

DISTRICT 105D



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Alton Lions doing what Lions do so well



Alton Lions recently donated £100 to the Four Marks Toddler Group to help buy toys for the group whose members are clearly enjoying their new toys

Mike's Month

This is the penultimate newsletter that I will be writing for 105D – ten months have just flown by and there are just two months to go of me wearing the 105D DG chain of office.

I have been asked how this stint compares with 2000/2001 when I was DG in 105A. Well for a start my commitment to



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"Teamwork, Leadership and Compassion"

visits has been far less - not only because I05D has just two thirds of the number of Clubs that I05A had in 2000/2001 but also the District Governor Teams are now well into a routine of sharing the workload of visits so that a Club can expect a visit from the serving DG once every three years with visits by the 1st and 2nd VDGs in the other years. Being able to finish all my visits except two before Christmas has meant that I have been able to attend to other things in this second six months.

The other thing that is very different is communication. In 2000/2001 I had a second phone line installed as 'the Lions phone' because nearly all communication was by telephone as email was in its infancy. Now, by comparison, the phone hardly rings except for those regulars who have got to know the time of my wind down when I get home from work and a dedicated half hour to puzzles in the newspapers.

From feedback received, most people who attended did enjoy the new format of Convention and enjoyed the social occasions as well. The committee have had their 'lessons learned' meeting attended also by next year's Convention Chairman and we are very grateful for those attendees who took the time to complete the questionnaire with constructive feedback for next year's team to take into account.

Last weekend I went to three 50th Charter Anniversaries on three consecutive days and all three so different in the way they were celebrated – my congratulations to all of you on reaching this milestone. This weekend saw a first for me – a Charter Afternoon tea celebrating Warminster's 51st anniversary followed the next day by Paultons Park.

Which brings me say a public thank you to Lions John and Anita Drago for yet another very successful and satisfying visit for 1,900 deserving people to enjoy the day out – some in the company of their Lion hosts – in this marvellous venue. Numbers were down this year but only because Paultons Park reduced our allocation of tickets – nothing to do with demand. Standing there with Brigid seeing the look on the faces of children and young adults alike when they were greeted by our members in Lions costumes and a quartet of Daleks (armed with water pistols) was, for me, what being a Lion is all about, serving the public and working with your community.

For the first six days of May, Brigid and I will be in Ireland visiting family and then it's back on the boat and straight to Birmingham for first, Council of Governors and then Multiple District Convention – a time to meet up with old friends and to make new ones.

As we enter the month of May, spare a moment to wish back to good health two well known Lions in the District. The first - Thea McIntyre - of Slough Lions, a very



Jersey Lions support Channel Islands Air Search



The Lions Club of Jersey has donated a quarter of the moneys raised at their recent Swimarathon to Channel Islands Air Search, a Guernsey-based search and rescue organisation which has been supported, since its founding in 1980, by the Lions Clubs of Guernsey and Jersey. CIAS's current aircraft is *Lions' Pride* (see detail on the front page) and the organisation is raising funds for a replacement aircraft which will cost more than £1 million. *Jersey president Lion John Le Maistre is pictured handing over a cheque for £33,212 to Martin Bralsford, chairman of the CIAS Trustees.*

PROSTATE CANCER TESTING

The Reading Lions Club carried out its third prostate cancer testing evening in March at the *Circle Reading Hospital* in Reading. A record number of 725 men were tested, with 672 receiving a letter to indicate their PSA level was normal, 16 were advised to have a further test in three months and 37 (5.1%) were advised to see their doctor straight away.

It is understood that at least one person has already had an operation for prostate cancer following our evening. David Baxter-Smith MJF was present for the evening and gave numerous talks to the attendees.

active Lion now approaching her 90th birthday. Lion Thea was taken ill on holiday and as writing this on the 27 April, she is hoping to be discharged from Wexham Park Hospital this week and worrying the medical staff to be able to get out in time to attend MD Convention!! Secondly, Lion Graham Drayton of Fleet Lions who is recovering from elective cardiac surgery in Southampton Hospital. Graham knew about his impending surgery while he was chairing the convention committee but didn't let that little fact diminish his energy and enthusiasm to do a good job. Lions Thea and Graham, from all who know you, get well soon.

So finally, those of you who were at District Convention will have heard me promise an Open Forum on Sunday 7 June to discuss any issues you have with District, Multiple District and International and then the plan is we can discuss whether they can be changed, how we go about doing so and when. There may be some things we can change, there may be others we cannot but unless we prioritise and have the 'how' discussion we will never get anything done. A word of warning, even if we put up a resolution on an issue, things do not change overnight – to change things at LCI level could take a couple of years but if you don't start.... I have written to all Clubs asking them for an idea of numbers by **10 May** so that I can book a venue of appropriate size, so please let me know how many going from your Club – Please let me know also if it's a nil return.

Lions Mike & Brigid

Mike's Meanders May 2015

Date	Activity
30 April to 6 May	Touring Ireland
7/8 May	Council of Governors - Birmingham
9/10 May	MD Convention - Birmingham
12 May	DG Team Meeting
16 May	Havant 50th Charter Anniversary
17 May	District Cabinet and Pre-Cabinet
18 May	Goring Open Meeting
23 May	Measles Charity Ball, Alton
30 May	Yately Charter Anniversary
31 May	Blackmore Vale Charter Anniversary

Alan's Ambles May 2015

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7/8 May	Council of Governors - Birmingham
9/10 May	MD Convention - Birmingham
12 May	DG Team Meeting
16 May	Fareham Charter Anniversary
17 May	District Cabinet and Pre-Cabinet
20 May	3G Zone Meeting
23 May	Measles Charity Ball, Alton

Taylor's Treks May 2015

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9/10 May	MD Convention - Birmingham
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GULLY'S PLACE BENEFITS FROM SUPPORT FROM FOUR LIONS CLUBS



A project to provide a suite for end of life care at Dorset County Hospital and support bereaved families is a step closer following a significant donation from four Lions Clubs.

Members of four Lions Clubs from across Dorset came together to raise £2,000 between them for the **Gully's Place** project.

The fundraising initiative is a joint project between Dorset County Hospital and Poole Hospital and the main aim is to develop a suite of rooms at the Kingfisher Ward at the Dorchester Hospital for end of life care for children as well as providing a place where children with complex or palliative care needs to stay before being discharged home. The suite is named after dance teacher Diane Gulliford, who has fundraised tirelessly to support the project.

Zone chairman Lion Peter Oswick was joined by the presidents and other members from across the four Dorset clubs - Blackmore Vale, Dorchester and District, Weymouth and Portland and Bridport to present the cheque to Allison Ryder, lead nurse in paediatrics at Dorset County Hospital. He explained that the Lions has a zone project once a year where the four clubs choose a local cause to donate £500 each and this year they decided to support Gully's Place after hearing a talk about the project.

Lion Oswick said: "We were very impressed with Gully's Place and decided that was what we wanted to raise the money for because it's right in the middle of our patch."

He added that the funds would go towards the building project and providing beds for the facility.

Receiving the cheque Allison Ryder said: "This is on top of NHS and hospice care and it's about bringing the two together and bringing that gold standard of service. It is effectively working on what is already in place and improving it."

Gully's Place will also be the main beneficiary of the Dorchester and District Lions Club's annual fun run on Sunday, May 10.

DG-elect Lion Alan's 'manifesto'



After visiting many Clubs over the past two years, I noted those whom I thought were the future leaders and would make good District Officers. With this in mind I have spoken to several of them, and some who were recommended. I have now formed the Cabinet for 2015-2016

by bringing in several new faces. Many of the previous Cabinet members are retained because of their vast wealth of experience which I will need to guide the District through the next Lionistic year.

My strap-line for the year is **TEAMWORK WITH FRIENDSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP** which means that we work amicably as a team to take the District forward; the old ways are not working, so we have to try new ways to make any progress. It has become obvious to me that some of our smaller Clubs struggle to encourage new and younger members; I suggest that these Clubs join forces where possible to give the best service they can to their communities. Remember **UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL** and this is the very real situation we find ourselves in.

Anne and I were looking forward to the International Convention in Honolulu but due to a long standing medical condition I have decided not to go due to the long airline flights where I could easily get a chest infection which I'm not prepared to risk.

My swearing in as District Governor will be conducted at the District Handover at the Stones Hotel, (formally the High Post Inn) near Salisbury on Saturday 18 July and will be conducted by my Guest PID Howard Lee. You will be most welcome to come along to the dinner and entertainment afterwards. I am looking forward to taking the reins and working with you all for the Lionistic year 2015-2016 but, being aware that there will be the odd hiccup to contend with, I will hopefully be able to advise and guide where and when necessary.

Anne's Charity for my year will be **Brain Tumour Research**: this is due to the loss of a very dear friend to the disease on Christmas day 2011 and Anne has supported the charity ever since.

DGE Lion Alan & Anne Chapman

A Spec-tacular Effort from the Lions Clubs of 105D



Lions of the 62 Clubs in our District have been collecting used spectacles for many years now and once a year the Lions Club of Petersfield have a 'Spec Trek' where they tour the Lions District collecting them. Pictured above are Lions of Bridport, Dorchester and Weymouth & Portland handing over 7,300 pairs. This year a record 138,148 pairs have been collected. These will be sent on to the Lions Club of Chichester for processing and onward distribution.

Ringwood & Fordingbridge Charter Anniversary

Having postponed their 45th Charter Anniversary to Saturday 26 September 2015, Ringwood & Fordingbridge Lions will be reimbursing all payments already received. Kindly note that the venue in September (Canford Magna Golf Club), menu, price and other details remain unchanged and full details and a revised booking form will be circulated closer to the new date.



Windsor Lions launch 'Message in a Wallet'

Windsor Lions have launched a new scheme to support those in the community who are on medication or have a medical condition and who are at risk of requiring medical help.

The scheme, *Message in a Wallet*, allows the bearer to describe the medication/condition he or she is using so that it can be retained on the person in, for example, a purse or wallet. In the event of an incident requiring medical help, in the street or away from home, the attending medic has access to the patient's medical requirements via the wallet regardless of the state of consciousness or otherwise.

Windsor Lions' scheme champion Lion Diane Purchase comments: "We are very excited by *Message in a Wallet* as an additional aid for the vulnerable and medically fragile in the local community. *Message in a Wallet* offers a service for out-of-the-home use. If vulnerable persons - the elderly or disabled, for example - collapses in the street, how does the medical attendant understand the patient's medical requirements, drug needs, etc - all information that may be required immediately? This is where *Message in a Wallet* come in - it can easily be kept in a purse or wallet for ready access. It will undoubtedly save lives!"

Windsor Lions are now actively distributing the small leaflets to accessible locations, e.g. doctors' surgeries, pharmacies and libraries. Supplies are currently held at the local chemist at Stoke Poges, the Cinnamon Café in Windsor and the pharmacy in Tesco, Winkfield.

Lion Diane adds: "We are looking for further relevant distribution locations, so if any organisations out there are willing to hold a stock we would love to hear from the - and, of course, promote them as a *Message in a Wallet* distributor. Simply contact me on email at dianepurchase@aol.com."

Meon Valley Lions recognised for community service

The Meon Valley Lions were privileged to attend this year's annual Mayor's Community Awards at the Guildhall, Winchester, to receive a presentation from the Right Worshipful Mayor of Winchester, Councillor Eileen Berry.



The Mayoralty and Winchester Area Community Action (WACA) has promoted this awards programme for a number of years, to recognise organisations and individuals who have given outstanding voluntary service in the Winchester District.

The awards celebrate the selfless activity that goes on in every part of local society and makes the District a true community and great place to live.

The Meon Valley Lions Club was delighted to receive the award. President Lion John Wooldridge commented, "We are the local branch of an international group dedicated to serving our local communities, so it's great to receive recognition for work that is core to our purpose and values."

This year the club has raised around £17,000 through their fund-raising activities and supported various initiatives encompassing health, well-being, poverty and youth programmes, benefitting organisations such as Naomi House, Home Start, St Peter's Youth Club Bishops Waltham, Rose Road Association, Rowans Hospice, Wickham Community Centre, Scouts and Guides and numerous other groups, charities and individuals. In addition the club's free community minibus has provided a regular weekly transport service to organisations across the Meon Valley villages.

Photograph: (L to R) Lions Dick Cowles and Sue Wooldridge, Mayor Cllr. Eileen Berry, Lions Ian Adams, John Wooldridge and Roy Cuthbertson

Annual visit to Paulton's Park

On a slightly chilly April Sunday, Lions of 105D and their worthy causes gathered at the entrance of Paulton's Park for the annual visit. Numbers were down on last year when it was held in high June and this year bad weather was forecast.

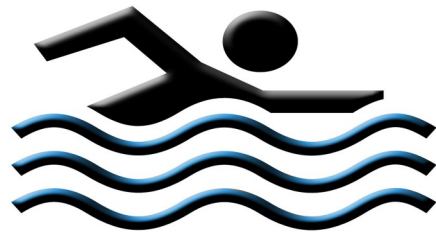
Yes, it was a bit cold but by lunchtime the sun was breaking through and everyone had a cheery smile on their faces. The water slide was a must for some and Peppa Pig delighted the little ones once again.

Paulton's Park has made a lot of changes since last year, improving their eateries to cater for more people, creating new footpaths and a new ride and more new ones planned (we made a note for next year!). Penguin feeding time was a delight with one little hand-reared penguin nudging the handler for more fish. You could almost read her mind with every nudge. "It's my turn, feed ME!"

We were pleased to see the meerkat babies of last June had all grown up and it was lovely to see their development in just ten months - must be all that exposure on TV.

We're all looking forward to another visit next year but first warm thanks to Lions John and Anita Drago from Westbury for all their very hard work over the years to provide us all with a very smoothly organised entrance to the Park.

Lion Di Merchant



Windsor's Big Splash!

The Windsor Lions are holding their annual **Big Splash**, one of the Club's major fundraisers of the year, on Sunday 17 May at Windsor Leisure Pool. With a target of at least 60 teams.

Lion Mike Sells, the event organiser, enthuses: "This is really a great opportunity for local organisations which need to raise funds to enter a swimming team and reap 100 per cent of the sponsorship moneys they attract. We are aiming at the best-ever Bif Splash this year - so organisations out there in need of funds, here is your opportunity!"

Over the years this popular event has raised almost £140,000 for local good causes. Schools, sports clubs, service organisations and hundreds of individuals have benefitted as a direct result of the swimathon which offers a very simple and straightforward way to raise money. The Windsor Lions organise and staff the whole event so there is nothing else for the teams to do other than find the swimmers and attract sponsors.

Welcome to new Lions!

I am delighted to welcome the following six new members into Lions Clubs International and wish them a long and happy time as Lions.

DG Lion Mike

Bournemouth - Lions Terry Jones (reinstated) and Lion Kateryna Bletso (transferred from Westbury LC)

Christchurch - Lion Josey Carpenter (incorrectly identified as 'Josephine Carter' in the April 2015 edition)

Guernsey - Lion Chris McDonnell

Hart - Lion Mo Clackett

Jersey - Lion Mark Godel

Petersfield - Lion Maureen Willett

Trowbridge - Lion Graham Hillier

In the same period we lost seven Lions of whom four resigned in good standing.



TAIL TWISTER

The Editor has the last word

I am delighted that more and more Clubs are seeking to make use of these columns (still an old newspaperman's view of any publication) but in order to keep down the number of pages to a realistic level, particularly for Secretaries who have to print out copies for their members, I make a plea for more articles but please make them shorter. Having been in this business for almost 50 years, I learned very early on that sub-editors expected to read the entire story in the first paragraph with the rest being capable of being spiked. Some of my correspondents will recognise that their copy is sometimes ruthlessly edited but hopefully the prime content is retained.

Of course there is one exception: I don't expect the DG to trim his copy down to one paragraph and I think we would all be very concerned if he did.

Keep the copy coming!

Lion Peter Tabb

Lions' Tail...

STOP PRESS!

Join us to raise funds for the LCIF Measles initiative - *One Shot, One Life* on Saturday 23 May at the Alton House Hotel, Alton. Tickets £21.00. Book on-line NOW via the District website; <https://lions105d.org.uk/booking.html/mf6>



The only one who seems to know what's going on is the one in the brown suit...

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