



# The International Association of Lions Clubs **District 105D**

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"Celebrating a Centenary of Service"

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# Environmental Photo Contest



The Lions Environmental Photo Contest provides a way for Lions and Leos to portray, through an original photo, their pride and commitment to improving, protecting and preserving the environment. Every Lion or Leo from a club in good standing can enter a photograph. The photograph should depict the local environment of the community the Lions or Leo Clubs serves. They must therefore be taken within the geographical area of MD105.

#### **Entry Guidelines**

There will be four categories:

- 1) Plants 2) Animals 3) Weather Phenomenon
- 4) Other aspects of nature including landscape

This will allow more photographers the chance of winning the Multiple District Competition. A winner will be chosen from each category and the overall winner will be selected from these.

Photographs must measure 8" X 10" (20.3 X 25.4cm). The photos must not include people.

The contest begins at Club level and winning photographs will advance to District. Multiple District and International Competitions. Winning District photos must reach MDHQ by 20 January 2017 so that the Governors can choose the overall winner. The chosen photograph will be sent to Lions Clubs International HQ and will be displayed at the International Convention in Chicago. Registered Convention attendees will vote for their favourite photos. The three photos receiving the most votes will win 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize. An award will be presented to the winning photographers and the photos will be featured on the LCI website.

To learn more about the **Environmental Photo Contest**, please contact us:

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# Lions Clubs International

#### Introduction

The work of LCIF goes on, with natural disasters occurring in different parts of the world with regularity. Fortunately there are often Lions Clubs in the areas affected and there are many examples of how local Lions Clubs have assisted immediately following a disaster. There are usually also long-term requirements such as rebuilding and the like. LCIF often helps with both immediate aid and funds for rebuilding, etc. in conjunction with local Lions Clubs.

#### Italian Earthquake

You will be aware of the earthquake that stuck central Italy on 24 August 2016 and killed 297 persons and left thousands homeless. LCIF has made a Major Catastrophe Grant of US\$100,000 (£76,000) to enable Lions Clubs on the ground to assist. I hope your Club will support the LCIF Disaster Fund for the Italian earthquake. Some Clubs have already donated and I thank them for their generosity. Donations should be sent to the District Treasurer marked 'LCIF Disaster Fund Italian earthquake'. These donations will count towards credits for future Melvin Jones Fellowships.

#### **Melvin Jones Fellowships**

I receive a statement each month showing what credits Clubs have towards Melvin Jones Fellowships. Please contact me if you would like to know what credits your Club has earned towards a Melvin Jones Fellowship or need assistance with the online application. It is quite possible one or two or more could be obtained at no further cost to your Club. If your Club does not have sufficient credits then please have a word with me if your Club wishes to make up the credits and I will talk you through the methodology.

#### **LCIF Contributing Members**

Some members wish to give a personal donation to LCIF. This is very welcome and now members can nominate which area of LCIF activity to which they would like their contribution directed (disaster relief or humanitarian causes (e.g. measles initiative), sight or youth or alternatively 'for the area of greatest need'. A donation of the equivalent of US\$20.00 (currently £15.50) will qualify the donor for a small bronze pin. I know some members might wish to give without their Club knowing. This can be done by sending me a cheque for £15.50 payable to 'International Association of Lions Clubs' and if you could let me know your Club name and your own membership number (as this is required by LCIF) I will do the rest.(My address is 18 West Court, West Drive, Sonning, Reading, Berks RG4 6GL). I hope members will consider a personal donation to our Foundation.

#### 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.

#### Lion Patrick Hamblin

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

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## What another fantastic month!

- We've reached our 'International 100 million People Served' target nearly two years ahead of schedule.
- The District Governor team received a great welcome from another 18 Clubs visited in the past month, several Club fundraising events and two Charter Anniversary Dinners. Thank you, everyone.
- More Lions recruited to our District more than 30 in the last couple of months.



Speaking of which, if you see someone wearing a Lions pin that looks slightly different (see picture), please make a point of talking to them and welcoming them to our family. These Centennial pins will *only* be awarded to Lions joining from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2018, so you know how special they are (the pins and the Lions!).

#### By the way.... **CHRISTMAS IS COMING!**

I know, that's the last thing you want to hear in October, but I'm sure many of you are already making preparations for your Christmas floats and other events. So to remind you about a couple of things:

<u>Music</u> - If you play music you need PPL **and** PRS licences. The PPL licence has already been obtained for us all by MDHQ and you can download it in the Members' Area of the MD Website under Resources. PRS licences are usually exempt for Christmas floats and you can apply for a 100 per cent discount. Simply enter "PRS Charity Discount" into your search engine to find the page.

<u>Insurance</u> - The Lions insurance does not cover vehicles used to tow sleighs, only bodily injury connected with the use of a trailer. As every Club is different it is probably wise to contact our insurers, Miles Smith, to ensure you are covered on 0207 977 4800.

Finally an enormous 'thank you' to everyone who has supported my appeal for the Special Olympics already. The collaboration with Lions is worldwide and has brought immense satisfaction to those of us who volunteered at the 2013 games in Bath; I'm looking forward to Sheffield 2017 and know how much our Lions enclosure will be appreciated by the athletes and their families. (Further donations are naturally welcome via the District Treasurer marked 'Special Olympics').



A special mention has to be made of Lion Barrie Haynes from Bournemouth Lions who raised money by cycling all the way from Gold Hill in Shaftesbury to Bournemouth Pier.... fully dressed as a Lion of course!

DG Lion David

# District News

# **DG Team Visits** October 2016

#### **DG Lion David**

Date **Activity** I Oct: **Hayling Island Charter Anniversary** 3 Oct: **Christchurch Official Visit** 5 Oct: **Swanwick Official Visit** 6 Oct: Hart Official Visit **Westbury Official Visit** 13 Oct: 15 Oct: Portsmouth 60th Charter **Anniversary** 

16 Oct: **District Service - Portsmouth** 21-23 Oct: **MD** Council Meeting 24 Oct: **Reading Official Visit** 26 Oct: **DG** Team Meeting

29 Oct: **Brixham Charter Anniversary** 

30 Oct: Cabinet Meeting, Southampton

#### **1 VDG** Lion Peter

Date **Activity** 10 Oct:

**Bournemouth Official Visit** II Oct: Isle of Wight Sandown Official

12 Oct: Zone A meeting in

**Dorchester** 

13 Oct: Hayling Island Official Visit 16 Oct: **District Service - Portsmouth Bradford-on-Avon Charter** 

23 Oct:

**Anniversary** 

26 Oct: **DG Team Meeting** 30 Oct: Cabinet Meeting, Southampton

#### **2 VDG Lion Ken**

Date **Activity** 

10 Oct: **Blackmore Vale Official Visit** 

12 Oct: **Recruitment Drive** 

**Lymington & Brockenhurst** 

18 Oct: **Woodley & Earley Official** 

Visit

22 Oct: **Woodley & Earley Charter** 

**Anniversary** 

A well-balanced person has a drink in each hand... .. Billy Connolly

## Welcome **New Lions!**

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

DG Lion Pavid

Bournemouth - Lions Diane Avery, Mark Avery and Cecilia Griotte

Burnham (Bucks) - Lion David Warburton

Eastleigh - Lions Bernard Ronan and Sandra Ronan

Fleet - Lion William Petley Guernsey - Lion Michael Bloy New Milton - Lion Linda Weait Poole - Lion Miles Scott-Martin

Wareham - Lions Edward Edwards and Stephen Naylor



# **Evidence of Insurance** Certificate 2016/2017

The evidence of Liability Insurance certificate for the period I September 2016 to I September 2017 is now available to download from the District 105D website.

Please click on the following link to access a copy of this and other insurance related information:

https://www.lions105d.org.uk/lionsclubsin105d/insurance.html

#### Lion To Hamblin

District 105D Insurance Adviser and Health and Safety Officer



## **News from the Clubs**

### Two Lions Clubs working together

We Can Read is a community group which aims to help the one in five people in Gosport and Fareham who cannot read.

Both Gosport and Fareham are small clubs but wanted to help and decided to make joint donations sufficient to buy 12 new specialist books the charity required. Co-operation between Lions Clubs really can work. Where there is a need there is a Lion or, better still, two!

In the picture below (I to r) Lion Robert Armstrong-Collett, president of Fareham Lions, Una Sadler and Linda Curtis of We Can Read and Lion David Andrews, president of Gos-



#### <u>Lions' software for William</u>

Wimborne and Ferndown Lions have provided a computer app called Prologquo which is an extensive symbol based communication aid for children who cannot speak. The photo shows William in action with his tablet.

Mum Tania says: "This has potentially opened up a new world for a very special little boy".



# BRADFORD ON AVON LIONS PURCHASE CENTENNIAL BENCHES

The Lions Club of Bradford on Avon recently purchased two benches for the townspeople, in celebration of 100 years of Lionism. These have been fitted at the Riverside Walk alongside the River Avon.

Pictured at the handing over ceremony to the Town, are Mayor Councillor Alison Craddock, Town Clerk Sandra Bartlett and Club Members President Lion Mike Evans and Lions Christian Penny and Brian Hersee.



## In Memoriam

The 105D Times records with sadness the passing to higher service of former Lion Margaret Hoare , mother of Lion Ann Twining, Zone 3G Chairman and also the passing to higher service of Lion Colin Winder, Past President (1995/6) of Weymouth and Portland Lions

# More news from the Clubs

# OLYMPIAN HELPS HOOK AND ODIHAM LIONS



Olympic hockey player Alex Danson helped Hook and Odiham Lions, and particularly Lion Roger and his wife Ann, to sell tickets for their annual Duck Race when she visited her parents in Odiham. She attracted many passers-by to come and buy tickets and this, together with another very successful day in Odiham, at the Flavour Fest on August Bank Holiday, meant that we almost sold out of tickets.

The Duck Race Day itself, at The Crooked Billet in Hook, was rather inclement but we were able to run all 10 heats and the final before the heavens opened!

The main beneficiary is The Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice in Farnham but other charities will also benefit.

#### Lions' £800 for Julia's House

Wimborne and Ferndown Lions have donated £800 to Julia's House Children's Hospice.

Jacqui Greenhaf, the Community Fundraising Manager, said, "This will be enough to pay for more than a dozen respite sessions for families whose children have a life limiting condition, allowing parents and siblings some precious time together".

The picture below shows Jacqui with President Lion Teresa North (centre) and Lion Joan Budden





#### 2017 Convention Update

Sebastian, the Sporting Lion, and mascot of our next District Convention, completed his epic bike ride from Shaftesbury's Gold Hill to Bournemouth Pier on Sunday 4 September and it was not downhill all the way! He was seen off and was met by many Lions including the District Governor, Lion David Taylor, and Zone Chairman Lion George Pothacry. Donations can still be made at **Everyclick - Lion Barrie Haynes is fundraising online.** A free DVD of the ride and Sebastian's *Pathe Footage* (as seen as the Winchester Convention) is available from President Lion Vicki at Bournemouth Lions.

## More news from the Clubs



Weymouth & Portland Lions Club has donated £645 to the Weymouth Community Volunteers in recognition of all the help they have given during the past year not only to the Lions but also to the people of Weymouth.

benefit Community Volunteers

Manager Kate Stone (pictured above receiving the cheque) says: "WCV would like to thank the Lions Club for the generous donation and continued support of our charity. WCV are having a very difficult time at present trying to secure funding to remain open and continue to provide services to the local community. This donation will go a long way to helping us keep our minibus on the road for the next six months. The minibus is used daily to transport our volunteers to homes in the borough where we undertake gardening and similar tasks for the elderly, attend local events with a crew of stewards and collecting or delivering furniture and similar items to the needy. Thank you all so much."



On 19 September three friends left for the tropical plains of Africa to climb to the snowy heights of Mount Kilimanjaro. Melvin Blunt, Andy Goodchild and Sean Morris decide to turn an off the cuff remark in a pub 12 months ago into reality. They have been training all year and are ready for lift off.

They will be joining Sharon Papierowski who made a tandem sky jump, Steve Richards who ran the Reading Marathon and The Reading Male Voice Choir all of whom donated the proceeds of their actions towards funding the Reading Lions Prostrate Cancer (PSA) event which will be held again in March 2017 at The Circle Hospital.

Reading Lions Club is most grateful for all these fundraising enterprises and the intrepid walkers have so far raised an amazing £2,556 and that was before they even set foot on Kilimanjaro!



## Lions Wheelchair for Parley First School

Wimborne and Ferndown Lions have donated a wheelchair to Parley First School.

Headteacher John Bagwell said it will be used by and help many children. Pictured are President Lion Teresa North and Secretary Lion Derick Smith with smiling pupils.



# TAIL TWISTER

## The Editor has the last word

It's good news that the Lions joining our movement now seem to be outnumbering those leaving. Like most Clubs in the District my own is constantly on the lookout for potential new Lions and although there is no shortage of materials advising what you do once you become a Lion, we have decided (as a result of some recent unhappy experiences) that what is rather more important is for potentials to know and understand what is involved and what their expected commitment will be before they join, not finding out afterwards.

Those readers who will be aware of my devotion to the written word will not be surprised that we have produced our own booklet What It Means To Be A Lion. It has already put one potential off, very much, I am confident, to our mutual benefit.

Lion Peter Tabb





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