

DISTRICT 105D



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Mike's Last Missive

And so the final month and the final newsletter, The last Council of Governors has taken place, the MD Convention has taken place and the new Council with DGE Alan as a member is ready poised to take the reins on 1 July.



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"Teamwork, Leadership and Compassion"

MD Convention was very sparsely attended – at one stage we were just over the quorate figure by one vote. You will know by now that the dues resolution went through – all those who have moaned about it did not exercise their right to debate and vote by attending the Convention and thus lost the chance to join me and vote it down.

I have said many times that voting at Conventions is the only way to make changes in this organisation but that advice seems to have been ignored. Even the resolution to ask LCI to look at ways to allow other media for voting was lost – again not enough people there to vote for it!! Seriously though, this years Host Committee want to know why people did not attend – was it the venue, the cost or a combination of factors – please let myself or DGE Alan know so that future committees can take it on board. Rant over, on to the rest of the news.

Sadly, at their Club meeting in May, Goring, Woodcote and District Club took the decision to fold and all its members have now resigned. Zone Chair Steve Pope, Region Club Development Chair Jo Hamblin and I have worked hard to keep it going but with only four active members and a nil response to a membership drive there was no possibility of continuing. With the closure of Pangbourne, Theale and District last year we now have a large swathe of barren land as far as Lions are concerned as the two clubs were adjacent to each other. Both IPDG David and myself think there may be an opportunity to start a new club in Theale so watch this space.

Unfortunately the Measles Fund Raising Dance had to be cancelled due to lack of viable numbers. However Brig- id and I are grateful to those potential attendees who decided to waive their right to a refund and instead donated the money to the Measles Initiative.

At the end of last month, in the whole of the MD we were top in relation to donations to the Measles appeal and also Ebola; in the first two weeks since the Nepal earthquake this District had raised and forwarded on nearly £10,000 for the Nepal Earthquake appeal – a truly magnificent effort and one that you should all be proud of as I am, well done.

So now I have just three charters to attend, including Reading's 50th, a GLT/GMT meeting and the Open Forum on 7 June at Alton. My thanks to the clubs of Zone I for organising the event and cutting down my workload and also time to be spent in the workshop by sifting the issues already so that we have a clear idea of what we need to discuss.

Earlier this week I attended a Ten Pin Bowling evening in Slough – organised by Burnham club – but attended also by Bracknell, Maidenhead and Reading. A great social evening and one which saw a certain Past Council Chairman and current President of a Club in the Region, together with his wife give a very creditable display of ten pin bowling which put others to shame – obviously a sign of a

Contact The Elderly

Alton Lions in action

We hear so much about older people and loneliness, but there are organisations that exist to alleviate this. One such is **Contact the Elderly**, which has now been in existence for 50 years. About 10 years ago Alton Lions responded to a request to start a local group in the town.

Every month tea parties are arranged by local volunteers either in their own home or at a suitable venue. Volunteer drivers collect guests from their home and usually stay for tea, enhancing the social aspects of the event.

On 19 April groups all over the country arranged tea parties to celebrate Contact the Elderly's 50th anniversary. Two of our longstanding volunteers David and Chris Warner hosted a party for 12 guests at Inwood Court, a sheltered housing scheme. Chris baked a special cake for the event.

To continue to challenge loneliness and isolation among older people our group is always seeking hosts and drivers. If you can help at all, even if it's only once a year, please contact **Annette Blackman on 01420 543219** for further information.

misspent youth!!

In the last couple of months we have had a couple of incidences of Clubs raising money in another Club's operating area without having got written permission first (Article VI of our own District Constitution requires this) – let's forget the constitutional issue and just put it down to good manners. It's easy to forget the minor details when planning a major event – do try to remember this one if it applies.

Finally, I have been proud to serve the District this year and I have to say I enjoyed it more this second time around than I did the first time and that is down to the changes that LCI have made to make it easier to do the job as District Governor while still working. I know my time is coming to an end because the e-mails have dropped from their peak of about 70 a day to less than two dozen – that is a sure sign. Whether I will have achieved my target of membership growth remains to be seen. As I write this on 25 May we are plus six for the year (1,246 members). That could change at month end. We briefly reached 1,250 a couple of times this year but the loss of Goring at the last minute has dropped us below that figure. There are many plans afoot for next year and, in some of the cases, the necessary preparatory work has been done in this year so there is a good chance new Clubs WILL get off the ground next year.

Brigid and I have been proud to serve you all and meet as many of you as it was possible; I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all my District Team for the way they have supported me in the new structure for Cabinet. It only remains now to wish all the best to Alan and Anne as they start their journey to lead this District with THEIR team in 2015/2016.

Thank you all for your support and friendship.



Mike and Brigid

Mike's Meanders June 2015

| Date | Activity |
|---------|----------------------------------|
| 3 June | GMT/GLT Meeting |
| 7 June | 105D Open Forum, Alton |
| 20 June | Reading 50th Charter Anniversary |



Windsor Lions launch major fundraiser to help SportsAble athletes get to Rio de Janeiro Paralympics

The Road to Rio is a unique mountain bike ride on tracks and trails in Swinley Forest, Bracknell, on Sunday 28 June, starting and finishing at The Look Out on Nine Mile Ride.

Event organiser Lion Alaster Purchase says: "It will be a great day out for family participants as well as for the more serious rider taking on the challenge of a 10-mile course through forest trails. We also have a track for the para-biker, a first for Windsor Lions as far as I know. The event is all about raising money for the SportsAble GB 'hopefuls' currently in training for the Rio de Janeiro Paralympics next year - extra money is needed for the athletes to get the best coaching, training and equipment available to give them the best chance. We have worked with SportsAble for many years and every collaborative event has proved to be a winner - this event will be another one."

Full details are available on
www.sportsable.co.uk/support-us/road2rio

Art Themen Jazz Night



One of Britain's top jazz musicians, Art Themen, will perform at the Wokingham Theatre on 20 June 2015. The jazz night is organized by the Wokingham Lions Club, with all proceeds going to local charities, including Combat Stress.

Art Themen is a British jazz saxophonist and former orthopaedic surgeon. He will be joined by other jazz musicians who have performed at Ronnie Scott's in London. For more than 40 years, Themen has played with US and British luminaries, including Mick Jagger, Chuck Berry and Georgie Fame.

"This is the second year that we have organised the Art Themen Jazz concert, and the first time at the Wokingham Theatre. It will be a fantastic night of jazz, not to be missed. Please book soon, since tickets are selling quickly. It will be great fun, and at the same time, make a difference to those in need," says Lion Tim Hanton, president, Wokingham Lions Club.

All proceeds are going to charity, but the main beneficiary is Combat Stress, the UK's leading veterans' mental health charity.

Tickets for the jazz night cost only £15.00, and the event starts at 7.45pm. Be sure to book your tickets as soon as possible either through Lions, susan.j.jackson@ntlworld.com, or call 07867 530727

NEWS In Brief



Zone 1A (Bridport, Blackmore Vale, Dorchester, Weymouth and Portland) held their annual Skittle Match, playing for the Bellinger Trophy. This year the worthy winner was the Dorchester Club and in the picture Blackmore Vale President Lion Colin Macleod (deputising for the Zone Chairman) presents the trophy to Dorchester President Lion Jo Maidment.

The Big Splash! confirms it's a winner

Thirty teams, that's more than 200 swimmers, swam all day on Sunday 17 May 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 £6,000 was raised on the day and a great deal more is expected to roll in over the coming weeks as sponsorship moneys are collected.



A Bloody Mary for Blackmore Vale

The Blackmore Vale Lions are rewinding for a day of nostalgia and fun where old cars will be the stars of the show at the Blackmore Vale Revival taking place on Saturday 4 July at Henstridge Airfield.

Star of the stars of will be "Bloody Mary", the twin JAP powered sprint and hill climb racer built by journalist the late John Bolster and his brother Richard in 1929. The car is normally garaged at the National Motor Museum at Beaulieu but on one of its very rare outings this year will be on display at the Revival.

Blackmore Vale Revival

A touch of Nostalgia



Saturday 4th July 2015 10am-6pm
Henstridge Airfield, Somerset, BA8 0TN
£5 per Adult Children under 14 Free

Classic and vintage cars- Free entry

- Classic & Vintage Cars (Trophies for best in class)
- Air Displays
- Model Air Display
- Children's Entertainment-
- Arena Entertainment
- Beer Tent
- Raffle- 1st Prize- Flight in a Tiger Moth & many other prizes
- Trade Stalls/Rural Craft
- Various Refreshments- Including Tea, Coffee, Homemade cakes and much more

For Further information or if anyone is interested in having a stall
 Please ring Wendy Cable on 01963 363391
 Or e-mail wheatsheafcottage@gmail.com

To register a classic vehicle visit our website <http://bvlions.yolasite.com>

Organisers Blackmore Vale Lions

Sponsors Mike Rolls Services for MGs

Donations will go to CLIC Sargent and

Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance & Other local charities

Venue by kind permission of Geoff Jarvis

The Blackmore Vale Lions Club Charity Trust Fund is a registered charity no:1019759



HELP NEEDED!

On the 27 and 28 June, a great many gifted athletes will be taking part in this year's English Federation of Disability Sports Games in Warwick. These fantastic athletes will be enjoying many sporting events and feeling the fulfilment that their many achievements will bring them.



However, in order to help them truly shine in their sporting endeavours, we NEED your help! We urgently need volunteers to help out at the EFDS Games and time is now becoming very short!

This event is an absolutely crucial part of the great work we do in supporting those with physical and learning difficulties and the volunteers who have come forward in the past have enjoyed themselves enormously and found the that being part of such an amazing event is an incredibly rewarding experience.

Please may we ask for your help? If you would like to be part of this fantastic weekend as a Volunteer, please contact PDG Lion Ian Clare on ian.clare2@blueyonder.co.uk, who is our Multiple District EFDS Officer, as quickly as possible so that he can give you all the information you need.

I hope you can come and be part of this incredible experience.

Kind regards in Lionism,

Lion Tony Buchan

Multiple District Officer for Physical & Learning Difficulties

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Welcome to new Lions!

I am delighted to welcome the following six new members into Lions Clubs International and wish them a long and happy time as Lions.

DG Lion Mike

Blackmore Vale - Lion Gale Cable

Hart - Lion Vanessa Hodge (5th new member this year!)

Hayling Island - Lion Lesley Holloway

Jersey - Lion Mike Berry

Petersfield - Lion Maureen Willett

Westbury - Lion Joanna McIlhatton

In the same period we lost nine Lions, including three to higher service - Lions John Barton of Maidenhead and Robin Jackson and Maurice Raynor of New Milton.



TAIL TWISTER

The Editor has the last word

It is a cliché but it doesn't seem like 12 months since I took on the editorial keyboard of the 105D Times and I would like to thank all those contributors who have helped me assemble our monthly publication, in particular the Windsor and Blackmore Vale Clubs who, if they have had more coverage than any others, it's because their very active PROs send me so much every month.

I would think that outgoing DG Lion Mike should be pleased with his year and his achievements and particularly those of his member Clubs who if what they report in these columns is any guide, the District is in good fettle and fulfilling what Lions Clubs were set up to do. The DG has grappled with maintaining numbers but in my view it is what we achieve as Lions that is important, not necessarily how many of us there are to do it. Perhaps what's more of a concern is that in my own Club, one of the largest in the District, those Lions actually doing the graft are often outnumbered by those whose other commitments are such that while they have very good intentions, they inevitably leave much of the what's to be done to 'usual suspects.'

I conclude this year with compliments to Lion Mike on a job well done and best wishes to Lion Alan for what is to come.

Lion Peter Tabb

Lion's Tail...

A fond 'au revoir'



"The outgoing DG? He's having a working breakfast, a working lunch and a working dinner.....in between he's playing golf."

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