part of the convention activities. Even prouder to realise as the National Anthems were being played Saturday morning that our anthem was in honour of me!!

And so into the second six months we go – membership growth has to be the key driver for activity in this period. We started this Lions year with 1240 members, we briefly hit the magic 1250 in November and as I wait for the December figures we are at 1246. An increase yes but we are still losing too many members – most after a very short period of membership.

I look forward to talking to as many of you as possible at Convention; I do hope you also enjoy the varied programme which I believe reflects what you asked for in the questionnaire 18 months ago – my one regret is that I could not find a way to let you have even a short lie in on Saturday morning, there was so much to fit into the available time.

From 1st Vice District Governor - Lion Alan Chapman

My original idea regarding the easy way forward was to persuade the clubs to form more Club Branches. After much thought and deliberation regarding the District membership, I now realise that historically this has not been as successful as I originally thought; we have three Club Branches in the District and only one is making any progress by increasing its numbers.

Then we have to look at the smaller clubs in the district, most of which have an ageing membership where it is going to be very difficult to increase their numbers with younger people due to the age difference. These clubs have done, and are still doing wonderful service in their local communities, but we have to look to the future and how we intend to continue this service in the years to come.

I am now firmly convinced that the future in 105D will be reliant on the formation of New Clubs with 20 or more members. This can be done if we stick to a District Extension Plan and investigate the areas thoroughly beforehand and not wasting time on areas which may be considered unsuitable.

The thing we have to be agreed on is the fact that all communities have common needs; some areas are suitable to form clubs and other parts of the same community is where support is needed and this is where the investigation is crucial beforehand.

When looking to new members or as I prefer to call them, Volunteers, consider your area as an apple tree where the easiest fruit to pick is on the lower branches and the most difficult are out of reach at the top of the tree. In other words look at people that you are familiar with but not necessary family and friends, assess whether you think they would make a good Lion, just ask them, invite them to a social event or club meeting, the worst they can say is "it's not for me" but if you don't ask you won't know.

With our enthusiasm and knowledge of these areas we can make this work, we just have take it one step at a time and not try to take on more that we can handle at any one time.

2nd Vice District Governor - [Lion David Taylor](#)

During the year I visited 20 clubs around the District, not only attending their business meetings but also, wherever possible, one of their social or welfare functions.

Just as I found visiting 15 clubs in the previous year, the great enjoyment has come from the variety and independence of each club. There are so many lessons we can learn from each other that visits to other local clubs or open discussions at zone meetings can be so productive. The different ambitions of each club also mean that our Cabinet has to be versatile in offering advice and support wherever needed. Consequently, when invited to speak to clubs, I have preferred to listen to members' opinions and viewpoints to learn what we can do to improve our efforts.

Helping other clubs at their events has also been worthwhile: from marshalling a road race to donning the Lion suit at the New Forest Show and the wonderful special needs games in a leisure centre. Joining other clubs in their social activities has also been rewarding in seeing our colleagues at play; from quizzes to frog racing and throwing sticks at Aunt Sally to dining by the lakeside while a lady takes a skunk for a walk on a lead (really!), it has been a year to remember.

Thanks Lions!!

DISTRICT ALMONER - CONVENTION 2015 REPORT – [Lion Eric Nixon](#)

The District Book of Remembrance is the permanent way in which the District can remember those Lions that have passed to higher service.

At the start of each Lionic year I write to all Presidents and Secretaries in all District Clubs asking that they not only use the 'In Memoriam' which keeps me and others informed of Deaths, but also let me know of illness, anniversaries, and significant birthdays etc in order that I can take the appropriate actions, as requested by the District Governor. Please always remember to send an address along with the name!

We, I think, should also cover ex Lions who, over many years, have given loyal support to our organisation. At least then they could be recognised at District Cabinet meetings. I personally have attended the funerals of local Lions and ex Lions and am always amazed at the attendance of many ex Lions. Perhaps, as I have said before, in our hearts we will always be "Lions" and wish to remember those with whom we have "Served".

Thank you District Governor Mike for the opportunity you have given me to be your District Almoner.

DISTRICT ADMIN TEAM - CONVENTION 2015 REPORTS

District Secretary - [Lion Godwin Micallef](#)

As usual, my role this year has been similar to prior years which include minute taking at various District meetings and supporting the Clubs with District mailings and assistance, when requested.

A one year History of mailings is available on our District website at <http://www.lions105d.org.uk/index/secretary.html>

This information is available to any Lion member, as well as the Public who access our website.

These mailings are regularly posted on the 25th of a month, and are available regardless of whether you receive a notification email from me, or not. I mention this, as there have been occasions where notification emails have gone astray or I have ended up in someone's Junk/Spam folder!! ☺

The District Directory is also available on our District website. This Directory information is restricted, and is only accessible by authorised Club and District Officers.

Please note that the MyLCI website should be kept up to date, with any changes to member's details and/or meeting places/dates etc. Unfortunately, there is no mechanism to provide me with such changes, therefore please make me aware of any changes relating to the Club President, Secretary, Treasurer or to meeting dates/locations. I will then update the online Directory.

The other important factor is that MDHQ also use the MyLCI database, to create the MD Directory and also to post the Lion magazine. Therefore, it is important that all the information is kept up to date.

Convention Books are a summary of our year, in preparation for our Annual General Meeting/Convention.

A lot of information will have already been provided to Clubs, by the Convention date.

Again, to save the time, effort and cost of printing and delivering such 'repetitive' information, this is now on our District website for all Lions, to see at <http://www.lions105d.org.uk/about/convention.html>

One concern I had, this year, was that there were a number of Secretaries who still had not achieved access to MyLCI, or were not sure what to report, some 3 months after the start of the Lionic year?.

It is assumed that any new Club Secretary receives some training from their predecessor, which includes gaining access to MyLCI and some familiarisation of the monthly reporting tasks.

In addition to this, a familiarisation/training session is provided by the District and I would encourage Secretaries to attend. Failing that, please liaise with me, prior to the start of your year, for some guidance.

As ever, I am here to help you, therefore please feel free to contact me if you need any assistance.

District Treasurer - Lion Linda Picton

Year End accounts 2013-2014 for Administration and Charitable Trust have been inspected and confirmed by our independent examiner. Once again thanks go to Messrs Gilroy and Brookes for providing this service and for making our reporting deadlines achievable. Club Treasurers were advised during November that final signed documents can be viewed on the 105D website financial information page, which is regularly updated. The link has also been circulated by the District Secretary. As reported in the Finance Committee report, we suffered no losses in respect of Convention 2014. Careful budgeting and an increased number of attendees made it possible for surplus funds to be transferred into reserves.

Reserve funds were increased and remain at an acceptable level thanks to careful decisions by District Officers, many of whom do not fully claim items of expenditure allowable under the current guidelines. Please can I encourage all club members to read the annual report and accounts and to let me know, in advance of Convention, if there are any areas for which I can offer any further details. The aim is to be concise with the business on the day.

Expenditure on the Administration Account as at 31st December appears on target and can be found in the relevant column on the Proposed Budget Plan 2015-2016 which recommends dues for District 105D to remain at £11 per member. This budget, based on a membership of 1250, reviewed by Finance Committee and endorsed by Cabinet in October 2014 is now recommended to Convention 2015.

All clubs are also encouraged to review their income and expenditure plans for the year and to ensure that dues are set to adequately cover annual membership fees and other administrative costs associated with the club.

Thank you to all club treasurers for ensuring that payments continue to be made on time. Your cooperation is much appreciated. Thank you also for so generously supporting the emergency appeals and Lions projects during the year. Details of charity donations YTD are updated at the end of each calendar month, and can be viewed on the 105D website. Keep it simple - for all payments – cheques to District Treasurer - payee 'LCI District 105D' please. There will be some important updates relating to Accounting and Reporting for Charitable Trusts (Statement of Recommended Practice) which will come into effect for 2015-2016 accounting period. (i.e. July 2015).

My thanks go to the Finance Committee for their support during the year and to the District Governor for once again offering me this opportunity. It has been my pleasure to serve as District Treasurer.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - CONVENTION 2015 REPORT – IPDG David Merchant

Following the Resolution approved at the 2014 District Convention the Committee consists of the following: IPDG David Merchant (Chair), District Treasurer Linda Picton, District Secretary Godwin Micallef, 1st VDG Alan Chapman and 2nd VDG David Taylor.

The Committee has met twice during the Lionistic year to date and will meet twice more before Convention – both of these will be by way of Conference Calls.

The Committee continues to monitor the District finances and to offer financial advice to the District Governor and the Cabinet as and when necessary. We also prepare and monitor the annual budget – a process we undertook in October as preparation for the Lionistic year 2015-16. We have also agreed the proposed budget for the District Convention in 2016 which will require final approval from Convention.

We are always conscious of the need to keep a tight rein on the District finances but to allow each District Officer the opportunity to operate effectively without feeling they are financially constrained and consequently unable to carry out their duties efficiently. It is pleasing to report we are recommending dues remain unchanged for the year ahead – partly due to the revised Cabinet structure introduced this year and partly due to the responsible way District Officers use their budgets.

I am very pleased to report that the accounts for 2013-14 have been examined by our auditors and found to be accurate and a true record of the year. We are most grateful to Gillroy and Brookes for their continued support of the District and the way they deal with our accounts.

It was gratifying to report a surplus on the social aspect of District Convention 2014 – this has been used to offset some of the losses encountered in recent years. The change for accommodation bookings to be outside of the contract certainly helped, and this is a process future Conventions should take heed of. Both the District Handover and the District Service for 2013-14 were successfully held without the need for District financial support and for this the Lions Club of Newbury needs special thanks.

I am very grateful to all of the committee for their time and commitment during the year, but none of our financial success is possible without the tremendous dedication and hard work of Linda Picton and to her in particular I am most grateful both this year as Chair of the Finance Committee and last year as District Governor.

RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AT DISTRICT CONVENTION 2015

Resolution 1

Proposed by the District Cabinet

This Convention resolves that:

"Messrs Gilroy & Brookes, Chartered Accountants of Alton, be sincerely thanked for their services to the District in the past and that they be, and the same are hereby, re-appointed as Independent Examiner to the District for the forthcoming Year."

EXPLANATORY NOTE: Article IV Section 4 (a) of District 105D Constitution (as adopted March 1984 – with amendments to March 2014) reads: "*The Governor or Cabinet shall provide for an independent examination of the books, records and Financial Statements of the District covering the Year by a suitably qualified person to be appointed (or re-appointed as the case may be) by resolution at Convention each Year.*"

Resolution 2

Proposed by the District Cabinet

This Convention resolves that :

"The District Per Capita Levy for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 shall remain in the sum of £11.00 per Lion. This shall be payable in two equal instalments - £5.50 per Lion by 1 August 2015 based upon the known membership as at 30 June 2015 and £5.50 per Lion by 1 February 2016 based upon the known membership as at 31 December 2015"

EXPLANATORY NOTE: Article IV Section 1 of District 105D Constitution (as adopted March 1984 – with amendments to March 2014) reads:

(a) (i) *To provide revenue to defray administration and Convention expenses of the District, and such other matters as the Governor or Cabinet shall from time to time deem fit, a Per Capita levy for a Year shall be collected from each Club by the District Treasurer at such times and in such amounts as shall be passed by way of Resolution proposed by District Cabinet at Convention held in the previous Year.*

(ii) *In the event that any Resolution to determine a Per-Capita levy for a Year is not passed at Convention held in the previous Year, the amounts collectable from each Club for the Year shall remain those as determined at the most recent preceding Convention.*

(b) *Clubs organised or re-organised during the Year shall be liable to pay per-capita dues calculated on a pro-rata basis commencing from the first day of the month following the date of their organisation or re-organisation meeting.*

(c) *From and after 1 July 2000 Cabinet shall be empowered to levy a carrying charge, not exceeding £10.00p as shall be determined at their first meeting in the Year, on any Per-Capita Levy not settled in full by the due date.*

The anticipated costs for running the District equate to £15,040. The District Cabinet considered the membership number should be 1250 for budget purposes. This would make the dues £12.03 per member. After discussion the Committee recommended that the dues should remain at £11 per member for 2015 - 2016.

Resolution 3

Proposed by the District Cabinet

This Convention resolves that the District 105D Constitution be amended as follows:

- (a) Article 3 Section 2(e) - Delete the Words "the Multiple District Secretary"
- (b) Article 3 Section 3(c) - Delete this section in its entirety and re label the sections which follow (c) to (d) inclusive
- (c) Article 3 current Section 3(e) – Delete the words "Subject to the discretion of the Governor the second [Zone] meeting shall be held before 30th November in the Year and the third [Zone] meeting shall be held before 28th February in the Year".
- (d) Article IV Section 1(d) - re-word to read, "The District Treasurer shall be empowered to levy a carrying charge, not exceeding Ten Pounds (£10.00), on any Per Capita Levy not settled in full by the due date".
- (e) Article IV Section 3(a) - Add to the end of this section the words, "These expenses shall be payable in line with the latest version of 'District Guidelines for District Officer Claims'. These Guidelines shall from time to time be reviewed by the District Cabinet and be available to District Officers from the District Website.
- (f) Article IV Section 3(b) - Re-word to read, "Mileage Rates payable to District Officers in the course of their District duties shall be the same as those payable to a Multiple District Officer unless otherwise decided the Cabinet."
- (g) Article VIII Section 4(e)(iii) - Reword to read, "In the event that any surplus is realised on these activities in any year the District Treasurer shall hold such in reserve to offset any loss incurred at a future **or previous** Convention, notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (iv) of this section.

- (h) Article IX Section 2(a) - Reword to read, "The attendance in person of a majority of the delegates registered at a convention shall constitute a quorum at any session of the convention".
- (i) Article IX Section 5(a) - Reword to read, "At the commencement of the business session of each Convention the Chairman presiding shall invoke the latest version of District 105D Convention Standing Orders, as appended to this Constitution.
- (j) Article IX Section 5(b) - Add after the words "voting delegates" the words "present and who exercise their right to vote".
- (k) Article IX Section 6 - Reword to read, "Within 60 (sixty) days of the close of Convention the District Secretary shall transmit a copy of the complete minutes thereof to the Association's International Office, all Cabinet members, and to every Club Secretary.
- (l) Article XI Sections 1 and 2 – Add after the words "Registered Delegates" the word "Voting".
- (m) Append to the end of the Constitution, as an appendix the Convention Standing Orders and the Notes attaching to but not forming part of the Convention Standing Orders, making it clear that these do not form part of the Constitution.

Explanatory Notes:

- (a) There is no requirement in the Multiple District or International Constitutions to send the minutes of District Cabinet Meetings to the Multiple District Secretary and he has indicated that he does not want them.
- (b) Cabinet are of the opinion that it is up to the members of a Region whether or not to hold Region Meetings and that this should be left to their discretion and that of the Region (if appointed) and Zone Chairs. Such meetings should not require the approval of the Governor.
- (c) Cabinet were of the opinion that the timing of Zone Meetings (Meetings of the District Governor's Advisory Committee) should be at the discretion of Zone Chairmen, who are best placed to understand the needs of their Zone.
- (d) At present, the Cabinet are empowered to levy a charge for late payments, which in practice has always been delegated to the Treasurer at his/her discretion.
- (e) This details how and under what circumstances District Officers may claim a contribution towards their 'out of pocket' expenses incurred on official District business and is regularly reviewed by Cabinet.
- (f) Currently, Cabinet are required to set the level of 'out of pocket' expenses claimable by District Officers. Traditionally, they have always accepted the Multiple District rate. This removes the need for Cabinet to take a decision every year.
- (g) This will allow the District Treasurer to offset any losses on a previous or future Convention. At present, only future losses can be offset.
- (h) This is to comply with the requirements set out in the LCI Standard Form District Constitution.
- (i) Cabinet are of the opinion that the Convention Standing Orders should be appended to, but not form part of, the Constitution, so bringing together all such documentation under one 'roof'.
- (j) Suspension of Standing Orders to be based on a two thirds majority of voting delegates present, who participate in the vote on the matter. This provides compatibility with the LCI Standard Form District Constitution.
- (k) The Multiple District Secretary and International Staff Officer responsible for the District have been deleted from the list to receive Convention Minutes. The former has no requirement for them, the latter is covered by the term Association's International Office. At present there is a requirement for Club Secretaries to request a copy if their club needs one, the intention is that these will be available to all Club Secretaries as a right.
- (l) To introduce compatibility throughout the Constitution and with the requirements of the International and Standard Form District Constitutions.
- (m) As per para (h) above.

Amendment 3A

Proposed by the District Cabinet

This Convention resolves to amend Resolution 3, by adding after the words “be amended as follows”:

“a new section (a) to read: “Reword Article III Section 2(c) [of the District 105D Constitution] to read, “*For any meeting thereof [Cabinet] the attendance of a simple majority of District Officers entitled to attend meetings of the Cabinet shall constitute a quorum.*”

AND renumber the existing sections of the resolution, (b) to (n) inclusive.

Explanatory Note: It was Cabinet’s original intention to include this proposal in the list of ‘tidying amendments’ to the Constitution, but due to an administrative error, the amendment was omitted from those originally circulated to Clubs. Experience has shown that that the current Quorum requirements for a Cabinet Meeting, place too high a dependency on the presence of Zone Chairs and, that this has caused problems in the holding of quorate meetings of the District Cabinet.

Resolution 4

Proposed by the District Cabinet

This Convention resolves to amend Article IV Section 1 of the District 105D Constitution as follows:

Add a new Section C to read, “(c) (i) Payment of District Dues will not be collected on members shown as dropped by the Association’s Official Records within 30 days of the commencement of the billing period (30th June or 31st December, as appropriate). In the event that the Club has already paid the District dues for that half year, the Club shall be reimbursed.

(ii) Billing for District Dues for a new member will begin the first day of the month in which the member joins, as shown by the records of the Association and the Club will be liable for payment of the District Dues on a pro-rata basis at the average monthly rate, based on the agreed annual District Dues, through to the end of the billing period. These Dues shall be collected by the District Treasurer at the commencement of the next billing period (30th June or 31st December, as appropriate).

(iii) Payment of Multiple District Dues shall be as from time to time set out by the Multiple District Constitution.”

AND renumber the existing Section (c), (d).

Explanatory Notes:

1. This brings the refunds and pro-rata collection of dues in line with the way International dues are collected.
 2. This will bring the collection of individual members’ District dues in line with the position of Clubs being organised or re-organised as per the existing District Constitution Article IV Section 1(b).
 3. In checking recent figures for members resigning within 30 days of the billing period against members being registered the District would not lose financially.
 4. There will be no change in the way in which Multiple District Dues are collected.
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ZONE CHAIRMEN - CONVENTION 2015 REPORTS

Zone 1A Chairman - Lion Peter Oswick

At the end of the first six months of this Lion year there are 82 members across the four Clubs, which is two down for the period.

Weymouth and Portland have increased their membership by two in the period.

Blackmore Vale will be badging up four new members in January with at least one more expected later this year.

Special efforts will be made to help the other Clubs to increase numbers.

Efforts are also being made to raise the Lions profile in the Sherborne and Wincanton area left vacant by the closure of Sherborne Club.

There will be a Zone marketing display at the Dorset Show in September and Blackmore Vale will have a marketing gazebo at the September Cheese Festival.

All Clubs continue to work exceptionally hard in the community raising substantial funds for their Charity work.

We will shortly have a zone lunch and an inter Club skittles match.

The annual zone project will be agreed at the next Zone meeting.

Zone 1B Chairman - Lion Michael Zeck

All Clubs are very active and continue to work hard to serve their communities with welfare activities and in organizing regular fund raising events.

Southbourne & Boscombe Lions Club have Lion Debbie Burnett as a guiding Lion and are willing to keep the Club going. They plan a new membership drive early 2015.

All Clubs are aware that winning new members is paramount, otherwise due to the age structure membership numbers will fall and it will get more and more difficult to get the work done.

As a zone project event all Clubs are planning to support a fun day in summer once again at Redcliff Farm in Wareham (Thanks to Lion Nigel Barnes of Wareham!)

The Future:

We have 2 more zone meetings planned in this lionistic year and all Clubs are keen to communicate with each other and exchange their ideas and experiences.

All Clubs are aware of the importance to get new members and are trying to increase membership.

Zone 2C Chairman - Lion Deborah Clarke

The Zone clubs were all busy over the festive period, but on entering the New Year they set about to maintain their membership and look to ways of increasing it over the coming months.

Although some of clubs struggle to attract new members they have the support of the other zone clubs to assist them in membership drives.

All clubs will have hosted a zone meeting by the end of the year and I will also have visited them all.

Every club offers a wealth of knowledge and expertise in many fields, all are willing to help each other, this is very noticeable at our zone meetings (which are well attended) with information being shared and many discussions taking place.

All clubs are actively supporting both their local area needs as well as Lions International causes.

Zone 2D Chairman - Lion Devan Kandiah

We are edging towards the formation of the new Southampton Club. Lion Ken has been leading the setting up and we hope to have a club soon, to serve Southampton.

Zone meetings appear not a priority for clubs, but every effort is being made to change the view to highlight the networking and friendship opportunities.

Both Guernsey and Jersey are doing exceptionally well in terms of membership and service, but are not keen to attend Zone meetings as travel costs is not easily justified.

Zone 2E Chairman - Lion Geoff Kay

The year 2014/2015 has been a good year for the five Lions Clubs that are mainly in and around The New Forest.

The main focus for the Zone has been membership by way of doing something that has not been done for many years, if at all, by having a Membership stand at the New Forest Show during the latter part of July 2014.

Two clubs within this Zone have been very active with International Youth Exchange giving students the opportunity to visit other countries, and one club hosting two students coming into the UK.

One club in this zone has also been very active with the Peace Poster Competition where three schools in total submitted more than 200 entries, and they intend to enter the next competition because the schools see the competition as a benefit to the students.

As Zone Chair one is trying to retain interest and commitment to being a Lion in this New Year of 2015.

Zone 3F Chairman - Lion Frances Bond

Within my Zone, I have visited 3 clubs and held two Zone meetings. I have kept in touch with all the clubs and am pleased to report that 4 clubs have been able to recruit new members.

All clubs have been keeping busy over the festive period with their Sleigh runs and are looking forward to a good new year.

Zone 3G Chairman - Lion Barrie Jehan

The 4 clubs and 1 branch have been very active during the year, serving their respective communities in organising fund raising events and providing services in their areas.

One of the Zone projects was Prostate Awareness where we had advice from the Isle of Wight Prostate Awareness Association at one of our Zone meetings and members were encouraged to pass on this information to the public and colleagues alike. There were 5 Zone meetings scheduled for the year, each one hosted by a different club/branch to provide a sense of belonging.

As is common with many clubs in district, we are struggling to get new members. It was hoped to have individual clubs run road shows in their own areas, unfortunately this has not been carried out by most clubs and extra input is required from this Zone Chairman which will be done at the remaining scheduled Zone chair club visits.

The enthusiasm shown by many clubs is good to see and encouragement to work together has been successful. Also one of the clubs has close ties with their local Rotary club.

There are a number of prospective new Lions who we hope will become Lions in the near future.

Zone 3H Chairman - Lion Marilyn Skennerton

The number of clubs in this zone is now reduced to 4 with the closure of Waterloo. It has 2 smaller clubs number wise and 2 clubs whose membership is over 20. Our numbers at meetings remain low with club members not being interested in attending although individually the clubs are very active. I gather this is the same in other zones from conversations I have had with various people.

The clubs work together each year on a joint project - The Langstone Walk. This coming year we are also attending the Southsea Show to promote ourselves and use this event as a Membership Drive.

Zone 4I Chairman - Lion Mike Baker

Zone meetings have become focussed on membership, sharing information and experience and developing joint/zone level projects.

Membership: Clubs membership has been holding up and Petersfield has now successfully achieved a 50/50 male/female ratio. As always these days concern remains regarding average ages.

An initiative, led by Alton, to start a branch club in Four Marks is underway with two members recruited and 2 further good prospects. There are several members in the Alton club who are residents in Four Marks and there will be an effort to try to persuade some of these to become members of the Four Marks branch as well.

Winter Fuel Payment: An initial successful pilot to collect Winter Fuel Payments conducted last year by Alton has been shared and this year all the clubs participated and whilst results cannot be confirmed at this stage it is perceived that a significant increase in donation zone wide has been achieved.

Trees for Communities: Although Woolmer have not yet achieved the full target, the £1500 raised so far has enabled the project move forward with the acquisition of some 30000 saplings. The steering group, led by Woolmer, made up of representatives from the zone clubs and chaired by Judith Goodchild is meeting regularly with the International Tree Foundation to determine and implement the project elements.

Message in a Bottle (MIAB): Although this has been a long running project, Petersfield have volunteered to interface with the other clubs and lead the procurement activity on behalf of the zone.

Convention: Meon Valley has some concerns regarding MD & D dues and has agreed to lead the activity to address these concerns at conventions.

PR: The discussions regarding developments and successes with local media have resulted in clubs taking up successful ideas from the other clubs and the beer mats developed by Petersfield have captured the imagination of the other clubs to follow suit.

Zone 4J Chairman – Lion Dalton Hopkins

Took up position around 23/07/14 after previous appointed incumbent, withdrew.

Newbury Club hosted the first Zone Meeting on 23/09/14 with 18 attendees and 2 apologies.

All four Zone Clubs attended and presented reports.

Clubs are progressing well with Community Work and Fund Raising within their Community.

Club Visits: 13/10/14 – Andover
15/10/14 – LVLC
12/11/14 – Basingstoke
27/11/14 – Newbury

Reports submitted to DG.

Andover Club hosted the 2nd Zone Meeting on 25/11/14 with 21 attendees and representation from all four Clubs.

Lion Judith Goodchild attended and spoke to all about her portfolio in Cabinet relating to Community Relations including Sight, Diabetes, Disability, Speech and Hearing, LIBRA, Medic Alert, Paultons Park, MIAB.

The topic of a zone project was raised and discussed. Zone Chairman, Dalton, suggested and asked for feedback from all clubs in attendance that if we did a zone project or individual projects, that the funds be donated to LIBRA. This was opened to discussion and the consensus was that as this is something that could affect any of us at any time; it was a good cause to raise money for and agreed that should the project go ahead, this would be the cause for which the funds are raised.

The initial thought is to do a classic car rally in which each club could be in touch with their local classic car clubs and a route be worked out where the cars could travel between different locations. The president from LVLC has offered to put a proposal together of how this would work if the club is happy to be part of the zone project.

The feeling of the meeting was that as it was a zone project, and all clubs should therefore work together, the second option was agreed on.

We therefore seek approval from the club to go ahead with this project and would ask for two club representatives to be on the working group to organise this project.

This would then take us to the next step.

Two more Zone Meeting are planned for the second half of the Lionistic year:

24/02/15 – Basingstoke

26/05/15 – LVLC

It has been a good year to date.

Zone 4K Chairman – Lion Christine Munday

This year has been good for some of the clubs in the zone with an increase in membership. Other clubs are struggling but they are making valiant efforts to overcome this.

Aldershot :

This club branch is small in number but oh so active and vibrant. The President and other members of the club have been involved in a lot of fund raising and community activities. They have helped other clubs in the zone and have hit the headlines in the local papers a few times. They do attract new members and are slowly growing. They have all the energy needed and I am sure in time they will become a fully fledged club in their own right.

Farnborough :

Very low membership in this club is a worry, and they are fully aware of the problem and are doing plenty to overcome it, so much so a past member has rejoined. The rest of the zone is more than willing to help them grow. Even though they are a small club they are very active. One of their events was a school choir competition which was both a community and fundraising event. The result - a bigger and better competition next year.

Fleet :

This is the largest club in the zone and it is busy fundraising and working in the community. A boat was bought for Sailability in memory of Lion Ian Imray, a lion who served for over 50 years both here and in Africa. Dragons Den was a success again and many local groups have been helped. Long standing Lions have received their long service awards. Fireworks, Christmas Old Folks concert and the Float were well organised and topped up the coffers.

Hart:

There has been a growth in membership of 3, and there are a few more in the pipeline. Fundraising has gone well, and cheques have been given to the Frimley Park Breast Cancer unit, and the local hospice. Community Service projects have also benefitted from the funds. Money was also raised by the Light -up a -life scheme over the Christmas Holidays. Social activities are well attended and varied. Overall a successful year.

Hook and Odiham :

This is another club in the Zone which has increased its membership after losing a couple of members through outside pressures. The club is very busy in the community and interacts with the public at many local events such as a local festival and visiting the respite home for families of seriously ill children, the Sebastian Action Trust. The Duck Race went well which enabled them to help Robert Mays school build an F1 car to be raced at Chelsea Football club, to work in conjunction with the Local Food bank and the club now can distribute the vouchers.

Sirrius:

This is the second club branch in the zone. Once again they held a very successful Oktober beerfest. The money raised has helped Fleet First Responders and the Measles Campaign. Other monies will go to the Stillbirth and neonatal death society and its Rowan suite which provides counselling and memory boxes for the bereaved. Their numbers are expanding slowly. This is a club for the younger aged members of society.

Yateley:

This club is also increasing in membership. It is hoping to have a joint venture with the Mayor's project in 2015. Many welfare and community projects have taken place including a donation to Cancer research in memory of a club lion who recently passed to higher service. The three annual 10km runs have helped raise funds, plus the fireworks and Christmas Market. A plan is being put into place to show the local schools the Lions Youth Projects.

Zone meetings have been well attended and interesting speakers have come to share their experiences with the clubs. All Funfest (the zone project for a fun day for families and people with a wide range of disabilities) and community store progress and activities are reported at these meetings.

Club visits are being put into place but any activities or problems are always referred back to the Zone Chairman. This year I am pleased to say it is activities and no problems.

Zone K continues to serve the community well.

Zone 5L Chairman – Lion Lynden McIntyre

Zone L Clubs are Burnham, Henley-On-Thames, Maidenhead, Slough and Windsor.

Membership is steady but Slough hope to concentrate on a membership drive throughout 2015. Windsor are in the stages of putting together a Leo Club and hope that this starts in 2015.

A combined Zone meeting between Zone L and M was hosted by Slough in October and at the time of writing another combined meeting will be held in January hosted by Wokingham. This has proved popular and a good way of sharing ideas and information in the Region with presentations on various lions projects.

All clubs are active in their fundraising and welfare projects, and some have been busy promoting Prostate Cancer. Slough has supported the local Prostate Cancer Research at Wexham Park Hospital from raffles with the purchase of probes for operations utilising the DaVinci Robot. Windsor have run PSA testing over 200 people and Henley have run a PSA screening session which tested 95 and saved some many lives. Maidenhead are running PSA Testing in February.

Other major fundraising and events to note are Windsor (Sponsored Horse ride), Maidenhead (Swimarathon), Burnham (Bikeride), Slough (Asian Experience), Henley (play area at Craft fair). All have been busy throughout Christmas and I am sure I will get to visit the clubs in 2015 and congratulate them on all their work.

Zone 5M Chairman – Lion Steve Pope

Reading, Wokingham and Woodley and Earley are in good health. Woodley and Earley Firework Night was a great success. Members from Bracknell Forest, Maidenhead and Wokingham assisted as Marshals on the night. The Reading club's Fireworks evening went well. Bracknell Forest continues to impress and amaze with membership now standing at 16. President Paul Day is heading up new project to hold a **Bracknell Show** on Saturday 13th June 2015 which Bracknell Town Council have approved and will make available a local playing field as the venue, this exciting new opportunity will be on the lines of a Summer Fete and all clubs in the District will be invited to attend along with local charities and organisations. A sub-committee within the club has been formed to drive this project forward.

Wokingham Club have a full programme that seems to involve everyone. They are working with Prospect Estate Agents on a Charity Ball for summer 2015. Prospect have agreed to include in one of their usual mailings, a card about Wokingham Lions (written and approved by the club) to every household in Wokingham and Finchampstead.

Vicky Jackson a member of their Community Service Committee to talk at the Zone Meeting about a community art scheme they are supporting at Seaford Court which is a hostel in Wokingham for vulnerable young adults. Rather like Me2, a good example of getting close to the less fortunate of their community with not just money but with involvement of club members, which I hope other Clubs will find interesting

The 1st Joint Zone L & M meeting took place hosted by Slough Club at the Manor House Hotel Datchet, on Wednesday 1st Oct 2014

The following Clubs presented their reports

Bracknell Forest

Burnham

Henley on Thames

Reading

Slough

Maidenhead

Wokingham

Woodley and Earley

Goring and Woodcote provided a report but did not attend.

The following extract from the Henley on Thames report is worthy of note here

“Prostate Cancer Awareness Evening: Wednesday 17th September. Received report from Mr David Baxter Smith, data as follows:-**95 tested** – 85 green, 5 amber, 5 red. Probably saving 6 or 7 lives, if they go forward for treatment.” This prompted much discussion in the Open forum session with District Governor Mike Hendy. It was agreed that Mr David Baxter Smith be asked to speak at our 105D Convention in March 2015

Burnham President Steve Spencer gave an update on booking procedure for our 105D Convention Bournemouth March 2015 and requested Club officers to encourage all members to attend. Regional 5 Club Development Specialist Jo Hamblin outlined her role in assisting clubs in attracting and retaining members.

Deputy District Community Services Officer Iain Pudney, MIAB, MedicAlert, explained the ways and means of obtaining new stocks of MIAB bottles.

Community Relations Portfolio Co-Ordinator Judith Goodchild introduced members to the key Multiple District, LCIF Charities and Initiatives she will co-ordinate for the District, She ask that each club in our combined Zones to consider supporting the Lions International Eye Camp, Korie Bu, Ghana as additional medical equipment is still required as indicated in the list given to each club officer.

DISTRICT CLUB DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - CONVENTION 2015 REPORTS

GMT Co-ordinator - Lion Pauline McCreanor

Since last years convention the team have continued working within the district to gain new members, and to retain the members we already have and, as part of the New Club Development Partnership Plan we aim to form new clubs in Larkhill and Bulford camps, Denmead, and Southampton and a club branch in Four Marks.

Within our team we have five Region Development Specialists along with the District Club Development specialist who are working on this initiative.

There is a possibility of forming a campus club at Winchester University, and Windsor Lions are hoping to form a new Leo club.

At the time of writing this report our membership within the district stands at 1245, this Lionistic year we have gained 60 new members but we have dropped 55 which highlights that retention is an issue within the district.

Since last convention we as a team have updated the new members handbook and the membership grant application form along with the criteria.

The Membership roadshow gazebo has been printed on all four sides with the Lions logo and Lions clubs International in our corporate colours. This equipment is there for the use of all clubs within the district and can be booked through Richard Keeley our District PR Officer.

We will also have had an article appertaining to membership in the January newsletter I hope that this explains a little about us and, that we are your team here to help and assist you in all aspects of membership.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the team for their endeavours and support this year.

District Club Development Specialist – Lion Peter Burnett

This is the first year that the District has had a District Membership specialist and I have worked closely with Lion Pauline McCreanor the GMT Co-ordinator.

I have a team of Region membership specialists that I work with and together we have a target of forming two new Lions clubs within the district this year. Unfortunately despite a lot of hard work we have not yet been successful in our aims.

Initially we were looking at forming a branch club of Alton in Four Marks, work on this is ongoing and Alton have gained some new members who live in Four Marks but not enough to forma branch club yet. I know that Region Specialist Geoff and Alton are keen to succeed in their aim and that work will continue in the second half of the year. Geoff is also hoping that in his region the conversion of the Aldershot Branch Club to a full club will happen this year.

The second initial target was to try and form a new Southampton Club in the Millbrook area. This has come to a bit of a standstill at present as Region Specialist Ken is struggling to get a response from the pub in which the club was planned to be based and who were very keen to start with. I know he is going to try again in the New Year, if we still draw a blank it will be back to the drawing board - we still hope to form a new club in Southampton. Ken has also been busy making contact with the army to look at possibly forming Army camp based clubs at either or both Larkhill & Bulford north of Salisbury. Work continues on these and to open at least one of them is a main target for the second half of the year.

PDG Derek is the Region specialist in the Portsmouth area and he has a couple of areas where he feels that we could form new clubs but they lack the key leadership figure needed to lead them initially. If that can be addressed I am hopeful that at least one of these target clubs could be formed.

In the other two regions both Region Specialists Michael & Jo continue to work with some of the smaller clubs in their areas but have not identified any areas for potential new clubs at the moment.

Thanks to all the Region Specialists for their continuing hard work, they all know that I am willing to advise and that I am on the end of a phone or email when they want help.

GLT Co-Ordinator - Lion Brigid Hendy

You have been aware from last year's Convention in Winchester that 105D put themselves forward to pilot a new initiative for the retention of Lions between 3 and 5 years' service, which was entitled Young Lions Leadership Seminars. This was an initiative launched in Turkey. The initial delay involved the translation of the modules into English. DG Mike and I followed this up with the International Leadership Officer when we attended both International Convention and Europa forum. Our Area Global Leadership Officer and our Multiple District Officer have also followed this up. I was informed by our Area Global Leadership officer at Europa Forum that the translation

was not forthcoming and the way forward was to develop our own modules – we could have done this 6 months ago and been running them by now.

The Incoming Officers Lions awareness day held for last year's incoming officers was reasonably well attended. Some very good feedback was received.

I have attended the combined GMT/GLT meetings and asked participants to let clubs know that I would be happy to be asked to Zone meetings or put on leadership seminars that the clubs requested. I was invited by the Lions Club of Jersey to talk on Leadership Institutes run by Lions Club International. The Lions club of Warminster also requested me to give a talk at their dinner meeting on Leadership opportunities for Lions. GMT Lead Pauline and/or myself have been invited to speak at the Zone D meeting in January 2015 – no other invitations have been received at the time of writing.

I advertised all the Leadership institutes run by LCI and also one held by our own multiple district. I am pleased to say that 105D had Lions representatives at each of the institutes.

I have attended the GLT/GMT summit in Birmingham in November. One of the presentations was given by Jigsaw Associates and it was entitled "Telling ain't Selling". The presentation was very well received. It centred on how we as Lions approach the public and actively hold their interest so that they become interested in joining our organization when, using for example the penny cards or other tools. At convention in March the same presentation is being delivered on Sunday morning, well worth attending, so please come along.

I will be attending a seminar in January on Mentorship and then using that knowledge, the mentorship programme can be launched within the District and seminars offered for Lions to attend.

Club Incoming Officers awareness sessions, which will include those Lions interested in becoming District Officers, will be held in April of this year. The provisional date is either the weekend of the 11th-12th. - venue yet to be decided. Those interested please keep those dates free in your diaries.

Other relevant matters:

Mike and I attended the District 124 convention in Romania. We were invited by the DG to present a seminar on team work and team dynamics. The presentations were well received and we got some good feedback.

Marketing & PR Co-ordinator - [Lion Richard Keeley](#)

Clubs are in fairly regular contact asking for advice on subjects such as photography, website updates, press releases and copyright enabling me to respond with help and advice.

Invitations have been received asking me to speak at club and Zone meetings about PR.

As a change this year I have given direct photographic support to 2 Clubs in my Zone resulting in good local press coverage and successful online articles.

I have written regular contributions to the 105D Times.

As part of the GMT Committee I completed the Guiding Lion training course.

The District PR Equipment Pool continues to be well used, although difficulties have been encountered tracing some items moved between clubs, without the moves being recorded through the booking system.

To resolve these problems the PR Equipment pool is being centralised near Salisbury with a new booking procedure.

Working closely with District Webmaster Tom the new database driven automated booking system for the District PR equipment is nearing completion. After online testing, its release will coincide with the centralisation of PR equipment in Bulford, under the care of Ken Staniforth.

Clubs have responded well to my appeal for editorial and pictures of newsworthy Christmas activities, for publication in the 'News' area of the District Website and District Facebook page.

Clubs are sending increasing numbers of articles and pictures of their high profile events for publication on the District Website and Facebook page. I would encourage clubs to keep sending newsworthy items to pro@lions105d.org.uk

In the New Year I will be circulating a request to Club PRO's to assess PR Training requirements by Region and then arranging regional training workshops according to need.

Region 1 Club Development Specialist [Lion Michael Zeck](#)

In the beginning of this lionistic year Weymouth and Portland Lions Club tried to open a new branch club. Although that didn't work out, they have badged up two new members! So their membership drive was not in vain.

Southbourne and Boscombe Lions Club have Lion Debbie Burnett as a guiding Lion and want to run a membership drive early this year.

Overall all the clubs in the region are aware that they have to focus on getting new members.

Region 2 Club Development Specialist Lion Ken Staniforth

All Clubs were contacted prior to the beginning of the Lionistic year with an open-ended offer of assistance if needed. This was backed up again in August.

It has been a tough year for one or two Clubs but overall there is a positive outlook and whilst losing 8 Members we gained 10 so realised a nett gain of 2 for the Region.

Southampton has been disappointing in respect that it has been slow to get response and the original attempt fell flat on its face. However, work is still underway to achieve our aims.

We are now a Stakeholder on the Larkhill Community Partnership and are being fully supported by the Officers Commanding of both Larkhill and Bulford Camps to attempt to open a Military Camp Club at each barracks. 1st Vice District Governor Alan was present at the meeting.

Region 3 Club Development Specialist Lion Derek Knight

In membership terms region 3 is positively weak with only three substantive clubs in the region. The Zone chairmen have been preaching membership increase but throughout the year no club has asked for help nor made any major change.

In terms of new clubs we have Denmead in limbo with most village leaders wanting a Lions club and searching for a person to lead and form one. In the Southwick area of Waterlooville the population is on the increase but as yet too small to operate. The Community representative is however very enthusiastic. We have now moved attention to the Springwood area where again there is enthusiasm if we can find leadership.

There is a common situation. The Lions Club Association is respected and welcomed. At one time clubs enforced membership by invitation only and to and be invited to become a Lion was an honour. It attracted people in management positions and leaders of professions. Now although we may interview, the public seem to believe that any one can become a member just by asking and no longer are potential leaders attracted in the same way. The result is that it is easy to create interest but almost impossible to find anyone strong enough to start and lead one for the first year.

Region 4 Club Development Specialist: Lion Geoff Foan

Zone 4I

The main objective for this Lionistic year was to help the Alton Club in their plan to develop a Club Branch in the Four Marks area. This has been supported by the other Clubs in Zone 4I. Initial progress was good with the identification of four potential members from the area who took part in early meetings to identify how the Branch should be set up.

Out of the four prospective members three were badged up by the Alton club. However, one of these members resigned within a few months of joining. The fourth member was not badged up because of ill health, and at this time it is not sure whether he will be able to join.

The membership Committee of the Alton Club is working to identify further potential members in the area, using personal contacts as a means of finding suitable candidates. It is also intended to ask members of the Alton Club who live in the Four Marks area whether they would be willing to be part of the Branch Club. I will be working with the Club Membership team in this endeavour.

The other Clubs in Zone 4I are all active with good membership levels.

Zone 4J

I am currently working with a Club Development team from Loddon Valley with the aim of setting up a Club Branch during this Lionsitic year. The team is composed of a number of newer (younger) members of the Club in an attempt to attract younger potential members to help form the Branch. A leaflet drop has been carried out at the time of the Christmas Float, and there is the intention of targeting potential members at the Treacle Fair run by the Club in June. The clubs in Zone 4J are all active, although Andover has seen a reduction in its membership recently which could become critical in the future if there are further losses.

Zone 4K

The Clubs in Zone 4K are generally strong, although there is concern for the Farnborough Club, where despite several attempts at membership drives the numbers are still low. However, it still remains an active club with a good programme of activities in its community.

Region 5 Club Development Specialist Lion Jo Hamblin

I gave a presentation to Clubs at the joint Zone meeting on 1st October 2014 explaining the aims and objectives of the GMT team and offering assistance to Clubs with membership issues etc.

Two clubs in Region 5 are each planning a membership recruitment drive in 2015.

As at the time of writing this report Zone L is plus 1 member and Zone M plus 3 Members which is certainly a move in the right direction.

The Lions Club of Windsor is planning to start an Alpha Leo Club at Windsor Boys School in early 2015.

COMMUNICATIONS PORTFOLIO - CONVENTION 2015 REPORT

Communications Portfolio Coordinator– [Lion Tom Sayers](#)

The new website design using drop-down menus has been well received and work is continuing to further improve the information available to Cabinet Officers and clubs. Whilst most of us just see the website as public pages, the real power of this resource for the District is in the data that can be accessed once logged-in. The District Directory is a good example but various documents and forms can be stored on the server (web computer) such as Cabinet Minutes and Decisions that are already available.

Content is King! A number of Cabinet Officers now contribute to the website ensuring that their area of responsibility is always up to date. These include District Secretary, District Treasurer and District PRO amongst others. If you are not confident in updating the website, I am always available for some one-to-one training.

Social Media such as Facebook and Twitter are being used more and more by clubs and District to help spread awareness of Lions projects. This year, club Social Media pages are being judged for a new District competition. If you are not using these valuable tools yet, be sure to attend the workshop "Social Media and its use for Lions".

This year, I decided not to create a domain name for the Convention website, simply using 2015.lions105d.org.uk setting the trend for future Convention websites – e.g. 2016.... etc. They remain separate websites with their own styling designed to reflect the Convention theme for the year and give comprehensive information for the programme, workshops and organising team. Files that need sharing between the organisers can be saved in a secure location.

This year's "Golden Convention" on-line booking form is much simpler than in previous years, with just one page to complete. It is the basis of a whole new booking system that may be used for Cabinet Meetings, lunches etc. This system will produce lists for the organisers including food choices and also produces tickets, place cards and name badges. Communication and sharing is built-in enabling all of the organisers to track the bookings and send messages to participants.

The District 105D Times newsletters are uploaded to the website as available and appear on a 'Lions year' page with thumbnail images of each month. The latest issue is featured on the Home page with a thumbnail image and link to the full colour version and another link to a reduced colour version for printing without backgrounds to save your ink!

The Clubs page of the website is a database of club information such as the names of the officers, meeting dates/venues and links to the club website/contacts together with Zone and Region data. Work is underway to extend the system to enable club secretaries to use 'their page' to add details of their Charter Dinners and events such as awards and badging of new members. Not all secretaries will use this facility but I will continue to encourage all Lions to embrace this technology to share news of their clubs events and milestones.

There are a number of other IT projects underway including on-line booking of District loan equipment. Again the emphasis is on communication and sharing so you will know when the equipment is available and where it is kept.

We have a great resource in our website and I urge you all to get involved in using it, promoting it and improving it.

Lion Tom Sayers – it@lions105d.org.uk

District Insurance Adviser – [Lion Jo Hamblin](#)

I have issued a number of District Mailings to Clubs throughout the year on insurance matters and uploaded these mailings onto the District website and latterly on the District Newsletter hopefully reaching a wider audience. I have added updated links on the insurance webpage to the Multiple District website together with that of our Insurance Brokers, Miles Smith.

I have continued to answer calls and emails from Clubs relating to insurance queries and continue to be available to provide assistance to Clubs and Members as required.

Lion Jo Hamblin – insurance@lions105d.org.uk

District Health & Safety Officer – [Lion Jo Hamblin](#)

I continue to update Clubs on Health & Safety matters using the District Mailing, the District website and District Newsletter.

I take the opportunity to remind Clubs of the importance of considering the health and safety issues.

Following a recent MD Officers meeting, that I was unable to attend, instruction has been received that requires District Health and Safety Officers to discuss with their Governors and the 1st and 2nd Vice Governor's how the necessary monitoring of health and safety performance should be carried out in the District. I plan to give consideration as to how this might be done and discuss with the interested parties as required.

District Newsletter Editor – [Lion Peter Tabb](#)

It was prior to the 2014 Convention that I was approached by the incoming District Governor Lion Mike Hendy who asked whether or not I would be prepared to succeed Lion Peter Garlick as editor of the District Newsletter. That I resided at the outer limits of the District would be no impediment, I was assured, thanks to the wonders of electronic publishing and the worldwide web. I was very flattered and I assumed (I hope correctly) that the incoming DG had enjoyed reading *The Jersey Lion* which I have edited since June 2007 with which I had sought to inform, entertain and occasionally persuade its readership, having had more than 40 years' experience in doing things like that for a living. Thus I have sought to bring the same approach to the District that I apply to the rather smaller circulation Club magazine (which is still printed as hard copy every month) and the help I received from Lion Peter Garlick with the transition was invaluable.

In the August 2014 edition of the *105D Times* I advised that, unlike my predecessor, as editor I would feel free to comment on District, Multiple District or even LCI matters in, as it were, my own right, my comments always being strictly my own and not intended to represent any formal 'District' view – I leave things like that to the DG. So far I have tended to steer away from controversy (although any regular reader of *The Jersey Lion* will know I am not afraid to court it) but would feel free, as do most editors, to express my view as and when I thought it appropriate.

Having encouraged Clubs to send in reports I am very grateful to those that have done so and also apologise to some whose reports have not been published, either because of restrictions on space or, in several instances, due to their undue length. The key to writing good press releases (even if they are only for the *105D Times*) is that they should be brief and to the point. Having been in the journalistic and publishing business since the mid-1960s, one of the earliest lessons I was taught was to get the entire story into the first paragraph and make that para a short one! With the DG's agreement I am endeavouring to keep the pagination down to six although there might be occasions when I may be tempted to add a seventh. I am also looking at producing an on-line 'District Year Book' which could be published annually at the end of the Lions' year.

Having received far more compliments than brickbats, I hope that the *105D Times* is fulfilling its role and developing to most readers' satisfaction and that even more Clubs will make use of its columns to show just how productive and pursuant of our founder's ethos, this District is.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS - CONVENTION 2015 REPORTS - [PDG Lion Judith Goodchild](#)

This has been a very exciting and challenging year and I thank DG Mike for giving me the opportunity to fulfil this role and for having confidence in me to carry it out. It is a very big portfolio and I am very grateful to my Deputy Iain Pudney, who is looking after MIAB and MedicAlert, and to the Vulnerable Persons Officer Marilyn Skennerton and to the Paultons Park Projects Officers Anita and John Drago for taking on some of the responsibility. This post meant I had a very big learning curve as my knowledge was limited. I have continued from last year with Competitions and the Environment. I had been Diabetes Officer before and as a sufferer had more knowledge of this area than the other new areas. So my **Objectives for the Year** were:

- a) To learn as much as possible about the relevant areas of the portfolio
- b) To work with my Deputy Iain Pudney (MIAB and Medic Alert) and the non-Cabinet members Marilyn Skennerton (VPO) and Anita and John Drago (Paultons Park)
- c) To maintain or establish web site pages on the 105D website for Competitions and Environment, Diabetes Awareness, Disabilities, Speech and Hearing, Medic Alert, Message in a Bottle, Sight Programmes and LIBRA.
- d) To visit each Zone to talk about Community Relations
- e) To write to clubs in July asking if they are entering competitions this year as directed by Cabinet in June 2013 and from then to write bi monthly reports in the District Mailing.

I have educated myself, and continue to do so, in all aspects of the portfolio. I have improved and started web pages as stated above. I have made visits to about half the Zones and these have been very productive and have raised, in some cases, a good deal of debate which may change the way in which things are carried out at MD level. The questionnaire, which I ask Clubs to complete before I visit their Zone has proved very useful to me. I am writing letter bi monthly in the District Mailing.

I have the following comments to make on the various aspects of the portfolio:

Competitions

These were reviewed at the July Cabinet meeting following a report from a Committee comprising PDG's

David Merchant, Fred Massey and myself. The results were published in a letter sent in the District Mailing in July.

There have been a good number of entries in The Travelling Lion, Environmental Poster and Photographic competitions. Of the remaining competitions some will both have been announced and reported on elsewhere, e.g. Peace Poster and Young Ambassador, but the remaining winners will be announced at Convention.

Environmental Projects

There are now only two Environmental Competitions. Cabinet agreed in July that the Helen Deakin "Make the World a Better Place" competition be discontinued.

At the January 2014 Cabinet Meeting the Woolmer Forest Lions Club was adopted as a District Project. The Steering Committee had an excellent stand at the 2014 Convention and will also have one at this Convention. Donations have been made by clubs and in July 2014 a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Lions in 105D and The International Tree Foundation to start a tree growing project in Uganda. It was possible to make a first payment of £1500 in September. This leaves us with a target of £1000 to be raised by September this year. Your donations, however great or small are very welcome! There is a dedicated website for this project.

Diabetes Awareness

Diabetes remains a serious health problem. There are 3.2 people diagnosed as Diabetics within the UK and it is estimated that a further 630,000 have the disease but do not realise it. If it is treated, Diabetics can lead a normal life. Type 1 Diabetics, who normally develop the condition in childhood, rely on insulin as do some Type 2 Diabetics, who also use medication and diet to control their condition. Type 2 normally develops in older people but increasingly and very worryingly, younger people are developing the condition. If it is untreated severe complications can set in. Lions can help by educating and by holding screenings. I intend to meet with the Community Fundraiser from the Diabetes research and Wellness Foundation to see how they can support our diabetes education across Lions as a whole, and hopefully offer a package of support. I also intend to contact JRDF who support those with Type 1 Diabetes.

Disabilities, Speech and Hearing

Paultons Park was again a great success. This year the event will take place on 26th April and numbers will be limited to 2,500. Clubs are reminded that tickets should not be "sold on" to third parties.

In the January District Mailing a letter was sent out with details of the ways Clubs can support those with Physical and Learning Difficulties both financially and with hours of Service. In MD 105 there are partnerships with Special Olympics Great Britain, 105I is supporting Special Olympics Ireland, English Federation of Disability Sport which operates in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, and Cerebral Palsy Sport. Besides giving financial help Lions can volunteer to help at The World Cerebral Palsy Games in Nottingham from 7th to 16th August 2015; the National Junior Championships being organised by EFDS at Warwick University in July 2015 and at the SOGB National Games and in 2017. Details of the last two events will be circulated when details are known.

Hearing impairments affect 10.6 million people in the British Isles which means that 1 in 6 people are not able to fully communicate because they are not hearing what is being said. Clubs in this District are urged to support the Lions Hearing Forum. This is a new MD initiative and aims to help people with a hearing problem by providing resources such as Deaf Aware Cards, Door Hangers and I SEE WHAT YOU'RE SAYING Badges. It also aims to help the hearing community aware about how they can communicate more effectively with hearing impaired people by attending Deaf Aware Training Sessions or presentations about the problems that the deaf community experiences. Lions you are needed to help achieve these aims by distributing resources to help people who have a hearing problem; by organizing or attending a Deaf Aware Training Session or presentation.

Sight Programmes

Once again, Spec Trek 2014 was very successful with a large number of spectacles collected. Thanks to both Petersfield Club who organised the day and to all Clubs that collect spectacles for re-use. Spec Trek 2015 is on Sunday 19 April.

Lions in 105D continue to support Sightsavers. A presentation, which also included an appeal for funds, given by PDG Patrick Hamblin at Europa Forum, on Sightsavers Trust "A Million Miracles", was circulated to all clubs in November 2014. A number of Clubs took part in World Sight Day and several Lions enjoyed visiting Chichester Lions Open Day. The Lions Eye Health Programme is a very important public awareness opportunity, reminding people to have their eyes tested to combat glaucoma and diabetic retinopathy. This is achieved by distribution of literature and poster displays. Thank you to all the Clubs within our District continue to promote the programme. Following the death of PDG Stefan Erentraut, forms can now be obtained from LEHP MD 105, 31, Holyrood, Great Holm, Milton Keynes MK8 9DR

LIBRA

I was asked to promote this programme by 105SE who's project it is. It is a very worthwhile project being the Lions International Blood Research Appeal. It works with the scientists and doctors at Kings College Hospital in London to fund and promote research into leukaemia and other blood disorders. It has just raised £100,000 in its Giving 4 Growth campaign and has now raised the target to £200,000 to provide laboratory developments and purchasing new specialist equipment for research into leukaemia. I am sure that all Lions know of at least one person suffering from this disease and contributions to this appeal can really help to find ways of preventing and/or curing it.

PDG Judith Goodchild

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MedicAlert Officer & Message in a Bottle Officer - Lion Iain Pudney

MedicAlert celebrated their 50th Anniversary on 28th July 2014 and Lions are proud to have been working with them since 1962.

Their Early Start Programme, aims to provide a child with free MedicAlert support from Birth until they attain the age of 10. This is proving to be an excellent initiative with a good fund being built up to help children. The cost of this is £275.00 to provide for 10 Years cover for one child, or one Year's cover for 10 children.

In addition to the Early Start Programme, they have reviewed their levels of Membership and have come to the conclusion that their previous philosophy of One Solution for ALL is perhaps not the best way to go forward and therefore, from now on, they will provide four separate levels of Service which can be summarised as follows: -

<u>Service Type</u>	<u>Service Description</u>	<u>Cost</u>
1) Jewellery ONLY	Providing FREE Engraving of Medical ID for Simple, easy to Communicate Medical Conditions	The cost of the item of Jewellery
2) Essential	This is designed for Members who are happy to manage their own records online using the MedicAlert Website	£20.00 Per year (Online ONLY)
3) Assist	This is the closest to the Current Service. MedicAlert trained Staff organise your records and make changes as required.	£30.00 Per year
4) Assist Plus	In addition to the Current levels of Service as provided by Assist, the Member benefits from the Review and Management of their records by MedicAlert Nurses and a proactive notification of your Emergency Contact in an Emergency Situation.	£40.00 Per Year

The main benefits of MedicAlert are: -

- 1) 24/7 cover for 365 days a year regardless of where you are in the world
- 2) The only information carried around is the bracelet or pendant with a phone number and minimal information on main medical conditions
- 3) There is a membership number giving a unique identification to each Member
- 4) The relevant personal data is held on a secure database at the London Ambulance Service
- 5) There is a medical professional on the end of the phone line whenever it is called
- 6) Training is available for medical professionals
- 7) On the front of the bracelet or pendant is a universally recognised medical symbol

If you wish to have a presentation for your Members we have PowerPoint presentations, posters and leaflets. I am also available at any time to come and give a talk to any group in your area, just contact me.

Remember, the scheme works well with Message in a Bottle if you stress that Message in a Bottle is for Inside the Home and MedicAlert is for Outside the Home.

The Message in a Bottle production has now switched to a One Stop Shop from HM Prison Service and has settled down so that we are approaching the goal of having 5 Pallets available for immediate delivery from Stock. This may be held at the Prison or at the Courier, but we should have this stock available from early 2015. Unfortunately, the planned price reduction has not been achieved but we are still looking at ways to achieve some reductions in price or to obtain some benefits for Clubs.

Finally, when distributing leaflets to the Public, please ensure that the Club name at least is on the leaflet either in the form of a sticker or stamp. That way Lions will get the recognition we deserve both at MedicAlert, in respect of MedicAlert Leaflets, and with the Public at large with respect to any leaflets we are distributing.

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Vulnerable Persons Officer - Lion Marilyn Skennerton

May I reiterate the importance of Lions understanding the requirements of DBS and particularly so the Club Officers. "Better Late Than Never".

During the past year I have received less than a dozen requests for forms from clubs within 105d which does not suggest full understanding.

There are some minor changes to the DBS forms and hopefully during the year the MD Officer will be clarifying the position. This statement will be found on the MD Website.

Please read it and ensure you understand it.

If you do not, then please contact me.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS – CONVENTION 2015 REPORTS - PDG LION BARRIE RICHARDSON.

Dentaid Liaison Committee Chairman – PDG Lion Roger Huntley.

Committee: Lions Ian Simpson, Richard Frost, Tricia Snook.

Three Liaison Committee meetings are held through the year at Dentaid offices, the year to date is now progressing satisfactorily following various changes to the operation of Dentaid.

In the last year the Dentaid charity has continued to progress and recover from the effects of the recession to the extent that they now have an engineer for the workshop and been able to increase the office staff to three by taking on a part time administrator. In addition to the support of the Lions and other charitable sources, a considerable amount of financial support comes from within the Dental profession itself.

Investigations are currently underway with regard to the possible supply of a Dental Surgery for a region of Zambia and a request has been received from the Alosikhka Centre in Bangladesh for a Portable Dental Surgery for work in

the field. This centre was set up to serve and work towards the well being of under privileged people and serves an area with a population of approx 10 to 12 million people. If any Lions Club would like to sponsor this project known as a "Dentaid Box" with the Lions Logo on, perhaps in conjunction with a Lions Club in Bangladesh, please contact the Dentaid Committee Chairman PDG Lion Roger Huntley. The total cost including shipping is £1500

As in previous years it is hoped once again to be able to take a Dentaid promotion stand to various District Conventions and the MD Convention.

Finally, I express grateful thanks to the members for the enthusiasm shown towards Dentaid particularly with financial donations and the collection of recycled equipment, which is efficiently administered by Lion Richard Frost of Blackmore Vale Lions Club, much of which is perfectly serviceable and useable but simply does not meet with current EU/UK requirements. Thanks also to the staff at Dentaid. Together we hope to improve dental care and education, particularly in areas of the world where it would otherwise be unavailable.

Europa Forum.

What is Europa Forum? Quite simply it is the Annual General Meeting of all the Multiple Districts in Europe, our Constitutional Area, very much as our District Convention is the Annual General Meeting of all Clubs within our District. Business takes place over three days with added social events. Voting on any Resolutions proposed is on the basis of one vote for each Multiple District present.

My job as I see it, is to encourage participation by members of our District, disseminate information as it is received, encourage Clubs, Zones and Regions to prepare and submit reports of successful activities which could be considered for inclusion in future Forums and to investigate Group travel facilities for members attending where this is practicable.

The **60th Europa Forum** was held at the **Hilton Metropole Hotel, Birmingham, England** on **30th October to 1st November** hosted by our Multiple District. It was attended by at least 12 Lions & Partners from our District representing some 10 Clubs.

Detailed papers in support of the published programme and accepted proposals for the consideration of the European Council were all made available by the due dates as the Rules of Procedure howbeit that detailed papers in respect of some of the accepted proposals were not made available until we arrived.

The Forum and all of the social events were held in the Hilton Metropole with excellent facilities for all parts of the programme.

The organisation was generally good, but late room and timing changes to the programme for the seminars and workshops that were not advised to Delegates at Registration caused a lot of frustration. This apart, our Host Committee are to be congratulated on an otherwise well-run and enjoyable Forum.

All of the reports of the proceedings including the minutes, presentations and voting of the of the plenary sessions of the European Council have now been published and can be viewed/downloaded from the official Europa Forum 2014 website at <http://europaforum2014.org/>.

Our entry in the European Musical Competition, Jonathan Quaintrell-Evans winner of our MD competition from District 105SE whilst gaining entry to the last six, was eventually unplaced. He proved to be an excellent ambassador for MD105.

Our entry in the European Young Ambassador Competition, Christopher Phillips winner of our MD competition from District 105BS was placed second out of five candidates entered. Again he proved to be an excellent ambassador for MD105.

The **61st Europa Forum** will be in **Augsburg, Bavaria, Germany** on **9th – 11th October 2015**. The official Forum website at www.europaforum2015.org is up and running but with very little information at the date of preparing this report.

Music Competition.

The **District 105D Musical Competition** is progressive with the winner going on to represent the District in the Multiple District Competition. In turn a candidate is selected to represent the Multiple District in the Competition held at the venue of the Lions Europa Forum. Prizes are awarded at District, Multiple District, and Europa Forum stages. It is important that prospective Candidates are made aware of the progressive nature of the competition and can commit to attending the subsequent competitions should they be successful.

Last years competition featured the French horn but no entries were received with the result that the District Competition was abandoned and we were unable to field a candidate in the MD Competition that took place on 6th April 2014 at the Birmingham Conservatoire.

This year's competition features the clarinet and full details were issued to Clubs and Cabinet Officers in the July District Mailing and posted on the District Website at www.lions105d.org.uk with a closing date for entries of 31st December 2013. At the date of writing this report no entries have been received.

MD Initiated International Projects.

Street Children. We are partnering with three organisations recommended for support

- **Centrepont** (www.centrepont.org.uk). UK based primarily in London but also works in several other major UK cities, and concentrates on street children generally in the age range 9 – 16 (runaways & homeless) providing shelter, food, clothing, education and a future.
- **Railway Children** (www.railwaychildren.org.uk). UK based but now also operating internationally with similar named operations in India and Africa. Specialises in looking after street children living around the major railway stations/yards trying to get them security, shelter, food, clothing, education and a future.
- **The Jubilee Campaign** (www.jubileecampaign.co.uk). UK based international organisation working mainly at the “dirtier” end of the spectrum on sex slavery, child sacrifice and the like mainly in joint ventures with local organisations, having originally been founded in the Houses of Parliament by concerned politicians. It operates mainly in Africa and India.

Lions/WaterAid. (www.wateraid.org/uk/audience/community-groups/lions). Currently, donations are being used to fund projects in Nepal and Malawi. MD sent approximately £7,500 in time for the matched funding appeal “To Be A Girl”.

Lions/UNICEF School in a Box. Designed so that it can be “dropped” in an area devastated by flood or other disaster to enable students to continue with their studies. A “Nursery” School in a Box is now available and we should contact Primary and Nursery schools to promote this additional resource. Just a reminder that they are for use in emergencies and we cannot dictate where they are used.

Malawi Education Programme. The present Malawi Scholarship Scheme is being discontinued. There are sufficient monies to complete the education of those youngsters who have been awarded scholarships but no further scholarships will be awarded. In its place we will be partnering with Help2Read and the Lions Clubs in Malawi to provide much needed basic literary skills to many more students in keeping with the Lions International Reading Programme.

Gift for Living. Ongoing project since 1996. Some information on 105EA website www.105ea.com.

Lions International Eye Centre, Korle Bu, Ghana. Now scheduled to open in April 2015. Basic costs of building work have been met by grants from MD105 Sightfirst Campaign, LCIF and Moorfields Eye Hospital. Further equipment list now being formulated that will be sent to Clubs for consideration of further donations.

1 – 2 – 4. A new project in partnership with the Loomba Foundation and LCIF for the empowerment of poor widows in India, by giving them sewing machines and training them to make garments at a cost of £50 per widow. This may sound a small amount, but it goes a long way to change the life of a poor widow, making them able to earn money, be independent, educate their children, support their family members and lead a life of dignity. For every pound donated by a Club, the Loomba Foundation matches with a pound donation, then LCIF matches the joint total with another two pounds, ensuring that for every pound donated by a Club four pounds will go to the project.

LCIF COORDINATOR - CONVENTION 2015 REPORT – [Lion Patrick Hamblin](#)

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is our own international charity. The work of LCIF can be found on its website – www.lcif.org. To ensure that all funds are used wisely they are managed with local Lions Clubs' involvement. With your donations, Lions and LCIF will continue to fight blindness, support youth, provide disaster relief and meet humanitarian needs all around the world. Through LCIF Lions are addressing global health issues such as measles, diabetes and Ebola.

As I write this report, funds are still being donated to LCIF for the Ebola crisis, where LCIF is working with UNICEF and others to provide support for orphaned children in West Africa. Food shortages, health education and accommodation are proving to be a disastrous combination. Clubs in the District have been very generous in this connection, with 31 Clubs contributing £14,684 as at the end of December 2014. The need for further funds continues

as the deaths of parents continue to leave many orphans, many of which would become street children without support.

The worldwide fundraising campaign for measles elimination is continuing. This is an LCIF involvement with the GAVI Alliance, a public-private partnership whose mission is to save children's lives and protect people's health by increasing access to immunisation in the world's poorest countries. The funds raised by Lions will be matched by the UK Government Department for International Development and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

At District level the contributions this Lionistic year to LCIF are as follows: £1,100 has been donated to the LCIF Disaster Fund, £1,640 to the LCIF General Fund and £1,532 to the Measles Initiative, plus £14,684 for the Ebola crisis.

Melvin Jones Fellowships continue to be awarded by Clubs and many Clubs in the District have donated adequate funds to LCIF to be able to award this recognition without additional donations.

My offer to speak on LCIF generally or on the Measles Initiative specifically has only been taken up by a very small number of Clubs and Zones. Many members are unaware just how major our own charity is in the world rankings of charities. I would remind members that all funds donated to LCIF are used for the provision of grants. Administration charges are funded from interest on investments. Investments are needed because it is never known when the next disaster will occur or the next need for a grant will arise.

To date, there have not been any 'disasters' in the District where my involvement has been required this Lionistic year.

YOUTH COMMITTEE - CONVENTION 2015 REPORT

Youth Committee Chairman - [Lion Yorky Tuke](#)

The Youth Committee have been active in promoting all aspects of our youth programme. We have regularly been attending Zone Meetings around the district to encourage clubs to become more aware of the opportunities that we can offer the young people in our communities. In most cases the benefits are reciprocated when we involve young people, as they talk about their connections with a Lions Club so they spread the name of Lions around. Parents may become involved with the club and be a source of new members. We must all invest our time in young people and encourage them in every way that we can, and never forget that THEY are OUR future.

Leo Clubs - [Lion John Apps](#)

Alpha Clubs

Currently there are no Alpha (School based) Leo Clubs, Blandford formally closed in April. In March 2014 Windsor discussed the possibility with their local school and reported that the School were 'Very interested and wished to start as soon as possible'. Sadly after 10 months there is no formal start date although discussions are still ongoing.

Omega Clubs

The only Omega club (18 – 30 year olds) is Guernsey, who are well supported by their parent Lions Club. A presentation of their activities will take place at Convention.

There is no growth within the district, over the last 7 years various clubs have made overtures to me without any subsequent progress to forming a club. If any club would like more information please look on line at the international site or contact me for a chat.

Youth Camp & Youth Exchange - [Lion John Apps](#)

INWARD

The 2014 youth camp was held by District SE at Guildford in August 2014. There were a total of 40 attending and 2 of these were hosted in this district.

There are difficulties every year with finding accommodation for our guests from abroad. Please consider whether you are able to look after 1 or 2 young people for between 4 to 9 days at the end of July before they go to Camp. This year's Camp is at Doncaster from the 4th to the 14th of August and it is being run by District 105C, please contact me for more information.

OUTWARD

Once again there is a strong representation from this District sending about 20 youngsters to almost as many countries where they will meet their peers from all over the world and discuss the cultures and way of life of these places. Do you know of a deserving young person who would benefit from quite literally a life changing experience? It does not cost clubs anything to sponsor – unless you wish to support a deserving case. By endorsing a young person you are simply putting a seal of approval on an application form. Find out More from.....

Lion John Apps - District Youth Exchange Officer

Peace Poster, Poetry and Essay Competitions - [Lion Yorky Tuke and Lion Denise Stenner](#)

I would like to start by thanking the judges: all of whom are members of Wimborne and Ferndown Lions Club.

Sadly the numbers of entries were down yet again; however those that we did have were of good quality. Once again two of the entries were sadly disqualified due to not meeting the minimum required size, One because it was mounted on card and one because the artist's name was written on the front of the Poster. This is something that we continue to publicize to all clubs, that rules should be read and understood before passing on to the schools and youth clubs etc. The sizes are published in the Peace Poster kit and on the 105D website.

The winner of this year's MD/International Peace Poster for our District competition is Megan Hill aged 13 sponsored by Ringwood and Fordingbridge Lions Club.

The Junior competition and the Computer Aided Design entries will be judged at the January Cabinet Meeting Poetry Competition will also be judged at the January Cabinet

There were no entries this year for the Essay Competition please look at 105D website and have a go for 2015

Young Ambassador of the 21st Century - [Lion Yorky Tuke](#)

At the time of writing this Convention Report I am disappointed to have to report that we only have two candidates for this year's district competition. There will be an update to the Cabinet after the District Final on the weekend of 10th and 11th January 2015.

Update to Report will be given at Convention.

Young Leaders in Service - [Lion Yorky Tuke](#)

The Young Leaders in Service project is making steady progress in District 105D. I have given a brief presentation on YLiS to several Zone Meetings and to Cabinet. Awareness of this project within the district has increased and this is demonstrated by the increase in enquiries I have had.

Facebook and Twitter are also being utilised much more. A number of changes have been and are being made to the administration of this project. These changes are designed to streamline the admin work of clubs and district officers. I am confident that the systems in place will work successfully in the next Lionistic year.

LifeSkills Lion – [Lion Denise Stenner](#)

There has been very little interest in the LifeSkills Modules since the transition from Tacade. Clubs are not showing the interest or enthusiasm for the programmes.

A new resource for Primary Schools on Health and Wellbeing was launched in conjunction with the Healthy Schools Programme London, if successful, it is likely that it will be extended to other major cities.

All information on current resources is available as a brochure to download from the Lions Lifeskills website www.lionslifskills.co.uk. A DVD giving samples of all the resources is also available.

Lions Clubs are encouraged to appoint a Club Lifeskills Officer, and to promote the resources to schools and youth organisations.

I have offered my support to Clubs or to attend zone meetings.

LIONS CODE OF ETHICS

TO SHOW my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

TO SEEK success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

TO REMEMBER that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

WHENEVER a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

TO HOLD friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

ALWAYS to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act and deed. To give them freely of my time, labour, and means.

TO AID others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.

TO BE CAREFUL with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS DISTRICT 105D

CONVENTION STANDING ORDERS

(REPRODUCED JAN 2015 AND INCORPORATING ALL ACCEPTED AMENDMENTS THROUGH MARCH 2010 [no amendments post 2010])

CHAIRMAN

1. The Chairman shall have discretion in selecting speakers, in deciding on the number of speakers to any resolution/amendment and in terminating discussion whenever he considers it appropriate.
2. The Chairman, being entirely neutral, shall not be a delegate of his Club and if at any time he wishes to express a personal opinion on a matter under discussion he shall vacate the Chair for this purpose.

SPEAKERS

3. On the Chairman standing any speaker shall yield to the Chair and immediately resume his seat.
4. (a) Any person wishing to speak on any report/resolution/amendment or other matter of business, must use a microphone, announce his name and Club, and address the Chair.

(b) With the exception of the provision for the Chairman in accordance with Clause 2 above, a member of Cabinet speaking on any report/resolution/ amendment or other matter of business shall be deemed to be representing his personal views unless he states otherwise.

(c) Unless Convention decides otherwise, only the Chairman, and the mover of a resolution in exercising his right of reply, shall speak more than once on any report/resolution/amendment.

RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

5. (a) Resolutions/amendments will be moved by:
 - (i) Nominees on behalf of Cabinet; or
 - (ii) A member on behalf of the Club submitting the resolution/amendment.(b) Resolutions/amendments will be seconded by a member on behalf of a Club other than in Clause 5(a)(ii) above.
6. Resolutions shall be taken as read without being formally read into the record.

7. (a) If no member is present from a Club submitting a resolution/amendment then, unless that Club advises the Resolutions Officer in writing before the commencement of the Convention of the names of a mover and seconder each from other separate Clubs, the resolution/amendment shall be withdrawn unless Convention shall otherwise decide. With this one exception no resolution/ amendment may be withdrawn after the Convention Call has been issued and Clubs have been notified of the proposed resolution/amendment, without the consent of Convention;
- (b) If a resolution be withdrawn with the consent of Convention and there has been an amendment submitted to that resolution then that amended resolution shall become the substantive resolution;
- (c) Each resolution/amendment shall be moved and seconded before consideration by Convention, and not more than one resolution/amendment shall be discussed at any one time;
- (d) No person shall move more than one amendment to any resolution nor shall the mover of a resolution move any amendment to such resolution;
- (e) Where appropriate, resolutions/amendments will be put for consideration immediately following the adoption of the relevant District Officer's report.

TIME LIMITS FOR SPEECHES

8. (a) The mover of a resolution / amendment will be permitted a maximum of three minutes to put their case, and after doing so shall formally move the resolution / amendment. The seconder will second the resolution / amendment without being called to the rostrum and may exercise the right to speak in debate by catching the Chairman's eye. At the conclusion of the debate and before a vote is taken on a resolution the mover of the resolution only shall have the right of reply for the purpose of answering questions or clarifying points raised, and shall not be allowed more than two minutes for this purpose. They will not be permitted to introduce fresh arguments.
- (b) The mover of an amendment shall not be entitled to the right of reply except when an original resolution has been displaced by an amendment which has become a substantive resolution in accordance with Clause 7(b) above when the right of reply ensues to the mover of the amendment.
9. (a) With the exception of the time limits stated in Clause 8(a) each speaker in general debate will be limited to one minute and must direct their comments directly to the report/resolution/amendment under discussion.
- (b) The times specified for speakers may be exceeded only with the approval of convention.

VOTING

10. The Voting on any report/resolution/amendment on general business shall be by a show of Delegate Cards of those present and Voting. The Chairman shall declare the result or order a count. If the Chairman's declaration is challenged by 20 (twenty) or more registered delegates, the votes shall be counted.
11. Any elections of candidates for office shall be by secret written ballot and such elections shall be carried out by the method commonly called the Single Transferable Vote or Preferential Voting or the Alternative Vote."
12. In the event of a tie following a show of hands or secret ballot the Chairman shall cast the deciding vote.

MOTION PROCEED TO NEXT BUSINESS

13. Any person, provided he has not already spoken on the matter under discussion, may move at any time that Convention proceed to next business, and if this proposal be seconded the Chairman shall put the matter to Convention after discussion and the mover of the resolution has been offered the right of reply.

POINT OF ORDER OR QUESTION

14. Any person may at any time ask a question or raise a point of order through the Chair but must confine the question or point of order to the subject before Convention.

IMPLEMENTATION OF, AND AMENDMENTS TO, STANDING ORDERS

15. (a) These Standing Orders shall take full force and effect following adoption by a duly proposed resolution accepted at Convention by a majority vote of not less than two-thirds of voting registered delegates, or their alternates, as the case may be.

(b) These Standing Orders can only be amended by a duly proposed resolution adopted at Convention by a majority vote of not less than two-thirds of voting registered delegates present, or their alternates, as the case may be.

END

**NOTES ATTACHING TO, BUT NOT FORMING PART OF,
DISTRICT 105D CONVENTION STANDING ORDERS**

District 105D Constitution (incorporating all accepted amendments through March 2012) includes, inter alia, the following provisions relating to District Conventions:

Article IX, Section 3

CHAIRMAN

The Governor should preside at all sessions of the Convention. In his absence the Vice-Governor should preside, failing this the Immediate Past Governor should preside. In the event of non-availability of any of the foregoing persons the most recent Past Governor available will preside.

Article VIII, Section 2

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

- (a) The Governor shall have power to accept an emergency resolution or amendment at Convention if, in his opinion, such resolution or amendment could not have reasonably been submitted in writing to the officer appointed on or before the date stipulated.
- (b) Such emergency resolution or amendment shall only be presented for consideration with the approval of Convention.

Article IX, Section 2

QUORUM

- (a) The delegates (or their alternates, as the case may be) in attendance at a Convention session shall constitute a quorum provided that there shall be at least one representative from each of a majority of the total number of Clubs making up the District.
- (b) If no quorum is present the session shall be adjourned to a time and place to be appointed by the Governor.

Article IX, Section 5(b)

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Convention may suspend all or part of Standing Orders by a majority decision of registered voting delegates at any time during the business of Convention.

END

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SECONDED BY THE LIONS CLUB OF GILLINGHAM MERE & SHAFTESBURY
FOR DISTRICT GOVERNOR 105D 2015-2016**



Lion Alan Chapman

Personal Details

Secondary education. Joined the Scouting Movement in 1955. Patrol leader 1956 to 1959. Duke of Edinburgh Award (Bronze) in 1959. Left school at 15 and took an apprenticeship in blacksmithing and general engineering leading on to vehicle body repairs. Worked for the Cooperative Insurance Society for 3 years. Started my own vehicle Body repair business in 1970 which evolved into general engineering and fabrication working on Government and private contracts until 1987. 1987 to 2001 worked as engineering manager for a flooring company designing aluminium extrusions for entrance matting. I took over the Health and Safety aspect of the company in 1999 to 2001. Semi retired doing consultancy work until 2005. Offered work in Health and Safety where I took an NVQ and the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health Foundation Certificate in Health & Safety in the Workplace, this enabled me to carry out H&S checks on businesses taking school students on Work Experience. Fully retired in 2010. Hobbies include Deep sea fishing, Beach casting, Gardening and Lions.

Lions Curriculum Vitae

Warminster Lions Club

Joined the Warminster Lions Club 1st August 1995
Became the Club Youth Chairman/Life Skills Officer 1996 - 1999, 2000 – 2007, 2008 - 2013
Club President July 1999 – 2000, 2007 – 2008
Club Admin Chairman 2006 – 2007, 2009 – 2010

District 105D

Region 2 Zone C Chairman 2000 – 2001 + part year standing in for Zone Chairman due to illness 2008 – 2009 continuing 2009 - 2010
Youth Award Officer 2001 – 2002
Youth Committee Chairman/Tacade Officer 2002 – 2005
Youth Outreach/Tacade Officer 2005 – 2013
Region 2 Club Development Chairman 2010 – 2011
Region 2 Chairman 2011 – 2013

Certified Guiding Lion 2012

Elected 2nd Vice District Governor 2013 - 2014
Elected 1st Vice District Governor 2014-2015

Multiple District 105

Deputy Multiple District Youth Chairman 2004 – 2005
Multiple District Life Skills Officer 2005 – 2008
Deputy Multiple District Life Skills Officer 2008 – 2009

Awards

DG Certificates of Appreciation 2002, 2003, 2009
LCI Certificate of Achievement for Lions Services to Children 2007
International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation 2003- 2004, 2007- 2008
Region Chairman's Medal 2012
Region Chairman's Excellence Award 2013

Lion David Taylor

Nominated by the Lions Club of Gillingham, Mere & Shaftsbury

Seconded by the Lions Club of Reading

For First Vice District Governor 2015-2016

Curriculum Vitae

I have been a Lions Club member for 18 years, joining when I lived in Preston. I was honoured to be elected last year as 2nd Vice District Governor. Since then I have concentrated on visiting as many Clubs on my assigned list at social events as well as business meetings; this has enabled me to chat informally with far more club members to exchange views about our District.

Born in Devon and raised in London, my main career led me around the globe in the RAF, retiring after 25 years as a Wing Commander with logistics, IT and PR experience. During my career I had responsibility for large staffing levels and the associated budgets along with an enormous amount of committee work. After moving from Lancashire I worked for Wiltshire Police as a media officer working with local and national journalists. Since then I was asked to set up and manage the voluntary-staffed Tourist Information Centre in Shaftesbury.

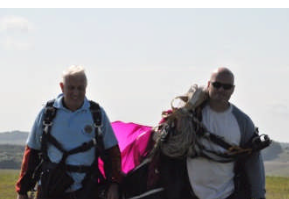
Meanwhile, in Lions, I had served as Club Treasurer and President before being invited to join the District Cabinet as PRO; during this time I also served on the Lord Mayor's Show Committee and was also asked to serve on the Multiple District PR Committee, originally for three years but then asked to stay on for a further fourth year. I have also attended, and spoken at, our District Conventions and Multiple District Conventions. After serving my third term of office as President of GMS Lions, I was invited to be a Region Chairman and I have thoroughly enjoyed visiting our Clubs, seeing how different we all are while sharing the same values.

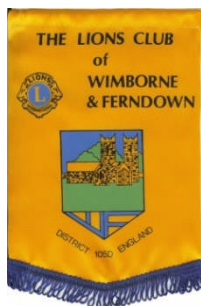
Away from Lions my community work continued: chairman of the local Cancer Research Committee; director of the local community partnership; director of the community swimming pool and giving my time to referee football for the English Schools FA and local community leagues. In recognition of this community work I was very proud to be selected as a Torchbearer for the 2012 Olympics and took great delight in being told the strapline of "Lions Clubs International" came up on the live broadcast.

Having served for over thirty years in a uniformed environment, I know the value of planning and organisation. However, working in the voluntary sector has confirmed my belief that the pyramid of organisation starts with the individual Lion at the very top, supported (not controlled) by each level underneath them – Lions Club members helping each other, Zone Clubs helping each other with Region/District there to offer further advice and support when needed.

My visits to over 30 clubs now have reinforced my opinion that the variety is one of our strengths. That also reinforces the need for our District to provide a wide range of support and advice as each Club will have different interests and needs. There are so many different ways we can all serve our local community and provide global assistance. **But should be having fun as we do it!**

(Although I appreciate that not everyone is stupid enough to abseil in a Lion suit and skydive from 13,000 feet)

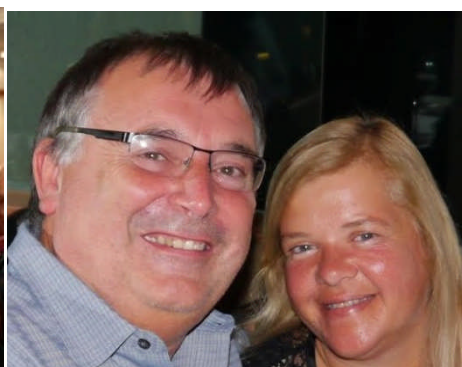




The Lions Club of Wimborne & Ferndown
Supported by
The Lions Club of Fleet

Are proud to nominate

Lion Peter Burnett
For Second Vice District Governor
District 105D - 2015 – 2016



At Club Level:

I joined Pocklington District Lions Club in 1985 serving as Treasurer, Secretary, and Tail-Twister. After transferring to Hornsea & District Lions Club in 1988, I served there as both Secretary and Fund-Raising Chairman.

I took a temporary break in 1990 due to the commitments of a young family, but rejoined a year later with Wimborne & Ferndown Lions Club. Since then I have been Club President in 1997 and 2004, also serving on a number of Committees including being Treasurer, Secretary, Tail Twister, Welfare Chairman and Fund-Raising Chairman.

At District Level:

I became the Diabetes Officer in 1998, LEHP Officer 1999, Zone Chairman 2005 & 2010, Region Chairman 2006, 2007, 2012 & 2013, Health & Safety Officer 2008 & 2009 and a Vulnerable Persons Officer in 2008. This year I am the District Membership Specialist.

Additional Lions Experience:

As Zone Chairman in 2005, I also supported Bournemouth Lions Club by being their acting President; for this work I was awarded the District Governors Zone Chairman Award. I am also a Certified Guiding Lion, have attended numerous District Conventions and have been a regular at Multiple-District Conventions since 2006. Last year I attended the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute in Budapest.

At Work:

I am a pharmacist by profession and, having sold my pharmacies in Bournemouth, I now act as a locum pharmacist. My wife and I also owned a convenience store and still own a post office in the same large run-down estate in Bournemouth as one of the pharmacies. Working in such an area allows us an insight into the problems of poverty in their community and we are both involved in various local organisations to improve the lives of the residents.

At Home:

I am married to Lion Debbie (who has also been a Zone chairman and currently acts as Guiding Lion to Southbourne & Boscombe Lions). We have six children – I have three, Debbie has two and between us we have 12 year old Bethany who is often seen at Club charter dinners. Our children have been brought up surrounded by Lions and have all helped in many ways.

Having sold our shops I can now dedicate the time and commitment to the role of 2nd Vice District Governor.

Amongst other things I would like to make our organisation more family friendly; I believe that the experience our children have enjoyed of family lionism gives me the necessary expertise to do this and therefore enable us all to attract younger members and their families.

After nearly 30 years of Lions membership, with over 10 years on our District Cabinet, I would be honoured to be given the chance to represent our District at Multiple District level. My main focus would be on enhancing our District membership in terms of retention, new members and more family orientated membership.

Lion Ken Staniforth, The Lions Club of Salisbury
Nominated by the Lions Club of Salisbury and seconded by the Lions Club of Loddon Valley
For 2nd Vice District Governor 2015 - 2016

Club Level

President
Secretary
Tail Twister
Membership Director (2 years)

Lions Award

International Presidents Award
for outstanding service to Lions
Clubs International



District Level

Region Community Service Officer
Zone Chair (2 Years)
Region Club Development Specialist
(present)

Outside of Lions

Recognised by both Wiltshire
Council Board and Wiltshire Police
for service to the community

Other Lions Activities

Attended Multiple District Conventions
Attended District Conventions
Instrumental in taking Salisbury Club membership from 7 to 28
Instrumental in the planting of 124 trees
Instrumental in setting up membership recruitment plans for other Clubs in the District
Leadership Certificate holder from Advanced Lions Leadership Institute
Regular community service by way of entertainment at nursing/residential homes, Stroke Club, Senior Citizens Club, Wiltshire Blind Association, Christmas party for the elderly and more as part of our Club
Community Activity Services

Prior to joining Lions

Known in Salisbury for fundraising activities including:
Raising over £10,000.00 for terminally ill 9 year old boy
Being arrested by the police in Salisbury City Centre and jailed until I made bail for the Royal Institute for the Blind (£820.00 raised)
6 x 12 hour pool marathons raising money for various causes including SANDS (Stillborn And Neonatal Death Syndrome £550.00 raised), Cancer Research, Canine Partners, Poppy Appeal to name a few.

Originally from Barnstaple, North Devon where I have two Daughters and two Grandchildren, I moved to Salisbury in 1999 and then to Bulford near Amesbury 3 years ago. I live with my partner Jean who is the Immediate Past President, Fundraising Committee Member and a serving Salisbury Lions Club Director.

I am the Managing Director of the health and safety practice that I opened in 2006.

My passion is music and I was performing semi-professionally for over 30 years as lead vocals and rhythm guitarist. Nowadays I just do the occasional 'freebie' for organisations the likes of which are listed above.

Although my time in Lions is seemingly short, I have achieved a great deal and have a panache for motivating people, something that has stood me in good stead in my past work life, in the development of my own Club and indeed whenever I have been called on to assist other Clubs. I am also no stranger to serving my community wherever and whenever the need has arisen and have been proud to do so in a relaxed manner in order to achieve the desired end result.

My belief is that we need to be reaching out to young people with fresh ideas whilst retaining the stalwarts who are the backbone of our Clubs, we need to guide and encourage those who are to be the future leaders of our organisation. My own Club is very diverse, and I firmly believe that everybody has something to give, regardless of their age, gender or personal background situation.

RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AT DISTRICT CONVENTION 2015

Resolution 1

Proposed by the District Cabinet

This Convention resolves that:

"Messrs Gilroy & Brookes, Chartered Accountants of Alton, be sincerely thanked for their services to the District in the past and that they be, and the same are hereby, re-appointed as Independent Examiner to the District for the forthcoming Year."

EXPLANATORY NOTE: Article IV Section 4 (a) of District 105D Constitution (as adopted March 1984 – with amendments to March 2014) reads: "*The Governor or Cabinet shall provide for an independent examination of the books, records and Financial Statements of the District covering the Year by a suitably qualified person to be appointed (or re-appointed as the case may be) by resolution at Convention each Year.*"

Resolution 2

Proposed by the District Cabinet

This Convention resolves that :

"The District Per Capita Levy for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 shall remain in the sum of £11.00 per Lion. This shall be payable in two equal instalments - £5.50 per Lion by 1 August 2015 based upon the known membership as at 30 June 2015 and £5.50 per Lion by 1 February 2016 based upon the known membership as at 31 December 2015"

EXPLANATORY NOTE: Article IV Section 1 of District 105D Constitution (as adopted March 1984 – with amendments to March 2014) reads:

(a) (i) *To provide revenue to defray administration and Convention expenses of the District, and such other matters as the Governor or Cabinet shall from time to time deem fit, a Per Capita levy for a Year shall be collected from each Club by the District Treasurer at such times and in such amounts as shall be passed by way of Resolution proposed by District Cabinet at Convention held in the previous Year.*

(ii) *In the event that any Resolution to determine a Per-Capita levy for a Year is not passed at Convention held in the previous Year, the amounts collectable from each Club for the Year shall remain those as determined at the most recent preceding Convention.*

(b) *Clubs organised or re-organised during the Year shall be liable to pay per-capita dues calculated on a pro-rata basis commencing from the first day of the month following the date of their organisation or re-organisation meeting.*
(c) *From and after 1 July 2000 Cabinet shall be empowered to levy a carrying charge, not exceeding £10.00p as shall be determined at their first meeting in the Year, on any Per-Capita Levy not settled in full by the due date.*

The anticipated costs for running the District equate to £15,040. The District Cabinet considered the membership number should be 1250 for budget purposes. This would make the dues £12.03 per member. After discussion the Committee recommended that the dues should remain at £11 per member for 2015 - 2016.

Resolution 3

Proposed by the District Cabinet

This Convention resolves that the District 105D Constitution be amended as follows:

- (a) Article 3 Section 2(e) - Delete the Words "the Multiple District Secretary"
- (b) Article 3 Section 3(c) - Delete this section in its entirety and re label the sections which follow (c) to (d) inclusive
- (c) Article 3 current Section 3(e) – Delete the words "Subject to the discretion of the Governor the second [Zone] meeting shall be held before 30th November in the Year and the third [Zone] meeting shall be held before 28th February in the Year".
- (d) Article IV Section 1(d) - re-word to read, "The District Treasurer shall be empowered to levy a carrying charge, not exceeding Ten Pounds (£10.00), on any Per Capita Levy not settled in full by the due date".
- (e) Article IV Section 3(a) - Add to the end of this section the words, "These expenses shall be payable in line with the latest version of 'District Guidelines for District Officer Claims'. These Guidelines shall from time to time be reviewed by the District Cabinet and be available to District Officers from the District Website.
- (f) Article IV Section 3(b) - Re-word to read, "Mileage Rates payable to District Officers in the course of their District duties shall be the same as those payable to a Multiple District Officer unless otherwise decided the Cabinet."
- (g) Article VIII Section 4(e)(iii) - Reword to read, "In the event that any surplus is realised on these activities in any year the District Treasurer shall hold such in reserve to offset any loss incurred at a future **or previous** Convention, notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (iv) of this section.

- (h) Article IX Section 2(a) - Reword to read, "The attendance in person of a majority of the delegates registered at a convention shall constitute a quorum at any session of the convention".
- (i) Article IX Section 5(a) - Reword to read, "At the commencement of the business session of each Convention the Chairman presiding shall invoke the latest version of District 105D Convention Standing Orders, as appended to this Constitution.
- (j) Article IX Section 5(b) - Add after the words "voting delegates" the words "present and who exercise their right to vote".
- (k) Article IX Section 6 - Reword to read, "Within 60 (sixty) days of the close of Convention the District Secretary shall transmit a copy of the complete minutes thereof to the Association's International Office, all Cabinet members, and to every Club Secretary.
- (l) Article XI Sections 1 and 2 – Add after the words "Registered Delegates" the word "Voting".
- (m) Append to the end of the Constitution, as an appendix the Convention Standing Orders and the Notes attaching to but not forming part of the Convention Standing Orders, making it clear that these do not form part of the Constitution.

Explanatory Notes:

- (a) There is no requirement in the Multiple District or International Constitutions to send the minutes of District Cabinet Meetings to the Multiple District Secretary and he has indicated that he does not want them.
- (b) Cabinet are of the opinion that it is up to the members of a Region whether or not to hold Region Meetings and that this should be left to their discretion and that of the Region (if appointed) and Zone Chairs. Such meetings should not require the approval of the Governor.
- (c) Cabinet were of the opinion that the timing of Zone Meetings (Meetings of the District Governor's Advisory Committee) should be at the discretion of Zone Chairmen, who are best placed to understand the needs of their Zone.
- (d) At present, the Cabinet are empowered to levy a charge for late payments, which in practice has always been delegated to the Treasurer at his/her discretion.
- (e) This details how and under what circumstances District Officers may claim a contribution towards their 'out of pocket' expenses incurred on official District business and is regularly reviewed by Cabinet.
- (f) Currently, Cabinet are required to set the level of 'out of pocket' expenses claimable by District Officers. Traditionally, they have always accepted the Multiple District rate. This removes the need for Cabinet to take a decision every year.
- (g) This will allow the District Treasurer to offset any losses on a previous or future Convention. At present, only future losses can be offset.
- (h) This is to comply with the requirements set out in the LCI Standard Form District Constitution.
- (i) Cabinet are of the opinion that the Convention Standing Orders should be appended to, but not form part of, the Constitution, so bringing together all such documentation under one 'roof'.
- (j) Suspension of Standing Orders to be based on a two thirds majority of voting delegates present, who participate in the vote on the matter. This provides compatibility with the LCI Standard Form District Constitution.
- (k) The Multiple District Secretary and International Staff Officer responsible for the District have been deleted from the list to receive Convention Minutes. The former has no requirement for them, the latter is covered by the term Association's International Office. At present there is a requirement for Club Secretaries to request a copy if their club needs one, the intention is that these will be available to all Club Secretaries as a right.
- (l) To introduce compatibility throughout the Constitution and with the requirements of the International and Standard Form District Constitutions.
- (m) As per para (h) above.

Amendment 3A

Proposed by the District Cabinet

This Convention resolves to amend Resolution 3, by adding after the words “be amended as follows”:

“a new section (a) to read: “Reword Article III Section 2(c) [of the District 105D Constitution] to read, *“For any meeting thereof [Cabinet] the attendance of a simple majority of District Officers entitled to attend meetings of the Cabinet shall constitute a quorum.”*”

AND renumber the existing sections of the resolution, (b) to (n) inclusive.

Explanatory Note: It was Cabinet’s original intention to include this proposal in the list of ‘tidying amendments’ to the Constitution, but due to an administrative error, the amendment was omitted from those originally circulated to Clubs. Experience has shown that the current Quorum requirements for a Cabinet Meeting, place too high a dependency on the presence of Zone Chairs and, that this has caused problems in the holding of quorate meetings of the District Cabinet.

Resolution 4

Proposed by the District Cabinet

This Convention resolves to amend Article IV Section 1 of the District 105D Constitution as follows:

Add a new Section C to read, “(c) (i) Payment of District Dues will not be collected on members shown as dropped by the Association’s Official Records within 30 days of the commencement of the billing period (30th June or 31st December, as appropriate). In the event that the Club has already paid the District dues for that half year, the Club shall be reimbursed.

(ii) Billing for District Dues for a new member will begin the first day of the month in which the member joins, as shown by the records of the Association and the Club will be liable for payment of the District Dues on a pro-rata basis at the average monthly rate, based on the agreed annual District Dues, through to the end of the billing period. These Dues shall be collected by the District Treasurer at the commencement of the next billing period (30th June or 31st December, as appropriate).

(iii) Payment of Multiple District Dues shall be as from time to time set out by the Multiple District Constitution.”

AND renumber the existing Section (c), (d).

Explanatory Notes:

1. This brings the refunds and pro-rata collection of dues in line with the way International dues are collected.
 2. This will bring the collection of individual members’ District dues in line with the position of Clubs being organised or re-organised as per the existing District Constitution Article IV Section 1(b).
 3. In checking recent figures for members resigning within 30 days of the billing period against members being registered the District would not lose financially.
 4. There will be no change in the way in which Multiple District Dues are collected.
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