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January 2019 Edition

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**  
**2019 and the Brave New World of 105SC beckons**



**105D TIMES**



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# The DG'S Leader...

*My Fellow Lions...*

## HAPPY 2019!

I hope that you all had a marvellous Christmas and that you have taken it easy after your pre-Christmas fundraising with Santa and his crew. I applaud you all.

Over Christmas, I was privileged to have been a patient in Salisbury District Hospital and I mean privileged in every sense of the word. Let me explain. During my stay, I was in isolation, an en-suite room of good size and all the trappings of a modern hospital. However, the 'entertainment' was restricted to TV from 8.00 am until 12.00 noon (except Christmas Day which went until 5.00 pm) unless I wanted to pay for the 'service'. Radio was free. I had three very good meals a day and visiting from 11.00 am until 8.00 pm. So I had a lot of thinking time, planning time and basically reviewing my future actions in my private, business and Lions lives.

The outstanding privilege was to be among the most dedicated team of professionals, who actually choose to work over these special periods, always positive, always busy (sometimes not getting a break over a 13 hour shift), always respectful and always putting the patients in their care first and foremost. I got to talk to them (as I do) and some drive 40 to 60-mile round trips to 'do the job', then have the **great** privilege of being **charged** to park their cars!!

Then I thought of the Lions who were out on Christmas Day feeding the lonely, the ageing and the homeless (indeed, I was booked to help out at Trowbridge), and I felt that great rush of pride that can only come from one who has the greatest respect for his fellow human beings and (that word again) the privilege of holding the position of YOUR District Governor.

As I have often told many of you, your Council of Governors are a VERY tight Team, and I heard from a couple the following:

- Crewe and Nantwich Lions inducted ten new Members to their new Branch Club (30 to 40 year olds);
- Birmingham Lions inducted nine new Members for one Club, and have a New Club chartering in March; and
- Guildford Lions have submitted an application to start a Leo Omega Club and already have 20 Charter Members.

These positive signs from around the UK can only improve our standing within our communities giving us more opportunities for SERVICE to those same communities.

We can do similar in 105D. We can make more use of social media. We can look at using our homes as a breeding ground (no room hire, no leaflets or flyers, no second-guessing numbers as all are invited. NO WASTE either in time or resources), an idea that I sent to every President and Secretary in the form of a presentation at the beginning of my year, and yet in my travels I find that very, very FEW Members know about it or have even seen it. It may not be the answer, but I KNOW it works (ask Hayling Island Lions where one member did a similar exercise with amazing results!!)

The only obstacle to us, is US.



# ...continued

District 105D will be absorbed into 105SC in a few short months time, let's take it through as our forebears left it to us, strong, healthy and vibrant with a Membership that is growing and with Clubs that are thriving. I am not concerned whether a Club has few Members, it is the SERVICE they give that counts, and as has been proved in the past, bigger is not necessarily the best. I take pride that my own Club when I joined 9 years ago had 6 Members. We could have gone belly up and given in, but we didn't, and slowly but surely, we have maintained a level of 20/22. Yes, we lost some on the way, that's life.

Finally, I am going to ask every Club President (and Partner), accompanied by their newest Member(s) and Partners to attend the next Cabinet Meeting on Sunday 3 February. There will be a reasonably priced lunch after which we will have some SOCIAL time, a chance to chat, meet old and new friends, to enjoy each other's company and start celebrating 54 years of Service as a District to our communities that will culminate in March at our Weymouth Convention.

PLEASE email me as soon as possible whether you will be attending **or not** as we will need to book an appropriate sized venue and as this invitation is to the President and New Members, there is no need to take it to the Club meeting, so a reply can be forthcoming very early.

Best Regards.

*Lion Ken*

## A District Invitation

On 1 July 2019 we will emerge as a brand-new District, **105SC**. It is an opportunity to start with a blank canvas and create a bright future for Lionism in your District. With that in mind, I am sending an invitation to all members of the new District to participate in the administration of your District Cabinet.

Your District Governor team were voted in at the Extraordinary General Meeting on 30 September 2018. For those not present or who haven't had the opportunity to view the minutes of the meetings, the Team Members are:

**District Governor** - Lion Jarvis Macdonald - Westbury

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor** - Lion Steve Petty - Calne

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor** - Lion Brian Donovan - Abingdon

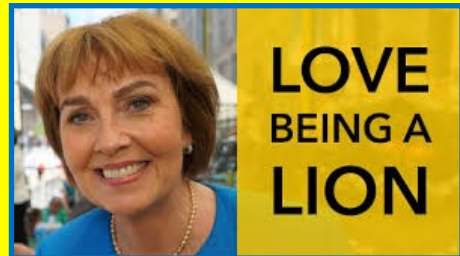
We are looking for Members who are passionate and would offer their talents to the District as a District Officer. Offices range from Zone Chairmen, Region Chairmen, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms, Global Leadership, Membership and Service coordinators, Marketing/PR Officer, Youth Officer and many more

If you would like to make a difference, please contact me direct by email at [jarvis@polarvans.co.uk](mailto:jarvis@polarvans.co.uk) or telephone 07710 596861.

It has been mentioned many times how some Members feel that your Cabinet is made of individuals who are part of the old boys' network. Now is your opportunity to dispel that myth and to make your presence felt in a positive way – **don't be shy!**

Best wishes

*Lion Jarvis Macdonald*



## 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*

**Alton** - Lion Clare Collins

**Burnham Bucks** - Lion Prem Chand

**Crofton** - Lion Amelia Collier

**Dorchester & District** - Lion Chris Waight

**Petersfield** - Lions Joanne Walters and  
Stephen Walters

**Weymouth & Portland** - Lion Fiona  
Campbell

**Wokingham Berks** - Lion Andrew Goffin





# Global Services Team News

## A Happy New Year to Everyone!

A reminder that Entries for the Photographic Competition need to be with me by Monday 7 January. Entries must be sent to me and not directly to MDHQ. Please send printed photos to me. This way you will know what the photos look like. Please send your entries to me at 88A, Franklin Avenue, Tadley RG26 4EU.

### Feed the Hungry

Did you get involved in helping to feed school children during their school holidays? Many children who receive free school meals during school time, miss out during the holidays and may go hungry. Many Clubs throughout the MD do provide meals and the GST Committee would like to know how widespread this practice is. Please let me know of any service that you give in this way.

### Environment

Lion Jim Storey from Fleet Lions sent me this diagram. He was thinking of future Christmas presents but the same logic could be applied to a birthday or any other present. For next year, I have also heard of ways of reusing Christmas trees rather than just throwing them away. One is brush bundling which involves using old trees to help prevent erosion on river banks and also helps provide nesting space for birds and homes for animals and insects. I have heard of a farmer who collects trees as he "chips the trees for his chickens and they love them". And there are ideas to recycle trees and cards at

[https://twitter.com/search?q=recycling+christmas+trees&ref\\_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Esearch](https://twitter.com/search?q=recycling+christmas+trees&ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Esearch)



*Lion Judith Goodchild*

105D Community Relations Portfolio Holder and GST Co- Ordinator - welfare@lions105d.org.uk Tel: 0118 981 2260



## A very happy and fruitful New Year

2018 has been an excellent year with Missions across the Globe providing the joy of better hearing to many thousands of people who would otherwise never hear **The Sounds of Life** we take for granted. A big thank you to all donors who have been so supportive in sending us unwanted hearing aids, hearing equipment and spare parts. In fact, spare parts such as ear hooks and thin tubes are so vital to our work, as a hearing aid without such is one that can't be fitted. We hope you

had a very enjoyable festive season and that this image gives you that inner glow that we all get at hearing aid switch-on. We look forward to your continuing support in 2019.

*Dr Michael Nolan*

Project Lead - Lions Used Hearing Equipment/Switch on the Sound Campaign

## HOOK AND ODIHAM LIONS HELP THEIR LOCAL SURGERY

Recently Hook and Odiham Lions gave a significant donation to the Whitewater Surgery which serves both Hook and Hartley Wintney towards their new Asthma Testing machine. The picture shows Club President Lion Terry Cheesman holding the new equipment.



# Other Matters of Moment

## DG Team Visits January 2019

### 1st VDG Lion Jarvis

Date	Activity
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4 - 6 January:	District Governors' Training Weekend
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9 January:	MD 105 Southern Clubs membership forum
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25 - 26 January:	Council of Governors meeting
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### **Almost 3,000 already signed up for Jersey Lions Swimarathon**

So far, more than 350 teams comprising around 3,000 swimmers have signed up for the Jersey Lions' annual Swimarathon which takes place from Wednesday to Sunday 6 to 10 March.

This will be the 47th Jersey Lions Swimarathon which to date has raised more than £3.5 million.

## **Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION**

As with most roles undertaken within Lions there are a lot of e-mails and reports that I get sent. Sometimes I can feel a bit swamped by all the information that I receive. However, I do get updates on the amount that the different districts donate to LCIF.

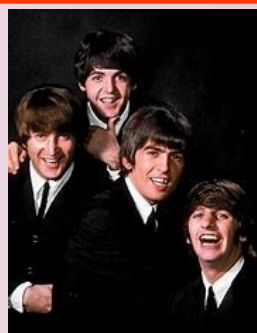
My last report informed me that the Clubs in 105D had in fact been the biggest donors financially at the end of last year in MD 105. I know District Governor Lion Ken was delighted to hear this, and all I can say is a massive 'thank you' for continuing to support **your** foundation, and please continue to consider LCIF in whatever way you feel you can.

Sadly, the start of the New Year has been marred for those who were affected by the Tsunami that hit Indonesia just before Christmas. LCI has responded and will continue to offer support for as long as it is needed.

I would like to wish all members of 105D a very Happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

*Lion Ann Huntley MGF*

District 105D LCIF Coordinator



## **BE THERE – OR BE SQUARE!**

Come to where it is all happening and help DG Lion Ken and all your friends celebrate all that is memorable about District 105D's 54-year history at the:

## **DISTRICT CONVENTION 2019** **22-24 March 2019**

Book now and either pay in full, or pay a deposit of £40 and then pay the balance by 8 March 2019. Book online at: <https://2019.lions105d.org.uk/>.

Hotel accommodation is booked separately, and we have agreed special Convention rates for bed and breakfast, £105 per night twin/double, £85 per night single. Call the hotel on **01305 764000** and quote **Lions Allocation**.

As well as all the usual fun and fellowship of a Convention, we have a great venue in a fantastic location, so don't miss out!

*Lion Steve Spencer*

District Convention 2019 Host Committee



# News from the Clubs

## Wokingham Dashes - in festive costume

Dashing around Wokingham ahead of this year's Winter Carnival was fun for those who dressed in something festive for the 1.5 km run. Organised by the Wokingham Lions Club as a new fundraising event, the Festive Dash on Sunday 25 November added a bit of merriment to the annual Winter Carnival.

Sharon Mulhall and Kirsty Mulhall each won a three-month membership to Anytime Fitness Wokingham, as prizes for the best adult costumes.

"My thanks to all those who entered, and also to the Wokingham Winter Carnival Committee for allowing us to run the event prior to the Carnival Parade, and to our sponsor Anytime Fitness. The event was a great success, with moneys raised being donated to Macmillan Cancer Support," said Lion Bob Westerman, organiser of the event.

## - and around Sainsbury's

***Raffle Winner Picks up £129 of Groceries in 3 Minutes***



Wokingham Lions Club members are always looking for new ways of raising funds for their charity account. This year it was the Christmas Trolley Dash at Sainsbury's Winnersh store, which raised £818.

For a £2 raffle ticket, customers had a chance to win their entire 'big Christmas shop.' The lucky winner was Jason Prout from Winnersh, who had three minutes to dash through the aisles, stocking up on as many Christmas goodies as he could.

Lion Patrick Allen who organised the event thanks the public for buying raffle tickets, Barry Relf, the assistant store manager, and Kim Broadhurst, Sainsbury's PR Liaison officer, for their cooperation. "It was a very successful first time for the event, and it was fun watching the winner literally throwing goods into the trolley. It was a good thing that he didn't choose any eggs! The total value of his items was £128.79." The winner is pictured with his trolley standing next to Lion Patrick (far right).

## Lions Help The Heroes



**Blackmore Vale Lions held a tea dance as a celebration of the end of World Wars I and II at Henstridge village hall in aid of Help the Heroes.**

Many attending wore the fashions of the times and a sumptuous tea was provided, thanks to the splendid efforts of the Lions ladies, served on cake stands kindly provided by Dikes of Stalbridge.

Music of the time was played throughout and there was plenty of dancing!

Nearly £500 was raised for Help the Heroes and having been swamped with praise for such a splendid occasion, organiser Lion Vee Cooper said "It looks as if we must hold this again next year."

## A Tribute to former Lion John Turner MJF from PDG Lion Pat Nixon

Former Lion John Turner joined Cosham Lions in the early 1980s, serving as President at least four times. Together with his wife Allison, they were the backbone of Cosham Lions involving themselves with all aspects of Lionism.

John was very clever with his hands - he could make or repair anything needed. In 2008 he made more than 60 small blackboards and easels as table decorations for my Convention on Hayling Island! John was our own Father Christmas - no false beard for him!

They always attended Zone Meetings and District Conventions. In February 2017, Allison and John were presented with Melvin Jones Fellowships. Unfortunately Allison died in April 2017 and Cosham Lions closed in June. Age and ill-health prevented John continuing as a Lion.

If anyone was the epitome of a good Lion, it was John Turner.

# And more Club news...



Fleet Lions recently took part in Fleet's first volunteer fair with another 20 local organisations. The event was sponsored by the Fleet's Festival Committee that stages other big events in the town. It was jointly organised by Hart Volunteer Action and the Lions - so the Lions had a prime site!

It was a great opportunity to promote what Lions do and maybe attract some prospective members. The Lions made a real effort to be noticed with a lively new bespoke pull-up, the latest quarterly newsletter and a good leaflet telling what Lions do, plus a lot of other pull-ups, posters and balloons.

The Saturday shopping public were keen to be engaged and indeed two ladies were keen enough to become Lions and others were thinking about it. 'Messages in a bottle' were also given out and the Lions established some good links with other volunteer organisations in the town. And the Lions had a lot of fun—as did they!

*Pictured on site are Lions Arie and Richard - attracting attention!*

## Three Local Initiatives scoop £5,000 in Windsor Lions' successful Lion's Den Challenge

The Windsor Lions held their second **Lion's Den Challenge** with six finalists competing for the final three places and a share of the £5,000 prize money. The **Lion's Den Challenge** aims to create sustainable projects that would directly benefit the local community. The concept is based on TV's 'Dragons' Den'.

Six youth and senior groups were invited to present their ideas to a panel of prominent local business people which included Club president Lion Diane Purchase and was chaired by Lion Alan Purchase.

Each team presented very strong projects to the judging panel and after due deliberation three teams were selected to share the prize fund. The presentations will take place during the Club's Awards Evening on Friday 18 January.

The winners were:

**Windsor Girl Guiding** - who need to renovate a building at the Wickwood Girl Guides campsite to enable girls to have a safe environment and enjoy the outdoor adventure. They were awarded £2,000. Pictured are (l - r) Lion Paul Maxwell, Angela Ballantyne and Lion Phil Sargeant



**Windsor Winter Homeless Night Shelter** - In response to the increase in rough sleepers in the Windsor area, this project will open a church building in the area to accommodate rough sleepers for a minimum of four weeks during the harshest winter weather. They too were awarded £2,000. Pictured are (l - r) Emilie Chana, Lion Mike Sells and Kevin Gallagher.



**Windsor Baptist Church** - Their Tree House Café needed funding to buy a stock of reusable bamboo fibre coffee cups which they would sell on to their customers (at no profit) and then be able to replenish stocks. They were awarded £750. Pictured are (l - r) Nicky Cole, Kat Bracewell, Kate Saunders and Lion Paul Maxwell.



At the conclusion of the judging, Club president Lion Diane Purchase commented: "We wish to thank all the more than 20 teams who submitted great ideas and while some did not meet the criteria, we hope to be able to support some of them through the broader work of Lions. We fulfil our Lions motto of 'We serve' by helping those in our community to help themselves with sustainable projects. Our congratulations to the winners and I hope they will be the first of many we will be able to help with the Lion's Den Challenge in the future."



## And more...



### Weymouth's 70th Annual Christmas Day Harbour Swim

This annual event has been run by the Weymouth & Portland Lions since the mid-1970s has grown immensely with 330 brave souls taking the plunge, raising thousands of pounds for their chosen charity. The weather was kind and there was a fantastic atmosphere with as many as four to five thousand onlookers watching the event and more and more in fancy dress. Each swim is limited to 50 swimmers with lifeguards in canoes on hand. The Lions were delighted that the Chairman of Governors PDG Lion Peter Burnett was present to help with the medals presentation.



### Weymouth Lions 'Christmas Present' Another Success

The Weymouth & Portland Lions, in partnership with the Weymouth BID, held a Christmas town centre entertainment titled appropriately "Weymouth's Christmas Present". The day began with rain and more rain. However, by late morning, the rain had ceased and happily the expected windy conditions didn't materialise and the event was a great success.



The new 'BID' was only formed a few months ago, but the Board wanted to

have something in place for the start of Weymouth's Christmas shopping experience and they invited the Lions, with the help of BID personnel and some capable and enthusiastic supporters, to organise it. The final products included a range of brilliant entertainment provided by Weymouth's exceptional local talent. The Club was delighted with the result and extend their grateful thanks to everyone involved - organisers, helpers and performers—and everyone who came along to join in the fun.

### Weymouth Lions' dispensing Christmas cheer

The Wemouth Lions visited Westfield Arts College with a donations so that the younger children could receive a gift from Santa. Headmaster Seán Kretz said: "We are very grateful for the Lions' generosity which enabled us to buy a gift for every pupil."



## One of best years ever for donations to the Wokingham Lions



Members of the Wokingham Lions Club have been busy collecting, sorting and packing Christmas food parcels for the elderly and local families in need. "We have had one of our best years ever for donations," says Lion John Cleary, who organises the annual Christmas Can Can Collection. "Approximately 3,470 food items have been donated over two weekends this month. We would like to thank the people of Wokingham for their amazing generosity and our members, who donated their time to this annual project."

The Lions assembled 290 individual mixed food parcels (10 items per parcel). Added to these were 100 items that were too big for the bags – Christmas puddings and large boxes of biscuits. These were then collected and distributed to individuals and families on tight budgets. "The smiles and gratitude expressed by those who receive the parcels make it all worthwhile. This is what Christmas is all about," Lion Cleary said.

The Lions also delivered donated food to local care homes and day centres for the elderly, including 30 boxes of family-sized biscuits, 100 standard-size packs of biscuits, 20 large Christmas puddings, 340 cans of soup & assorted tinned food

In addition, six tins of dog food and 10 packets of cat food were delivered to the Diana Brimblecombe Animal Rescue Centre.

The Christmas Can Can Collection is a community service project run by the Wokingham Lions Club for more than 20 years. Recipients include the elderly living at home, parents with young families, day centres for the elderly, Wokingham Community Hospital, Anthony Toby Homes Trust, The Salvation Army and the Wokingham Foodbank.



## And even more...

### Santa's visit to Windsor a huge success



Windsor Lions have completed their first Santa Sleigh initiative bringing Christmas cheer to the people of Windsor – especially the children who flocked to see Santa and in doing so helped raise funds. More than 30 Lions took part with half a dozen (often naughty) elves helping Santa on every visit. Windsor Lions have taken over the project from Windsor Round Table who had established this fun event several years ago.

The generosity of the Windsor people meant that just over £3,000 was collected by Santa's sleigh which will go to local charities.

### Fleet Manoeuvres

**SpecTrek**—Fleet Lion Lisa Rust delivered another 1,700 spectacles on World Sight Day to Chichester Lions' very large 'garden shed' where they do the initial sorting before being sent to Medico France in Le Havre where the specs are cleaned and graded ready for distribution to eye camps in Africa, India and eastern Europe.



**A Bavarian Evening**—Fleet Lions recently hosted a lively Bavarian Evening at a local community centre where nearly 100 members of the public (plus a few Lions) came along and were entertained by the crazy Bettesteiner Footstoppers



Oompah Band who had stomped over from Kent. Refreshments included a locally made 'Oktoberfest' beer from the Ascot Brewery as well as some authentic German lagers. But no sauerkraut! Good old British fish and chips. Everyone left buzzing and left behind a healthy profit of £700.

**A Tommy Statue**—Fleet Lions donated a 'Tommy statue to the local branch of the Royal British Legion. They decorated an unused shop window in the main shopping centre to display it with a large sign that the Lions had donated it. The Club also paid for a marching band in the main Remembrance Day parade, marched along with the Lions flag and laid a wreath to remember the fallen. Pictured are local Royal British Legion co-ordinator Air Commodore Bill Tyack and Fleet president Lion Kevin Williams.



### *In Memoriam*

The 105D Times records with sadness the passing to higher service of Lion Reg Norton of Crofton, a very hard working and good Lion.

Lion Reg's funeral takes place on Thursday 10 January 2019 at Portchester Crematorium (South Chapel)



# OLD MONARCH

*The Editor has the last word...*

I cannot be alone in wondering just where 2018 went. They say that as you get older time passes more quickly and, for me, that has been so true. This time last year I drew up a list of eight things that I wanted to achieve in the year. Nothing special, just little things like finishing painting some cupboards in the study, fixing the doorbell and rearranging some bookshelves. So far I have only fixed the doorbell.

These were not resolutions but I suppose that the lesson I have learned (or should have done) is not to set yourself targets you are unlikely to achieve. While attracting new members may not be the same as painting a cupboard, I feel that it can be just as difficult. A very happy and productive New Year!

*Lion Peter Tabb*

## SIGNS of the 105D TIMES

This should frighten  
donations out of even  
this audience...

**Weymouth Lions all dressed up as 'The Pirates of Portland'**

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