



With best wishes for
Christmas and the New Year



**A Teddy just in
time for Christmas!**

**Read all about it
on page 6**



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**“Putting Fun into Fundraising and giving
Service with a Smile”**





December is one of the busiest months for Lions Clubs both in terms of fund raising and community service, and sometimes the two can be both.

While Clubs raise large sums of money from Father Christmas sleighs, they are also performing a community service by providing pleasure to young and old alike. Turning out on a cold wet night can be daunting, especially if there are a lot of nil responses, but the sheer joy on a child's face of seeing Father Christmas can make the whole evening worthwhile, so good luck with all your Christmas activities. Sometimes a chance meeting on a doorstep can lead to a new member, so please take a little time to answer any questions and be prepared to give a contact number.

Please support Sightsavers' "A Million Miracles Appeal" which is now in its third and final year. Until 9 January 2018 donations to the appeal will be doubled by the UK Government. The moneys raised by this will be going towards eye care work in Bangladesh and Pakistan. Sight is such an important sense and to be able to save it or restore it to someone is a wonderful gift. Your Club can help to do this. I urge you to help this worthwhile campaign during the Christmas season.

We are nearly at the time when entries for the Environmental competitions need to be in.

Entries for the Photographic Competition need to be with me by Monday 8 January. Entries must be sent to me and not directly to MDHQ. Please send me prints. This way you will know what the photos look like.

The Environmental Competition closes on Monday 14 January. In both cases please send your entries to me at 88A, Franklin Avenue, Tadley RG26 4EU.

Finally I wish you all a very happy Christmas.

Lion Judith Goodchild

105D Community Relations Portfolio Holder



The Webmaster's Way

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We get a lot of phishing and spam emails, most of which are removed by our email servers, but if you receive an email with attached documents, even if it purports to be from someone you know, be suspicious unless it is clear from the email text that it really is from who you think it is.

To help guard against this menace:

1. Don't send WORD DOC files unless absolutely necessary - i.e. you expect the recipient to change them - save them as PDF files and send those. DOC files can contain malicious macros which run on opening the file.
2. The same applies to spreadsheets, Publisher and Powerpoint files.
3. Always sign-off your messages with your name and preferably your job title/Club, etc. so that the recipient can have more confidence in the authenticity. However remember that even these can be forged.
4. Don't send attachments with terse messages such as "You'll love this" or "This is really funny". I never open these, nor should you.
5. Avoid sending attachments altogether - we often send/receive an attached DOC file but the text could have just as easily been incorporated in the email body. If you send an email as HTML, you can format it just as you would a Word document.
6. Don't send unusual file formats such as MHT and RTF without explaining why. Many such documents are banned by our servers, e.g. JS (JavaScript files).
7. If you receive an offer that is too good to be true, it probably is.
8. No genuine website administrator will ask you to confirm your account details or passwords. That applies to us just as much as it does to banks.
9. When I am stranded in outer Mongolia having lost my passport and wallet, I won't email you asking for help!

Best wishes from the District Webmaster

Lion Tom Sayers



ANOTHER BUSY (AND PRODUCTIVE!) MONTH

As another busy month draws to a close I am actually writing this a little bit early as our home life is also hectic and about to get more so.

Since the beginning of the month we have been having a larger dormer built on to our bungalow which has involved us for more than a week not having a roof and no heating - we were grateful for Club visits during that period! As well as that, Debbie and I are expecting our first grandchild any time now, our son's partner being due on 19 November. So by the time you read this the little one will have made an appearance (*see below - he's called Leo. Ed.*) - exciting times!

I know that many Clubs in the District were really busy at the beginning of November organising and running firework displays. Congratulations to you all since, as far as I am aware, all the displays were successful and a lot of money was raised.

As you will have seen in the letter sent out during November (*published again on page 7. Ed.*), the International Board has now approved the re-districting as agreed at the MD Convention. As soon as Christmas is over, both the Council of Governors and the Cabinet will be working on the logistics of making the transition as soon as possible. A couple of Lions have asked if they can make contact with the Clubs near them who will be joining us in District SC in July 2019. At the moment please do not do that as we need to work out the big picture before getting down to individual Clubs. I think the first contact we will make with the new Clubs will be to invite them to the Convention in March.

You are now all building up to what for most Clubs is the busiest month of the year with Christmas collections, Christmas Fayres and, of course, the Christmas sleigh trips. Debbie and I wish you all great success with all your Christmas fundraising efforts. It is also time for many Clubs to arrange welfare events, whether it is the distribution of food parcels, which my own Club does, welfare parties or visiting various establishments to sing carols and/or be Father Christmas. It never ceases to amaze us just how busy Clubs are at this time of year - you all make us very proud to be part of the same organisation as you.

Debbie, myself, the children and grandson Leo wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year. This year we will be making a donation to Debbie's charity rather than sending out Christmas cards and after all your December efforts, please put your feet up, take it easy and have a wonderful Christmas with your families.



DG Lion Peter



My Story

Lion Debbie Burnett

Firstly I would like to thank the Clubs who have donated to **Different Strokes**, either to me or via Lion Linda Picton and the District Charity Account. It has now been confirmed that we will be having two representatives from the charity at the Convention in March. We are also hoping that their local branch will man an information desk in the exhibition area.

I know that the DG Team has told you an abbreviated version of my story so I would like to give you more details.

Our daughter Beth was born on 7 February 2002, I didn't feel right straight away but the hospital fobbed me off with 'You've just had a baby, you will not feel normal'. I have two older children so I knew the feeling was different from when I had them. I was sent home the next day and still did not feel right but could not put my finger on what was wrong. Nine days later, when Peter finished work, he took Beth for a walk in her pram. While he was out I remember feeling scared, knowing something had happened but not sure what.



Lion Debbie with grandson Leo

Peter was not out for long and as soon as he returned he saw that my face had drooped on the right side, I couldn't talk and he says he could see how scared my eyes were. He knew what had happened and immediately called 999. A paramedic, followed by an ambulance, arrived and I was rushed to Poole Hospital. That evening I had two more strokes and was in the high dependency unit for several days.

I cannot fault the care I received but I recall that I could not remember how to do anything. I ended up watching all the Winter Olympics, not because I was enjoying it but because I didn't know how to change the channel! I could only say the word 'yes' so I answered that to every question. Peter tells me that some nurses would ask me my name and where I was and 'yes' was duly recorded on my chart. However they phrased the questions, the answer was always the same. Peter noticed, before the medical staff, that they were asking the wrong questions.

I did make quite a quick partial recovery and was allowed home after ten days. Thank goodness, my mother and Peter were there as I had to re-learn everything. There was no support for younger stroke victims then since the Stroke Association was there for older victims.

I have made a good recovery and most people who meet me would not know my past but I was lucky, both with my family support and that Peter did push me to achieve more than I thought I could. There are many stroke sufferers much worse off than me and we came across a support group for younger stroke victims called **Different Strokes** at the Lions MD Conventions in Manchester and Eastbourne. They really do support younger victims with, among other things, advice lines, a Facebook group and local meetings.

Please ask your Club to consider a donation towards this amazing charity to enable them to increase the work they do. Thanks to your generosity we are hoping to present a significant sum to them at the Convention in Portsmouth.

Matters of Moment

DG Team Visits



December 2017

DG Lion Peter

Date	Activity
1 Dec:	Crofton Charter Anniversary
2 Dec:	Playing Santa for Bournemouth Lions
7 Dec:	Swanwick Christmas Dinner
10 Dec:	Wimborne Christmas parcel packing and Dorchester Charter Anniversary
12 Dec:	Wimborne Christmas Dinner
16 Dec:	Southbourne & Boscombe Welfare Party
17 Dec:	Online Council of Governors meeting
25 Dec:	Weymouth & Portland Christmas Day Harbour Swim

1st VDG Lion Ken

Date	Activity
1 Dec:	Eastleigh Official Visit
5 Dec:	Havant Official Visit
6 Dec:	Swanwick Official Visit
13 Dec:	Basingstoke Official Visit
14 Dec:	Westbury Official Visit

2nd VDG Lion Jarvis

Date	Activity
4 Dec:	Woolmer Forest Official Visit

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.

Humanitarian Grants:

At the October 2017 Board meeting a total of 48 Humanitarian Grants were approved totalling £3,280,842 for a variety of projects around the world. The complete list of projects and amounts granted can be seen at <http://www.lcif.org/EN/apply-for-a-grant/recent-grants.php>.

International Assistance Grant:

I am pleased to report that Bracknell Club successfully applied for a grant to enable improved water supplies to be provided under a project they are involved with in Gunjar Kunkujang, Gambia. A grant of £7,200 was provided by LCIF and this, together with the matching funds from Bracknell Club, will provide for much improved water supplies for this area.

Disaster Grants:

Since my last Newsletter LCIF has awarded 16 disaster grants totalling £112,290 for assistance in areas around the world effected by hurricanes, floods, windstorms, volcano activities, wildfires, tornadoes and typhoons.

Melvin Jones Fellowships (MJFs)

I would remind you again that a very large number of Clubs have sufficient credits to be able to award one or more (in some cases many) Melvin Jones Fellowships. Please let me know if you wish to be made aware of your Club's credits. Even if these do not amount to US\$1,000, a Club can pay the difference between the credit and the required amount and still obtain the MJF.

LCIF Club Coordinators:

I would remind LCIF Club Coordinators' that some very useful guidance is 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 demystify LCIF. These can be given to individual Clubs but preferably to Zone meetings. Please liaise with your Zone Chairman and request a presentation.

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

District 105D LCIF Coordinator
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News from the Clubs

Another Sell Out!



Weymouth & Portland Lions Club put on a cracking show for the senior citizens of the Borough at their annual Christmas Show at the Weymouth Pavilion on Tuesday 28 November with all seats taken. Entertainment was provided by a wealth of local talent at no cost to the Lions for which they are extremely grateful.

The evening started with the lovely Pzazz Dancers who set many pulses racing, followed by WOW who sang and danced their way through songs from the shows with a precision and professionalism beyond their young years. Matt Black, a regular at the show, entertained with jokes and anecdotes while displaying his talents at the piano.

After the interval the Lions Club members kicked off the second half with an amusing sketch on the Wizard of Oz which featured 12-year-old Maisie Sheriden who sang 'Over the Rainbow' to great applause. Another regular, Darren Garnett, 'The Voice of Cool Swing', gave his usual polished performance to a very receptive audience. The final act came from the ever popular local band Replay, fronted by Lion Norman Stagles, who hit just the right note with hits from the 50s and 60s, supported by vocals from Lion Norman's wife Annie Mac.

The whole show was compered by Lion Russ Woolley who kept the evening flowing with his own popular brand of humour.



Last week winners of the Wokingham Lions Club's Teddy Bear Hunt collected their Teddy bears from the town's Mini-Mayor Caitlyn Hyde, ably assisted by Mayor Councillor Peter Lucey. The Teddy Bear Hunt took place during the October half-term with 10 Teddies hidden in shop windows around the town. (Nine of the winners are in the photograph). The Wokingham Lions would like to thank the Mayor and Mini-Mayor, Wokingham Town Information Centre, Antique Rose for handling the competition's entry forms and the local shops and businesses who hosted the Teddies.

More news from the Clubs

Fund raising for a great cause!

The Meon Valley Lions barbeque was busy again this October at the bi-annual Wickham charity beer festival. As well as raising over £700 from the sale of burgers and sausages, we took the opportunity to organise a bucket collection and dedicate the fundraising at this event to a specific project – a special Duet-bike for Ella!



The Duet-bike

Ella lives in Shirrell Heath and is 10 years old. She suffers from Rett Syndrome, a rare neurological disorder resulting in severe mental and physical disability. There is no known cure. The specially adapted bike costs £7,334 and will allow the whole family (including her twin sister Jess) to enjoy time together going on cycle rides, while she still has some awareness of her surroundings. The family, with donations from the Rotary Club and the Pindar Trust, had already raised £4,419. The Meon Valley Lions intend to make up the remaining £2,915 from the Beer festival BBQ takings, the generous £168 donated in our collection buckets by the drinkers, plus the balance from our charity funds. This means that Ella's family should be able to order the bike in time for Christmas – which is a great result.



Ella and her twin sister Jess

WOKINGHAM LIONS CLUB COLLECT FOOD FOR NEEDY AND ELDERLY

Donations taken on 2, 3 and 7 December

As the festive season approaches, many of the needy and elderly homebound residents in Wokingham are alone and on tight budgets. The Wokingham Lions Club is working to collect and deliver food parcels to them before Christmas. The annual Christmas Collection kicks off on Saturday 2 December outside Waitrose in Wokingham when Wokingham Lions will be collecting from 9 am to 4 pm and again at Sainsbury's on Sunday 3 December and Tesco on Thursday 7 December, both from 9 am to 4 pm.

Shoppers will be asked to support the Christmas Collection by purchasing an extra item of shopping and donate it to the Wokingham Lions Club. "We are looking for canned food, biscuits, preserves, mince pies, Christmas pudding and sweets. The generosity of Wokingham residents is much appreciated," says Lion John Cleary, organiser of the Christmas Collection.

The Lions assemble the foodstuffs into parcels which they then deliver to private homes and care homes before Christmas. "It is wonderful to see the smiles on people's faces when they receive the food parcels. Many of them write thank-you notes which are quite heart-warming," says Lion John.

A letter from the DG

20 November 2017

Dear All

It was confirmed during an online meeting of the Council of Governors last night that the Board of LCI have agreed to the re-districting proposals that were agreed at the MD Convention in Blackpool.

It will be very sad to say goodbye to our colleagues in Zone A but I know that you will be well looked after in District 105SW. We will also be welcoming some new colleagues from Zone H of District W and Zone M of District A.

I am sure that we will all work together to make the new District SC successful and that it will be the best District in the Multi-District just as D is now!!

Both our Cabinet & the Council of Governors will now start work on how the logistics of change will take place and we will keep you all informed as we go.

Best regards to you all

Yours in Lionism

Peter

Membership Update



This is the first in what I hope will become a regular update on membership in I05D to help with ideas and suggestions that can assist your Club with membership. This first article is looking at recruitment.

All Clubs should be constantly looking to promote membership of Lions in all of their activities and to have recruiting of new members at the top of their agenda.

- New members provide fresh blood and ideas to your Club; and
- Having a flow of new members is vital for all Clubs, even with those with a current healthy membership, to ensure that their Club remains strong.

Recruitment through Service

Community service is key to Lions Clubs and we can look to use local service to recruit new members and also help to improve the retention within our Club. One idea is to look to introduce new members to Lions through initial volunteering, which is potentially an easier way for Clubs to approach potential new members.

Identify a local community need in your area. Through local advertising ask for volunteers to assist with the community service project. Invite volunteers to a social evening and encourage them to bring other volunteers with them. At a later date, once the project is underway, the volunteers can then be approached to join Lions by a couple of Club members, as this is a much stronger approach.

Recruitment campaigns

- Have Lions publicity available at all Lions events and, if you have the resources, at larger events have a membership stall;
- Maximise local media for publicising events and also for membership. Not just newspapers and radio stations but Facebook and other forms of social media;
- If you are holding a service project event, think about enlisting some younger people from your community. Give them a job and tabard to give them a sense of importance, keep inviting them and they will hopefully wish to join your Club;
- Support is available from the GMT team and Zone to assist with membership recruitment.; and - District funding is available for smaller Clubs who wish to run membership recruitment campaigns.

I would welcome ideas and feedback, so that we can tailor what we do to be relevant to your Club needs. Please email me on membership@lionsI05d.org.uk

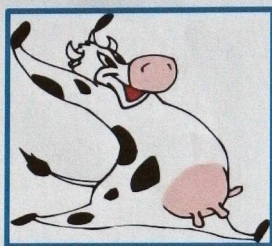


Lion Tim Hanton

District GMT Coordinator.

THE LIONS CLUB OF BOURNEMOUTH

Registered Charity No: 272164



NELLIE THE COW!

An Udderly MOO MOO Family Panto!

Sat. 27th Jan. 2018 at 2.30pm & 7.30pm

at The Henry Brown Centre, 32, Cunningham Crescent,
West Howe, Bournemouth, BH11 8DU.

&

Fri. 9th Feb. 2018 at 7.30pm

at Bournemouth Electric Sports & Social Club
Broadway Lane, Bournemouth, BH8 0AA

Tickets - £6.00 Adults, £1 Children

To book: bmthlionsclubevents@outlook.com

or

Tel: 0844 963 2417 (local rate)

All monies raised will go to The Lions Club of Bournemouth and their selected Charities:



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 - Lion Rebecca Bray

Crofton - Lions Douglas Clark, Allan Davies and Diane Davies

Hayling Island - Lion Nikki Shepherd

Salisbury - Lion Kathy Kantharia

Trowbridge - Lion Tiia Stephens



Convention 2018

23-25 March 2018

CONVENTION UPDATE

We can now confirm that the International Guest at the Convention will be Past International Director Lion Kenneth Persson from Vellinge, Sweden. PID Lion Persson will be accompanied by his wife Lion Eva.

- ♦ **The key note speaker** and other presenters for Convention will be announced shortly;
- ♦ **Share your ideas!** Ten of the five minute slots are still available for Clubs that would like to share a project or initiative. You have the opportunity to 'take the stage' on Saturday afternoon and spread the word about a project or event that has worked well for your Club. Contact Lion Dave Ebsworth at david.ebsworth@lions105d.org.uk if you want a slot;
- ♦ Exhibition space is available for either Lions Clubs or commercial groups - see <https://2018.lions105d.org.uk/exhibition.html> for details on how to book your space;
- ♦ It's time to book! Please book your space early to avoid disappointment.
- ♦ Visit <https://2018.lions105d.org.uk>;
- ♦ **Are you coming as a day visitor?** Please remember that you will need to complete a booking form even if you are a 'Day Visitor'. See the Convention website for details; and
- ♦ **Watch this space!** We will be issuing regular updates in forthcoming editions of the **105D Times** and on the District website.

Lion Jo Hamblin

On behalf of the 2018 Convention Committee

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that the Loddon Valley Lions Club announces the passing to higher service, after a long fight against cancer, of Lion Bob Bone, an active member for 32 years. Lion Bob served twice as President and a number of terms as Treasurer. He was also very active within the community. He will be greatly missed within the Club whose thoughts are with his wife Ann and his family.



TAIL TWISTER

The Editor has the last word

A rush to recruitment?

I was intrigued with the ideas put forward by the District's new GMT Co-ordinator for recruiting new Lions but where I might differ is on the emphasis that 'All Clubs should be constantly looking to promote membership of Lions in all of their activities and to have recruiting of new members at the top of their agenda'.

While my own Club is keen to recruit new Lions (and have added three new members so far this year), at the top of our agenda will always be putting our efforts to the benefit of our community. Lion Tim has rightly identified how much new thinking new Lions bring with them but, in my view, it is even more important to retain the experience and maintain the enthusiasm of the Lions we have and I look forward to reading, in future editions, how we can all do that.

In the mean time, in all you do, have a great Christmas.

Lion Peter Tabb

LION'S TALE...

You should have seen what
I looked like before the
firemen hosed me down!



Lion Barrie Smith of Bournemouth Lions in harm's way

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