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when 007 visited 105D**  
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**Almost a 50th  
Anniversary  
Edition!**

## Mike's Month

Month number nine and we move into the highlight of any District Governor's year - the annual District Convention. The District Convention team, under the excellent chairmanship of Lion Graham Drayton, have worked hard to ensure that the time you spend at Convention is well spent

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*"Teamwork, Leadership and Compassion"*



and enjoyable. There will be a few surprises that have not been listed so far but which you will notice over the weekend.

One part that has been well publicised is the Open Forum on the Saturday morning. Time has been set aside (but only a limited time) so I would ask all of you who may wish to pose questions to any of the District, MD or International representatives present, to be brief and to the point and not keep pressing an issue – you will only get one shot at your question to be fair to others who may be waiting. I would like to give preference in this session to those who will not be around to attend the open session on Sunday morning so if you are still there on Sunday, please you keep your question until then.

Numbers are excellent and far exceed our expectations – we anticipate around 170 for the Saturday with a similar number for the celebration Banquet and Ball in the evening.

Around 150 have booked for the Host Night also which is themed “Beside the sea-side” (fancy dress strictly optional). As per contract, we released any empty rooms at the hotel on Friday 20 February with 79 out of 86 rooms booked so if you haven’t yet booked you will only get the special rate if rooms are still available and will be at the discretion of the hotel. In fact since we released the rooms we have discovered that some have booked direct with the hotel but do not appear on the specific Lions rooming list so we have some 98 out of the 109 rooms in the hotel booked out for Lions – don’t panic! you do have rooms, we have now got everyone consolidated onto one list.

Please note that if you have not booked for lunch on the Saturday and do not have a ticket, you will not get into the Dining Room at lunchtime – again we are almost at the hotel’s capacity for the room. Drinks and bar snacks are available to order from the bar.

The MD Young Ambassador final took place over the weekend of 21/22 February and my thanks to Vice Governors Lions Alan and David who ensured that our candidate Jenna was supported throughout the weekend by a member of the DG Team. The District is also grateful to DO Lions Yorky and Dot for all the work they put into the competition and chaperoning Jenna. Jenna didn’t win and unfortunately cannot attend our Convention due to a university interview but we have recorded her presentation at MD and will show that on the Saturday morning.

Charter season is now ramping up and so if you are planning a Charter in the period

## Almost 50 years ago 007 visited 105D and made the front page of the B&L Lion!

Jersey celebrates its Liberation Day every year on 9 May commemorating the Island’s liberation from German occupation in May 1945. On 9 May 1966 the Lions Club of Jersey held a ‘Thunder Ball’ whose guest star was Sean Connery, aka James Bond Agent 007. The Ball was held to raise funds for Maison des Landes Hotel for people with disabilities, a project the Club had adopted the previous year. Pictured with Sean Connery are Miss ITV, Karen Cornish, and the president of the Lions Club of Jersey, the late PDG Lion Sydney Longson.



## Perfect Conditions for 23<sup>rd</sup> Blackmore Vale Lions Half Marathon

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The 2015 Blackmore Vale Lions Half Marathon raised more than £6,000 which will be equally shared between the Youth Cancer Trust, the Dorset Blind Association and the Blackmore Vale Lions Charity Trust Fund which supports a wide range of charitable causes in and around the Blackmore Vale.

Almost 450 runners of all ages took part in the 23<sup>rd</sup> half marathon and five mile Fun Run organised by the Blackmore Vale Lions Club with the valuable cooperation of the Parish Council, All Saints Primary School, Bishops Caundle Village Hall Committee and Bishops Caundle Football Club.

The major sponsor for this year’s race was Dike and Sons, the family-run superstore of Stalbridge. Also sponsoring was Else Family Butchers of Stalbridge.

through to June, please contact me or members of the DG Team if you require one of us to attend as our diaries are getting full

Lions Information Day will be on Sunday 12 April at the Holiday Inn, Eastleigh, from 9.30 am, including coffee and lunch. All incoming Club and District Officers are invited to attend – the booking form has gone out and should be with your Club secretary.

As I start to write this article on 24 February, membership stands at the magical 1,250 which is an increase of 10 in the year so far and is an encouraging upward trend. Well done to all of you for your efforts in increasing membership.

Finally my contribution to the next edition will be shorter than usual as Brigid and I go off for some R&R in Tunisia the day after Convention and will not be back until Easter. I am sure that our esteemed editor Lion Peter will have plenty of interesting facts and snippets from Convention to fill the pages

Have a good month and if you are attending Convention, I sincerely hope you enjoy it.

*Lions Mike & Brigid*

## **Mike's Meanders March 2015**

Date	Activity
7 March	105A Convention—Elstree
8 March	Final Convention Committee Meeting
10 March	UN Day—International President's Dinner
13/15 March	105SW Convention - Croyde Bay
18 March	DGT Meeting - Andover
19 March	Convention Planning - Bournemouth
20/22 March	105D District Convention
24 March/2 April	Holiday

## **Alan's Ambles March 2015**

Date	Activity
16 March	Westbury Official Visit
18 March	DGT Meeting - Andover
20/22 March	105D District Convention

## **Taylor's Treks March 2015**

Date	Activity
9 March	Southbourne & Boscombe Official Visit
10 March	UN Day
11 March	Fleet
18 March	DGT Meeting - Andover
20/22 March	105D District Convention

*Wish you were here?*



Lions District 105d having fun in Bournemouth



## **IMPORTANT NEWS ON CHANGES TO REQUESTING CERTIFICATES**

As from **January 2015** Young Leader in Service Certificates will **no longer** be issued by Oakbrook. The new system will simplify the process and certificates should be received by clubs quicker.

With **immediate effect** Clubs will need to send the completed logbooks, Lions Clubs Award Request Form and the YLiS School/Youth Organisation Award CERTIFICATION FORM to their **YLiS District Officer**.

The District Officer will arrange for certificates from the Multiple District Officer. The certificates will be sent directly to the person named on the Lions Clubs Award Request Form.

Please note that any forms received by Oakbrook will be sent back to the UK without being processed.

*Lion Sally Marsh*

MD105 Young Leaders in Service Officer





## Bournemouth Lions stage

# "DAiSY DAiSY"

*Daisy and the Dame Laundry Lil (played by Lion Barrie Haynes)*

The Lions Club of Bournemouth presented the pantomime "Daisy Daisy" at Kinson Community Centre on Saturday 31 January.

The event was a great success and, thanks to the support from the local community, resulted in the Club raising £990 which will be donated to local charitable causes. As well as being a fundraiser, the panto was a service to the local community as 29 Bournemouth Young Carers were given free tickets to the show as were people with special needs from Diverse Abilities Plus.

"Daisy Daisy" was written and directed by Lion Barrie Haynes, vice-president of the Bournemouth Lions Club, and the story was centred in Bournemouth and the surrounding countryside. This is the first time that the Bournemouth Lions have presented a pantomime in the town.



## Windsor Lions Launch SpecTrek

Windsor have launched their annual SpecTrek initiative to collect unwanted spectacles for distribution to the Third World. The initiative is part of the Lions Clubs' countrywide SpecTrek project. The result will be thousands of pairs of old, unwanted spectacles finding their way to new users in Africa and other countries where there is need.

Drop-off points for unwanted spectacles in Windsor will be the Cinnamon Café in Windsor Central Station and SportsAble at Braywick Sports Ground. The initiative will last until the end of March when all the spectacles will be collected, sorted and graded before being dispatched all over the world.

Windsor Lions SpecTrek co-ordinator Lion Bob Tavinor says: "We're appealing to the people of Windsor and beyond to donate any unwanted spectacles to SpecTrek. Our target is 10,000 pairs and that many people all over the world will benefit."



## Runners raise £3,500

Each year Alton Lions provide marshals for the Alton Ten and Downland Challenge races, organised jointly by Alton Runners and Alton Lions. Alton Runners make a donation to Alton Lions from the entry fees. This year they donated a very generous £3,500.

Pictured are Alton Lions president Lion Graham Dix (right) receiving the cheque from Alton Runners' chairman Philip Scrase.





# A BUSY YEAR IN BLACKMORE VALE



Over the past year the Blackmore Vale Lions have raised over £20,000 for local charities and good causes and on Tuesday 24 February they invited more than 80 of their friends, helpers and businesses to William's Café in Dike's Family Supermarket for a glass of wine and a few nibbles and for us to say thank you for their support over the past year. Special thanks must go to Dike's for permission to use their premises and serving the wine and nibbles through Andy Dike and Adam Vincent.

December, January and February are very busy for the Lions and thanks to these friends and helpers we raised over £11,000 during this period through our Father Christmas Float tour (where we had a record year and visited lots of new venues) and the annual Blackmore Vale Lions Half Marathon in which more than 470 runners took part.

Over the same period we have donated over £5,000 to various charities and local good causes and over the next month or so we will be donating further considerable amounts to other chosen charities and local projects.

Blackmore Vale Lions work continues throughout March and April with our Swimathon (w/e 7/8 March), our Easter Egg project, our Golf Fun Day (June at Folke GC) and an exciting new event we are organising for the first time this year at Henstridge Airfield which we are calling The Blackmore Vale Lions Revival (July 4).

So far this year the Blackmore Vale Lions have increased their membership by four and we are hopeful for at least three more new Lions in the near future.

*Lion George Wagland*  
Blackmore Vale Lions PRO

# Wish you were here?



## 105D Convention Latest



If you have booked accommodation with the Hotel but not booked for the functions then **BOOK NOW**. The deadline for social bookings for the Convention is Saturday 7 March and bookings for Saturday lunch, Sunday morning, or any of the evening functions cannot be accepted after that date as we are committed to give final numbers of attendees to the hotel at our meeting there on Sunday 8 March. We have currently 150 booked for Host Night, 163 for the Banquet and Ball and 121 for Saturday lunch so we are reaching the limit of space in these rooms.

To avoid any confusion, here is a clarification on the position of delegates and attendees at Saturday's business session:

- \* If you have registered as a voting delegate or alternate with District Secretary Godwin you will need to go to the Credentials Desk in the foyer to collect your ballot cards whether or not you have paid your £5
- \* If you have paid your £5 as a day attendee you will also need to go to the Social Registration desk manned by Bournemouth Lions and pick up your convention bag containing useful information, tickets for functions and a Convention Pin and you will be eligible for unlimited coffee on the Saturday
- \* If you do not wish to pay the £5, you are, of course, still able to attend and vote if you are a registered delegate or alternate but you will not get a Convention pack or be eligible for the free coffee – refreshments are however available from the bar

**The Convention Hotel is almost full, so if you'd like to be in the Convention Hotel, please book NOW. If the Wessex cannot accommodate you, other hotels nearby, such as the Durley Dean which is off the same roundabout (01202 557711), may be able to do so.**

## Does someone with disabilities in your Club's area desperately need a respite holiday?

Now your Club can offer carefree holidays for disabled people and their carers at Jersey's Maison des Landes Hotel at special Lions Club rates. Maison des Landes is a hotel catering exclusively for disabled guests and their families or escorts in accommodation specially designed to meet their needs.

*En-suite facilities including walk-in showers ♦ Heated indoor pool with ramps and hoists ♦ Extensive gardens with magnificent views ♦ Licensed lounge ♦ Pétanque (a version of bowls ideal for players in wheelchairs!) ♦ Daily Island tours and shopping excursions in specially adapted minibuses*

**RATES** per person per day include full board accommodation, daily and evening excursions, in-hotel entertainment and transfers to harbour and airport and return. For further details of special Lions Clubs' rates and how Maison des Landes can meet your specific requirements, please contact the General Manager at 01534 481683 or [contact@maisondeslandes.co.uk](mailto:contact@maisondeslandes.co.uk)



# **Welcome to new Lions!**

In January we were delighted to welcome into Lions Clubs International 11 new members and wish them a long and happy time as Lions.

*DG Lion Mike*

**Blandford & District** - Lions Lauren Brickell and Robert Meakin

**Bracknell** - Lion Terry Latimer

**Fleet** - Lion Richard Lambert

**Henley-on-Thames** - Lion Sue Rider

**Hythe & Waterside** - Lion Beverley Ormerod

**Meon Valley** - Lion Sheila Campbell

**Poole** - Lions Ian and Pam Braid

**Ringwood & Fordingbridge** - Lion Hazel Burningham

**Wokingham** - Lion Debbie Banbury

*In the same month, however, we lost nine Lions, including three to higher service*

## **In Memoriam**

### **LION SUE BALCHIN MBE (74) - Wokingham Lions Club**

Lion Sue Balchin passed away suddenly on 4 January. In 2013, she was awarded an MBE for her services to the Berkshire community. In 1997, Sue became one of the first female members of the Wokingham Lions Club, and was the first female President of the Club in 2004, and again in 2009. She also served as Club Secretary, Social chairman, Welfare chairman for several years, May Fayre chairman, stalls organiser for both the May Fayre and Winter Carnival and Public Relations Officer. Every year, she organised the Christmas carol singing round the restaurants and pubs in Wokingham. Sue recently became heavily involved with the Food Bank and the homeless in Wokingham. She was a great supporter of working with young people and encouraged the most recent youth project within the Club, the Creative Youth Collective. Sue touched many lives in Wokingham, and she will be missed very much. The Club sends deepest condolences to her family.

### **LION JOHN FARLEY MBE (87) - Lions Club of Jersey**

The Lions Club of Jersey records with much regret the death of Past President Lion John Farley MBE. Lion John became a member of the Jersey Club in 1975 and was President in 1984/85. Lion John's activities within the Jersey community were manifold for as well as being a very active Lion, for six years he had been a member of the States of Jersey (Jersey's Parliament) and was founder chairman of the Jersey branch of the Air Training Corps. At his death he was a life president of the Jersey Battle of Flowers Association and the amateur dramatic society the Jersey Green Room Club as well as still being a committed member of Jersey Cancer Relief. Despite his illness, Lion John, a retailer, still audited his business's books every day from his sickbed. For his services to the community he was awarded the MBE in this year's New Year's Honours List. He was predeceased by his wife Jean who died in October. His enthusiasm for Club activities, curbed only by his illness, will be sadly missed. The Club's deepest sympathy goes to his sons Martyn and Kevin and their families.

### **LION FRANK HUGHES (96) - Lions Club of Warminster**

The Lions Club of Warminster reports that Lion Frank Hughes passed away on 15 February. In his 24 years of continuous service as a Warminster Lion, Frank made his major contribution as Club Treasurer, a post he held for 14 years starting in his second year of membership. Until very recently he continued to make himself available to stand in for bookshop duty at short notice. A quiet, unassuming gentleman and a great Lion.





# TAIL TWISTER

*The Editor has the last word*

This month we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of District 105D but despite my plea for memorabilia in the previous edition of 105D TIMES, all I have managed to unearth is an old copy of the B&I Lion and that dates from 1966! However, hopefully the Convention later this month will be truly a 'golden' event and judging by the numbers likely to attend, a truly memorable one.

A comment has been made to me that the contributors to the 105D TIMES are in danger of becoming the 'usual suspects' and indeed I must pay tribute to Clubs such as Windsor, Weymouth & Portland and Blackmore Vale in particular for the flow of information they provide and it is only the restrictions on the space we have available that prevents more of what they send being published. So keep the material coming, the more Clubs the better! I hope to meet as many of my correspondents as I can in Bournemouth. Have a good Convention.

*Lion Peter Tabb*

## Lion's Tail...

A fishing festival organised by Lions? What are they expecting us to catch, catfish?



Anglers line up to take part in the Charity Fishing Festival which is now in its 40<sup>th</sup> year and Meon Valley Lions were delighted to support the event once again, managing the set-up, marshalling and weigh-in.

Please send all articles and pictures for publication in the

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at least a week before the end of the month