

# The International Association of Lions Clubs DISTRICT 105D - OCTOBER 2011



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*"Make your mark on the world"*



Well another month has gone by and I am three months into my year. So much has happened and with yet still more to come it seems that time is just flying by.

Rather than make a long list of where I have been, which can be boring, let me just give a brief outline and let the photos do the talking.



So since the beginning of September, I have done 10 club visits, played Croquet with my own club, attended a Bar B Q, and met the vicar about the District Service. Spent our

wedding anniversary collecting money outside Morrisons in Sandown. Opened and spent the day at a Donkey Derby, wet but good fun. Attended the official opening of the Lions Shelter at the National Arboretum, and had the privilege of meeting and talking to her Highness Sophie the Countess of Wessex, I was also allowed to present her with my personal banner and pin, **(no photo due to restrictions, cant say hold on a minute while my wife steps out of line to take a photo, can you!)**



Held my second cabinet meeting which was back at the Inn at High Post, this I feel went off ok. Helped the Mayor of Havant open Hayling Island Lions community shop, what a great idea that is and it is going so well to. I have met and greeted on their visit to the I o W the Presidents of Bremen and Cherbourg Lions, when they visited the Island with their hosts the Lions of Poole.

Lion Ann and I have also been guests at 2 Charter Anniversaries, which were really fabulous, and sadly attended 2 funerals.

Whilst on Club visits I have been lucky to be able to badge up several new Lions, which is very good news, trouble is we are still losing members, we must try to keep our existing members if we are to grow. Also good news is that some clubs are actively making arrangements to plant some trees **(on this subject we really need to get planting, as the other districts are taking a big lead on this, so come on D let us show them we are up to the task).** But it is good to see whilst

travelling around that all clubs seem to be very active and doing good work within their communities.

**On a special note** I look forward to seeing as many Lions and partners as possible at the Cabinet meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> November. This has been opened to all of you so that you can meet, listen to and question a current International Director, Lion Gudrun and her husband Past International Director Dr John Bjarni from Iceland. Please do try and come it should be a good day out and there will be plenty to see and do that day at the Inn at High Post for the Lions and their partners who attend.

Also I am looking forward to meeting and talking to as many Presidents and Vice Presidents as possible at the meet the Presidents lunch on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November at Burly, in the New Forest. At this lunch you will have the chance to meet the VDGs and some cabinet officers as well, over a very informal and relaxed lunch.

October is looking like it is going to be just as busy, starting with the District Service in Fordingbridge on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October. My diary is fairly full with club visits, charters and Council of Governors meetings, but I will always try and find space for any lion or club that wants my help or a visit.

Ann and I are enjoying it and having fun meeting you all. Don't forget as I have said, I am your DG and a fellow Lion and am always happy to answer any questions on Lions that you may have, in the meantime keep up all the good work and we look forward to seeing you soon.

**Membership** I would like to welcome to our district and to Lionism the following new members, as reported to Oakbrook by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

- William Frederick Guest, of Alton Lions Club.
- Gerry Duke, of Gillingham, Mere and Shaftsbury.
- Malcolm Tatum, of Meon Valley Lions Club.
- Kirsty Dollery, of Reading Lions.
- Andrea Godber of Southampton Lions Club.

I wish them all the best and hope that they have many happy years ahead serving with the family of Lions.

**In Memoriam** The following Lions have passed to higher service, I am sure we all have their families in our thoughts.....

- Dowman Edward Whitehead, of Poole Lions Club.
- Richard Coletta Gordon, of Sherborne Lions Club.

To the families of those that I could not make it to their funeral, I am sorry, but it is not always possible to do. But I will always try to ensure that the District is represented. I assure you that they have been in my thoughts just the same. Those I managed to get to it was to celebrate their life, rather than mourn their passing.



**With Fun and Fellowship**

**CONVENTION** Now is the time to book in for the Convention, and start to plan your costumes. There will be a prize for the best club and the best couple, so get you're thinking caps on now. Booking forms are available on line, it really is a good deal for 3 days of fun and fellowship on the Isle of Wight

My travels over the next 2 monthS are as follows.....

**October**

- Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> District Service Fordingbridge.
- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Woolmer Forest club visit
- Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Havant club visit.
- Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Dorchester club visit.
- Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Poole club visit.
- Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Hayling Island Charter.
- Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Maidenhead Charter lunch.
- Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Sherborne.
- Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Portsmouth Charter.
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Basingstoke.
- Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Ventnor Club, and visit Chichester spectacle open day.
- Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Windsor 50<sup>th</sup> Charter.
- Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Fleet Charter.
- Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Wareham club.
- Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Salisbury.
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Bradford on Avon Charter.
- Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Blandford.
- Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Slough.
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> to Sun 30<sup>th</sup> C o G meeting.

**November.**

- Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Gosport.
- Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Hart.
- Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Melvin Jones Lunch.
- Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Bournemouth.
- Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Bridport.
- Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Romsey.
- Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Ringwood.
- Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Lord Mayors Show and Wimborne Charter
- Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day.

*DC Lion Ron and Ann*



**Alton Lions Another Great Golf Day for REHAB**

Seventy-six keen golfers formed nineteen teams to take part in the Alton Lions annual Charity Golf Day held this year at the Test Valley Golf Club, a few miles south of Overton. 'Sheen Stickland' and 'London Clancy' sponsored this year's event, which was held in support of Alton Cardiac Rehabilitation Centre, 'REHAB'. Although it has been a mixed summer this year the sun shone all day and the competition produced a glowing crop of prize winners.



Prizes were presented by Alton Lions President Peter Bacon and awarded to the winning team, The Frosties, the winning lady, Teresa Frost and the winning man, Dean Warner. There were also prizes for the longest drive to Tim Shelton and Jennifer Clelland and for nearest pin to Ron Beal. Alton Lion President also thanked Test Valley Golf Club for use of all their facilities and support, the sponsors and all others who made the day such a success.

Raffle prizes were donated by local outlets and the day finished with an auction for items, which included a week-long holiday in Tenerife and an antique golf club.

This year's event raised some £1500 for REHAB and will be used for new equipment needed at the centre especially for the more elderly clients.

**Lions pay the rent**

Wimborne and Ferndown Lions Club have paid the hire charge for a room at the Barrington for a year to help the Ferndown Parkinson's Support Group continue their physiotherapy activities there. The support group, with over 90 people "on the books" hold monthly meetings and a physiotherapy session every week.



Pictured with Lion president Derick Smith are, from left, physiotherapist Gina Turner, Dawn Muspratt and Irene Musk, with Tony Marshall (seated).

**Westbury Lions Donkey Derby**



Despite a few showers it was a very successful day raising £3,500 and as usual was great Fun. District Governor Ron Twining and Ann opened the event and am sure they had a few Flutters. The photos show District Governor Ron with winning jockey Jack Nash aged 7 and also with our bookie for the day Lion Kevin and obviously a Donkey Lover!.

**A Message from your Editor**

Many thanks for your articles, please keep them coming especially with photos.

The next issue will close on the 24th November  
Lion Peter Garlick



### THE JOHN GREENAWAY INTERNATIONAL AWARD

PDG John gave this award in 1997, the year he finished as District Governor, as a way of encouraging Clubs to support International projects. He had got a little disappointed hearing Club after Club say that they raised their money locally and therefore should spend it locally, when only comparatively small donations to the Third World could make such a big difference. This was the time that Gift for Living was getting underway, when River Blindness was being tackled by Lions with great success, with the help of Jimmy Carter Foundation and MERCK, an American pharmaceutical firm, also Lions Sight Programme was very active, wind up radios etc were all happening and he wanted to encourage clubs to do more for the Third World, where our work is so much appreciated.

The winner for 2011 was Sandown and Shanklin Lions Club for their project in the Mombassa 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.

Why not nominate your club for the 2011-12 competition? Nomination forms are available from me.

For more information on the projects covered by the International Committee please see the District website or contact The International Relations Community Chairman Barrie Richardson [intchair@lions105d.org.uk](mailto:intchair@lions105d.org.uk) or any of the Committee as listed in the District Directory.

### THE COLIN RICKMAN YOUTH AWARD

PDG Colin introduced the Award at his convention in March 1993 as he wanted to promote YOUTH PROJECTS. He says "The background and the reason why I donated the shield was due to the fact, believe it or not, I was relatively young when I joined Lions and the first club officer appointment was Leo officer and Youth officer which included the Youth Award competition". In those days there were between 6 to 10 candidates at club level, He then became Regional Youth award officer, and following that District Leo Officer, along with other youth related projects. In those early days the Youth and particular Leos inspired him to such extent that it motivated him through his year as President and it was Leos who encouraged him to stand as DG. During the period from 1979 to 1992 when elected as DG he found that it was becoming harder to inspire clubs to get involved with the youth projects. He is sure many of us have said that the youth of today is our future and how true that it is now? PDG Colin also says we have to also remember that young female Leos back in those times could not join Lions. He always said if he was elected as DG he would be the first to badge up a female and he did! So in essence the award was introduced to award the club who was involved with Leos, Youth Award, Youth Football and other Youth projects, He knows things have changed but he would sincerely hope the Award is awarded to the club who is the most active with youth related projects particularly MD & District Youth programmes

The winner for 2011 was Blandford and District for their efforts in setting up a new LEO Club.

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For more information on the projects covered by the committee please see the relevant pages on the District website or contact Youth Committee Chairman Yorky Tuke [youthchair@lions105d.org.uk](mailto:youthchair@lions105d.org.uk) or any of the Committee as listed in the District Directory.

### THE VISITING LION COMPETITION

It's not too late to enter! The present situation is that the first three places are

1 <sup>st</sup> Hook and Odiham Lions	112.66 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Hart Lions	67.42 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Ringwood and Fordingbridge Lions	26.00 points

Also in the competition are Salisbury, Loddon Valley, Reading, Newbury and Blackmore Vale Lions Clubs

For the full position please see the website page which is regularly updated.

Lion Judith Goodchild District Competitions Officer

### Crosby & District Lions (105BN) Lion Peter Albert's Kayak Expedition down the river Thames



I have received 2 articles from Clubs in 105D re Lion Peter's trip down the Thames, although I believe he also had help from other district as well. Lions from Pangbourne, Theale and District met up with Him at Henley-on-Thames as he approached Marsh Lock. Once through he was presented a cheque by Lions Patrick Mulcahy and Robin Swift in support of St. Dunstons which is why he decided to do this expedition.



Then Lion Diane Purchase of Windsor Lions organised his Retrieval from Boulton's Lock, Henley Sea Cadets, and finally Sunbury Lock his last stop before Teddington the finish of his Marathon paddle in a Kayak - the length of the non tidal Thames

was 144 miles. Peter then stayed with Diane & Harry Purchase for 3 nights - a somewhat better deal than sleeping on concrete floors at Sea Cadet locations. Picture shows Lion Diane Purchase handing over a cheque for £500.

### Windsor Lion Possible Olympic Torchbearer



John Jenkins is through to the second round in the competition to be a torch bearer for the 2012 Olympics. John a victim of polio and a paralympian himself is gearing up for the final selection. His sport amongst many others in which he has competed Internationally is wheelchair Table tennis. His Paralympian performance was in 1964 He also won a bronze

medal in swimming. John is sponsored by Diane Purchase a Past President of the Windsor Lions

John is a past President of the Lions Club of Windsor, and is now a very active "chair" of the activities committee. He is, in addition, Chair of the most successful sports club for the disabled, raising 000's in a number of very high profile events including a wheelchair push from Bristol to London in the International year of the disabled.

He is best avoided at social gatherings because he will have the next "amazing opportunity" just waiting for your participation...

In this role as Activities Chair, he has created a programme of fun and fund raising events during the 50th year of the club.

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