

# Pre-Convention Edition

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# 105D



# TIMES



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## Alan's Month

Firstly I have to make a sincere apology to the Lions Club of Eastleigh, since in last month's edition of the 105D Times I mistakenly accredited the Poole

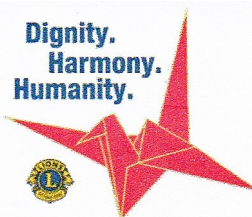


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*“Teamwork with Friendship and Fellowship”*



Club as one of the supporters of this year's Young Ambassador final when it should have been Eastleigh, who have fielded candidates in the competition for many years.

Since the last edition I have attended the Council of Governors meeting on 29 to 31 January where most of the Saturday was taken up with restructuring of the Multiple District. The result was that there will be two resolutions which will affect the future of this District. There will be one resolution for eight districts which will keep us more or less intact including the Channel Islands, but will be renamed District SC (South Central). The second resolution will be for seven districts which will see us dispersed between districts SE and SW. If this were to happen then the communication and administration would have to be electronic rather than personal, Cabinet meetings would still have to be convened and travelling for members would in some cases be in excess of 100 miles each way making overnight accommodation a necessity. With regard to Clubs and Zones, there will be very little change other than the fact that it could affect annual dues which in some cases could be higher than we are used to.

The fact of the matter is, if we are to remain more or less as we are, albeit under a different name, we have to field as many delegates as possible at the MD Convention in May to ensure that our votes count.

On Saturday 6 February Anne and I attended the Wareham Charter Anniversary which was a traditional event and was very well supported by their Zone and other Clubs, with around 100 members, wives, partners and guests who made it an event to remember, I was proud to respond on behalf of Lions Clubs International.

On Sunday 7 February we attended the Burnham Charter Tea Party which was a very well organised event in a small local hotel. The Club was very welcoming and the venue was perfect for the event. Tea Charters can be a very real alternative to the conventional event as it allows our senior members who prefer not to drive at night to attend their Charter Anniversaries in comfort.

I have now completed my allocation of official Club visits when I visited Bournemouth and Crofton in February. They are very active in their communities with some excellent activities in the near future.

On Friday 19 February we drove up to Dudley for the beginning of the Multiple District Young Ambassadors' Final where we supported our candidate Rozanne Toomer who is sponsored by the Southampton Solent Club. At the evening event, where the candidates are introduced by their sponsoring District Officers and they choose their interview time for the next day, Rozy chose the first 9.30 am slot. We enjoyed a buffet meal followed by fun and games organised by our very own Yorky

## Guides and Lions Young Leaders in Service

Recently, the Lions' Club of Newbury's youth chairman, Lion Diana Merchant, presented another four Guides young leaders with the Lions' International **Young Leaders in Service** awards. (YLiS).

The four young leaders all live in Thatcham and belong to the Kennet Vale Guiding Association. They have recently completed a year's service to their guiding community.

Three of them gained the Lions' YLiS Gold award for completing 100 hours of service in one year and Hannah Campbell (15) gained her silver award for 50 hours helping run the 4<sup>th</sup> Kennet Vale Rainbows and helping the PTA of the Kennet School with a disco, serving refreshments and a quiz.

Gold award winners were Becca Stewart, who is now at university, and worked with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thatcham Brownies, Shoshana Pryor (17) who worked with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thatcham Brownies and Freja Goode (15) who worked with the 7<sup>th</sup> Thatcham Brownies.

The certificates presented to these new Lions' Young Leaders in Service are signed by the Lions' International President and Newbury Lions president Lion Ian Pearson.

The certificates make a welcome addition to the girls' personal statement, which helps them gain university or work placements.

The Young Leaders in Service scheme can be started at any time by young people aged between 11 and 18 years and runs for a year from the first date marked in their log book. Each week our girls had two hours signed off by their Brownie unit leader and the time spent volunteering soon mounted up.

Anyone in Y7—Y13 at school and interested in gaining a YLiS gold or silver certificate for their personal statement can get in touch with Lion Diana by emailing for much more information.



DISTRICT 105D

**CONVENTION 2016**

*Motoring into Winchester*

In addition to the usual business of Convention, DG Lion Alan has included three topical workshops:

**Plan for the Centennial**

**Formation and Retention of New Clubs and Branch Clubs**

**Leo Clubs – Alpha & Omega**

All this plus the fun of the social events including an exclusive partners' guided tour of Winchester Cathedral for only £5, book now on the Convention booking form. Book for Convention on: <https://lions105d.org.uk/booking/mf11>; or follow the links from the District website.

Remember, hotel accommodation is booked separately. Call the hotel on **01962 670700** and quote **Lions Convention 2016**.

**Motor on down to Winchester and join in the fun!**

*Lion Steve Spencer*

Communications, District Convention 2016



Tuke, ably assisted by Dot. The game was Tortoise Racing, and when the game was over, needless to say, Yorky insisted that the District Governors made an exhibition of themselves by having a go. We stayed overnight to give Rozy some extra District support before she went in for her interview. The successful candidate was from 105W who works voluntarily with young people who struggle with emotional difficulties and mental health problems.

On Saturday 20 February we attended the Weymouth Charter, this was a conventional event which was very well attended and I was privileged to be asked to present a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Norman Stables who has been a Lion for 34 years and a stalwart of this Club for 33 of them, where he has played a huge role in youth projects and the various entertainment events that the Club have organised for many years.

During my response on behalf of Lions Clubs International, I commented on the quality of the Club's website which not only covers the events that the Club are involved in but also other events in the town, and it is up to date, I was informed later that it is updated on a weekly basis. This is a very good benchmark for other Clubs to look at when they want to improve their websites and get the best coverage in their communities.

As this is my last communiqué before our 105D Convention near Winchester, I hope to see many of you there on the host night where, just as a reminder, the theme for the evening is motoring so the fancy dress doesn't have to be much more than a pair of overalls, a helmet and goggles, leathers or whatever you want to wear.

**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**

**Basingstoke** - Lions Pat Prichard and Jan Hooper

**Farnborough** - Lion Stuart Kramp

**Fleet Branch (Sirius)** - Lions Richard Flint and Louise Paton

**Jersey** - Lions Catherine Howard and Jane Rueb

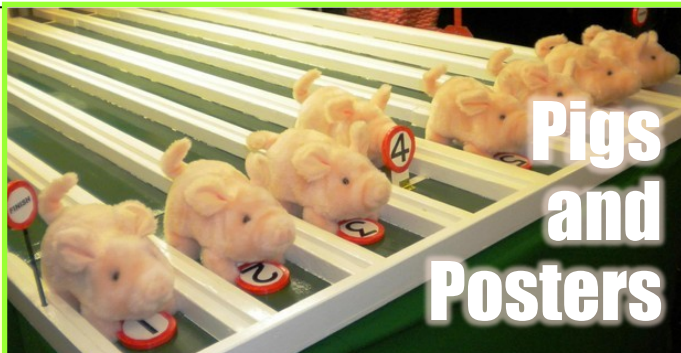
**Poole** - Lion Dee Adcock

**Romsey** - Lions Mark and Susan Fickling

**Salisbury** - Lion William Mirren

**Wareham** - Lions Mick Gauntlett and David Ireson

**Wokingham** - Lion Raymond Waites



*It is hard to believe that we have already passed the school half-term in this first quarter of 2016. So much has happened. Firstly Gillingham, Mere and Shaftesbury Lions held their traditional function to say thank you to all of the people (well as many as we could on the night) who helped us out with the Christmas float. The night consisted of food - cooked by the fair hands of our club President Denise Stenner and her two able assistants Janet Godden and Janet Davies, a couple of table top quizzes and then the pièce de résistance the racing of electronic pink fluffy battery operated pigs that 'oink' and waggle their curly tails.*

*GMS Lions have also been helping out in the 24th Annual Blackmore Vale Half marathon which raised nearly £4,000 for local good causes, and will take part in the Gillingham Rivers Meet fundraising quiz on 26 Feb. They are raising funds for a new defibrillator.*

*On a lighter note it is [peace poster contest time](#). This is something GMS Lions have dabbled with in the past, but something that local schools should really consider. With a theme of the 2016-17 Peace Poster Contest is "A Celebration of Peace" young people – aged 11, 12 and 13 years – are encouraged to express their visions of peace through art in the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. GLOBAL Judges from the art, media, youth development and humanitarian communities select 24 international finalists representing the more than 350,000 children who participate annually.*

*And finally a look forward to an event of one of our partners, the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust. They are organising a six mile sponsored walk between Weymouth and Portland which is being held on Saturday 19 March 2016 at 11 am - starting and ending at the Osprey Centre, Portland.*



## **DG Team Ramblings** **March 2016**

### **DG Lion Alan**

#### **Date      Activity**

5 Mar: Poole Charter Anniversary Lunch  
11,12,13 Mar: District 105SW Convention  
15 Mar: DG Team Meeting  
18 Mar: Cabinet  
18,19,20 Mar: District 105D Convention

### **1 VDG Lion David**

10 Mar: UN Day  
15 Mar: DG Team Meeting  
18 Mar: Cabinet  
18,19,20 Mar: District 105D Convention

### **2 VDG Lion Peter**

9 Mar: Yateley Club Official Visit  
15 Mar: DG Team Meeting  
18 Mar: Cabinet  
18,19,20 Mar: District 105D Convention

## **Near perfect conditions for the 24th Blackmore Vale Lions Half Marathon**



The Blackmore Vale Lions Half Marathon raised just under £4,000 which will be shared between Future Roots, the Andrew Simpson Sailing Fund, various organisations in Bishops Caundle, and the Blackmore Vale Lions Charity Trust Fund which supports a wide range of charitable causes in and around the Blackmore Vale.

More than 450 registered to run the race however, probably due to the inclement weather, some 375 runners of all ages took part in the 24th half marathon and 5 mile Fun Run organised by the Club with the valuable cooperation of Bishops Caundle Parish Council, All Saints Primary School, Bishops Caundle Village Hall Committee and Bishops Caundle Football Club.

The race is part of the Dorset Road Race League and is for many the first organised race of the year. Many runners use as preparation for the London Marathon in April.

The men's race was won by Toby Chapman of Bournemouth AC in a time of 1h 15 28s and the women's race by Emma Dews of Bournemouth AC in a time of 1h 26m 49s.

## **Weymouth & Portland Lions donate two laptops to a new Job Club**



Revd Anni Douglas, Co-ordinator of REFRESH (the churches of Weymouth and Portland in action) accepts the laptops for the newly launched Christians Against Poverty Job Club from Lion Mark Lockie, president of the Weymouth and Portland Lions Club.

## **Melvin Jones Fellowship awarded to Lion Norman Stagles**



Norman receives his award from District Governor Lion Alan Chapman

## **Windsor Lions launch Prostate Cancer Screening Initiative**

The Windsor Lions are promoting free screening for prostate cancer which will take place from 4.30 to 8.30 pm on Tuesday 12 April at Combermere Barracks. This is an excellent opportunity for any male in the 'at risk' age group to have his prostate checked for the most common form of cancer in men.

Lion Diane Purchase, the event's organisers, says: "We are keen to undertake a second prostate cancer awareness event following the success of the one we ran in June 2014 when more than 250 men attended and some were diagnosed with prostate problems—a few with a serious condition. Early intervention undoubtedly helped and in some cases may have saved lives."

The event is FREE and Windsor Lions are encouraging men aged 45 and more to come along for a PSA blood test. A top urologist will be on call to answer any questions and give information, all of which will be treated in strict confidence.





### WOKINGHAM LIONS LAUNCH GRAND EASTER EGG RAFFLE

To celebrate Easter, the Wokingham Lions Club has launched a Grand Easter Egg Raffle in 20 local pubs and other businesses. The cost of a raffle ticket is £1, with all proceeds going to local charities and worthy causes. Twenty winners will be announced on or before Easter Saturday 26 March, and they can collect the 1 kilo egg in a basket (worth £20) from the participating pub or business. With 20 establishments taking part, the Club hopes to raise £2,000. The 20 Easter eggs have been made specially and say 'Happy Easter from Wokingham Lions' on them. We would like to thank everyone who has supported us this year, and look forward to working together with them on future events," said Sue

## Lions Clubs get behind the Daffodil to raise £1 million



Lions Clubs are joining together to 'get behind the Daffodil' this March with a £1million target, by volunteering for Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal.

Lions Clubs have supported the appeal since 2013. Having already raised £500,000 in the past three years, the successful partnership has now been extended until 2018 and aims to double funds raised to £1 million.

Lion Simon Moss, chairman of Lions Clubs International: British Isles and Ireland, says: "We are pleased to continue our partnership with Marie Curie. Lions Clubs members have fun encouraging the public to donate to the Great Daffodil Appeal as part of our commitment to serving our local communities, and have already raised enough to fund an additional 25,000 hours of nursing care over the last three years. We are looking forward to raising £1 million in the next three years to help more Marie Curie Nurses look after people with a terminal illness."

All over the Multiple District, Lions Clubs are volunteering to collect donations for the appeal. Every £20 raised through these collections will help pay for one hour of hands-on local nursing care.

The Great Daffodil Appeal is Marie Curie's biggest annual fundraising campaign and is now in its 30<sup>th</sup> year. The appeal raises money to help people living with a terminal illness and their loved ones make the most of the time they have together.

To find out more about the Great Daffodil Appeal, visit [www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil](http://www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil)

## Record number of teams for Jersey Lions' Swimarathon

This year 480 teams will be taking part in the Lions Club of Jersey's 45th Swimarathon, comprising almost 4,000 swimmers, a record number since the event began in 1972. Among the number are pupils from 34 local schools. This year's event is supporting ten local mental health charities as well as committing at least £50,000 to established local community service projects. The Swimarathon last for five days - Wednesday to Sunday 9 to 13 March and is sponsored by RBC Wealth Management.



## *In Memoriam*

The 105D Times records with sadness the passing to higher service of Lion Reg Bicknell of the Hook and Odiham Lions Club, Lion David Side of the Basingstoke Lions Club, Lion Jack Ellington of the Lodden Valley Lions Club and Lion Derek Moore of the Lions Club of Poole



# Picture of the Month

## The start of the Blackmore Vale Half Marathon

### A heartrending story

Teenager Hannah Moore is battling to a rare disease that is robbing her of her career and medal-winning sport. Hannah, 18, developed complex regional pain syndrome after having surgery for an ingrowing toenail on her right foot two years ago. Now the agonising condition has worsened, forcing her to put her training as a chef with a place at a top London hotel on hold. She has also had to give up Washinkai Karate—a sport where she holds a black belt and at 15 years old won a national championship.

Hannah, who lives in Stalbridge, Dorset, says she believes that amputation of part of her right leg could be the only way that she could return to her career. However, despite the condition which causes her to take up to 40 pills a day to combat the pain, she has begun competing in Wheelchair Athletics. She launched a campaign to raise money to purchase a sports wheelchair and equipment for wheelchair racing plus other equipment to enable her to keep as fit as she can.

Having heard of her campaign, Blackmore Vale Lions are supporting Hannah by purchasing the Sports Wheelchair for her which was delivered at the end of February

**Your Lions Club could help someone enjoy Jersey with a carefree holiday for people with disabilities**

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# TAIL TWISTER

*The Editor has the last word*

Among the good news on the foregoing pages, I might argue that the best was that no fewer than 14 new Lions had joined Clubs in the District (albeit that the first two of them had been Lions for some months).

I am often tempted to think back to what it was that prompted my sponsors to consider that I might be a good Lion and whether or not my modern equivalent (I joined in 1972) would be motivated by the same considerations. Having interviewed all the new Lions in my Club for some years for our monthly magazine, I am pleased that they are and that the simple ethos devised by Melvin Jones now almost 100 years ago still maintains and holds true. We join because we want to serve. Simple.

I look forward to meeting the reader at the Convention. I shall be motoring there provided our car ferry runs.

*Lion Peter Tabb*

*Don't worry, this won't make the back page of the 105D Times. I bought the negatives...*

## Lion's Tail...



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