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**LOVE
BEING A
LION**

The DG'S First Leader

Fellow Lions

I need to apologise openly to our Editor, Lion Peter Tabb, as I should have written this before I went to International Convention, and having been the editor of my Club magazine, you would have thought that I would have been more timely with it.

After saying that, the message that I would have written would not have been the same as the one here.

I saw history made in Las Vegas with the swearing in of our first female International President Gudrun Yngvadottir (pronounced *ing va dot eer*). It only took 101 years!! and I believe she will inspire us in so many ways.

Her home is Iceland, and her ancestors came across the seas, her message is very simple "Chart our course pursuing new horizons".

She has seen the need for change, along with hundreds of thousands of Lions and the time has come to embrace change. We must grasp the use of technology, invite and empower youth to fill the gulf that has grown over the last 30 years between the oldest and youngest Members in our Association and above all, BE POSITIVE.

There is no room for the 'My way or no way' attitude that has existed in some Clubs in the past. It is also time to end the bickering, backstabbing and negativity.

Our future relies on growth, of course, IF we are to remain the largest (and best) SERVICE organisation in the world and there are resources on the horizon to be utilised, including a totally new LCI Website with easy instructions on its use, new training opportunities and much, much more.

I am a realist, I know that I will not be everybody's best mate but part of my role as District Governor is to follow on from PDG and Council Chairman Lion Peter, do my utmost to ensure that 105D grows stronger in every way and as we head towards redistricting, to ensure that the last 54 years is celebrated for the SERVICE that has been given to all the recipients of our District and beyond. It is also my role to ensure that we evolve into 105SC (South Central) smoothly and positively when 1st Vice DG Lion Jarvis takes over the reins.

There are great opportunities ahead for us all to embrace.

After the District handover all Club Presidents, Secretaries, Zone and Region Chairmen will receive an email containing a presentation entitled 'Back to Basics'. Please try it out.

Finally, I will be inviting all Club Members to attend Cabinet Meetings. Please come along and witness first hand how YOUR District Officers are supporting YOUR clubs and Members. I will send more details in the very near future.

Have a GREAT, POSITIVE, Lionistic year with the emphasis on FRIENDSHIP, FELLOWSHIP and most importantly FUN.



Lion Ken

Global Team Service News



The start of a new Lionistic year and a new start with GST!

During this coming year I will be:

- Promoting the efforts and achievements of Clubs providing service;
- Ensuring that all opportunities to publicise our service activities are utilised;
- Actively encouraging Clubs to have one major service activity and global service activity to focus on; and
- Encouraging Clubs to use social media effectively to promote service activities

As stated previously the five service areas that LCI have identified are DIABETES, VISION, ENVIRONMENT, HUNGER RELIEF and PAEDIATRIC CANCER. I will be reporting on how you can serve by helping these projects as information becomes available. There will be announcements at the International Convention this month and I will be attending a meeting in Birmingham in late July to learn more about these.

While these are the main areas of GST, other areas of Community Service will not be forgotten and projects such as Deaf Awareness, Alzheimer's, Medic Alert and MIAB also need support.

In order for you to think about a major service project I include some important dates for GST and Community Service projects in 2018-2019:

World Alzheimer's Day	Friday 21 September
World Deaf Day	Sunday 30 September
World Sight Day	Thursday 11 October
World Diabetes day	Wednesday 14 November
World Earth Day	Monday 23 April

GOOD NEWS ABOUT RECYCLING OLD SPECS

I have spoken with Lion Sue Boucher from Chichester Lions. There now seems to be NO PROBLEM with them receiving used specs from Clubs in our District.

Lion Sue advises: "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 (0844 963 2443) 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 Lion Sue will give Clubs, all should work well and we will be able to continue this valuable Lions service.

You can still count the number of specs that you collect and record it on the mylci web site.

If Clubs wish to use other means of disposing of specs, then, of course, they can, but Lions will be losing money!

Lion Sue also hopes that Chichester Lions will once again have their Apuldrum Centre open on World Sight Day on Thursday 11 October. This is a great opportunity to see what happens to all those unwanted speks.

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 *Ken*

Fleet - Lion Ralph Trippner
New Milton - Lion Stephanie Lafferty
Petersfield - Lion Geoffrey Gardner
Wareham - Lions Antony Hole & Ray Jones
Wimborne & Ferndown - Lion Roger Male

Matters of Moment

DG Team Visits July 2018

DG Lion Ken

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
8 July:	District Handover
18 July:	Salisbury & District Club meeting
20 July:	Warminster Charter Anniversary
27 July:	Funeral of Lion Dalton Hopkins of the Basingstoke Club
27 to 29 July:	Council of Governors Meeting, Birmingham

1st VDG Lion Jarvis

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
8 July:	District Handover
12 July:	Westbury Lions
20 July:	Warminster Charter Anniversary Dinner

HANDING OVER



The Wimborne and Ferndown Lions Club dinner at the Willett Arms in Wimborne on Tuesday 26 June was the enjoyable occasion for the annual handover.

Pictured are outgoing President Lion Michael Zeck passing the chain of office to new President Lion Anne Lippitt.

Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

For the last six years PDG Lion Patrick Hamblin has held the position of District 105D LCIF Officer and has done so in his usual calm and efficient manner, I now have the unenviable task of trying to follow.

Lions Clubs International Foundation is celebrating 50 years from July 2018. It is the part of our organisation that provides emergency grants where they are needed. Changes are being made to LCIF and I attended the International Convention in Las Vegas to gain further information.

In the meantime, I would ask that you look on the LCIF website and discover for yourself what our Foundation is all about. Maybe there will be something that will spark your interest.

It just remains for me to offer my thanks to PDG Lion Patrick for the work he has done in the past.



Lion Ann Huntley

District 105D LCIF Coordinator

www.lions105d.org.uk/links or www.lcif.org

In Memoriam

The Lions Club of Maidenhead reports with sadness the passing to higher service of the much loved Past President Lion Eddie Roads (80) after a long struggle with Parkinson's. The Club's thoughts are with his widow Yvonne and their family.

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It is with deep sadness that Loddon Valley Lions Club reports the sudden passing into higher service of Lion Peter Tolson. Lion Peter was one of the Club's newest members having been badged up only in August 2017 but was already a well-liked and much respected member. He will be greatly missed and the Club's thoughts are with his widow Lion Vanessa and the family.

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The Lions Club of Basingstoke records with sorrow the passing to higher service of Lion Dalton Hopkins and they send their very sincere condolences to his widow, Lion Dianne.

News from the Clubs

March for Men -



A Father's Day Event

On Father's Day, Weymouth and Portland Lions Club held their first "March for Men" walk along Weymouth seafront to raise awareness of prostate cancer. In the United Kingdom, 11,000 men die each year of the disease and the death rate continues to rise. It is a bigger killer now than breast cancer, yet it fails to attract sufficient attention from either the Government or from many men themselves. The Lions decided to do something about that and are supporting the Prostate Cancer charity to help save lives.

Father's Day was a little chilly but it stayed dry for the walk and the sun peeped through the clouds once or twice. Following a vigorous warm-up session, Weymouth's Mayor, Councillor Gill Taylor, set the walkers off from the beach. Dozens of people marched along the promenade, a trek, for some, of more than six kilometres.

"I fully support this very worthwhile cause," said Councillor Taylor. "Lots of men are reluctant to be tested in the first place, often leaving it too late, and there is insufficient funding to carry out proper research to improve treatment."

The Lions' president (known as Roger the Lion) said, "We were delighted to welcome the people who supported us, appropriately on Father's Day. As well as Councillor Taylor, we were fortunate to have the support of Wessex FM and Whitehorse Training on hand to provide essential first aid cover.

"It was a good day out, we got the message over and we raised more than £1,000 for important research."

Lions Celebrate Lion Eric's 90th Birthday

Lions from across 105D came together for a garden party to celebrate Lion Eric Nixon's 90th birthday. This was a wonderful occasion on a very warm and sunny Sunday afternoon – where the guests were entertained by a saxophonist, treated to a delicious hog roast and had time to relax and catch up with Lions from near and far.



Lions Pat and Eric Nixon

Eric, a Lion since 1981, and his wife PDG Lion Pat, are well known across the District and have devoted their lives to Lions. They have a very strong and long connection to Fareham Lions, as this is where they first met before marrying in 1995. Both Pat and Eric have a great sense of humour and spirit for fun and have held many senior Lions' positions - with Eric serving as Fareham Lions President three times between 1987-1988, 1991-1992 and 2005-2006 and Pat as President in 1999-2000 before coming District Governor in 2007-2008.

As many people will know, Eric was diagnosed with dementia around eight years ago.

Despite some difficulties to start with, Eric and Pat have embraced his diagnosis and not let it stop them living life to the full. For the past three years they have gone out of their way to educate people, through Lions, about dementia and how to cope.

Lion Eric says "Lions gives us a big platform to talk about dementia. It's a method of spreading the information outwards".

More news from Clubs

Good Samaritans!

Lions Clubs from Zone 1A (Bridport, Blackmore Vale, Dorchester and Weymouth & Portland) chose the Samaritans as the recipients of their annual 'good cause' donation. In the picture Julie from the Samaritans receives a cheque from outgoing Zone Chairman Lion Mark Lockie at a handover lunch at The Gamekeeper in Charminster.

Julie, director of the Dorset Samaritans, said, "The Samaritans are extremely grateful for this funding from the Lions. We recognise that there are many other very worthwhile charities in the area to whom the Lions could have donated this money and we really appreciate the Lions' support of our work. We intend to use the funding for increasing the awareness of the support services we offer and how to access them. We hope that by doing so we will reach more people in our communities, thereby improving social inclusion. It is really important that people who are struggling with life know that they will be listened to and supported emotionally and that is what Samaritans are there to offer 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year."



FREE FLIGHTS ON BRITISH AIRWAYS FROM GATWICK



The Lions Club of Jersey has secured SIX return flights from Gatwick for any guests sponsored or part-funded by any Lions Club in Britain to stay at Jersey's Maison des Landes Hotel for People with Disabilities. This generous sponsorship will reduce the cost of a holiday in Jersey for a disabled person by as much as £500!



Maison des Landes caters exclusively for disabled guests and their families or carers in accommodation specially designed to meet their needs. Fully licensed and set in glorious unspoiled countryside with breathtaking coastal views.

Open from April to September

FOR DETAILS OF HOW YOUR LIONS CLUB CAN BENEFIT SOMEONE WITH DISABILITIES IN YOUR COMMUNITY, Contact LION KEN SYVRET at kwsyvret@gmail.com FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!

Mudlarks!

Around 100 runners, some young and some not so young, took part in the third annual Wimborne and Ferndown Lions' Muddy Fun Run which took place over a five kilometre course at Homelands Farm, Three Legged Cross, in lovely weather on Saturday 26 May.

The various 25 obstacles generally survived the onslaught. Organiser Lion Peter Burnett said, "We are learning how to improve the course all the time." Because of the dry weather the early part of the course was not so muddy this time, that is until the runners reached the slippery slide and the tyre tunnel (see below).

The event raised over £600 for the Lions' charities.



Even more news from Clubs



WOKINGHAM LIONS CLUB HAS A NEW PRESIDENT

At the 44th Charter celebration and handover luncheon for the Wokingham Lions Club, Lion Debbie Slay was named the new president. The event took place at The Walter Arms, and there were several awards in recognition of members' valuable contributions to the Club.

Immediate Past President Lion Sue Jackson was unable to attend the luncheon so Lion Lyn Bailly (left above), the Club's new vice-president, carried out the handover on her behalf. She welcomed Lion Debbie as the new president, and said: "We are lucky to have you and your knowledge of Lionism. This has been gained over many years of experience by you, your husband Lion Andy, and indeed your father before you. You have our trust, and I am sure it will be a very successful year under your guidance."

The new President thanked her predecessor for her year as president and reflected on the Club's major events over the past year, including the Centennial Tea Party at Wokingham Theatre for senior citizens, a Beer Festival, the Winter Carnival stall, the annual Can-Can appeal with food parcels for the elderly, and of course, the annual May Fayre, the Club's largest fund-raising event of the year. She also summarised the Club's many social events, as well as a Civic Award for Lion Jean Ibbotson.

Regarding the new Lions year, the President said: "We will be looking at a few new ideas and I'm particularly excited about our visit to our twinned club in Germany at the end of May, keeping our friendships going, even after Brexit!"

"Finally, I know that I have your support, and together we will have a year that is both fun and successful," she concluded.

Bournemouth Lions use "The Police" tribute band to put over their Message in a Bottle

Recently the Lions Club of Bournemouth were at Bournemouth's Pavilion Theatre putting out their Message in a Bottle and were delighted to share the limelight with the touring "The Police" tribute band "Message in a Bottle" and hand each band member one of the Lions' own MIABs.

The Weymouth & Portland Lions had also participated in a similar promotion with the band after Bournemouth Lion Barbara Jeremiah had contacted the band's promoters - Entertainers.co.uk - and obtained their agreement for the Lions' MIAB to be promoted alongside the band. She also contacted Lion Matthew Bungard, MIAB Officer at MD, and suggested that he contact Clubs in the towns where the band was touring and use the opportunity to publicise the Lions' version of the 'Message in a Bottle'.

The Bournemouth Lions certainly enjoyed the band's performance and were pleased that they had had the opportunity to speak to members of the audience, not only to promote the MIAB scheme but also Lions Clubs in general.

Perhaps all Lions should look out for any opportunity to promote Lions Clubs International since this can occur in the most unexpected ways and places!



Lion on a mission



And finally...

Poole Lions Club Receives Poole Civic Achievement Award



Poole Lions Club was one of a small number of organisations, selected from 150 nominations, to receive a Poole Civic Achievement Award this year.

Presenting the award at Upton House, the Worshipful Mayor of Poole, Councillor Lindsay Wilson, highlighted all that the Club has done in the Centennial Year of Lions International.

The year started with the Club donating two defibrillators, which were placed in local village centres. It continued with fund raising for a replacement van for a nursery providing a safe work-place for people recovering from mental illness, a weekend away for bereaved children and the refurbishment of the hydrotherapy pool area at a school for severely disabled children. These special Centennial projects were, of course, undertaken in addition to the Club's regular community service activities.

The Mayor, accompanied by the High Sheriff of Dorset, Mrs J. A. Swift, presented winning organisations with a specially engraved clock, seen in the photograph in the hands of President Lion Pam Braid.

Following the presentations, the Mayor hosted an afternoon tea for all of the winners in Upton House.

Not only was this a great honour for the Club, it also served to bring the Lions to the notice of other organisations and to Poole town councillors. Indeed, one of the councillors who was at the presentation was so impressed that she promised to get a team from every department in the Town Hall to swim at the Club's next Swimathon!

A Legacy Project for READING ABBEY

Reading Abbey is a large, ruined abbey in the centre of Reading. It was founded by Henry I in 1121. When Henry I died his body was laid to rest in front of the altar of the then incomplete abbey. It was frequently visited by kings and others until it was destroyed during Henry VIII's dissolution of the monasteries.

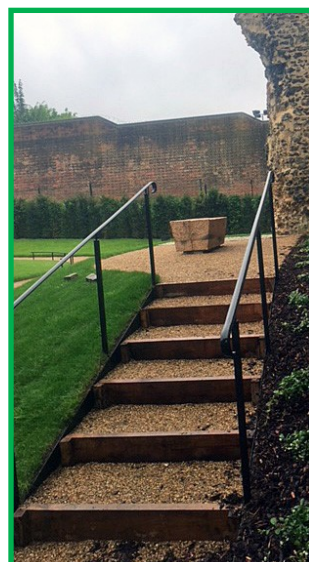
A decision was made in 2010 to restore the ruins so they could open again for the public. The work took until June of this year when the project was completed. The large open area inside the ruins is used for open air theatre.

Reading Lions Club funded a large seat that is located on a mound in the open area in the middle of the ruins.



The seat is made from a single piece of green oak and has been suitably hand carved to show it is there to celebrate 100 years of Lions Clubs International. The top of the seat has a lion carved into it.

In addition to the seat the Club funded the steps leading up the seat from a lower level where the risers are also of green oak.



Membership Matters



With the start of a new Lions year, the Membership Team is keen to assist you where we can in any aspects of your Club membership.

All Clubs, even those who have membership that currently appears healthy, need to look to try and obtain a regular influx of new members to provide fresh blood and ideas into the Club. To me the ideal age profile for potential members is between 45 – 65, as this is a time when many people have more spare time that they can dedicate to Lions.

If you have not run a Lions awareness meeting in your Club for a number of years, please consider planning one for this year. September/October is a great time to run one as you can link the event to your Club Service and fundraising activities during the autumn. Do not rush the timing – ensure that your event is properly planned and give yourselves sufficient time to publicise the event.

Consider how best to promote your event - this will be very dependant on your local community. Some Clubs have used a leaflet drop around particular communities with some success, other Clubs have used local media or Facebook/social media to publicise the event. When promoting the event, approach it as an opportunity to let your community find out more about what Lions do locally rather than specifically mentioning membership of the Lions at this stage.

In terms of the function itself, make it a social event with plenty of time for your members to talk to those attending on a one-to-one basis. Concentrate any presentations and talks from your President/Membership Officer on the activities that your Club does in its local community and how Lions make a difference. If your facilities allow, the Lions DVD provides a good overview of Lions at both national and local level. Don't forget to obtain contact details for all the people attending the event and ensure that you call them after the event to answer any additional questions they may have, to obtain their feedback and to encourage them to come along to future events.

If you are a smaller Club, please ask your Zone and Area Chairman and other Clubs in your Zone to support and assist with your event. If available, myself or Lion Alan Chapman would also be available to help out to support the evening.

There is literature available at Lions HQ in Birmingham, in particular the **#LionsGetInvolved** which is a really good marketing tool for the promotion of Lions. It is worth obtaining some copies to hand out at your meeting.

There is a budget available at District level to provide assistance for smaller Clubs in any Lions awareness campaigns for your local community. Please contact me for further details.

If you have any questions on the above or you would like further information or support, I will be more than willing to assist you.

Lion Tim Hanton

District Membership Officer





OLD MONARCH

The Editor has the last word...

Happy new Lions Year! And one that promises much even after the very focused activities of creating our legacy projects.

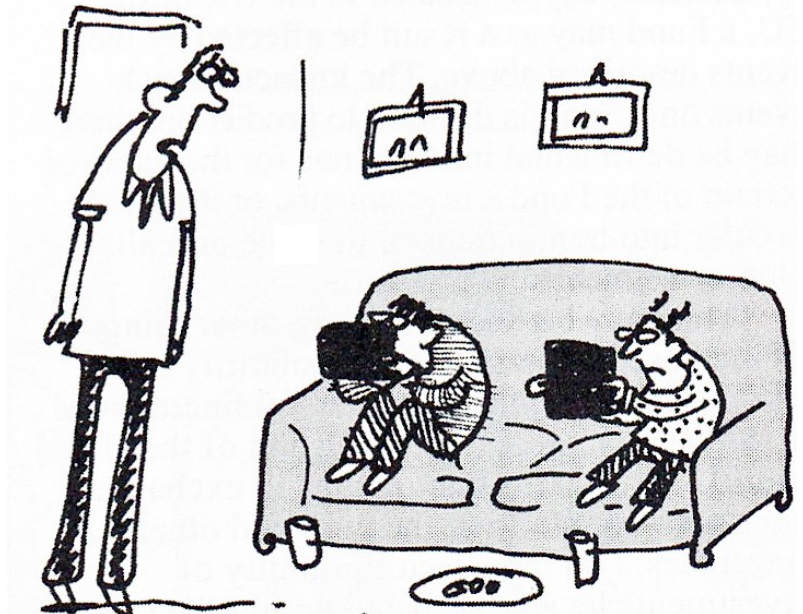
There is no doubt that what has kept this movement alive and vital is the ready acceptance of Lions of either gender and the elevation of Lion Gudrun Yngvadottir to International President will be, to many, as significant as Lionism celebrating its century.

Along with many other 105D Lions I had the pleasure of meeting Lion Gudrun at the 2013 105D District Convention. Her address to us was motivating and stimulating and delivered in impeccable English, she rightly assuming that few of us would understand her native Icelandic.

I am very confident that we shall have a good year even with the inevitable instability of restructuring, led by our new DG who I'm sure will have returned from Las Vegas both energised and invigorated.

Lion Peter Tabb

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OK. Just ten more minutes screen time then you must say "Hello, Dad!"

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