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Lions Millennium Shield goes to Hillbourne School

Find out why on page 2

## Alan's Month

As expected, after the Convention things have slowed down considerably, creating what I can only describe as an anti-climax.

Anne and I have attended several Charter Anniversaries, all of which have been Sunday lunches rather than black tie dinners. This is obviously a trend which more and more Clubs are adopting as it keeps the cost down and it is possibly more

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## FRONT PAGE!

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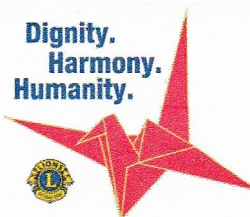


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for our senior members who prefer not to drive at night.

It was with regret that both Anne and I went down with flu last week (despite having the annual jab) and regretfully I had to cancel my attendance at the Trowbridge Charter on Friday 22 April and the Havant Charter the following day. Second VDGE Lion Ken Staniforth and PDG Lion David Merchant stepped in respectively and covered my commitments for which I am truly grateful to both of them.



I did manage to get to the inauguration of the New Windsor Alpha Leo Club at the Windsor Boys School on Thursday 21 April this was a very well attended event with Zone 5L Clubs there to support the Windsor Lions Club. Lion President Bob Tavinor inducted the twelve members en bloc and each new member confirmed the oath with 'I Will.' I said a few words afterwards and then presented the Leo President's Chain of Office and the Charter to Leo President Albert Karavis.

The new members were all very keen to get the Club underway with their first project which will be to set up a support system for the under privileged and homeless by supplying food etc. to be collected within the school and using the school premises as the storage and administration centre.

It is hoped that the food donations will come from pupils and parents. The Leo Club has the support of the head teacher, Mr Henderson and the Sports Director James Clark who will be the school coordinator for the Club.

I have received a letter from the Treasurer of



## Poole's Swimathon raises £15,000!

Children from Hillbourne School (pictured on the front page) were presented with the Lions Millennium Shield by the Mayor of Poole, Councillor Ann Stribley, in recognition of their achievement in collecting £1,130 in sponsorship for the efforts of their three teams in the Poole Lions annual Swimathon. Poole Lions have held a fund-raising Swimathon every year for the past 38 years.

More recently they have partnered with Poole Bay Rotary Club and Soroptimists International of Poole to run the event. This year, 59 teams swam 3,222 laps - that's more than 100 miles - and raised £13,506 in sponsorship. With Gift Aid, a magnificent total of £15,000 was raised.

The main recipients this year were Julia's House, Forest Holme, Club 21, Montacute School and the Purple Teardrop Campaign. The Mayor presented cheques to the charities at a presentation evening held at Broadstone Golf Club. She also kindly presented trophies to teams for the most laps swum and for the most money raised by the various age groups. Melissa Hanger, head girl at Lytchett Minster School, was awarded the Chairman's Cup for an outstanding contribution to the event.

## Basingstoke's Quiz nets £500

The Lions Club of Basingstoke held a very successful Quiz Night on Saturday 26 April and the event made a net profit of £500.

That amount of money will enable the Club to solve up to nine cases of personal need. These are, in most part, cases where people have no resources: Social Services recognise the need but being unable to help ask if we can, mostly replacing broken cookers and fridges but occasionally one case comes along where even at very small cost, we can make a very real difference. And that's what Lions do.



the Bournemouth Lions Club which relates to the Convention Resolution regarding the one-off rebate of £5.50 per member from our District reserves. First of all let me explain that the reserves have built up not because of overcharging on the dues, but mostly because District Officers do not claim the expenses which they are entitled to claim such as travelling and other expenses relevant to their District Office. The dues are calculated on the assumption that all officers will claim what is due to them.

The Bournemouth Club members have unanimously agreed to donate their share of this rebate to the Lions Clubs International Foundation; they have also suggested that other Clubs might feel that this would be an ideal way for them to support LCIF without further cost to their Club.

If members feel that this would be an appropriate use of the rebate, please let the district treasurer Lion Linda Picton know and she will pay the donation to LCIF in the name of your Club.

Membership has been a key issue this year with the planned restructuring due to the exit of Ireland in 2017. It is necessary to reduce the number of Districts, making them stronger and increasing their membership by moving Zones and boundaries to enable all new districts to have in excess of 1,250 members which is the minimum number to be economical for LCI admin purposes.

So far this year the Clubs in I05D have inducted 116 new members giving us a total District membership of 1,248 to date which a wonderful achievement. It proves to me that Clubs are actively seeking new members to keep the organisation going for the future.

Somehow we also have to reduce the number of members we are losing. Such a shame when Clubs put so much effort into finding those elusive new members.

DG Lion *Alan*

## Windsor Lions Prostate Cancer Event exceeds expectations

More than 560 at-risk men attended the free prostate cancer testing event held in mid-April organised by the Windsor Lions, exceeding the number anticipated by more than ten per cent.

Event organiser Lion Diane Purchase enthused: "We are all delighted with the way this event went. We were very busy with far more attending than we had expected and yet the whole process of blood testing went like clockwork. It is so pleasing that our hard work promoting the event paid off so well. My sincere thanks too to all those who very generously made donations to help cover the costs - we collected an amazing £1,650 in our donation buckets."

Statistics show that about five per cent of those tested will show positive results for previously undetected cancer which will require immediate attention and a further five per cent will need close ongoing monitoring. Despite being the most common form of cancer in men, some GPs refuse to do the test which is why this Lions event is being so well attended right across the country.

Lion Diane concludes: "We are very grateful to everyone who supported us so willingly - the phlebotomists, Dr David Baxter-Smith, Wexham Park Hospital, Combermere Barracks for providing the venue and our sponsors the Shanly Foundation and Savills of Windsor.

"We feel very good about this event, that we have done a real service for the local community - just what being a Windsor Lion is all about."

### Welcome New Lions!

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

DG Lion *Alan*

**Christchurch** - Lions Elaine Melanie Knott and Peter Knott

**Havant** - Lion Keith Hind

**Trowbridge** - Lion Nicola Terri Stanford

**Westbury** - Lion Geoff Curtis

**Weymouth & Portland** - Lion Chris Edwards

## **DG Team Ramblings**

**May 2016**

### **DG Lion Alan**

#### **Date Activity**

- 5 - 9 May: COG and MD Convention, Eastbourne
- 14 May: Fareham Charter Anniversary
- 18 May: DGT Meeting, White Horse, Stourpaine
- 21 May: Yateley & District Charter Anniversary
- 22 May: Cabinet
- 29 May: Blackmore Vale Charter Anniversary

### **DGE Lion David**

- 5 - 9 May: COG and MD Convention, Eastbourne
- 18 May: DGT Meeting, White Horse, Stourpaine
- 22 May: Cabinet
- 25 May: Zone 41 Meeting

### **1 VDGE Lion Peter**

- 5 - 9 May: MD Convention, Eastbourne
- 12 May: Ventnor Official Visit
- 18 May: DGT Meeting, White Horse, Stourpaine
- 22 May: Cabinet
- 25 May: Zone 41 Meeting

### **2 VDGE Lion Ken**

- 18 May: DGT Meeting, White Horse, Stourpaine
- 22 May: Cabinet



In celebration of the Lions Centennial and Fleet Lions 10th annual Beerfest in August - the Fleet Club has commissioned a new beer called Lions Golden Pride, sourced from the Langham Brewery near Midhurst, over the border in SE.

Langhams was keen to hear more about Lions as, sadly, and how many times have we all heard this, they knew little about Lions Clubs. Once made aware of Lions history, activities and widespread geographic coverage of the world, they were so impressed that they agreed their new ale would help us celebrate the Lions Centennial. The first thing we needed was the design for a pump clip. Oak Brook confirmed we couldn't use the traditional Lions blue and yellow emblem on alcohol, so we went for Niggs, the cartoon Lion from Fleet's beerfest brand, nicknamed after a former Lion who started up Fleet Lions first beerfest.

Lions Golden Pride is a tasty, aromatic, generously hopped, deep golden, cask-conditioned celebration ale. And it's very quaffable at 4% ABV. It premiered at the Farnham Beerex in April. We look forward to serving it at our own Beerfest in August and hope other Lions Clubs will do so too.

Lions Golden Pride is now available to order from the Langham Brewery (see their web-site).

*Photo: John Sutton, Clearwater Photography*



## **Blackmore Vale supports Future Roots**



Blackmore Vale Lions Mike Marks and George Wagland present a cheque for £1,500 to Julie Plumley of Future Roots.

Julie established Future Roots as a project at Rylands Farm near Sherborne and at Whitfield gardening and rural skills centre near Dorchester where stability is provided to those who struggling to cope with life, especially children excluded from main stream education. Their Countryman's Club provides activities and social contact for older men facing the challenges of ageing and health problems. Future Roots is one of the nominated beneficiaries of the annual Blackmore Vale Lions Half Marathon.





## Windsor Lions' 40th anniversary event set to make a splash

Windsor Lions' biggest fundraiser of the Club's annual calendar, the Windsor Great Park Cross Country Ride, has opened for rider entries. The event, now in its 40th year, will be held on Saturday and Sunday 10 and 11 September and promises to attract more riders from a wider area than ever before.

Event organiser Lion Mark Fraser says: "We are all set to go again. Last year was very successful featuring a new course and new jumps which proved highly popular and the early signs are that this year we will do even better. Our target is 650 riders. This year we are celebrating our 40th anniversary and have recruited several 'horseride ambassadors' around the counties to help us promote the event to a wider audience."

In its 40 years the Cross Country Horseride has raised more than £2 million for local good causes as well as giving thousands of riders the opportunity of riding in the glorious surroundings of Windsor Great Park. The nine mile course consists of three course running side by side - Advanced, Novice and Non-jumping - something for every rider. Funds are raised from entry fees and sponsorship which is not obligatory but highly encouraged with trophies awarded after the event for the most successful. To commemorate the 40th anniversary, a special incentive is on offer for riders who raise more than £100 to have their entry fee refunded.

Lion Mark Fraser concludes: "Sophie Christiansen, triple equestrian gold medallist in the London 2012 Paralympics is a great supporter and would join me in encouraging all riders in the area to join us in September. It's a great event and all about raising money for good causes and having fun."

Entries can be made via the Windsor Lions' website [www.windsorlions.co.uk](http://www.windsorlions.co.uk). For more information contact Entries Secretary Lion John Jenkins on [horsewindsorlions.co.uk](http://horsewindsorlions.co.uk) or call 0845 833 2832.



## Every Penny Counts!

While presentationally quiet, the Gillingham, Mere and Shaftesbury Lions' cogs have been steadily turning since the last report. The Christmas Float is the principal fund raiser for GMS Lions and every January, the committee grant the first round of donations to local causes that have caught their eye. This year at the end of January the Club considered and agree to make the donations to the following organisations who all provide excellent services to the youth and the needy in our community.

- **One Shot, One Life**
- **Air Ambulance Dorset & Somerset**
- **Carnival Club (Shaftesbury)**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Shaftesbury Guides**
- **Hip Bones Youth Club**
- **Gillingham Junior Angling Club**
- **Dementia Awareness**

We have added to our charity fund from two sources: firstly we received £50 from an ASDA collection. A huge thank you to them. The Club has also been raising moneys from our annual raffles of Giant Easter Eggs in local venues (still awaiting final tally). Thank you to all who have taken part, remember our motto '**Every Penny Counts**'.

Club members have been helping with the Marie Curie Daffodil collection and are currently busy preparing for the SpecTrek big count on 17 April where Clubs from across the country gather to handover thousands of used but useable spectacles.

In the slightly more distant future, plans are in hand for a quiz evening at the Grove Building on 20 May and another spectacular *Gillingham in Gear* which is on Saturday 4 June.

Oh, and we are busily training our soon-to-be Club President David Rose.

Exciting times ahead!





# Blackmore Vale Lions present a cheque for £1,500 to the Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation

Blackmore Vale president Lion Ian Simpson, Lions Mike Marks and George Wagland presented a cheque for £1,500 to Richard Percy, the CEO of the Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation, at their headquarters in the Weymouth and Portland Sailing Academy on Wednesday 13 April.

Andrew Simpson MBE died at the age of 36 in a yachting accident and a

foundation was set in his memory to provide the challenges of sailing to promote health and wellbeing and to develop personal skills that will improve a young person's ability to succeed in life and work. The Foundation is one of the nominated beneficiaries of the annual Blackmore Vale Lions Half Marathon and the Lions wish ASSF every success in the future.

## Frogmore House and Gardens

Charity Day: Wednesday 8 June 2016

By gracious permission of Her Majesty The Queen, Frogmore House and Gardens, Windsor Home Park, will be open to the public in aid of Blind Veterans UK, the charity for vision-impaired ex-Service men and women.

To purchase tickets for this unique opportunity, priced at only £6.20 each visit [blindveterans.org.uk/frogmore](http://blindveterans.org.uk/frogmore) or call 020 7616 8368.

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**8TH MAY 2016**  
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### The South Downs Way....

A small pride of Lions will be walking 106 miles from Eastbourne to Winchester over 8 days. We have a few Lions and friends joining us for various stages along the way.

Why not join us for a short stage along the seafront? It's all on hard paths so no need for special footwear! This short section will be starting around 2.00pm on Sunday after MD Convention.

All we ask is that you make a nominal £2 donation which will be added to the total along with your mileage.

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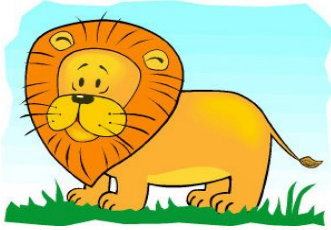
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# TAIL TWISTER

*The Editor has the last word*

It was an interesting experience attending the incoming officers' workshop and meeting so many other Lions about to take a step up the Lions hierarchy. I was glad that circumstances meant that I was already in the UK so could attend and even at my advanced age learn more about Lions and Lionism. There was much discussion on member retention - in my view even more important than recruitment - and it would seem that a key factor is that being a Lion should, above all, be enjoyable, that it should add to the quality of life for a Lion and similarly his or her family. Being a Lion should not be a chore. Being part of our worldwide organisation should be a pleasure as well as a privilege. Hopefully all those incoming officers will strive to seek that their Clubs are ones that others want to join, not ones where those already there want to leave. I hope that everyone who attended felt that it was a Sunday well spent.

*Lion Peter Tabb*

When you said you were swearing an oath, I didn't expect that one!

## Lion's Tail..



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