

Lion David Taylor

Curriculum Vitae

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I have been a Lions Club member for 19 years, joining when I lived in Preston.

Born in Devon and raised in London, my main career led me around the globe in the RAF, retiring after 25 years as a Wing Commander with logistics, IT and PR experience. During my career I had responsibility for large staffing levels and the associated budgets along with an enormous amount of committee work.

After moving from Lancashire I worked for Wiltshire Police as a media officer working with local and national journalists. Then, nine years ago, I was asked to set up and manage the voluntary-staffed Tourist Information Centre in Shaftesbury.

Meanwhile, in Lions, I had served as Club Treasurer and President before being invited to join the District Cabinet as PRO - a post I held for five years. During this time I also served on the Lord Mayor's Show Committee, planning each year's entry and coordinating our District's participation.

I was also asked to serve on the Multiple District PR Committee, originally for three years but then asked to stay on for a further fourth year which included the planning for the visit by our International Board to Edinburgh.

I have also attended our District, Multiple District and International Conventions – listening to Lawrie McMenemy led me to be a volunteer gamesmaker on the transport team at the GB Special Olympics in Bath and, in 2015, my son did the same at the World Games in Los Angeles.

Away from Lions my community work continued: chairman of the local Cancer Research Committee; director of the local community partnership; director of the community swimming pool and giving my time to referee football for the English Schools FA and local community leagues.

In recognition of this community work I was very proud to be selected as a Torchbearer for the 2012 Olympics and took great delight in being told the strapline of "Lions Clubs International" came up on the live broadcast as I ran through Hamworthy.

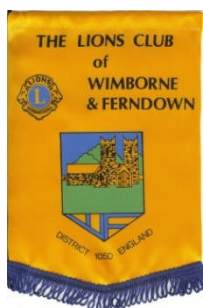
After serving my third term of office as President of GMS Lions, I was invited to be a Region Chairman and I thoroughly enjoyed visiting our Clubs, seeing how different we all are while sharing the same values. During my time as 2nd VDG and 1st VDG I have continued to visit the majority of Clubs in our District.

I have also attended the Advance Lions Leadership Institute and was one of 20 people around Europe selected to attend the Lions Faculty Development Institute in Germany. Both occasions enabled me to mix with Lions from so many different countries, comparing our differences but, more importantly, the things we have in common.

Having served for over thirty years in a uniformed environment, I know the value of planning and organisation. However, working in the voluntary sector has confirmed my belief that the pyramid of organisation starts with the individual Lion at the very top, supported (not controlled) by each level underneath them –Lions Club members helping each other, Zone Clubs helping each other with Region/District there to offer further advice and support when needed.

But most of all we should be having fun serving our community!





**The Lions Club of Wimborne & Ferndown
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Are proud to nominate

**Lion Peter Burnett
For First Vice District Governor
District 105D - 2016– 2017**



At Club Level:

I joined Pocklington District Lions Club in 1985 serving as Treasurer, Secretary, and Tail-Twister. After transferring to Hornsea & District Lions Club in 1988, I served there as both Secretary and Fund-Raising Chairman. I took a temporary break in 1990 due to the commitments of a young family, but rejoined a year later with Wimborne & Ferndown Lions Club. Since then I have been Club President in 1997 and 2004, also serving on a number of committees including being Treasurer, Secretary, Tail Twister, Welfare Chairman and Fund-Raising Chairman.

At District Level:

I became the Diabetes Officer in 1998, LEHP Officer 1999, Zone Chairman 2005 & 2010, Region Chairman 2006, 2007, 2012 & 2013, Region Membership Specialist in 2014, Health & Safety Officer 2008 & 2009 and Vulnerable Persons Officer in 2008. This year I am both 2nd Vice District Governor and Convention Chairman.

Additional Lions Experience:

As Zone Chairman in 2005, I also supported Bournemouth Lions Club by being their acting President; for this work I was awarded the District Governors Zone Chairman Award. I am also a Certified Guiding Lion, have attended numerous District Conventions and have been a regular at Multiple-District Conventions since 2006. In February 2014 I attended the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute in Budapest.

At Work:

I am a pharmacist by profession and, having sold my pharmacies in Bournemouth, I now act as a locum pharmacist. My wife and I also owned a convenience store and still own a post office in the same large run-down estate in Bournemouth as one of the pharmacies. Working in such an area allows us an insight into the problems of poverty in their community and we are both involved in various local organisations to improve the lives of the residents.

At Home:

I am married to Lion Debbie (who has also been a Zone chairman and currently acts as Guiding Lion to Southbourne & Boscombe Lions). We have six children – I have three, Debbie has two and between us we have 12 year old Bethany who is often seen at Club charter dinners. Our children have been brought up surrounded by Lions and have all helped in many ways.

Having sold our shops I can now dedicate the time and commitment to the role of 1st Vice District Governor. Amongst other things I would like to make our organisation more family friendly; I believe that the experience our children have enjoyed of family lionism gives me the necessary expertise to do this and therefore enable us all to attract younger members and their families.

After nearly 30 years of Lions membership, with over 10 years on our District Cabinet, I would be honoured to be given the chance to represent our District at Multiple District level. My main focus would be on enhancing our District membership in terms of retention, new members and more family orientated membership.

Lion Ken Staniforth, The Lions Club of Salisbury & District
Nominated by the Lions Club of Salisbury & District and seconded by the Lions Club of Loddon Valley
For 2nd Vice District Governor 2016—2017

Club Level

President
Secretary
Tail Twister
Membership Director

Lions Award

International Presidents Award for
outstanding service to Lions Clubs
International



District Level

Region Community Service Officer
Zone Chair (2 Years)
Region Club Development Specialist
Region Chair

Outside of Lions

Recognised by both Wiltshire Council
Board and Wiltshire Police for service to
the community



Other Lions Activities

Attended Multiple District Conventions
Attended District Conventions
Instrumental in increasing Salisbury Club membership
Instrumental in the planting of 124 trees
Certificate holder of Advanced Lions Leadership Institute
Certified Guiding Lion

Prior to joining Lions

Known in Salisbury for fundraising activities including:

Raising over £10,000.00 for terminally ill 9 year old boy

Arrested by the police in Salisbury and jailed until I made bail for the RNIB (£820.00 raised)

6 x 12 hour pool marathons raising money for various causes including SANDS (Stillborn And Neonatal Death Syndrome £550.00 raised), Cancer Research, Canine Partners, Poppy Appeal to name a few.

About 'Me'

Originally from Barnstaple, North Devon where I have two Daughters and two Grandchildren, I moved to Salisbury in 1999 and then to Bulford near Amesbury 5 years ago. I live with my partner Jean who has been President and Fundraising Committee Member of Salisbury and is currently a serving Club Director.

I am the Managing Director of the health and safety practice that I opened in 2006 and a Director of a pub business. My passion is music performing semi-professionally and charitably for over 40 years as vocalist and guitarist.

My time in Lions is seemingly short but I have achieved a great deal. I am a motivator of people, which has stood me in good stead in my work life, in the development of my own Club and also whenever called upon to assist other Clubs. I am also no stranger to serving my community wherever and whenever the need has arisen and have been proud to do so in a relaxed but confident manner in order to achieve the desired end result. I am actively in pursuit of forming new Clubs on Salisbury Plain.

I believe that as an organisation we need to be looking at new ways of reaching out to young people with fresh ideas whilst retaining the stalwarts who are the backbone of our Clubs. We need to guide and encourage those who are to be the future leaders of our organisation. Our Membership must be diverse, as I firmly believe that everybody has something to give, regardless of their age, gender or personal background situation. Attitudes need to change if we are to grow and survive. We have a mountain to climb and even the best mountaineer needs the wisdom of their guides, the strength of their porters and the stamina for the ascent.

What we give out directly affects what we get in so what do we want our prospective candidates to see? Answering that question is for all of us to consider and a look in the mirror will always be a good start.