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Christmas and  
the New Year**



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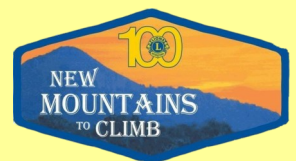
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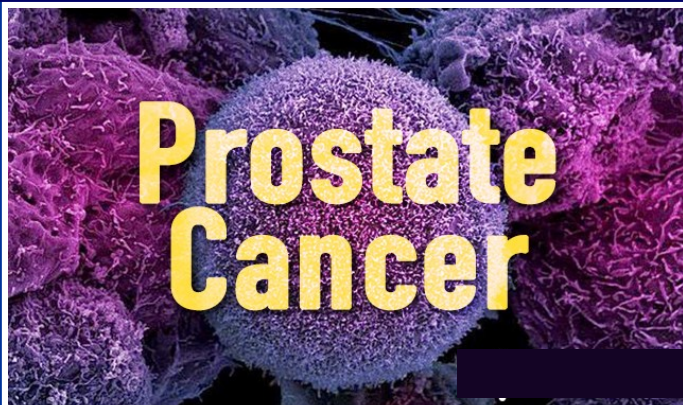
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## IS YOUR CLUB PLANNING A PROSTATE CANCER PSA TEST

Then the following will be of interest:

Recent changes have been made to the MD105 Insurance arrangements and that there is new Medical Malpractice Insurance cover now in place to cover events that involve the provision of blood sugar level screening using finger prick tests, venous blood tests for diabetes and PSA levels for prostate cancer screening, blood pressure testing and health promotion including dietary advice and eye testing.

**The limit of indemnity provided under the Insurance policy is £1,000,000.**

If your Club is organising events that involve any of the aforementioned activities, please contact our insurance Broker Miles Smith Insurance Solutions in advance to agree the medical malpractice cover required. Enquiries should be addressed to Margaret Chandler at [lionsclub@milessmith.co.uk](mailto:lionsclub@milessmith.co.uk).

I have added a copy of the revised evidence of insurance certificate that now includes the Medical Malpractice cover to the District website for your use. The following link will take you to the relevant page: [www.lions105d.org.uk/insurance](http://www.lions105d.org.uk/insurance).

If you have any queries regarding the above please contact me as your District Insurance Adviser on [insurance@lions105d.org.uk](mailto:insurance@lions105d.org.uk).

*Lion Jo Hamblin*

District  
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## Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

### Introduction

I would like to open by thanking all Clubs that have donated recently to LCIF, whether it is for the disaster appeals following the hurricane and earthquake in different parts of the world, or to any other of the LCIF funds. The majority of income for LCIF comes from Clubs around the world and it would not be possible for it to make so many grants without the income.

### LCIF grants

Amongst recent grants the following are of interest:

LCIF has awarded a grant of £1,640,000 to the Lions Kids Cancer Genome Project in Australia. Together with the Garvan Institute, the Australian Lions Children's Cancer Research Foundation and other partners this pilot initiative will improve outcomes for hundreds of children with high-risk cancer through whole genome sequencing. This could eventually serve as a model for the development of personalised cancer prevention and treatment. This is another way that LCIF is demonstrating its commitment to global health.

Since 1993 LCIF has awarded more than £27 million to support the distribution of river blindness (onchocerciasis) medicine Mectizan to approximately 251 million people in 15 African and Latin American countries. The LCIF Sight-first project has worked in close partnership since 1999 with the Carter Centre – a leader in the fight to end river blindness. The latest success is in Guatemala, where the World Health Organisation has verified that the country is now the fourth in the Americas to be verified free of this disease (the other countries are Colombia, Ecuador and Mexico).

In October 2016 21 emergency grants totalling £155,800 were made for flood, typhoon, hurricane and earthquake relief.

### LCIF Measles and Rubella Initiative

The Measles and Rubella Initiative is still continuing and tens of thousands of deaths have been averted – mostly of children. £16 million has been raised to date. LCIF has committed to providing Gavi Alliance (a public-private partnership whose mission is to save children's lives and protect people's health) a further £8 million by December 2017. In 2016 Lions and partners have conducted measles activities in six countries and over the next year this will extend into another five or more countries with support from local Lions who play a key role in social mobilisation efforts by working with local leaders, coordinating community-level publicity and serving as volunteers at vaccination centres. Until the involvement of Gavi and LCIF approximately four hundred children were dying every day from measles and rubella. I do hope your Club can make a donation, or further donation, to the LCIF Measles and Rubella Initiative.

### Melvin Jones Fellowships

Please contact me if your Club wishes to know its credits towards Melvin Jones Fellowships (MJFs) or if help is needed in making an application for a MJF.

### Presentations on LCIF

As mentioned in previous articles I would be very pleased to give presentations to any Club or Zone on LCIF to assist members in understanding its amazing record of funding for disasters, sight, youth and humanitarian needs since 1968.

*PDG Lion Patrick Hamblin*

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# Page Three - David's Diary

## November has been a full (and an almost fiery) month to say the least!

Starting off with a very enjoyable visit to Isle of Wight Newport, it was straight to the airport to join Guernsey for their excellent Charter Dinner – but not before selling glow sticks at their local fireworks display. This was what every District Governor would prefer to do – going out to work with fellow Lions at their events – and I thank Guernsey for letting us help out. Back to the mainland before setting off to the Isle of Wight again to visit Cowes Club Branch, again a night in good company and sharing views.



The following weekend saw us with Bournemouth Lions as they continue to plan for our District Convention; an incredible amount of work completed already and they are looking forward to welcoming us all again in March. The next day we were walking in the national Remembrance Parade at the Cenotaph; this was my fourth time and it is so emotionally fulfilling every time. It's different from many town parades that can be quite sombre; here there is so much shaking of hands, applauding and comradeship, it's very uplifting. I found myself in the next column to a Royal Navy contingent, complete with hip flasks, and adjacent to my old RAF squadron – even meeting one of my own team members from 40 years ago!

The next evening it was back to Club visiting, this time Portsmouth and their 200-Club draw. Again, it was great to get involved and admire what a small club can achieve. Returning to my own Club, I find myself a model on the catwalk as we held a Fashion Show at our local M&Co, raising over £100 for cancer charities. Great fun!

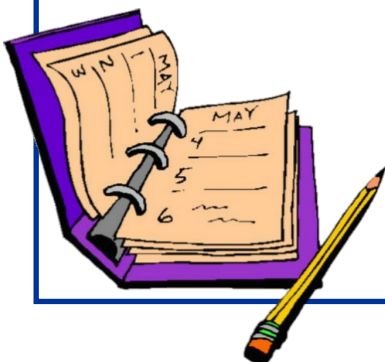
The weekend involved joining Andover Lions, selling tote tickets at their Pig Racing night, always good entertainment and another successful night. Sunday evening and another MD Council meeting - this one online. I can't say they are anywhere near effective and trying to get 15 people on screen with poor bandwidths in some places simply makes the meeting very difficult; still, sitting at home with a glass of wine did have its benefits.

Into the final week and I actually get to attend one of my own Club meetings. Then up the next night to Slough Lions' meeting to see the results of their latest recruitment drive and badge up new members before flying out to Jersey for their Charter Anniversary Dinner. I've been to both of our Channel Islands clubs on so many occasions over the years and they never fail to impress me with their enthusiasm and achievements. Finally, on return, it was a trip to take a coach load of senior citizens to enjoy the fabulous Weymouth & Portland Lions Christmas concert. A regular mix of professional and amateur entertainment that always leaves our coach singing on the long journey home.

But then, that is one of the great joys of being District Governor; I have visited every Club and come away reinvigorated every time. We get to see the enthusiasm and achievements across the whole District – and it cannot fail to make you feel proud to belong to such a great District in such a wonderful, worldwide, organisation. And all for 20p per day! *(And, before you ask, only the trips to Newport and Slough qualified for any expenses!)*

**Thank you every single member, every single Club and please have a very, very Happy Christmas.**

DG Lion *David*



# District Matters

## DG Team Visits

### December 2016

#### **DG Lion David**

Date	Activity
2 Dec:	Shaftesbury Christmas Lights
3 Dec:	GMS Santa Float
4 Dec:	Dorchester Charter Anniversary Lunch & Teat
5 Dec to	
17 Dec:	GMS Santa Float
20 Dec:	Andover Christmas Lunch

#### **1 VDG Lion Peter**

Date	Activity
8 Dec:	Trowbridge Official Visit
9 Dec:	Wimborne & Ferndown Pub Crawl Collection
10 Dec:	Aldershot Christmas Fayre
11 Dec:	Wimborne & Ferndown Christmas Parcel packing
20 Dec:	Wimborne & Ferndown Christmas Party

#### **2 VDG Lion Ken**

Date	Activity
2 Dec:	Presentation of Young Leaders Award to student of Treloar College, Alton
5 Dec:	Wilton Tree Lighting
7 Dec:	Amesbury Christmas Market
12 Dec to 23 Dec:	Static Sleigh 'n' Santa in Salisbury, Larkhill and Bulford
16 Dec:	Salisbury & District Lions Dinner

## 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 *David*

Christchurch - Lion Sheila Downer  
Newbury - Lion Patricia Burnett-Crockford  
Weymouth & Portland - Lion Darren Brown

## CONVENTION UPDATE

We'll bring you SUN, SEA and SPARKLE!

Planning of next year's District Centennial Convention in Bournemouth is now well advanced and Sebastian, our Sporting Lion, has been out and about checking the venue over to ensure that everyone has a great time.

Booking is now open via the on-line form on the District website, so whether you come just for the Convention or want the whole package, a warm welcome awaits.



## *In Memoriam*

The 105D Times records with sadness the passing to higher service of Lion Stuart Thompson of Romsey Lions Club and Past President Lion Harry Purchase MJF (84) of the Lions Club of Windsor.



# News from the Clubs



## Weird and Wonderful Happenings at the ODIHAM SPOOKTACULA

Hook and Odiham Lions like to be different and Saturday 29 October saw our second Spooktacula, organised in conjunction with Odiham Parish Council.

Despite a misty, damp morning setting up the evening turned out to be fine and war and when people arrived they enjoyed the various refreshment stalls. By 5:30 pm the Wicked Witch of Warnborough was surrounded by crowds of witches, ghouls and other scary characters. These were the entrants for our Fancy dress Competition! I had the honour, as President, along with Cllr Jon Hale, of choosing the winners.

Next on the agenda was the lighting of an enormous bonfire which had been built by farmer Tom Janaway whose land we were using. Finally, the climax of the evening, was a magnificent fire work display lasting some 20 minutes. We would like to thank everyone who made this such a successful evening and to the people of Odiham for supporting us, especially Kath of the Fountains Coffee Shop for selling so many tickets and Tom Janaway for allowing us the use of his field. Not only did we raise funds but we gave Odiham an evening to remember.

## Lions provide an iPad for a visually impaired young man



Advisory teacher Margaret Townsend of Vision Support Services receives an iPad from Weymouth & Portland Lions Club president Lion Mark Lockie, supported by Club members, on behalf of a client.

After receiving the gift, she said: "Once again thank you so much for your work to provide the iPad for the student at Budmouth College. When I took the iPad to the family home after the presentation the recipient was delighted with it. I have never seen him smile so much or have so much to say. He was thrilled."

## Toy Appeal gets Lions' backing



The Echo Toy Appeal once again benefits as Weymouth & Portland Lions president Lion Mark Lockie and Lion Jon Coke hand over a cheque.

## More news from the Clubs



### BEER FESTIVAL PROFITS DONATED TO FOUR CHARITIES Wokingham Lions Club Donates £5,000

Profits totaling £5,000 from this year's sixth annual August Beer Festival event were donated to four local charities by the Wokingham Lions Club at the 9 November business meeting. These include the **Citizens Advice Wokingham** (£2,000), **First Days**, **DrugFAM** and **Dingley Promise** (£1,000 each).

"We are very pleased to support each of these worthy charities with cheques totaling £5,000. The remaining balance of the profits will be earmarked for other good causes in due course," said Lion Bob Westerman, President, Wokingham Lions Club.

'It was another successful year with more than 55 barrels of beer consumed. The profits are going to support some very worthwhile causes within the Wokingham Borough. My thanks go to all the festival goers for supporting the Lions, and in particular family, friends and Club members who helped to make it happen,' said John Cleary, organiser of the Beer Festival Bar.

Representatives from the four charities attended the business meeting of the Wokingham Lions Club on 9<sup>th</sup> November to receive their cheques and express their appreciation.

*In the photograph accepting cheques from Wokingham Lions Club are (l to r) Elizabeth-Burton Phillips, DrugsFAM, Lion Tim Hanton, treasurer, Wokingham Lions Club, Parry Batth, Citizens Advice Wokingham, Zora Morgan and Arti Divatia, Dingley Promise, Lion Sue Jackson, vice-president, Wokingham Lions and Kathryn Tibble-Taylor, First Days.*

### READING LIONS CLUB FIREWORKS GO WITH A BANG!

The now well-known annual firework display at Scours Lane, Reading, was another great success. The weather was cold but dry and clear to allow the crowd to get a good view of the super aerial display during the evening.

This was added to by way of commentary and background music from Radio Jack FM, the band of the Berks Army Cadets and a ladies choir before and after the display.

The marvellous sports ground of Ibis was also used to provide funfair rides for the children by the Masons family together with a bar area for the big boys, soft drinks, sweets, balloon tying, face painting and burger stalls to keep everyone happy during the evening.

The Lions Club is most grateful for all the support they received from Ibis Sports Club, Mason's funfair, Jack FM, the Ladies Choir and the Army Cadet Force who organised and provided security for the large car parking area.

We are next giving our attention to ensuring that Father Christmas is able to drive his float around the streets of Reading to ensure children of all ages have a smile on their faces for Christmas. We hope to publish route details later.

### Defibrillator at West Moors

Wimborne and Ferndown Lions have presented West Moors Memorial Hall with a new defibrillator. Councillor Andy Skeats (right) initiated the project and was instrumental in helping the Lions obtain funding. The picture shows Councillor David Shortell, chairman of East Dorset Council, "cutting the ribbon". Also in the picture are Lions Godwin Micallef and president Lion Teresa North and the chairman of the Memorial Hall, Mark Farthing.





## Even more news from the Clubs

### Jersey Lions to support local youth charities from 2017 Swimarathon

Five Jersey charities providing for young people from cradle to teenage will be the principal beneficiaries of the Jersey Lions' 2017 Swimarathon.

Half of the moneys raised at the end of swimming will be divided equally among them. If the event raises a similar sum to the 2016 event, each charity could expect to receive circa £12,000.

Taking place over five days in March at Jersey's Les Quennevais Pool there will be 480 lanes available and at the end of November only 18 lanes were waiting to be filled.

As for the previous ten years, the event is sponsored by RBC Wealth Management who, as well as funding all the event's publicity, also sponsor every lap swum (more than 28,000 in 2016).

### Blackmore Vale Lions in at the deep end

On Tuesday 1 November Blackmore Vale Lions' president, Lion Ian Simpson, presented a cheque for £1,000 to Ms Roz Barrett, chairman of the Milborne Port Community Swimming Pool Committee.

Roz explained that the money would help to pay for some of the final costs incurred in putting up their new swimming pool enclosure. After five years of fundraising and two refurbishments, a new enclosure was finally put over the Community Swimming Pool during the school's half term break after the Lions funded the cost of two specialist installers from the Swedish manufacturers. There's still work to be done on the flooring around the pool, but they are delighted with their new enclosure and look forward to extending their swimming season by a month or two either end of next year's season.



Also in the photograph are Miss Suzie Milligan, head teacher of Milborne Port Primary School, Dennis Parker, member of the Swimming Pool Committee, nine pupils of the school with first hand experience of the pool and whose families have helped with the recent work, and Lions David Birt and George Wagland.



### Alan presents Alan with MJF

Wimborne and Ferndown Lions enjoyed their Charter Anniversary Dinner this year at the Remedy Oak Golf Club, Woodlands, Wimborne. Thanks to all the guests who found their way to this well hidden venue despite the atrocious weather.

The evening was marked by a presentation of a Melvin Jones Fellowship award to Lion Alan Cartawick. Although not seeking official duties, Alan has time and again been one of the stalwart "backroom boys" without whom no Club can survive and flourish. He is shown receiving the award from Past District Governor Lion Alan Chapman.



# TAIL TWISTER

*The Editor has the last word*

This month's cover portrays an idealised Victorian Christmas; an image we are all familiar with. Unfortunately we are also aware that for many in our community any such ideal image will never become a 21st century reality. This is why so many Lions Clubs will be running Santa's sleighs spreading goodwill in the most tangible and beneficial way. My own Club will be packing Christmas hampers - we share Christmas with Rotary (they shake the tins), Round Table (they drive the sleigh and provide Santa Claus) and the Soroptimists (they look after fuel and food vouchers) and with the enthusiastic support from the local media, the funding will be raised to pay for it all. There is probably no other time of the year when we all fulfil Melvin Jones' vision of serving our communities when they most need it.

My thanks and best wishes to all the contributors to the 105D Times and to every Lion and his and her family in the District for a truly happy Christmas and a productive New Year in which we will all continue to achieve Melvin Jones' maxim that 'we serve'.

*Lion Peter Tabb*

## Lion's Tail...



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