

# 105D TIMES

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Limbless veterans need our help



## Alan's Month

It was a huge disappointment to me to have to cancel the September Presidents' Lunch this year which was so undersubscribed it became unviable. We had negotiated a special price with the Stones Hotel and it was unfair to ask them to cater for just a few. All I hope is that this will not affect the event in future years as I feel that it's important for Presidents to get together at the beginning of the year to chat and exchange ideas and strategies as this is what makes Lionism work so well in 105D. If you would prefer a different type of event, please let

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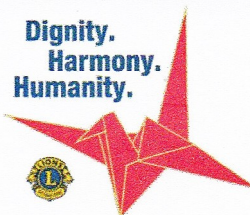


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*“Teamwork with Friendship and Fellowship”*

me or 1st Vice DG Lion David Taylor know so that it can be listed in the 2016-2017 District Diary.

I have visited several more Clubs this month and was asked to badge a new member into the Gosport and Lee-on-Solent club. This was a privilege as this is the first new member I have inducted as District Governor. This brings me on to the fact that we are bringing new members into the medium and larger Clubs, but the small clubs are struggling to find prospective members.

The District has so far this year inducted 36 new members, but again we have lost 23. Some losses are inevitable but in many cases it's worth offering Privileged Membership or At Large status if it's a case of age or business/family commitments.

At present we have a total membership of 1,240, just ten away from that magic figure of 1,250 to take us out of transition. I know that if we don't lose any members in the next month, we will achieve Regular Status once again as I have been reliably informed that at least ten will be badged up during this period.

With regard to the smaller Clubs, I am aware that it will take a massive effort on their part to turn the tide, but it can be done as some Clubs who were down to single figures over the past three to five years have recovered, but it does need determination to do it. The GMT is there to help and will help when and where required and providing your Admin account isn't bulging at the seams, the GMT can assist financially as well as physically.

On a much more cheerful note!

**On the morning of Saturday 19 September** Anne and I visited the Bournemouth Lions Club's Health Awareness and Wellbeing event at the Bournemouth School for Girls. We were not sure what to expect but were pleasantly surprised with the professionalism of how the event was organised and the number of different stands that were displaying their projects and services. These ranged from medical consultants giving talks and presentations, pop in or pre-book diabetes, blood pressure, cholesterol, heart and spinal checks and prostate cancer screening, alternative therapies, cookery demos and advice on healthy eating, physical exercise demos, fun and games for all ages. This was an eye-opener as to what a Club can do when it puts its mind to it. The event was free entry and self-funding due to the supreme efforts of a couple of dedicated Lions with the full support of their Club. All in all it was a superb community event which was well supported. This is an event that I would recommend to other like minded Clubs.

## A Special Appeal for support for homeless, sight impaired and limbless service personnel

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In the new edition of the LION magazine there is an article highlighting the approved Special Appeal for Blind Veterans UK and Blesma - the Limbless Veteran Association to expand its rehabilitation facilities at the Blind Veterans UK Llandudno Centre.

Clubs are asked to consider, if they have not already done so, making a donation to this Appeal. This is to complete the building and refurbishment which will then be used to provide specific rehabilitation training for the current and ex-service personnel facing homelessness as a result of their lives being immeasurably altered, indeed shattered, while they were protecting the nation's safety. Show appreciation for their sacrifice by fulfilling the goal of raising the target amount of £100,000 so that Lions Clubs of the British Isles and Ireland can continue to be permanently associated with a major state-of-the-art rehabilitation centre, providing essential services for disabled current and ex-service men and women.

At the launch of the Centennial Projects at this year's Multiple District Convention, Lion Phil Nathan asked Lions Clubs to support this major Council-approved Appeal as a joint acknowledgement of Blind Veterans UK's Centenary in 2015 and Lions Clubs International's own Centenary in 2017.

As a further acknowledgement of Lions Clubs' support, it is intended to name the linking glass Entrance Foyer and Central Communal area in honour of Lions Clubs International and two day rooms in the Centre in honour of Lions Melvin Jones and Bert Mason.



Please send donations to the District Treasurer endorsed with:  
**MD 105 SPECIAL APPEAL -  
BVUK AND BLESMA**



On the evening of Saturday 19 September, we were guests at the Gillingham, Mere & Shaftesbury Charter Anniversary. This was, as usual, a superb "At the sea-side" themed event with well over 100 Lions and guests attending.



The evening was packed with fun, humour and good food. After the formal part of the evening, I was privileged to be asked to present MJFs to Lions Janet Davies and Richard Penson, two well deserving, hard working members of the Club.

**DG Lion Alan**

## **DG Team Ramblings**

### **October 2015**

#### **DG Lion Alan**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
3 Oct.	Trowbridge Lions Party
4 Oct.	District Service
5 Oct.	Meon Valley Official Visit
12 Oct.	Jersey Official Visit
13 Oct.	Guernsey Official Visit
15 Oct.	DG Team Meeting
18 Oct.	Cabinet Meeting
22 Oct.	GMT/GLT Conference Call
23-25 Oct.	Council of Governors
31 Oct.	Loddon Valley Charter Anniversary

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
4-8 Oct.	Lions Faculty Development Institute, Augsburg
9-11 Oct.	Europa Forum, Augsburg
12 Oct.	Southampton Solent Official Visit
15 Oct.	DG Team Meeting
18 Oct.	Cabinet Meeting
21 Oct.	District Service meeting, Portsmouth and CIO, Briefing Bland
22 Oct.	GMT/GLT Conference Call
24 Oct.	Woodley & Earley Charter Anniversary
31 Oct.	New Milton Charter Anniversary

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
14 Oct.	Basingstoke Official Visit
15 Oct.	DG Team Meeting
18 Oct.	Cabinet/ Convention Meetings
19 Oct.	Windsor Official Visit
22 Oct.	GMT/GLT Conference Call

## **A Feast of Fine Food**

Meon Valley Lions Club were once again delighted to support the Taste of Wickham Festival on Sunday 13 September. Now in its second year, this food festival has already built a Hampshire-wide reputation, with 60 stalls show-casing the very best in local food, drink and produce



*(Left to right) Chefs Lions Roger Morfill and Pete Meadows in full flow, ably assisted by food-loader Lion Andrew Brown*

The Lions were there from 9.00 am on the Sunday morning, setting up our barbeque for what was to be a frantic few hours, keeping pace with demand from the five thousand hungry visitors who turned up on the day – an increase of over a thousand on the previous year's turnout. Our two barbeques ran nonstop for about five hours, during which time our 13 strong catering team of chefs, food preps, runners and servers managed to dish-up 724 individual servings. That's a running average of over two burger or sausage servings every minute. It was a combination of good fortune and smart thinking by the organisers that the Bowman Ales stall was located close by, facilitating much needed sustenance to the hard working Lions' staff!

Our grateful thanks go to Tull's, the Wickham butcher, for providing all the choice meats for this event and particularly Ben Sawyers for letting us take over his cold store and for accommodating all our demands. Also, we acknowledge the support of our other suppliers, McCarthy's Super Stall and Tesco's (Fareham) for providing the onions and bread products respectively.

At the end of the day we expect to clear around £1,400 for our charity account – moneys that will be ploughed back into community programmes in Wickham and other Meon Valley villages. Two other people also deserve mention. Lions John Ormiston and Michael White spent the day sharing driving duties in the Lions' minibus, providing a free park and ride service to the many visitors needing to get from the outlying parking areas to Wickham square.





## GMS Summer time and have we been busy!

What a summer it has been for GMS Lions! Firstly I, the web/media bloke, have moved to Lille in France with my job, and in the few months I have been away so much has happened. So sorry for the delay in getting the news to you.

The summer began with our new President Lion Denise Stenner taking the baton from Lion Helen Littell. A huge thank you to Helen for all that she did over the past year and welcome to Denise who has come back for her third time as Club President. She brings a lot of experience and a seemingly insatiable will and sense of fun.

Roll back the clock then to a July sunny day in Shaftesbury and GMS Lions helped out the Rotary Club with their annual Gold Hill Fair. The atmosphere was terrific and the fair was awash with people enjoying themselves. There was a wonderful programme of music, folk dancing and much merriment was had.

On 15 July GMS Lions hosted an extremely informative event at Shaftesbury Abbey site and gardens which was extremely well received by all who attended. Did you know the former Shaftesbury Abbey was founded in 888 by King Alfred? King Canute died here in 1035 and in more recent times Ridley Scott's used Gold Hill (adjacent to the abbey site) as the setting for his Hovis television advertisement.

Shortly after this we were advised that Gillingham Town Council could no longer provide us with a storage capability due to restructuring. Thank you to them for their support over the years but an even bigger thank you to Johnsons in Station Yard, Gillingham. They have already helped out in previous years by allowing us to park our Christmas float in their yard. They have offered us a large wooden container to store things in. This really is fantastic news.

GMS Lion David Taylor has previously highlighted the plight of Zest Cafe in Sherborne, a community wellbeing centre for people with mental health. In July he teamed up with Blackmore Vale Lions to fund a much needed new printer for the café.

The Club has continued its association with Hippbones Youth Club, which has now been running for nine years providing a much needed outlet to local youth in Gillingham fortnightly on a Saturday morning. Specifically GMS Lions have partnered its Youth Leadership Training Scheme with their Hippbones Youth Club Youth Development Trainee Scheme (YDT) which provides an opportunity for teenagers,

aged 14 plus, to gain invaluable life skills and experience and gain invaluable training and accreditation. Go and check it out.

Next in what turned out to be atrocious conditions the GMS Lions were out in force stewarding at the Gillingham & Shaftesbury Show cattle lines. It was

not too wet however to prevent a previous GMS Lions President and current District Lions Vice President from indulging in a steak bap which he rated 9/10, a strawberries and cream pancake which he rated as 8/10 and an ice cream which he rated as 8/10. As for the general public wow they got 10 out of 10.

Towards the end of August the Club was approached by a local carer group for families of mentally ill people, and we were pleased to be able to give a donation of £150 towards this worthy cause.

Right now as I write this the GMS Lions are preparing for their Annual Charter Anniversary and planning a date to get together to refurbish the Christmas float, a date for painting the Christmas float, planning a fund raising quiz for Friday 23 October and looking for volunteers to help marshal the Shaftesbury Gold Hill 10k Run on Sunday 11 October.

I think there is someone out there in the environs of Gillingham, Mere and Shaftesbury who would make an excellent Lion. So if it is you, go along to one of the meetings at 1930 on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Town Hall in Gillingham.

Go on surprise yourself.



*Lion Alastair McKechnie*



## A Big Welcome for Ray into the family of Lions



Former Mayor of Weymouth and a Councillor for the Borough, Ray Banham, has been inducted into the family of Lions. Lion Ray brings a wealth of entertainment business experience to the Weymouth and Portland Lions Club and has already been involved in fund-raising functions where he has been a great asset.

Lion Ray was introduced to the Club by his sponsor Lion Roger Hogbin (left) and was inducted by and presented with his Lion badge by Vice President Lion Mark Lockie. Lion Ray said it was a privilege to become a member of the Lions Club of Weymouth and Portland. "I have admired their work from a distance for a long time but after being involved with them in the recent Out Loud Festival, I realised how effective and dedicated they are and how hard they work raising funds for good causes. I am delighted to now be one of them"



## CALLING ALL CLASSIC (PRE-1980) VEHICLE OWNERS AND ENTHUSIASTS!

Clevedon Lions have now become organisers of the BRIMAR Classic Vehicle Display (now renamed LIONS BRIMAR) now that Brian and Mary Curtis have retired having run the event for charity for the past eight years. In their best year 175 vehicles took part raising more than £11,000.

The next event will take place on Sunday 24 April 2016 and will consist of a public vehicle display then a 25 mile run through the northern Somerset countryside before a final public display at a new location.

There will be a small booking fee of £10 for each vehicle and a grand raffle to raise charitable funds. If any Lion (or Lions' friends with appropriate vehicles) would like to register interest, so that more details can be sent nearer the event, please email [clevedonlions@gmail.com](mailto:clevedonlions@gmail.com) with your name/address/contact number plus brief vehicle details including the registration number.

*Lion Peter Marlow*

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## NEW MEMBERS PACKS

Please note that Clubs inducting new members should use the 2015-2016 Membership packs available from MDHQ. These include a Membership Certificate, the new Centennial Pin and a Sponsors' Certificate with a Centennial pin. The Club should also include the Member's Handbook which can be found on [www.lions105d.org.uk](http://www.lions105d.org.uk). On the menu bar, click on About Us and the Member's Handbook will be found on the drop down menu.

## Welcome to new Lions!

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

### DG Lion Alan

Eastleigh - Lion Peter Coles

Gosport & Lee-on-Solent - Lion Gillian Hinde

Henley-on-Thames - Lion Christine Free

Weymouth & Portland - Lion Ray Barnham

Wokingham - Lion Steve Curnow

Yateley & District - Lion Stephen Tite

# NEWS

## FROM ZONE 1A

Lions from Zone 1A, Blackmore Vale, Bridport, Dorchester and Weymouth and Portland were out in force at the Dorset County Show in support of West Dorset Diabetes UK Group. The group had a nurse on hand to offer a free diabetes test and the Lions were very active in persuading members of the public to take up this offer. During the weekend 179 people were tested.



Lions were also there to raise their profile and introduce the public to 'Message in a Bottle' which was a great success. A 'Key and Bottle' game and a donation bucket produced a profit of £120 which will be given to the Diabetes Group.

Zone chairman Lion Peter Oswick said: "It was good that we were able to engage with a large number of people and as a result many 'Message in a Bottle' units were given out. It was particularly pleasing to see the Zone Clubs working together so well and I would like to see us doing it again next year."

*Thought for the Month*  
*The wise will always make more*  
*opportunities than they find ...*

*Francis Bacon 1561 - 1626*

## Lions help in providing life saving equipment for Weymouth's Pavilion Theatre

A life-saving piece of equipment is now at the ready at Weymouth's Pavilion Theatre thanks to the efforts of a family who know how important it can be.



Sixteen years old Toby Manning and his grandparents have been fundraising for a defibrillator after Toby's grandmother's life was saved by one of these machines.

The defibrillator will be housed in the foyer of Weymouth Pavilion and can be used at the venue and around the town.

Weymouth and Portland Lions and other service clubs and local organisations also provided funding for this very worthy cause.

## 10 Mental Health Charities to benefit from Jersey Lions 2016 Swimarathon

Ten Jersey charities dealing with mental health issues of adults and children will benefit from half the moneys raised by the Jersey Lions' 2016 Swimarathon. In addition people nominated by the charities will also be offered free respite holidays at the Lions' own Maison des Landes Hotel which caters exclusively for people with mental or physical disabilities. The 2015 Swimarathon, sponsored by RBC Wealth Management, raised in excess of £140,000.





# TAIL TWISTER

## *The Editor has the last word*

Charities have been much in the news recently and mostly for the wrong reasons. The fundraising tactics adopted by some of the 'major' charities have, in my view, rightly brought down opprobrium (and the might of the mainstream media) upon them.

What I have always admired about the way Lions go about fundraising is the way we do it. We don't go out with a begging bowl (in my own Club we *never* shake tins) but what we do is amply illustrated in the pages of this august publication - we create events which the public gladly support and thanks to our subsequent activities in the community, the public know that what they give will be used wisely and well and I have been privileged to publish numerous examples.

We are much tasked with generating more Lions so that we may move out of transition. In my view, primarily we need to generate more Lions so that we can achieve more in the communities we are pledged to serve. While it is important, achieving transition comes second to fulfilling our founder's axiom that 'we serve'. We are already proving that we do.

*Lion Peter Tabb*

## Lions Tail...



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