



A response to 1st Vice DG Lion Ken's 'timely message' in last month's edition - see page 4

Wood you believe it?

Alton Lions commemorate the Centenary in English Oak—see page 7



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

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Do you have used hearing aids (analogue or digital) or audiological equipment such as ear hooks and ear moulds? These items can be recycled, and for the last 26 years, Lions in this Multiple District have been involved in the Collection of Used Hearing Equipment Project.

Once received it is refurbished - cleaned and repaired. The refurbished hearing equipment is then sent abroad to support projects dedicated to assisting hearing impaired children and adults. People living in Central and South America, Africa, Asia and the Ukraine have received such equipment.

This opens up a whole new world to them and they can enjoy hearing the sounds of life we take for granted.

Dr Michael Nolan of the Starkey Hearing Foundation receives donated equipment, sorts it in to make and model and packs it ready for onward shipping for refurbishment. He also finds hearing impaired people abroad who can use this refurbished equipment. If you would like to assist in this worthy project by collecting and then donating to the Used Hearing Equipment effort, please follow the instructions below:-

* To send small numbers of hearing aids, remove them from their boxes, check the battery is removed (to save you postage costs) and post only the bare hearing aids to :-

Dr Michael Nolan, Lumb Gaps Barn, Haslingden Old Road, Rossendale BB4 8TT.

*If you have a large amount of hearing equipment to donate, you can send it **FREE**. Pack it up; address it to Dr Nolan at the above address. Ring Parcel Force on 0344 800 4466; follow the voice instructions for those with a contract. When an operative answers, quote Contract no. R233259 and say it is for Lions Clubs International. Ask for 48 hour service. They will take details and come and pick the package up. You may wish to put a note inside saying who you are and giving an address or your contact email so the package can be acknowledged and a "Thank You" note sent.

*You can also include Used Hearing Equipment in the same box as Used Spectacles when you send them to Chichester Lions Club. This Used Hearing Equipment will find its way to Michael Nolan. In all cases please remove the batteries from the hearing aids before sending them for recycling.

If you want more information or have any queries please contact:- Lion Penny Tregillus email tregillus@hotmail.com or tel no 01525 379973

MD Speech and Hearing Officer email speechhearing@lionsclubs.co

Dr Michael Nolan tel 01706 213501

Thank you for your support, MD Speech and Hearing Officer and Lion Penny Tregillus

Lion Judith Goodchild

105D Community Relations Portfolio Holder

MD CONVENTION 2018 THE WESSEX WAY



4 – 6 May 2018

Roll up! Roll up!

Oh alright, what CAN I say about Convention?

I think it is what you make of it. It can be a quiet weekend, going with the flow of events, in a pleasant part of the country, adding on whatever fun activities you want. Or if you are involved as a delegate, or like me in the administration, it can be fun in a more active, even frenetic way.

You make your choice and take your chances. But one thing you can be sure of: you'll meet loads of people from all over the country who share your passion, and who may well give you some great new ideas - or at least some good conversation.

But to benefit you have to be there.

Join us for a right royal occasion.

Book online at: www.md105convention.uk

Lion Steve Spencer

MD105 Convention 2018 Host Committee

Peter's Page

Another month has flown by and this weekend Debbie and I, as well as Lion Ken and Jean and all the Council and Vice-Council were in Solihull for the Council of Governors meeting. It was strange to think that this Council will only have one more meeting - at the MD Convention in Basingstoke.

The main event this month has been the announcement of the Reception at Buckingham Palace at the end of February. As I am sure you are all aware the District was only given 31 places for all the Clubs and like most other Districts I decided that bookings would be taken on a first come first served basis. I know that the majority of Clubs, if they were not meeting during the week in which the letter arrived, used email to decide on their representative. Unfortunately I did have 11 Clubs who were on the waiting list and some quite nasty e-mail correspondence with a couple of those Clubs who did not get a place. Subsequently I did have a couple of cancellations and the District were awarded two extra places over the weekend from Districts who did not use all their allocation. Lion Ken and I wrote all the names on the waiting list down and another DG drew names out for the places available. Those places have now been accepted and the list sent to MD for combining with other Districts before sending to the Palace for the security checks to be carried out. I apologise if some of you think I used the wrong method of allocation but I was certainly not going to take offered places away so that others could have a place as was suggested by one Club! I would point out that I actually gave my own place up at the event so that one more place could be freed up.

It will soon be Convention time, I know that Lion Dave Ebsworth and his team have been working hard to produce a fun but also informative weekend. There is a certain amount of AGM work which we have to do but we also have some interesting and motivational guest speakers. We will be welcoming Molly Watt to speak on Usher Syndrome, a progressive genetic condition which she suffers from, Dr Charles Fox who will talk to us about diabetes and Austin Willett from Debbie's charity Different Strokes. For the first time in a number of years we are also welcoming an International Guest PID Kenneth Persson and Lion Eva are joining us from Sweden. PLEASE get your bookings in as soon as possible for what will be a very enjoyable weekend.

Debbie and I look forward to seeing lots of you there

Congratulations!

The Vice-District Governors of MD105 have selected our District Governor, Lion Peter Burnett, as Chairman of the Council of Governors for the 2018-2019 Lions



Letters to the Editor

From Lion Bernard Gilbert Past President, Christchurch Lions Club

18 January 2018

Although clearly well intentioned, Lion Ken Staniforth's recent letter is a text book example of how not to motivate volunteers. Just as we have the right to express our views within our own Club meetings, we should not be taken to task for being critical of District. At the very least this indicates that we are not apathetic and, as a democratic organisation, we are surely entitled to comment on performance. One would hope, though, that any criticism would be expressed in a courteous manner without resorting to personal abuse. We are, after all, Lions and not Twitter trolls!

Most Lions give freely of their time and money to support their own Club and colleagues, having a passing allegiance to the other Clubs in their Zone and see District as a necessary overhead performing an administrative function. Rather than berating us for not wanting to serve as a District Officer, Lion Ken should, perhaps, be applauding us for what we achieve within our own Clubs when faced with falling membership, no tangible support from higher echelons, a non-existent public profile and competition from organisations that are, to all outward appearances, doing exactly the same as Lions.

His point that there may be members out there that could make a valuable contribution to District is almost certainly correct. However from a personal viewpoint, I have only a certain amount of time that I can give to Lions. If there were more members in my Club, I could perhaps take a step back from the firing line and consider giving time to Zone or District without imposing too heavy an additional burden on friends and colleagues. That is, if I wanted to be an administrator or had aspirations to wear a white tuxedo!

Lion Ken refers to the need for change and I venture to suggest that many of the comments to which he refers might have their basis in the fact that change wasn't either apparent or happening quickly enough for the satisfaction of the troops on the ground. Perhaps talking to members, listening to their views and taking them back to Cabinet ought to be in a District Officer's job description...

Lion Bernard Gilbert
Lions Club of Christchurch

From PDG Lion Judith Goodchild

9 January 2018

WHAT TO DO WITH OLD SPECS POST SPEK 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 our specs, is no longer is able to perform this task.

The collection of specs for recycling, is a Lions Club 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 arose 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' Spectacle 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"

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 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.

Lion Judith Goodchild

105D Community Relations Portfolio Holder
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Matters of Moment

DG Team Visits February 2018

DG Lion Peter

Date	Activity
3 Feb:	Poole Swimathon
3 Feb:	Wareham Charter Anniversary
4 Feb:	105D Cabinet
5 Feb:	Southbourne & Boscombe Official Visit
9 Feb:	Poole Quiz
10 Feb:	Fareham Charter Anniversary
11 Feb:	Past Governors Lunch, Salisbury
24 Feb:	Weymouth & Portland Charter Anniversary
25 Feb:	Burnham Charter Anniversary

1st VDG Lion Ken

Date	Activity
1 Feb:	Isle of Wight Newport Official Visit
18 Feb:	Blandford Charter Anniversary Lunch
24 Feb:	Isle of Wight Sandown & Shanklin Charter Anniversary
26 Feb:	New Milton Official Visit

2nd VDG Lion Jarvis

Date	Activity
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Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

Introduction:

On behalf of LCIF I would like to thank all Clubs that have made donations to LCIF since my last newsletter.

Disaster Grants:

I have had to put this newsletter together early this month as I am going away on holiday. I will report on the figures in next month's newsletter.

Melvin Jones Fellowships (MJFs)

Several Clubs have enquired about their credits for Melvin Jones Fellowships. I would remind you again that a very large number of Clubs have sufficient credits to be able to award one or more (in a number of cases many) Melvin Jones Fellowships. Please email me 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.

Donations:

If your Club has not made a donation to LCIF this fiscal year please discuss and remember LCIF is our charity. Your Club can decide if it wishes its donation to be for 'area of greatest need', disaster, sight or youth. Funding directed to 'area of greatest need' provides LCIF with the ability to financially support any programme and allows the flexibility to supplement initiatives where additional funding is necessary or where the need is most urgent and to fund projects that meet diverse community needs beyond sight, disaster and youth, such as water wells and vocational training programmes for the disabled. Payments should be made via the District Treasurer in the usual way, specifying 'LCIF' and the area for which the donation is intended.

LCIF Club Coordinators:

I would remind you again that Lions Clubs International Board has recently approved a policy change where, beginning 1st January 2018, a Club's Immediate Past President shall serve as the Club LCIF Coordinator. If that person is unable to accept the role, or there is already a Club LCIF Officer in place, it can be delegated to another club member. In the coming weeks, current Club Presidents and then Immediate Past Club Presidents will be notified of this policy change.

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 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.

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>.

A mind is like a
parachute. It
doesn't work if
it is not open.

Frank Zappa



PDG Lion Patrick Hamblin

District 105D LCIF Coordinator
(patrick.hamblin@btinternet.com)

Festive News from the Clubs

Santa sneaks a snack

Cowes Lions Club once again manned Santa's Grotto at the Red Funnel Christmas Fayre held on 16 and 17 December 2017 at Cowes Marina. This is the sixth year and it was a pleasure to see all the young people talking with Santa and receiving a special gift from his sack. It was even nicer to meet again some of Santa's "regulars" who come to see us every year.



Santa was helped by several elves and assorted Mother Christmases throughout the two day period!

The photograph shows Santa, aka PDG Lion Roger Huntley, looking for a snack. Even Santas get peckish!

Santa lights up Blackmore Vale!



The Blackmore Vale Lions Father Christmas Sleigh ride through the Blackmore Vale was again very successful.

Thanks to the generosity of the local people the Lions raised (after deduction of costs) just over £5,000, most of which will go to local charities and good causes.

Even more pleasing was to see the joy on children's faces (and on some of the mums) when they climbed on to the sleigh and met Father Christmas.

The Lions also wish to thank their sponsors this year - Vale Motors in Wincanton for the loan of their vehicle, Dike's Supermarket, Ring Tree Garage in Stalbridge and as always Paul for letting us use his lock up in Sturminster Newton.

Our thanks must also go to the many helpers (collectors, drivers, maintenance, etc.) throughout December who made this event so memorable – without them we would not be able to do what we do.

More news from the Clubs

Windsor Lions celebrate 2017 Achievements in style

More than 100 guests enjoy Awards evening

On Friday 19 January the Windsor Lions have celebrated in style with a presentation to more than 100 guests representing local charities, good causes and voluntary groups of the Club's achievements and successes during 2017.

In the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress of the Royal Borough Cllr John Lenton and Mrs Lenton, the presentation, led by Lion Mark Fraser, spanned the year chronologically, highlighting the Windsor Lions' many and varied activities - fund-raising and promotional events and help and support given in the community.

The presentation showed the extent of the service the Lions deliver, summarised as:

- Four defibrillators installed and £14,500 raised by the Windsor Community Project partnership;
- 40 Windsor Foodshare shifts undertaken;
- 28 bus drives for Mencap members;
- Four new Windsor Lions recruited;
- 20 social events undertaken;
- 34 cases of community support delivered with £2,000 donated;
- 12 Leos (Lions of the future) recruited at Windsor Boys School;
- Charitable donations of £50,000

Two surprise awards were made by 105D District Officer Lion Dave Ebsworth - a Lions Centenary badge to Windsor president Lion Paul Maxwell for the Club's exceptional service achievements and a personal award to Lion Mike Sells for his excellent work for Windsor Lions.

The evening was concluded by president Lion Paul Maxwell whose heartfelt address thanked all volunteers, organisations and local charities who help and support the needy in the community and paid tribute to the Club members for all their efforts throughout the year and every year.



(l to r) Lions Mike Sells, Dave Ebsworth and president Paul Maxwell



Alton Lions Centenary Seat

Alton Lions have commemorated the Lions Clubs International Centenary with a specialty commissioned and beautifully carved Lions bench sited at Alton Butts. Located at the town end of the green, the solid English oak bench has a lion's head centrepiece with a lioness on one arm and her cubs on the other, the work of local craftsman Jonathan Cleaver.

The bench was officially handed over to Alton Town Council on Thursday 14 December by Alton Lions president Lion Michael Gwynne and received by the Mayor Cllr Dean-Paul Phillips in a ceremony also attended by a group of delighted pupils from the Butts Primary School.

In the photograph above, the pupils can be seen sitting on the bench with Alton Lions behind them, (l-r) Lions Dave Crocker and Pauline Folkes, Mayor Cllrs Dean-Paul Phillips, sculptor Jonathan Cleaver, president Lion Michael Gwynne and Lions Margaret Willoughby, Sarah O'Donaghue and Peter Bacon.

Quiz Night at Wokingham

Join a fun Quiz Night for local charities on Friday, 9 February! The annual fundraising Quiz Night is being organised by the Wokingham Lions, and all proceeds will support local charities and those in need.

The event starts at 7:30 pm at the Wokingham Town Hall, and is open to the public. Cost is £7.50 per team member, and there are eight participants per team. Food and drink is not included, so please bring your own provisions.

It promises to be a fun evening. If you want to join in, for details visit the website, <http://wokinghamlions.org.uk/contact-us>.

Membership Update



Prospective Members

With any prospective members, it is key that we get off on the right foot with them.

- Be welcoming - it can be a daunting prospect for some people attending a Lions meeting for the first time;
- Offer them a lift to a meeting;
- Buddy them up with a couple of members to be their initial contact point.;
- Ensure that somebody is made responsible for speaking to them after the meeting and inviting them to your next event/meeting;
- Try to avoid jargon at the meeting and explain the Lions formalities, etc. of your meetings;
- Explain what Lions is about and how your Club fits into the District and Multiple District;
- Explain the structure of your Club and how it works - Directors/Trustees, other Officers, Committees, etc;
- Explain costs of membership and set expectations of membership; and
- Take their views on board, it is always beneficial to have new ideas.

We should always consider the ideas from new members – new ideas and different ways of doing things are vital to the success of a Club. Endorsing their ideas will make them feel part of the Lions team within your Club. After they have been to two or three meetings, carry out a survey with them to ask for their views on your Club and if there is anything you could have done to have made the new membership journey better.

Branch Structure

If you have a group of younger members, consider setting up a Branch within your Club to give them the freedom to do things their way and the opportunity to grow and develop as Lions in their own environment. Branch Clubs give younger members a chance not to be restricted by the activities of the more experienced members in your Club and the opportunity to try new ideas. If you need any further information on setting up branch Clubs, please let me know.

In my last article, I was not being dismissive of service, far from it. I was emphasising that the service activity within our Clubs is an excellent opportunity to gain new members by giving them time to experience the service activity first before committing to join.

Lion Tim Hanton
GMT Chairman



The 50th Anniversary Celebration continues:
Enter the *Together We can* Contest:
Measles Edition

This month, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) celebrates its 50th anniversary and the completion of its commitment to Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. Through the generosity of Lions, LCIF has donated \$30 million to fight the spread of measles around the world. Matching funds from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the UK Department for International Development doubled the impact of that investment. Millions of children around the world will benefit, and that's truly something to celebrate.

The Together We Can Contest: Measles Edition gives you exciting ways to enter and learn about LCIF's fight to eradicate this deadly disease.

This month lucky winners from around the world will win an exclusive LCIF 50th Anniversary medal, plus an invitation to LCIF recognition events at the Lions Clubs International Convention in Las Vegas (travel and convention registration not included!).

Find out more on lcif@lionsclubs.org

105D wins MD Peace Poster competition

Turning our backs on war



This evocative poster created by Joseph Durwood (12) of Ringwood School and sponsored by the Ringwood & Fordingbridge Lions Club has won the MD Peace Poster Competition 2017-2018.

The judges were obviously very impressed by Joseph's theme and dramatic rendering.

Congratulations to Joseph and his sponsors.

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

Farnborough - Lion Stephen Boast
Fleet - Lion Collette Richards
Hayling Island - Lion Ronald Harman
Newbury - Lion Mike Lee
Petersfield - Lion Les Jarman
Poole - Lions Sarah Clarke and Corinne Clayton



Social Media a powerful communication tool

The Weymouth and Portland Lions Christmas Day Swim saw a record 483 swimmers taking part, as was reported last month. This amazing result was achieved without any above-the-line advertising or posters at all apart from some free editorials in the local media. Instead the Club used a database of 500 email addresses obtained from previous swimmers for a promotional mailing using 'Mailchimp'. This was followed up with postings to two of the Club's Facebook pages and their Twitter page every other day during the 30 days leading up to Christmas. This resulted in 380 online tickets being purchased up to two days before Christmas Day with 100 tickets being reserved for registration on the day.

A very successful exercise but Clubs are advised to take note of the new data protection laws coming into effect in May, particularly the 'opt out' from mailings, and it is advisable to use programmes like Mailchimp for mailing campaigns.

In Memoriam

*The 105D Times records with considerable sadness the passing to higher service of
Lion Ken Riley of the Lions Club of Ringwood & Fordingbridge.*



TAIL TWISTER

The Editor has the last word

We start the second month of 2018 in the knowledge that once again the number of Lions leaving is significantly greater than those joining, a situation that is becoming a persistent norm. Our new GMT officer has some wise words about our obligations towards prospective members (see page 8) and sensibly points out that anyone seeking to become a Lion must be made aware of what is involved and what will be expected in terms of commitment but we must never forget that we also have a commitment to anyone who joins to ensure that their own expectations are met.

In my rather insular experience, the most worrying factor today is how little time many of the people I know (who I would perceive as being 'ideal potential Lions') have to do anything other than pursue their careers and family life, regardless of how much they might yearn to do otherwise.

How do we cope with that? Answers on a postcard, please.

Lion Peter Tabb

Lion's Tail...



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