



The International Association of Lions Clubs DISTRICT 105D - AUGUST 2008



Ordinary People
Amazing Things

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This is being written as our district prepares to host the International Youth Camp 2008 at Avon Tyrell. Lion Ann and I are looking forward to meeting the youngsters when they come over to the Island for a day, and again when

Mary Fagan Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire visits the group at camp. We are sure the week will be rounded off with a wonderful gala dinner which we are also looking forward to attending. We hope the visitors will return safely to their families with wonderful memories and new found friends.

Bangkok - Sawasdee! Or as we say over here, hello! Lion Ann and I have just returned from a very hectic but enjoyable time spent in the land of smiles, Thailand. We arrived in a wet Bangkok, which at that moment didn't seem to be living up to its title of city of angels, and travelled down for two hours to Pattaya to attend the District Governor's Elect School. This was the first chance to meet fellow Lions undertaking the responsibility of becoming District Governor's.



We were certainly a mixed group; I had Lions from Australia, New Zealand, India and USA in my class, which was led by our fantastic facilitator Ed McCormack. It was a wonderful experience to have the opportunity to learn

from so many other like minded people. It was also great to meet our new International President Al Brandel and his lovely wife Dr Maureen Murphy. The welcome we received was fantastic and the partners were included in some of the sessions and had a couple of their own arranged for them. After some very thought provoking classroom sessions, the week was rounded off with a wonderful beach party and panoramic photo of all the DGE's and their partners, we moved on to Bangkok and the International Convention itself. If we had thought there were a lot of people in Pattaya, we were not prepared for the number who had arrived for the convention, there were thousands!



Again the welcome we received from the Thai people was amazing. They really do live up to their reputation of smiling, helpful people. I automatically went to open a door at our hotel, and got a very old fashioned look from the gentleman at the hotel who immediately rushed to open it for me! Ann has said since we've been back that she is missing the orchid placed on her pillow every night, I'm afraid don't think I can quite manage that!

The International Parade is a memory we will both cherish for a long time, there were so many people on the route it



was very impressive. It was all topped by the fact that our band won their section, the first time MD105 have won anything in the parade! It was also good to be welcomed passed the grandstand by MD 105's

very own PID Phil Nathan. We certainly let them know that we had arrived. Afterwards all I can say is that it was a good thing the room had a bath as well as a shower, it was lovely to soak the feet. A well deserved foot massage was had the following evening.



We thoroughly enjoyed meeting other Lions from around the world who wanted our pins and to have their photo taken with the MD105 ladies, particularly with the scarves that were made for us, thanks to Anita! Two other special events were the DGE Banquet & Ball where the white jackets were worn for



the first time and also the MD 105 reception. The room looked stunning before everyone moved in to claim a table and the desserts were amazing. We have brought back a few extra pounds and so many wonderful memories that are certainly too

numerous to mention here. Those of you who have been involved with Campaign Sightfirst II will no doubt be delighted to know that the target that was set has been achieved and even exceeded, so congratulations to all of you who got involved in such a worthy project. We can truly say that we are trying to live up to Helen Keller's challenge to be knights of the blind.



Mentioning memories. Bangkok already seems a long time ago. However, International President Al's theme of 'Miracles Through Service' is one such memory. You in your clubs may not feel able to do the large acts of service that

some can, but to the recipient, even a small act of service could be like a miracle to them, please remember that. Memories of Bangkok are many but the overall feeling of belonging to a worldwide organisation, meeting so many like minded people from around the world, the International Parade and the welcome we received will certainly be long cherished ones.

105D District Handover Lunch.

The District Handover was this year held at the Holiday Inn, Southampton. The Cabinet meeting in the morning was rather cosy, with an unexpected higher than normal attendance for this particular meeting, but then it was great to see so many cabinet officers in attendance, thank you.

The Handover Lunch got off to a fine start with Sergeant Major Fred forming up and then parading the top table into

the room. Lion Jacquelin Green of the Cowes Club Branch said grace and it was then tucked in to a most enjoyable meal, District 105D has had a close association with District 105SW for a number of years and DG Lion Roger toasted 105SW who were holding their Handover Lunch at the same time as us, likewise they were due to toast 105D at the same time.

IPDG Lion Pat Nixon had a most memorable task to end her year by presenting Mr Luke Wordley with a Melvin Jones Fellowship in recognition and appreciation of his work with Dentaaid, and developing it to where it is today, reducing suffering for many in undeveloped countries around the world.

During her handover speech, IPDG Lion Pat thanked Lion Eric for his support during the year and presented him with a memorable picture.

DG Lion Roger acknowledged the achievements of the last year and made a presentation to IPDG Pat from the members of her cabinet and likewise Lion Ann made a presentation to Lion Eric as a mark of appreciation from the partners, who he had looked after so well.



Young Matthew Busbridge from Ventnor gave an excellent presentation on Diabetes, Matthew outlined his personal experiences as a young person, wondering just what was wrong with him and then finally being diagnosed as a Diabetic.

Then having to face the task of adjusting to the situation within the normal daily running of family life.

Both Matthew and his step father Lion Eddie now work as part time volunteers in the first Diabetes charity shop to be set up in this country at Ventnor, the shop manager Lion Barbara Holmes who has a Diabetic daughter was instrumental in setting up the project.

The festivities of the afternoon were brought to a close with an entertaining performance by the "Eb Tide" barber shop quartet, part of the larger group "Wight Harmony" from the Isle of Wight.

The proceedings were under the direction of a most entertaining MC & Toastmaster, thank you PDG Fred Massey for carrying out the task in such an enjoyable way. Special thanks to PDG Lion Vic Smith & June together with the Swanwick Lions Club for making the arrangements, handling the bookings, the table decorations and organising the raffle, grateful thanks also to Lions Ron & Ann Twining for arranging the flowers provided by Cowes Club Branch for the top table ladies.

News Item : Lions Clubs International has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Ann and I would like to thank all of you who were able to attend. Thank you to those who helped in so many ways, PDG Fred, the ladies and gents of Swanick and so many more. It was a very special day for both of us which we were delighted to share with our Lions 'family' and our own families. Thank you once again.

And so everything begins! We were in Birmingham last weekend for our first Council of Governor's meeting. Although it was hot and sticky it was great to meet up with my fellow District Governor's and start the work of ensuring our Multiple District goes from strength to strength. Ann also enjoyed meeting up with the other partners.

Club visits will begin in August and the first Charter Dinner will be in September. In the meantime we have club collections to do at the start of Cowes Week which will help

us remember that being a club Lion is what it is all about.

Please feel free to contact us at anytime if you want us to attend anything, we will always have a diary handy!

In the meantime we hope that whatever club activities you have organised over August go well and we look forward to meeting as many of you as we can as we travel around the District.

DG Roger & Ann



HILARY VISITS LYMINGTON (Hilary Lister's Round Britain Dream)

When Lymington Lions, heard, late in the day, that they were one of Hilary's Ports of Call, they were very fortunate when local marina

Berthon Boats agreed to donate a berth with all the marina facilities for her stay. After several delays, mainly due to the weather, she eventually arrived on the 24th June. Unfortunately there was damage to the boat and then the weather did a wobbly and a crew member was injured and as a result she was with us for nearly three weeks.

"It must be said that this is the ultimate story of human endeavour, and unless you have met Hilary you cannot imagine the challenges that she is overcoming in sailing around the British Isles. This is not some TV reality show, this is raw courage" said Club P.R Director Martin Ward.

Looking at Hilary's website www.hilarylister.com will give you the full picture of her challenge and you will see that she sails in a boat described as an Artemis 20 and to the non sailors I would describe this as a big dingy.

Two seasoned sailors of the Club, Andrew (the Bay of Biscay before breakfast) Collyer - and that South Atlantic cruiser Ian (round the Horn) Duncan said :- "When the boat came out of the water for repairs at Lymington we both thought it looked very small, and when they put it back in the water it looked even smaller!"

Hilary and her team (Gang) enjoyed themselves in Lymington despite the frustrations of their delays, by visiting the local coffee shops and making many friends in the Marina. The Lymington Club hosted a small reception for them on their arrival, which achieved front page publicity in the local newspaper. When it was clear that she would be with us a little longer, President Peter and Shirley hosted a curry lunch at their home for Hilary and Toby her project manager, where a good time was enjoyed by all.

Hilary left Lymington at 6.15am on Sunday 13th July and our best wishes go with her.

The Club wishes to sincerely thank The Berthon Boat Marina and their staff for supporting Hilary during her extended stay.

Since her visit a thank you letter was received:-

Just a few words to express our utmost thanks and appreciation for all your help and support during our (somewhat extended) stay at Lymington. It always a comfort to us to know that there is a "Lion" or two awaiting our arrival, and the get together where you fed and watered us was very welcome!! The facilities at Berthon were excellent and the marina staff wonderful.

It was a real pleasure to meet you and I hope that you continue to plot our progress and wish us fair winds and a good sea. On behalf of Hilary, and the entire team, I would like to offer you our heartfelt thanks.

The Photo - Hilary centre from left to right - Nick - Dock Master Berthon Marina, President Peter Steeples, PP Martin Ward, Deputy Town Mayor Jan Hawker

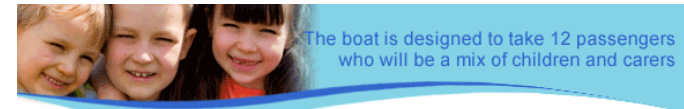


LIONS GET ABOARD

Does your club know of some disabled or disadvantaged children who would enjoy a half day or a day cruise along the river in the beautiful Thames valley?

A specially built boat for the Rivertime Trust to provide a boating facility for the disabled, that the Lions Clubs of Henley, Maidenhead and Burnham supported during the year of Lion Ian Tritton's Zone chairmanship, is now completed and bookings are being taken.

Members of the clubs which supported this project enjoyed a demonstration by the proud senior skipper Lucy Herbert of the craft and its facilities. These include a lift for wheelchairs, a disabled person's toilet and an all weather canopy. There followed a brief trip on an idyllic evening.



The boat is designed to take 12 passengers who will be a mix of children and carers

Bookings are coming in quickly, so if your club would like to give some children or older people with disabilities a truly enjoyable experience, contact Rivertime on 01491 415 605 or email bookings@rrm.co.uk

The boat is based in Henley-on-Thames but can pick up passengers at points between Reading and Windsor. A "half day" hire of the boat and its crew is £120 and a "full day" £200.

"There is nothing - **absolutely nothing** - half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats". *Wind in the Willows*.

Richard Smith Regional Chair 5 Tel: 01628 778565



CHINA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL EVERY PENNY COUNTS!

GDS Instruments are based in Hook, Hampshire and specialise in the manufacture of laboratory and field testing equipment for use by Geotechnical Engineers,

Civil Engineers and Geologists investigating soil and rocks. Specialist hardware and software can recreate specific stresses and strains to simulate the effects of additional loading caused by a new structure, and risk assessment of existing structures such as dams and bridges during events such as earthquakes.

Their equipment is exported worldwide and the company has been working closely with China, one of their largest consumers, for over 10 years. Many of the 20 employees at GDS have spent time in China installing equipment. Due to these close ties with China, GDS employees wanted to assist the China Earthquake appeal.

The company arranged a day where all employees worked an additional 1/2 hour for China. The effective salary that would have been earned by the employees over this period

was totted up, and multiplied by 10 by the company. A sum of £1100 was raised.

GDS chose to make their donation to LCIF as through employee, Nigel Durley, a member of the Lions Club of Fleet, they had heard that money donated to the Lions by local people in our area will support both immediate relief and long-term reconstruction efforts. But, **MORE IMPORTANTLY**, confident that all money donated will go directly towards the relief efforts in China.

Picture shows Mike Collen (President Fleet Lions Club) and District Treasurer (105D) receiving the cheque on behalf of Lions Clubs International – so time IS money!
Linda Picton



Reading Lions Donate Cooker to School

The Lions Club of Reading have donated a Kenwood cooker to Whitley Park Infants School. The cooker was needed to allow the children to do some cooking. The school had raised some of the money and the Lions Club donated the £400 needed to purchase the cooker. The Lions Club of Reading would like to thank Curry's for their help with the purchase.

The Lions Club attended the school recently to officially hand-over the new cooker and were treated to cakes and tea by the children, who had cooked the cakes on the new cooker and the children sang the School song.

Head Teacher Ann Tanner said she could not thank the Lions Club enough for their generous support and it will make a tremendous difference at the school.

Lion President Jo Hamblin who made the official presentation at the school said the Lions Club were delighted to help such a good local cause.

Pictured left to right are:- Lion Rocco Zottarelli, Lion President Jo Hamblin and Lion Dave Ebsworth along with some of the pupils of Whitley Park Infants School at the handover presentation.

Tony Mundell, Reading Lions Club



When the Lions and Bears get together - Fundraising begins

The Blackmore Vale Lions Club held their first Teddy Bear parachute jump in Sturminster Newton recreation ground. The sun shone and 60 brave Teddy Bears and 1 Frog floated down 60 feet to be reunited with their owners. Each

received a certificate for their part in fundraising over £300 (with more to come) for local lions charities. All who helped and took part thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We hope to make this an annual event. Lion Gordon Kelly

First Muscliffe Fun Day a Roaring success



Lions Club of Bournemouth are heavily involved with the committee and a suggestion was made to run their first ever Fun Day.

The weather was great with sunshine all day. Lots of things going on including Fun Fair, Face Painting, Police support with a dog handling display including post-coding bikes for the youngsters. There were also numerous charity stalls, live music and shows.

The first picture shows the kids manning the food stall who were working for their Duke of Edinburgh Award they spent hours pulling together in the Youth Centre kitchen making all those rolls and selling them.



Picture shows the youth club youngsters singing and playing on stage



Youth club youngsters putting on a professional *Bollywood* dance show



The final picture shows the youngsters manning the Diabetes awareness stall.

Lots of money was raised and due to the magnificent success it will be hopefully an even bigger event next year.

Great photos and lovely to have a choice - Editor
Lion Chris Micallef (Ms) - PR Bournemouth Lions

Lions' ASHLEY HEATH COUNTRY FAYRE including Dorset Charity Horse & Dog Show

Wimborne & Ferndown Lions Club's big Country Fayre took place on Saturday 19 July at Homelands Farm near Three Legged Cross. It attracted a large number of entries for the 81 Classes Horse Show as well as a very good turnout for the companion dog show where many breeds were represented. Lots of families brought their pets and entered for such as the "Most Handsome Dog" and "Best 6 Legs."

This was the second time that Lions organised this event. Last year they were able to pass £3000 to the two charities.

This year with more of everything; that's more horse entries, more dog entries, many more trade stalls and, most importantly, at least twice as many families coming by car for a day out, Lions are hoping for proceeds top be more than double last year's amount. Whatever the final proceeds are, Lions will



Jambo entertains the children

present equal amounts to the Air Ambulance and Julia's House at the Lions Charter Anniversary Dinner on 8 November.



Iberian Horses with riders in national dress

In addition to being the main sponsors on this show, Nationwide Building Society chose Julia's House and the Air Ambulance as its own charities for this year. Representatives of the 3 organizations were at the show so Nationwide thought this an ideal location for them to make their own presentation.

Lions thought this was an excellent idea so Sally Bowditch and Caroline Partridge, both of Nationwide, came forward with 2 giant cheques for £1,500 each. The Lions' Club President, John Pearson, opened by saying how successful the day had been and thanking all the sponsors for their support and he especially thanked Anne Hayes, without whose



experience Lions could not have run the event. He then introduced the two Nationwide ladies who presented their cheques to Tracy Bartram of Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance and to Jane Errington of Julia's House Children's Hospice.

Lion John Wilson



JUMBULANCE

Lion Peter Homan does a lot of driving for elderly and disabled people in our area and he recently had a call to ask him if he could take a disabled lady to meet up with the Jumbulance which was taking her on holiday to Italy. This lady's trip was only costing her £650 for 7 days in Italy and the price also included the hotel.



He had never heard of Jumbulance but when he got there he was totally amazed at what he saw! Apparently these Jumbulances are fantastic and have all the facilities that you could ever think of, including volunteer nurses and drivers, and cater for all sorts of outings and excursions.

If any club is interested please visit their website at www.jumbulance.org.uk

Lion President Gill Naish - Lions Club of New Milton.

A Message from your Editor

Firstly yes there was no DG Newsletter for July and this issue unfortunately late due to DG's computer problems. Many thanks for the articles, of which I have had to hold some over to the next issue.

Please keep your articles coming.
Lion Peter Garlick