

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Front Page Picture—A happier New Year thanks to donations to the MD Appeal for Winter Blankets for Child Refugees



Alan's New Year

December has been particularly busy for me, giving some time to my Club with the Christmas Float collections since I have not been able to attend any Club meetings due to DG duties

which obviously have to take priority.

There has been a trickle of responses to my request for feedback regarding the vast amount of paperwork sent out to every member regarding the restructuring of the Multiple District.

The general opinion is that most members are not too concerned about the changes providing it doesn't affect their local activities and their Zone remains intact.

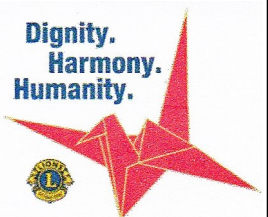


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“Teamwork with Friendship and Fellowship”



Some members are more concerned that the Preferred Option has allocated their Zone to a new District which, due to historic reasons, they would prefer not to move.

I have submitted an Option 7 to the Chairman of Council which will mean there would be eight Districts instead of the seven proposed in the new districting plan which would keep I05D more or less intact and including the Channel Islands.

It will involve expanding the District by bringing in Zones from three other districts to increase our membership up to around 1,580 and forming a new District I05DC.

This will make the southern counties much more manageable considering the poor road system throughout the south western area of the Multiple District and will not affect the new proposed Districts throughout the rest of the United Kingdom

On a much lighter note, Clubs will have now finished their Christmas activities and Santa can put the reindeer out to grass and sleighs will be parked up for another year.

Hopefully the coffers are full and you can now put your feet up for a few days and enjoy the festivities and watch the repeats of your favourite programmes on TV.

I am starting to put the details together with the Convention committee for the 2016 Convention which is going to be run along the same lines as the 2015 event in Bournemouth which most people attending thought was much better and informative than in previous years, which had been the traditional event we all grew to know.

I will be trimming a few bits but in general but there will be something there for everyone. Our keynote speaker will be John Surtees CBE, the only racing driver to win World Championships on both two and four wheels.

There will be three workshops after lunch on the Saturday, all on current subjects with a **Tell Us What You Do Best** session on the Sunday morning.

You will also have an opportunity to discuss your thoughts on Lionism with my International Guest PID Lion Howard Lee.

Wishing you all a very Happy and Lionistic New Year.

DG Lion Alan



The Weymouth & Portland Lions annual Christmas show for senior citizens was, once again, a resounding success. The show was fronted by 50s and 60s band **Replay** which features our very own Lion Norman Stagles who does a very convincing Dusty Springfield impersonation.

Lion Norman and his wife Ann put the show together, drawing from a wealth of local talent for which the Lions are extremely grateful. The Lions themselves put together **Joe White and the Seven Dwarfs**, a sketch which caused great amusement.



...and take a festive plunge!

Snow White and Nurse Nelly, from the pantomime showing at Weymouth Pavilion, and president Lion Les Board and Roger the Lion (Lion Roger Hogbin) were present to help promote the Lions Christmas Day swim across the harbour, an event attended by the local media. As well as being good for the Club's profile, it is hoped that the 270 participating swimmers will have improved on last year's total of £11,250 raised.

DG Team Ramblings

January 2016

DG Lion Alan

Date Activity

- 9-10 Jan: Young Ambassador Final, Bournemouth
- 12 Jan: Convention Committee Meeting, Holiday Inn, Winchester
- 13 Jan: DG Team Meeting, Wyke Down Pub, Andover
- 17 Jan: (am) Cabinet meeting, Alton House Hotel, Alton
- 17 Jan: (pm) Deaf Awareness Training, Alton House Hotel, Alton
- 25 Jan: DMT/GLT meeting, Ibis Hotel, Southampton
- 29-31 Jan: Council of Governors, St John's Hotel, Solihull

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- 4 Jan: Finance Conference Call meeting
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- 21 Jan: Poole Official Visit
- 25 Jan: DMT/GLT meeting, Ibis Hotel, So'ton

Welcome new Lions!

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

DG Lion Alan

Eastleigh - Lion Wendy Blackman

Reading - Lion Carole Irving

Salisbury & District - Lions Sherwin Brent Polius, Georgina Listra Polius and Susan Leake

Weymouth & Portland - Lion Ryan Hope

Woolmer Forest - Lion Chris Webb



Amelia is a Young Leader

Alton Lions president Lion Peter Bacon presents Amelia Sanders of Amery Hill School with her Lions Young Leaders in Service Silver Award. He is accompanied by Mrs Joleen Riley, Assistant Head responsible for pastoral affairs.

The award took place at the end of a week of presentations on volunteering and community service by Mrs Riley and Lion Derek Shaw to relaunch the Lions Young Leaders in Service scheme at the school.

Gold and Silver awards provide international recognition for voluntary service in the community and are seen as an extremely useful enhancement to CVs for employment and university applications.



This is going to be a challenging year for Lions in 105D, with a proposal to re-District MD105 which would see 105D split into three and merged with other Districts.

How can you make a difference?

Take the opportunity to make *your* view and that of your Club known by attending Convention and debating and voting on Resolution 6.



Book for Convention on: <https://lions105d.org.uk/booking/mf11>; or follow the links from the District website. Pay for now, or pay a deposit of £40 and then pay the balance later. Remember, hotel accommodation is booked separately, and we have agreed special Convention rates, £90 per night twin/double, £85 per night single. Call the hotel on 01962 670700 and quote **Lions Convention 2016**. Motor on down to Winchester and join us in the fun!

Lion Steve Spencer

Communications, District Convention 2016

Gosport and Lee-on-the-Solent Club holds initial dementia awareness meeting

Following a Lions International initiative started by PDG Lion Pat Nixon from Cosham Lions, the Gosport and Lee-on-the-Solent Club recently held their initial dementia awareness get-together. Cllr Keith Farr, Mayor of Gosport and his wife along with Cllr Roger Allen from Hardway were among the audience of interested people and Club members.

The meeting listened with great interest as Lion Pat, who had recently become a Dementia Champion, gave an oversight of some of the challenges that both people who live with dementia and their families face, what dementia is and how anyone feels when a loved one is diagnosed.

After the illustrated talk, the meeting was opened up by Gosport Secretary Lion Carole Gratton and there followed a question and answer session followed by the opportunity to discuss personal experiences.

Lion David Andrews commented that, with the support and assistance of the Dementia Action Group, it is hoped that this would be the first of many such meetings and that in future more shops, businesses and organisations, including youth and volunteer groups, will be invited to take part and thus help to ensure that Gosport and Lee-on-the-Solent lead the way in understanding dementia in all its various forms and be able to make the town less intimidating for those who are living with the condition.

Lion Carole Gratton thanked everyone for the support shown and hoped that everyone would take away from the meeting a greater understanding of dementia and its impact on lives. Mayor Farr warmly thanked the Lions for taking up this initiative and hoped to be able to support any further efforts in making Gosport truly dementia friendly.



96 Christmas Food Parcels from the Lions

The annual delivery of Christmas food parcels to local people has been made again by Wimborne and Ferndown Lions Club.

Club members fill bags with about 25 food items from bulk supplies purchased from Morrisons of Verwood. In a well established process, stacks comprising 96 pieces of each food item are assembled on tables. Club members then circulate, filling the bags with one from each stack. The bags are then delivered to people most in need who have been notified to the Lions from local Social Services, CABs and GPs, etc.

We would like to thank the Verwood Hub for the use of their room for the parcels assembly and also Jenny Cook of Morrisons for her help in arranging for the efficient supply of the food items. Jenny Cook is pictured above flanked by Lion Godwin Micallef and Club President Lion Barry Duxbury.

I will honour
Christmas in my
heart, and try
to keep it all
year -
Charles Dickens



Secretary Lion Carole Gratton opens the meeting



Poole's Masked Ball raises more than £1000 for a special school

When Poole Lions celebrated their 50th Charter Anniversary at Les Bouviers in April, they did not realise what an impression they had made on the restaurant owners.

However, when later in the year, the restaurant came to celebrate its own 25th anniversary, it was the Poole Lions who were invited not only to help them celebrate, but also to nominate a charity which would be given half the receipts from a Masked Ball celebration.

Many Lions were not too sure what a Masked Ball would involve, but it sounded fun, so the Lions joined in with enthusiasm. The charity chosen was the Montacute School for children with severe, complex or profound and multiple learning difficulties. The school was particularly glad to have the support as their new building needs funds to equip it.

On the appointed evening Lions arrived in their masks (see above) but somehow a Lion in a mask is still recognisable! Everyone enjoyed a buffet dinner, a charity auction, the inevitable raffle, entertainment and dancing.

After the event Lions and representatives of Les Bouviers went to Montacute School and presented the school with a cheque for £1,097.

Did you notice that?



Wimborne and Ferndown Lions have got some new notice boards which are sited on the walls at Tesco in Ferndown and the Co-op in Wimborne.

Apart from details of forthcoming events, the boards also show details of the 30 or so beneficiaries the Club has supported in 2015. They thank Tesco and the Co-op for their help and co-operation in allowing this display.

The picture is the board at exit of the Tesco car park.



Caught on camera!

The Woolmer Forest Lions Club stall at this year's Christmas Fair at the Forest Centre was captured in this great photograph by a member of the public.

The Club managed to raise £281 and this money will be put to good use supporting the community in this festive period. The Club members thank the people of Bordon and Whitehill for their continued support and generosity.

In Memoriam

The 105D Times records with sadness the passing to higher service of Lions
Michael Green (Blackmore Vale) and James Arthur Park
(Southbourne & Boscombe)

Windsor Lions' "Message in a Wallet" proves its worth



Windsor Lions' latest initiative, *Message in a Wallet*, launched just six months ago, has already paid dividends. Through the information in the 'message', a local lady was saved from unnecessary and costly medical treatment which allowed her to go home rather than be taken to hospital. A major bonus for the patient and a major cost saving for the NHS.

Lion Diane Purchase, manager for the *Message in the Wallet* scheme for Windsor Lions, explains: "*Message in a Wallet* allows the bearer to describe the medication/condition that he or she is using so that it can be retained on the person, in 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."

Message in a Wallet complements the other well-known Lions' schemes *Medic Alert* and *Message in a Bottle* which allows the same medical information to be retained in the home.

Re-Districting - the way forward?

A Resolution in the Name of District Cabinet 105D

1. An Emergency Resolution for District Convention 2016

2. A Resolution for Multiple District Convention 2016

This Convention resolves that:

"The programme of re-districting Multiple District 105 is delayed and an appropriate Resolution presented at Multiple District 105 Convention 2017. This will allow for full consultation to take place with the Multiple District membership and must include a special one day Convention, in a central location of the Multiple District, to allow for full and frank discussion on the issues which have been raised thus far, as well as any further issues which may come to light."

Explanatory Note:

District 105D believes that the Council of Governors 2015/16 should concentrate in this Lionistic year on introducing the proposals submitted by the working party tasked with reviewing the structure and governance of the Multiple District, which it is anticipated will deliver major expenditure savings. To re-district as well is 'too much, too soon'. A full day is required for discussion of the re-districting issues as Multiple District Convention 2016 will not have time to debate fully all of the issues.

This Resolution requires a simple majority



TAIL TWISTER

The Editor has the last word

In his report District Governor Alan has referred to his initiative on the previous page which calls for more time for Lions throughout the country to consider the consequences of the current plans for 're-Districting'. While it is also clear from his report that Clubs might be more concerned that their Zone remains unchanged than how their District is reorganised, I hope the DG gets all the support he needs to take his initiative forward. For my own Club members, being 'offshore' means that the geography that tends to bind Districts together internally is already stretched and thus whatever comes about will, in practice, make little difference - we shall still have to cross the sea to attend Conventions. Notwithstanding we were conceived in 105D and that's rather where we would like to stay.

In the meantime, the *105D Times* wishes all its readers a peaceful, happy and very productive New Year.

Lion Peter Tabb

Lion's Christmas Tail

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Congratulations to Lion Tony Ives, Blandford & District Lions Club Secretary, on the award of the British Empire Medal in

the 2016 New Year's Honours List for his services to youth clubs and the community in Dorset.



Eight weeks old Henry Lawrence meets Blackmore Vale's Santa Claus

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