

DISTRICT 105D



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TIMES

A Happier New Year?



Lions **John Braithwaite**, **Les Board** and **Norman Apps** with Weymouth and Portland Lions Club's response to the Ebola appeal from District HQ.

Mike's Month

As I sit down to start writing, we are in the period between Christmas and New Year. I had only one scheduled visit to do in December but also undertook an additional visit to Ringwood and Fordingbridge to see their Lions Den in action and also to present the winner of the District Peace Poster with her cheque. If you have not seen Lions Den in action I would urge you to do so at the earliest opportunity to see and hear the youngsters

New Year Honours

Many congratulations from the *105D Times* to Lions from this District who featured in the New Year's Honours List.

Jurat Lion John Tibbo (*Jersey*) has been awarded the OBE for services to Jersey's Royal Court and the community;

Lion John Farley (*Jersey*) has been awarded the MBE for services to the community; and

Lion John Jenkins (*Windsor*) has been awarded the MBE in recognition of his services to sports for the disabled.

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"Teamwork, Leadership and Compassion"

making their pitches for funds in the most self-assured way. I also got to a meeting of my own Club and took part in their Christmas fundraising and community service activities. Over the next six months, with only a couple of rescheduled visits to do, I hope to integrate myself back into the Club more as we are planning to resurrect the Bracknell Show on Saturday 13 June – something that has not been done for very many years when the original Bracknell Club had plenty of members.

Christmas Day with the family is now a memory and Brigid and I have decided to go away to a hotel on New Year's Eve rather than spend the evening at home. During the time off I have been putting the final touches to the Convention Programme which is now published on the Convention website so have a look and see what workshops are on offer. One item to note is the Open Forum on Saturday morning for 20 minutes or so where there will be the opportunity to grill me or any of the District Officers and the International guest on matters that concern you. Also I have been fortunate in obtaining the services of two very skilled presenters – both Lions from 105C – who, on the Sunday morning will run a workshop called “Telling ain't selling” – how effectively to use the penny cards when approaching the public. I and a few other District Officers have seen this workshop at the GMT/GLT summit in November and I can assure you it IS very interactive.

Tuesday 13 January is Melvin Jones' birthday and LCI on its website is encouraging us to devote a week of service to celebrate his birthday – 10 to 16 January. If you cannot organise something for a week long period then please just dedicate one act of service in honour of our founder.

As I write this with just nine clubs to report their December membership figures, we stand at 1,246 members but our retention rate is currently better than last year and better than what I had to put in my targets to LCI when I was 1st VDG and which current



Alton Lions Club recently donated £200 to Fourmarks Lunch Club to help with the purchase of new kitchen equipment. The presentation was made on the occasion of the Christmas lunch. The Club is staffed entirely by volunteers and provides lunch once a fortnight for the members who pay just £3.50 each. The Christmas lunch is always provided at no charge and this year the cost was generously met by Capital Planning of Alton. *In the picture Lions Bob Barber (left) and Keith Waterman with Lunch Club volunteers Michelle Kuhn (left) and Audrey McMillan, show off some of the new equipment*

Jersey Club meets cost of a 'Nurture Room' at a local primary School

The Lions Club of Jersey have met the cost of installing a 'Nurture Room' at one of the Island's primary schools to cater for pupils with special educational needs. The cost, circa £8,500, will be met using unspent funds from the 2014 Swimarathon.

Welcome New Lions!

A warm welcome to 105D to Lions Sally Mullin, Ruth Stublely and Janette Wiggs who have joined the Hart Lions Club.

Ist VDG Alan will be considering now.

I predicted that by the end of the first six months of the year we would have lost 60 members – in fact we have only lost 54; I also predicted that in the first six months we would recruit 70 new members but we have only recruited 60 – despite this we are still in the black with plus six members for the year so far so congratulations everyone.

I would like to take this opportunity as I close to wish all 105D members and their families a very Happy New Year; as we go into the second six months of my stewardship of this great District, let us continue to work together in fun and fellowship for the good of others and always have uppermost in our mind that we exist to serve others and not ourselves.

With kind regards and best wishes for 2015

Lions Mike and Brigid

LCIF UPDATE

I have just received an LCIF update and out of £52,300 contributed to the MD Ebola Appeal, District 105D is the top contributor with £14,700. In fact, 105D is currently the top contributor to LCIF in the MD with a contribution of £19,500 from a total contribution from the MD to LCIF of £103,600. Congratulations and well done to all the Clubs who have contributed to this – our very own Foundation.

Lion Mike



96 Christmas Food Parcels from the Lions

The annual delivery of Christmas food parcels to local people has been made again by Wimborne and Ferndown Lions Club.

Club members fill bags with about 25 food items from bulk supplies purchased from Morrisons of Verwood. In a well established process, stacks comprising 96 pieces of each food item are assembled on tables in the Scout Hut. Club members then circulate, filling the bags with one from each stack. The bags are then delivered to people most in need who have been notified to the Lions from local Social Services, CABs and GPs, etc.

This year the Club was ably assisted by Verwood's new Mayor, Mrs Pat Morrow, who took an active part in the bag-filling process.

We would like to thank the Mayor for her support and also thank the Verwood Scouts for the use of their hall for the parcel assembly

Pictured with the Mayor is Lion President Ken Taylor.

Mike's Meanders for Jan. 2015

Date	Activity
7 January	Region 5 meeting
10 January	Membership presentation (Birmingham)
10/11 January	District Young Ambassador Final (Bournemouth)
12 January	Bracknell Club meeting
14 January	DG Team meeting
18 January (am)	Cabinet meeting
18 January (pm)	Convention meeting
23 to 25 January	Council of Governors

Alan's Ambles for Jan. 2015

Date	Activity
9/10/11 January	1st DG Training
14 January	DG Team meeting
18 January (am)	Cabinet meeting
23 to 25 January	Council of Governors

Taylor's Treks for Jan. 2015

Date	Activity
10/11 January	Young Ambassador Finals
14 January	DG Team meeting
18 January (am)	Cabinet meeting



Somewhere in this edition there had to be at least one Santa story...

Now I know it is Christmas, the Lions Santa Float is here ...

The amount of times GMS Lions heard, 'Now I know it is Christmas, the Lions Santa Float is here' was amazing. It reinforced that the GMS Christmas Santa has become a local tradition, looked forward to, adds a touch of magic to Christmas and as a by-product makes money that is used to support local needy causes. All in all it is win, win.

Now no one said it would be easy. We had a daylight rehearsal on Saturday 29 November and disaster struck! the tractor we were using broke down. Luckily Dave Webber, a local driving instructor and Carnival enthusiast stepped in and loaned us – free of charge – the use of his tractor for a week; brilliant and thank you so much, Dave.

So GMS Lions Alex and Al set off with a car full of speakers, sound systems and CDs and headed to Shaftesbury to collect the loaned tractor, then head back to pick up the sleigh from its store, hitch the tractor to the trailer and then head back to Port Regis – the location for our dress rehearsal. Despite a problem with the sound system (solved by using my system from home), we arrived at Port Regis to pick up Father Christmas.

Port Regis were having a Christmas themed weekend so the arrival of the man in a red suit really was the perfect start. The local children were both excited and polite and our dress rehearsal in daylight was invaluable. Plus the Christmas GMS Charity fund had its first earning of £130. Brilliant.

From then on it was full steam ahead beginning with Shaftesbury Christmas lights on Monday followed by a week of Gillingham, a weekend of Mere, Bourton, Zeals, more Gillingham and its supermarkets before a week in Shaftesbury culminating in two days a Waitrose.

The £4000 we have raised this year is a fantastic testament not only to the Lions and volunteers who have given up their time, but more to the generous nature of the wonderful people from Gillingham, Mere and Shaftesbury. Every penny really does count.

From GMS Lions Club President Helen Littell and all of us at GMS Lions, thank you to everyone who helped out and worked as a team to make this such a memorable and fun time, and hope you all had a terrific Christmas and have a peaceful and prosperous 2015.

Lion Alastair McKechnie

Publicity Officer

District 105D Global Membership Team (GMT)

The Global Membership Team or GMT is a name you've heard bandied about at the District Convention and perhaps at Zone meetings, but who are they and what exactly do they do?

The GMT is a Cabinet committee comprising of the District Governors' Team, Regional Club Development Team Specialists, Zone Chairmen and the District Marketing & PR Co-ordinator. Contact details for each are in the District Directory.

The GMT Co-ordinator is Lion Pauline McCreanor of Ryde Lions Club who holds regular meetings to develop strategies to encourage membership growth, maintain the health of clubs, recognise success and address regional growth and development needs.

The GMT's responsibilities also include setting membership and retention goals, motivating Clubs to develop membership and extension plans, communicating successful membership techniques and working closely with the Global Leadership Team (GLT) to enhance training in leadership roles with workshops and seminars.

Following a weekend training workshop in April last year, seven senior Lions spread throughout the District were appointed 'Certified Guiding Lions'. These are all members of the GMT/GLT and their roles are to become mentors, coaches, team builders, listeners, communicators and friends to Clubs who need help with membership and retention.

The Guiding Lions are also appointed by the District Governor to become part of new Lions Clubs as they set up giving help and guidance throughout. See the District 105D website news page: <http://www.lions105d.org.uk/news.html> for details of who the Guiding Lions are and the chance to put names to faces.

In the last two years the GMT have purchased a gazebo, set of signature boards a pull-up banner and a feather flag. Together these are more commonly known as 'The Roadshow'. Using this at public events enables clubs to promote themselves in a professional and consistent manner. 'The Roadshow' kit available to any club through the District PR Loan Pool page on the District Website: <http://www.lions105d.org.uk/lionsclubsin105d/equipmentloan.html> Scroll to the bottom of the page to view the 'Roadshow'.

Clubs requiring the most help are often the clubs who can least afford to mount a membership campaign. To address this the GMT has a budget to allow financial assistance to those clubs who need it. Application for a District Membership Grant is through the GMT Co-ordinator Pauline McCreanor by emailing membership@lions105d.org.uk or phoning 01983 566102.

For further information about how the GMT can help your club, contact either Pauline McCreanor, your Regional Development Team Specialist or your Zone Chairman. The Regional and Zone GMT members will be delighted to visit your club and talk about membership development. Please invite them.

Lion Richard Keeley

District Marketing & PR Co-ordinator

In Memoriam

Lion Frank Clark (77) of Swanage Lions Club

Lion Frank Clark, the longest serving member of the Swanage Club, passed away just before Christmas after a long period of poor health. Frank was a Club member for 41 years, a Past President, Lion Tamer and organiser of many social events. If bric-a-brac needed shifting or VIPs required transporting and then wining and dining, the cry would go up "Call Frank!". We have sadly missed his joie de vie over the last few years and we send our sympathy and condolences to his wife Eileen and all the family.

Lion David Dean, Secretary, Swanage Lions Club

Lion Gerry Vincent MJF (83) of Poole Lions Club

Lion Gerry Vincent passed away on 9 December. Gerry joined the Royal Navy at the age of 15 years and always had a great love of the sea. On leaving the Navy, he embarked on a career in the Prison Service where he rose to become a Prison Governor. His 'third' career began in 1991 when he joined the Lions. He was a highly valued member of the Club, holding the office of Treasurer for many years before becoming President for two years. He was the Message in a Bottle Officer for many years and distributed thousands of bottle in the Poole area. As Members' Welfare Officer, his care for any member who was ill or in need of help was greatly appreciated. He will be much missed, not only by his fellow Lions, but also by his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, to whom we offer our deepest sympathy.

Lion Robert Maguire, Secretary, Poole Lions Club



TAIL TWISTER

The Editor has the last word

It's the time of year when we all think about making resolutions (even if it is to vow that we will never again make resolutions) and I am no exception.

For this year I have resolved to try not to be quite so cynical which, for someone of journalistic bent, will be difficult. Fortunately being a Lion of some years I am constantly exposed to how spontaneously generous and considerate many people are and it has been a pleasure to record on the front page of this journal that the generosity of spirit of at least three Lions has been publicly acknowledged and rewarded although I am sure the ultimate reward of a 'gong' was never the motivation. My warm congratulations to the three Johns and to all those who without, as yet, post-nominal letters to their name, continue doing what our founder conceived - that as Lions we serve.

Wishing you all a happy and productive New Year...

Lion Peter Tabb

Lions Tail...



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