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Community Relations News

THE ENDING OF SPEC TREK

After 35 years Petersfield Lions Club have decided to cease running Spec Trek. We thank them for all their hard work over the years. Coupled with this, Midhurst Lions Club, who carried out the initial sorting of the specs, is no longer able to perform this task.

The collection of specs for recycling, is a Lions Clubs International project, and is part of our Centennial Challenge and many of you partake in this activity. It is very important that we continue with collecting specs but the question has arisen as to what to do with several thousand pairs of specs throughout the District.

Luckily Chichester Lions are able to help us and Lion Sue Boucher who looks after Chichester Lions' spectacles recycling project says: "Clubs can either deliver their spectacles directly to Chichester or use the Parcel Force contract to send them. There is a tidy bin at the gate of our workshop where spectacles can be left at any time. The sending of specs using Parcel Force will have to be staggered throughout the year as Chichester does not have the storage capacity to receive them all at one time."

For information and advice on how to send spectacles please contact Lion Sue Boucher of Chichester Lions directly (01243 785737) or email sight@chilions.org.uk. For full details of the Chichester Lions workshop and what happens to spectacles please visit their website at www.chilions.org.uk.

So please do contact Lion Sue but please note she will be on holiday from 3 to 22 November.

The main point to note that is that Clubs will need to move away from April for disposing of their specs or this scheme will fail. It is a new way of working, but providing we follow the advice that Lion Sue will give Clubs, all should work well and we will be able to continue this valuable Lions service. You can still count the number of specs that you collect and record it on the mylci web site.

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Jersey Lions launch an annual charity bursary and issue a challenge to the Island's young people

This month the Lions Club of Jersey is launching a challenge to the young people of Jersey.

Following the receipt of a generous bequest from an Islander's estate, the Lions of Jersey are establishing an annual bursary worth up to £9,000, starting in 2018. Young people's groups (up to six in a group, from 14 to 19 years of age), from schools, youth clubs and organisations will be invited to compete for the bursary by telling the Lions how they would spend charitable money for the good of the community.

Of the project the Jersey Lions' president Lion Ian Barette says: "The Lions believe that whereas the young people of Jersey have always excelled in helping to raise funds for numerous charities across a range of events, they rarely get the opportunity to put significant funds to good use themselves. Now is their chance!"

A panel of judges, chaired by Lion Paul Pearce and appointed by the Lions (which will include the Club's own Young Ambassador Rosie Nicholls), will select the group and project and award the bursary accordingly. The bursary will be awarded annually for at least five years.

The deadline for entries, which is being well publicised, will be Friday 5 January.



Peter's Page

These months are just flying by. I cannot believe that it is time for another newsletter.

Debbie and I have had another really busy month and would like to thank all the Lions we have met for their hospitality and for making us so welcome. We must send a special thank you to Lion Peter Tabb for a fascinating tour of the War Tunnels when we visited Jersey and to Lion Hedley Watson for the guided tour of Guernsey two days later. They really did make the Channel Islands visit special.

We are now looking forward to a return trip to Guernsey on 4 November to help them celebrate their 50th Charter Anniversary and Jersey three weeks later for their 54th Charter.

Two Lions Clubs would like the support of their fellow 105D members in voting for them. Firstly Gillingham Mere & Shaftesbury are bidding for £1,500 from the Aviva community fund towards the refurbishment of their Christmas Sleigh. The link to vote for them is <https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-1748>. Fleet Lions also need your support for their film in the Charity Film awards. The link for that is <https://www.charityfilmawards.com/videos/a-year-in-the-life-of-fleet-lions>. Good luck to both Clubs in these competitions.

Most of you will have received The Lion magazine in the last few days, with the new abbreviated *In Memoriam* pages. This change happened without the knowledge of the Council of Governors and at our meeting this weekend we voted to reinstate the obituaries with effect from the next edition. It was felt that Lions who had given a lot of service for the good of others deserved more than just name and Club in the magazine. Obituaries will be limited to a strict 50 words so bear this in mind when you submit them.

While on the subject of Council I can outline a few of the other things which we discussed. We had presentations by the new MD GLT, GMT and GAT co-ordinators, as well as all the MD Officer reports and decisions. We discussed the impending Data

Protection Laws (GDPR) which come in to force in May (guidance will come out when it has been simplified) and a lot more. Until my first Council meeting I did not realise just how much goes on in the background just to make sure that everything we do is legal and that the appropriate guidance is sent to Clubs.

Finally I would like to thank Lion Dave Ebsworth and the Convention Committee for all their hard work organizing the District Convention which takes place in Southsea in March. Ebbo never ceases to amaze me with his attention to detail and he is doing this while undergoing treatment for an aggressive form of prostate cancer. He had an operation last week and I know that you will all join me in wishing him a full and speedy recovery.



The DG and 'Ebbo' tripping the light fantastic

DG Lion Peter

Matters of Moment

DG Team Visits November 2017

DG Lion Peter


Date	Activity
3 Nov:	Wareham Quiz
4 Nov:	Guernsey 50th Charter Anniversary
6 Nov:	Christchurch Official Visit
9 Nov:	Ringwood & Fordingbridge Soirée
12 Nov:	Remembrance Day at the Cenotaph, London
15 Nov:	Bradford on Avon Official Visit
17 Nov:	Southbourne & Boscombe Quiz
18 Nov:	Wimborne & Ferndown Charter Anniversary
25 Nov:	Jersey Charter Anniversary
28 Nov:	Weymouth Christmas Show

1st VDG Lion Ken

8 Nov:	Yateley Official Visit
9 Nov:	Isle of Wight Ventnor Official Visit
13 Nov:	Andover Official Visit
15 Nov:	Loddon Valley Official Visit
16 Nov:	Poole Official Visit
18 Nov:	Wimborne & Ferndown Charter Anniversary
20 Nov:	Windsor Official Visit
22 Nov:	Farnborough Official Visit
27 Nov:	Reading Official Visit

2nd VDG Lion Jarvis

Date	Activity
6 Nov:	Meon Valley Official Visit
8 Nov:	Wokingham Official Visit
13 Nov:	Bournemouth Official Visit
18 Nov:	Wimborne & Ferndown Charter Anniversary



Fleet Lions
Need **YOU** to vote for their film
"A Year in the Life of Fleet Lions".
Read the DG on page 3 to find out how

Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

Introduction:

Once again on behalf of LCIF a very big thank you to those Clubs that have donated to LCIF these last few weeks.

Natural disasters:

I have recently been advised that since 1 July 2017 to the end of September 2017 LCIF has awarded 65 grants totalling approximately £3 million for various natural disaster relief in Bangladesh, Bolivia, Brazil, China, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mauritania, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Philippines, Poland, Republic of South Korea, Sierra Leone and USA. Since that information was available to me further grants have been given following the various natural disasters, including £75,000 to Puerto Rico.

I am sometimes asked why no grant has been made to a particular country following a natural disaster. Clubs in the area have to apply for a grant before LCIF will consider. It does not send funds to a country simply because there has been a problem – it needs local Clubs involvement.

LCIF Charity Navigator award

LCIF has recently been awarded the sixth consecutive 4-Star Charity Navigator rating. Only five per cent of evaluated organisations achieve six consecutive five-star ratings, which means that LCIF exceeds industry standards and outperforms most charities serving similar causes. Founded in 2001, Charity Navigator (CN) is the largest and most utilised charity evaluator in the United States. CN examines the financial health, accountability and transparency of charities to determine its ratings. LCIF's 4-star rating indicates that it consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way. For many years it has been LCIF's Board policy that all administrative expenses be covered by income generated by investments. In practice, LCIF's investment income covers both administrative and fundraising expenses. ***This means that 100 per cent of donations received by LCIF go directly to the causes it serves.***

Measles and Rubella Initiative

The matching grant with the Gates Foundation and UK Aid (HM Government) will end at 31 December 2017. There is currently a shortfall in the Lions agreed donation of approximately £3 million. I do hope your Club might be able to make one more donation to the 'One Shot One Life Lions measles initiative', to help save 400 children dying every day. Please make your payment to the 105D District Treasurer. Cheques should be payable to LCI District 105D and endorsed on the back 'LCIF Measles'. Electronic payments to the District Treasurer should indicate they are for the 'LCIF Measles'.

LCIF Club Coordinators:

I would like to draw LCIF Club Coordinators' attention to some very helpful guidance available on the following link: <http://www.lcif.org/EN/resources/coordinator-center/club-lcif.php>

Presentations on LCIF

As mentioned previously, part of my role is to provide presentations to de-mystify LCIF. These can be given to individual Clubs but preferably to Zone meetings. Please liaise with your Zone Chairman and request a presentation on LCIF.



PDG Lion Patrick Hamblin

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News from the Clubs



WEYMOUTH BEACH MOTOCROSS A SPECTACULAR SUCCESS

On a Sunday in October the Weymouth and Portland Lions Club with the Purbeck Motocross Club held the 35th Weymouth Beach Motocross. The event was an absolutely spectacular success with 344 brave riders taking part and more than 20,000 spectators lining the seafront. As well as achieving a very successful event, many visitors from all over the country were once again drawn into Weymouth 'out of season'. The riders put on a series of very exciting and skilful displays and despite some wind and rain, some warm autumnal sunshine meant that everyone could enjoy an excellent day out.

This year the talented line-up of competitors including this year's Dakar Rally winner (former Purbeck member) Sam Sutherland, the first British rider to ever win that event, winner of the Expert Class, the British Women's Champion Bethany Farmer (a Purbeck member), Don Thornhill who has participated in the World Motocross Grand Prix and 16-years-old Charlotte Hall from Weymouth who is currently ranked fifth in the British Women's Championship.

Motocross is an entirely free attraction and the event could not happen without the support of our hard-working, unpaid volunteers. The Club is also very grateful to the public who supported the event, bought our programmes and made generous donations. This year the Club was delighted that more than £3,000 was raised for its charity fund.

The day was rounded off with an impressive awards ceremony where Purbeck Motocross chairman Alf Stern presented the Lions Club with a cheque for £1,700, gratefully received by the Weymouth and Portland vice-president Lion Chris Bill.



POOLE LIONS REPLACE VITAL VAN FOR CHESTNUT NURSERY

The Lions Club of Poole was very proud recently to present a replacement van to Chestnut Nursery in Poole to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the founding of Lions Clubs International. The funds have been raised over the past year at the annual Poole Lions' Swimathon and many other smaller fund-raising events.



The Lions Club of Poole has been supporting Chestnut Nursery for more than 20 years; initially providing plant stands and other essential equipment to help get the nursery started. Over the years we have provided two vans and made numerous financial donations. To celebrate our Centennial Year, we have replaced an old van with a larger Mercedes Sprinter, which gives the Nursery an important facility to transport their plants.

Chestnut Nursery is a project of SWOP (Sheltered Work Opportunities Project) which is a registered charity. Based in the centre of Poole, it provides voluntary work for adults with severe and enduring mental illness. The project aims to improve mental wellbeing through the healing nature of horticulture.

Research shows that, in any one year, 25 per cent of the population experience a mental health problem. Many of these people want and need to fill their time constructively, but feel unable to cope with the stresses and pressures of open employment. Sheltered work in a realistic but pressure-free environment is a good way to promote recovery by boosting self-esteem and confidence, providing companionship and mutual support, and helps to dispel boredom and loneliness, and restore dignity. Chestnut Nursery currently provides more than 60 work placements and aims to give the opportunity to learn or relearn basic work skills.

It is important to highlight that the plant sales only cover 40 per cent of the Nursery's running costs; the balance is raised through the hard work of the staff and their supporters. The Lions Club of Poole is delighted that Lions can again support this wonderful Nursery.

A major donation to Thames Hospice



The Windsor Lions have just made a significant donation to Thames Hospice in support of its appeal for new pressure-relieving mattresses urgently needed to replace old, out-dated models. The Windsor Lions' donation of £3,000 will cover the cost of one mattress, complete with its own inbuilt air pump and cover, plus a spare specialist mattress cover too.

The Thames Hospice appeal for help with replacing a number of old mattresses found its way to Windsor Lions who acted swiftly, agreeing to donate £3,000.

President Lion Paul Maxwell comments: "This is a classic example of how Windsor Lions can and do help the local community. Thames Hospice's needs fit entirely within our community support programme and we know our donation will bring real relief to patients and I am delighted we have been able to assist."

Head of Inpatient Services at Thames Hospice Linda Nelson says: "We are so grateful to Windsor Lions for their fantastic help and we know this donation will provide the momentum we need to raise the funds to replace all the old mattresses. On behalf of Thames Hospice and all our patients, a most sincere 'thank you' to the Windsor Lions."

Pictured above (l. to r.): Jacquie Batchford, Director Patient Service, Thames Hospice, Windsor Lions President Lion Paul Maxwell and Beccy Cartwright, Direct Marketing Fundraiser, Thames Hospice

Happy memories!

Meon Valley Lions turned out for marshalling duties recently at the Alzheimer's Society Memory Walk in Southampton. A number of members have personal experience of friends and relatives who have been afflicted by dementia and were keen to volunteer their services.

Thousands of walkers turned up on a cool Sunday morning, for the sponsored walk held on Southampton Common, which is one of a series of similar events run by the Alzheimer's Society across the United Kingdom. The flood of walkers, all dressed in the blue T-shirts provided by the Alzheimer's charity, cut an amazing sight as they poured along the footpaths. The charity has announced subsequently that they have raised almost £100,000 from the Southampton Memory Walk, which together with the cash from other Memory Walks across the UK, has brought this summer's total to around £3.5 million! A remarkable total for a deserving cause.

Many walkers had personal experience of Alzheimer's and wore cards bearing names of friends and relatives who were suffering, or had suffered, from the crippling effects of dementia. One highlight of the day was seeing the Memory Tree erected near the start of the walk, adorned with all those personal messages and dedications which the walkers had left in memory of friends and loved ones.

Another highlight was the embarrassed look on the face of the delightful Claire from the Alzheimer's Society, who referred to us accidentally as Rotary! We have forgiven her!



Photograph: Walk marshals ready for the off – Lions John, Dick, Ron, Chris, Sheila and Ian



President Lion Roger Hogbin joined with the Mayor of Weymouth and Portland Councillor Kevin Brookes to celebrate UN Day at a flag raising ceremony at the Council's offices.

Lion Roger was invited to speak on behalf of Lions and said: "United Nations Day is a particular cause for celebration for the Weymouth and Portland Lions Club. Over the years Lions Clubs International and the United Nations have cooperated on many humanitarian endeavours. Lions have provided aid and manpower for UNICEF, for the World Health Organization and for UNESCO projects. Lions Clubs International has a consulting role with the UN Economic and Social Council at UN headquarters in New York. Weymouth and Portland Lions Club are proud of their close association with an organisation that does so much good work addressing global needs."

You can't get very far
until you start
doing something
for somebody
else...

Melvin Jones
Founder of Lions Clubs
International



And still more news

Bournemouth Lions plant a Centennial Tree



The Lions Club of Bournemouth have recently dedicated a tree to celebrate and mark the Lions' centenary. The Norwegian Maple has been planted in the Muscliffe Arboretum, a beautiful area to the north of the town. The dedication below was read by Club member PDG Lion Bob Moore, assisted by DG Lion Peter Burnett.

The dedication reads:

To all those who serve expecting no reward,
Never hindered by race or creed,
Always there lending a hand
Whenever there's a need.
And ever walking that extra mile,
Helping the blind to see,
Bringing comfort in the darkest hour.

I DEDICATE THIS TREE
To each and every Lion

I DEDICATE THIS TREE
To those who have passed to higher service
And those who are yet to be.

Burnham Lions Centennial Celebration

On Saturday 23 September 2017 the Burnham Lions Club held a Centennial Ball and Charity Auction at The Grovefield House Hotel, Burnham, to celebrate 100 years of Lions Clubs International.

The event was attended by 90 guests, some from the local community and some from much further afield.

The event in total raised a staggering £1,900 of which nearly £1,200 was raised from the Charity Auction.

The evening comprised a three-course meal and drinks, followed by a charity auction and then a disco. The money raised from the auction will be split between two Lions Clubs' Centennial Projects; namely Sight and Measles.

One of the event's highlights was the presentation of the Melvin Jones Fellowship honour to Burnham Lion Iain Pudney (pictured below). Lion Iain received the award for his long-standing commitment to Lions Clubs humanitarian causes and in recognition of his tremendous success in rolling out "Message in a Bottle" nationwide.



WOKINGHAM LIONS SUPPORT THAMES VALLEY AIR AMBULANCE

The Wokingham Lions Club has donated £500 to the Thames Valley Air Ambulance which provides a life-saving emergency service to the three counties of Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire. Pictured are (l. to r.) Lion Sue Jackson, president, Wokingham Lions Club, Brian Morris, Thames Valley Air Ambulance and Lion Nigel Page, chairman of Community Services Committee Wokingham Lions Club.



ATTENTION ALL MEN AGED 45 AND OVER!



FREE PSA TESTING

Allendale Community Centre, Wimborne
Saturday 4 November from 9.00 am until 4.00 pm
 is being offered by the Wimborne and Ferndown
 Lions together with the PCaSO (prostate cancer
 support organisation). **Call 01202 580436 or see**
wimborneabdferrdownlions.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 a Lion.

DG Lion *Peter*

Dorchester - Lion Timothy Harries

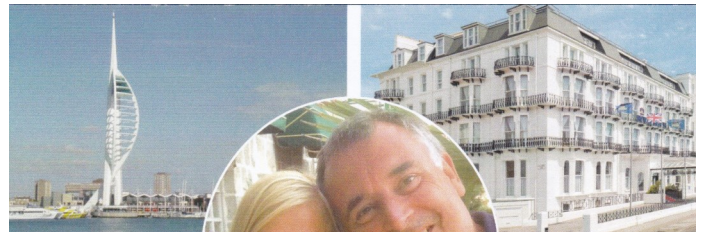
GMS - Lion Brian Anderson

Jersey - Lions Victoria de la Haye and Stephen
 Taylor

Romsey - Lion Andrew Crowley

Trowbridge - Lions Tony Franzese and
 Jim Read

Wimborne & Ferndown - Lion Jane
 Beck



Convention 2018

23-25 March 2018

CONVENTION UPDATE

Convention is a great opportunity to mix business with pleasure. As with previous years there will be a social event on Friday evening 23 March (with an optional fancy dress theme of the '70s). Our AGM and Convention will be dealt with on Saturday and all this will be followed by the Banquet and Ball in the evening. Convention will close midmorning on Sunday 25 March. All events will be held at the Best Western Royal Beach Hotel, St Helen's Parade, Portsmouth PO4 0RN. Take a look at the Convention website (<https://2018.lions105d.org.uk>) for details of the programme for the weekend and information on how to book for all or part of the Convention weekend, order meals and wine for the functions and apply as a Day Visitor. Please remember that if you are attending as a Club voting delegate you will also need your Club Secretary to register you as a delegate with the District Secretary. The Convention website also includes guidance on how to book your hotel room(s).



DG Lion Peter is currently working on the Business Programme for the weekend and is including time for the opportunity for Clubs to share ideas on successful projects. The DG has 12 five minute slots available on Saturday afternoon - so come and speak to Convention about what has worked for your Club.

Email Lion Dave Ebsworth (david.ebsworth@lions105d.org.uk)
 to book your slot—first come, first served, so please get your booking in quick!

In Memoriam

The 105D Times records with sadness the passing to higher service of Thomas (Tom) Brown, formerly a member of the Blandford & District Lions Club until his long battle with Parkinson's Disease. Our thoughts are with his wife Jenny and all the family.



TAIL TWISTER

The Editor has the last word

I always enjoy reading the 105D Times (but then I would, wouldn't I) but more because I am constantly pleasantly heartened by the inventiveness of Lions, not just in the way we raise funds but perhaps more importantly how we spend them. In this edition there are a number of examples of how funds provided by Lions Clubs will have a real impact on and benefit to their community, proof indeed that we serve to make a difference and achieve that.

If there is a mildly discordant note, it crops up on page 7 where the Lions' involvement was credited to Rotary! I applaud the charity of the Lions of Meon Valley in forgiving the speaker but evidence again that we must work hard to ensure that the public know who we really are.

Lion Peter Tabb

Lions' Tail...

Gosport & Lee on the Solent Lions



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