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“Service with humility: Fellowship with fun”



Hello Fellow Lions

I hope you are enjoying your Lionistic Year as much as Christine and I are. I have visited ten Clubs so far and I have enjoyed all of them. Christine has been with me to almost all of them and for those further away from home we are supported by having a driver from my club, Fleet. It certainly helps to have this luxury and the support is much appreciated. It is fascinating to see how the clubs work and socialise together; small, large and mid size they are all giving a lot of their time to serving their communities. I inducted two new members during my visit to Farnborough, a husband and wife team, Andy and Vanessa Binnie-Richie.



My own Club “Badged-up” two new members at the August meeting, Roger Renshaw and Keith Manning. I wish them all long and happy time in Lions.

We all have targets to meet in life and as DG Elect I had to prepare an Action Plan with a target for club growth and net growth in membership. My target is for two new clubs. If we charter two of the Club Branches we will have achieved half of the target and if we all work to reduce the loss of new members we can exceed the target. In round terms we recruit plus/minus 120 members and lose about the each year so if we maintain the recruitment rate and reduce the major losses of members recruited in the previous three years we can expand our services to our communities.

For the remainder of August and for September I have scheduled a further eight visits. I have included a table of “Roger’s Rambles” as well as the scheduled visits of the First and Second Vice Governors, David Merchant and Mike Hendy, respectively.

DG Roger’s Rambles	Confirmed date noted with an *
Cosham	3 September *
Gosport & Lee on Solent	4 September
Sirius (Branch of Fleet)	9 September
Bournemouth	10 September
Basingstoke	12 September
Pangbourne, Theale & District	17 September*
Hythe & Waterside	20 September
Waterlooville	2 October
Gillingham, Mere and Shaftsbury	10 October
Aldershot (Branch of Fleet/Zone K)	16 October
1 st VDG David’s Visits	
Wareham	3 September*
Europa Forum	6-8 September*
Zone 2E	12 September*
Alton	13 September*
Petersfield	17 September*
Zone 1A	19 September*
Burnham	27 September*
Warminster	2 October*
Christchurch	4 October*
Sherborne	8 October*
Romsey	4 October*
Trowbridge	11 October*
Weymouth	16 October*
2 nd VDG Mike’s Visits	
Havant	4 September*
New Milton	24 September*
Eastleigh	5 October*
Southampton	10 October*
Westbury	11 October*
Poole	18 October*
Maidenhead	23 October*

The Autumn Charter Anniversary “season” is starting soon and we are looking forward to sharing the celebrations with some of you. I do request you to send your dates to District Secretary Godwin and clashes of dates may be avoided and you may have more fellow lions attending your own event.

Enjoy being a Lion. Think service. Think R.A.P. Think Club Excellence. Think fellowship.

Lion Roger Munday



The Alton Lions 'Hi-de-Hi' themed Summer Event in Alton's town centre Public Gardens captured the family fun atmosphere of the classic holiday camp heydays of the 50's & 60's. Held on 9th June, this is the fifth year

that Alton Lions have teamed with Treloars to raise funds for the children at the renowned Physically Disabled School and College.

The day got off to a familiar holiday camp start with Gladys Pugh (Carole Samuda) waking up the visitors with the famous 'Hi-de-Hi' jingle and together with Geoffrey Fairbrother (Paul LeFeuvre) outlining the day for the 'campers' and providing music of the day.

Already the 'camp' was stocked with traditional activities provided by the many stalls from other local organisations and charities challenging visitors to try their luck at chess, juggling, bowl for a pig, tombola, hop-scotch and others.

There was bouncy castles, a steam ride on model railway, iconic cars and traditional camp games including 'glamorous Granny' and 'knobby-knees' to encourage all to join in the fun. Chalet maid Peggy Ollerenshaw (Lion Jackie Barnes) was on hand to encourage the campers to join in (or else!)



The Town Crier (Stan Witcher from Medstead) announced the official opening, which was performed by Sue Hodder, Alton Town Mayor, with Elvis Presley (Dave Hurrall from Bentley). Elvis had recently arrived on a flying visit in a classic 1950's pink Cadillac supplied and driven by

Tony Vincent from Four Marks. Lion Moira Baker, the event organiser led the Yellow Coat Cheer Leaders (Alton Lions) in welcoming Elvis into the Camp and encouraging him to sing to the Campers.

There was great entertainment for all the family with local band 'Unknown Legend' getting everyone in the right musical mood of the time. Topper the travelling clown entertained individual and small groups of children (and adults) with his magic tricks, juggling, unicycling and ballooning.

Professor Moon delivered the traditional Punch & Judy puppet show, which had children screeching with delight as Mr. Punch got up to his usual politically incorrect antics. Professor Moon also mystified children and adults alike with a special magic show involving his audience in his bewildering conjuring tricks.

A special and on going treat for all the family was created by Gamegoer in the country animals display area. The ferret racing was amazingly amusing and exciting, the clear enthusiasm of trained gun dogs was matched by the discipline of their behaviour and the

hunting Hawk looked majestic and when released moved like lightening.

There was no chance for enthusiasm to flag with a beer tent, teas, coffee and cakes, a BBQ and ice cream to refresh the campers ready to enjoy Bee Vagra demonstrating hula-hoop techniques and then joining in with the fun. The afternoon's entertainment was ended by 'Tripwire' a local band providing a rousing melody of hits from the era.

This years event hopefully will make in the order of £1,700.

Blandford Lions presents Blandford School with life saving equipment



The Blandford School has recently obtained a defibrillator from South West Ambulance Services. It is seen as a very necessary addition to their medical supply kit. This was enabled by the generosity of Blandford & District Lions who have funded the £1275 necessary to purchase the equipment.

The presentation of the defibrillator took place during the interval of the school's end of term production of West Side Story and was dedicated to Ben Andrews, the teenager who tragically died in a motor accident just outside Blandford earlier this year. Ben was a former pupil of the school and his mother, Samantha, is a member of Blandford Lions.

The Lions have had a strong association with the school over the years and have recently formed an Alpha Leo club (a junior Lions club designed to attract under 18s) based at the school.

The picture shows Amanda Goodenough and Henry Cuff of Blandford Lions presenting the defibrillator to Sally Wilson, Head of Blandford School.

Community Service "Service with humility: Fellowship and fun"

Congratulations to PDG and Lion President Bob Moore of the Bournemouth Lions Club who have organised four lunches for lonely, elderly folk over the past year. The latest lunch was held at the Glendevon Hotel when forty people attended. Everyone enjoyed the lunch, with a free raffle, and a singer who entertained everyone. Sarah Mac (who is a member of the local Rotary Club) gave her time free, singing well-known songs so that everyone could join in. "Message in a Bottle" bottles were given out and a good time was had by all - even the local community Policeman was in attendance!

Lion George Jeremiah. District Community Relations.

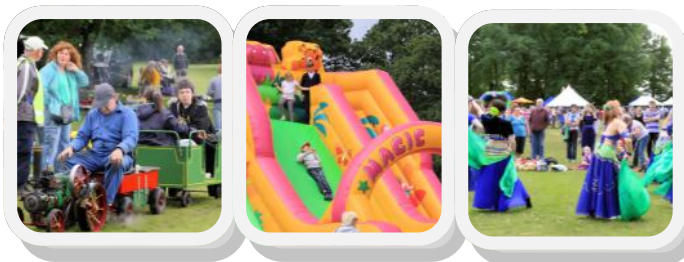
22 YEARS OF FUNFEST



On Sunday 24th June, Calthorpe Park School and the adjacent Hart Leisure Centre played host to the annual fun day for people with disabilities, organised by the Lions Clubs of Aldershot, Farnborough, Fleet, Hart, Hook & Odiham, Loddon Valley and Yateley & District.

The free event which caters for disabled people of all ages and their families and or carers includes a huge variety of activities and welcomed over 720 visitors from the surrounding area.

This year's big hits included an inflatable slide, a bouncy castle, the and a display of Belly Dancing . Elvis was



also on hand to keep the music flowing and the 1st Cinque Ports Rifle Volunteers Corps of Drums added a well-received medley of popular tunes.

There was a craft table and all the participating Lions Clubs brought along their fun games to entertain our visitors. Also in attendance was the Cuddle-me-do Mobile Farm, where visitors were allowed to stroke goats, sheep, rabbits and various other animals.

Numerous cups of hot and cold beverages together with Burgers and hotdogs from the Lions barbecue kept everyone going.

Brian Proctor of Chairman of the Funfest Committee said, "the day was an incredible success, all the Lions, their partners and friends all enjoyed the day and are looking forward to Funfest 2013"

Editor - Having been on the committee for the first 10 years we then moved to Bridport, but I must congratulate the team and all the clubs for achieving over 700 people, and they all had an excellent fun-day including the lions. It was a great day as can be seen by the photos. More photos are available on the District Website .

Lion in Olympic Torch Relay.



David Taylor, IPP of Gillingham, Mere & Shaftesbury Lions Club had the 'experience of a lifetime' when he carried the Olympic Flame through the Hamworthy area of Poole, on day 56 of the Olympic Torch Relay. He was given this honour for his work in Lions as well as many local community, charity and fund raising projects.

His action packed day started when he met his fellow torch bearers at the assembly point and after being briefed they were on their way to the Olympic Torch Route. The atmosphere throughout was electric and as he waited at his takeover point he was surrounded by the crowds cheering, applauding and taking photos.

As the Flame relay approached the volume from the crowds increased and as he posed for the torch 'kissing' to hand over the flame the shutter sounds from the bank of photographers on the back of the convoy vehicle added to the deafening applause.



David takes up the story: "I was on my way. Waving all the way, joining in the cheers of the crowds and diving into the side of the road whenever I saw people I know plus high fiving the Cubs. I was guided all the way by the police

escort who were so professional; they never restricted any torchbearer but clearly let us know what we were expected to do"

"All too soon, my 300 metre run was over, my family waiting at the end to greet me. My son and grandson came from Lancashire, my brother and his wife travelled from Devon and my other son was watching live on the BBC website in Los Angeles"



"Also waiting was the next torch bearer - Joy. As practiced earlier, I went down on one knee to offer her the flame, much to the amusement of the police escort then standing to carry out the official 'torch kiss' we paused for another handover photo before I was ushered onto the pick-up coach".

This normally quiet corner of Dorset for a few hours was witness to a phenomenal world wide event, an experience of the global unity watched worldwide which Lion David will remember for many years to come. Lion Richard Keeley



Thursday July 12 saw the Lions Club of Bridport braving the continuous rain to serve the equally hardy locals who turned out for the torch relay.



The BBQ was organised in conjunction with the Bridge House Hotel which was conveniently located at the lower end of the high street where the start of the run took place. Many of the side events had to be cancelled or amended but Lions

members stuck to the task and a reasonable sum was added to club funds...and the torch stayed alight!



Ann and I would like to say a very big thank you to all members of the 2011/2012 Cabinet, all the Club Officers and the lion members of 105D, for the fantastic year you gave Ann and I as your DG and spouse. It has been really wonderful meeting you all on our travels around the District. You took up the International President Lion Tams call to plant trees and to grow as a district and also to believe in yourselves to achieve great things. You exceeded my pledge on the tree planting and although it was small compared to others it was a great achievement for D, I believe the figure was close on 600 at the last count. Also you were so good at gaining new members during the year, that despite us also losing so many, we still finished the year on a positive number, again above my prediction which was good, although the final number was only plus 10 on the start of the year, it was great because I am told the last time we closed the year on a positive was in 2004 PDG John Godchild's year. So another great achievement.



Then of course there was my wife Ann's charity for the year, Canine Partners, so many of you took it to heart to support, and the final figure from donations from around 30 clubs and other funds like cabinet fines etc., was £3822.



I know that at least 1 club and a Zone are still on track to make donations later this year. So Ann, myself and Canine Partners say a great big thank you to all of you for achieving such a brilliant amount. It is amazing what Lions can do when they believe they can.

The Handover night to Roger and Christine went of really well, I was able to make a few last awards for the year and hand out the certificates to all the Lions present who had passed the Guiding Lion Course. Well done to all of them. Ann and I would like to thank all the cabinet and their partners for the wonderful gifts you gave to both of us. I was presented with 2 figurines of Betty Boop, to add to my collection, one is of her driving her car and the other is her showing her support for Team GB and the Olympics. Ann received a lovely string of pearls and a set of earrings. Roger and Christine made and presented us an illuminated plaque, with an Ode to Ron on it, surrounded by Bees, which goes like this:-

*When the phone ceases to ring,
When you no longer hear the E-mail ping.
Although you may feel sad,
Your wife beside you will be glad.
Start to smile from ear to ear,
The year ahead looks pretty clear,
No more early Solent crossing- or
Rushing back for the last ferry tossing,
Look forward not behind- for
To follow is another of your kind.*

*Your bees have buzzes from club to club
Where will they land? - On the spokes or the hub
How do they fly? - Now that's the rub!
Trees were planted hither and thither
Making the atmosphere much clearer.
Clubs were visited day by day
Travel Lodge really liked your stay
Charters there were many
Friday, Saturday, Sunday-Oh my waist
Off to M&S in haste.*

*Ann's shoes were the trouble
Two left feet cannot dance
Just sit tight and listen to the Hubble
Ron then found she could not prance.
"Carry On" the convention theme
Many shieks, Cleos, doctors and nurses seen
Kathy and Randy worked so hard
Randy found his name made him a card.*

*All in all a really good year
And you will have many memories dear
PDG Ron, thanks we say, followed by
Hip, Hip, Hooray.*

Many of you have asked how much have we done in the year, so to please those Lions who like statistics, here are some figures:-

Official Visits = 84. Own Lions Club events = 18.
Social events including Charters and others = 38.
Other visits in District and in other areas, = 33.
Funerals personally attended = 8. Non Lion events = 13.
Special family events = 8. Nights away from home = 75.
Used 4 different cars.+ trains, planes and ferries.
Crossed the Solent over 200 times.
Presented 200 of my Bumble Bees, about 300 banners and 350 personal pins, plus many certificates and awards.
Plus written many, many reports.

I used 4 different cars during the year, one of which was a hire car lent to us for 3 weeks when a neighbour ran into my car one morning outside my house. Then thanks to Pauline and PDG Roger who helped us get to functions until we had the hire car. I suffered 2 car breakdowns during the year, ably sorted by the RAC. We did approximately 15000 miles in our cars during the year, with an average of 30 MPG. Also flights to Seattle, and the Channel Islands as well as train journeys into London on the occasions we had to go there. I have yet to actually work out what the total costs have been. Many Lions also collected us from the ferries and transported us to some of the functions. We also had the pleasure of being hosted over night by many Lions, for all of which we thank you very much for your help and hospitality. There were also many nights spent in hotels. But was it worth it and we did enjoy it? Yes we did. Would we do it again given a chance? Yes we would. It has been an absolutely fantastic year and you have all been so wonderful to us both. We thank you all.

Your IPDG and his Spouse, Lions Ron & Ann.

A message from your Editor

Firstly with my Cabinet Officer Hat on I on behalf of Cabinet would like to thank IPDG Ron & Ann for a wonderful year serving with you.

I have saved some over to next issue as needed to get this one out pdq. Next issue closes September 25th.

Lion Peter Garlick

COMPETITIONS UPDATE

Information on the competitions is being placed on the 105D web site. The information can be found by going to Clubs and then selecting District Competitions. As ever I would be interested in any information that any one can give me on the history of the various competitions.

The Visiting Lion Competition is now well under way and the position as at 31st July was

1st Hook and Odiham 2nd Hart

3rd Ringwood and Fordingbridge 4th Loddon Valley

5th Newbury 6th Cosham 7th Fareham 8th Fleet

Remember visits to District and Zone events count as 4 points so do report your visits to these events.

Judith Goodchild Competitions Officer

ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

I was set this challenge by DG Roger but I have a hard act to follow. Thank you Lion Reg for all that you did. I will be circulating information during the year and updating the website as appropriate.

A reminder that we now have the new exciting Environmental Peace Poster Competition in place. Details were sent out in the last District Mailing but there was an error in the entry form. The correct version is on the Website under Projects.

Also the 2012 – 13 International Environmental Photographic Competition is under way. The classes are Animal Life; Plant Life; Urban or Natural Landscape; Weather phenomenon and the Special theme for this year is Beauty of the Rural Environment – photos celebrating our natural local surroundings.

I know there are many enthusiastic photographers amongst us so please do think about entering this competition. Further details can be found on the 105D website.

Please also let me know of any Environmental projects that your club is engaged in so that ideas can be shared.

Judith Goodchild Environmental Projects Officer



On Saturday 14 July Woolmer Forest Lions answered a request for help by taking part at the Blackmore Extravaganza Day To Celebrate The Queen's Jubilee and the Olympics in the UK. The event also helped to raise funds for St Matthew's Church Fabric Fund.

We were involved with car park marshalling, pedestrian crossing duties and the placing out of traffic cones on local roads. We were kindly given a free pitch for our Lions Book Stall where Lion Pat Payne was in charge of the raffle.



The weather was absolutely atrocious! Full marks go to Lion Doreen Perfect, Lion Pat Payne and her friend Jackie Glazebrook for keeping the books dry during the heavy down-pours! it was a constant battle with the elements, well done ladies.



Lion Vic Machin gave a well earned rest to Paul Charman, a keen cyclist who was commemorating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee by cycling the equivalent of 60 miles on his static bike

Wanted - Adventurous types who are ready to go on "The Wessex Adventure"



The Lions Club of Fleet warmly invite you to the 48th District Convention being held in the historic town of Windsor on 22-24th March 2013. The Beaumont House Hotel in Old Windsor has been selected for the venue for its offerings of location, quality and value.



The conference itself will be a mixture of interactive, relevant and informative workshops, cultural activities and of course

the chance to make friendships and to re-new old acquaintances throughout our fun filled evening social events.

We have a range of payment plans available so there should be something to suit everyone.

We will have a comprehensive Exhibition Hall showing off a mixture of Lions supported projects and Lion orientated commercial displays. We are looking for more clubs or individuals to come forward to join the Exhibition Hall and any displays relevant to Lionism are absolutely welcome.

If you wish to exhibit - or you are just looking for an adventure - you can learn more and apply through our web-site <http://www.wessexadventure.org.uk/index.html>

Hounds for Heroes



Following the annual successful "Easter Egg Campaign" Swanwick Lions were able to present a cheque for £1000 to Hounds for Heroes founder Alan Parton and his dog E J. Alan a gulf war veteran suffered severe spinal injury and trauma to

the point where he was unable to experience any emotions whatsoever. However when Endle, (his first dog) introduced himself he was having none of that and attached himself to Alan. Endle persevered and not only looked after Alan with physical help but restored Alan's emotions so that he could laugh, cry, and love again. In the last year or so, of Endle's life he taught E J how to fulfill Alan's needs and now Alan is E J's responsibility emulating the remarkable feats achieved by Endle.

To understand this remarkable story we recommend the book "Endle" written by Alan Parton, or take a look at the web site www.houndsforheroes.com

Fleet Lions Beer Olympics



Fleet Lions killed two birds with one stone – they entered a 'float' in the annual carnival and advertised their next big fundraiser to the local punters.

The idea was a simple one from Lion Brian Proctor – a garden centre trolley, a beer barrel rack + barrels and lots

of bright signs and bunting. The carnival was on the Jubilee weekend and was one of the sunnier bits. The Beerfest is on 18 August and will be raising funds for IPDG's partner Ann's nominated charity – Canine Partners. And hopefully one of their helpers (canine type) will be pulling a few pints on the day!