

The International Association of Lions Clubs

DISTRICT 105D - APRIL 2011



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Convention



Well the 46th District Convention has been and gone and now we look forward to the 47th on the Isle of Wight next March. It was probably the most exhausting weekend of



my year so far and really it would have been sensible to have taken the Monday off work but I didn't.

It was heart-warming for both me and the organising committee to see so many attendees there for the business session on the Saturday; I do hope that the ongoing changes to the way convention is run was acceptable to you and that you found the content acceptable. Our International Director, Per Christensen, has sent a message of thanks which is published elsewhere in this newsletter. The previous weekend Mike and I were at 105SW convention in Torquay and whilst we were at the banquet and Ball on the Saturday night our room was broken into and among items taken was my convention bag with all my notes in for convention which then all had to be redone in the week immediately prior to convention!! Funny how I keep meeting up with the boys in blue in this job.



My congratulations to the DG Team for 2011-2012 – DG(e) Ron Twining, 1st VDG(e) Roger Munday and 2nd VDG(e) Dave Merchant who were all elected to serve at Convention, not forgetting Ann, Christine and Diana as the roles are truly partnerships roles. Congratulations also to Lion Graham Drayton for a well deserved International President's Leadership Medal and to Linda Picton, Eric Nixon, Bill Reed and Yorky Tuke for their International President's Certificates of Appreciation. Finally my thanks go the Steve Spencer and members of Burnham, Bracknell Forest, Maidenhead and Windsor Lions Club for all their organisation which really made the event a weekend for me to remember for ever.



April is a busy month including visits to the Channel Islands and Mike and I are taking the opportunity to follow up on PID Philip Daubeneys presentation at Convention and pay a visit to Maison des Landes Hotel and see the place for ourselves. For May and June we just have two re-arranged visits to do but Charter season is just getting into full swing, I think we are out every weekend till the end of June with the exception of Easter.

Japan Relief

With 10,000 people known to have died and 16,000 still missing it is hard to imagine the scale of the devastation in Japan. As I receive updates from PCC Geoff Leeder, the MD LCIF Officer, I will arrange for them to be posted on the website. This District raised a magnificent sum at Convention and I am very grateful to ID Per Christensen for immediately passing on his cheque for LCIF to be added to that of the District designated for the Japan Appeal. Japan and the Japanese Lions need our help now; if you can send a donation please send through our District Treasurer endorsed for the LCIF Japan Appeal.

New members – February 2011

We welcome those new members who joined 105D Lions Clubs in February 2011:

Bridport: Chrissy Hallet, **GMS:** Helen Littell, **Swanage:** Roy and Vicki Church, **Wimborne:** Joan Budden, John and Carol Magrath, **Wokingham:** Tim Hanton

I wish them a very enjoyable time in this District and in the wider organisation.

Sad News

During the month of March we lost two more Lions who passed to higher service: Lion David White of Goring, Woodcote and District and Lion Brian Sutton of Jersey.

May they Rest in Peace.



Yes we can!

Hendy's haunts for April

Date	Where	Reason
April 2nd	Burnham	Deaf Awareness Exhibition
2nd	Petersfield	Charter Anniversary
4th	Woolmer Forest	Official Visit
5th	Wimborne	Official Visit
6 th	Dorchester	Official Visit
7th	Eastleigh	Finance Committee Meeting
9th	Ringwood & Fordingbridge	Charter Anniversary
10th	Bridport	Charter Anniversary
11th	Jersey	Official Visit
12th	Guernsey	Official Visit
13th	Romsey	Official Visit
14th	Westbury	Official Visit
15th	Warminster	Charter Anniversary
16th	Bournemouth (50 th)	Charter Anniversary
17th	Henley	Charter Anniversary
18th	Petersfield	Official Visit
19th	Weymouth	Official Visit
29th	Gosport	Charter Anniversary

MD Convention I understand from MD Convention Officer that numbers are down for the MD Convention in Belfast. Can I ask that whoever is going from this District please let me know by email and could I ask for a volunteer to arrange the traditional district meal for the Sunday evening at the end of Convention. Please note that fancy dress is not required for the Host Night. Regards **DG Brigid and Mike**

My first District Convention as a Lion - Windsor 2011

I joined Lions in the summer of 2009, having been previously involved with the Leos for 11 years. In 2003 I moved to Reading to go to university, and my involvement with Leos moved to an MD level culminating in the role of MD Leo President. After university, I moved to Bracknell for work and found that Mike and Brigid Hendy were local to the area. I knew them from my work with Leos back in 105A, and got in touch with them to see what the local Lions situation was. I joined Bracknell Lions soon after.

This year I am club president, but also involved in the District as Leo Co-ordinator. As a first timer, here's my impression of my first Lions District Convention.

As PDG Mike is a member of Bracknell Lions, we got involved in the District Convention organisation. We ran the host night and volunteered for shifts on stalls during the weekend. As a club president and District Officer, I also attended Saturday's business sessions to gain an idea of what happened at District Conventions so it was a full weekend for me.

On Friday, our schedule was hectic. First we set up the main banquet hall for the host night to get it ready for the Irish themed evening. I had picked up some banners from London Irish Rugby club who kindly loaned them for the themed evening, and we set the tables ready for the evening. Friday night was a surprisingly fast paced event with a fantastic band, traditional Irish Dancers and Ceilidh dancing till midnight.



Saturday started bright and early for 9am, and DG Brigid had asked me to read the Lions Code of Ethics to start the convention off. I was interested to find that the majority of the meeting time on the Saturday was dedicated to thanking people for their hard work, listening to talks by different guest speakers and electing the incoming District Governor Team. During a Leo Conference (our version of a convention), the business sessions are dedicated mostly to business- updates from reports rather than reports en bloc with no updates and long discussions about resolutions to the constitution.

Saturday evening I was invited to the Presidents Reception as a newcomer to Lions District Convention, which was great as I got to meet International Guest Per and his partner plus all the other first timers to Convention. After this we went over to the Gala Banquet hall for an evening of great food and drink, entertainment from another great band, as well as some fantastic dancing from some talented youngsters.

In conclusion, I thoroughly enjoyed the weekend despite it being quite different to what I'm used to!

Lion President Clare Dowling





Letter From Per K Christensen International. Director

Dear Friends in 105D

Thank you for your friendship and hospitality shown to us during Anita and My visit to your District Convention; it was good to meet old friends again, but also to make new friends.

Just a few inspiring words. Think about what you are using your time for, on cabinet and as a club. Can we work smarter, and not harder? Do we do things because they make the district or club better or do you just do them because that's the way we used to do it. Think out of the box. Do you dress in a way that younger people and potential members can identify themselves with? Does the DG have to do all those charter nights, could the time be used for something better? The way we have our meetings, are they just cosy or are they efficient, could we accomplish more and have fun at the same time, just by changing part of the way we meet?

I encourage you to do the "my ideal club" exercise in order to find the best way for you to run your club, the ideal way as wanted from the members.

You cannot change history, but you can change the future, and tomorrow is the first day in the future, and also the first day in the rest of your life. Why not change the future to make your club even better?

Have fun *Per K. Christensen*
International Director 2010-2012

District Competition Awards

- Ian Birch Award - for doubling the clubs membership - Woolmer Forest
- Colin Rickman Award - for starting a new LEO Club - Blandford and District
- Blackmore Vale Cheese - for supporting Youth Exchange - New Milton
- Club Website Award - for the Club with the best Website - Reading
- Barrie Richardson Travelling Lion Award - for visiting other clubs wherever they may be, or attending District and Zone organised events - Hart
- Leo Plumley Award - for continuing to help both young and older with Disabilities - Hayling Island
- Bill Field Sight Cup - for their World Sight Day commitment - Crofton
- Runner Up - for collecting for Spek Trek - Philip Barry (Woodley and Earley)
- John Greenaway - for their project in the Mombasa District of Kenya to be known as the Lions House to initially house 20 orphaned or abandoned children in the age range of 5 to 16 years - Sandown and Shanklin
- Scrapbook Competition - Hart
- Club Magazine Award - Jersey
- Peace Poster:

- Godwin Micallef Trophy for 11-13 - Charley Clark sponsored by Burnham
- Bill Smith Memorial Trophy for 9-10 - Charlotte Hornet - sponsored by Blackmore Vale
- Bill Smith Memorial Trophy for 7-8 - Joshua Cook - sponsored by Blackmore Vale
- Poetry Competition - Lucy Mears - sponsored by Andover
- Young Ambassador Award - Camilla Potter - sponsored by Woking ham

Congratulations to all the winners!

It would be great if next year there were more entrants.

Please see the Newsletter, the District Mailing and the Website for more information during the year.

The new Visiting Lion Award began in January for our own District and in March for the Multiple District Competition. I will forward all forms received to MD for automatic entry into

the their competition.

To date the first three clubs in our own competition are 1st Hook and Odiham, 2nd Ringwood and Fordingbridge and 3rd Loddon Valley. Its not too late to start entering so please keep me busy!



Judith Goodchild 105D Competitions Officer

A Message from your Editor

All photos of presentations will be available on the website shortly, if anyone would like copies of those printed in this newsletter please email me at news@lions105d.org.uk or pgarlick1@aol.com I would like to thank Lion President Clare Dowling for the excellent convention write-up and photos, also to Lion Richard Wareham for all Business session, and to Lion Rita Daubeney for Host and Banquet & Ball photos.

Many thanks to the articles sent in this issue it certainly makes my job easier having more articles.

Please keep them coming.

The next issue (June) closes on the 24th May.

Lion Peter Garlick.



Yes we can!

Police Sing at The Minster Again



The Dorset Police Male Voice Choir sang at the Wimborne Minster on Saturday 19th February in the second such concert organised by the Wimborne and Ferndown Lions Club. The fifty or so members of the Choir, conducted by Dr. Jane Oakland, sang a variety of musical items from Nessun Dorma to The Rhythm of Life, including a selection from the musical Oliver.

The singing was complemented by solo pieces from two brilliant young musicians – Emily Pickup (piano) and Natalie Buckley-Green (violin).

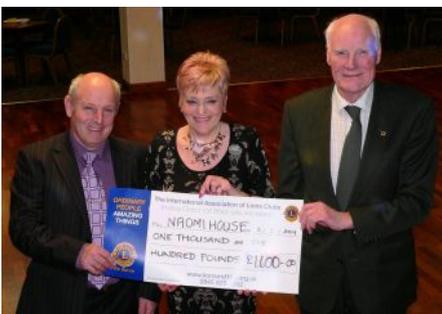
The performances, combined with the special setting and acoustics of the Minster, led to a memorable musical occasion.

The concert was attended by 160 people including the mayor and mayoress of Wimborne, the mayor of Ferndown and the deputy mayor of Verwood.

About £750 (less the cost of a coach to bring residents of Oak Tree Park to the concert) was raised and will be distributed locally according to needs identified by the Lions' welfare committee.

The next Lions concert at the Minster is on Saturday December 10th and will be performed by The Royal Band of Signals, Blandford. Proceeds will go to the fund for Help the Heroes.

Meon Valley Lions land a large cheque!



Following another successful Fishing Festival this January, Meon Valley Lions were delighted to attend the recent prize night of the Ford Sports and Social Club Sea

Angling Club at their clubhouse in Southampton. The charity fishing competition is now in its 36th year and the monies raised from the event have traditionally gone to The Naomi House children's hospice charity in Winchester. The Meon Valley Lions have been able to

help generate a further £1,600 from this year's festival and through the valuable support of the Transport and General Workers Union, have brought the total raised since the event began to £28,100.

At the prize-giving, event organiser Peter Oates and Lion Ron Wilson presented the cheque to Naomi House area representative Mary Rochford. Expressing her gratitude to the Ford Sea Angling Club, Mary commented that she could think of no other organisation on the south coast that had consistently contributed so much money to the charity, over such an extended period. Well done lads!

Photograph: (L to R) Peter Oates, Ford Sports & Social Club; Mrs Mary Rochford, Naomi House; Ron Wilson, Secretary, Meon Valley Lions.



Hospice Memorial to Lion

In memory of a much respected Lions Club member, Brian Godley who died on 1st November 2010, his fellow Lions Club members have donated a special urine test machine to the Duchess of Kent House Hospice in Reading. Brian had received palliative care for more than five weeks here at this Hospice before he lost his brave battle against cancer and sadly passed away at his home in Whitchurch Hill.

Brian's widow Doreen Godley attended a formal presentation to the Hospice by Goring, Woodcote & District Lions Club of this innovative and compact machine. Mr George Solly, Chairman of the Duchess of Kent House Charity had earlier consulted the nursing staff who selected this particular machine to be purchased at a cost of £500 donated by the Lions Club. On receiving the machine, discretely inscribed with a memorial plaque, Mr Solly said "The nursing staff have been so impressed with the effectiveness and accuracy of this machine that they have immediately ordered another one".

Making the presentation on behalf of Goring, Woodcote & District Lions were Jon Solman, acting Club President and Lions member Charles Slater, together with Mrs Doreen Godley.

The Duchess of Kent House Hospice staff were thanked for the excellent care and support they had provided Brian Godley, which was very much appreciated by him, his family and all his friends. Brian had been a Lions Club member for just over 40 years and is sorely missed for his enthusiasm and willingness to help people in need.



Portsmouth Lions Club

Syed A. Haque Family Foundation - Joint venture



Eighteen Bangladeshi families will benefit from rickshaws, sewing machines, tube wells other equipment supplied by a local charity, the Syed A. Haque Family Foundation and Lions Club International.

Syed Haque was born in Bahubal, in the district of Habiganj, Bangladesh. Before moving to the UK nearly 50 years ago. He has undertaken many projects with voluntary organisations in Portsmouth and other areas for the benefit of his native region and the local community. Syed is a prominent member of the local community - former Conservative candidate for the city council, school governor and member of numerous other charities and associations. He is our President-Elect.

A delegation headed by Syed Haque delivered the equipment last December at a handover ceremony which was attended by prominent local government officials - Iqbal Khan Choudhury, Secretary of Development for Home Office, Muhammed Hassan, District Commissioner, S.M. Shekil Chourhury, Past District Governor - Lions Clubs Bangladesh and Zillur Rahman, Superintendent of Police.

During his presidency of Portsmouth Lions Club, Syed was able to raise funds and made contributions to the projects.

Portsmouth lions allocated grants to Queen Alexandra Hospital, the Australian Bush Fire and Bangladesh flood appeals.

Syed A. Haque Family Foundation's next challenge is to fund for a scholarship to send Bahubal region native pupils into further education.

For further details, please contact Syed on 07947 498356 or syedaminulhaque@hotmail.co.uk"

James McGregor PRO

Alton Lions St Patrick's Day Quiz – The Winners



The Winners

Wooden Spooners

The winners of the Alton Lions St Patrick's Day Quiz held in the Spencer Room at the Alton House Hotel were of course the 'Shannons' who fared best in the Irish Section. The winners of the Wooden Spoons were the 'Could Be's' (Could be right or could be wrong) from Four Marks. All the proceeds are being donated to the Extended Services for the new Wootey's Family Centre. The 'Shannons' are shown holding their Chocolate Irish Rabbits and the 'Could Be's' with their wooden spoons.



Lions and Rotary club together for

Jack

Jack Layton, aged four, from Wickham, was diagnosed with muscular dystrophy in May 2010. His Mum and Dad, Jules and Stuart have since learned that regular physical exercise is an important way to slow the onset of muscular dystrophy, so they decided to purchase a purpose-made trike to help Jack to keep active.

The British engineered trike provides Jack with the freedom and mobility to get to school and travel around the town, whilst the special adaptations allow his parents to steer and control it remotely. Of course, all this technology comes at a cost, so two local volunteer organisations, the Rotary Club of Bishops Waltham and Meon Valley Lions Club, have come forward with a contribution of £500 each, to help provide Jack with his new wheels.

Jack absolutely loves his cool new trike and ironically it's now Jules and Stuart who are finding they are getting all the extra exercise, chasing behind him on the streets of Wickham.

Photograph: Left to Right – John Edwards President, Rotary Club of Bishop's Waltham; Roy Cuthbertson, President Meon Valley Lions Club; Jack Layton and his family Stuart, sister Sydney and Jules.

