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District Governor's Message



Extension award to Lion President Henry Cuff of Blandford and also to Lion Tony Ives, the Colin Rickman Shield for youth

Well, this is it, the final newsletter and a short review of the year, Mike and I came into the song 'Reach for the Stars' and together with all the Lions of the District that is I believe what we did. It's certainly been a year that we will never forget and will always remember.... so the highs for me?

Well one occasion must be the very moving District Service in October in the magnificent surrounds of Douai Abbey and ably organised and managed by Reading Lions Club and the District Sergeant at Arms, Lion Travis. The other has to be District Convention in Beaumont House, Windsor where other clubs from my Region 5 came together to assist Burnham and Bracknell to organise and manage the event – a true example of Lions working together for a single cause.

Two other events – one District and one club – were also memorable. The first was 40 charities coming together with the Lions of Jersey. A truly memorable evening with the presentation of cheques to the value of £58k which was the result of their 40th very successful Swimathon. As Lion President Carl said, this was truly a community event involving the whole community of Jersey Island. Mike and I flew over especially for the event and back the next day and it was heart-warming talking to some of the recipients to realise how much the donation they had received was going to change the lives of so many people they were working for. The other event was Paultons Park where we dropped in on our way back from Westbury Charter the night before and on our way to Hart Charter that lunchtime – high heeled shoes are not to be recommended for marshalling crowds away from the very busy entrance! Over 2000 deserving people were invited by Lions for a good family day out courtesy of Lions Clubs. It was great organisation by John and Anita Drago ably supported by the Lions of Romsey Club who unfortunately lost their gazebo in a crumpled heap due to the ferocity of the winds that day.

At the last Cabinet meeting I highlighted some of the achievements this year:

- Zone K are actively marketing a new club in Aldershot.
- Blandford & District sponsoring and chartering a new Alpha Leo Club.
- Trowbridge with three new Lions inducted of the five needed to start a new young persons Club Branch.
- An excellent first District Leadership Institute. Date for your diaries, next Leadership Institute is on the 12 – 13 of November 2011 in Southampton.

The use of telephone conference calls for some committee meetings which, if continued, could/will reduce costs

Were there any lows? I guess to be honest it was the tiredness that set in on the second part of the year as I mentioned in my newsletter last month from the constant stream of visits – sometimes out every night of the week, on two occasions being out for 10 – 14 nights consecutively. Yes enjoyable, whilst exhausting. That said, I would not have missed it for anything, it is truly a one-off experience. I also hit a low when I realised how difficult it is to turn such a large Lionistic steamship in a short timescale, however a lot of the ideas put forward have worked, thanks to all the Lions in the District that have been as enthusiastic as I am and have a real 'Yes we can' attitude. Many more will come to fruition in the following year and hopefully a blue print for a really positive and forward thinking future is in place.

And now it is time to hand over and support DGE Ron and his team for the next Lionistic year. As for me I will be managing an MD role, as Portfolio Co-ordinator for the Membership and Communications portfolio taking over from PCC Jeff Byers – I will be in this post for the next four years so it will keep me busy, apart from club work with Burnham as Community Services Chair and with Bracknell as an Associate Member to try to help them rebuild their club. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the clubs for their hospitality and friendship when I visited on either official visits or Charter Anniversaries – you are all a great bunch of people to work with and lead and I am so proud to have had the privilege to have been your leader for the last 12 months. I hope to see as many of you as possible at District Handover in Alton on July 23rd



Yes we can!

Club Presidents Excellence Award

Application forms are now available online at www.lionsclubs.org (form da1-2011) for the 2010-2011 Club Excellence Awards for your club and the President. Just type in 'Club Excellence Award' into the search engine and you will get the form it will also be attached to the mailing of this newsletter. Please note it has to be with LCI by 30th September 2011 so please send it to me in good time so that I can sign and forward on in good time to meet this deadline.

New members in April 2011

The following people joined the organisation in April and I am delighted to welcome them to the organisation:

Poole: John Davis; **Sandown & Shanklin:** Barbara & Chaz Ward; **Portsmouth:** Julie Rodgers; **Petersfield:** William Pearce; **Burnham:** Josephine Sommer

Hendy's haunts for June

Date	Where	Reason
1 st June	Northwood (105A)	Private Visit
4 th June	Beale Park	Region 5 project
9 th June	Christchurch	Official Visit
10 th June	Newbury	Charter Anniversary
11 th June	St Johns Hotel, Solihull	MD Officers Training day
12 th June	Reading	Charter Anniversary
14 th June	Ryde	Official Visit
17 th June	Crofton	Charter Anniversary
25 th June	Long Range Planning Meeting	2 nd VDG Roger's
25 th June	Wokingham	Charter Anniversary
26 th June	Zone K Funfest	Fleet area
1 st to 8 th July	Cruise to Norway	Recharge batteries

Kind regards and we will remember this year for ever

DG Brigid and Mike

The Band of the Royal Logistic Corps comes to Town

The senior citizens of Alton gave a rousing welcome to the



Band and Corps of Drums of The Royal Logistic Corps who were in town on Tuesday (April 12) to perform for the Alton Lions Annual Band Concert in Alton Assembly Rooms.

This was the 36th concert organised by the Lions Club of Alton, featuring military music played in the rousing and flamboyant style of the talented musicians of the Royal Logistic Corps and so much enjoyed over the years by

Alton's seniors.

Under the direction of Major Glen Jones, and led by Bandmaster, WO1 Justin Teggarty, the band provides musical support for our armed forces and government units, wherever they may be around the world.

On Tuesday, Bandmaster WO1 Justin Teggarty explained a little about the places they had been to in the line of duty, and also their roles as serving soldiers.

While the concert was free of charge to senior citizens, all attendees participated in a raffle, drawn at the end of the concert, which raised £200 for the charity, 'Help for Heroes'.

Air Ambulance & Macmillan gift from Lions

From the annual 10K Charity road run held in January by Goring, Woodcote & District Lions which raised a total of £4386.22, two presentations were made:



Picture shows a presentation to the Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance of £2193.11 at The Benson Airfield. The crew had already attended 3 incidents before the presentation at 12 noon. Their shift was 7am-7pm.



The second presentation of £2193.11 was at Macmillans Whitchurch Hill home to Julian Knowles who is the fund raising manager for the Oxford branch.

Lions' chocolate delight for Guernsey Holidaymakers



The Wimborne and Ferndown Lions' Easter Egg draw fund raiser brought joy this year to a family with two little girls on holiday from the Channel Islands.

Eggs are won by picking a lucky square on a board of 60 squares. From the boards on display at Haskins Garden Centre Chloe picked one winner while, amazingly, her sister Kara picked the winner from another board. The picture (with Lion Godwin Micallef) tells it all. This year the event raised over £2500 which will go to support Julia's House Children's Hospice and to the Dorset Air Ambulance Service.



Yes we can!

PEACE POSTER TROPHIES

There are four Peace Poster Competitions in all and information on how to enter the competitions can be found on the District website under Projects.

The Godwin Micallef Cup was given in Godwin's year as Governor (2006/7). It is awarded to the club who submitted the District winning entry in the official Multiple District Competition, the winner of which goes forward to the International Competition. The age range for this cup is 11-13 years. Godwin's aim, in presenting this cup, was to encourage Clubs to take part in the Peace Poster Competition.

The Bill Smith Trophies for the District Peace Poster competitions are in three categories: 7-8years, 9-10 years and CAD. To date the CAD cup has never been awarded, so how about trying to find some budding computer literate youngsters who can design a Peace Poster.

The cups were given in memory of Lion Bill Smith who was originally a member of Portsmouth City Lions Club. He then became a Charter Member of The Lions Club of Fareham almost 50 years ago. He was always a club Lion and although always supporting the District would never accept a Cabinet position. He was a sponsor Lion to two District Governors -Ernie Howard and Pat Nixon. Bill and his wife were always at every event and he was easily recognised by his yellow bowler hat. In the late 90's his wife suffered a stroke and, as their son and daughter and families lived abroad, Bill became sole carer and consequently his own health suffered. He died in 2006 and his wife just recently.

He had a tremendous rapport with youngsters and was renowned in the area for being Father Christmas for many schools and other groups as well as Lions. He was a well known figure in Fareham and was a Citizen of the Year.

On his death in 2006 his family asked for donations to be given to Fareham Lions who then decided that monies should be given to his local church and that the club would spend the remainder on recognition of his lions work with youth. This coincided with 105 D introducing new categories for the Peace Poster and so The Bill Smith Memorial Cups were presented.

There is another memorial to Bill - the centrepiece of the sensory garden at the Rainbow Centre in Fareham is a Lion Glockenspiel called LION BILL.

My thanks to Lions PDG Pat and Eric Nixon for the information.

THE VISITING LION COMPETITION

It's not too late to enter! The present situation is that the first three places are

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| 1 st Hook and Odiham Lions | 10.08 points |
| 2 nd Loddon Valley Lions | 9.00 points |
| 3 rd Reading Lions | 8.58 points |

For the full position please see the website page which is regularly updated.

Lion Judith Goodchild District Competitions Officer



**Portsmouth
Lions
welcome
2 VIP's**

Portsmouth Lions were privileged to receive two VIPs at a recent meeting.

We were joined by 1st VDG Elect Roger Munday and his wife, Christine, and a member of Duisburg Landespark Lions club, Volker Frisse.

Roger and Christine both received a warm welcome from Portsmouth Lions. Lion Roger Munday gave a thought-provoking speech about the key role which Lions play in local and national communities, and the need for further growth. He complimented Portsmouth on the club's excellent work so far.

Herr Frisse (centre in attached photos) is the Immediate Past President of his club. As an International sales manager, he travels widely and saw details of the club on Portsmouthcitylions.co.uk, and requested an invitation to attend the recent meeting.

This was an excellent evening which demonstrated the local, regional, and international aspects of Lionism.

James McGregor



**Alton Lions Craft
Markets Off
to a
Great Start**

The first of this year's Alton Lions Craft Markets got the year off to a great start with

more than twenty stalls in March with crafts ranging from fused glass to soaps, quilted memo boards to wood & cross stitch, collage pictures to paper furniture and many more. All goods are of exceptional quality and hand crafted by the stall-holders themselves. The markets are mostly held on the second Saturday of each month (except May) in Cross & Pillory Lane and Alton's Market Square. Hampshire Farmers Market is in the High Street on the same day and together this makes for a great shopping experience in the town. For more information www.altonlions.org.uk.

A Message from your Editor

Many thanks for your articles, please keep them coming. The next issue closes on the 25th July.

Lion Peter Garlick



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