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## **Pre-Convention Edition**

Why are they  
all staring at  
your hat?

DG Lion Peter and  
Lion Debbie do their  
bit for Marie Curie



**105D LIONS INTERNATIONAL TIMES**  
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Southsea!**



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## Community Relations News

### GLOBAL ACTION TEAM

In July our International President, Dr Naresh Aggarwal set up the Global Action Team and DG Lion Peter asked me to be the Global Service Team District Coordinator. The role is primarily to work with the District Global Team Membership and Leadership Coordinators and with the Clubs to increase Service. "Providing strong service projects will offer opportunities for our current members to re-engage in Lions. It will also provide opportunities for potential members to see first hand the work we do in our local communities and to learn about our global impact".

I have now attended a meeting of MD District Coordinators and now know a little more about what we will be doing in the MD. LCI have the five areas for Service — Diabetes, Environment, Hunger Relief, Paediatric Cancer and Vision, with diabetes being the main target in the next Lionistic year, with a major launch in Las Vegas at the International Convention. In this MD plans are being made to provide exciting projects and I will introduce them as they become viable.

One of my responsibilities is to encourage Clubs to report their service activities. While many Clubs do report every month there are 17 Clubs who have not submitted one for the current year. Without these reports your Service activities are not known about or recognised. Also reports can give Clubs ideas of new Service which is what Lions is all about. At District level you cannot be considered for some of the awards at Convention if no one knows what you are doing! I therefore urge you to ensure your secretaries do complete the activity reports on the LCI website.

I hope to be able to run a seminar at the Incoming Officers' Training Day. In the meantime I will be at Convention with a stall showing some aspects of the above service areas. If you would like me to include something that your Club has done please let me know the details ASAP.

Also at Convention the various awards will be presented providing a representative of the Club is present. I look forward to seeing you in Southsea!

*Lion Judith Goodchild*

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### Young Ambassador of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century TANGUY BILLET-MASTERS



Tanguy is 16 years old and in his GSCE year at Victoria College, Jersey. He is hoping to study English, French and History at A-level. His ambition is to become a lawyer.

He enjoys music; playing the clarinet to Grade 5 and is a member of the Jersey Youth Wind Band. He has a keen interest in verse-speaking – competing in the Jersey Eisteddfod annually, also gaining a grade 7 in Speech and Drama exams.

He is fluent in French and plays table tennis and golf regularly. He also participates in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

The Love Hearts Appeal is a charity that he is very passionate about; it's an organisation linked to Great Ormond Street Hospital, researching and delivering care to the survivors of transplant operations and their families. He organises an annual fundraiser, by finding a venue, sourcing prizes and organising media advertising.

He is delighted to be representing the **Lions Club of Jersey**.

Tanguy represented District 105D at the Multiple District Young Ambassador Finals at Dudley over the weekend of 23 to 25 February. Meeting for the first time on the Friday evening the 11 Young Ambassadors immediately formed a bond which could last a lifetime. Tanguy was drawn for the first interview.

After the draw we went into the dining room for the evening meal and socialising which included a Tortoise Race. This generated a great deal of vocal support. We also had a SLOW Tortoise Race for some of our OLDER Lions. A calendar rather than a stopwatch is needed for this race.

On Saturday the Judging Panel held their interviews throughout the day which ended with a Gala Dinner and a entertainment provided by the Young Ambassadors themselves.

On Sunday morning more than 150 guests gathered for the results ceremony. This began with the Young Ambassadors making their three minute presentation to the attentive audience. This was a very emotional time for the work being carried out by these young people in their own communities and beyond is astounding. It is difficult to understand how they manage to carry out all the things they do and still find time for their education and a social life. Finally the moment that we, and they, had all been waiting for. The chairman of the judges gave her summing up and praised all the young people and thanked them for all the service being carried out.

Amid tumultuous applause **Jemima Browning** sponsored by the **Lions Club of Selby** in District 105C was announced as the one going forward to represent MD105 at the Europa Forum to be held in Macedonia later this year.

Although Tanguy did not progress any further in the competition he acquitted himself very well as your Young Ambassador and we wish him every success in his future endeavours. If you would like to hear his presentation, come along to the 105D Convention.

He is outstanding.

*Lion Yorky Tuke*

Young Ambassador Officer



# Peter's Page



Another month passed already, this year is absolutely flying by.

Debbie and I have had another busy month, even managing to grab a week away in Cyprus to recharge the batteries.

The low point of the month was attending Past Council Chairman Lion Ken Riley's funeral. It was a lovely service and the church was full with many Lions from this District and others attending. Lion Ken was a lovely man respected by all who knew him. He was the oldest PCC in the MD when he passed to higher service aged 97. My condolences go to his family and also to Ringwood & Fordingbridge Lions for their loss.

The high points were many having attended four Charter Anniversaries and the Past District Governors' lunch. Debbie and I also put on the silly hats and took part in our own Club's Marie Curie collection at Tesco in Ferndown.

Looking forward to later in March we have the District Convention coming up from Friday to Sunday 23 to 25 March in Southsea. Lion Dave Ebsworth and his team have organised a really fantastic weekend and both Debbie and I are really grateful to them all.

It starts with a fun evening featuring Matt Black who was so popular three years ago in Bournemouth that we have asked him back. Even if you do not normally attend the Host Night I recommend that you give it a go for an absolutely hilarious evening; 1970s 'fancy dress' is optional but Debbie and I will be making an effort, so please join in with us.

The business meeting on Saturday will follow the normal format but we have tried to introduce more speakers and more of Clubs sharing good news in place of the workshops. There really should be something of interest for everyone.

The Saturday evening Banquet and Ball will be another fun evening with, I promise, very short speeches followed by a disco to dance the night away.

Sunday morning will concentrate on membership with a discussion on good practice and successful initiatives, again something that all Clubs could benefit from.

So please come along and enjoy an informative weekend with lots of fun along the way.

By the time that the 105D Times is published the visit to Buckingham Palace will have happened. I just hope that the snow does not prevent 100 per cent attendance and that all the Lions taking part have had a wonderful experience.

I look forward to hearing all about it.

*DG Lion Peter*

## THANK YOU!

That's a **big thank you** as I have been totally overwhelmed by the generosity of some of the Lions Clubs in our District. Your donations to Different Strokes mean that we will have a great total to present at the Convention.

Younger people suffering strokes is something that affects every Club area in the District and Different Strokes are trying to help with the recovery of those younger victims. If your Club is still considering a donation please try and get it to District Treasurer Lion Linda in the next couple of weeks so that the donation can be even higher!

I am looking forward to hearing the guest speaker from Different Strokes at the Convention who I am sure will tell us all more about the amazing work they do.



*Lion Debbie*

# Matters of Moment

## DG Team Visits March 2018

### DG Lion Peter

Date	Activity
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1 Mar:	Jermaine Defoe presentation
3 Mar:	District A Convention business meeting
3 Mar:	Windsor Charter Anniversary
10 Mar:	Wimborne & Ferndown Concert
13 Mar:	UN Day at Houses of Parliament
17 Mar:	Poole Charter Anniversary
18 Mar:	On-line Council meeting
19 Mar:	Poole Swimathon presentation
20 Mar:	DG Team meeting
21 Mar:	Ringwood Dragons Den
22 - 25 Mar:	105D District Convention

### 1st VDG Lion Ken

Date	Activity
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8 - 11 Mar:	105SW Convention
12 Mar:	Portsmouth Official Visit
18 Mar:	Newport IOW Charter Anniversary
20 Mar:	DG Team Meeting
21 Mar:	Salisbury & District Official Visit
22 - 25 Mar:	105D District Convention
26 Mar:	New Milton Official Visit

### 2nd VDG Lion Jarvis

Date	Activity
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22 - 25 Mar:	105D District Convention
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## 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*

**GMA** - Lions Anne Wingrove and Martin Wingrove

**Hayling Island** - Lion Ronald Harman

**IOW Newport** - Lions Ann Burrows and Maria Cook

**Maidenhead** - Lions Karen Brown, Joy Lewis and Ayo Oyewusi



## Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

### Introduction:

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

### Disaster Grants:

In December 2017 LCIF awarded 11 disaster grants totalling £81,650 and in January 2018 six grants totalling £39,000. These were for volcano, earthquake, flood, cyclone, wildfire, hailstorm and tornado relief.

### 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 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:

Only 50% of Clubs in the District have donated to LCIF this fiscal year. 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.

### Measles and Rubella Initiative:

I am very pleased to let you know that LCIF has reached the goal of US\$30 million (£21,300,000) which was set some years ago for the Measles and Rubella Initiative. This amount has been increased with donations from the UK Government and the Gates Foundation of US\$15,000 each, making the total amount paid over to GAVI, the immunisation body, of £42,600,000. This will enable 87.7 million children to be immunised and it is estimated 61,000 future deaths to be prevented.

### 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>.



*PDG Lion Patrick Hamblin*

District 105D LCIF Coordinator  
([patrick.hamblin@btinternet.com](mailto:patrick.hamblin@btinternet.com))

# News Round-up



## Another Successful Blackmore Vale Lions Half Marathon

Sunday 4 February saw the 26<sup>th</sup> running of the Blackmore Vale Lions Half Marathon which raised around £4,000 to be shared between Victim Support, You First, Mindful, various organisations in Bishops Caundle and the Blackmore Vale Lions Charity Trust Fund which supports a wide range of charitable causes in and around the Blackmore Vale.

There were 418 runners aged from 18 to 77 taking part in the half marathon and five mile Fun Run organised by the Club with the valuable cooperation of Bishops Caundle Parish Council, All Saints Primary School, Bishops Caundle Village Hall and Social Committee.

The race is part of the Dorset Road Race League and is for many the first organised race of the year. Weather conditions were almost perfect, although a bit chilly at the start, for this very tough challenge which many runners use as preparation for the London Marathon in April.

The men's race was won by Toby Chapman of Bournemouth AC in a time of 1h 14m 21s and the women's race by Vicky Ingham of Poole Runners in a time of 1h 29m 53s. The Fun Run winner was Joshua Hopson in a time of 38min 36sec. The first lady was Barbara Murray in a time of 46min 53sec.

As usual the race was very well supported by a large group of marshals, drinks providers, recorders and referees from the road running fraternity especially Gillingham Trotters, a2e Medical Services, and Sturminster Newton Rotary Club, Air Cadets, Templecombe Scouts and most importantly the Blackmore Vale Lions ladies who provided all the food and drink both before and after the event. The Blackmore Vale Lions very much thank and appreciate all the organisations that helped make the event the huge success that it is.

*Lion George Wagland*

## MD Convention Update

**It's me again.**

We are getting closer to the date and the Host Committee is working hard to ensure you have fun and fellowship as all Lions should.

The fun is right from the start with the Round the World buffet on Friday night. With a table decoration to fit in with that theme, we are suggesting that each District gets together to agree dress based on a specific country or continent. I hear the suggested theme for 105D is a Brexit one – come dressed as your favourite European. Let's make it a contest as to the best dress – no prizes, just the honour of knowing in your own minds that yours is the best! All to the music of District D's Matt Black, so there's never a dull moment.

On Saturday after a hard day's work networking with other Lions, we will have the formal dress of the Banquet & Ball, but again the accent is on fun, with DJ Scottie coming all the way from Blackpool after his storming success last year to liven up proceedings.

*Lion Steve Spencer*

MD 105 Convention 2018 Host Committee



As part of our Centennial Target, Lions Clubs are aiming to sponsor 100 children with MedicalAlert memberships through The Lions' Early Start Programme.

This life-saving sponsorship will provide children with a Medical ID bracelet & membership with access to a 24/7 emergency phoneline that's available 365 days a year.

In the event of an emergency, medical & emergency staff will always have access to their information. For poorly children with health conditions this gives them & their parents peace of mind, enabling them to securely take part in normal childhood activities.

MedicalAlert have agreed to match fund Lions Clubs fundraising until the end of June 2018; £1 for each £1 raised for our Early Start Programme.

This means £295 will support two children for 10 years each!

Please note:  
• If a child leaves the programme prematurely, all allocated funds will go back into the pot to re-allocate to another child

• All administration costs are funded by MedicalAlert and NOT from Lions Clubs fundraising



Meet Maya. Diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes since a baby, her Early Start sponsorship has given her family reassurance over the years.

"The MedicalAlert bracelet that she wears reassures us that she will have a voice and it gives us comfort"

*-Joyce, Maya's mum*



Maya, aged 6 has been sponsored by the Lions Early Start Programme since 2013



# More news from the Clubs



## Fun and games in Fleet

Fleet and Hart Lions share the town of Fleet and really enjoy it when we get a chance to work together. And sometimes we play together too! Every so often we all feel the need to confirm who's top Lion and as our Ethics discourage pistols at dawn, we throw balls (at skittles).

Fifty of us with partners enjoyed a few games out in the wilds of Hampshire on a freezing February evening. It was great to have a gas when we're off duty and meet up with the new members of both Clubs. The pub near Lasham did us well proud with a very extensive buffet. It would be un-Lionistic of me to spill the result but all I'll say is Hart Lions now have a magnificent *cuillère de bois* for their trophy shelf!

*Lion Jim Storey*

Marketing & Communications Chairman - Fleet Lions

## A RARE OCCASION

A rare occasion occurred when all five Zone 3F Presidents, Zone 3F Chairmen and the District Governor were present at the Great Gatsby Dinner Dance celebrating Fareham Lions 56th Charter Anniversary.



**Back row (l-r)** Lion David Andrews, President Gosport and Lee-on-the-Solent Lions Club and Zone F Chairman; Lion Rob Armstrong-Collett, President Fareham Lions Club and 105D District Governor Lion Peter Burnett; **Middle row (l-r)** Lion Louise Crook, President Southampton Solent Lions Club and Lion Frances Bond, President Crofton Lions Club. Lions Club of Crofton and **(centre stage)** Lion Helen Mitchell, President Swanwick Lions Club. **Unity!**



## Lions Centenary boost for Avon Heath Country Park

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

The money has now been used to provide a new rope bridge (see left) together with oak picnic tables and benches, two of the benches being carved with children's art.



# Pride in being Lions



Fareham Lions Club has been serving the communities of Fareham and Portchester since 1962 and recently celebrated its 56th Charter Anniversary with a dinner attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Fareham and DG Lion Peter Burnett. A cheque was presented to the Mayor for his charities.

Fareham Lions President Rob Armstrong-Collett says: "I joined Lions to make a difference. Being a Lion is fun, with many social events, and I have made some great friendships along the way. The Lions motto is 'We Serve' - this sums up the foundation of what we do, as we serve the residents in our local community."

The Fareham Club is looking for new members to help serve the local community and would like to hear from anybody interested in finding out more.

## 2015/16 DG

15<sup>th</sup> November 2016

A day of research has been donated by the members  
Lions Clubs International District 105D

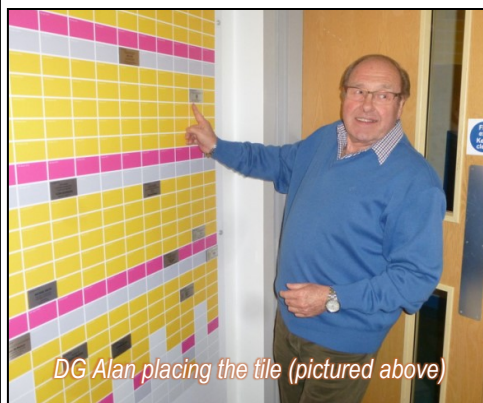


Presented by  
Anne Chapman in memory of her friend  
Joy King 1947-2011

## Partner's Charity

On 15 November we were invited to the Portsmouth University for a tour of the Brain Tumour Research Laboratory and the presentation of a tile to be placed on their "Wall of Hope". This was offered following the generous donation of £3,900 from 105D Clubs to Anne's chosen charity during my year as District Governor.

The work they are doing is phenomenal, the equipment (most of which is donated) which they are using is state of the art and the types of tumours they are dealing take many forms where each one has to dealt with in a different way and with different types of drugs.



DG Alan placing the tile (pictured above)

Not only are they doing the research, they also diagnosing from blood and biopsy samples sent to them for analysis.

An evening well spent.

*PDG Lion Alan Chapman*

*You are never too old to set  
another goal or to dream a new  
dream - C.S. Lewis*



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# Bracknell Lions back to The Gambia again

In February two Bracknell Lions travelled to The Gambia for a long weekend to celebrate the opening of the water supply in the village of Gunjar Kunkujang. The water project was launched in August 2016 and by June 2017 had raised £8,000. On the advice of PDG Lion Patrick Hamblin and International Director (designate) PCC Lion Geoff Leeder the Club was advised to apply for an LCIF International Assistance Grant for matched funding. The paperwork was duly completed and despatched to LCIF in August and at the end of October we were informed we had been successful in our application and got a matching grant equivalent to £7,200 – enough to complete the project in one go.

We duly set off for The Gambia in November 2017 secure in the knowledge that we had the funding to authorise the contractor to start work. We also made contact with Banjul Kairo Lions Club whose role it would be to monitor the work taking place and approve the quality at the end. With the help of Lion Kebba Cham – formerly of Burnham Lions Club – all the various meetings took place to approve the final design, etc. and the contractor was instructed to start work a.s.a.p. With a firm timescale for the project now we returned home and booked a trip back to The Gambia in February 2018 for the official opening. We were accompanied by our daughter and son-in-law as our daughter's school in Wokingham – St Teresa's Catholic Academy of which she is Head Teacher – had twinned with the school in the village and, besides fundraising for the main fund, had donated many items of stationery to the school. In our luggage was a projector and digital camera for the school along with more stationery and other much desired goods for education. The whole opening event was televised and broadcast on the national news; it was also on Gambian Radio and in the news media. The ribbon was cut by the Director of Water Resources for The Gambia and also the Leader of the new National Assembly who has asked us to try to get more projects like this going in The Gambia in conjunction with the Gambian government.

Our work is not finished though; our next project is to provide solar power electricity in the nursery school by July 2018 with funding split 50/50 between Bracknell Lions and St Teresa's Academy. We also have a shopping list of items mainly for the school where five members of staff sleep on a floor each night because, with wages for the top teacher being only £40 per month, they cannot afford to travel home each night (for some as far as 50 km away) and so they only go home at weekends. Bracknell Lions will raise funds for them to be able to buy mattresses or, even better, beds and mattresses. and channel the money through our secure route to enable the goods to be purchased locally, thus ensuring the money goes back into the economy. Other items include marker pens, reconditioned laptops (you provide the old laptop and we get them reconditioned) with the aim eventually of having a full IT suite in the school.

Over the next few months, we will be seeking a cheap way to ship material to The Gambia by means of a small container as some of the stuff the school wants is heavy and far too much for us to carry in our luggage. While it is not practical for everyone to go out to The Gambia and work with the people, please visit Bracknell Lions Gambia Appeal ([www.gambia.bracknellforestlions.org.uk](http://www.gambia.bracknellforestlions.org.uk) website) and contribute via our My Donate page in the event that you wish to help financially as an individual, or donations to Bracknell Forest Lions Gambia Appeal if your Club wants to be involved as many did for phase 1 – not only from this District but also from other Districts.

We will be presenting at 105D Convention in March and if you want to know more about what we want to do in the future, then please talk to us

*Lions Mike and Brigid Hendy*





# Membership Update



Members will leave Lions for various reasons which sometimes are out of their control, but the concern is that a high percentage of our new Lions leave within their first three years of service. We also need to make sure we retain our long standing members who have the knowledge and experience our Clubs need, and who have served Club and community for a long time; these members are the backbone of our organisation.

To ensure our Lions Club remains healthy and vital, we need to consider the experience and expectations of belonging to our Clubs. If we went into a restaurant and it did not meet our expectations, would we go back? The same applies to a Lions Club.

Along with welcoming new members, it is important to make sure they begin participating in Club activities right away. If our Club members feel welcome, valued and comfortable and are involved in community service, they are likely to remain members and part of our Club for years to come. We should also make sure they are fully informed before induction and that they are mentored by an experienced member after induction.

Research shows that people become Lions for many reasons. The most common are:

- **to serve their community;**
- **to be involved with a specific service or cause;**
- **to be with friends; and**
- **to become a leader in their community**

How can our Clubs provide the experience our members are seeking?

Keeping our Club efficient, productive and meaningful to our members results in many benefits.

- **it will be a Club that is a vital and respected part of our community;**
  - **it will provide the ability to serve locally and globally;**
  - **it will offer personal growth opportunities to our members**
- And hopefully it will be a Club that provides fun, fellowship and friendship.**

Do our Clubs feel unified, or are we just a collection of individual Lions?

We should be sure our Clubs have objectives and defined goals and we ensure we communicate these to our members clearly and openly, making sure our leadership is strong but flexible with a clear direction, thus aiming to keep morale high within our Clubs, and allowing us to thrive and SERVE our communities.

*Lion Pauline McCreanor*

**District Retention Officer**



# TAIL TWISTER

*The Editor has the last word*

I rather grandly sub-titled this edition as 'pre-Convention' and then resisted the temptation to plug it on every page.

The Convention is our AGM and is an important event for that reason alone but it is also, especially for this Lion in his offshore den, a chance to meet other Lions, greet old friends and exchange ideas and even gossip. And I'm looking forward to that.

One Convention item I am particularly looking forward to is the address from our Young Ambassador. Having heard Tanguy speak - he addressed the Jersey Lions last month - I am sure you'll agree he is an amazing 16 year old and a truly inspirational speaker. My only regret is that he faced no competitors in this year's competition. Surely among our 60 plus Clubs, especially those who sponsor Leo Clubs, there could have been found some equally outstanding candidates? We don't have a Leo Club but we do have a Young Ambassador.

*Lion Peter Tabb*

## Lions Tail...



**Windsor Lions are staging their children's annual Funfest on 25 March**

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