

# 105D LIONS TIMES



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Lenny the Lion makes a new friend in Basingstoke



## Alan's Month

We're now nearing the end of the second month of this Lionistic year and Anne and I have visited five Clubs out of the 23 that we will be visiting over the year. So far, I can only congratulate those Clubs for the work that they have done already this year and the forward planned events that they have in their diaries for future community based projects. The photograph on the next page shows

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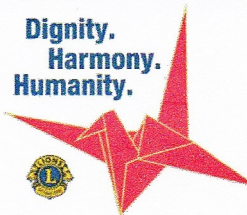


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*“Teamwork with Friendship and Fellowship”*



the many candidates who received donations from the Fleet Lions Den competition; the presentations were made at their August Club meeting.



On a lighter note most of the Clubs that we have visited are already planning to get their Christmas Floats up together for their street collections, some are planning to collect over a couple of days where others are starting early and collecting for two to three weeks in the build up the Big Day. It's not the money that counts, it's the kids and parents who enjoy seeing Father Christmas in their streets each year, although the collections do help to make their communities a better place.

On Sunday 16 August I called an extraordinary Cabinet meeting to which I also invited all of the Past District Governors; this was to enlighten the District Officers to the fact that there are proceedings taking place at MD level which might affect our District. This has been highlighted by the suggestion that 1051 may put a resolution to the May Convention requesting that they become a Single District. The Region and Zone Chairmen have already sent out my prepared sheet explaining the situation, to make sure that the message is the same throughout the District. Whatever the outcome of the analysis, it will not affect the Club members or the club activities other than it could eventually be to the members' advantage.

**June Zone 41 Open Forum.** At the Forum it was decided to hold Region Forums to get an overall opinion from the rest of the District. Due to financial constraints we have now decided to put this out to all members in the form of an online Questionnaire using all of the questions put forward at the Open Forum. Your participation will be



The Lions Clubs of Basingstoke, Hook & Odiham and Loddon Valley on Saturday 1 August staged a 'Lions Awareness Day' in Basingstoke's town centre. Many of the ideas of what the Clubs could do to raise awareness came from the fertile mind of Basingstoke's Vice President Lion Ann Vicars along with Lions Graham Botwright and John Goodchild who took the lead for Hook & Odiham and Loddon Valley respectively. They co-operation proved very fruitful and ideas such as a stall in Festival Place, face painting, quiz, Lenny the Lion, strollers, raffle, penny cards (never got the hang of that) membership brochures, application forms, etc.

Basingstoke Town Centre management agreed that they would let us have their stall which we normally use to promote World Sight Day, but refused to allow more than one Lenny to prowl the Malls with an attendant "tamer" and separate strolling billboards. During the risk assessment, the dangers associated with Face Painting were also explored. The advice received was conflicting and it was decided to seek an alternative attraction. Luckily Lion Ann's the aforesaid fertile mind came up with the cost effective alternative of issuing the kids with Lion masks instead.

The shops chosen to take part in the "Find the Lions" competition were very supportive and willingly participated. Unfortunately the same cannot be said of the Basingstoke PRO who took fright and ran away to America leaving Lion Ann to mount her own PR offensive. Now I've no idea how offensive she was, but she was certainly very successful. The newspapers, local radio, community and parish magazines all rallied to the cause and not only published her articles but put the event on Facebook and Twitter too.

And so, after three months, five multi-Club meetings, more than emails, countless telephone calls and the 16<sup>th</sup> version of the complex duty roster, the day dawned bright and sunny. And everything came together like clockwork!!! All the paperwork, competition forms, prizes, cakes and Lions bars appeared like magic and were strategically displayed on the stall which looked fantastic. Lions at their best! It was a marvellous day enjoyed by the Lions and the public alike. The children particularly were absolutely besotted with Lenny who received so much attention that he eventually had to have a little nap. Even then he got his tail pulled.

*Lion Philip Wilson*  
Basingstoke PRO



greatly appreciated and the feedback will be published online later in the year. As you will see from my MD information sheet, some questions from the OF are already being addressed.

**Thursday 20 August.** Anne and I attended the funeral of PDG Lion Bill Reed at the Methodist Chapel in his home village of Marnhull in Dorset. The chapel was full as there were many PDGs and Lions there, a fitting tribute to a wonderful man. You realise that you don't really know the person until you listen to the eulogy and someone said that there were 'enough Lions here to hold a Convention'.

**DG Lion** *Alan*

## **DG Team Ramblings**

**September 2015**

### **DG Lion Alan**

#### **Date Activity**

- 3 Sept. Gosport & Lee on Solent Official Visit
- 8 Sept. Ryde Official Visit
- 9 Sept. Wokingham Official Visit
- 10 Sept. Alton Official Visit
- 13 Sept. MD Youth Team meeting, Birmingham
- 14 Sept. Fareham Official Visit
- 19 Sept. Gillingham, Mere & Shaftesbury Charter Anniversary
- 26 Sept. Ringwood & Fordingbridge Charter Anniversary

### **1st VDG Lion David**

#### **Date Activity**

- 1 Sept. Wimborne & Ferndown Official Visit
- 2 Sept. Lymington & Brockenhurst Official Visit
- 6 Sept. MD Governance meeting, Solihull
- 7 Sept. Wareham Official Visit
- 9 Sept. Romsey Official Visit
- 14 Sept. Southampton Solent Official Visit
- 15 Sept. Weymouth Official Visit
- 19 Sept. Gillingham, Mere & Shaftesbury Charter Anniversary
- 22 Sept. Blandford Official Visit
- 28 Sept. Finance meeting, Eastleigh

### **2nd VDG Lion Peter**

#### **Date Activity**

- 1 Sept. Havant Official Visit
- 3 Sept. Newport Official Visit
- 6 Sept. MD Governance meeting, Solihull
- 14 Sept. Andover Official Visit
- 21 Sept. Hook & Odiham Official Visit
- 24 Sept. Farnborough Official Visit
- 28 Sept. Finance meeting, Eastleigh



## **98<sup>th</sup> Lions Clubs International Convention**

More than 23,000 Lions and guests from around the world, traveled to Hawaii for the 98<sup>th</sup> International Convention, held at the Hawaii Convention Center from 26 to 30 June 2015.

We had 110 members and partners from MD105, but just nine from 105D.

On the Saturday morning, the International Parade took place, with more than 10,000 members in national dress and costume, together with bands and floats. To introduce MD105 we had the Celtic Drums and Pipes of Hawaii, and also an open Corvette decorated with flags, bunting and balloons, before the main bulk of our members.

That evening, at the Hawaii Convention Center, the International Show was held, with varied acts and dancers, culminating with a set from C&W star Kenny Loggins.

Sunday 28 June, at 9.30 am, saw the first (opening) plenary session of the Convention, where a wonderful flag ceremony, parading all 211 flags of the nations in LCI was held. An inspiring speech was given by Tim Shriver (nephew of Teddy Kennedy) who is CEO of Special Olympics, based in the United States. He was truly brilliant, and gave a marvelous insight into this worldwide organization. The current world games are being held in Los Angeles.

On Monday, in the second plenary session, all the International Director candidates and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President candidates give their presentations.

On Monday evening, the B & I Reception was held at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel and more than 600 guests attended from around the world. This is the event, in which the outgoing Council Chairman, Lion Michael Phillips handed over to incoming Council Chairman Lion Simon Moss, who then introduces all the new District Governors. PID Howard Lee then made a brief introduction, and introduced PID Lion Phil Nathan, and between them they introduced any VIP guests who attended, who were many and varied, including PIP Sid Scruggs III, PIP Jim, Irvine, PIP Jimmy Ross, IPP Barry Palmer and many other guests. We were delighted also to welcome Tina Yap and Terry Quinn from the Celtic Pipes, to play for us early on and then pipe in the new DGs.

On Tuesday 30 June at the closing Plenary session of Convention, we listened, again to a very strong speak, from Carolyn Miles, President and CEO of Save the Children. Carolyn was also presented with the Lions 2015 Humanitarian award, the highest honour of the Association, which is for \$250,000 from LCIF for continuing humanitarian services. Previous recipients have included President Jimmy Carter, Mother Teresa and Condoleezza Rice.

The new International President Lion Dr Jitsuhiro Yamada of Mindokamo, Gifu, Japan, was sworn in as 2015 – 2016 International President, by Immediate Past President Lion Joe Preston. President Yamada is a neurosurgeon and gave a very emotional inaugural speech. Also elected as 2<sup>nd</sup> International Vice President was Lion Naresh Aggarwal of Delhi, India.

We all left, tired and happy, and now ready for Fukuoka, Japan, in 2016.



## New Laser Printer for Zest Café



When they heard that the Zest Café's old printer was giving them some grief, the Blackmore Vale Lions together with Gillingham, Mere and Shaftesbury Lions joined forces to provide a state of the art laser printer to the Zest Café project in Sherborne.

Both Lions Clubs were very pleased to present a brand new laser printer to the Sherborne Centre for Wellbeing Four Leaf Clover Club – Zest Café on 5 August.

In the photograph Blackmore Vale's President Lion Ray Cable and GMS Vice President Lion David Rose are seen presenting the laser printer to Zest Café Manager Caz Barrett in Sherborne. Also present were Lions Rob Rose, George Wagland, Ian Simpson, Richard Frost and Wendy Cable.

This Zest Café project is very dear to the Lions' modus operandi and fits exactly into the type of service to the local community that Lions Clubs around the world take great joy in supporting.

We wish Caz Barrett and her team of helpers every success in their quest to maintain this vital link for people in the local area with learning difficulties.

## Windsor Lions Horseride on track for another win



### The Great Park charity spectacular continues to sparkle

Windsor Lions' biggest fundraiser in the Club's calendar, the Horseride in Windsor Great Park, is on track to meet the target of 600 riders for yet another year. The marketing campaign for this popular event, this year on 12 and 13 September, is now in full swing and entries have already exceeded 300 with (at the time of writing) five weeks to go.

Organiser Lion Mark Fraser enthuses: "We are delighted once again with the interest in the Ride. The new look we introduced last year proved so popular that we are repeating that winning formula. Riders from all over the south and east of England and the Midlands have entered and it will be great if we can meet our target of 600 riders."

The event is in its 40th year and has raised more than £2 million for local good causes as well as giving thousands of riders the amazing opportunity of riding in the glorious surroundings of Windsor Great Park. The nine mile course consists of three courses running side-by-side - Advanced, Novice and Non-Jumping, something for every rider. Funds are raised through entry fees and sponsorship with trophies awarded at the end the event.

Lion Mark Fraser concludes: "As ever we are hoping to raise a lot of money for local charities and good causes. The event is all about having fun and raising money. We are very grateful to the Shanly Foundation for sponsoring the event. Sophie Christiansen, triple equestrian Gold Medallist in the London 2012 Paralympics, is also a great supporter and joins me in encouraging all riders to join us in September."

**Entries can be made via the Windsor Lions' website.**



## Blandford Lions quick off the mark

Immediately on receipt of the letter from MD105 regarding the Sight Impaired & Limbless Veterans appeal, Blandford & District Lions were galvanised into action as they seized on a perfect fundraising opportunity happening just two days later.

Due to have a stall at Milton Abbas Street Fair on 25 July attended by 6,000 people, a member created a notice to the effect that all proceeds from the Lions stall would go to the UK appeal. This must have struck a chord with the visitors — quite possibly because Blandford is a military town and home of the Royal Signals Corp - and £450 was raised on the day. The Club has added £50 and sent a donation of £500. The Street Fair normally generates a revenue of c. £200 for Blandford so this was an excellent result this time around!

## Why I am a Lion

*I am a Lion – you ask me “Why?”  
My first reply must be  
“With the efforts of many others  
I help the blind to see.”*

*Children who might have to walk  
The earth with wide unseeing eyes  
Never knowing the beauties of  
The flowers, birds and butterflies,  
And never see a crimson sunset  
Nor the different greens of the trees;  
It's good to be a Lion  
And know I am helping one of these.*

*Parents who are handicapped  
By the tragic loss of sight  
Can't properly care for their families  
Without the benefit of light;  
Their problem might be corrected  
But there's a lack of adequate funds;  
Lions anticipate the need  
And once again the job is done.*

*There is aid for the underprivileged  
As well as the lame and the blind.  
My aspiration as a Lion is  
To be a brother or sister to all mankind;  
And by working with fellow members  
In doing what needs to be done,  
More is accomplished collectively  
Than I can ever do alone.*

*Yes, I belong to a Lions Club  
And I have told you why in part.  
Its motivating power is compassion,  
It's an organisation with heart.*

JOE LAWSON

I was browsing through a copy of *The Jersey Lion* of December 1972 and came across this poem. I believe that Joe Lawson might have been a member of the then Southampton Lions Club, but whoever Joe Lawson was, as far as I am concerned he summed up for me (who had been a Lion for just 11 months at the time) precisely why I joined the organisation and also why I have stayed with it.

*Lion Peter Tabb*



## Sunday evening brass in Ferndown

The famous Lions Youth Brass Band from Cheshire performed at a concert presented by the Wimborne and Ferndown Lions at the Barrington Theatre, Ferndown, on Sunday 26 July. The concert included several solo performances in a varied programme of mostly well known tunes. The audience were amazed at the high standard and quality of the music from the 43 twelve to eighteen year olds on the stage.

Pieces included “King of the Road”(trombone solo), “Teddy Bears Picnic”(Tuba solo) and “YMCA” to get the audience's arms swinging and the picture shows the band during this last number.

## Weymouth & Portland Lions donate another laptop



Weymouth & Portland president Lion Les Board hands over another refurbished laptop to Katie Sansom of Westfield Arts College.

Katie has complex educational needs and will benefit greatly from all the scholastic apps and software programs now available to her.

## Welcome to new Lions!

I am delighted to welcome the following five new members who joined in August into Lions Clubs International and wish them a long and happy time as Lions.

**DG Lion Alan**

**Havant - Lion Ian Ranscombe**

**Maidenhead - Lion Jeremy Lea**

**Wareham - Lion Carl Litherland-Pay**

**Woodley & Earley - Lions Paul Choules and John Giacomet**





## A SUNNY DAY OUT FOR 50 FAMILIES

More than 50 families were treated to a sunny day trip to Bournemouth by the Lions Club of Maidenhead. The day out was organised by Re:charge R&R, which works in supporting families in Maidenhead.

More than 150 children and carers in four coaches left Maidenhead for a fun day out. Support worker Hannah Bronniman-Lucas had dreamt of organising such a day for some years and she said that this was a dream come true for her and the families.

The Lions Club of Maidenhead decided to pay for the day trip after investigating applications on RBWM Neighbourhood Budget scheme, and discovering that R&R had failed to obtain sufficient votes for their application.

Lion Gordon Howarth said that the Lions support the local community in many ways and this was an opportunity to give the children and their families a break, as many of them struggle with day-to-day issues and problems.



# NEWS

## In Brief

### WOKINGHAM LIONS CLUB DONATES £2,000 TO COMBAT STRESS

People who attended the Art Themen Jazz Concert in June helped support a worthy cause, Combat Stress, and the Wokingham Lions Club has presented a cheque for £2,000 to Combat Stress to help the UK's veterans suffering from Service-related mental health conditions. The money will be spent on the treatment of veterans, and to allow the charity to continue to provide service to them.

### ALTON LIONS RAISE FUNDS FOR FOUR MARKS VILLAGE HALL

Alton Lions recently organised a Quiz Night at Four Marks Golf Club and a Murder Mystery evening at Four Marks Village Hall in order to raise funds to finance a much-needed upgrade to the hall's sound system. A total of £1,800 was raised and a cheque for this amount was presented by Club treasurer Lion Mike Baker. A Lions plaque was also presented for display by the new sound system.

### JERSEY LIONS PEDAL CAR GRAND PRIX RAISES £3,500

Twenty teams of five drivers competed in the 2015 Lions Club of Jersey Pedal Car Grand Prix which took place on Sunday 9 August. The event was sponsored by ABN AMRO Bank NV and each pedal car (Burg Sports models imported from the USA) had been paid for by a local business.



Teams were competing for the coveted Lions Trophy with the winning drivers receiving Lions medals. Each team was either sponsored or paid an entry fee per driver and the event was held on a large public car park closed to the public for the event. With all the expenses for the event being met by ABN AMRO, the profit added up to £3,500.

## In Memoriam

PDG Lion Bill Reed passed to Higher Service on 11 August 2015 and Lion Peter Keep of Hook & Odiham also passed to Higher Service on 10 August. The *105D Times* extends its sincere condolences to their families, friends and Lion colleagues. They will be sadly missed.



# TAIL TWISTER

## *The Editor has the last word*

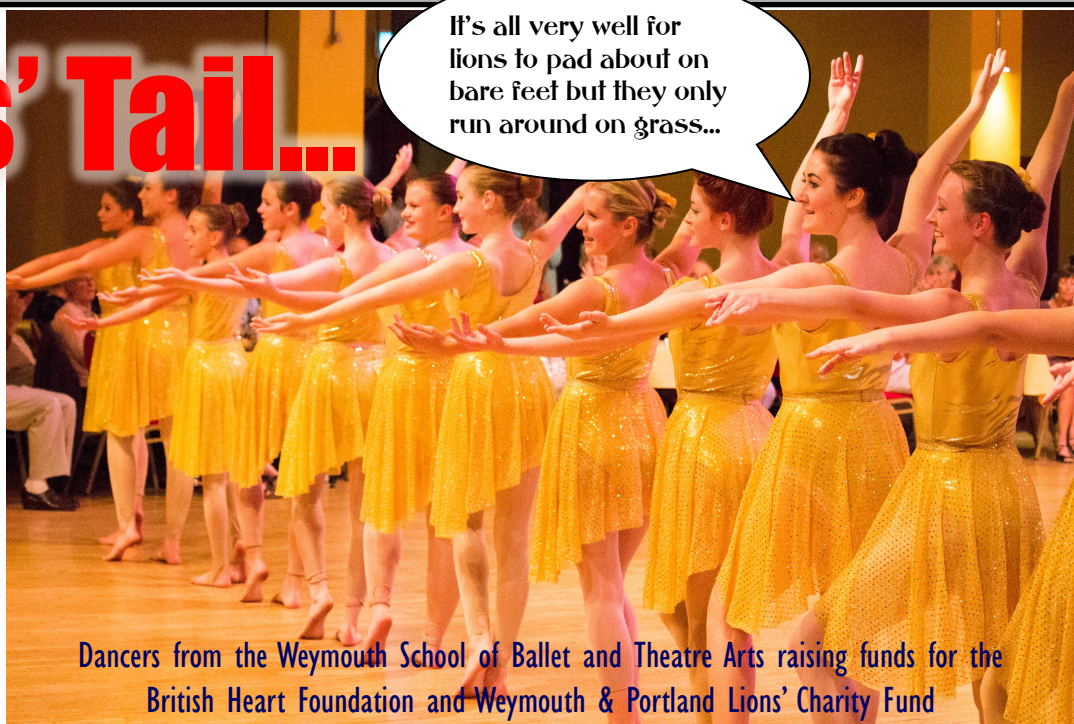
My last two 'Tail Twister's have led to a swarm of e-mails, all of which have been broadly in favour of my stated views on the corporate image promoted from the other side of the pond and, most recently, what I called 'phraseological political correctness'. When I look around me there are all sorts of topics I could vent my editorial spleen upon (and probably will do in due course) but I would be very happy to publish views that have been sent to me as 'Letters to the Editor' and you don't even have to agree with me to be published (although, of course, it helps!).

So this is an invitation to any 105D Lion who wishes to share his or her opinions with a wider audience than their own Club or social circle on any topic that will be of interest to other Lions. I will reserve the right to edit such submissions if I deem it necessary and that would usually be on the grounds of length or dubious content.

Thus if there is a topic upon which you hold particular views and would like to air them, my address is reproduced below. I look forward to being inundated.

*Lion Peter Tabb*

## Lions' Tail...



Dancers from the Weymouth School of Ballet and Theatre Arts raising funds for the British Heart Foundation and Weymouth & Portland Lions' Charity Fund

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