

DISTRICT 105D



November 2014 Edition

TIMES

Mike's Month

Hi everyone

Following feedback from some Clubs and subsequent discussions with the Editor, Lion Peter Tabb, we have agreed to limit the District Times to six pages. Last month's edition, although splendid for content (and Peter has had no problem getting copy in this year) was a bumper 10 pages and it is appreciated that not all members have PCs and someone has to print it off for them. So I hope to lead by example and shorten my monthly message. In the future some articles may need to be pruned so please, when writing the articles, think about how much space it might take up.

The highlight for October at District level was an absolutely splendid District Service superbly hosted by Alton Lions Club to whom I am extremely grateful. The music in the church was stirring and everyone was in good voice; I tinkered with the format a bit and it seemed to work. One gripe: at the closing date we had just 38 members attending – on the Thursday before the event we had 96 so 58 bookings came in after the closing date; this makes it very difficult for the catering and other organisational duties. Please, please can we get smarter and respond to things in a timely fashion.

The month ends with Council of Governors and Europa Forum which MD105 are hosting; a very good opportunity to network with Lions from around Europe and beyond. I know that some Lions from the District have volunteered to help there so I look forward to seeing you.



**Lion Di's charity for
2013/2014 realises more than
£5,000! Read more on page 2**

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“Teamwork, Leadership and Compassion”

I had a meeting this week with the organiser for our District for the Marie Curie Appeal 2015. She will be getting details of venues and dates out to Clubs hopefully in December so that we have as much notice as possible. I have been assured that Club clothing can be worn when collecting – I know this didn't happen in all places last year – my own Club's area included.

Here is an unashamed advance plug for the 105D Convention from 20 to 22 March 2015 at the Wessex Hotel in Bournemouth. Bookings for rooms are direct with the hotel quoting Lions but bookings for delegates to the business and social events are on our own District website and you can pay by BACS transfer or cheque – credit/debit card payment will be available shortly. There is the opportunity to win a free weekends accommodation (sponsored by the Wessex Hotel) and breakfast for convention weekend if you book and pay by 31st December 2014 so don't delay, get booked in.

In line with the promises I made last year there will be changes made. There will be no top table in the middle of the stage; the Flag Ceremony will take place on the Friday afternoon after Cabinet – not during Convention. The official opening will be done by Lions and not Civic Dignitaries; there will be an Open Forum for delegates to ask questions of me or any other District Officer DURING THE BUSINESS SESSION. Reports will be taken *en bloc* and in the afternoon there will be interactive workshops on subjects chosen by you from a list you will be given as you enter Convention. Guest speakers are now confirmed as David Baxter-Smith who many of you will know well as the Consultant Urologist who has helped so many Clubs with their Prostate Screening Events and representing Lions Clubs International – PID Lion Phil Nathan who was also my official guest at my Convention when I was first a DG in 105A in 2000/2001. So get your booking in now

You will have all received this week, the new publication "Lions in your Community". Please see the letter from IPDG David in the October mailout if you want more copies but please use it as a marketing tool to promote Lions awareness – distribute it, don't just put it in a drawer and forget it.

Finally as we remember this month all those people who have paid the ultimate sacrifice to protect us in this country and allow us to keep our freedom, can we all also pause for a moment and reflect on all those past Lions and our friends who are no longer able to serve on Earth.

Have a good month

Kind regards

Mike & Brigid



The 'Chuckle Brothers' plan the 2015 Convention

Dear Everyone

On behalf of 'Missing People', my charity for last year, I would like to thank you all very much indeed. The total handed over to Brian at the Convention was £2,674.05. I was aiming for £3,000 but with your generosity the final total was £5,265.22! Thank you all so much.

Lion Di Merchant

wife of now IPDG David

LIONS QUIZ 2014

More 100 people making up 18 teams came to the Barrington Centre, Ferndown, on 2 October for the Wimborne and Ferndown Lions annual quiz, despite another quiz having been held the week before.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the format which involves six rounds with a short session of card bingo as a "brain-break" in the interval. The platter of food and bottle of wine on each table also went down very well!

The event raised approximately £500 for local charities.

"A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds..." Francis Bacon (1561 - 1626)



Hayling Lions have just completed their third 'It's a Knock Out' and the Mountbatten Centre rang with cheering and laughter emanating from groups of fun loving people who came from a range of centres specialising in those with learning difficulties and who competed in a series of games which started at ten in the morning and went on until early afternoon with a break for lunch. It is rare that one sees such evident pleasure and laughter on the faces of participants. It is a reward for the organisers and helpers understand and only those who have experienced it can truly tell. We were led this year by Lion Jenny Thorn who was thanked by all for her hard work.

This year the winners were a team from Creative 2 who meet in Portsmouth and indeed another team from the same centre came third. They were separated by Highbury College in second place. The prizes to the winners were presented by Mrs Sarah Foster, editor of the *Hayling Islander*.

Mike's Meanders for Nov. 2014

Date	Activity
1/2 November	Europa Forum
3 November	Henley Official Visit
4 November	Aldershot Official Visit
6/9 November	District 124 (Romania) Convention
10 November	Bracknell Club Meeting
12 November	Romsey Official Visit
15 November	OUR SON'S WEDDING
17 November	Wareham Official Visit
18 November	Woodley & Earley Official Visit
22 November	Wimborne & Ferndown Charter
28 November	Windsor Charter
29/30 November	MD GMT/GLT Summit

Alan's Ambles for Nov. 2014

Date	Activity
1 November	New Milton Charter (Official Guest)
3 November	Windsor Official Visit
5 November	Lymington & Brockenhurst Official Visit
7 November	Eastleigh Official Visit
8 November	2016 Convention Committee Meeting
10 November	Andover Official Visit
12 November	Cowes Branch
15 November	Christchurch Charter (Official Guest)
20 November	Poole Official Visit
22 November	Wimborne & Ferndown Charter
29/30 November	MD GMT/GLT Summit

Taylor's Treks for Nov. 2014

Date	Activity
1 November	New Milton Charter
3 November	Meon Valley Official Visit
24 November	Bournemouth Official Visit

IS YOUR SANTA GETTING HIS FLOAT READY FOR THE ANNUAL STREET COLLECTIONS?



If so, the following small print will be of interest:

Please remember there is **no insurance cover** provided by the Lions' Insurance Programme for any motor vehicle. If a vehicle is being used to tow your Christmas float then it is necessary to ensure that the private or commercial motor insurance attaching to that vehicle has been extended to cover the towing risk.

It is possible to arrange short period cover in some situations via our Insurance Brokers (Miles Smith) for example, in the case of hired vehicles, when towing vehicles is excluded or when the towing vehicle's own insurance policy has restricted drivers or when the Club does not wish for the owner's own motor insurance policy to be affected by a negligent claim whilst the owner is undertaking an activity on behalf of the Club. The cover is issued by request and is subject to a separate premium. If you require a quotation please make direct contact with Miles Smith. Our contacts are Margaret Chandler and Annie Morse at lionsclub@milesmith.co.uk.

The Lions Public Liability insurance **does** protect the legal liability of the Lions Club, its members and helpers for loss of or damage to third party property or third party injury caused by the Christmas Float **while it is not being towed**, for example when it is unhitched and static at a shopping centre.

Please remember to prepare a written risk assessment for the Christmas float activities, in advance, and ensure that everyone involved is made aware of the risks identified and the safety procedures. There is guidance in the Insurance Handbook which can be accessed via our District 105D website and covers the use of Santa floats.

I hope you have fun and raise lots of money with your float and all stay safe.

Are you hosting a Christmas Gift Fair or Table Top Sale?

Many Lions Clubs host Table Top Sales and Gift Fairs and 'sell' tables to small groups or individuals who make cards or craft items as a sideline and sell them for a small profit. These small groups or individuals do not always have their own Public/Product Liability Insurance in place. In these circumstances we can ask the Lions' Insurers to include them under the Lions Liability Insurance Policy for the period of the event. You will need to make contact with Margaret Chandler or Annie Morse at lionsclub@milesmith.co.uk for approval.

Larger organisations (e.g. commercial traders and market traders) or charities taking 'tables' at Lions events must have their own Public and Product Liability insurance in place and they will need to provide written evidence of such insurance to your Lions Club's event organiser.

If you have any queries regarding the above, please contact me as your District Insurance Adviser on insurance@lions105d.org.uk.

Gosport & Lee-on-the-Solent Lions support Loud and Proud Volunteer Group



President Lion Patricia Homer with Loud and Proud Volunteers

On 3 October Gosport and Lee-on-the-Solent Lions 200 Club held their twice annual Cheese and Wine Social and were pleased to welcome 2nd VDG David Taylor. Lion David commented that he and his wife were taken aback by the scale of the 200 Club party laid on by Gosport and Lee-on-the-Solent Lions. "We expected a cheese and wine evening and got a full-on buffet with live music - with dancing to 11.00 pm and everyone having a great time."

This time the chosen charity to receive support was Gosport Loud and Proud Volunteers Group (*16-25 year olds*), whose aim is to facilitate volunteering and training for young people by participating in a varied range of community volunteering events. As a result they are raising awareness of the diversity among people in society and the wide range of issues which affect them, whether they are disability, mental health, confidence or cultural issues and to show there is a role for everyone, under the wonderful byeline of 'We maybe young, we may be loud, but we're in it together to make you proud.'

Three members attended to receive a cheque for £300 and a further £93 raised during the evening, Volunteer Stuart Lovibond thanked the Club for such a generous donation. All who attended agreed that they had made us 'proud to know them' and pleased to be able to assist the group.

Lion David Andrews

PRO Gosport and Lee-on-the-Solent Lions Club.

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Welcome to the Lions family

A warm welcome to the following eight new members into Lions Clubs International in September and best wishes to them for a long a happy time as members:

Bournemouth – Lions Barrie and Vicki Haynes

Eastleigh – Lion Daniel Clarke

Salisbury – Lion Craig Fetherston

Wokingham – Lions Heikki and Leila Vika, Alison Vile and Robert Westerman.

In the same period however we 'lost' 10 Lions with one to higher service.

Stannahs for free!

The Lions Club of Jersey has two Stannah electric chair lifts which are surplus to its requirements. Both are in working condition (although they might need servicing) and are available at no charge to any Club in the District who might find a use for them. Transport to the UK will be arranged. Please contact Lion David Germain, Tel: 01534 851656 for further details.

REMINDER

28th Annual Lions International Peace Poster Competition
The theme for 2014-2015 is "Peace, Love and Understanding" and the competition is open to young people aged between 11 and 13 years on 15 November 2014. Entries must comply with a minimum size of 33cm X 50 cm and a maximum size of 50cm X 60 cm (A2 is within these dimensions)

The District Junior Peace Poster Competition for primary school children aged 7 and 8 years or 9 and 20 years on 15 November 2014 is also on "Peace, Love and Understanding". Entries must be a minimum of A4 and a maximum of A3 in size.

Full details are on the 105D website and entries for both competitions must reach Lion Yoeky Tuke by 15 November

Lion Denise Stenner



The Taste of Wickham Food Festival in September benefited from Indian summer weather, attracting around 4,000 people to this inaugural event. The organisers had done a great job, filling the village square with numerous local suppliers of every conceivable type of food and drink, as well as musicians and rolling cookery demonstrations.

The Meon Valley Lions Club worked in partnership with Tull's the local Wickham butcher to put on a barbecue right outside the butcher's shop. Between 11 am and 4 pm, no fewer than 700 burgers and sausages were dished up to the eager punters. That's a hot serving every 20 seconds! Wow! It was great work from a dedicated team who worked pretty much without a break from 9.00 am through to 4.00 pm.

We raised around £1,400 for our charity account from the day's efforts plus a further £100 collected in our donation buckets. Well done also to Lion Gary Potheary who spent a lot of the day shuttling visitors from the car park to the town centre in the Meon Valley Lions Club minibus, covering many miles in the process.

A few weeks after the food festival we were back for seconds! We attended the Wickham Charity Beer Festival, which now attracts over five hundred real ale punters to the bi-annual events each spring and autumn. The October beer festival was the fourteenth that organisers Dave, Mike and Ashley have put on. They deserve a lot of credit for a great job in not only creating a brilliant community event, but also raising heaps of cash for local causes and charities in the process. This year the beneficiaries included outdoor therapy charity "God Unlimited" and "Nothing's Impossible", Ashley Wilson's own fund raising charity.

The two Lions' barbeques were busy all evening before we finally sold out just before last orders. It was our second best night for the beer festival in terms of food sales, raising over £700 for our charity fund. In the last year we reckoned we've served around over 7cwt (355kg) of sausages and burgers and as usual, the compliments came thick and fast from the beer festival regulars.

The Big Splash! is true to its name

The Windsor Lions Annual

Swimarathon is a major success

Almost 50 teams, that's more than 300 swimmers, swam on Sunday 14 October at Windsor Leisure Pool to raise money for their own good causes in what the Windsor Lions have described as a 'major fundraising success!'. More than £14,000 was raised on the day and more is expected as sponsorship moneys are collected.

Event records toppled as the swimmers ploughed up and down the pool, typically swimming in laps of two lengths over 55 minutes. With an amazing 91 laps swum, a Windsor Leisure Centre team broke the record for the number of laps swum and Team Archer, led by 10 years old Mason Archer raised a staggering £4,000 for a brain tumour charity, the highest ever for the event.

Event organiser Lion Mike Sells was delighted. "What a fantastic day! The energy and enthusiasm shown by the swimmers and their supporters alike created a wonderful atmosphere. Our objective for the event is to make fundraising possible for our local good causes and have fun doing it. We certainly achieved that as many local groups and charities are more than £14,000 better off with the promise of more to come. Our sincere thanks go to Windsor Leisure Pool for their continued support - they are brilliant and make us all so welcome." *Below, Team Archer raised £4,000*





TAIL TWISTER

The Editor has the last word

My congratulations to Heather Yaxley, Mandy Broadbent and Ian Gott who were responsible for the editorial and design of '*Lions in your community*'. It is, without doubt, one of the most impressive publications I have ever seen emanating from Lions Clubs

International and despite being a Lion for more than four decades, I found it an absorbing read and if I wasn't already a member I would certainly want to join! One of my own colleagues (who is likely to be President in the not too distant future) wished that he had had access to such a guide before he joined and this was one reason why the Lions Club of Jersey has produced its own Year Book for the past three years to show what the Jersey Club does, but it tends to pale almost into insignificance against this particular work. We shall certainly use it as a recruiting tool and it won't be tucked away in anybody's drawers!

My congratulations also to the Windsor Lions Club on the success of their 'Big Splash!'. Sponsored swimming is a very effective way of raising money (as the Windsor Club has proved) and what's more the public do not tire of it. For any Lions Club where there's a swimming pool in the community, it's a nice little earner.

Lion Peter Tabb

Lions' Tail...

Wish you were here?

Mike, are you sure the artist who designed this card is a member of the Royal Academy?

STOP PRESS

PCC Lion David Firth awarded International President's Medal by IP Lion Joe Preston at Europa Forum Welcome Dinner



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50th CONVENTION

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Convention website - <http://2015.lions105d.org.uk>

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