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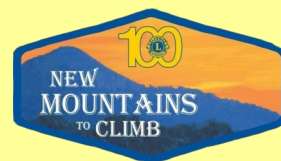
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Tricycle donated by the Lions Club of
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“Celebrating a Centenary of Service”

The Wessex awaits...



Fellow Lions of 105D...

Now the holiday season is behind us it is time to look to the future. This is just the gentlest of reminders that now is the time to book your place at the **District 105D Convention** in Bournemouth and bookings are made via the District website.

As you know it is vitally important for as many Clubs as possible to attend this year as we have some important decisions to make. But on the lighter side it is also our Centennial Year and we will be celebrating in fine style.

At our Host Night we will be entertained by Capricorn, a five piece country music band, and on Saturday at our **GRAND BANQUET AND BALL**, we have the fabulous **Scarlet Swing** (pictured right) bringing a vintage style to old and modern classics.

Topping all this will be an address on the **Special Olympics** by **Laurie McMenemy** and the chance to win a painting created specially for us by the renowned artist **Henry Fraiser**. This is going to be one very special weekend.

Lion Barrie Haynes

For the 2017 District 105D Convention Committee



And finally, a message from District Governor Lion David Taylor

Our Convention is an essential part of running the District and also gives everyone the opportunity to share experiences and find out what other Clubs are doing. But it is also a great deal of fun and a get-together. Bournemouth Lions and the Convention Committee certainly know how to stage a party!

YOUR DISTRICT YOUR VOTE THEN LET'S PARTY!



Yes, it's Convention Time again!

All organisations need to have an administrative structure with the democratic right for everyone to approve the past and decide the future.

Essential? Yes – but that doesn't mean it has to be a boring waste of time.

Our District Convention in Bournemouth will have a couple of mundane resolutions and a nice one about reducing District Dues – as long as enough of you are there to vote for it.

But then we have discussions on membership, retention, youth projects, Centennial and an inspirational address from **Lawrie McMenemy**.

Seen in the picture above, Lawrie presides over the Special Olympics movement – a far cry from his life as a soccer manager.

In the evening we party. Friday night sees us enjoy a buffet with live music and dancing. Fancy dress in sports gear is optional, but enjoyment is guaranteed. On Saturday we get posh with our Gala Banquet and Ball, dancing away to Scarlet Swing.

Being a Lion is not all about fundraising and attending meetings. It should be about having loads of fun with our friends and making new ones on the way.

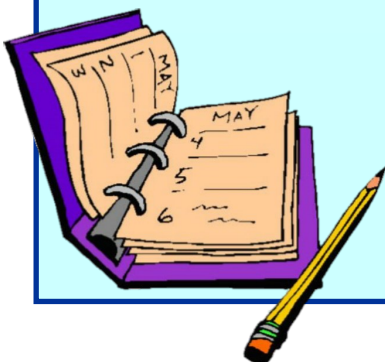
First timers are especially welcome, even with a free drink or two before the Gala Night.

The members of our Convention Committee have worked very hard to put on a weekend of entertainment, information and more entertainment. **But it will be what we all make it.**

After all, it's your democratic right to have fun as well!

I look forward to seeing you all there.

DG Lion *David*



Matters of Moment

DG Team Visits

February 2017

DG Lion David

Date Activity

- 1 Feb: District Governor's Team Meeting, Amesbury
- 4 Feb: Wareham Charter Anniversary
- 5 Feb: District Cabinet Meeting
- 12 Feb: Burnham (Bucks) Charter Lunch
- 18 Feb: Cosham 50th Charter Anniversary
- 24-26 Feb: Young Ambassador Finals, Solihull

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Date Activity

- 1 Feb: District Governor's Team Meeting, Amesbury
- 3 Feb: Ringwood & Fordingbridge Wine Tasting evening
- 4 Feb: Wareham Charter Anniversary
- 5 Feb: District Cabinet Meeting
- 7 Feb: Wokingham Official Visit
- 18 Feb: Weymouth & Portland Charter Anniversary
- 25 Feb: Sandown & Shanklin Charter Anniversary
- 26 Feb: Past District Governors' Lunch, Salisbury

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Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

Firstly I would like to thank all Clubs that have donated to LCIF this Lionistic year on behalf of LCIF but more importantly on behalf of those assisted by LCIF through various grants. 39 Clubs have donated to LCIF this Lionistic year with some making multiple donations. I am proud to be in the District where we are currently in the lead for donations to LCIF this Lionistic year.

I know currently it is not easy to see on the LCIF website exactly what grants have been given but, as previously mentioned in my column, I have now taken this up at Multiple District level – I believe it is so important for everyone to easily see what grants have been given and surely the LCIF website is the best place for these to be shown.

LCIF disaster grants

In December 2016 twelve emergency grants totalling £78,000 were made addressing immediate needs for floods, hurricanes, tornados, cyclones and earthquakes around the world.

LCIF Club Coordinators

Following a request from Oak Brook, some Clubs have appointed LCIF Club Coordinators to help promote the work and support of LCIF. Clubs can list their Club Coordinator on MyLCI. I would ask that any Club Coordinators drop me an email (patrick.hamblin@btinternet.com) with your name and Club so I can keep in touch.

Melvin Jones Fellowships

Many Clubs in District 105D have credits towards Melvin Jones Fellowships (MJFs). There is in fact over £263,000 of credits attached to the Clubs in our District. MJFs can of course be awarded not only to recognise members but also to deserving individuals in the community. These latter MJFs can also be financed through the credits. It is understood that if an MJF is required for a business this is a different plaque and has to be funded separately at a cost of US\$1,000 (currently £820.00). Please contact me if your Club wishes to know its credits towards MJFs or if help is needed in making an application for a MJF.

Measles & Rubella Initiative

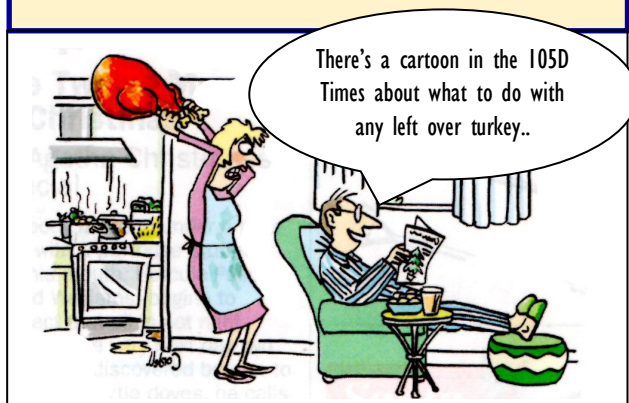
Please continue to support the Measles & Rubella Initiative – 'One Shot One Life' - to prevent 400 children dying every day. I do hope that Clubs that have not contributed to LCIF this year will consider a donation to stop this unnecessary waste of life. I have given details in my previous columns but would be very pleased to give more information to any member if required. Any donations should be made via the District Treasurer marking your donation 'LCIF Measles Appeal'. If a cheque is sent this should be payable to 'LCI District 105D' and endorsed on the back 'LCIF Measles Appeal'.

Presentations on LCIF

As mentioned in previous articles I would be very pleased to give presentations to any Club or Zone on LCIF to assist members in understanding its amazing record of funding for disasters, sight, youth and humanitarian needs since 1968.

PDG Lion Patrick Hamblin

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



District News



This year's visit to Paultons Park takes place on Sunday 7 May and tickets cost £10.75 per person. Children under one metre tall get in free as do guests in wheelchairs—no tickets required.

This year we are limited to 2,500. In order to make sure ticket allocation is fair for all Clubs, the District Finance Committee have analysed previous Club involvement in the event and have calculated an initial 60 tickets per Club. Once we have received all order forms (available from the email address below) we can allocate any remaining tickets to Club requesting more. There are two spaces to complete on the booking form to show initial request and additional request.

In order for this system to work we will need order forms back as soon as possible and no tickets will be issued without a completed form.

A member from each participating Lions Club must be assigned as authorised signatory for any adjustments to ticket numbers of the day.

Packed lunches can be ordered in advance at £5.20 each.

Please return forms as soon as possible but by 2 April at the latest.

Tickets will be sent by post to the designated Lion at each Lions Club two to three weeks in advance.

For more information please contact:

Lion Richard Owen,

11 Stuart Green, Warminster BA12 9NU

Tel: 01985 214849 or richardowen50@hotmail.com

(Please do not contact Paultons Park directly)

Rosie is this year's District Young Ambassador



Rosie Nicholls, sponsored by the Jersey Lions Club is this year's District Young Ambassador.

The District Finals of the competition were held in Bournemouth on 7 and 8 January. With entries from Jersey, Ringwood & Fordingbridge and Eastleigh Clubs, the judging panel had a very difficult task in deciding who would represent I05D at the MD Finals at Dudley in February. After much deliberation Rosie was the successful candidate.

Rosie is a Year 9 student studying at the Jersey College for Girls. Her musical talents include piano and guitar and singing. She is also a keen athlete. Despite all these interests she is our candidate because of her brave work in a sensitive area of community service. Through connection with the NSPCC she is involved with MIND Jersey and CAMHS, bridging the gap to young people. Her challenge to the local Education Dept has led to improved school PSHE lessons and the creation of Family SMILES for children with a parent suffering mental conditions. The group are also setting up a therapeutic service for children who have suffered sexual abuse. She still manages to find time to work in the British Red Cross shop on Saturdays! Rosie is visibly making a difference in areas from which others would shy away.

We send Rosie off with our best wishes for the MD Finals as I05D Young Ambassador in the Lions Centennial Year. Good luck Rosie.

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I05D Young Ambassador Officer

News from the Clubs



Weymouth and Portland Christmas Day Harbour Swim

Several thousand people turned out on Christmas Day morning to see the Weymouth and Portland Lions' annual harbour swim. A record 398 brave souls took to the water raising a massive £20,000 for a whole host of national and local charities - more than £3,000 was raised for Cancer Research by just two swimmers, and the Mayoress, who also swam, raised more than £1,500 for her chosen

charities.

The first such swim took place in 1945 when two local publicans took part for a bet. Subsequently it became a regular event run by the local swimming club and was taken over by the Lions in the early 1970s and they have been running it ever since. As the event has grown the organisation has become more sophisticated with on-line registration being introduced for the first time this year. For health and safety reasons each



swim is limited to just 50 yards with paramedics and lifeguards in canoes on standby on both sides of the harbour.

Pictures of the event were published in the national and local press and the event was also covered by local radio and television stations.



Reading Lions are again inviting all men over 45 to their fifth free annual Prostrate Cancer Check-up. It will be held all day on Saturday 11 March 2017 at The Circle Hospital off the A33 (post code RG2 0GQ for those with satnav).

Testing will commence at 9.30am and continue until 6.30pm to allow as many as possible through the doors. Car parking will be available at The Football Stadium with a constant shuttle bus service all day.

Registration and the actual test should take approximately 30 minutes - not a lot of time in which possibly to be made aware of the need for further tests and possible life saving treatment. In the past five years notice has been given to approximately 1,000 men of possible serious health alerts following these tests.

National records state that more than 40,000 cases of prostate cancer are recorded each year throughout the country so Reading Lions are trying to help avoid this danger and the anxiety and suffering that goes with this condition.

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SCHOOL IN A BOX KITS

Thanks to your support, over 1,600 children in Syria can continue their education.

These children will get a chance to develop and play, stay safe from forced labour and sexual exploitation.

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TEMPORARY SCHOOLS

Thanks to your support, over 500 children in Syria can have a safe place to learn and play.

These children will get a chance to return to a sense of safety and normality in this time of chaos by continuing their schooling.

1,300

BLANKETS

Thanks to your support, we are able keep 1,300 Syrian children safe and warm

These children are facing a bitter winter, making them more vulnerable to diseases such as pneumonia.

THANK YOU!

On behalf of Unicef, the children affected by the Syrian conflict and our brave colleagues working tirelessly to deliver life-saving supplies and services, thank you for your support.

For further information, or if you have any questions, please do contact me at the below details:

Merlyn Ooms | Officer | Public Fundraising Department
E: Merlyno@unicef.org.uk

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 David

Alton - Lion Janet Gwynne

Guernsey - Lion Andrea Tostevin

Havant - Lion Robert Moray

Hayling Island - Lion Mark Coates

Henley-on-Thames - Lion Desmond Walsh

Hook & Odiham - Lions Peter Ingamells, Phillip James and Cameron Lord

Maidenhead - Lion Cheryl Brookes

Meon Valley - Lion John Hanley

Salisbury - Lion Nick Kantharia

Warminster - Lion Jill Wyatt

Westbury - Lion Joanna McIlhatton

Yateley - Lion Margaret Woodward

Almost 4,000 swimmers set to make a splash!

The Jersey Lions Swimathon takes place from Wednesday to Sunday 8 to 12 March and to date 445 teams of up to eight swimmers have registered to take part, almost, with their non-swimming captains, 4,000 Islanders. This year half the sum raised will be

donated to five local charities, each one embracing some aspect of youth - from toddlers to young adults. Sponsors RBC Wealth Management will sponsor every lap swum and last year that was more than 28,000!

Lion Nick Sangar, chairman of the organising committee says: "The number of teams registered already exceeds last year and we're hoping for another good result." The 2016 Swimathon raised £145,000.



Lions Clubs Centennial Coin

In celebration of 100 years of humanitarian service, LCI with the US Mint has produced a limited edition crafted silver dollar coin. The coins have been on sale since mid-January and are priced from circa £41.35.

Supplies of the Lions Club Centennial Coin are limited. For further information, please contact with Lions MDHQ, tel: 0121 441 4544

In Memoriam

The Ringwood and Fordingbridge Lions Club regrets to announce the passing to higher service of Lion Vanda Small on Thursday 12 January 2017. The Lions Club of Wokingham is also sad to report the passing to higher service of Lion John Nike OBE. Both will be sadly missed by their fellow Lions.



TAIL TWISTER

The Editor has the last word

January is the month that is very much after the Lord Mayor's Show, evident by the few articles I have received from Clubs for this edition.

Notwithstanding we have entered our Centennial Year proper and Clubs will be making plans, or have already done so, for how best they might mark this momentous anniversary. Many I suspect will find, as has my own Club, that finding a 'legacy' project is not quite as simple as it might seem. Not so much because they don't exist, because every community has needs, but because alongside what we do to serve on a day-to-day basis, we are looking for something that will be remembered as being an exemplar thereafter of how the Lions made a difference.

I trust readers will forgive the indulgence of putting something from my own Club on the front cover. This year Jersey Lions are devoting their efforts towards the ethos that 'the youth of today are ourselves today, tomorrow'. Young Maggie's life is enriched because of the generosity of the public towards their local Lions Club. Long may we all deserve it.

Lion Peter Tabb

Lions' Tail...



Bournemouth Lions stage a pantomime

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