

# The International Association of Lions Clubs

## DISTRICT 105D - OCTOBER 2012



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*“Service with humility: Fellowship with fun”*

### Hello Fellow Lions



During September I visited the Lions Clubs of Cosham, Gosport and Lee on the Solent, Bournemouth and Basingstoke. I also visited Pangbourne, Theale & District Lions to share the combined dinner and business meeting (very civilised. All of these clubs are active in the

Community and almost all of them have potential members attending meetings. I am pleased to report that Bournemouth and Basingstoke Lions are outgrowing their meeting rooms. Christine was able to be with me for the visits to Gosport Lee on the Solent, Bournemouth and Basingstoke. Fleet Lions David Mathews, Travis McCall and Ken Carter kindly drove to the Clubs that are further away and my thanks go to them.

I visited 22 Clubs when Brigid Hendy was District Governor in Lionistic Year 2010-11 which was the first year of the District Governor Team sharing visits. This year I have visited 16 clubs of the 34 clubs, including 3 branches, that I have scheduled for visits and I am proud to say that I have not visited one club that I would not want to be a member of.



Hayling Island



Bournemouth



Pangbourne, Theale



Slough Charter



Swanwick Charter

Christine and I have shared in the Charter Anniversaries of Swanwick and Slough which we really enjoyed and by the time

this news letter is published we will have attended the Gillingham, Mere and Shaftesbury Charter Anniversary as well.



Lion Bill Palmer 40 year Chevron Pangbourne, Theale & District

A box of 145 Letters and Service Chevrons arrived at my house 2 weeks ago from LCI HQ. Those for Clubs already visited have been sorted out by Christine and mailed today and I have been presenting others to Lions as I visit them at meetings and Charters. Congratulations and thank you all for your service



Congratulations to District Marketing and Public Relations Coordinator, Lion James (Jim) McGregor on successfully completing the Senior Lions Institute in Brussels. He is pictured with Lions Eli, from Israel, one of many new friends made at the Institute.

### Lions World Sight Day

October 11 is Lions World Sight Day and LCI invite you and your club to join Lions around the world to lead the fight against blindness. Lions Clubs are encouraged to take part with any vision-related activity. The focus of this year's event to be held in Istanbul, Turkey is [diabetic retinopathy](#) and its relationship to blindness. Lions in Istanbul will hold a public eye screening that focuses on diabetic eye disease.

Somewhere in the world, a person goes blind every five seconds, and your efforts can help to stop this trend. Each October, Lions have an opportunity to show the strength and impact of our global network through participation in a special service action campaign, "Sharing the Vision."

District Governor Team Club Visits	Roger's Rambles
Waterlooville	1 <sup>st</sup> October
Fleet Sirius (Branch of Fleet)	8 <sup>th</sup> October
Gillingham, Mere & Shaftesbury	10 <sup>th</sup> October - TBC
Aldershot (Branch of Fleet)	15 <sup>th</sup> October
Lymington and Brockenhurst	7 <sup>th</sup> November
Fareham	12 <sup>th</sup> November - TBC
Crofton	13 <sup>th</sup> November - TBC
Hythe and Waterside	15 <sup>th</sup> November
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Governor	David's Visits
Warminster	2 <sup>th</sup> October
Christchurch	4 <sup>th</sup> October
Sherborne	8 <sup>th</sup> October
Romsey	10 <sup>th</sup> October
Trowbridge	11 <sup>th</sup> October
Weymouth & Portland	16 <sup>th</sup> October
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Governor	Mike's Visits
Eastleigh	5 <sup>th</sup> October
Southampton	10 <sup>th</sup> October
Westbury	11 <sup>th</sup> October
Poole	18 <sup>th</sup> October
Maidenhead	23 <sup>rd</sup> October
Loddon Valley	7 <sup>th</sup> November
Slough	28 <sup>th</sup> November

Please refer to the District Mailing for Charter Anniversaries



**Blandford**  
Genevieve Corben

**Bridport**  
Ruth Mulkeen



**Farnborough**  
Andrew & Vanessa  
Binnie Richie

**Wimborne & Ferndown**  
Michael Zeck

## Welcome to our New Lions (July- September)

Welcome to the team I hope you enjoy your time in Lions and remain a Lion for many years having lots of

opportunity to serve the community and having fun with fellowship as you do it. I have had the pleasure of meeting some of you already and I hope to meet you all in due course.

Ann Vicars & Ian Vizer - Basingstoke,  
George Wagland -Blackmore Vale,  
Genevieve Corben - Blandford & District  
Sue Annandale - Bournemouth  
Ruth Mulkeen - Bridport  
Kate Teng - Burnham - Bucks  
Ann Allen & Richard Allen - Christchurch  
Nicola Cocoran-Herring - Crofton  
Andrew Binnie Richie & Vanessa Binnie Richie - Farnborough  
Keith Manning & Roger Renshaw - Fleet  
Maureen & Malcom Lines - Newport IOW (Cowes Branch)  
Christine Cairns, Darren & Carol Newstead - Ryde IOW  
Joyce Harvey - Lymington & Brockenhurst  
Martin Gallagher - Reading  
Liz Metcalf - Trowbridge  
Shaun Flynn - Wimborne & Ferndown

This is very encouraging but we must ensure that we keep these new Lions interested and focused on serving the local and wider community. We have lost four more members than those we are welcoming in this Lionistic Year. Most of them were Lions who had joined in the last 4 -5 years and I ask what are we doing that loses their interest and willingness to serve their community with the Lions? Over the years we have been very good at recruiting new members but we tend to lose the same numbers, or a few more, each year for various reasons. The GMT is willing to help with membership, retention and extension (new or Club Branches) matters and may be contacted through the Coordinator, Pauline McCreanor, on [membership@lions105d.org.uk](mailto:membership@lions105d.org.uk). I hope to be writing to all our Club Presidents about membership in the near future.

### Reading Action Programme

If your Club is interested in the programme but have not yet decided how to become involved the following idea may be for you:

### The Children's Audio Theatre

Posted on September 26, 2012 by [lionshq](#)  
Just over three years ago the Kiama Lions Club of 201N2 Australia launched The Children's Audio Theatre project initially targeted at visually impaired or children with medical disabilities. CD's have been produced of classic Children's stories and includes stories for Children of all ages, the stories are also available in MP3 format. Now we see the project as one which supplements President Wayne's Reading Program. The children who have heard the stories love them and gain

advantages through learning pronunciation through listening. The system is great for those learning English as a second language.

Many Lions Clubs in Australia have supported this project and the Kiama club have been fortunate in obtaining sponsorship from Compass Publishing in Korea and the IMB Community Foundation in Australia. This has allowed them to set up a downloadable website through Podbean <http://kiamacat.podbean.com/> making available the downloading of the stories free to children, teachers and parents across the World. Hard copies of the CD's can still be obtained from their website at [www.childrens-audio-theatre.org.au](http://www.childrens-audio-theatre.org.au) or through the Australian Lions online Shop. All proceeds from the project at Kiama are donated to the Australian Lions Children's Cancer Research Foundation.

Additionally Kiama Club has produced a pamphlet titled "Plays for Kids to listen to".. You can view the leaflet here. Additional copies will be posted or e-mailed on your request to our Email address

[info@childrens-audio-theatre.org.au](mailto:info@childrens-audio-theatre.org.au)

This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it

The Children's Audio Theatre within MD105 has been fully endorsed by PID Lion Phil Nathan who has been liaising with PID Lion Barry Palmer in this very worthwhile project.

For more information Clubs can e-mail

[sales@childrens-audio-theatre.org.au](mailto:sales@childrens-audio-theatre.org.au) This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it or view the website

[www.childrens-audio-theatre.org.au](http://www.childrens-audio-theatre.org.au) or send mail direct to The Childrens Audio Theatre, C/O The Kiama Lions Club, PO Box 161, Kiama, NSW 2533

Phil Nathan's Campaign Blog

[http://www.lionphilnathan.co.uk/pid\\_phil\\_campaign\\_91.html](http://www.lionphilnathan.co.uk/pid_phil_campaign_91.html)

*Lion Roger Munday*

**P.S. Dg Roger says thanks to Lion Peter and all contributors for an excellent issue**



### Lions' donation sets hearts racing!

The last Lionistic year was one of the busiest-ever years for the Meon Valley Lions Club with a packed fundraising programme.

Our Barbeque teams were

kept pretty busy during The Diamond Jubilee period and in all all we cooked almost 3,500 sausages and burgers over the course of the season, contributing over £5,000 for our charity fund.

The opening of a new surgery in the village of Wickham provided a valuable opportunity to put £1,711 of this cash to good use when we purchased an essential piece of heart diagnostic equipment, in the form of an ECG machine. Lions recently attended an open-day hosted by Practice Manager Sharon Warren and her team, where we were able to see the new kit take pride of place in the magnificent new building. **Photograph: Lion Ron Wilson and Practice Manager Sharon Warren with the ECG equipment at Wickham surgery**



## "The Wessex Adventure" **WE WANT YOU!**



The Lions Club of Fleet are hosting the 48th Annual District Convention on 22-24th March 2013 in the historic town of Old Windsor.

The Beaumont House Hotel has been selected as venue for its offering of location, quality and value.

We will have a comprehensive Exhibition Hall showing off a mixture of Lions supported projects and Lions orientated commercial displays.

Our vision is to have a vibrant, buzzing and informative display area which will leave visitors motivated, entertained and informed.

Exhibitions already confirmed include Lions Signature Projects (Sight and Youth), Dentaaid, Diabetes Awareness, Environmental Projects, Medic Alert, Message In A Bottle, Mobility & Speech & Hearing, Sight Programmes, Special Needs & Circumstances and Vulnerable Persons.

**WE WANT YOU** as we are looking for **EVEN MORE** exhibitors!

If you are a Club or Member who wishes to book a free display table at the conference to display or present a relevant Lions topic then we would **LOVE** to hear from you.

Please contact Lion Lee Turner [leepturner@sky.com](mailto:leepturner@sky.com) to investigate further.

Alternatively full conference details and all booking information is available at [www.wessexadventure.org.uk](http://www.wessexadventure.org.uk)



### Farm visit with Lions

Each year a different group of very special young children are selected to come over from Belarus to stay here in England for a month, away from the

radioactivity poisoning ever present in their homeland since the Chernobyl nuclear reactor disaster in mid 1984. Just one month of respite away from this environment much enhances their health and extends their life expectancy. Goring, Woodcote & District Lions Club organise a day trip to Rushall Farm at Bradfield for the visiting Children.

This has become a popular event for the Lions who have been sponsoring a different group of children from Belarus since 2001.



On Friday on 3rd August this year there were just 10 children in the group hosted by the Lions, ranging in age from 11 to 15 years. They spent the day taking part in the various farm activities including wading in the nearby river Pang, pond dipping, feeding the animals, tractor trailer riding and insect identification. A picnic lunch was provided on site by members of the Lions Club.



The Management and staff at Rushall Farm generously gave their time and facilities free, to enable these visiting young Children to experience life on an English farm. They met, at close quarters, donkeys, cows, a bull, and lambs – something those from the larger communities in Belarus do not often

get a chance to see. A happy hour was spent fishing with nets in the local river, which they cannot do back home as the water is too contaminated to play in.

Lion Paul Chandler, the Club's Fund Raising Chairman presented each child and their interpreter with a miniature cuddly lion finger puppet to take home with them as a memento of their visit.



### Hook & Odiam Lions Duck Race

It looks as though the hot, sunny 'Indian Summer' weather that we asked for arrived in good time so that we had one of the most enjoyable days at the Crooked Billet

on what has become now an important event in the Lionistic calendar. The ducks had all been tested and numbered which just left the task of getting the course organised and the Lions in their strategic positions to make sure that everything ran smoothly.



By 12.30 am all was set up and ready and with just twelve spectators watching on the river bank the first race of 200 ducks was underway. With the fast flowing river it seemed no time at all before the first 3 ducks had nosed their way into the finishing gate. By 1.00 pm spectators had swelled to about 40, the sun had shown its face and the first four heats had been run (or is that swum?) and it was time for the mid-session

break and the cheque presentation. A cheque for £750 was presented to Dave Gilbert on behalf of Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance by Lion President Terry Cheesman. Then it was back to the remaining four race heats and an exciting final.



The very proud winning duck won its owner, Hampshire and IOW Air Ambulance (from a donated ticket sold in Odiham), the first prize of £200.

2<sup>nd</sup> prize of £100 was won by Mrs B Ryder. 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of £50 was won by Sally Sanders.



### Lions Youth Brass Band visits south Dorset

For the second year running the band, sponsored by Lions clubs in south Cheshire, headed to Dorset

to give no less than 12 concerts. The band travelled down early on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> July to Weymouth's Westfield College which was the base for the duration of the tour. Then it was straight off to their first performance on the Esplanade at 6.30pm and, although they were only supposed to play for an hour, they continued for another thirty minutes at the request of a very appreciative audience.

There were two performances on the Sunday where once again the band played at the Esplanade and then in the late afternoon they performed for a very large crowd in the beautiful surroundings of Greenhill Gardens. On Monday the band had a relatively quiet day with just one performance in the lovely setting of the



Abbotsbury tropical gardens. Tuesday started at the Bridport Arts Centre where a large audience gathered to support the band and then it was on to The Hive Beech at Burton Bradstock. As last



year the weather was absolutely glorious but immediately before the performance had started there had been a cliff fall nearby. Sadly, after just four pieces had been played, a halt had to be called to enable

rescue vehicles to access the beach where it was subsequently established that a 22 year old woman had been trapped and died during the landslide. The band's final performance of the day was a formal evening



concert played to a capacity audience in the Dorfold Hall in Dorchester who gave them a standing ovation at the end. Wednesday afternoon the band travelled to a lovely

waterside setting in Swanage where a very appreciative crowd gathered to listen to the band who



had time for a well deserved swim in the sea afterwards. It was then on to the Wareham Wednesday Bonanza where, in front of a crowd of 500, a pirate ship sailed up the river with the band

performing music from The Pirates of The Caribbean. At 10pm there was a spectacular firework display, again accompanied by music from the band. The last day started off in the lovely setting of Easton Gardens, Portland, in the presence of the local Mayoress and the final concert of the tour was at the Ocean Rooms in the Pavilion Centre at Weymouth. Yet again, Dorchester, Wareham, Bridport, Weymouth and Portland Lions clubs all appreciated the



entertainment, publicity and funds raised as a result of the band's talent and hard work which made the tour another resounding success.



### LIONS SUPPORT FOUR MARKS LUNCH CLUB

The Four Marks Lunch club for the over 60's has been provided with funds by Alton Lions to purchase a range of new kitchen equipment to

enable the preparation of wholesome quality lunches. The Lunch Club, an initiative by local residents Audrey McMillan and Michele Kuhn, was started just two months ago for people over 60 and provides a 2-course lunch with tea or coffee at £3.50 per person. The club meets every other Wednesday at 12:30 in the Village Hall and new members would be welcome. Transport can be arranged and booking is essential, contact Audrey 01420 564437 or Michele 0192 772159. The Photo taken in the club dining room of the Village hall shows guest (front row) Jean, Jenny and Ann and (back row) Lion Keith Waterman, Audrey McMillan, Lion President Sarah O' Donoghue, Michele Kuhn and Lion Jackie Barnes.



Petersfield Lions had a very successful fundraising day at the town's Summer festival on Sun 26<sup>th</sup> August. Blessed with a beautiful day the many stalls throughout the town and the comprehensive entertainment programme attracted large crowds

and our teams were kept busy on our stall throughout the day. As well as fund raising we distributed our "Lions Club of Petersfield" brochures.

### A Message from your Editor

Many thanks for the great articles please keep them coming.

You will notice that we have included pictures of new members, so please let me have pics of your new Lions as and when badged up so can include in the District Governor Rogers or my Newsletter.

Please let me have your input for December issue by 24th November. Thank you

Lion Peter Garlick



### Visit to Brussels for the Europa Forum.

During the early part of September, as it was our 24<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary at the same time as the Europa Forum in Brussels, Ann and I decided to

combine several things in one go. To attend the Forum, to visit Brussels City, and to celebrate our anniversary.

Due to the very high cost of registering in to the forum, and attending the functions we economised by staying in a very pleasant little hotel just behind the hotel being used by the MD. This proved to be an excellent choice as it was a very pleasant and welcoming hotel and was just next to a superb street of Greek, Italian and Turkish restaurants, providing excellent meals at a much better value than those in the main square. They also provided us with plenty of street entertainment during the evenings, as it just happened to be the weekend the Belgians celebrate their liberation.

Whilst at the forum we intended to spend most of the time at the Youth Exchange meetings and functions, giving my support to the MD Youth Exchange Coordinator, as I am his deputy.

Unfortunately things did not turn out quite as we expected, because we found on arrival at the hotel, we had been robbed of our cash and my wallet on leaving the Midi Station, so quite a bit of time was spent in the local Police Station and on the phone. I must say the police were very good, but the banks were not so helpful. Anyway we decided not to let it spoil our visit and got on with enjoying ourselves.



The weather could not have been better every day the temperature was in the range of 28 to 30 Celsius, just right for sight seeing and drinking on the terraces around the square during the day, the Belgian beer

is excellent and we enjoyed it very much. Especially the Kastell triple ale, which is 11% proof, trouble is you soon feel like doing what the little boy of Brussels does. The very warm evenings also meant we could enjoy the open air dining, in the little street near our hotel.



The Europa functions were excellent even if a little over priced, and it was good to meet old friends from the past, even meeting up with the International President from my DG year and his daughter.



All in all despite the set back at the start and the costs of Europa, it was an excellent 5 days meeting and socialising with friends old and new. In fact Ann and I went with the intention of enjoying ourselves, and that is just what we did it, Brussels is a wonderful city. I am sure others will report on the various seminars and competitions.

IPDG Lion Ron Twining  
Photos taken by Ron and Ann.



When Swindon Town FC visited Fratton Park last Tuesday they did not realise they would be meeting two teams from Portsmouth. In addition to our local football team, the visiting players passed eleven members of Portsmouth Lions Club, the

local branch of the world's leading member service organisation who were collecting for their community appeal. It was a home win for the Lions who achieved £137.87. Every penny of which will go towards a cause within our local community.



July saw a historic moment for the City of Portsmouth Lions club.

Our incumbent president Mr Syed Aminul Haq, a former holder of the office, is the first British Bangladeshi to hold the role. His successor, Mr James McGregor, is one of the

youngest presidents since the club was founded 56 years ago. 34 year old James joined the club less than two years ago and is extremely passionate about Lions.

Portsmouth is a multicultural city with many different demographic characteristics. Our club truly reflects our community in the breakdown of our membership.

### Special award for Lion Don Crabtree

Wimborne and Ferndown Lions Club member, Lion Don Crabtree, has been awarded the Bert Mason Humanitarian award for his commitment and dedication to Lions Youth programs.

Don, together with his wife Pauline, has been a member of the Lions for 16 years, having previously been with Christchurch Lions Club.

He also served on the 105D Cabinet for a number of years, again covering Youth activities.

Don has always been enthusiastic and dedicated towards encouraging young people to take an interest in Lions Youth activities.

He has managed Wimborne & Ferndown' Lions Youth campaigns, such as the annual Peace Poster competition, Youth Football, search for Young Ambassadors and various other Youth related activities.

He has also lobbied for Lions funds to be donated to other Youth related projects including equipment for Schools.

Sadly, Don has had to step down as our Youth Chairman, due to ill-health, but continues to support our new Club Youth Chairman.

Lion Don is pictured with club president Lion Michael Zeck (left) and PDG Lion Godwin Micallef, who presented the award.



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**Leon Legge** is a professional footballer who plays for Brentford Football Club. Leon was diagnosed with Epilepsy when he was 16 years old but it didn't stop him pursuing a career as a professional footballer. He told MedicAlert *"Having Epilepsy has never stopped me from realising my dream of playing football and now I embrace my condition and use it to inspire others and help spread awareness of my condition"*. Leon regularly campaigns to raise awareness for Epilepsy and works with many charities.



**Joanne McClure** was diagnosed with Epilepsy 12 years ago. *"In January 2004, I took what I thought was a big step yet I was prepared for rejection...I joined a search and rescue team in Cheshire. No-one judged me for my epilepsy, and they all supported me. They have the right attitude about epilepsy; inclusion not exclusion! Not only am I an experienced team member in Cheshire, I am now also the Chairman and I've now been voted as Vice-Chairman of the Association of Lowland Search and Rescue!"* Joanne even inspired one of her team at Cheshire SAR to run the 2012 London Marathon for MedicAlert.



*You may have noticed over the last few weeks that we have a new logo? Our new website launches on 7th September showcasing our re-brand! We are very excited about the new website as it presents our full jewellery range. It also has more information pages for members including an A-Z of conditions and links to helpful organisations.*



### Lions Golf Day - 'A great fundraising day out'

Came Down Golf Club provided a fresh setting to the annual Lions Charity Golf Day. Eleven teams enjoyed the challenge of a Texas Scramble in the beautiful setting of Came Down, only disrupted by the occasional heavy shower!

As usual the 'Watering Hole' half way round provided a focus for merriment with drinks generously provided by Mark Stratton of the Royal Dorset Yacht Club. Ainsley Burgess provided delicious finger food supplemented by a last minute delivery of piping hot pasties and sausage rolls from the Dorset Cake Company.

The evening dinner was well attended and enjoyed by all thanks to the friendly and helpful Came Down catering and bar staff. President Richard Burgess assisted by our inexhaustibly enthusiastic organiser Micky Jones presented the prizes. The winning team were again Team Marlborough formed of two generations of the Johnston family. They definitely must put a little something extra in their vinegar! Thanks to the good attendance, the generosity of hole sponsors and of players in purchasing raffle tickets and of various companies and individuals in donating prizes over £2000 was raised for the club charity fund. A great day was had by all! Norman Apps



### Hart Lions Buy Two Hand Held Eltrex Geocaching GPS

Elvetham Heath guides offered Hart Lions a trip out to see how they worked. The Guide leaders had placed special caches for us to find, with words inside which when unjumbled spelt out 'Girls in the Lead', 'Serving the Community', which are the words which sum up both organisations. We had great fun, and had hot chocolate and marshmallows to end with. They are used to help with orienteering and finding 'caches' which are hidden all over town and country and the world. The caches are hidden in the most difficult and weird places.

When they are found you write the date, and your information etc. and put it back.

It is surprising where other people have come from!! It makes taking the dog for a walk great fun.