



"Oh, we do like to be  
beside the seaside..."

**Bournemouth**

**24 – 26 March 2017**



**The future looks bright**  
**Young Ambassadors gather**  
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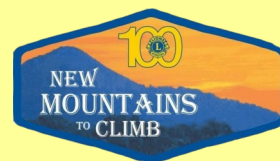
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***"Celebrating a Centenary of Service"***



# Page Two - Events

## Floundering in the rain!

It was a cold, wet daybreak that greeted the Meon Valley Lions as they turned out to support the 42<sup>nd</sup> Charity Ford Open Fishing Festival, on Weston Shore recently. This event is one that Lions have helped organise every year without fail since 1996, so a bit of cold and damp wasn't really going to put them off.

In its heyday more than two hundred fishermen took part in this fishing festival, spreading from their pitches on Weston Shore in the west, right round to the Hamble in the east. The Ford transit plant has closed since then, but the sea-angling members of the Ford Sports and Social Club are keen to keep the competition alive and we still had almost 100 plucky sea-anglers turn up for this year's competition.

If the Lions weren't too keen on the wet weather conditions, the fishermen certainly were and over a

dozen fish were landed during the course of the morning. Tony Sherwood won the prize for largest fish with a 1lb. 4 oz. flounder and Mike Taylor was overall winner for the largest catch of the day, totalling 2lb. 2oz. The net result (no pun intended) was that the event raised £959 for charity, a sum the Lions will now round up to £1,000 for donation to the Winchester based hospice, Naomi House and Jackspace. This brings the total collected for this charity through the fishing festival down the years, to in excess of £40,000, which is a great result.



Photograph: Fishing festival winners, Mike Taylor (left) and Tony Sherwood



Wimborne and Ferndown

**LIONS**



**SPRING '17  
QUIZ**

at 7.30

**Saturday**

**1<sup>st</sup> April**

**Allendale**

**Centre**

**Wimborne**

**IN AID OF LIONS CHARITIES**

**Entry is for teams of up to 6 players.  
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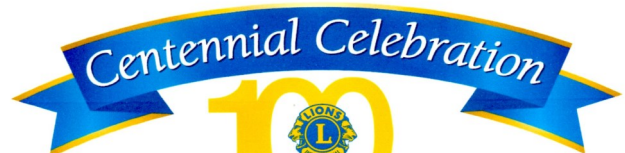
Find more about our club at [wimborneandferndownlions.org.uk](http://wimborneandferndownlions.org.uk)

**ALDERSHOT LIONS CLUB**

**5<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DISCO**

&

**100 YEARS OF LIONS CLUBS**



**SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2017**

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**7.30 P.M. - 11 P.M. (OVER 18'S)**

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Email: [events@aldershotlionsclub.org.uk](mailto:events@aldershotlionsclub.org.uk) Tel: 07375 623144

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## THE HIGHS AND LOWS OF FAMILY LIFE

### Well, our family of Lions anyway

All families go through highs and lows, and February has been just that way within our District. Sadly, I attended the funerals of two fellow Lions: Lion Vanda Small from Ringwood & Fordingbridge and Lion Nigel Barnes, a Charter Member of Wareham Lions. The attendance on both occasions clearly showed how much they were thought of and I pay my respects to their families and their Clubs for their losses.

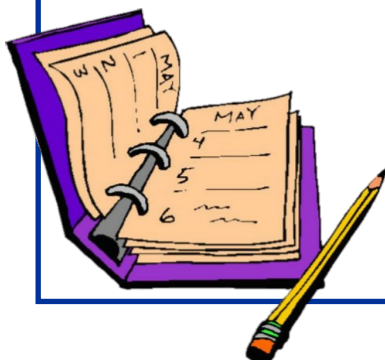
In the meantime, life goes on and I donned the silly Marie Curie daffodil hat yet again to collect outside our local Tesco. I'm not sure whether we collect more in aid of the good cause or in pity for wearing the hat – either way it works. Marie Curie is one of our Lions partners who actively support us in return. Their in-house magazine has covered some of our work and all of their stores will have a spectacles bin for local Lions Clubs to collect.

As a bit of light relief I was honoured to attend two more Club Charter functions; a lovely Sunday lunch with Burnham (Bucks) and a 50<sup>th</sup> Charter Dinner with Cosham. I have always enjoyed getting out to spend time with other Clubs and their members away from business meetings – a good job really as I have another 16 functions in the coming months! My point is that Lions should be about having fun as well – and mixing with so many other Clubs really broadens your mind and increases your awareness of what we do.

Good news followed that our District membership has held steady since July. Good news? Well, yes compared with other Districts; nationally we are down nearly two per cent. It would be better to increase our numbers, but retention is the greater problem right now.

More good news with the latest figures from LCIF – OUR international charity – that our District is yet again one of the top two contributors in the British Isles. I'm sure Patrick Hamblin, our LCIF coordinator, is grateful for YOUR support.

Finally, ending the month on a high note by spending the weekend in Dudley at the MD Young Ambassador finals. Our representative, 15-year-old Rosie Nicholls from Jersey, was a strong contender and impressed the judges. To listen to the achievements and contributions of all the entrants is really humbling and it is one occasion where there really are no losers. However, someone has to be chosen as the winner and we congratulate James Curtis from District 105A on his selection.



Like I said, there are highs and lows in every family; let's be thankful we are responsible for so many more highs in our endeavours.

DG Lion *David*



# Matters of Moment

## DG Team Visits

### March 2017

#### **DG Lion David**

Date	Activity
4 Mar:	Convention Planning meeting-Salisbury Charter Anniversary
8 Mar:	GMS Club meeting
9 Mar:	IOW Ventnor Official Visit
10 Mar:	Windsor Charter Anniversary
11 Mar:	Hook & Odiham Charter Anniversary
12 Mar:	IOW Newport Charter Anniversary
14 Mar:	UN Day at Houses of Parliament
18 Mar:	Poole Charter Anniversary
19 Mar:	On-line Council meeting
22 Mar:	GMS Club meeting
24-26 Mar:	I05D District Conventiion

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

Date	Activity
4 Mar:	Salisbury Charter Anniversary
5 Mar:	MD 2018 Convention committee meeting
24-26 Mar:	I05D District Conventiion

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

Date	Activity
24-26 Mar:	I05D District Conventiion

## Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

Once again 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. I am pleased to say that grants given information is now appearing on the LCIF website ([www.lcif.com](http://www.lcif.com)).

As a summary recent grants are as follows:

#### **Humanitarian grants**

(A wide range of areas from funding a diabetes detection programme to constructing a school to purchasing and equipping a mobile blood donation vehicle): 94 grants totalling in excess of £12 million.

#### **SightFirst grants:**

(All related to various sight areas): 18 grants totalling in excess of £5.5 million.

#### **Emergency grants:**

(January for flood, tornado, mud slide and wildfire relief): seven grants totalling £54,000.

#### **Standard grants:**

(Construction of a home for cancer patients receiving treatment, equipping a neo-natal ward, etc) three grants totalling approx. £170,000.

I hope these figures demonstrate what our own charity is doing to support Lions Clubs who can then support their communities in areas that could not be funded by individual Clubs.

#### **LCIF Club Coordinators**

Following a request from Oak Brook, a small number of Clubs have appointed LCIF Club Coordinators to help promote the work and support of LCIF. Clubs can list their Club Coordinator on MyLCI. Could any Club Coordinators who have not already done so please drop me an email ([patrick.hamblin@btinternet.com](mailto:patrick.hamblin@btinternet.com)) with your name and Club so I can keep in touch.

#### **Melvin Jones Fellowships (MJFs)**

I am restating my comments from the last month's news relating to MJFs. Many Clubs in District 105D have credits towards 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.

#### **Other LCIF matters**

Please contact me if you have any questions relating to LCIF, MJFs, etc.

*PDG Lion Patrick Hamblin*

District 105D LCIF Coordinator  
([patrick.hamblin@btinternet.com](mailto:patrick.hamblin@btinternet.com))



Vice DG Lion Peter Burnett presents Lion Russ Woolley (left) with a Melvin Jones Fellowship at the Weymouth & Portland Charter Anniversary

# Multiple District News

## Young Ambassador Finals

District 105D's Young Ambassador Rosie Nicholls sponsored by the Lions Club of Jersey represented us at the MD Finals in Dudley at the end of February. She joined 12 other Young Ambassadors from all the other Districts in an amazing weekend of enlightenment. The revelation of what young people of today are doing is both humbling and inspiring. We learned that not all the youth of today generate bad press, but there are some out there who perform acts of self sacrifice and heroism every day of their life. The collection of nine young ladies and four young men are engaged in a wide variety of selfless service to their communities. They do not consider themselves to be special but believe me each one of them is very, very special. None of them had ever met each other before Friday afternoon, but within a few minutes lifelong friendships had been formed. They worked and played together as a team instantly. Each one encouraging their fellow Ambassadors as they were called in for their interview. Saturday evening it was party time with the dance floor still filled at midnight. On Sunday morning it was time to announce who will be our MD105 Young Ambassador for our Centennial Year. But not before we had heard a three minute presentation from each of them. The presentations made to an audience of around a hundred people was at times moving and at times funny but always from the heart. If you have a list of things that you must do one day in your life I urge you to add to the list "Attend a Young Ambassador Final". You will thank me. You will wonder why you never went to one before. You WILL go to another one.

And now end to the waiting. The Young Ambassador who will represent his Club, District and Multiple District is James Curtis, sponsored by Milton Keynes Stony Stratford Lions Club in District 105A. James was born profoundly deaf now wears double cochlea implants and has worked with AVUK, a charity that helps children who have similar hearing problems to those that James has been able to overcome. We wish James every success as our MD Young Ambassador.

Rosie meanwhile represented District 105D in an exemplary manner and thanked the Lions Club of Jersey for giving her this exciting opportunity. We look forward to hearing her presentation at District Convention in March.

In the picture on the front page of Rosie and her fellow Young Ambassadors along with the panel of judges, Rosie is fourth from the right, front row.

*Lion Yorky Take*

Young Ambassador Officer



Rosie receives her Young Ambassador Trophy from the Jersey President Lion Andrew Quinn



## Confusion over cost of Centennial Coin

In the February edition it was published that the cost of the Centennial Coin was 'circa £41.35'. In fact this is the dollar value if the coin is bought in the US. The cost from MDHQ is **£63.00**. Thanks to Lion Tricia Snook for her clarification.



## International Convention

More than 100 delegates have registered from MD 105 for the Lions Clubs International Convention. To find out about travel arrangements from the appointed MD 105 travel agents use the following link:

<http://lionsclubs.co/MemberArea/index.php/2015-09-20-17-40-34/international-convention>

If you have any queries please contact Lions MDHQ [mdhq@lions.co](mailto:mdhq@lions.co) by email or telephone – 0121 441 4544



# News from the Clubs

## Are you being served?

### Party time on Hayling Island

The Hayling Lions organised a Valentines Tea dance for Islanders living with dementia or Alzheimer's, and their carers, on Tuesday 14 February. There were red heart streamers, red heart-shaped balloons, heart napkins, red roses on the tables and a great atmosphere in the URC Hall as the guests arrived and the Lions in the kitchen finished arranging the platters of sandwiches and cakes.

Entertainment was provided by the multi-talented Wendy Evans who encouraged people to join in with the songs, dance if they wished and contribute to a tremendous sound with maracas and tambourines.

The Club's grateful thanks go to Home Instead for their sponsorship of this very successful and rewarding afternoon.

## A record-breaking sum raised for Marie Curie by Blandford & District Lions



Blandford & District Lions have collected a record breaking £1,091.41 for Marie Curie Cancer Care. This was achieved standing in the entrance of Blandford St Mary Tesco on Friday and Saturday 24 and 25 February with an invigorating easterly cross wind as the doors opened and closed.

*Pictured are Lions Marek Mortimer and Tony Ives*

## 4,000 swimmers signed up for Jersey Lions Swimathon

Four thousand swimmers in 465 teams have signed up for the Jersey Lions Swimathon which takes place from Wednesday to Sunday 8 to 11 March at Jersey's municipal pool.

"This is a record number of teams," says organising committee chairman Lion Nick Sangan, "And we are looking forward to a great and very special event."

Five local youth charities will be the main beneficiaries, each sharing half the moneys raised. Last year's event raised £140,000.



## Weymouth & Portland Lions also out and about in Tesco for Marie Curie

Along with other Lions Clubs throughout the United Kingdom, Lions from Weymouth & Portland (including one hiding his identity behind his Marie Curie top hat) were collecting for the cancer care charity in Tesco.



## More News

### NEWS FROM THE LIONS DEN

The Blackmore Vale Lions' Father Christmas Sleigh run raised a remarkable £6,000 during the 2016 tour of the towns and villages within the Blackmore Vale. A lot of local charities and good causes will benefit.

The Blackmore Vale Lions would like to thank their main sponsors of this annual event and the many volunteer collectors (School PTA's, Scout Groups Friends of Lions etc.) and Father Christmas himself who helped make this such an enjoyable event.



Sunday 5 February saw the 25<sup>th</sup> running of the annual Blackmore Vale Lions Half Marathon which started and finished at Bishops Caundle. More than 375 runners turned out in what is the first Dorset league race of the season. The race was also used by many as a training run for the London Marathon which takes place later in the year. This year's race raised over £4,500 and the main beneficiary will be St Margaret's Hospice. The event raised around £4,000 providing the Lions the opportunity to raise funds for lots of other local charities and good causes.

Our Swimarathon will take place again this year on Saturday 1 April at Claysmore School. This event is open to all-comers with a maximum of six per team. There is no age limit so a mixture of adults and children is perfectly acceptable. If you want to enter or find out more please contact

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tel: 01258-472219 - or

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tel. 01963-363998.

### **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**

**Basingstoke** - Lion Ron Draper

**Guernsey** - Lion Andrea Tostevin

**Loddon Valley** - Lion Lynne Bardell

**Slough** - Lions Sakshi Aggarwal and Varun Aggarwal

### **New Year's Dip warms the cockles!**

Lion David Andrews, president of the Gosport and Lee-on-the-Solent Lions Club did the Stokes Bay Swim on New Year's Day after convincing his son Keith and grand-daughters Molly (11) and Ruby (9) to join him. And in they all went, in fancy dress.

With a good deal of arm-twisting of family and friends and the generous support from Club members, the intrepid group raised £360 for the Club and donated to LCIF as the first step in recognising the Lions' Centennial Year.

Later the Club held a Lions' Centenary Chinese New Year Dinner Dance which made the magnificent profit of £1,079.50, donated on the night to the Gosport branch of Motiv8, a charity who work supporting the young and vulnerable in the town.

Lions David says: "We are a small Club but are determined to put Gosport and Lee-on-the-Solent Lions Club on the map and make it a year to remember."



### *In Memoriam*

Wareham Lions Club announces with regret the passing to higher service of Charter Member Lion Nigel Barnes, a Lion for 46 years. Lion Nigel's funeral was attended by some 500 people, an indication of just how well known and respected he was in his community.





# TAIL TWISTER

*The Editor has the last word*

"The Convention? Why do you bother?" A question from a fellow Lion who is evidently not going to Bournemouth. And it's a good question because while to many Bournemouth is only just down the road, for us it is across the sea.

So why *am* I going to the Convention? It's because I want to meet those Lions who I so often write about, I want to share Lions' experiences, exchange ideas and pick their brains. I want to talk Lionism with someone whose response I am not already familiar with. I want to meet again many I consider to be friends and I want to make some new friends. I want to be part of this great big organisation and share in its fun and fellowship.

See you there!

*Lion Peter Tabb*

## Lion's Tail...

The things I do for  
the Blackmore Vale  
Lions Club...



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