

DISTRICT 105D



April 2015 Edition

TIMES

POST-CONVENTION SPECIAL

A Colour-ful start to a great Convention



Mike's Month

Well the weekend is over, I am back at work for just one day to tidy up and Brigid and I are off for some R&R in Tunisia (museums are not on the agenda!!) for eight days.

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“Teamwork, Leadership and Compassion”

Leading the 2015-2016 Team

What a weekend! It far exceeded my expectations, thanks to my great team who helped plan, develop and then implement it. My personal thanks also to Steph, the conference manager, the hotel general manager and all the hotel team for the way they all looked after us over the weekend, from the time we arrived for the final planning meeting on the Thursday afternoon, right through to bacon butty time on the Sunday lunchtime. From comments received so far, most of you agreed that the changes made enhanced the proceedings and that you appreciated the Open Forum and the workshops. For those of you that were still around Sunday morning you would have heard me say that if I were to do it again (which I certainly will not) I would reduce the number of workshops and extend the 30 minute ones to 60 minute slots – that was my personal lesson learned – I think all the other changes worked well.

My congratulations to all the successful candidates who will now form the 2015/2016 District Governor Team; as I did this year with IPDG Dave, DG(e) Alan has asked me to work with him and the others as part of that team where I can hope I can advise when required to. My commiserations also to Lion Ken - sometimes you do not succeed first time but the experience strengthens your resolve to continue and continue you must.

Finally, advance notice of the date of a charity dance in aid of the LCIF Measles Campaign which will be held at Alton House Hotel on Saturday 23 May – full details will be distributed by SAA Dave very soon. District 105D leads the whole MD both in terms of all donations made to all LCIF projects but also in the contributions to the Measles Campaign – well done all of you.

Bye for now...

Lions Mike & Brigid



District Governor elect 2015/16 Alan Chapman with his wife Anne.



1st Vice District Governor elect 2015/16 David Taylor



2nd Vice District Governor elect 2015/16 Peter Burnett

Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more. You should never wish to do less.
Gen. Robert E. Lee 1807 –1870



Convention Illustrated



A full Convention report and many more Convention pictures are available on the 105D website

Sophie Quinn (7) reveals how much was raised in the 2015 Jersey Lions Swimathon held at Les Quennevais Pool on 11 - 15 March. At the conclusion of the annual event, sponsored by RBC Wealth Management, the sum raised by 3,720 swimmers was £133,087.19. Since 1972 the Jersey Lions Swimathon has raised £3.3 million.

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Mike's Meanders April 2015

Date	Activity
11 April	Trowbridge Charter Anniversary
12 April	Lions Information Day
13 April	Goring Official Visit
17 April	Gosport 50th Charter Anniversary
18 April	Poole 50th Charter Anniversary
19 April	Hythe 50th Charter Anniversary
25 April	Warminster Charter Anniversary
26 April	Paultons Park
27 April	Finance Committee Meeting

Alan's Ambles April 2015

Date	Activity
8 April	Salisbury Meet and Greet
11 April	Trowbridge Charter Anniversary
12 April	Lions Information Day
19 April	Spektrek
25 April	Warminster Charter Anniversary
26 April	Paultons Park
27 April	Finance Committee Meeting

Taylor's Treks April 2015

Date	Activity
12 April	Bridport Charter Anniversary
13 April	Woolmer Forest Official Visit
19 April	Spektrek
25 April	Warminster Charter Anniversary
26 April	Paultons Park
27 April	Finance Committee Meeting



New Glasses - New Life

Guests from Specsavers Opticians were present at the March Warminster Lions Club Dinner Meeting to find out what happens to unwanted used spectacles that are passed on to the Lions Club for recycling.

For more than 25 years, 50 or so Lions Clubs in southern England have been collecting unwanted spectacles which are then passed on to Chichester Lions for sorting and onward despatch. Many of these spectacles are given to patients treated at Eye Camps sponsored by Lions Clubs.

Pat Bull and Jo McFerran (Specsavers) were presented with a framed Certificate of Appreciation by Vice District Governor Lion Alan Chapman and Club president Lion Digby Barker acknowledging the invaluable support they give to this International Lions project.

Convention Awards

Many congratulations to the District Competition Winners presented at the 2015 District Convention

Many categories attracted strong competition and the judges had a hard task. This year there were some changes as in July 2014 Cabinet agreed that some should be removed and the criteria for others updated.

Bill Field Sight Cup: This went to Basingstoke who used World Sight Day, not only as a means of collecting old specs but also as a Membership Drive. They also helped blind people in their community by purchasing computer equipment

Leo Plumley Award for Community Service: This was an award which had its criteria changed to give it a wider scope. Reading Lions were awarded it for running Prostate Screening sessions for three years, in which time 1,700 men have been screened. They also helped other clubs set up screenings

Ian Birch Membership Award Two Clubs had excellent Membership growth during the year but Salisbury Lions just won over Wokingham Lions.

Barrie Richardson Travelling Lion Award: Awarded to Hart Lions Club

Graham Drayton Social Media Award: An award that had its criteria changed so that efforts in social media can be recognised. This year it was won by Windsor Lions

Brigid Hendy Website Award: This year awarded to Reading Lions

John Greenaway International Award: Awarded to Ringwood and Fordingbridge Lions who have supported several International projects including holding a public awareness campaign for DentAid, holding a successful street collection for Ebola victims and supporting a post graduate student to volunteer overseas.

Colin Rickman Award for Youth Activities: Awarded to Westbury Lions who have been sponsoring and running a Schools Music Concert for several years and have also purchased musical instruments for youngsters who would not be able to afford them.

Environmental Poster Awards. The Ann Twining Junior Environmental Poster Competition was won by Leah Shelton sponsored by Blackmore Vale Lions Club and the Ron Twining Senior cup went to Alice Mantle sponsored by Hayling Island Lions Club.

Peter Allen Photographic Award There were many very good quality photos this year. The Animal category was won by Naomi Markham from Bracknell Lions, Rural or urban landscape by Reg Norton of Crofton Lions and the Plant life, Weather phenomenon and special theme by Steve Fulcher of Crofton Lions. Steve's special theme photograph was judged to be the best and was the winner of the Peter Allen trophy.

Poetry Competition: The John Goodchild Award for Poets aged 7-10 was won by Dylan Anns who was sponsored by Loddon Valley Lions Club

Peace Posters: Bill Smith Memorial Peace Poster Trophies are for our own District Competitions. This year Beth Nwachukwu won the 7-8 age group, Jai Gautam won the 9-10 age group and Sam Wood won the Computer Aided Design category. All three were sponsored by Yateley and District Lions Club

Godwin Micallef Cup for Peace Poster went to Megan Hill, sponsored by Ringwood and Fordingbridge Lions Club

The Young Ambassador Award was won by Jenna Volpert sponsored by the Lions Club of Jersey



For many years, the Meon Valley Lions Club has provided a free community bus service to clubs, charities and older and disadvantaged people who lack access to transport around the Meon Valley villages. Unfortunately, in this country area the muddy lanes take their toll and the Lions' drivers, all of whom are unpaid volunteers, were spending as much time cleaning the bus as driving it!

Step to the rescue Lucketts Travel of Fareham! Lucketts operate one of the largest fleets of coaches on the south coast and have at their Broadcut depot a full-scale, industrial bus washer. Lion John Sharpe approached Lucketts to ask whether the Lions could use the bus washer from time to time and was delighted when director Ian Lockett agreed.

“Having access to the bus wash facility is saving our members dozens of hours each month.” says Lion John. “Now that we no longer have to hand wash the vehicle, we can commit our valuable time to our core activities of fundraising and providing various forms of community support.”

The Club's free minibus provides regular weekly transport service to organisations including Swanmore Friday club, Carers-together Open-sight and Wickham lunch club, covering over 5,000 miles and completing over 1,200 passenger journeys a year.

Commenting on the arrangement, Ian Lockett said, “The Lions do a great job in the local community and we were really pleased to be able to support them in this way to help them carry out their valuable work.”

28th BLACKMORE VALE LIONS SWIMARATHON A GREAT SUCCESS!



The Blackmore Vale Lions have organised another successful charity fundraising event on the weekend of the 7 and 8 March. The 28th Swimarathon was held once again at Clayesmore School Sports Centre and 156 swimmers of all ages took part. They made up 27 teams (nominally six to a team) who swam in relay for 55 minutes achieving a total distance of 82 kilometres.

The event organiser, Lion David Birt said that the event was marked by a terrific spirit of enthusiasm, rivalry and fun.

Teams came from local swimming clubs, schools, Scout groups, carnival clubs and families around the Blackmore Vale. All the swimmers secured sponsorship pledges of just over £6,800 – a splendid result. Half this money will support the individual organisations or their chosen charity whilst the Lions will be making substantial donations to the charities Julia's House (a children's hospice) and the NSPCC that runs the Childline telephone service as well as striving to educate and deal with all aspects arising from the abuse and neglect of children.

Lion President Colin MacLeod and Lion David Birt presented Certificates on the day to all swimmers aged under 14 and the trophies will be presented in due course to the best achieving teams based on the distance swum and the amount of sponsorship actually raised.

Meanwhile the Lions would like to thank all the swimmers and all the helpers on the day who helped make the event a success.

STOP PRESS!

Congratulations to Windsor Lions Club on the formation of the Windsor Boys School Leo Club



Bournemouth Lions raise £526.15 during a collection day at Tesco for the Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal



Enjoying Windsor's 'Funfest'

Early last month more than 400 people from 22 different charities featuring 72 families with 151 children, one group travelling from as far as Dulwich, enjoyed a wonderful afternoon at Windsor's Leisure Centre as guests of the Windsor Lions Club.

Wimborne and Ferndown Lions Club present the

SPRING '15 QUIZ

at 7.30 Friday 24th April Allendale Centre Wimborne

IN AID OF LIONS CHARITIES

Competition is for teams of (up to) 6 players
Entry £6 per player, includes refreshment and a bottle of wine on each table. Bar also open.

BOOKING FORM Team name:
Your contact details (name, tel.):
Please send applications to:
Lion Peter Burnett, 7 Crescent Walk, West Parley, Ferndown, BH22 8PY
Telephone 01202 892295 or e-mail peter@burnett7.co.uk
Cheques payable to Wimborne and Ferndown Lions Club
Find more about our club on www.lions.org.uk/wimborne-ferndown

Welcome to new Lions!

In February we were delighted to welcome into Lions Clubs International 12 new members and wish them a long and happy time as Lions.

DG Lion Mike

Blackmore Vale - Lions David & Grace Haine, June Harman and Kirsty Hopkins

Christchurch - Lion Josephine Carter

GMS - Lion Brenda Littell

Havant - Lion Terry Hoar

IOW Ryde - Lion Susan Atwell

Portsmouth - Lion Winifred Ehigie

Reading - Lion Sarak Kidd-May

Wokingham - Lion Chiara Evans

Woolmer Forest - Lion John Lewis

In the same month, however, we lost eight Lions, including three to higher service

A Tribute - David Side From the Lions Club of Basingstoke

For the past 48 years our Club has been privileged to have David Side as a member. Alas, due to a variety of health issues which, in his own estimation, render him unable to fully contribute to our endeavours, he has resigned – a huge loss. But we have, in effect, lost two members because throughout all of this time his wife, Margaret, has been a staunch supporter of all our fundraising and social events in addition to her work with Riding for the Disabled which she has also supported for more than 40 years. They are a lovely couple who lift your spirits just by their presence.

On Sunday 1 March our Members assembled for a lunch at which they were the guests of honour. During the lunch David was presented with the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award in recognition of his exemplary service. At the same time Margaret had her many years service both to us and to Riding for the Disabled recognised in the form of a cup which we donated. It is to be known as the President's Cup, and Broadlands Riding for the Disabled intend to present it annually to the helper who, like Margaret, has repeatedly gone the extra mile to help their clients.

They were also presented with a book containing pictures of their time with the Lions and a tribute from each member of the Club. Although he served several stints as President, David, as befitted his long service to Basingstoke as a GP, was mainly concerned with welfare. This was reflected in the tributes paid by the members where the words kindness, understanding, support and wisdom predominated. The words grit and determination figured too, particularly in relation to a time when our membership was low. But, probably one of the greatest tributes, came from a truly "hairy biker" participant in one of our annual charity cycle rides. David and Margaret always ran the Pit Stop where they dispensed juice, bananas and humour. On return to the start the biker asked "who were that marvellous couple at the Pit Stop? They were wonderful - I could have talked to them for hours." That, I think, says it all. The lunch was a very emotional occasion for everyone.





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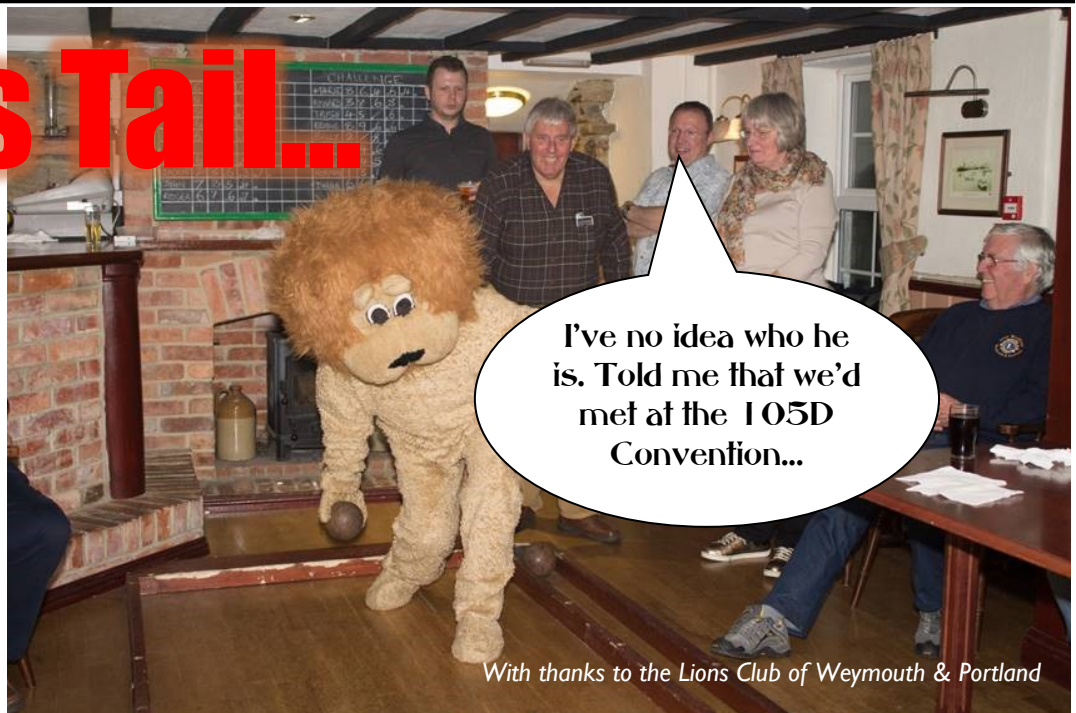
The Editor has the last word

There will be few, if, any who would not agree that the 105D Convention was a great success and congratulations to DG Lion Mike and his team for organising an enjoyable and memorable event. The speakers, particularly the one who had everyone (except the ladies) quivering, were excellent being informative and persuasive. A (very minor) criticism was that much of the value of the workshops was diminished by the inadequacy of the venue where speakers for different topics competed with each other. Nevertheless two of my colleagues from Jersey were attending their first Convention and thoroughly enjoyed the experience, making them even keener to host the 2017 event.

I received a lot of copy for this edition (for which I am very grateful) and will be holding over some items to the May edition where they will still be current, so fear not, your efforts have not ended on the editorial spike!

Lion Peter Tabb

Lion's Tail...



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