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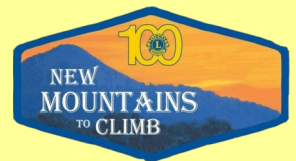
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“Celebrating a Centenary of Service”



Community Relations News

Living Paintings is a charity based in Kingsclere, in North Hampshire, which produces books for the blind and partially sighted. It caters for all ages from pre school through to adults and many of the publications are used in schools. There are up to two million people in this country living with severe sight loss and 20,00 blind and partially sighted children under the age of 16 in Britain.

The charity designs, creates and publishes tactile and audio books which they call Touch to See books. All books contain raised tactile images which are hand painted, and are accompanied by atmospheric audio guides which are spoken by well known actors. The children's books also include Braille sheets containing the original story. The books form a library which can be borrowed by members free of charge as they are sent "Articles for the Blind" via Royal Mail.

Lions Clubs, including Loddon Valley, have sponsored the production of complete books. The cost for this is £2,500, which provides many copies of the book, but any donations are always welcomed. The charity has a few paid employees but many volunteers who paint the pictures because they enjoy the work.

I visited Living Paintings with Loddon Valley Lions and found it to be a very well organised charity doing invaluable work bringing the gift of reading to those who cannot see. To find out more go to www.livingpaintings.org. If you are sending a donation please do this directly but do record it as a Centennial project on your Activity Report.

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Windsor Lions take a lead on diabetes awareness

Windsor Lions are launching an awareness campaign of the risks associated with diabetes, a growing scourge in our society.

Working with Diabetes UK, the Club is holding an event in Windsor on Friday and Saturday 16 and 17 June to promote 'Diabetes Week' which runs from Sunday 11 June. Members of Windsor Lions will man a campaign stall in Peascod Street outside Boots and encourage members of the public to enter the store and participate in a survey-based assessment process undertaken by Boots' trained staff to understand their risk of contracting diabetes.

Diabetes is a serious condition but the risks associated with it are rarely fully appreciated. It can cause blindness, strokes or kidney failure, trigger a heart attack, lead to amputations and even death.

The risk of contracting Type 2 diabetes increases with age, particularly if there is a history of diabetes in the family. Right now there are almost four million people in Britain with the condition including around half a million who are not even aware they have it. Without urgent action, and greater public awareness, according to Diabetes UK the number of people with diabetes in this country is likely to exceed five million by 2025. However early intervention and life style changes can delay or even prevent the onset of Type 2 diabetes (the most common form) and the first step towards this is identifying those most at risk.

Health related awareness is not new territory for the Windsor Lions. In the recent past the Club has run two very successful prostate cancer awareness campaigns.

Lion Lindsey MacGregor, Windsor Lions' campaign manager says: "We are delighted to be working with Diabetes UK to drive forward the 'Diabetes - Know Your Risk' campaign. Early diagnosis of diabetes followed by appropriate treatment is vital to long-term health and if we can help to spread the word through Windsor then we will have achieved our aim."



HINDSIGHT AND FORESIGHT

Looking back over my time as a Lion, would I have done anything differently?

Probably not, there are certainly far more happy memories than sad. So I don't regret:

*A friend of mine in Lancashire talking me into a Lions Club meeting more than 20 years ago—
My Club electing me as President the first time (of three) while I was away on holiday—
PDG Lion Pat Nixon telling me her Cabinet needed my expertise as a Police Press Officer to become the District PR Officer—
PDG Lion David Merchant nagging me to become his Region Chairman—
Numerous PDGs 'persuading' me to stand as District Governor—
Setting the trend for shedding an emotional tear when I was elected—and
Driving more than 10,000 miles attending Council meetings, Cabinet meetings, visiting Clubs, enjoying Charters and joining in Club events*

With one month to go, a couple of Charters and a couple of Centennial events to look forward to, I cannot fully express how proud I am of the achievements of Clubs in our District and the difference you have all made to your own communities and across the world - we continue to lead in donations to LCIF.

So many memories will stay with me: sky diving over Salisbury Plain; abseiling down the church tower in Shaftesbury; throwing sticks at a wooden egg in Wokingham; selling glow sticks in Guernsey; Oh, and watching a skunk being taken for a walk in Petersfield!

I am elated that our appeal for Special Olympics has continued to grow and has nearly reached £7,000.

In our Centennial year, so many Clubs have accepted the challenges set by LCI and 12 have already completed all four challenges, with another ten completing three, a big increase on last year.

I'm also pleased with the number of new Lions who have chosen to join us, but sad that we have lost a greater number.

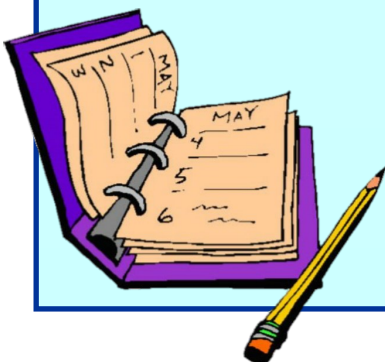
We face big challenges ahead, particularly in our membership numbers and finding a way to serve our communities in a way that highlights the value of belonging to a Lions Club.

But for the moment, let's take time to be proud of what we have done as a group of ordinary people who have achieved extraordinary things when we work together as a team.

My final pleasure is seeing Lions Peter Burnett, Ken Staniforth and Jarvis MacDonald waiting in the wings to take over as the District Governor team; I wish them all well for the future. My only advice is the same PDG Lion Ron Twining gave me: "Do it your way, it's what got you here in the first place."

For my part, I have been more proud to serve this District than any of you will ever know. I've done the best that I can and tried hard not to fail you; thank you each and every one.

DG Lion *David*



Matters of **Moment**

DG Team Visits

June 2017

DG Lion David

Date	Activity
3 June:	Hart Lions Centennial Lunch
4 June:	Newbury Lions Charter Anniversary Lunch
14 June:	GMS Lions Club Meeting
17 June:	Petersfield Lions Centennial Day
23/24 June:	Special Olympics Training, Sheffield
25 June:	Reading Charter Anniversary Lunch
28 June:	GMS Lions Club Meeting
29 June	International Convention,
- 6 July:	Chicago

DG-elect Lion Peter

Date	Activity
7 June:	Incoming Officer Training, Blandford
13 June:	MD 2018 meeting, Fleet
16 June:	Blandford Lions Race Night
17 June:	Zone B Project Day
19 June:	Fleet Lions Centenary Event
24 June	DG Training and International
- 8 July:	Convention, Chicago

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*

Blackmore Vales - Lion Ines Braun
Burnham (Bucks) - Lion Akhoui Amit Ranjan
Guernsey - Lion Joanne Mahy
Swanwick - Lion Jeanette Cooper



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

Introduction

Thank you to those Clubs that have donated recently to LCIF. If any Clubs have a little surplus funds I would remind you that the Measles & Rubella Initiative still requires more funds to enable the work to continue to save 400 children dying every day from measles and rubella.

LCIF Club Coordinators:

All Clubs around the world have been asked by LCI to appoint a LCIF Club Coordinator and give details of the appointee on 'My LCI'. The purpose of this role is to improve the knowledge of Club members on the mission and success of LCIF and its importance to LCI, to make a presentation on LCIF to their Club, to assist in implementing LCIF development strategies within the Club and to collaborate with the LCIF District Coordinator to promote LCIF. I know that some Clubs have already appointed a Club Coordinator. Other Clubs are suggesting the Community Service or Welfare Chairman takes the role – this is entirely satisfactory but please record the details on My LCI. In the perfect world it would be good if I could provide some training for those who require it but LCIF has produced a really good training package on line. This is accessed via the following link:

<https://www.lcif.org/EN/resources/coordinator-center/club-lcif.php>

Club Coordinators will find a large amount of useful information on the LCIF website using this link. I am of course able to give help and guidance as and when required. I am hoping in the 2017/2018 Lionistic year to give a number of presentations on LCIF at Zone meetings.

Disaster grants

Natural disasters continue to cause major problems around the world. Eight disaster grants were awarded in April to Lions Clubs in various parts of the world to assist with disaster relief to assist following floods and windstorms.

Other grants:

There was a Board meeting earlier this month when decisions would have been made on a number of types of grant applications. I hope to be able to report on these in my next Newsletter.

Melvin Jones Fellowships (MJFs)

I am pleased to have received a number of enquiries from Clubs regarding Melvin Jones Fellowships this month. I would remind you that your Club is likely to have a credit towards Melvin Jones Fellowships. Please contact me to ascertain your Club's credit. I have been asked for advice relating to Melvin Jones Fellowships by a number of Clubs that did not appreciate they had adequate credit for a MJF without any additional payment. How about presenting a MJF to someone deserving in your town or village?

Other LCIF matters

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

Why not take a look at the LCIF website. The link is <http://www.lcif.org/EN/index.php>.

PDG Lion Patrick Hamblin

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News from the Clubs



WOKINGHAM LIONS WELCOME CELEBRITY CRICKETERS

A celebrity cricket match on Sunday 30 July has been organised by the Wokingham Lions Club, the Wokingham Cricket Club and the Lord's Taverners, the UK's leading youth cricket and disability sports charity. The match between Lord's Taverners and the Wokingham Cricket Club is open to the public, with free admission. Refreshments will be available for purchase throughout the day.

In addition to the charity cricket match, scheduled for 2.30 pm at the Wokingham Cricket Club, there will be a children's coaching clinic, VIP three-course luncheon, afternoon tea, raffle prizes and an auction to support a local charity.

"We are very pleased to welcome the public to this exciting event. It should be fun for all ages, and all proceeds will be donated to a local charity. We will have well known sports and entertainment personalities participating in the cricket match and attending the VIP luncheon. Sponsorship packages are still available for local companies wanting to support this great event. Our goal is to make it an annual event," says Lion Steve Curnow, organiser for the Wokingham Lions Club.

Sponsors include the Lord's Taverners, Kingfisher Beer, Wokingham Lions Club and the Wokingham Cricket Club.

Pictured above are Lion President, Lion Bob Westerman with Chris Tarrant OBE, radio and television broadcaster and honorary captain of the Lord's Taverners at Wokingham Cricket Club.

LIONS WISDOM

Entrepreneurial Lions please note. You need a licence in England to sell seaweed.

Signs of the times for Aldershot Lions

Recently new electronic advertising for Lions has appeared throughout in the centre of Aldershot on brightly lit Monolith displays. The electronic signage is incorporated in a rolling display of local adverts and promotes Aldershot Lions Club.

District PR Lion Richard Keeley says: "When I first saw this I thought 'Wow', how did Aldershot Lions achieve such high profile advertising?"

He spoke to their webmaster Lion Ian Hambleton who explained: "As part of my work representing Aldershot Lions at the Aldershot Action Together (ACT) Residents Association and the Aldershot Victoria Day Committee, I firstly approached the Aldershot Town Centre Manager about advertising on the town's Monolith boards. He in turn, passed me onto the Corporate Communications Manager at Rushmoor Borough Council. That resulted in a bid being made for funding from the Council's charitable budget for the use on the Monolith boards. That was passed by Rushmoor Borough Council and after refining the design the artwork was submitted to Monolith and rolled out".

Lion Ian continued, "Although it took nearly five months of negotiations, agreements with the Council and technical submissions, this has been very successful. The advert is now running 24/7 on seven Monolith boards around Aldershot town centre which is hoped to run for at least six weeks advising residents and visitors alike of our Lions Club and also to advertise our membership number for further assistance.

"We are sure in time this will assist us with the recruitment of new Lions members."



More news from the Clubs



PAULTONS PARK FUN DAY!

Thirty-three Lions Clubs provided almost 1,600 children, adults and carers of people with special needs to a fun day out at Paulton's Park near Southampton on Sunday 7 May. Some travelled by coach while others chose to use their own transport to suit their personal needs. The organising team from Warminster Lions Club handled ticket enquiries, ably assisted by Lions from Romsey and Meon Valley. There were also Lions-costumed mascots and a pair of "Bournemouth Bunnies" to greet the guests on arrival.

Once in the Park guests came face to face with Star Wars, Dr. Who and other Sci-Fi characters brilliantly portrayed by members young and old of the Costuming Group Milton Keynes Garrison, who gave their services free of charge in support of the Lions Day, and a huge vote of thanks to them.

A new attraction at the Park this year is the dinosaur theme park world "Lost Kingdom", a huge modern day update in addition to the wide range of attractions on offer. The teenagers enjoyed the roller coaster rides, and because of the warm weather the wave runner, log flumes and water play areas were very popular with both young and old!

Peppa Pig World was a big hit with the younger children, especially the boat trip and splashing in muddy puddles.

The grounds and gardens are beautifully kept, as always, and this year enhanced by topiary features of Victorian ages including a penny farthing cycle, coach and horses, various animals and entertainers. Very amusing was a lion tamer, complete with chair in hand, facing up to a menacing lion!

The packed lunches provided were generous and delicious, and there was plenty of seating and shade for families to have picnics.

The day trip to Paulton's Park is a District 105D service to the community event, and was best summed up the following day from a parent who expressed her thanks to the Lions by saying: *"Thanks for providing so many people who have difficult daily lives with one day they can escape from it all and enjoy themselves."*

Grateful thanks to the management of Paulton's Park for generously allowing Lions Clubs from all over the District to enjoy the facilities offered for the day. It is so satisfying to see family units enjoying themselves in spite of what circumstances they have to cope with, and makes us proud to be Lions!



And the winner is... BRIDPORT!

The Lions of Zone IA - Bridport, Blackmore Vale, Dorchester & District and Weymouth & Portland - prepared themselves for the battle ahead. They met for battle at the Colliton Club in Dorchester for the annual skittles competition for the Bellingier Trophy which has been keenly contested for more than 30 years.

The event was the brainchild of Lion Jack Bellingier of Dorchester Lions who presented the first trophy. Traditionally the winner arranged the next event. Thus with every Club therefore playing to lose, winning came by accident!

This year 49 Lions took part, not only playing skittles but also enjoying a supper before the final games. The team from Bridport, led by their enthusiastic president Lion Lucy Paull, led from the very first leg to victory with 115 pins. Runners-up were Dorchester & District with 113 pins, followed by Blackmore Vale with 110 and last were Weymouth & Portland with just 92 (having won last year they felt they should let some other Club have the glory this year).

In the picture the Bellingier Trophy is being presented to Lion Lucy Paull by the Zone Chairman Lion Peter Oswick of Blackmore Vale Lions Club.



Even more News



LIONS AND DRAGONS

Reading Lions are giving advanced notice of holding another Dragon Boat Festival on Sunday 20 August 2017 on the River Thames by The Suttons Industrial Estate off the A329m (locally known as the Dreadnought Reach). Teams are again invited to come along and have lots of fun for the crews and supporters both on and off the river.

Teams of 11 – 15 can be registered for a total cost of £400 per team and any number can be in the boat at any one time. A boat, team tent and all necessary safety gear will be provided for each team member. Stalls will also be there to provide food and refreshments to teams and supporters at reasonable prices.

This is a great opportunity for friends, work mates and social groups to come along for a good day's fun and social bonding.

Further details can be obtained from www.readingdragonboatfestival.co.uk.



From June of this year to June 2018 Lions Clubs worldwide will be celebrating the 100 years of Lionism with special programmes and events to raise its image in the public domain. Such a recent event was a walk over two days around the local Lions zone by members of Lions and Leo Clubs taking in Bradford on Avon to Trowbridge and Westbury on day one, and onwards to Warminster and Mere on day two.

It was Melvin Jones (pictured below), a successful insurance agency owner and a member of the Business Circle of Chicago, USA, who encouraged his fellow members to expand beyond their business interests and seek the betterment of the community, saying "you can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else". He also contacted similar groups inviting them to meet and discuss forming a new organization. This meeting was held on 7 June 1917 in Chicago and based on the success of that meeting the first Lions Club Convention was held in October of that year, where Melvin Jones was named as Secretary Treasurer and authorized to establish a headquarters in Chicago.

For 100 years Lions have served communities around the world and improved the lives of millions of people through service projects and international aid.

Now, united by one idea, there are some 1.4 million Lions in 46,000 Clubs throughout 200 countries and geographic areas – now that's something to celebrate !



In Memoriam

The Lions Club of Ryde - Isle of Wight reports with sadness the passing to Higher Service of Lion Adrian J.B. Ould. The 105D Times extends its condolences to the Club and to Lion Adrian's family.



TAIL TWISTER

The Editor has the last word

In the last edition of his monthly diary, the DG makes some very interesting comments and his review of his year in office makes compelling reading. I was interested to learn that his involvement in Lions started when a friend took him to a Lions meeting and I had reason not long ago to recall that was just why I too had become a Lion. I was involved with a newly formed charity which was 'adopted' by the Lions and this friend, already a Lion, thought I had the makings of being a good Lion so invited me. Forty five years later I hope he was right!

We all have friends so why not take one along. You never know you might be introducing a future District Governor and he or she might be as good as the one just completing his year. Well done, Lion David, and enjoy Chicago!

Lion Peter Tabb

Lion's Tail...

How far did you say it was?



Lions and Leos of Zone 2C about to set off on their two day walk around the Zone (see p.7)

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