

DISTRICT 105D



December 2014 Edition

Christmas 2014 TIMES



Mike's Month

Well, November has been a funny month with me and Brigid at different major events in this country and others, Lions and non-Lions, which have tested our capacity for living out of a suitcase to the maximum. At the end of October, along with many others from 105D, we attended the Europa Forum in Birmingham which had been preceded by the Council of Governors. Not quite sure about E.F. – great to



Unseasonal good news picture! Thanks to fundraising by Weymouth Lions, Mara enjoys a paddle with her family

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One DG and many PDGs at the 2014 Europa Forum with International First Vice-President Lion Jitsuhiro Yamada



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“Teamwork, Leadership and Compassion”



Our District International Peace Poster Winner for 2014 to 2015 is **Megan Hill**. Megan is 13 years old and attends Ringwood School. She is sponsored by the Lions Club of Ringwood and Fordingbridge.

Megan's message which accompanies her Poster is: -

"When the Power of Love overcomes the Love of Power, the world will know Peace"

I think these are very profound words from a 13 year old and we wish Megan every success as her Poster goes on to represent District 105D in the MD Round of the Competition. Our Runner-up is Isabelle Walker sponsored by the Lions Club of Blackmore Vale.

Once again there were three Poster that were disqualified because of rule infringements. Please, please be sure to go through the rules very thoroughly with the schools. It is such a shame when so much work has been put into the posters for them not be eligible for consideration by the judges. My thanks go to Lions Albert Whittle, Derrick Smith, Frank Fortey, Godwin Micallef and Alan Chapman.

The District Peace Poster competition will be judged at the January Cabinet Meeting along with the Poetry and Essay Competitions.

Lion Yorcky Take Youth Portfolio Holder

District Convention UPDATE

Some of our members are under the impression that Bournemouth's Wessex Hotel is already fully booked for the Convention weekend in March. **THIS IS NOT SO.** Many booking websites do show that the hotel is fully booked for that weekend but if you telephone the Hotel on 01202 208803 and state that you wish to book a room for 20 and 21 March **FOR THE LIONS CONVENTION** they will accept your booking. It is important that you quote 'Lions' or state that you are attending the Lions Convention. Since the hotel's own website also shows they are fully booked, telephoning is the only option.

Convention Website - <http://2015lions105D.org.uk>

Meet old friends and network but to be honest I am not sure I got what I was expecting out of it. Attended forums and social events alike and on the last night ended up on the top table with our International President Lion Joe Preston. During the course of the event Lions David Firth, Jeff Byers and Linda Picton received International President's awards for their part in the organisation of the event – well done to all of them.

The following weekend we were in District 124 in Romania attending their District Convention at the invitation of their District Governor, Lion Marius Popa, who has worked with both me and Brigid at LCI Training events. We were asked to do a three hour workshop on Diversity in Team Building – about 25 in the audience, only one of whom had a limited grasp of English! The following day we were in Convention with the DG's wife acting as interpreter. Imagine my surprise (and a feeling of pride) when the British National Anthem was played in honour of my attendance as an International Guest. After two hours the interpreter and Mrs H left to go shopping, leaving me to listen through two and half hours' debate in Romanian about the introduction of a District Constitution – clause by clause! Boy, can the Romanian Lions party though!! The number of Clubs and members in that District is almost the same as 105D but the average age of the members is lower than ours and they do seem to tackle large, major projects head on.

The weekend of 14/15/16 November was a very personal weekend with our son David getting ↓



Lions support Milborne Port School Library

Blackmore Vale Lions President Colin Macleod recently presented a cheque for £350 to Miss Suzie Milligan the Head Teacher of Milborne Port Primary School.

A couple of years ago Miss Milligan decided she would really like to see at library at the school and started fundraising to make it a reality. After lots of hard work and support from the community, the PTFA, the governors and the Lions it has finally come to fruition.

This £350 has been used by the school to purchase a laptop that will be used to control the newly built school library using Micro Library System software that will allow the children to scan books in and out (after a huge cataloguing exercise by the parents and teachers), upload book reviews and even access the system from their home computers to choose books with their parents.

Deputy Head Mrs Reed said that the children will now have an interactive platform that will give each child a "Borrowers Card" that can be used in exactly the same way as any library. In the photograph Milborne Port Primary School pupils Sophie, William and Sienna show how easy it is for them to use the laptop.

The Blackmore Vale Lions are very pleased to present this cheque to Milborne Port Primary School as this type of beneficial aid together with its Peace Poster campaign with local schools, fits exactly into the type of service to the local community children that Lions Clubs around the world take great joy in supporting.

We wish Milborne Port Primary School every success with their new Library and we hope that future generations will use the library to its fullest extent.

Lion George Wagland

Blackmore Vale Lions Club

A Seasonal Thought

*In Faith and Hope the world will disagree
But all Mankind's concern is Charity*

Alexander Pope (1688 - 1744)

married. I was on airport duties on Friday and Sunday for Brigid's Irish family but Saturday and the ceremony and reception afterwards was excellent – as I start to write this newsletter, the happy couple are on honeymoon in the sunny climate of Tunisia.

The final two weekends of November saw me at a District Convention meeting followed by Wimborne and Ferndown Charter (another overnight stay) and then finally the MDI05 GMT and GLT summit in Birmingham on 29/30 November – after that the suit carriers can be put away for a while.

I have just two more visits to make in December and then a re-arranged visit in March and all my visits will be complete leaving me time to concentrate on future strategy with the other members of the DG Team and also prepare for District Convention (along with the ramping up of Charter season). Weekends free in 2015 between January and June are already very limited so please get in touch soon if you wish me to attend your Charter.

LCI on its website is encouraging us to undertake a major service event between 10 and 16 January 2015 to celebrate what would have been Melvin Jones, our founder's our founder birthday. I know a lot of you will still be exhausted after all your festive season activity but please see if you can do something special that week to dedicate to Melvin Jones.

Finally as time moves on to that special time of the year when we all assemble with family and friends to celebrate, let us not forget those who are alone – spare a thought for them, check they are OK maybe welcome them into your home.



Are you storing petrol for your Christmas Float?



The Petroleum Consolidation Regulations 2014 (PCR), which came into force on 1 October 2014, will apply to non-workplace premises storing petrol, for example, at private homes / clubs / associations or similar. These regulations update and replace all previous legislation on petrol storage.

You can store up to 30 litres of petrol at home or at non-workplace premises without informing your local Petroleum Enforcement Authority (PEA), but you must store it in:

- ♦ suitable portable metal or plastic containers
- ♦ one demountable fuel tank
- ♦ a combination of the above as long as no more than 30 litres is kept.

For more guidance please visit the following page on the Health & Safety Executive website: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/fireandexplosion/petrol-storage-club-association.htm>. My thanks go to Lion Ken Staniforth for bringing this to my attention.

Lion Jo Hamblin

District 105D Insurance Adviser and Health & Safety Officer

GMS Lions help dental practitioner give Zimbabwe a winning smile

On September 14, Rosie Sheaf, a Dental Practitioner from the Gillingham-based 'Winning Smiles' dental practice, used two weeks of



her annual leave, to join fourteen other volunteers flying the 7,485 miles from London to Harare to join the Dentaaid Zimbabwe Mission. DENTAID, a Salisbury based charity, provides exciting opportunities for dental professionals to volunteer to serve the oral health care needs in developing countries and use their skills to provide some dental care and oral health education to those communities.

With the promotion of charitable health care being one of the four Lions International Pillars, GMS Lions were happy to be able to sponsor 10% of the £2500 Rosie needed to secure her place on the trip.

Brigid and I will not be sending Christmas cards this year but I will be asking District Webmaster Lion Tom to set up an electronic Christmas Card site on the web where, for a donation to LCIF Measles Appeal, you can 'post' a Christmas greeting.

Have a joyful and relaxing Christmas and a peaceful New Year and the Season's greetings from

Mike and Brigid



Mike's Meanders for Dec. 2014

Date	Activity
2 December	Wimborne & Ferndown Official Visit
3 December	Fleet Christmas Concert
4 December	Burnham Christmas Fair
8 December	Southampton Solent Official Visit
14 December	Club Christmas Fundraising
21 December	Club Christmas Fundraising
22/23 December	Convention Business Programme

Alan's Ambles for Dec. 2014

Date	Activity
Lion Alan has no ambles this month	

Taylor's Treks for Dec. 2014

Date	Activity
5 December	Crofton Charter
8 December	Bournemouth Official Visit
11 December	Trowbridge Official Visit

Welcome to District 105D

The District Governor welcomes 12 new members to the District and wishes them a long and happy time in Lionism.

Alton - Lion Paul Teroni (transferee)
Bracknell - PDG Lions John and Marcia Cook (transferees)
Fareham - Lions Thomas Armstrong and Robert Collett
Gillingham Mere & Shaftesbury - Lion Diana Wheeler
Hook & Odiham - Lion Stella Potter
Portsmouth - Lion Raymond Standish (reinstated)
Swanwick - Lion Eileen Holmes
Weymouth - Lions Robert Eaton (transferee) and Chris Bill
Woolmer Forest - Lion Chris Birkett

In the same period however 105D 'lost' eight Lions including three called to higher service: **Lions Jim Windley** (Maidenhead), **Peter Barker** (Portsmouth) and **Ken Lee** (Southbourne & Boscombe)

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and the Ebola Crisis

In recent months we have all watched as an outbreak of Ebola has gripped West Africa. The outbreak has taken more than 5,000 lives and it is estimated more than 4,000 children have been orphaned. A lack of food shortages and health education in these countries is proving to be a disastrous combination.

Lions and LCIF are pledging support for the orphaned children of Ebola victims, firstly to feed them, then to provide clothing, sanitation and perhaps in the longer term housing in the shape of orphanages.

LCIF has just provided a US\$150,000 (£93,000) grant for Ebola Aid. Various Multiple Districts and Districts present at last weekend's Europa Forum have also pledged support. Hopefully your Club will be able to make a donation to LCIF's Ebola Aid Campaign. Any cheques should be made payable to LCI District 105D, endorsed on the back 'LCIF Ebola Aid' and sent to the District Treasurer in the usual way.

Around the Charters...



Region Development Officer Lion Ken Staniforth was the principal guest at the Jersey Lions 51st Charter Anniversary on 22 November at St Brelade's Bay Hotel. Lion Ken congratulated the Club on its fundraisers, the Swimathon and the Pedal Car GP, but also particularly on running Maison des Landes, the Club's hotel for people with disabilities with which the Club has been involved since the 1960s.



Wimborne & Ferndown Lions also held their Charter dinner on 22 November. At the Canford Magna Golf Clubs. During the evening president Lion Ken Taylor presented a cheque to Linda and Peter Thornton for the John Thornton Young Achievers Foundation. Pictured are vice-president Lion Barry Duxbury (right) with Peter Thornton charring together after the meal.

A Young Ambassador Incentive

Our District Young Ambassador Finals are taking place at the Hinton Firs Hotel in Bournemouth over the weekend of Saturday and Sunday 10 and 11 January 2015.

The commitment, enthusiasm and dedication of these young people is an inspiration to us all and should be acknowledged and rewarded accordingly. Our Finals have been attended by Lions who have been there several times over the years and are now looked on as "the same old faces".

I would like to encourage some "new faces" to come along and see what it's all about. To achieve this I have been offered some modest sponsorship to be used as an incentive.

My offer is this: - I am inviting your Club Youth Officer to come to Bournemouth to experience the presentations made by these outstanding young people, I guarantee that you will be amazed. To qualify for the incentive you must have been nominated as Youth Officer at the beginning of this Lions year and you must be attending the Young Ambassador Finals for the first time.

I am offering to the first FIVE applicants a discount of £10.00 off the cost of either your Sunday lunch or your weekend package if you come for the weekend. The cost of Dinner, Bed and Breakfast and Sunday Lunch is £60.00 per person or the cost of the three course Sunday Lunch is £13.95

On Saturday evening we are introduced to the Candidates who tell us a little about themselves, then after Dinner we have a fun quiz to relax us all. On Sunday morning while the Panel of Judges carry out their interviews we have an Open Forum and will have information on all Lions Youth Projects. After Sunday Lunch our Successful Young Ambassador is announced and we are usually finished by about 3.00pm.

Please give this some serious consideration and you will gain some knowledge of our Youth Projects. Make your booking through me on youthchair@lions105d.org.uk and bring someone else with you as well.

I look forward to seeing a lot of "new faces" and the "same old faces" and please remember that these young people are 100% of our future.

Lion Yorky Take



Alton Lions support the Foodbank

Alton Lions Sarah O'Donoghue and Mike Baker with Foodbank volunteers Nick and Debbie Whitehead

Alton Lions have recently presented a cheque for £250 to Alton Foodbank. The Foodbank, run by John and Gill Jacobs, has been established for three years and provides help to between 80 and 100 people a month in the Alton area. Many in need include those unexpectedly made redundant, have had a change or delay in benefits being paid. All food is non-perishable and enough is provided for three days. Foodstuffs can be donated at the Foodbank itself (at its shop under the Town Hall) which is open on Wednesdays from 11.45 am to 2.00 pm and on Saturdays from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon. There are also collection points at most local churches and doctors' surgeries.

Lion Mike Gwynne
PRO Alton Lions



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The Editor has the last word

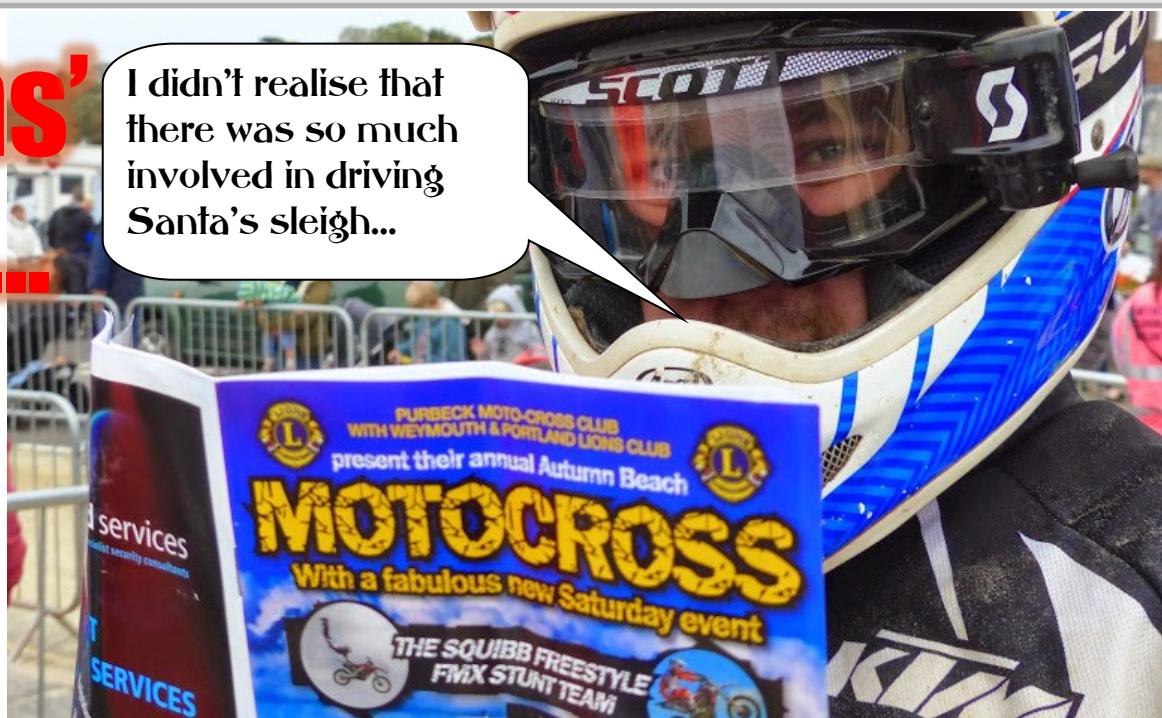
This is the time of year when we are most reminded of what charity means, since for many in our communities the Festive Season is anything but that. Many Clubs in our District will be running seasonable events designed to bring the joy of Christmas in some measure to those in our community for whom joy is often a rare commodity. Here in Jersey Lions combine with other service clubs - Rotary, Round Table and Soroptimists - as well as the local media in what is now the long-established Joint Services Christmas Appeal. We divide up the tasks; Round Table get to drive Santa in his sleigh giving out toys and sweets, the two Rotary Clubs shake tins in the High Street and Lions pack and deliver Christmas hampers to families and individuals who could otherwise go without, even in Jersey. Although being a Lion and pursuing Melvin Jones' ethos of 'we serve' is a year-long commitment, it is at this time of year that we can most tellingly put it into action.

Since my wife and I will be spending Christmas in the UK with our family, the deadline for the next edition will be Wednesday 31 December. With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to one and all from the 105D Times...

Lion Peter Tabb

**Lions'
Tail...**

I didn't realise that there was so much involved in driving Santa's sleigh...



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