

The International Association of Lions Clubs

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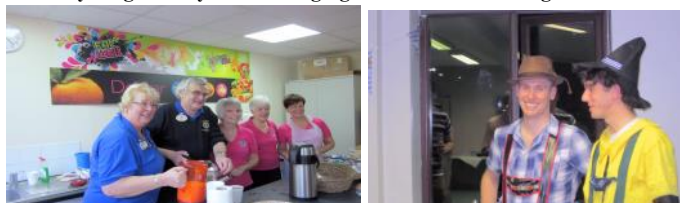


"Service with Pride, Friendship and Enjoyment"

We continue to enjoy travelling around the District for official Visits, Charter Anniversaries and events where we meet many Lions and discover the many and varied ways Clubs have to raise and spend.



Guernsey Lions Chevrons Paul Allaway 25yrs, Ian Bloese 40yrs, John Cook 20yrs, Mark Gill 30yrs, Tony Rowel 15 yrs and Larry Trigwell 35yrs. Exchanging banners with VP Angela Waters



DG & Di serving teas with Hart Lions

Lads from Sirius at Octofest



Reading PDG Patrick Hamblin and Andrew Whitby 35 years of service

Farnborough DG David Badging up new Lions

Then, there occurs the Lionistic response to an event which reminds me as to why I am so proud to be a Lion; I refer, of course, to the response to the national disaster Typhoon Haiyan which caused so much devastation and loss of life to the people of the Philippines. Every Club we have visited since that tragedy struck has responded magnificently to support those people struggling to survive in the Philippines. Your donations have been confirmed during Club Visits and Charter Anniversaries and every donation is making a difference. Clubs can donate to LCIF and mark their donation for the 'Area of Greatest Need' or now to the MD led Appeal which is for the Lifesaver water filter Gerry cans – you will recall these were so ably demonstrated at Multiple District Convention in Torquay – and this is an area identified as being of most need at this time. Each Lifesaver costs £190 and will display the Lion logo and that it has been donated from our Multiple District. In both instances please send your donations to our District Treasurer, Linda Picton, with an indication of your preferred appeal. Linda is currently enjoying a well earned holiday as I write this Newsletter, and consequently I have no figure to update you as to exactly how much has been donated so far, but as soon as I have a figure it will be posted on our District website. On

behalf of the Lions Club International Foundation and all of those affected in the Philippines, a heartfelt Thank You.

Continuing the theme of helping those in need I would like to take this opportunity to mention the children who are suffering in Syria – through no fault of their own. There are more than 4 million children in Syria in urgent need of aid and support. Lions are joining forces with UNICEF/UK to help such youngsters with health care, access to clean water, winter blankets and schools-in-a-box. If your Club can support this appeal as well, please do so with these donations endorsed with 'Lions/UNICEF children of Syria Appeal'. For every £1 donated by Lions to this most worthwhile of appeals the British Government will donate a further £1, up to 31st January 2014. For more information please contact District officer Lion Lynden McIntyre.



I spent a couple of very enjoyable hours watching a group of Lions judging the Peace Poster Competition. I am most grateful to District Officer Lion Frances Bond for all her efforts in promoting this competition

and arranging the judging; and I am very grateful to those Lions who gave up a morning of their time to judge the posters in Alton. It is a shame there were not more entries and the standard of entry this year was very high and shows again what children are capable of achieving given the right stimulus.

Last month I encouraged all Lions to book for Convention and grateful thanks go to those who have already done so. But, please, those who have not yet committed themselves to Convention 2014 at the Holiday Inn, Winchester there is still time and I look forward to greeting as many Lions and partners from our District as possible to our Convention. Remember you can book for each Social event separately or as a complete package on line (including those who wish to join us for the Business Session on Saturday 29th March ie attending your District AGM). Also on our District website you will find the Nominations and Resolutions for debated and votes, the accounts for the last Lionistic year and the minutes of Convention 2013 held in Old Windsor back in March. The only information still to appear on the website will be the Agenda and the District Officers' Reports – can I remind you that from Convention 2014 there is to be no Convention booklet all of the necessary information is displayed on the website and is clearly labelled. Can I please also remind everyone intending to stay at the Holiday Inn for our District Convention that the agreed prices for rooms will only be held until 9th February 2014 so please get your bookings in before that date.

New Members

We welcome the following new Lions to our District:

Sandown and Shanklin	Alan Murphy
Southampton Solent	Susan Cook
Swanwick	Marian Rose
Westbury	Gabor Szabo Chris Taylor

Thank you for being prepared to give of your time and expertise for the benefit of others. I trust you will all enjoy your experiences of being a Lion.

Can I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas. Please enjoy the Christmas activities and festivities you and your Club are involved with, stay safe and please remember to find time for yourselves and your loved ones at this special time of the year.



Yours in Lionism
David Merchant



Weymouth & Portland Beach Motocross



Rain showers couldn't deter the thousands that flocked to Weymouth seafront to enjoy the annual Beach Motocross, organised by Weymouth & Portland Lions Club in conjunction with Purbeck Motocross Club. This year saw the largest number of entrants ever with 286 riders taking part. In spite of the weather the event was a great success providing fantastic family entertainment. Event organiser, Lion Richard Burgess said that it was a great weekend and the event was getting bigger and better each year, what makes it a special event is the sheer excitement of Motocross.

Picture by Dorset Echo.

UN Day - United Nations Day was commemorated in Weymouth and Lions Vice President Norman Stagles was there on behalf of the Lions Club along with the Mayor and Mayoress. Norman



was given the opportunity to address the gathering and spoke of Lions Clubs International mission statement, which fits very well with the UN objective, 'To create and foster a spirit of

understanding among all people for humanitarian needs



Lions give aid to a Merchant Navy veteran

- 91 year old Merchant Navy veteran, Tony Cash, believed to be the oldest surviving MN veteran in Dorset, had been invited by the Royal British Legion to escort the MNA Standard at the Royal Albert Hall in the presence of HM Queen. Because this involves a stay overnight in addition to travel costs the Weymouth & Portland Lions Club have 'stepped in' to give some financial assistance to Tony so that he did not have to worry about the costs. Tony Cash joined the Merchant Navy in 1939 and served in the North Atlantic, Mediterranean and in the Far East and is a holder of

medals for those theatres of war. Tony is seen here on the right receiving his cheque, in the Mayor's Parlour, from Lions Vice President Norman Stagles with the Mayor, Councillor Ray Banham, on the left and Paul Compton, Chairman of the Merchant Navy Association, Weymouth, Portland and District, in the rear.

Weymouth & Portland Lions donate £200 to Dorset Echo



Toy Appeal - Lions Vice President Norman Stagles (L) and Lions Community Service Chairman Les Board present the Lions cheque to the Echo.

Picture by Dorset Echo.



'Ale and Hearty!

Meon Valley Lions club has supported the Wickham Charity Beer Festival for a number of years, providing a hot food BBQ service for the hundreds of real ale aficionados. The latest autumn festival was the 11th and as well as being a brilliant community event, yet again raised heaps of cash for local causes and charities.



Our two barbeques were in constant action from 6.26pm when the first burger hit the plate, through to 10.30pm when we finally sold out of everything. It was a record night for this event in terms of food sales, raising £826 for our charity fund.

This year for the first time, the organisers asked us to also provide a team to operate the evening shift on the bar, ensuring a steady stream of over thirty real ales and ciders to the thirsty punters. This put our resources to the test, but thanks to a great response from volunteer spouses, families and friends we coped admirably. In all we had well over thirty people deployed in some role or other during the course of the evening. Quite an achievement for one club.

We're pleased to announce that this effort raised a further £2,000 for the Lions - monies that will be channelled specifically to maintaining and running our new Lions' minibus. Our bus was part-funded through the generosity of the Wickham Co-operative community card scheme and is regularly seen in and around Wickham providing essential transport for local clubs, charities and groups.

A special chair for Stanley



Three year old Stanley Senior from Wimborne has cerebral palsy, but now he has a new way to get around. A contribution of £500 from Wimborne and Ferndown Lions, following major help from the Dorset Children's Foundation, has enabled the

purchase of a custom built wheelchair. The chair, made by the Ottobock company in Germany and supplied by HMS mobility solutions of Glastonbury at a cost of £2700, is fully expandable to adapt to Stanley as he grows.

Pictured with Stanley are (1) Stanley's parents Anthony and Leela, Lion President Frank Forte, welfare chairman Barry Duxbury and Kirstie Hellings of HMS.

FOLLOW YOUR DREAM – BRACKNELL STYLE

Bracknell Lions Club celebrates 45 years of existence in November but very nearly did not achieve this milestone had it not made a significant decision this time last year.



In 2006, three of the remaining four club members decided to call it a day at the end of the year as they were getting older and could not manage to carry out fundraising or service activities any longer – the

average age of the club was 84! PDG Godwin Micallef asked me to go in and try to turn the club around as Rebuilding Lion as I actually lived in Bracknell although I was a member of Wokingham club having recently transferred from District 105A. Changes were initiated in the club by moving the existing meeting place to a more central location, having just one meeting a month instead of two and by encouraging the introduction of lady members – a move which the previous members had not whole-heartedly embraced before this. Over the next 5 years the club did grow by word of mouth and recommendation targeted at family, friends, fellow church-goers, and PTA committees – at its peak in that era there were 13 members however through no fault of our own the club started to decline in numbers again due to members getting married and moving away, relocation due to job changes and of course, all too familiar now, the passage to higher service. And then there were five members left again.

The club soldiered on as best it could but with minimal activity taking place it looked like 2006 all over again and at a club meeting in November 2012, the club agreed that if we could not get two more members by the end of May 2013, we would fold as a club and return our charter. I was tasked with organising one final membership drive with the budget of all our admin account and a grant from our District Membership Fund for ailing clubs. Everything was planned meticulously – the area to be targeted, the content of the invitation 'package', the venue for the open meeting, the timing and most of all the support of all the nine other clubs in the Region to help distribute just over 2000 'invitations' through the letterboxes of the target area. The 'package' was nothing new, it was re-using best practice used by another club in the Region but looked a 'professional' package; the area targeted was a well-established estate in Bracknell with its own Community Centre (the venue for the open meeting) in the heart of it next to a superstore. The weekend chosen was the weekend of the Marie Curie Daffodil appeal where the remaining club Lions would be at the entrance to the store with collecting tins. We also got the permission from the local Marie Curie organiser (and the store) to give out the Lions leaflets so everyone who got a daffodil, got a leaflet from us as well.

The Open Evening was planned for two weeks later on a Monday evening from 20.00 to 21.00. All five club members were in attendance to meet and greet and everybody was given a name badge and offered tea or coffee. They were also requested to enter their details of name, address, contact telephone and email onto a sign-up sheet. We used the club display boards in the hall for the attendees to browse Lions projects and had a good selection of our own

MD105 Lions pamphlets and old copies of The Lion. Twenty six attended this meeting which consisted of showing the Lions Story DVD, a fifteen talk on the history of the Bracknell club – its activity and how it operated – followed by 30 minutes open forum for questions. We were extremely fortunate that our local paper had given us a front page article on the membership drive and the open evening and linked it on their Twitter and Facebook pages which is how the majority of the youngsters who attended got to hear about it. The evening ended with an event to attend our business meeting two weeks later which we scheduled to take place at the same venue.

To our surprise 16 people turned up at the April business meeting having been reminded a few days earlier by email from me enclosing a copy of the proposed agenda. We needed to make decisions fast – we needed a new meeting venue as we had previously been meeting in someone's house, we also needed to arrange a social event so that we could meet informally between meetings and get to know each other and finally a short monthly 'newsletter' detailing activity and future events. Fortunately we had two fundraising events in the calendar over that period and the potential members helped out at those events.

And so in June we inducted the first two new members, followed in July by another four, in August one more and then the last of the current group at our October meeting at which we also had a new prospective who had been a Lion in the old Rhodesia 40 years ago but is still very active and wants to get involved again.

And so we have grown between June and October from five to thirteen – a 160% growth rate and far beyond my wildest dreams. We also still have eight people on my list of original names who have not yet attended a meeting or activity and who I hope to slowly reel in by sending them regular reminders of our meetings and future events. We ended up after the drive with just £6.75 in our admin account but if we had folded that money would have been shared anyway or donated to charity so the event was an excellent return on investment. This Christmas we will be doing Santa activities as we have acquired a sleigh but more importantly the manpower to be able to use it effectively to raise funds for helping others; I am now dreaming of trying to reach at least 15 members by the end of this Lions year or maybe even 20 members – if you don't dream you have no focus to achieve

Finally again I would like to place on record my thanks to all the clubs in Region 5 of District 105D. All too often we hear and see 'Lions lose Lions' – in this case it was 'Lions getting Lions'. Lion Mike Hendy

Lions support the Air Ambulance



Wimborne & Ferndown Lions club Charter dinner this year was on November 9th at the Canford Magna Golf Club with excellent food enjoyed by all.

During the evening the Lions President, Frank Forte, presented a cheque from the Lions for £2500 to Tracy

Bartram for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance service. The picture shows Tracy thanking the President in her own inimitable way.

Peace Poster/Essay/Poetry Competitions

The judging has now taken place for the Peace Poster competition, it was held on Wednesday 20th November 2013.

I would like to start by thanking the judges:

Lion Di Merchant, Lion Christine Munday, Lion Marilyn Skennerton and Lion Pat Nixon. I would also like to thank Lion John Apps, Eric Nixon and DG David Merchant for being there and helping.

Sadly the numbers of entries were down on last year; however those that we did have were of good quality.

Three of the entries were sadly disqualified due to not meeting the minimum required size. This is something that we continue to publicize to all clubs, that rules should be read and understood before passing on to the schools and youth clubs etc. The sizes are published in the Peace Poster kit and on the 105D website.



The winner of this year's MD/International Peace Poster competition is: Charlotte Robinson-Green aged 11 sponsored by New Milton Lions Club.



Runner up is:

Rhiannon Percy aged 13

sponsored by
Ringwood & Fordingbridge Lions.

This year's winners for our Junior Peace Posters are both sponsored by BlackmoreVale Lions club:

7-8

9-10



Lilly Messenger aged 8



Lily Marshall aged 9

Well done to all clubs who took part including: Alton, New Milton, Ringwood & Fordingbridge, Sandown & Shanklin, BlackmoreVale - Once again thanks to all who took part and helped on the day of judging.

There were no entries for the International Visually impaired Essay Competition this year.

Now please remember that the Poetry is still ongoing and will be closing on the 15th December, to be judged on 19th January at our next Cabinet meeting.

ALTON CAB RECEIVES A FACE LIFT



Work has been carried to make the Cross and Pillory Lane premises of East Hants CAB more acceptable for

clients. After many years of use the offices were becoming tired and not fit for purpose. Carpets were so worn that they were becoming a safety issue and the furniture was nearing the end of its natural life.

The Lions Club of Alton offered to help with the cost of replacing chairs. The Alton staff of CAB managed to source 'nearly new' furniture which stretched the valuable donation. Alton Lions President, Sarah O'Donoghue said that the club were delighted with this result as the club were always conscious that they were spending money provided by the people of Alton and appreciated wise spending.

Members of Alton Lions visited the Alton office to see the newly acquired furniture and improvements that had been made.

Jon Stuart, CEO of East Hants CAB said, "We are grateful to the Lions Club of Alton for their support. Our Alton office undertakes a vital role for the local community. Over the past year we've seen around 1,700 clients. We do really want people to come to us for help as soon as possible. Leaving problems unresolved makes the situation much harder to sort out"

Photograph shows Sarah O'Donoghue, Alton lions President & Chris Greenwood of the CAB

Youth floored by Lions



Goring and District Youth Club has just had a new carpet fitted on the floor of their games room thanks to a donation of £400 from the local Lions

Club of Goring, Woodcote & District. The balance of costs involved were provided by the Gatehampton Trust Fund.

The photograph attached shows just some of the teenagers who regularly attend the club with Lion president Alan Lovegrove (on the left) and Mike Cornfield, Chairman of the Goring Youth Club Management Committee (on the right of the picture). Many of the young ones shown are now 18 and have been members of the Youth Club since they were 11 years old.

Each Wednesday evening the Youth Club is open and used by up to 20 youngsters each time who pay an annual subscription of £5 and a further £1 as they sign in at the door. They have use of very nicely furnished rooms in the Community Centre with a kitchen and a games room equipped with pool table, table football, an amplifier/speaker system on which to play their music and a laptop PC with free wi-fi facilities.

Since the withdrawal of financial support from the County and Local council the Youth Club is run just by seven adult volunteers, but still costs up to £3,000 a year to keep going

**The Lions Club of Bournemouth & PCaSO
(Prostate Cancer Support Organisation) Event -
a rewarding service in numerous ways.**



Following articles in the Lions Magazine, and talking with Clubs across the country who have undertaken this particular type of Event, The Lions Club of Bournemouth decided to liaise with the East Dorset Branch of PCaSO (Prostate Cancer Support Organisation) to combine in delivering an "Awareness campaign" which offered Free Prostate Cancer Testing.

We spoke with our local Football Championship League Club who generously offered their facilities, free of charge, to put on the Event at the Goldsands Football Stadium in Dean Park, Bournemouth on the 18th & 19th October 2013.

With a wide campaign of media coverage to publicise the event, using local press and radio contacts, and then e-mailing networks to numerous Organisations, Clubs, Churches and Sports facilities, we found that the available appointments were very quickly filled. In fact, a list has been formed for future testing.

The eminent Consultant Urologist, David Baxter-Smith, provided very informative presentations as well as speaking informally to many men about their concerns or questions.

The entire Event took a lot of organisation and demonstrated again how well Lions can "operate" to **serve their Community**.

Along with the support of the Mayor and Mayoress of Bournemouth and the Leader of Bournemouth Council and other dignitaries (some of whom were tested) we also had great support from Lions – from our area and further afield. Our Regional Chairman, Zone Chairman, Presidents from our Zone Clubs and other members gave of their time to come along and support this cause.

PCaSO had four teams of trained testers over the 2 days, who completed the testing of 185 men. The testers use Bio-Scan equipment which can give a result in approx. 15 minutes.

The test was offered to men of 45 years and upwards; the majority attending were in the lower to mid age range. All results are graded into Green, Amber and Red.

Of the 185 men tested the results were very positive.

- 169 Green – good, no action needed
- 6 Amber - which recommended a follow up test in 3/6 months.
- 10 Red - which indicates that further investigation is needed and the persons are counselled and immediately advised go to see their GPs.

We believe there are four key successes to this event:

Prostate Cancer Awareness is now "on the map" in our Community.

Lions have gained a feeling of usefulness and worth in organising and delivering this stage of our project, whilst our Community has recognised what Lions can do!

Bournemouth Lions are ready to share their experience and encourage and assist other Lions Clubs who wish to offer this Service to their communities.

We have found that a partnership with another Organisation, like PCaSO, enables us to assist both Organisations to meet the needs of their Community.

**FUNDS RAISED PROVIDE POPULAR BENEFIT TO
BUSHY LEAZE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES CENTRE**



Funds raised by Alton Lions through the 'Easter Eggstravaganza' project together with funds from The 'Cutting Room' Hairdresser have enable Bushy Leaze Children and Families Centre to buy a Poddley

Construction Set. This equipment, which is light, robust and adaptable, encourages imaginative and constructive play in children. Since the equipment is also easily transportable it can be used with the Bushy Leaze outreach work in the surrounding villages. Clare Allen Business Manager at Bushy Leaze commented that the equipment was providing children with a new experience and was already proving to be very popular.

Photo shows children and adults having fun including Margaret Willoughby from Alton Lions together with Kathy Duckett, Izzy Swaby and Deborah Messenger from The Cutting Room.



105 D 49th Annual Convention

Lions District 105 D are holding their 49th annual convention on the 28-30 March 2014 in the historic city of Winchester, the former capital city of England. The Holiday Inn, Winchester has been selected as the host venue and it offers a great mix of location, quality and value. The theme of the Convention is "Cabaret Showtime" reflecting our goal of making the convention both an informative and fun event.

The committee responsible for organising this event are the same team that organised the highly successful 2013 conference in Old Windsor and all attendees can expect an even better event this year - a range of dynamic informative seminars and speakers, a busy exhibition area and some wonderful social events.

We are delighted to announce that Past International President Jim Ervin will be our International Guest Speaker. "Big Jim" as he is affectionately known has been affiliated with Lions since 1977 and led Lions worldwide into the new millennium holding Presidency for the 1999-2000 term. Jim has held many other noticeable positions within the association and has received numerous awards including the "Ambassador of Good Will" the highest honour the association bestows upon its members.

So if you and your partner fancy a fun and informative weekend surrounded by friends both old and new then make your way to the convention web site right now ! Full conference details and all booking information is available at www.cabaretshowtime.org.uk



MD105 Youth Centre 2013 held at the PGL Activity Centre Osmington Bay 2- 12 August

Following the success of the previous Youth Camp hosted by District 105D in 2008 a proposal was raised by PDG Pat Nixon to hold the 2013 Youth Centre at another Activity Centre. 40 places were offered and eventually 39 attendees came from abroad with 2 further places taken up from District 105D club sponsorship, resulting in representation from 26 countries.

6 Lions were involved (very stretched!) on site as organisers and mentors including John Apps who had overall charge and former YEC Ron & Ann Twining. PGL instructors on site at Osmington organised the days from breakfast to evening meal and provided a great experience and even better food. The fantastic young participants bonded with each other, will be friends for many years to come and achieved the third purpose of Lionism 'To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the World'. As our DG remarked, "Why is it not the first principle?"

All activities started at 9am and the first Saturday saw the 4 groups and their mentors start with Team Building exercises. We were joined at lunchtime by Chair of Council Phil Robinson and Jackie who took a great interest in the programme and were able to chat to our guests informally. After the evening meal, participants adjourned to the classroom for 'My Country'. Designed to get everyone to take part and engender a team spirit this was also a gentle way in to other activities which later in the week would prove more strenuous. It was always intended that the Sunday would be a relaxing day and so it proved with PGL instructors taking the group on a 10 mile walk round the hills and coastal paths and bonding well with the participants who were of a similar age to themselves. The bar also served as a useful bonding opportunity most nights!

There followed 2 full days of activities, climbing the wall, zip wire etc, and on the Wednesday came a coach trip organised by the local clubs of Weymouth & Portland, Dorchester and Bridport. It started with meeting the mayor & town crier with a tour of Dorchester, then a



fossil hunt at the Charmouth Jurassic Heritage Centre and finished at the Napoleonic fort in Weymouth. Thursday saw a visit by DG David and Diane and again the activities were enjoyed, especially the kayaking.

An early start on Friday found the group in Portsmouth where Richard Fulstow provided tickets for the Mary Rose Museum and the Spinnaker Tower. A boat tour of the harbour with cross channel ferries and RN Ships,

plus a visit to the retail outlets, combined to deliver a busy but enjoyable stay rounded off by a Ringwood and Fordingbridge club sponsored fish and chip supper on the return journey.

Saturday was spent at the National Sailing Centre dragon boat racing and everyone had a great time including DG David and Diane again. The afternoon was free time for preparing for the Gala Dinner which was followed by the YC 2013 entertainment session. This was spontaneous and musical; Grayson from Canada played his violin in a western do-se-do style and set the feet tapping – everyone joined in the Macarena and an award ceremony for 'Stars of the week' was also held. A content and happy bunch returned to Osmington Bay at midnight.

There was a BBQ on Sunday and everyone gathered for one last time and said a fond farewell to the early leavers. The bar in the evening was a little subdued but the 3.30am start the next morning may have been a contributing factor. The coach arrived in Birmingham on time for the first check in at 0730 which left a large number to wait for flight times throughout the day. Thanks are due to Harry Fry and his Birmingham team for looking after them and Ron and Ann Twining for ensuring no one was forgotten. Others who deserve a mention for their efforts are Christine Munday, Richard High, Lynden McIntyre, Regina and Fran Bond. Whilst it took a herculean effort there is much to be gained from the event and as John Apps said at the end, "There was not just a sense of achievement but to see how these wonderful young people come together and bond in friendship is truly worthwhile." DO Lion John Apps

SERVICE CLUBS UNITE FOR DISASTER.



'The Lions Club of Gillingham, Mere and Shaftesbury held a hurriedly organised collection in aid of the Philippines Disaster Appeal on Saturday, 16th November with the support of Waitrose, who allowed us to collect outside their store, and very ably assisted by the Rotary

Club of Gillingham, who also covered other points in the town, resulting in a magnificent total of £1449.83 being raised. This will be sent, via the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), directly to those Lions on the ground in the affected area where relief is urgently required. Both Clubs would like to express their gratitude for the immense generosity of the public in these trying and difficult times.

A Message from Your Editor

Many thanks for the great articles and photos please keep them coming. The next issue closes on 23rd January 2014.

Having recently been involved in a Membership Drive I was please to see an excellent video had been produced by Multiple District on membership called 'The Lions Story Ver 2' which can be downloaded from MD105 website.

May I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year



Peter



MedicAlert Update

Christmas is a time for **Giving** a time for **Receiving** a time for **Peace** and a time for **Loving**. Christmas is also a time of magic for children who watch the sky for soaring Reindeer and laughter roaring Santa's. Many children and Parents this Christmas will have to be alert to the dangers of Allergies, adverse reactions to medication or sudden illness which requires swift action by the attending medics.



For just £275 your club can provide a MedicAlert bracelet and worldwide cover for a child from birth to 10 years and by committing funds on an annual basis you could help to make this a sustainable programme ensuring that any child who needs MedicAlert protection continues **Receiving** it regardless of financial status, **Giving** a child the gift which goes on giving for a decade, provide **Peace** of mind to both child and **Loving** you can make a difference to some children's Christmases for the next ten years.

THE EARLY START PROGRAMME IS SPONSORED BY LIONS CLUBS THROUGHOUT THE UK AND WILL PROVIDE ANY HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL, WORLD WIDE WITH ACCESS TO MEDICAL INFORMATION 24/7 WHEN THEY ARE TREATING A CHILD AT RISK IN ANY EMERGENCY. THE LIONS SPONSORED COVER COMMENCES AT BIRTH AND REMAINS IN PLACE UNTIL THEIR TENTH BIRTHDAY.

Please make your donation via the District Treasurer endorsed for MedicAlert Early start Programme

Further information can be obtained from your District MedicAlert officer, Lion Iain Pudney, or Multiple District officers Lions Neil Rutter and John Sutherland

Please remember that I am here to talk to you at any time.

Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Lion Iain Pudney – MedicAlert Officer District 105D.

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