

DISTRICT 105D



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TIMES

From DG Lion Mike Hendy

I AM writing this before departing for Toronto and the DGE School and International Convention so that the new District Newsletter Editor – Lion Peter Tabb of Jersey Lions Club – can get it out to Clubs on 1 July and my target is going to be the first of the month for all issues this year.

First let me echo the thanks of the District Governor David for all the work done over many years by the previous Editor – Lion Peter Garlick. Not only did Lion Peter produce good quality copy each month with contributions from Clubs but also for many years did all the projection work at District Convention.

Peter, my personal thanks and please enjoy your 'retirement' from District Cabinet.

Over the last couple of months, activity for LCI and the MD and District has reached a peak with the administration work that needs to be done prior to the year of office starting; thanks to District Secretary Godwin giving 110 per cent as usual and as a result of the speedy return of information requested from Clubs we were one of the first Districts to get our Club details completed and submitted – thanks to all Club Secretaries.

I have to admit I approach the year as District Governor with some trepidation of the enormous challenges ahead of us – that of membership increase and the importance of keeping those members once we get them in. I am also aware of those Clubs who have asked for help to provide key officers to enable them to continue and that is why this year I make no apologies that my Cabinet set up is aimed at membership growth – I argue that unless we have the members to do the projects we have pushed for so long then it is a waste of time putting many resources into projects. ↓

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

This monthly District Newsletter offers the opportunity for every Club to have its say - tell the other Clubs in the District of its triumphs and possibly even its disasters - to bind the Lions of 105D closer and to allow us all to share in the experience and exhilaration of being a Lion.

Being resident in the Channel Islands it is easy for your new editor to feel isolated from the mainstream of Lionism in our District and the news I hope to receive from Clubs for publication, apart from all the other benefits, is one way of helping me, and my off-shore colleagues feel a lot closer to you all.

Lion Peter Tabb

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“Teamwork, Leadership and Compassion”

You will have heard the phrase 'going into transition' – this means that we have gone below either 35 clubs or 1,250 members – as I write this on 20 June we are at just 1,252 members, so with the usual June clearout I estimate we will be in transition by the time my year of office starts.

What does it mean?

Officially if LCI wanted to brandish the big stick they could appoint future District Governors for the District; as it stands currently this District would not be able to put forward a candidate for International Director if we went into transition. But what is more likely to affect you all is that LCI will not pay a contribution for the partners of the DGE to go to the International Convention – instead the MD picks up this cost by resolution many years ago and this could mean an increase in MD subs as next year the convention is in Hawaii, followed in 2016 by Japan. The more Districts in this MD that we have in transition means more money has to come out of MD funds to support our District Governor and partner. Going to International Convention and DGE Seminar is not a jolly, it is the last link in the chain on top of the training received at MD level to equip you for the job in hand. As always any funding received from LCI or MD is not total re-imbursement but a 'contribution towards' – for example I get an allowance from LCI of just £25 per day towards the cost of breakfast, lunch and dinner in Toronto, those who may have been there will know that will not go far.

So if we do slip into transition by 1 July I want us all to pull together and get out of it as soon as possible afterwards and stay out of it from then on. I05EA did it last year by starting a Campus Club and a Special Interest club; with enthusiasm, a will to succeed and team spirit then I05D could achieve the same result.

Structure – Club Development Specialists and Zone Chairmen

I have strengthened the Global Membership Team by the introduction of Club Development Specialists – one for each Region plus a District wide lead. This team will work under the leadership of the GMT lead Lion Pauline McCreanor who will have responsibility for not only identifying possible areas for new clubs but also helping those Clubs who ask for help in membership related issues. I have chosen very experienced Lions for these roles and they are there to assist – please use them. First VDG Alan Chapman will overview the whole Club Development Team activity which includes the Global Leadership Team and also the PRO. ↓

Look out Wiggo!



Next year the Tour de France!

A GROUP of eight Meon Valley Lions recently took part in the charity "Horse or Bike" ride, organised by the New Forest Rotary Club. The event attracted more than 300 entrants, who had the option of cycling, walking or horseback as their preferred mode of transport. Starting at Burley, riders had a choice of mainly off-road routes through the New Forest, enjoying some of Britain's most beautiful countryside en-route. With a lovely day and excellent organisation it proved highly enjoyable, allowing the participants to raise a great deal of money for a variety of chosen charities.

Meon Valley Lions chose to direct their bike-ride sponsorship efforts towards The Rose Road Association, based in Southampton. Established in 1952, The Rose Road Association works with over 400 children, young people and their families from across Hampshire and the surrounding counties. The young people who come to Rose Road have a range of disabilities including severe and profound learning difficulties, physical disabilities and autism. This can lead to health problems linked to respiration, digestion, epilepsy and sensory impairments affecting sight, hearing and touch, as well as speech and ways to communicate. They're a really great bunch and the people who work for Rose Road do a fantastic job helping them to bring out their talents and realise their dreams and aspirations. The group is funded entirely by charitable donations, so we were pleased that our biking efforts contributed a much-needed £1,200 towards their future equipment needs and running costs.

Lion Ian Adams Publicity Officer

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at least a week before the end of the month

As I have dispensed with the optional role of Region Chairman, I have provided ongoing support for the Zone Chairmen through the offices of Second VDG David Taylor, constitutionally however they will of course report to me directly.

Club Visits

Visits to Clubs will continue to be made by the DG Team and, between us, we have formulated a template for visits which will ensure that all Clubs get a visit from the serving District Governor at least one year out of three. I wish to encourage Clubs and the DG Team to use the opportunity of a Club visit for a Q&A session between Club and visiting officer so that we can learn what you expect from the District for the future.

Charters

The District Governor is required to give precedence to 25th and 50th Charter Anniversaries and, while I have already accepted some 50th Anniversary Charters I am sure there may be more plus some 25th anniversaries so please email me and let me know the date as soon as possible so that I can get it in my diary if you wish me to attend. Please remember that a club charter is a CLUB event and therefore it is the Club that makes the decisions on the format, etc. If it is an evening event and you don't want me to wear a white jacket then please tell me when you book me; I am more than happy to keep the jacket out of the cleaners by wearing black. I would also encourage you to consider inviting your Zone Chairman as your guest and to respond to the toast to LCI; when I was first appointed a Zone Chairman in 1991 I was the principal guest at three or more Charters and found the experience of responding to the toast invaluable as I progressed through the Lions hierarchy.

Communication

Good communication is all important and one area in which we sometimes fail spectacularly. E-mails are great and can be very effective but please remember not everyone looks at their inbox every day and we cannot insist they do. If the matter is urgent then pick up the phone.

I will be working with Lions Tom Sayers and Richard High to redesign the website more in line with the 'corporate' look of the new MD one; I did mean to have it ready for 1 July but have run out of time so it will be up and running a.s.a.p. ↓



THE Gillingham, Mere & Shaftesbury Lions Club teamed up with the organisers of the Gillingham in Gear Classic Car and Bike show on Saturday 7 June. It was a great success all round, despite the threat of a wash out, and the initial cloud burst did not deter the populace of Gillingham. By 11 a.m. the venue, the meadow in Gillingham behind the Red Lion, was packed full of enthusiasts admiring the cars and bikes, eating ice cream, bouncing on the bouncy castle or guessing the name of our Lion.

Our man in a Lion suit took a few trips around the local Waitrose, Asda and shops surprising a few people and drumming up more customers.

Despite having a go, the Mayor of Gillingham was not one of the three lucky children who correctly guessed the names of our prize Lions. Finley correctly guessed the large Lion was called, 'Dayo', whilst Amy correctly guessed, 'Esi' and Dillon correctly guessed, 'Chike'. Samuel guessed the correct number of sweets in the jar at 389. The guess games generated £36 for the charity fund.

Lion's also managed to issue over 40 'message in a bottle' packs. This fantastic Lions initiative, which has been rolled out nationally, can be a real life saver in an emergency. A simple pot you place in the fridge contains medical information and personal details of a patient leading to safer and speedier First Aid by first responders short cutting time consuming fact-finding enquiries about the patients. GMS Lions recently spent an evening preparing "Message in a Bottle" containers and loading them into dispensers for distribution to local medical centres, dentists and pharmacies.

Lion Alastair McKechnie

Publicity Officer

I do intend to set up regular conference calls – probably on a Saturday morning – for a period of up to an hour when members of the District Governor team will be available to answer any concerns or questions that you may have. This will be done using Conference Genie technology – you do not need a webcam, only a telephone and preferably a land line which is cheaper than a mobile phone. Once they are planned I will send out details

Finally there is the medium of this newsletter. The DG starts the year in July as a DG Newsletter only and runs alternate months with a District Newsletter with contributions from individuals and clubs. As far as I am concerned if Lion Peter Tabb has got enough copy to put out larger district newsletters each month then that is fine with me. His contact details are on page 2 of this newsletter.

Hendy's travels for July 2014

Dates	Activity
28 June—10 July	International Convention, Toronto
19 July	District Cabinet, The Grange, Bracknell
19 July	District Handover, The Grange, Bracknell
24 July	Official Visit - Burnham
25—27 July	Council of Governors, Solihull

Well, that's just about it for this edition. More detail of the International Convention will follow in the next edition for August. If you are going on holiday in July – enjoy and keep safe. This year I am determined we all have fun while taking things seriously when we need to, so until next month—

It's cheerio from me and
cheerio from her

Lions Mike & Brigid



Portsmouth Civic Award Presentation

One of the first duties of our new Lord Mayor, Cllr Steve Wylie, was to present awards for exemplary service to members of the local community, including Syed Aminul Haque, pictured above.

Mr Haque of Kingston Road, Fratton, is a volunteer for many local charities, including serving as chairman of the Bangladeshi Welfare Association in Portsmouth, and as President of the City of Portsmouth Lions Club.

Cllr Donna Jones, the new Leader of Portsmouth City Council, introduced Syed as 'a respected member of many local organisations and charities within our community'.

Syed was humbled to receive the Civic Award and is keen to encourage other local people to volunteer for charities and groups within our community. "I have now retired and like to use some of my free time to help put something back into the community which has been our family's home for nearly half a century".

**Is there a disabled person with a carer in your Club's
community who deserves a holiday?**

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JERSEY'S UNIQUE HOTEL FOR DISABLED PEOPLE

Maison des Landes Hotel for disabled people, a project of the Lions Club of Jersey, is offering visitors sponsored by Lions Clubs of 105D the opportunity of a specially discounted holidays at the only hotel in Jersey totally equipped to cater for persons with disabilities.

During 2014 and 2015 all Lions Clubs in MD105D can enjoy a special rate of just £83.00 per person per day throughout the high season and just £73.00 per person per day low season when making a booking. The tariff includes FULL board accommodation, FREE harbour/airport transfers, FREE in-hotel entertainment and FREE daytime tours and excursions.

For more details contact Manager Peter Le Quesne tel: 01534 481683 quoting 105D Offer