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District 105D

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Community Relations News

SPECS RECYCLING AGAIN!

I understand that some Clubs are experiencing difficulties with transferring specs to Chichester Lions Club. Please let me know if you have problems with this. I will be speaking to Lion Sue Boucher from Chichester when she returns from holiday to see how the situation can be resolved. We may have to use a different method in the short term. I will let you know as soon as I have any news. Chichester Lions do want us to support them. The International President was very impressed with their operation and has promised to help them get money to expand their facilities. This would greatly help the storage situation. In the long term it is vital to support Chichester Lions who, besides sending specs to Medico France, raise some £40,000 a year from the sale of gold and other metals, which is used for sight projects in this country and abroad. This is an example of Lions helping those less fortunate than themselves.

GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM

At MD Convention there was an excellent presentation on the five areas which will form the basis of service in this MD. We will be asking Clubs to support ventures in DIABETES, VISION, ENVIRONMENT, HUNGER RELIEF and PAEDIATRIC CANCER. Some of these are well established and we will continue as before but there are some exciting new initiatives. It is hoped that we will partner with Brain Tumour Research, who have a centre in Portsmouth, to build a Lions Lab to help research. Brain tumours are the largest form of cancer afflicting children and young people in this country so this is vital work. We are urging LCI to take up the cause of eradicating the unnecessary use of plastics by implementing policies to do this. The Resolution asking for this was passed at MD Convention.



REDUCING THE USE OF PLASTICS IN THE GARDEN

We, as gardeners, can do our bit to help reduce the use of plastics. Some of these ideas are my own and some came from *Amateur Gardening*.

Food containers, with holes in the bottom, such as those used for soft fruits, can be recycled into containers for starting small quantities of seeds or for growing on plug plants.

Other plastic food containers can be used as gravel trays.

Always take care of plastic trays that you have purchased and after they are used, wash them and use them again.

Use alternatives to plastic pots such as coir, compressed wood fibre and miscanthus or make your own from newspaper or toilet rolls.

If you have a surplus of plastic pots, see if a school or community project could use them.

Choose wooden plant labels instead of plastic or make your own from plastic bottles.

Use jute netting which is biodegradable.

All these are small steps but if we all do them we can make a difference.

Happy Gardening!

Lion Judith Goodchild

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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

Dorchester - Lion Neil Gatehouse

Eastleigh - Lions Anne Wright and Richard Wright

Fleet - Lion Marilyn Course

Hook & Odiham - Lion John Lancashire

Windsor - Lions Alec Bradfield and Monaliza Cadwallader

Peter and Debbie's Page

Welcome to my last newsletter article as District Governor. The year has just flown by but has been such fun. Debbie and I have had a ball, the welcome shown to both of us by all the members throughout the District has been simply overwhelming and we have both loved meeting every single one of you.



It has been a three year journey - as 2nd VDG, 1st VDG and then District Governor and during that time I would estimate that we have driven well over 12,000 miles, attended well over 100 meetings (including Council, Cabinet & Convention planning), shared about 50 meals (either Charter dinners, dinner meetings or just dinners with Lions) and hopefully made hundreds of new friends.

Both of us have no regrets about my taking on the role of District Governor and I really must thank Lion Debbie for her support throughout the whole experience. As you know I am now taking on a new challenge as Council Chairman for the forthcoming year and we are both looking forward to once again serving the Lions members, this time for the whole of the Multiple District. It will be a challenging year making sure that re-districting is introduced as smoothly as possible while working on new initiatives that we can hopefully all use to attract new members.

I am now looking forward to completing the promise I made at the beginning of the year and putting the District Governor's chain around the incoming DG's neck. DG-elect Lion Ken has had a challenging year healthwise but has amazed us all with his battle and victory over what he calls 'the little c'. He so deserves his year as DG and I know that all of you will show him the respect and love that he has earned. Debbie and I hope to see a lot of you at the District Handover in Salisbury on Sunday 8 July to celebrate our year and to launch Lion Ken's with a bang.

I must thank everybody who has served this year either within your own Clubs or on the District Cabinet.

Finally I just want to say a huge thank you to each and every Lion in the District. Thank you for your hospitality, thank you for your support, thank you for supporting Debbie's charity and, of course, thank you for an amazing District Convention.

DG Lion Peter

As this is Peter's last DG newsletter it is also my last chance to thank each and every one of you for your support for my charity this year.

I am not going to tell my story again but I can tell you that we have raised over £5,000 for Different Strokes during the year. That is a simply amazing amount of money and I know that it will be put to good use supporting younger stroke victims within our District.

I would also like to thank you all for the hospitality and welcome you have shown both of us during the year. It has been a fantastic experience and could not have been so without the amazing Lions of District 105D.



Lion Debbie

Matters of Moment

DG Team Visits June 2018

DG Lion Peter

Date	Activity
10 June:	Southbourne & Boscombe Charter Anniversary
10 June:	Online Council meeting
14 June:	Poole beach barbecue
16 June:	Reading Charter Anniversary
17 June:	Paulton's Park
23 June:	Petersfield Charter Barbecue
26 June:	Wimborne & Ferndown Handover
27 June - 5 July:	101st International Convention, Las Vegas

1st VDG (DGE) Lion Ken

Date	Activity
3 June:	Blackmore Vale Charter Anniversary Lunch
4 June:	Zone 2C meeting
10 June:	AM Incoming Cabinet Officers Orientation & PM Incoming Club Officers Training
20 June:	Salisbury Club meeting
23 June:	Petersfield Charter Anniversary & Changeover
25 June:	International DGE School & Convention, Las Vegas

2nd VDG (1 VDGE) Lion Jarvis

1 - 3 June:	1st VDG training weekend MD
4 June:	Zone 2C meeting
6 June:	Zone 5L and 5M membership drive planning evening
10 June:	Incoming Cabinet meeting
17 June:	Paulton's Park

GDPR

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) applied from Friday 25 May 2018. The District website now has a one page statement giving practical advice on what Clubs need to do to comply with GDPR. You may have seen the comprehensive notes from the MD Data Protection Officer and by all means use the guidance and templates he has provided. The District website complies with the regulations.

Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

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

This is my final Newsletter because, after six years' as the District Coordinator, I am 'retiring' from the role. I have really enjoyed representing our Foundation, albeit in a small way, as District Coordinator but I feel it is now time for a change.

My only disappointment in the role is that only approximately 50 per cent of Clubs in our District annually make contributions to LCIF, our own Charity, with an amazing record of more than 50 years of humanitarian assistance around the world. It is only by donations from Lions Clubs that LCIF can carry out its work.

There is a very interesting article on LCIF in the current edition of the 'Lion' magazine (pages 8 to 13) and I urge all members to read it.

Why not also take a look at the LCIF website? The link is

<http://www.lcif.org/EN/index.php>.



PDG Lion Patrick Hamblin

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News from the Clubs

A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS AT READING'S HILTON HOTEL

Fun event raises £8,000

Almost 200 people helped raise £8,000 at the very successful "Liz Berry Glitter Ball" to support Bowel Cancer UK on Saturday, 12 May, at the Hilton Hotel in Reading. The event was in honour of Liz Berry, who died of bowel cancer in 2015. She was the best friend of Clare Dando, who organised the ball, with support from Lion Lyn Baily and the Wokingham Lions Club.

"We had 189 people attending, and it was a fun evening with a live band, three-course dinner, pay-to-play casino and raffle prizes. I am thrilled that we were able to raise £8,000 for Bowel Cancer UK, to help raise awareness of bowel cancer and fund research projects," says Clare Dando. "For the last year, we have been working with the Wokingham Lions Club to organise the Glitter Ball. I am so incredibly grateful to the Lions for all their help and support. It's been a privilege and a pleasure to work with them."



Organisers Clare Dando and Lion Lyn Baily

in helping to raise funds for such a worthy cause."

Lion Lyn Baily said: "Wokingham Lions Club have great pleasure in supporting this event, and



A fistful of dollars for Paul Baily and Nigel Page



A candle-lit dinner

Lion Ray gets his half-century!



In 1968, accountant Ray Crow joined the recently formed Lions Club of Christchurch. Over the ensuing 50 years, during which he has served as Treasurer, Vice President and President, Lion Ray has played a key role in developing the Club. He also received the prestigious Melvyn Jones Fellowship award for special service to Lions.

At a lunch held to celebrate his 50th anniversary, District Governor Lion Peter Burnett presented Ray with a Certificate of Appreciation signed by the Lions' Patron, HRH Duchess of Wessex, to commemorate his service and a letter of thanks from the Chairman of the Council of Governors.

In his speech of thanks, Lion Ray presented the Club with his copy of the menu for the first annual Club Charter Dinner that he attended in 1969. Held at the Chewton Glen Hotel, the Club members and their guests enjoyed a sumptuous three-course meal for the sum of £2.50!

More news from Clubs



In 2018 Bracknell Forest Lions Club are celebrating 50 years since the Club was chartered, after last year celebrating 100 years of Lions Clubs International, so it's been a good two years for the Club.

On top of that, in April this year, the Club had the huge honour of receiving a **Pride of Bracknell** award in the category of 'Team of the Year'. As a Club that was set to close in 2010 due to low membership, the Club prides itself on the teamwork and determination that's seen an increase in membership to 19 who are not only able to run regular events but also to support other local clubs and raise funds for a huge overseas project too.

Throughout the year the Club ran raffles and tombolas, collected for Marie Curie, entertained shoppers with carols, supplied *Message in the Bottle* packs, marshalled the local Half Marathon and Windsor Lions' Horse Race and generally kept funds rolling in so they can be distributed where most needed.

In addition Lions Mike and Brigid Hendy have been visiting the village of Gunjar Kunkujang in the Gambia and have already raised more than £8,000 to start the installation of a larger water tank and new solar panels to serve the village with more clean water and more taps - and this is just the start of the programme. There's much more to come!

In 2015 the Club rekindled the long-forgotten Bracknell Show after more than 25 years since the previous event. It started small with around 30 stalls and some arena displays and now has become a community staple with food, drink, crafts, face-painting, bouncy castles, a range of arena displays and live music in the evening. It's gone from strength to strength and the Club even managed to raise more than £2,500 in 2017 despite heavy rain all day!

The Club is very proud of what has been achieved and 'Team of the Year' seems to fit the bill.

"A happy 50th Charter Bracknell Lions and here's to the next 50 years!"



Even more news from **Clubs**

Petersfield Boom Boxes!



Petersfield Lions Club has donated some new technology to the Petersfield Library - ten 'Boom Boxes', USB Audio Players that help bring audio books to life for people with impaired vision. These small battery-powered units allow easy playing of audio books and talking papers via a pre-loaded USB stick and simple controls. Easier and simpler than CDs or tapes, they can be used by anyone with impaired vision or anyone who finds it difficult to hold or manipulate the pages of a book. These units will be used by the Petersfield Library Service, both to demonstrate their use so people can try before they buy their own and also for loan by the Home Library Service.

In the picture above are (l. to r.) Nicolette Morgan, Senior Home Library Coordinator, Lions Jackie Read, Mary and David Putnam, Jennifer Castle, Trevor Copping, Lin and Mike Piatek and Tony Struthers and Nicola Hepple, Library Team Manager shaking hands with Petersfield President Lion David Read.

New Milton's Centennial Celebrations



The Lions Club of New Milton's six week Summer Festival started on Saturday 3 June last year with the Lions Centennial Carnival, the first for more than 20 years. It was watched by thousands, who then went to the recreation ground which was packed with stalls and events for all ages.

This event set off six weeks of Centennial merriment. Other events that took place were an arts, crafts, food and drink fair, a 'Picnic in the Park', three concerts (two of which were headlined by the much respected "Rock Choir") and a Pedal Car Grand Prix around the streets of New Milton with more than 60 entries.

The festival culminated with the New Milton Lions Centennial Concert on Saturday 15 July. Funds raised by all the events (£4,317) have been shared between the Lions' three good causes - the New Milton Community First Responders, the Ashley Hub support service for families and the provision of equipment for youth facilities in New Milton.

To be honest, we had somewhere a bit posher in mind for the Handover...



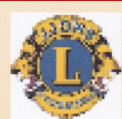
And finally...



A Tribute to a Message in a Bottle

"The Police" tribute band "Message is a Bottle" played at the Weymouth Pavilion Theatre on Sunday 27 May. At the performance Weymouth & Portland Lions were invited to give away Lions' own Messages in a Bottle to members of the audience.

Pictured are Lions Ray Banham and Dave Woolford, who were accompanied by President Lion Roger Hogbin behind the camera.



Invitation

to join your Fellow Lions at
The White Hart Hotel

St John Street, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP1 2SD



for a traditional 2 course Sunday lunch followed by the

District Governor Handover

Celebrate the hard work of your District Governor

Lion Peter Burnett and his Wife **Lion Debbie**

and welcome your in-coming District Governor

Lion Ken Staniforth

and his Partner

Lion Jean Lock

Sunday 8th July 2018

12.30 for 1.00

£15.00 per person

Please book early using the 105D website as numbers are limited



We Serve



Menu

Mains

Roast Loin of Pork with
Stuffing and Apple Sauce

Breast of Chicken with a Leek
and Bacon Cream Sauce

Baked Bell Pepper,
Mediterranean Vegetable
Couscous, glazed with Goat's
Cheese (v)

Served with Roast Potatoes
and Seasonal Vegetables

Desserts

Profiteroles filled with
Vanilla Cream and
Butterscotch Sauce

Fresh Fruit Salad in a Brandy
Snap Basket with Cream

Freshly brewed Coffee and
Chocolates

Bon Appetit!

Membership Matters



THE CURRENT MEMBERSHIP SITUATION

The statistics to the end of April show that the net membership of District 105D has dropped by 21 since July 2017.

There are some pockets of excellent progress with 12 Clubs gaining a minimum of three new members. The more concerning fact is that 20 Clubs in the District have not inducted any new members this year. Of these 20, 14 of them have a current membership of 15 or less.

The reality of this is that we will continue to lose Clubs, particularly those small ones who do not have the energy or enthusiasm to do anything about their membership.

Our strategy needs to be to concentrate on those stronger Clubs and encourage them to assist with Clubs in their Zone that require assistance, providing they are keen to use their help.

In addition, we need to continue to look to set up new branch Clubs where there is a need, looking to attract a younger membership. PDG Lion Alan Chapman is piloting such an approach in Warminster and there is a group looking to set up a new Andover Club on a similar basis.

Other areas that we should look to pursue are Speciality Clubs and Campus Clubs in university towns.

CLUB DEVELOPMENT

Activities that I am aware of are under way are the following. I appreciate that there may be others of which I have not been made aware:

In Portsmouth, Lion Ken has been working to expand the membership and looking at a Specialty Club;

In Andover, a group has been set up under Lion Tony Bamberger to look at resurrecting a new Club in Andover, initially as a Branch Club under one of the local Clubs;

Burnham had a Membership evening on May 10th. They attracted ten potential members and at least five of them showed interest in coming to further meetings. It was excellent that Lion Mike Sells, the Membership Officer from Windsor, attended the event and provided guidance to the Club throughout the process.

A group has been set up to assist Woodley and Earley Club with myself and Lion Jarvis and other local Clubs supporting them;

Zone 3H are running a Lions Awareness event in Waterville on Saturday 9 June, hoping to attract potential members for Havant and Portsmouth; and

PDG Lion Alan Chapman is piloting a Branch Club of younger members for Warminster Lions Club.

Lion Tim Hanton, District GMT Coordinator



TAIL TWISTER

The Editor has the last word

In his last report for the 105D Times as DG, Lion Peter comments that his year has just flown by 'but it's been such fun'. Far be it for me to point out that time really does tend to fly by as you get older, but he makes a very signal point: being a Lion should be fun! While I don't doubt the dedication of most Lions to the ethos that first and foremost we serve, Melvin Jones never said that we shouldn't have fun doing it. The more I think about it, the way to attract new Lions (and keep the ones we have) is to so organise our doings that we all enjoy ourselves while 'doing good' and that we so promote ourselves that like minded people are clamouring to join us and we, already Lions, can be proud.

My best wishes to outgoing DG Lion Peter as he dons the mantle of being the MD's top Lion and my every bit as good wishes to Lion Ken as he assumes the role of DG. May he, and we, have a lot of fun!

Lion Peter Tabb

Lion's Tail...

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