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Lion Chiara Evans of the Wokingham Lions Club giving out Centennial balloons to children

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



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District 105D

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Community Relations News

How is your hearing?

In the United Kingdom more than 11 million people suffer from some loss of hearing. It is a very frustrating condition both for the sufferer and those who are trying to communicate with them. Having to repeat what you say continually can be irritating and make you want to shout! Not hearing is very isolating as so much of what is being said is missed.

The Lions Hearing Forum exists to make the public "Deaf Aware" and better able to communicate with hearing impaired persons. I have organised one Deaf Awareness Session and will organise another if it is needed. Please tell me if you are interested. I have a supply of "I see what you are saying" badges for sale to give to people who are hearing impaired but who can lip read.

The Hearing Forum has the following guidelines to help communication:

- *In a noisy environment, take the person to one side*
- *Try to position yourself so that your face is well lit*
- *Remember that hearing aids may amplify ALL sounds*
- *Do not shout*
- *Speak clearly and not too fast*
- *Always address face to face*
- *Use plain language that is easily understood*
- *When speaking, ensure your lip patterns can be seen clearly and are not distorted by eating or smoking*
- *If you are not understood, use simpler words or write things down*
- *Be patient and above all.... do not give up!*

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On Tuesday 30 May two members of Hayling Lions went shopping in Matalan, Waterloooville, with 12 excited children from Chernobyl.

Even though it is 31 years since the disaster at Chernobyl, there are still many problems in the region which affect children and their families. Every year the charity, Chernobyl Children's Lifeline, arranges for children to come for four weeks to stay in our area with host families. There are always host families on Hayling so Hayling Lions make a contribution to the visit by taking the children shopping for basic essentials which most of us take for granted.

We arrange for 12 children to choose their own practical but appealing items such as nightwear, underwear, swimwear and a large towel, socks, school shoes and casual shoes and a T-shirt each. A small present usually finds its way into each trolley as well!

We are grateful to Matalan manager Alison Patton and her staff for their kindness and care during our visit. The children had a marvellous time and all staff who met them were very complimentary about their manners and their infectious excitement.



Peter's Page

Well it's finally here and I am so proud to have been elected as your District Governor.

Debbie and I are really looking forward to meeting as many of the members of District 105D as we can, whether it's at a Club meeting, a Charter Anniversary or one of your Club events.

The first thing I must do is to pay a tribute to the Immediate Past District Governor David who has served 105D with distinction. He and his fellow Council of Governors members have not had an easy year with the re-districting once again taking centre stage. At least a decision was finally made in Blackpool and later in the year we will need to work out how to make the new Districts work for us all. I say 'later in the year' as we are not allowed to do anything at all until the decision is ratified by the International Board at their October meeting.

When this newsletter is published Lion Debbie and I will be in Chicago along with our 15 year old daughter Bethany. We are now getting quite excited at the prospect of taking part in the Centenary celebrations of our amazing organisation. I will let you all know what happened in the next newsletter but the highlights we know about are concerts by the Beach Boys and Chicago, a key note speech by the former UN Secretary General Ban-Ki-Moon and, of course, attending the Celebration Banquet along with Debbie and Beth where I finally get inaugurated as your District Governor.

When I was elected as District Governor in Bournemouth I informed you as part of my acceptance address that I do not intend to hold a District church service this year as I do not feel that it is necessary or appropriate. Instead I asked that every Club in the district holds a service activity during October, whether it's a lunch for the elderly, a prostate or diabetes testing event, or anything you want. Hopefully we could then think about making October the 105D service month every year.

Those of you who know Debbie and myself well will be aware that we enjoy regular holidays. As I still work as a full time pharmacist locum, we do intend to have holidays this coming year but we will cut back on the duration and number we have! To that end we want to plan our holidays for the first half of 2018 around any Charter Anniversaries or Club events which you will want us to attend. I am therefore making a request that you let us know the dates of any such events as soon as possible to avoid us having to say no due to being away on holiday.

Our Centenary celebrations continue through the forthcoming Lions year and I hope to encourage you all to keep reporting the things you have done on the MyLCI pages. Against the initial target of 100 million we have already served more than 160 million people around the world. I am confident that if ALL Clubs reported their actions we could end the centenary period by having served over 300 million, so please check with your Club secretary that everything is being reported.

I am looking forward to Sunday 16 July and the District Handover at the St Leonards Hotel near Ringwood. A two course Sunday lunch will start at 12.30 for 1.00 pm and the District Handover will immediately follow the meal. With a Sunday lunch we are trying something new this year and I look forward to welcoming as many of you as I can at the event. All Clubs have been sent the booking details or you can find them on the District website.

Finally some huge 'thank you's'. Thank you to all of you for electing me as your District Governor, thank you to all of you who have agreed to serve on my cabinet, thank you to all of you who have taken office within your own Clubs and, of course, thank you to all of you for giving up your free time to help others. You are all amazing.



DG Lion Peter

Matters of Moment

DG Team Visits

July 2017

DG Lion Peter

Date	Activity
1 - 4 July:	International Convention - Chicago
13 July:	Ringwood Official Visit
16 July:	Cabinet and Handover
18 July:	Woodley & Earley Official Visit
19 July:	Bradford on Avon Official Visit
22 July:	Isle of Wight Clubs Centenary Fayre
24 July:	Southampton Solent Official Visit
25 July:	Blandford Official Visit
27 July:	Burnham Official Visit
28/30 July:	Council of Governors, Solihull

2nd VDG Lion Jarvis

Date	Activity
19 July:	Salisbury Official Visit
27 July:	Newbury Official Visit

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 a Lion.

DG Lion *Peter*

Alton - Lions Ella Frampton and Roger Frampton
Crofton - Lions Frank Collier and Gail Terry
Gosport & Lee on Solent - Lions Kristine Olsen and Margaret Toms
Jersey - Lion Mary Sandeman
Newbury - Lion Sally-Jane Kruger
Poole - Lions Bridget Barrett, Lynne Powell and David Powell
Reading - Lion Marie Thomas
Ringwood & Fordingbridge - Lion Michael Bennett-Smith



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

As we reach the end of the Lions year I would like to thank on behalf of LCIF all those Clubs in the District that have donated to LCIF this year. Clubs in District 105D have been very generous and as at 31 May had donated £29,751.50, more than Clubs in any other District.

LCIF Club Coordinators:

I made reference to Club Coordinators in the May LCIF News. This person can be the Club member responsible for community service or welfare, rather than a separate appointment, but it will mean that the designated person will occasionally receive interesting information on LCIF from Oak Brook. I referred to more information being available on the LCI website in my previous comments on Club Coordinators. This is available via the following link:

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

Please record the details of the nominated Lion in your Club on 'My LCI'.

Disaster grants

Natural disasters continue to cause major problems around the world. A further eight disaster grants were awarded in May to Lions Clubs in various parts of the world to assist with disaster relief to assist following floods, a tornado, a hailstorm and windstorms. In Paraguay there were serious floods in December 2015/January 2016. After immediate needs are met victims of disasters are not forgotten. LCIF provided a Major Catastrophe Grant of £160,000 and relief work is continuing with Lions and LCIF still supporting communities as they rebuild. Local Lions recently finished repairs on five primary schools that were severely damaged by flood waters. As a result 1,725 students have been able to return to school.

SightFirst grant:

Some will remember the Campaign SightFirst fundraising years in the early 2000s. Grants are still being made from the funds raised and my attention has been drawn to a grant of £1,200,000 to the Lions of Uganda and Kenya through a partnership of the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust and LCIF to combat trachoma, a very serious eye infection caused by a bacterium that causes the eyelid to turn inwards leading to scarring of the eye and irreversible blindness. This grant will allow 12,000 surgeries to be supported to treat a very large number of persons.

Melvin Jones Fellowships (MJFs)

I am continuing to receive requests from Clubs to know what their credit is for Melvin Jones Fellowships. A number of Clubs do not appreciate they have 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>.

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News from the Clubs



Lions' Centenary boost for Avon Heath Country Park

To mark the Lions' centenary, Wimborne and Ferndown Lions Club have given £3,720 to Avon Heath to help improve facilities at the park, particularly for local children.

The money will be used to provide a new rope bridge together with oak picnic tables and benches, two of the benches being carved with children's art.

The picture (above) shows the formal handover at the North Park visitor centre. In red are, from left, Lions Brenda, Godwin, Teresa, Frank, Joan and Anne, together with Katy and Ben from Avon Heath in green.



A new buggy for Lily Grace

Weymouth and Portland Lions have donated a specialised buggy to young Lily Grace Cleaver who is on the Autism Spectrum and has special needs which among many includes the fact that she is hypermobile - she doesn't like walking far and can't walk far since she has no concept of road hazards, etc. The buggy means that the family can now go 'off road'.

The special Tomato Jogger is a versatile pushchair for children with special needs. It has a range of features designed to provide a comfortable experience for children who require the most advanced support while on the go.

The picture shows Lions Club members with Lily Grace in her buggy with dad Mark Cleaver, Marie Coffin and older sister Eva Rose.

Marie says: "Thank you Lions for the buggy which has made a huge difference to Lily Grace. In the buggy she is more relaxed and happier. As a family we can now go to more places outdoors and she loves the fact that it can go faster!"



A guy for a Penny

The Westbury Lions Club held a Donkey Derby on Sunday 11 June with Penny the donkey acquiring a groom in the person of the then DG-elect Lion Peter Burnett.

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EAST AFRICA APPEAL

Clubs will have received a 'thank you' from UNICEF following the East Africa Appeal without saying how much was raised.

For your records MD 105 raised **£15,277.**

More news

Grenfell Tower - Where there's a need there's a Lion ...

Lion Ann Vicars' experiences as a volunteer in the aftermath of that devastating inferno

Lion Ann of the Basingstoke Club was one of the many volunteer helpers who have supported the survivors of the disastrous fire that consumed the Grenfell Tower in west London in mid-June. Here, in her own words, are her reactions.



The first time, that first-hand sickening view of the charred and blackened building; the countless notices and messages in the surrounding streets, either for missing people or personal sentiments - television coverage cannot adequately convey the quantity, let alone the pain and grief; meeting a man (another helper) who proudly introduced his brave little niece whose mother was told by this man to 'turn on all the taps' and 'flood the flat' as reported on the news. All were saved, albeit several hours after tragedy had hit others. Her uncle had assisted the firemen and now had a persistent cough; and the utter exhaustion of the building's own staff, many personally affected yet working late into the night - their welcome, humour, kindness, generosity of spirit, total dedication to their tasks and care for the volunteers will be a lasting memory.

As will be the young mother who brought an empty pushchair (her two children were in a hotel with her husband) so that it could be used to carry things to help. She had lived in the flat next door to the 'man with the fridge' - she was delighted with what we could give her.

And the calm, equable (at least externally) nature of so many survivors who didn't want to take more than they felt they should.

And the helper who had watched the fire from her own nearby flat - her 14 years old son had two friends in the building and at some point as the fire raged, simply said, "They've gone, Mum..."

And the enchanting little girl who, completely unaware that her mother was searching for suitable clothing for her family, indulged in that childhood delight of blowing bubbles, giggling with delight among the ranks of clothes rails and the warmth of the volunteer who played with her so that her mother could continue with her task.

And the dogged determination of the building's management as they verbally cuddled and cajoled to get much-needed items - it took the 20 minutes to convince Dominos to bring us pizzas!

And instigating communications between the DG of 105A and the management of the Centre (who were unfamiliar with the Lions). A lengthy telephone conversation resulted in the DG promising to bring 100 brand new backpacks for distribution - the management were thrilled at his prompt reaction. Where there's a need there's a Lion...

The Reading 'Lions Den' project



The panel in mid-discussion

Our aim was to reach out to small local Reading community groups and small local Reading charities and award grants for community projects. We set aside £5,000 in total to distribute in small grants.

We held our first 'Lions Den' event (Community Grant event) on 23 May 2017. Eighteen local community groups came safely through the first stage of the Lions Den process and were invited to attend a meeting and enter the 'Lions Den'. Once in the 'Den' they were each allowed a maximum of 15 minutes to present to the panel of judges and 'pitch' for a grant for their project. Each project had to benefit the local community and be lasting in its nature.

We were very impressed by every entry and humbled to learn of all the good work being done in our local community much of it by unpaid volunteers. After much deliberation and discussion by the panel we agreed to award grants to fifteen of the eighteen who had presented a 'pitch'.

In fact we actually decided to donate £6,000 in total rather than the original £5,000.

We have asked each successful group to provide us with ongoing feedback on their individual project and look forward to hear how they are getting on as the projects get underway.

It has been an honour to assist the local community and we are already thinking about a 2018 'Lions Den'.

Fun run success!

Some 200 runners of all ages took part in the second annual Wimborne and Ferndown Lions' Muddy Fun Run which was run over a 5K obstacle course at Homelands Farm, Three Legged Cross, on Saturday 20 May. The event was deemed to be a great success with nearly four times as many entrants as there were for the inaugural event last year, raising some £2,000 for the designated charities.

The varied set of 28 obstacles generally survived the onslaught with the exception of the aerial walkway which snapped early on. Organiser Lion Peter Burnett said, "We are learning how to improve the course all the time, and a stronger rope is certainly needed for next year." One of the tougher obstacles was a tyre tunnel. Nobody got stuck although sometimes it was a pretty close thing.

The event was held to raise funds for the Lions, the Prostate Cancer Support Organisation and the Fletcher Foundation Breast Cancer Support.

Wessex Way



Lions International MD 105 Convention

3rd - 6th May 2018

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Basingstoke, RG24 8FY**

www.md105convention.uk



TAIL TWISTER

The Editor has the last word

Welcome to the new Lions year during which we will continue to celebrate the foundation of Lions Clubs. The International President said recently that 'this once in a lifetime event commemorates not just our association, but every Lion and every Club that has made a difference in the world'. This publication is privileged to publicise just how much Clubs and even individual Lions (see page 6) can strive to make that difference.

My only regret is that space restrictions often prevent me publishing everything I receive and revealing just how much Clubs are achieving in their communities.

Here's to the next 100 years!

Lion Peter Tabb

Lion's Tail...



Jersey Post's Centennial Stamps

Apparently this is what the new DG's idea of putting the fun into fundraising means...



A 'tyre tunnel' was just one of the obstacles in the Wimborne and Ferndown Club's Muddy Fun Run

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