



Sebastian the Sporting Lion will be riding a totally unsuitable bicycle from Shaftesbury (home of DG Lion David Taylor) to his home in Bournemouth, venue for the 2017 District Convention. Why? Find out on the following pages ...

Forever blowing bubbles at Zone 4K Funfest



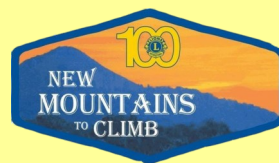
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“Celebrating a Centenary of Service”



More than 80 Lions, their partners and guests gathered at the Hilton Hotel, Southampton on 17 July for the District Handover. This mixture of a formal handover and social get together when Lions from throughout the District met to thank the outgoing District Governor Lion Alan Chapman and welcome the incoming District Governor Lion David Taylor and new Cabinet Members for 2016/17.

The Handover presentations included the trophy for the best Zone Chairman, awarded by IPDG Alan Chapman to the Zone Chairman who accomplished most within the District. The 2015/16 award was made to Lion Jenny Bithell of Hythe & Waterside Lions Club. IPDG Lion Alan recognised her achievements with the Lions Clubs in her Zone.

Lion Peter Burnett is the newly elected 1st Vice District Governor who will be attending the 2017 International Convention in Chicago with 50,000 Lions from Clubs worldwide. Peter will take with him the District 105D Centenary Flag presented to incoming DG Lion David at this year's International Convention in Japan. In the coming year this banner will be signed by members of every Lions Club in District 105D. The banner will join together with the flags of over 700 other Districts globally at the 2017 International Convention in the mass parade as a sign of Lions working together to help others.

During the Lions Clubs' International Centenary year District 105D will be taking on the Centenary Challenge to serve 100 million people worldwide by July 2018. Already Lions Clubs are reaching out to help those in their communities nationally and globally by supporting hundreds of initiatives that live up to founder Melvin Jones' ethos that 'we serve'.

Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

This is the second of my newsletters relating to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) using the '105D Times' and from enquiries I have received regarding Melvin Jones Fellowships I am pleased the information is already reaching more members.

Disaster relief grants

LCIF offers a variety of funding options to support various stages of disaster relief operations, including emergency, community recovery and major disaster grants. For Districts impacted by a natural disaster that has affected at least 100 people, including tornadoes, hurricanes, floods and tsunamis, emergency grants provide up to US\$10,000 (£7,500). Lions District Governors are able to apply for disaster relief funds to help meet immediate needs such as food, water, clothing and medical supplies. LCIF typically awards more than US\$2 million (£1.5 million) in emergency grant funding each year. In June 2016 LCIF awarded five emergency and disaster relief grants totalling £37,500. These grants were for addressing immediate needs for flood relief and wildfire relief in the USA and France.

Donations from Clubs - 2015/2016

Donations from Clubs in the 2015/2016 year totalled £15,360.00. This was considerably less than the previous year (348,259). Total donations in our Multiple District 105 were £164,698.33 (£430,481 in 2014/2015).

Lions GolfWorld Cup and European Championship 2016 30 October 30 to 6 November

The above is being held in Andalucia, Spain, and the proceeds will benefit LCIF. Anyone interested will find further information on www.lionsgolf.info.

Melvin Jones Fellowships

Please contact me if you would like to know what credits your Club has earned towards Melvin Jones Fellowships. It is quite possible one or two could be obtained at no further cost to your Club. If your Club does not have sufficient credits then an additional amount can be paid to make up the credits to US\$1,000. Please have a word with me if your Club wishes to make up the credits and I will talk through the methodology.

Has your Club considered awarding a Melvin Jones Fellowship to someone in your town or village other than a Lion who has carried out humanitarian work or supported your Club in a major way?

Presentations on LCIF

LCIF still remains a 'mystery' to many members despite its amazing record of funding for disasters, sight, youth and humanitarian needs since 1968. I would be pleased to visit any Club, or preferably Zone, to give a presentation on our own Foundation. (The word 'Foundation' is simply another word for 'charity').

Lion Patrick Hamblin

District 105D LCIF Coordinator (patrick.hamblin@btinternet.com)

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Well, the year started off with a wonderful experience and continues to amaze me!

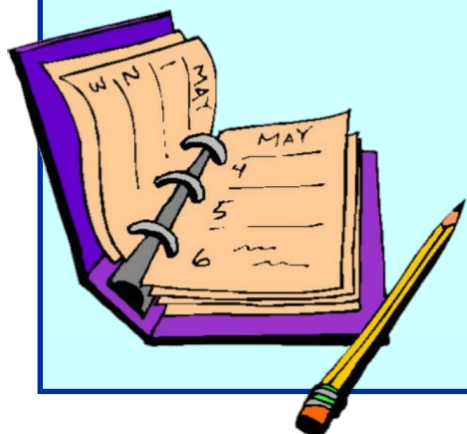
Our International Convention in Japan was attended by more than 35,000 people from all over the world and it was interesting to see how much we share, how many of the things we do in this country are done throughout the world and how we also share some of the same problems. The training was extensive, involving long hours, hard work but with immense teamwork and friendliness – even if all the other countries wanted to talk about Brexit - I was even interviewed by Japanese television in the conference hall with the first question being about leaving Europe! Our Japanese hosts got everything right, from transport to hospitality, they were so polite and I am now able to bow at four different levels. Roll on our 100th Convention in Chicago.

Coming home to our first Cabinet meeting in our Centennial year, I decided to centralize at the Southampton Hilton, reducing the combined mileage from every Club in our District except the Channel Islands. I also wanted to reduce the cost and increase involvement in our District Handover celebration, so the Hilton was asked to provide a cream tea. We were offered the committee rooms and they closed the restaurant, just for us – thank you, Hilton!

On the day we held our Finance Committee and Cabinet meetings in excellent rooms, then our District Handover was enjoyed by 83 friends from a large number of Clubs with more than £200 being raised for our District Special Olympics Appeal, just as I was hearing that the Chairman of Special Olympics, Lawrie McMenemy, has accepted our invitation to speak at our Convention in Bournemouth next March.

I wanted to reintroduce the fact that this is a District Handover and, accompanied by the other members of the District Governor Team, we were proud to present the pins, insignia and my personal banner to all the Zone Chairmen present and other District Officers. This is YOUR team for the coming year, we have a job to do but it should be fun and I hope the accompanying photo of some of your Zone Chairmen, supported by our District Officers, shows how much we enjoyed the day.

As the *105D Times* goes to print I will be in Birmingham for our first three-day Council meeting where my fellow District Governors will find out the result of the questionnaire every Club in the country was asked to complete – and the subject of possible redistricting will start again. On return I look forward to starting my visits to some of our Clubs: lots of mileage, lots of hours.... and lots of fun.



DG Lion *David*

District News

DG Team Visits August 2016

DG Lion David

Date	Activity
2 August:	Havant Official Visit
4 August:	Poole Official Visit
10 August:	Basingstoke Official Visit
12 August:	Eastleigh Official Visit
15 August:	Hook & Odiham Official Visit
17 August:	Loddon Valley Official Visit
21 August:	Online Council Meeting
22 August:	Portsmouth Official Visit
29 August:	Stubbington Fayre

1 VDG Lion Peter

Date	Activity
1 August:	Meon Valley Official Visit

2 VDG Lion Ken

Date	Activity
1 August:	Henley on Thames Official Visit
2 August:	Warminster Official Visit
3 August:	Dorchester Official Visit
8 August:	Andover Official Visit
10 August:	Romsey Official Visit
11 August:	Ringwood & Fordingbridge Official Visit
16 August:	Weymouth & Portland Official Visit
17 August:	Bradford on Avon Official Visit
22 August:	Southampton Solent Official Visit
23 August:	Blandford Official Visit
25 August:	Burnham Official Visit

£3,900 raised for DG Partner's charity

Thanks to the generosity of the Clubs who contributed, Anne Chapman's chosen charity - Brain Tumour Research - benefited from £3,900 raised during Lion Alan's year.



DISTRICT 105D SUPPORTS THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS

In 2010 I listened to Lawrie McMenemy address our National Convention in Leeds. He reduced many of us to tears as he described his work with the Special Olympics organisation and his speech motivated me to volunteer at the next national games in Bath in 2013.

It proved to be the most fulfilling, and rewarding, week of my time as a Lion! Together with Lions from all over the country, including many from our own District, I experienced the same emotions Lawrie had described three years earlier. This was the true meaning of what we do in Lions - "We Serve".

In 2016, my experiences led my son, who lives in Los Angeles, to volunteer at the Worldwide Games in California - with the same result.

In 2017, our Centennial Year, Lions will again be supporting the next National Special Olympics GB (SOGB) Games in Sheffield with 3,000 athletes and 5,000 family members (many from our area) by providing the Families Programme. I will be there working directly for SOGB as an event co-ordinator at the football tournament.

Before that happens, I am proud to say that Lawrie McMenemy has accepted my invitation to speak at our District Convention in Bournemouth; local Special Olympics athletes will also be there as meeters and greeters.

Consequently I am asking the Clubs and members of District 105D to raise funds and donate them to our District Special Olympics Appeal Fund.

Why? Please visit our Special Olympics website page and take time to view the videos at

- <https://www.lions105d.org.uk/news/specialolympics.html>

Thank you

Lion David Taylor

District Governor 105D
and Special Olympics Volunteer

News from the Clubs

Fun in the Sun!

We were blessed with a sunny, summer's day for the Swanmore village fete, which Meon Valley Lions Club has now run for 12 consecutive years. The local residents responded by turning out in their hundreds to support this very popular community event and families were able to enjoy the sunshine while listening to the fine music from local bands Contraband, Soberton Strummers and The Swanmore College of Technology jazz band.

For the first time we enjoyed the support of The CHaOS roadshow, an enthusiastic group of Cambridge students who believe that science is fun and relevant to everyone. They certainly captured the imaginations of young and old alike. In and around their marquee, the student demonstrators conducted around fifty hands-on science experiments, providing an exciting, new dimension to the fete, alongside its more regular attractions including classic cars and bikes, tombola stalls and coconut-shy.

Although we are still reconciling our accounts, it looks like we will clear well in excess of £4,500 for our charity account as a result of income from all the fete's activities, which is a great result for a small village event. We've had some very positive feedback and received fantastic support from dozens of Lions friends and supporters who helped.



*The MVLC President spent a bit too long in the sun with the CHaOS team!
(Picture courtesy of Brian Pancott Photography)*



Full marks to Alton

Alton Lions recently presented a cheque for £500 to Four Marks Parish Council to go towards the creation of a skate park and table tennis facility at the Four Marks recreation ground. The funds were raised by a French-themed quiz held at Four Marks Village Hall.

The picture shows (left to right) Lion Bob Barber, Alton Lions vice-president Lion Mike Gwynne presenting the cheque to Janet Foster, chairman of Four Marks Parish Council, Lion Supporter Janet Gwynne and Sarah Goudie, Clerk to the Parish Council

CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS IN 105D

The new International and Multiple District Environmental Photographic Competition is changing this year.

The competition is now open to LEOS as well as Lions. Gone is the special category and all that International require is a picture with a nature theme. However in the MD we have retained four categories and are inviting each District to submit one photo in each of these to MDHQ by 20 January 2017. This will give more chances for entries to be chosen to represent the MD.

In District 105D please feel free to submit as many photographs as you like to Lion Judith Goodchild by 9 January 2017. All Lion Judith needs on the back is your name, your Club and which category you are entering. Full details are available on the Competition poster on the 105D website.

It's not too early to talk about the 2017 Convention

For our Centennial year, the Convention will be back in Bournemouth at the Wessex Hotel. The Host Night theme will be 'The Special Olympics' and on the Saturday evening there will be a Gala Ball to celebrate our 100 years of service. Those who attended the 2016 Convention will recall the Host Team introducing a short movie featuring Sebastian the Sporting Lion. As part of our support for the Special Olympics, Sebastian will be riding a totally unsuitable bicycle from Shaftesbury to Bournemouth (approximately thirty miles) and you can sponsor him and by doing so support some very special people. Please send any donations to District Treasurer Lion Linda Picton and please mark the back of your cheque 'Special Olympics Fund'.

Lion Barrie Haynes for the 2017 Bournemouth Convention Committee



More news from the Clubs

Superheroes star in Zone 4K Funfest

Superheroes from the film world joined Lions Clubs from Farnborough, Fleet, Aldershot, Hart, Hook & Odiham, Loddon Valley and Yateley & District to hold the annual Zone 4K Funfest at Yateley Manor School at the end of June.

Spiderman and a Stormtrooper from Star Wars helped to entertain people with disabilities, their families and carers for a free day of fun staged by the Lions Clubs of Zone 4K.

Altogether 700 people from 53 groups were registered to attend from the Hart and Rushmoor locality as well as far away as Andover to come along to this free 'funday'. Bad weather in the run-up to the event impacted the attendances with 543 enjoying the event including 50 unregistered attendees.

This event has been running for nearly 30 years and gives people with disabilities of all ages a day of fun specially designed to enable them all to take part in and enjoy a range of activities varying between fairground rides, dancing, pony rides, inflatable slides marching bands, sideshows and train rides compliments of Maidenhead Lions Club.

Funfest makes a very special day for all who came along, especially the Lions who take part making it the highlight of their Lionistic year.

For more Funfest pictures go to:

<http://farnborough-lions.org.uk/index.html>

and for the Funfest video go to:

<http://farnborough-lions.org.uk/welfare/lionsfunfest2016.html>

Spiderman explains the difference between a spider and a lion



Cosham Lions charity benefits from Churchill Retirement Living donation

As part of a new development of retirement homes by Churchill Retirement Living in Cosham the company advertised for local community groups within the Drayton area to apply for funding from the Churchill Community Causes appeal.



Cosham Lions made a successful application for the funding and received a cheque for £500 from Churchill Retirement Living to support their work in the local community. Cosham President Lion Pat Nixon, along with several members of the committee, attended a coffee morning event at Churchill's Simmonds Lodge development in Drayton on Tuesday 12 July, where the cheque was presented. Receiving the cheque, Lion Pat said: The award of £500 from Churchill Retirement Living is very gratefully received and will go a long way in helping to deliver some of our initiatives in the local community."

Lions support the Ferndown Furies



Wimborne and Ferndown Lions Club have funded two new sports wheelchairs for the Ferndown Furies wheelchair basketball club based at Ferndown Leisure Centre.

Pictured are members of the Furies with coach Mark Dent (left) and Lions Derek Smith and Godwin Micallef (both in red).

More news from the Clubs

Blackmore Vale Lions presentation to Mosaic

Mosaic is a child centred service offering a pathway of support for bereaved children, young people and their families. Mosaic also provides support for those young people who are facing the death of a parent or loved one. Support is achieved in several ways including activity days, social events, training for professionals and agencies working with children and young people and also includes a residential weekend programme that allows them to meet others to share experiences and more importantly to have fun.



Blackmore Vale Lions President Ian Simpson presented a cheque for £2,000 to Margaret Hannibal, CEO of Mosaic, at their headquarters in Milborne St Andrew on Thursday 7 July 2016. Other Lions in the photograph are Geoff Nash, Phil Bennett and George Wagland.

At the presentation Lion Ian said, "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 Mosaic and their team every success in their quest to maintain this service for children and young people."



An all-day 'Street Busk' held in Weymouth town centre by Weymouth & Portland Lions Club raised £645 with the help of the Weymouth Community Volunteers. Weymouth band 'Replay', fronted by Lion Norman Stagles, held the stage for most of the day entertaining the public with their take on 50s and 60s music, with support from Lion Norman's wife Ann on vocals and filling in during breaks, musician/country & western singer Brian Lincoln. The Club's next event is a Charity Golf Day on Friday 5 August at Weymouth Golf Course and the Beach Motocross on Sunday 16 October on Weymouth sands.



The Social Committee of Weymouth-based ASM Assembly Systems with 300 employees has chosen Weymouth & Portland Lions Club as their 'Charity of the Year' which means that the proceeds of all their fundraising activities through the year will be donated to the Club.

One of the first events to benefit the Club was the ASM 50 mile cycle ride which raised more than £400.

Each rider was presented with a commemorative medal which included Lion Chris Bill who works in IT security for the company and who completed the 50 mile ride.



TAIL TWISTER

The Editor has the last word

Although the new Lions year has barely got under way, judging by the number of items I have received this month, Clubs have been very busy - no summer recess for Lions!

It is interesting to note that at least two of the news items feature Lions Clubs receiving funds rather than raising or donating them. This is an interesting trend since, certainly in the Channel Islands, more and more organisations (and more often their staff) are choosing their 'charities of the year' with the organisations matching the funds their staff raise. Rather grandly this is called 'Corporate Social Responsibility' (at least it is in Jersey) and it is something very much to be encouraged because as we all know there are many charities who in these straitened times are struggling with demands on their funds increasing and their ability to raise them diminishing. This year, more than ever, we must prove that where there's a need, there's a Lion.

Lion Peter Tabb

Lions Tail...



Zone 4K Funfest meets Star Wars

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