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The blind leading the blind in Blandford



Alan's Month

Sunday 4 October saw the gathering of clubs and their town Mayors and Town Clerks to the District Service of Rededication at the Minster Church in my home town of Warminster. There was a formal procession of the dignitaries which included the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire. The event was organised by PP

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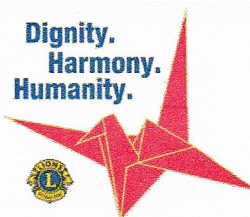


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“Teamwork with Friendship and Fellowship”

Lion Richard Owen whose wife, the Revd Carole Owen, officiated at this annual event, which was kept as light hearted as possible and open to all denominations. There were readings from the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Lieut Gen. Sir Roderick Cordy-Simpson and the President of the Lions Club of Warminster, Lion Andrew Robinson.



After the Service the Warminster Lions ladies put on a wonderful tea which was served from the refreshment area at the rear of the church. The Warminster Club was ably assisted by the Lions Club of Westbury with car parking and cakes made by the Lions Club of Gillingham Mere & Shaftesbury.

There is still a habitual problem with some clubs not submitting their Monthly Membership reports which are my guide to the health of the district. It is impossible for me and for LCI to know what our true membership numbers are without your reports. I have now asked the Zone Chairmen to check a few days prior to the last day of the month and chase those clubs who have not reported.

There is also the fact that very few clubs ever submit their activities reports to LCI which again gives the impression that they are not functioning as a Lions Club. I know from my club visits that this is not the case, but would urge clubs to submit reports in future as you can also put photographs onto the report.

If you don't blow your own trumpet, nobody will do it for you.

World Sight Awareness Day in Blandford and District

Wednesday 7 October was World Sight Awareness Day and the Lions of the Blandford and District Club held their annual event of walking the Mayor around the marketplace blindfold to impart awareness of the problems that blind and partially blind people encounter on town centre streets and pavements.

Mayor Councillor Steven Hutchings was led by Margaret Hemus of the Blandford Blind Club, supported by some club members and assisted by members of the Lions Club. During the walk £60 was collected from passers-by.

and in Weymouth & Portland



In a very similar exercise to their colleagues of the Blandford Club, the Lions of Weymouth & Portland arranged for their Mayor, Councillor Christine James, to be blindfolded and, along with Lion Trevor Stratton, to go shopping in Tesco's on Portland. After the exercise Christine said: "It was a strange experience and very unnerving having to rely totally upon others to complete tasks for me. It has certainly raised my awareness of the challenges that blind people face every day."

Most Clubs are now getting ready for the Christmas float/static collections in place for the festive season which to some is the biggest event of their year. At this juncture I would remind you that you need to get your Street Collection Licenses and your Performing Rights Society Licenses in place if you play commercial music on your Floats. My last comment is to be safe, do your risk assessments and enjoy being a Lion. After all it's not a duty, it's a responsibility and a privilege to serve!

DG Lion *Alan*

DG Team Ramblings

November 2015

DG Lion Alan

Date	Activity
2 Nov.	Southbourne & Boscombe Official Visit
4 Nov.	DG Team meeting, Amesbury
7 Nov.	Guernsey Charter Anniversary
9 Nov.	Bracknell Official Visit
10 Nov.	Bridport Official Visit
11 Nov.	GMS Official Visit
12 Nov.	Trowbridge Official Visit
14 Nov.	Hayling Island Charter Anniversary
15 Nov.	Windsor Charter Anniversary
18 Nov.	Salisbury Official Visit
21 Nov.	Christchurch 50th Charter Anniversary
22 Nov.	Peace Poster Judging, Alton House Hotel
26 Nov.	Newbury Official Visit

1 VDG Lion David

Date	Activity
1 Nov.	GMS Brunch
4 Nov.	DG Team meeting, Amesbury
14/15 Nov.	1st VDG Meeting
17 Nov.	Woodley & Earley Official Visit
18 Nov.	Bradford on Avon Official Visit
21 Nov.	Wimborne & Ferndown Charter Anniversary

2 VDG Lion Peter

Date	Activity
2 Nov.	Cosham Official Visit
4 Nov.	DG Team meeting, Amesbury
9 Nov.	Reading Official Visit
12 Nov.	Westbury Official Visit
13/16 Nov.	2nd VDG meeting
18 Nov.	Zone B meeting, Bournemouth
23 Nov.	Portsmouth Official Visit



At the 36th Charter Anniversary of the Gillingham, Mere and Shaftesbury Lions Club, District Governor Lion Alan Chapman presented Melvin Jones Fellowships to Lions Janet Davies and Richard Penson. This award is the highest recognition of service and respect that the Lions Clubs International Foundation can give and was presented to Lion Janet for her services to the Club as Secretary over many years and to Lion Richard for his service over 36 years.

Lion President Denise Stenner with a 100 members and guests enjoyed an evening entitled a 'Day at the Seaside'. The guests attending included District Governor Lion Alan Chapman and his wife, Anne; the Mayor of Gillingham, Cllr David Walsh accompanied by his fiancée, Cllr Belinda Ridout, and Mr Gavin Cooper, the Garden Centre Manager of Orchard Park Garden Centre, and his wife Verena.



District 105D

51st Convention

18-20 March 2016
Holiday Inn, Winchester

Motoring into Winchester

Convention programme includes
Workshops with practical day-to-day content accompanied by exhibitions and Lions' displays

Friday evening
Host Night Dinner & Cabaret - theme: Motoring
Dress code: optional - theme or smart casual

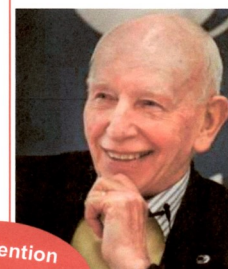
Saturday evening
District Governor's Banquet & Ball with entertainment
Dress code: Black Tie

Sunday morning
Open forum, competition presentations and Q&A with International Guest

Special Guest Speaker

John Surtees, OBE

John Surtees, OBE, will speak on Saturday on behalf of the Henry Surtees Foundation.



Convention
booking opens
1st November

www.lions105d.org.uk



Blackmore Vale's President Lion Ray Cable presented a cheque for £1000 to Joy Morley, Fundraiser of CLIC Sargent in Dorset, at the Lions' Dinner Meeting on Monday 28 September 2015.

CLIC Sargent is the United Kingdom's leading cancer charity for children and young people, and their families. They provide clinical, practical, financial and emotional support to help them cope with cancer and get the most out of life. They also provide support from diagnosis onwards and aim to help the whole family deal with the impact of cancer and its treatment, life after treatment and, in some cases, bereavement.

CLIC Sargent Dorset was one of the nominated charities from the Revival event held at Henstridge Airfield earlier in the summer. The Blackmore Vale Lions are very pleased to be able to present this cheque to this very worthwhile charity as this type of beneficial aid fits exactly into the type of service to the local community that Lions Clubs around the world take great pleasure in supporting.

We wish CLIC Sargent and their team every success in their quest to maintain this service for children and young people.

Thought for the Month

He who has never hoped can never despair

George Bernard Shaw 1856-1950

Our Young Ambassador Jenna Volpert in her own write



It is human nature to respond to others in need. We are wired, so to speak, with a compassionate instinct. People from all walks of life want to contribute but aren't quite sure how to go about organising their community service to improve the lives of others. I have finally decided how to spend the bursary generously donated through the Young Ambassadors Scheme and I am in the process of initiating a website that will link willing participants to the many Jersey charities highlighting volunteering opportunities.

The purpose is to advance a culture of volunteerism and widespread civic engagement in Jersey across all ages. It includes everyone: individuals, businesses, schools and charities. The website is basically a calendar with various community service opportunities. Dates, times and details will be clearly displayed. The objective is to make it easy to identify the charity that appeals to you – and get involved.

The intention is to launch the website at the same time as people consider their 2016 New Year's resolutions. If we can make it easy for people to donate their time and effort, 2016 will be just the beginning of more Islanders playing a very fulfilling role in our local parishes or even further afield.

Autism Jersey

In addition, some funds will go to the Autism Jersey's Christmas Celebration in December. Members and their families will come together for cake, mince pies and carols. They will have a chance to thank the volunteers for all that they have done throughout a very busy year. It will also be a 'taster session' for anyone considering joining the Befriending Scheme. It is the perfect opportunity to demonstrate the value of Autism Jersey in a warm and welcoming environment.

Autism Jersey has impacted my life so positively and I am grateful for the opportunity to share this with others. Prior to our Christmas Celebration I plan to hold a training session for the volunteers wishing to help at the event. I will share my experiences as a Befriender with others (see the photograph above of myself and Caleb) My hope is that many will be inspired to join the training scheme in January 2016 where they will learn new skills and benefit from the satisfaction of giving.

I look forward to the challenge of the next few months with great excitement and appreciate the support of the Lions Club as always.

Jenna Volpert



£500 for riding for the disabled

Blackmore Vale Lions President Ray Cable presents a cheque for £500 to Tessa Woodhouse the Chairman of Henstridge RDA on Wednesday 14 October 2015. Also in the photograph are Blackmoor Vale Lions Wendy Cable and George Wagland.

Henstridge RDA is a voluntary service and aims to enable as many people of all ages and ability to ride a horse. Tessa advises that although the RDA tag is Riding for the Disabled there are many users of the service who may not wish to be called disabled - for these people RDA means Riding Develops Abilities.

Many local schools take advantage of this service together with those getting over accidents or illness and the many volunteers ensure that there is always at least a one to one volunteer/rider ratio.

There are currently eight horses/ponies available to ride but in the event of inclement weather or if anyone either cannot physically get on a horse or are of a nervous disposition there are two mechanical horses that will provide a great stepping stone to the real thing.

The Blackmore Vale Lions were very pleased to present this cheque to Henstridge RDA as it is these local charities and good causes that provide a service to the community that Lions take great joy in supporting.

Windsor Lions distribute thousands to local good causes

At the end of September the Lions Club of Windsor distributed more than £7,500, the funds raised at their successful 'Big Splash!' swimathon in May, to local good causes. The awards evening was held at the Windsor Cricket Club and was attended by the Mayor of the Royal Borough, Cllr Mrs Eileen Quick.

This was the 19th 'Big Splash!' held by the Club and it has raised more than £145,000 since its inception in 1997, all of which has been spent on local good causes.

Among the award winners were Willow Heffernan (pictured receiving her trophy from the Mayor) for being the best sponsored junior, East Berkshire Downs



Syndrome Group for best sponsored seniors, the Windsor Leisure Centre for most laps swum by a senior team, and the President's Cup to Michelle Rankin for her help in promoting the 'Big Splash!' to new teams.

Event organiser Lion Mike Sells enthused: "We have had another excellent event this evening doing what Windsor Lions do best—distributing much needed funds to local charities and other good causes and having great fun in the process. Roll on May 2016 when we can do it all over again!"

Welcome to a new Lion!

I am delighted to welcome the following new member who joined in October into Lions Clubs International and wish him a long and happy time as a Lion.

DG Lion *Alan*

Woolmer Forest - Lion Thomas Ferguson

**The 105D Times records with sadness the passing
to higher service of Lion Peter Holder
of the Lions Club of Crofton**



Weymouth Lions promote biking on the beach

Weymouth & Portland Lions Cub has been congratulated for promoting the 'best ever' beach motocross weekend on Weymouth's golden sands. On Saturday and Sunday 10 and 11 October. Crowds flocked to see the action on both days and on the Saturday afternoon, as well as a three man stunt riding display team, local motor engineers gave beach buggy (or to be technical all-terrain 4-wheel drive) rides to the public. There was a juvenile motocross display, a taster for the real thing on the Sunday afternoon. In addition our Club's own lion took on 'The Gorillaman' for some head-to-head entertainment for children of all ages!

Sunday's racing drew unprecedented crowds, all serviced by a variety of stalls offering delights such as curry wraps and hand-made Dorset hotdogs.

Weymouth & Portland president Lion Les Board says: "This is the Club's biggest event of the year and in terms of crowds and the variety of entertainment a great success made possible by a mix of commercial sponsorship and simple good-heartedness. We thank all those organisations who helped in any way towards the success of this great weekend."



£500 helps buy a scramble net

Blackmore Vale Lions President Ray Cable and his wife Wendy have presented a cheque for £500 to St Nicholas School, Henstridge.

The money was donated to help purchase a scramble net and other PE equipment for the children and the photograph shows the children in front of some of the equipment.



Specs waiting to be sorted by Chichester Lions on World Sight Awareness Day





TAIL TWISTER

The Editor has the last word

I had my first experience of attending a meeting at MD HQ in Birmingham in mid-October. It was a meeting of District PROs and newsletter editors and, for me, a Channel Islander for whom Birmingham is a long way away, an interesting and probably productive day. 105D was well represented with PRO Lion Richard Keeley and myself and inevitably the subjects devolved around the links between good PR and membership, how to find new members and hold on to those we've got but above all 'substantially to increase public awareness' of Lions and what we do with the need to work together with the same methods and stories. In marketing we call this branding and thus the question becomes whether or not we are a product or a service. The former tends to be measured by what it looks like, the latter by what it does. Lions will make news and raise public awareness more by what they do than what they look like. Despite the rise and rise of social media, lasting public awareness is achieved and maintained by what we do for the community making news in the mainstream media and that takes skill and dedication that manipulating social media tends not to need.

Lion Peter Tabb

Lion's Tail...



Blackmore Vale president Lion Ray Cable earns his spurs

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