

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 re-joined 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. In 2016 I was District Convention Chairman and am at present 1st Vice District Governor

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 acted as Guiding Lion to Southbourne & Boscombe Lions from 2014-16). We have six children – I have three, Debbie has two and between us we have 14 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 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 1st Vice District Governor 2017-2018

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 2nd Vice District Governor 2016/17

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





Attended District and Multiple 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 Assisting Membership growth in several clubs



Prior to joining Lions

Known in Salisbury and North Devon 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 now live in Durrington. I live with my partner Jean who has been President, Fundraising Committee Member, Club Director, my Best Friend and the person I respect most in my life.

I am in the 10th year as the Managing Director of my health and safety practice and also (for my sins) run a licensed premises. One thing is for sure, a smile is never far from my face and a laugh closely follows.

My passion is music of all genre's and have been performing semi-professionally and charitably for over 40 years as vocalist and rhythm guitarist.

I enjoy my time in Lions and being a motivator of people, which has helped in the growth and development of my own Club and also whenever called upon to assist other Clubs. I'm 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 assisting in the pursuit of forming new Clubs on Salisbury Plain, a project that has been a long time in coming, but I am confident it will become a reality.

I believe that we must find ways to reach out to young people who have the 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. We **can** grow **and** survive and we have the opportunity in our centennial year with all that goes with it, to do just that.

My time as 2nd Vice District Governor has been a new learning experience, one that Jean and I have fully embraced and responded to whilst enjoying the friendship and fellowship of the Members of the Clubs that we are visiting. I believe that I am ready to advance to 1st Vice District Governor 2017 / 2018 and carry on that learning journey whilst assisting the District Governor and our Clubs in any way that I can.

On a personal note, I would like to take this opportunity to thank The Members of Salisbury & District and Loddon Valley for your continued support.