

# DISTRICT 105D



February 2015 Edition

# TIMES



“Share Peace” as visualised by 7 years old Beth Nwachukwu  
Beth was sponsored by Yateley and District Lions Club

## Mike's Month

And so we move seamlessly into the eighth month of my year of office. First let me apologise that in the January edition I did not include the names of those who had joined the organisation in November – put this down to Christmas spirit (take that whichever way you like) – I have rectified that situation this month and included new members for both November and December.

Membership numbers still cause me concern. Although overall we are plus five, as I write, for



**Jenna Volpert**  
**105D Young Ambassador**

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*“Teamwork, Leadership and Compassion”*

the year to date and our retention rate has improved, we are still failing to attract enough members significantly to increase our service to the community. We may have been thrown a lifeline by LCI in a new initiative called "Join Together" which offers the opportunity to any organisation that has been in existence for at least three years and is a 'not for profit' organisation to become a Lions Club for a one-off membership joining fee of \$300 FOR THE WHOLE CLUB which only needs 15 members to form, instead of the usual 20. This is a pilot project from LCI for just two years after which it will be evaluated as to its future. You could also start a Club Branch with five members for no joining fee. Unfortunately this initiative cannot be used for any existing effort like the looked for Clubs in Four Marks and Southampton or any other existing Club Branches trying to become full Clubs. If you want more details on this please contact Lion Pauline McCreanor, the District GMT lead.

Work on the Convention in March is now ramping up as the committee under Graham Drayton starts work on the detail of the event. The programme is locked down and the speakers in place and briefed so now I just have to worry about managing it on the day. Social and business event bookings continue to rise which is encouraging although there are some Clubs still not represented; yesterday myself and Lion Peter Burnett had to increase our hotel rooms allocation to 75 rooms as we already have 60 booked – we did however confirm that the remaining rooms in the hotel could be released back to the hotel on 19 February so after that date if you try to book you may not get the special rate. **A reminder that you must use the hotel telephone number quoted on the website to get that Lions' rate** – it is not available on any hotel booking websites. Bookings for the social and business events also close on 7 March as



## Jenna is our District's Young Ambassador

The District finals of the Young Ambassador competition were held on Sunday 11 January 2015 at the Hinton Firs Hotel, Bournemouth. The panel of judges had a very difficult task in determining the winner from the two candidates, but eventually announced that the candidate who will represent our District at next month's Multiple District Finals will be Jenna Volpert, sponsored by the Lions Club of Jersey. Jenna will go to Dudley with the good wishes of all of us in District 105D.

Jenna, 18, is studying at A level in Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, and History at the Jersey College for Girls, having already attained AS in these subjects. Success at this level will give her the opportunity to enter university to read for a degree in medicine.

Despite living in Jersey for only four years she has become very involved with Island life in a wide range of activities. She is an excellent sports-woman, an accomplished flautist and pianist, is a high-flying academic student and has been appointed Head Girl at her school. She has had work experience in the local hospital, and also spent a month working in a huge hospital in a South African township, gaining valuable hands-on knowledge and an eye-opening view of priorities.

Somehow, however, she manages to find the time and energy to help out in a range of community work, none more so than her outstanding contribution to Autism Jersey. Inspired by what she had heard, she attended Befriender Training, since when she has not only been a loyal befriender to a young autistic boy but has helped the charity out in any way she can. The respite she provides for the family and the friendship she has struck with her 'friend' are of incalculable value, and it is this heart-felt passion that is the foremost reason why she is here today.

Earlier this year she was present at the inaugural party organised by Autism Jersey for patients, families, Befrienders and friends. What started out as a get-together of everyone involved with the work turned out to also be a showcase for the organisation, opening many eyes to the needs and how people can contribute. As a consequence the number of Befrienders-in-training increased amazingly, and it is Jenna's determined intention that such an event will take place again next year, and annually thereafter.

Jenna is sponsored by the Lions Club of Jersey.

*Lion Yorky Take*

Young Ambassador Officer



the committee have their final meeting at the hotel on 8 March to confirm numbers with them and also start preparing the paperwork to go in the convention bags which were delivered this week.

Charter season is now well and truly on us with all the DG Team getting involved across the patch. You will have seen Lion Brigid's note about the 105D Information Day to be held at The Stones Hotel, High Post, on Sunday 12 April. This will be an all-day event for both Club and District Officers and a booking form with lunch and coffee costs will go out later in February so please be prompt in returning them when they are completed at the Club level.

Have a good month, see you all next month and at Convention in March

Regards

*Lions Mike & Brigid*

## Mike's Meanders for Feb. 2015

Date	Activity
1 February	Burnham Charter Anniversary
7 February	Wareham Charter Anniversary
8 February	Convention Committee Meeting
9 February	Bracknell Club meeting
13/14 February	105SE Convention
15 February	PDG Lunch
21 February	Hook & Odiham Charter Anniversary
22 February	Young Ambassador Finals - Dudley
23 February	Southampton Solent Official Visit
28 February	Weymouth Charter Anniversary

## Alan's Ambles for Feb. 2015

Date	Activity
15 February	PDG Lunch
22 February	Young Ambassador Finals - Dudley
28 February	Sandown & Shanklin Charter Anniversary

## Taylor's Treks for Feb. 2015

Date	Activity
2 February	Petersfield Official Visit
3 February	Gosport, Lee on Solent Official Visit
9 February	Bracknell Official Visit
10 February	Crofton Official Visit
11 February	Wokingham Official Visit
15 February	Blandford Forum Charter Anniversary (Official Guest)
21/22 February	Young Ambassador Finals - Dudley



**Lion Ray receives his 50 Year Pin**

Lion Ray Sidaway joined the Lions Club of Jersey in 1965 and now, although still a member of the Jersey Club, lives in the UK and until recently was also a member of the Blackmore Vale Lions Club and it was at this Club's Burns Night celebrations, he received his 50-Year Monarch Chevron from president Lion Colin MacLeod.



## Lions help for heroes

Phil Darley (right), representing Help for Heroes in Berkshire, accepts a cheque for £800 from Lion Tim Hanton, president of the Wokingham Lions Club. The money was raised at the Art Theme Wine & Cheese event last year. Help for Heroes supports British servicemen and women who have been wounded or injured in the line of duty. The charity provides ongoing support to approximately 75,000 military personnel in need of help.

*Wish you were here?*



Lions District 105d having fun in Bournemouth





## More Lions for Blackmore Vale

The Blackmore Vale Lions are very pleased to report that four new members were elected into the Lions Club during their January dinner meeting at the Green Man, Kings Stag.

The new members are (left to right) Lions Kirsty Hopkins, David Haine, Grace Haine and June Harmon with Lions President Colin MacLeod proudly standing in the middle.

This marks a very special moment for the Blackmore Vale Lions as not only does it represent a 20 per cent increase in active membership it also significantly changes the demograph of the Club in that we now have four lady members. The whole Club now looks forward very much to working with its new members to expand its charity work across the whole of the Blackmore Vale.

*Lion George Wagland*

**Blackmore Vale Lions**



**Weymouth & Portland Lions choose the wet way to celebrate Christmas Day!**

## Welcome to more New Lions!

I am delighted to welcome 16 new members into Lions Clubs International in November and three in December and wish them a long and happy time as Lions.

*DG Lion Mike*

### November

**Fleet Sirius** - Lion Mark Frost

**Hart** - Lions Sally Mullin and Janette Wiggs

**Henley-on-Thames** - Lion Richard Kitson

**Lymington & Brockenhurst** - Lions Cherry Curry and Roger Ling

**Petersfield** - Lion Vivienne Brayson

**Salisbury** - Lions Beverley and Mark Barwick, Michael Dixon and Susan Leek

**Swanwick** - Lions Nicholas Cox and Rosemary Beardmore

**Trowbridge** - Lion Rebecca Peterson

**Wokingham** - Lions Brian and Kelly Barry

*In the same month, however, we lost 12 Lions*

### December

**Gosport & Lee on Solent** - Lion Sheila Peel

**Hart** - Lion Ruth Stuble

**Meon Valley** - Lion Kathryn Holladay

*In this month we lost eight Lions including one to higher service*





## In memory of Melvin Jones

Melvin Jones, founder of Lions Clubs International, was born on 13 January 1879 and to mark his 136th birthday, Jersey Lions have donated £8,500 from the 2014 Swimarathon to create a Nurture Room at Samarès Primary School. In the picture the President presents head teacher Andrew Willis with a framed commemorative certificate...



### There's Something in the Forest by Dylan Anns

There's something in the forest.  
Twigs snapping, wolves yapping,  
Branches swaying, birds playing.  
There's something in the forest.  
Leaves blowing, waterfall flowing,  
Can I hear thunder? What a wonder.  
There's something in the forest.  
Smell of fresh meat, I hope it's not my feet,  
Sense of wet animal,  
It makes me feel uncomfortable.  
There's something in the forest.  
Just turned as dark as ebony  
Two red eyes following me  
I wonder in my head, What could it be?  
There's something in the forest.  
Feeling fur., Is it a him or is it a her?  
Would you dare, to ever go there?  
There's something in the forest.

Dylan was the winner of the 2014/15 Poetry Competition and was sponsored by the Lions Club of Loddon Valley

## Windsor Lions Awards Evening A Great Success

Almost £30,000 was donated to local charities and other good causes by Windsor Lions at its Award Presentations Evening held at the Guildhall in January. Local groups from all over the Windsor area supported by family and friends crowded into the splendid Guildhall to attend a reception followed by the awards presentation itself.

All the money was raised by Windsor Lions from the annual Swimarathon and the 2014 Cross Country Horseride, the major fundraiser of the year. The recipients were all swimmers and riders as well as the charities nominated by Windsor Lions to receive donations - Riding for the Disabled Association, Windsor menap, SportsAble, Thames Valley Adventure Playground, the Blue Acre Stables and several others.

Trophies and cups were presented by the Mayor of Windsor & Maidenhead Cllr Richard Kellaway.

Top prize for the evening, the President's Cup, went to Mason Archer of Team Archer who raised a staggering £5,300 in the Swimarathon.



*Pictured above (l. to r.) are Lion Mike Sells, Swimarathon organiser, President Lion Richard Vaughan, Mayoress Mary-Lou Kellaway, Mayor Cllr Richard Kellaway, Lion Mark Fraser, Cross Country Horseride organiser and Lion Harry Purchase, MC for the evening.*

*Pictured (left) President Lion Richard Vaughan with Mason Archer*

## In Memoriam

### Lion Joe Grout MJF (88) of Goring, Woodcote & District Lions Club

Members are saddened by the passing of Lion Joe who was a Charter Member of both this Club and its mother Club of South Chilterns which has since folded.

Lion Joe received a Melvin Jones Fellowship in 2005 for dedicated humanitarian services. He was a Lion for 42 years and during more than 30 years with this Club Lion Joe was always much involved with our local community service projects.





# TAIL TWISTER

*The Editor has the last word*

In a month (like so many others) when we are concerned about membership numbers, it is a pleasure to record a Lion receiving his 50-year Monarch Chevron; more of a pleasure for me since Lion Ray Sidaway is a personal friend who I have known all my years in the Lions Club.

Unusually my own Club has just lost two members who had transferred from another Club in the District but found that the counter commitment of career and family was too much to allow them to play their part in our Club's activities. I am very pleased therefore that there is a commitment from LCI at the highest level that we should try to retain the Lions we have, just as much as we should seek new ones. We might start that process by asking those who, like Lion Ray, are long serving and what it is that has maintained their loyalty and commitment for so long.

*Lion Peter Tabb*

## Lions' Tail...

They told me  
I was meeting  
Superman!



**THE NEXT EDITION OF I05D TIMES WILL BE  
A 50TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL**

**Any pictures of Club activities during this past half-century will be very welcome!**

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