



Alan's Month

The time has gone by very quickly through January, and at the time of writing Christmas seems a distant memory.

I purposely gave most of my time through December to give support to my Club with their Christmas Float where we raised about £3,500 from the generous people of Warminster.

The highlight of January was our attendance at the 2016 Young Ambassador Final in Bournemouth. Once again this was an

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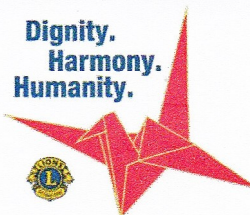


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“Teamwork with Friendship and Fellowship”



extremely well organised event, but unfortunately there were only four candidates from Clubs who are very youth orientated and regularly put in an appearance. This year the participating Clubs were Jersey, Poole, Ringwood & Fordingbridge and Southampton Solent. The candidates were all girls with a variety of projects from Brain Tumour Research to working with disabled children at a Community Farm.

The District 105D Young Ambassador representative at the MD Final in Dudley in February is Rozanna Toomer. She is a very confident 17 year old, sponsored by the Southampton Solent Lions Club and we wish her every success in the Final.



This is one of the best projects that Lions do for young people and it surprises me that more Clubs don't offer this opportunity to young people in their local communities. There is a bit of effort required to find and coach the candidates, but the end result is so worthwhile.



When I first got involved with YA more than 19 years ago, we used have many more candidates and it was necessary to hold Regional finals to reduce the numbers down to about five for the District final. Those were the days when the membership of Clubs was younger and youth projects were considered to be one of the main activities on the Clubs' annual agenda.

It would be rather nice if we could rekindle the enthusiasm for the youth programme which seems to have slipped off our radar of late.

Again much of my time has been taken up with the Restructuring saga where it would appear that the committee has now come up with two more options, the first (which is their preferred option) takes 105D out of the equation, but this time they have moved the Channel Islands from east to west. I would think they might be getting seasick with all this

A Double Record For Weymouth & Portland

Over £23,000 raised and 336 Swimmers

Several thousand people lined Weymouth Harbour on Christmas Day morning to watch the annual harbour swim organised by the Weymouth & Portland Lions Club. 336 swimmers took to the water in nine separate swims raising more than £23,000 between them for a whole host of national and local charities and it is understood that there is more to come from online donation sites which are not included here. Swimmers came from far and wide including a couple from Germany and a lady from Abu Dhabi.



Ready to take the plunge and (front page) taking the plunge



DISTRICT 105D
CONVENTION 2016
Motoring into Winchester

CONVENTION EXTRAS

- ◆ First timers to the 2016 Convention can lunch with our keynote speaker, former world champion on two and four wheels John Surtees and our International Guest.
- ◆ There is a Partners' Outing to Winchester Cathedral with a special tour with a qualified Blue Badge Guide
- ◆ MD Supplies will be available and intending attendees can save money by ordering any items and have them delivered to Convention at no extra cost. Just order items from MD in the usual way before the Convention and ask for them to be delivered to the Convention.

Motor on down to Winchester and join in the fun!

movement of their islands up and down the English Channel. It also splits our Zone 2D and it also splits one family where the members will be in different districts!!

Their second option, which has eight districts and would be the most sensible, will keep most of 105D together but it will be necessary compromise on some movement of Zones which is the price we will have to pay to come to an agreeable solution.

I have done my best to try to keep 105D together and will continue to do so as I believe it is the best solution to the restructuring programme that is necessary to strengthen all Districts throughout the Multiple District.

There have been some Clubs asking what is being done regarding funding assistance for the flood victims in Yorkshire, Cumbria and Scotland. District BN have donated £8,000 and have applied for an LCIF Grant, the MD Community Disaster Fund has donated £25,000, with the proviso that further donations can be made as and when necessary. There will be a request going out shortly to enable Clubs to donate to the MD Community Disaster Fund to replenish funds for future UK disasters and emergency needs.

DG Lion Alan

Welcome new Lions!

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

DG Lion Alan

Bradford on Avon - Lion Robert Farriman
Dorchester & District - Lions Anthony Howen and Brian Hutchings

Eastleigh - Lion Paul Wall

Fleet - Lion Steven Ray Keen

Gosport & Lee-on-Solent - Lion Christopher Wells

Hayling Island - Lions Neil Veck and Teresa Carol Veck

Isle of Wight Ryde - Lion Andrew Parnell

Reading - Lion Sophie Nevin

Southbourne & Boscombe - Lion Joanne Elliot



When Henstridge Village Hall suffered a fire some years ago, their soot-damaged upholstered metal chairs were thrown out and replacements were donated by Furnicare. Members of St Nicholas Church salvaged the damaged chairs and cleaned them up.

For the past few years these chairs have been used when extra seating was required in the church. However they were a mixture of colours and the church wished to replace them with 30 new wooden upholstered chairs.

The Blackmore Vale Lions, at the request of Parochial Church Council member Mrs Gill Egan, donated £500 and the remainder of the money required to purchase the chairs came from a legacy to the church from Mrs. Anne Locke of Henstridge which the PCC considered would be appropriate to use for this purpose. Thanks to these generous gifts St Nicholas Church has been able to buy 30 light-weight upholstered stacking chairs - 15 with arms, 15 without.

These new church chairs will allow the parish church to be used more flexibly for both church and community events.

The original chairs have now been returned to the village hall where they have been gratefully received for use at events when large numbers are expected.

In the photograph Lions Richard Frost, George Wagland and Peter Oswick are seen with St Nicholas Church PCC members Mrs Jenny Bates and Mrs Gill Egan.

Date	Activity
6 Feb:	Wareham Charter Anniversary
7 Feb:	Burnham Charter Anniversary Afternoon Tea
8 Feb:	Bournemouth Official Visit
9 Feb:	Crofton Official Visit
14 Feb:	PDG Lunch, Salisbury
19/20 Feb:	Young Ambassador MD Final, Dudley
20/21 Feb:	Weymouth & Portland Charter Anniversary
23 Feb:	Convention meeting, Winchester
27/28 Feb:	Sandown & Shanklin Charter Anniversary

7 Feb:	Blackmore Vale Lions Half Marathon
20/21 Feb:	Young Ambassador MD Final, Dudley

12/13 Feb:	Fact-finding visit to proposed 2018 Convention venue
23 Feb:	Convention meeting, Winchester



DISTRICT 105D

CONVENTION 2016

Motoring into Winchester



Don't let this be you, if you miss out on Convention!

Space for the social events is limited, don't be left out.

Book for Convention on: <https://lions105d.org.uk/booking/mfll>; or follow the links from the District website.

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**.

Lion Steve Spencer

Communications, District Convention 2016



It is hardly likely to look like this 'Lions Pavilion' photographed by Jersey Lion Bob Gaiger on holiday in Gujarat, India. Although promoted as a Lions meeting place, apparently the Lions actually meet in that bland grey building behind it.

Aldershot Lions supported The Vine Centre over the Christmas period to help their work for the homeless which includes companionship and practical assistance, housing and benefit advice, securing accommodation for their homeless clients, counselling, drug and alcohol support drop-in health clinic, budget management, form-filling, laundry services, nutritious meals, emergency food parcels and clothing.



Thank you for helping those on the fringes of society. All funds raised goes directly to supporting the vulnerable and/or homeless in NE Hampshire



We would just like to say a big thank you for the lovely shoe boxes which you put together and bought into us before Christmas. They were very much appreciated! We were able to give all our clients a very lovely Christmas time and your support as always makes a difference.



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GMS Lions' Santa raises almost £4000



Christmas should be a community affair, and the GMS Lions Christmas float is an embodiment of that, pulling the community together.

Firstly, it brought Santa to Mere, Shaftesbury, Gillingham, Motcombe, Zeals and Bourton.

Secondly, the float raised money for the Lions Charity Fund. This in turn will go on to help lots of local needs throughout the year. This year the total moneys raised, after the administrative costs for running the float were deducted was a whopping £3821.12! A huge thank you to everyone who contributed their 'smarty tubes' of savings and those who dipped a bit deeper. 'Every Penny Counts' is a Lions strap line and it really does.

Thirdly, the float provides the opportunity for businesses, organisations and members of the public to help out. As a Club of 20 Lions we could not have done this without their help.

Fourthly, none of this would be possible without the concerted efforts of the GMS Lions who gave up all their evenings and spare time.

Finally, there were a number of Lions Christmas number grids for Chocolate Santas in the pubs and bars around the villages and towns. Hopefully these will have raised at least another £500.

From our Club President Lion Denise Stenner and all at GMS Lions, a very big "THANKYOU" to everyone who helped out and worked as a team for such a splendid result.



11 - 16 April 2016

LIONS GOLF ANDALUCÍA OPEN 2016

Andalucía

Hotel Almenara. Sotogrande, Cádiz

An Invitation to all Lions Golfers

After the great success of three golf tournaments in sunny southern Spain for the benefit of LCIF and the eradication of measles, this year's event takes place in Sotogrande, Andalusia from 11-16 April.

Further information and booking is available from www.Lionsgolf.info.

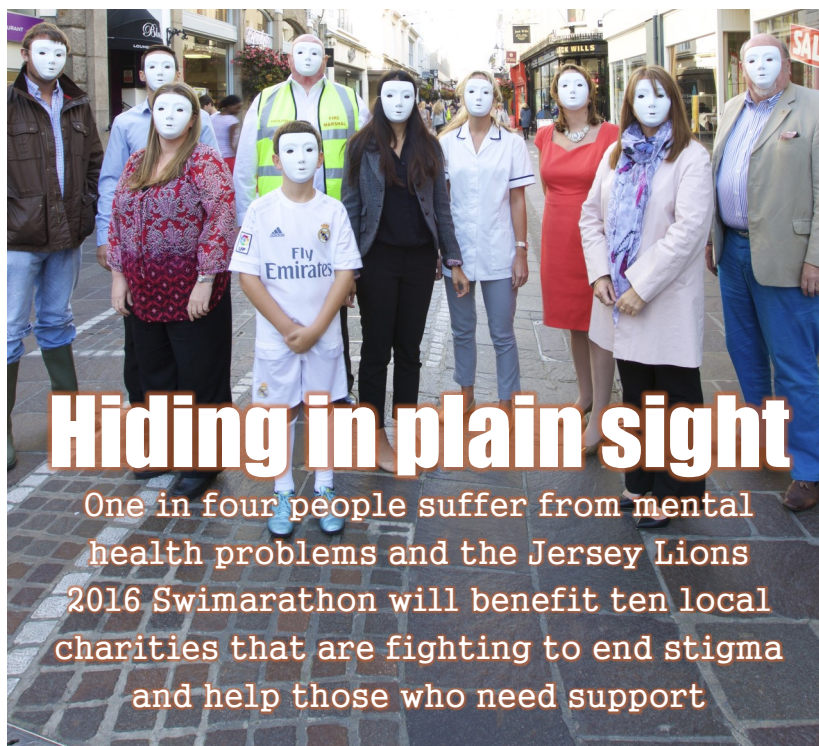
Thought for the Month

To stand upon the ramparts
and die for our principles is
heroic, but to sally forth to
battle and win for our
principles is something more
than heroic.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt
(1882-1945)

In Memoriam

The 105D Times records with sadness the passing to higher service of
Lion Pauline (Polly) Stansbridge of the Southampton Solent Club



Hiding in plain sight

One in four people suffer from mental health problems and the Jersey Lions 2016 Swimarathon will benefit ten local charities that are fighting to end stigma and help those who need support

The Lions Club of Jersey 2016 Swimarathon takes place from Wednesday to Sunday 9 to 13 March. With the growth of awareness of mental health problems in the community, 50% of whatever is raised will be divided between ten local mental health charities to boost their own fundraising. The other 50% will be devoted to providing respite holidays for 60 local people nominated by these charities at Maison des Landes Hotel, itself a project managed by the Jersey Lions, and other community service projects.

The 2016 Swimarathon is the 44th organised by the Lions Club of Jersey and since its conception in 1972 the event has raised in excess of £3.3 million. The Swimarathon has been sponsored for the past decade by RBC Wealth Management who fund all the publicity (as well as sponsoring every lap of the circa 29,000 swum in the event) which this year includes the back of a double decker bus on the Island's most widely used route.

This year there will be a record number of teams (459 with still six weeks to go) featuring circa 3,500 swimmers.

The 2015 event raised £140,000.



Windsor Lions celebrate 2015 Great Park Horseride

Top riders from all over southern England gathered to collect trophies; local good causes presented with major donations

Windsor Lions recently celebrated the huge success of last year's annual Windsor Great Park Horseride where the event's top riders received their glittering trophies and representatives of local good causes and charities were presented with significant donations from the proceeds of this always very popular and much acclaimed sponsored event.

The riders' awards were presented by the Mayor of the Royal Borough, CClr Eileen Quick at the Guildhall and various local good causes



and charities including Riding for the Disabled, MENCAP, SportsAble, Citizens Advice Bureau, TVAP and MacMillan Nurses were presented with cheques by Windsor Club president, Lion



Bob Tavinor.

The 2015 event was held over the weekend of 12 and 13 September when 550 riders from all over the south of England and

south Wales took on the challenging nine mile course through the glorious countryside of Windsor Great Park raising almost £30,000.



Top picture: Essex rider Jaynes Hegley, winner of the 'Most Sponsorship Raised' award, receives her trophy from the Mayor

Middle: Devon rider Carl Cafferty receives his trophy for 'Outstanding' sponsorship raised

Bottom: (l - r) Lion Harry Purchase, two representatives of Blue Acre Stables, Old Windsor, and Windsor Club president Lion Bob Tavinor



TAIL TWISTER

The Editor has the last word

The idea that the United Kingdom could be just a single District has a certain logic and one with several pluses, although I suspect that the minuses (real and perceived) will win the day. Restructuring the Multiple District is an unenviable task but I hope that our DG's view prevails and that, whatever the outcome, we will have had the time and opportunity to eliminate any downside of any consequences.

My congratulations on the magnificent fundraising and community service efforts of Clubs in this District which it is always a pleasure to publicise. I suspect that there are many more that could be making news other than just those with very active press officers and I really would like to hear from them. Although a member of a Club that is a very successful fundraiser, I am nevertheless in awe of the diversity of events that Lions Clubs devise to enable them to raise the funds that gives them the opportunity to serve as our founder intended.

Lion Peter Tabb

We may look a bit silly
but I bet we're a lot
warmer than they are!

Lion's Tail



Preparing for the Lions Christmas Day Weymouth Harbour swim

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