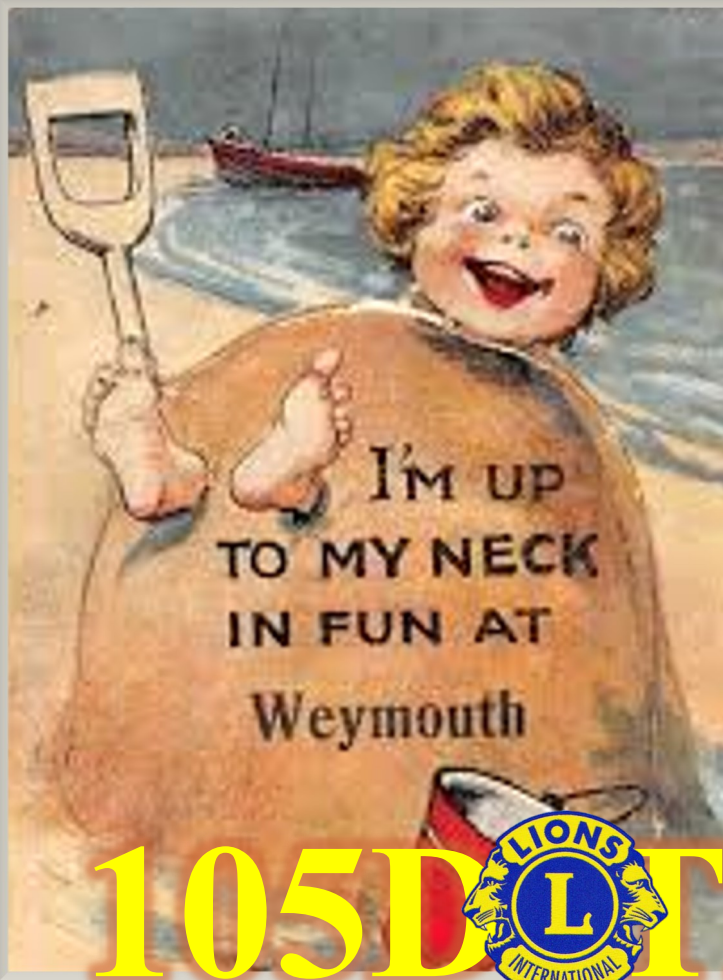




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“Working Together For Those We Serve”

The DG'S Leader...

Hello Fellow Lions...

CONGRATULATIONS!

Another calendar year of SERVICE to your communities successfully achieved.

With just under five months to go before we amalgamate into 105SC (South Central), we can truly celebrate our achievements. What a District and what a fitting way to 'sail into the sunset', with dignity and pride. It would be impossible to single out any one particular Lion, Club or activity because you ALL 'do your bit', time and time again.

We must also remember those wonderful Lions who had the foresight to start our Clubs and have passed to higher service, we have their legacy in our hands.

Your Cabinet Members are here ready, willing and able to assist any Club with any problems that you may have, and I am really pleased that one or two have contacted us for assistance as that is what we are here for. And there is no better way to move forward than to turn a negative into a positive.

We are the World's number one, largest service organisation and all we need to do is LET PEOPLE KNOW. Let them know about our achievements and the difference we make in other people's lives.

Although I have not been actively seen around the District, I have been in daily contact with Cabinet Members, Clubs and individual Lions and with the help of a brilliant TEAM of dedicated Cabinet Members, so I can say that whatever crops up, 'it's covered'. It highlights the one thing that we are good at from Club to Cabinet - TEAM work. I may be the administrative head of the District, but without my TEAM, I would be totally ineffective.

So I will finish as I started.

CONGRATULATIONS!

DG Lion Ken



D-Notices

A CHANCE TO VOLUNTEER FOR A WEEK

The Green Island Holiday Trust is looking for volunteers to help run their holidays for people with disabilities on the shores of Poole Harbour.

You could share a week of fun and friendship with a small group of disabled holidaymakers.

Every year the Green Island Holiday Trust organises six one-week holidays, staying in two accessible cottages in the beautiful surroundings of Holton Lea.

The holidays centre around a programme of varied activities including boat trips, carriage driving and visits to local events and attractions.

If you are interested in participating for a week as a residential volunteer or assisting with specific activities for a shorter period, we would love to hear from you.

No previous experience is necessary, just lots of enthusiasm!

For more information, please contact

Wendy

Telephone : 01202 375006

e-mail: organiser@greenislandholidaytrust.com

Website: www.greenislandholidaytrust.com



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*

Hart - Lions Linda Martin and Allyson Millen

Hayling Island - Lions Anne Bothamley, Annette Wickramasuriya and Nalin Wickramasuriya

Isle of Wight - Lion Margaret Ferrett

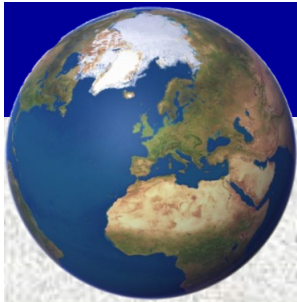
Meon Valley - Lions Michael Edwards, Pauline Edwards and Allison Gurry

Wareham - Lion Martin Stevens

Warminster - Lions Patricia Fellowes and Paula Thorpe

Woodley & Earley - Lion Ian Elston

Yateley & District - Lion Nigel Hunt



Global Services Team News

Diabetes: I attended a Loddon Valley Lions Club meeting where Andrea Baganz-Pritchard, the Fund Raiser from Diabetes UK, was a speaker. She represents London and South Central England and is willing to help provide volunteers to help run Know Your Risk Sessions for Lions at events. She also said that Fleet Lions have been trained to carry out these sessions. She reiterated that Diabetes UK no longer supports taking blood samples, partly because of hygiene concerns and the fact that blood tests only give a reading for that particular moment. Many things, including just eating, can give a false indication of a person's overall blood sugar levels. Andrea's email address is Andrea.Baganz-Pritchard@diabetes.org.uk.

Environment: The winning photos from 105D have been sent to MFHQ for judging by the District Governors. To date I have not received the results. The winners will be announced at our Convention. The standard of photos was very good and it was difficult to judge them.

The MD-wide Litter Pick is on course for April but 105E are now asking Districts and Clubs to work with the National Trust to see if we can work together on this as they are doing. I am investigating this and will be writing to you. Also, the *Daily Mail* is partnering with Keep Britain Tidy, to promote the Great British Spring Clean. This will take place between 22 March and 22 April. While this is only just in my preferred week for carrying out Litter Picks, this could be an opportunity for Clubs to get publicity and do some good for the community. Details of the Spring Clean can be found at <https://www.keeptobritaintidy.org/getinvolved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean>

You can sign up to the Daily Mail campaign by logging on to gbspringclean.org Both 105E and the *Daily Mail* are placing great emphasis on getting young people involved, so these could be good ways to get either Leos or the children's parents interested in Lions.

Vision: Following the GST meeting the project to carry out eye tests on children is gaining momentum. The minutes state "the response to the vision screening suggestion had been greater than anticipated, with educationalists, schools and sight professionals confirming the need for Sight to be checked in children up to 7 years especially - the key time for intellectual development - to identify deficiencies." As a result of this, "An Education programme to inform about the project and its implementation is to be developed. Central control required, trained individuals to be in place with a team leading at the Multiple District level. Detail needs to be checked and put in place. We should obtain support from LCIF by way of grant: minimum grant is £10,000 in excess of camera cost." The cost of the cameras is £6,500 plus VAT (£7,800) but the supplier advises they will offer discounts on multiple orders.

I await further information as to how we can proceed with this project.

Childhood Cancers: Please remember that Lion Jean's charity is Kids' Cancer Charity and support it.

Brain Tumour Research: A foundation has now been set up to raise £1 million over the next four years, to set up a new laboratory in this country to help with research into this devastating disease. It not only affects children directly but also affects them when parents or grandparents are diagnosed with a tumour. The fund raising will be led by Fran Stary who will be working with individuals, Clubs and Districts to achieve this target which is the largest appeal ever run by the MD.

Lion Judith Goodchild

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Other Matters of Moment

DG Team Visits February 2019

1st VDG Lion Jarvis

Date Activity

3 February: District Cabinet Meeting

9 February: Fareham Lions' Charter Anniversary

11 - 15 February: District Governor Training - Chicago

17 February: Blandford Lions' Charter Anniversary

Alysha is the 2019 Young Ambassador

Alysha Pires, sponsored by the Lions Club of Jersey, is this year's Young Ambassador. A full profile of Alysha, a member of Pathways, a young people's movement sponsored by the Jersey Lions, will be published next month.



A Melvin Jones Fellowship, named in honour of our founder, is a lovely way for Clubs to recognise a member who has contributed to the success of a Club, or continually goes that extra mile. For whatever the reason an MJF is a special way of acknowledging a member. Please get in touch with me if you wish to apply for an MJF for a member of your Club or want to know the status of your Club's credits. The cost is \$1,000 (£790 at the LCI January exchange rate of 0.79) and a lot of Clubs have credits in their name with LCIF through donating over a period to the general LCIF fund.

Not only do Clubs build up credits, but individual members can donate to LCIF and become part of the contributing member scheme.

Campaign 100 is the next stage for fundraising for our Foundation. I shall be having a stand at the 105D Convention in Weymouth in March. Please do come along to say hello and find out a little more about what Campaign 100 is about, what LCIF is about, and about the contributing member scheme and I will do my best to answer your questions.

Once again, my thanks to Clubs who do contribute to LCIF and I would encourage other Clubs to please consider contributing.

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much".

Lion Ann Huntley MJF

District 105D LCIF Coordinator



MEET A SAGAMORE OF THE WABASH!

What the h*** is a Sagamore of the Wabash? — our international guest at Convention, Past International President Wayne Madden is! He is also a Kentucky Colonel and Duke of Paducah.*

We will be addressed by Lion Wayne at Convention, which will have a minimum of business and be full of items of interest to Lions - including a chance to speak about what your Club does well, and hear of other Club successes you could copy.

There will also be speakers from: Kids Cancer Charity, The Macular Society, Dentaid and an insight into a Sightsavers trip to India.

Add to that a 60s themed fancy dress Host Night with music from DJ Mike Sullivan, and a Banquet and Ball with a cabaret by Sarah Lee for a weekend of FUN and fellowship.

Book online now 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**.

Hurry, this price is guaranteed only until 14 February.

* A Sagamore is a wise leader in Native American culture, and that and the Colonel and Duke titles are all honours bestowed on him in the States for his Lions work.

DISTRICT CONVENTION 2019

Lion Steve Spencer

District Convention 2019 Host Committee

News from the Clubs

Lions Brian Proctor and Graham Drayton with shovels and Heathrow's Danny Zareseni



LIONS READY FOR ANY OTHER BEAST FROM THE EAST

Fleet Lions have been busy distributing 300 snow shovels to various organisations in time for any winter storms.

The second-hand shovels were obtained from Heathrow Airport's 'Winter Division' who had just received replacement units. Rather than these shovels being scrapped, Heathrow

Maintenance were more than happy that they could be of use in the community.

The entire shipment, collected from Heathrow by Fleet Lions, was distributed within a week to local schools, church groups, medical outlets including Phyllis Tuckwell, the Lions Community Store, and to various retail outlets.

Lion Paul Hayes, who co-ordinated with local schools, said that he could have found homes for another hundred shovels. "At least nine schools will have no problem this winter in clearing their pathways when the snow comes."

PSA ticket to Ryde



Ryde Lions Club recently hosted a PSA testing day when more than 200 men were given a simple blood test to determine whether or not they were at risk of developing prostate cancer.

The event was jointly organised by the Isle of Wight Prostate Cancer Support Group and supported by PCaSO (Prostate Cancer South Support Charity Organisation) who travelled to the Isle of Wight for the occasion.

The day was deemed a great success with the possibility of holding another in due course.

A Yuletide tale from Cowes

The Lions of Cowes on the Isle of Wight were contacted shortly before Christmas by Lanesend Primary School in Cowes with a request to borrow a Father Christmas outfit for their Christmas Party. It was decided that the Lions could do better than lend them a suit and so bought them a new one which was a great success with the children!



Cowes president Lion Christine Brown hands over the new Santa costume

And more Club news...

There's a place for us...

A chilly start faced the hardy Meon Valley Lions on Weston Shore on Sunday 20 January as they laid out their stall for the 44th annual Ford Charity Fishing Festival. Well before the official 7.00 am registration time, more than 80 stalwart fishermen had joined the queue to pay their entrance fees and draw their competition stations, spreading from Rolling Mill to Beach Lane, Netley.

Meon Valley Lions have provided support for this fishing festival since the 1990s. This year the proceeds (estimated to be £1,000) of this long-standing fund-raiser will be going to Rose Road Association in Southampton. This amazing place provides vital services for over 300 children and young people with severe physical disabilities, learning difficulties and/or autism, from across Hampshire. They offer overnight short breaks, a community outreach service, after-school and holiday activity schemes, Saturday clubs and advice and support to families. All this costs money which comes entirely from donations, so it's great to be able to financially support their efforts.

Despite flat-calm conditions, competition was keen and produced some good catches. The first-place prize of £400 went to Dave Lane with a 1.9 lb. flounder. Dave also won the pool for the heaviest fish (£122) and heaviest bag in the red zone (£61) – not a bad return for a morning's fishing! Second place and a prize of £200 went to Paul Barclay with a catch of 1lb. 1.5 oz. Pool winner (£61), with the heaviest bag in white zone was Chi Cheung with a 6.5 oz. catch. See you all again next year!



Fishing festival winners presentation (left to right) Lion Andrew Brown, Paul Barclay, Dave Lane, Chi Cheung and event organiser Peter Oates

Santa all lit up in Blackmore Vale



Yet again the Blackmore Vale Lions lit up their part of Somerset and Dorset with their Santa's Sleigh. There were 27 day and evening events throughout 23 days in December when the Club brought Christmas cheer and toke gifts for every child who visited Santa, many parents chasing the sleigh in cars to ensure their visit. While doing this service the Club collected cash for their charities and good causes, generating more than £8,000 and some great PR for the Lions.



Lion Paul Taroni, president of the Alton Lions Club, presents a treasure map attached to a cheque for £1,000 to the Trustees of the Holybourne Theatre at the final performance of the pantomime 'Treasure Island'. The funds will help towards the cost of an extension to the theatre to include extra space for the very successful youth theatre and a badly needed accessible toilet.

Pictured with Lion Paul are Holybourne Theatre trustee Pete Stone, the children of the cast and Lions Janet Gwynne (in the lion suit), Bretta Rains and Sarah O'Donoghue.

**Thought for the new year:
Live today for tomorrow it
will all be history–Anon.**

And more...

It's 'Boom Boom' from the pantomime cast to keep the heart of Windsor beating...

The cast from the acclaimed Royal Windsor Theatre Pantomime *Dick Whittington* - including favourite Basil Brush and *The Chase*'s Anne Hegerty—proudly showed off the potentially life-saving defibrillator installed recently on the Theatre Royal's premises. The defibrillator is supplied by the Windsor Community Defibrillator



Partnership (WCDP) whose objective is to raise funds for these devices. This particular defibrillator is one of nine now dotted around Windsor town centre. The group comprises representatives from Windsor and Eton Rotary Club, Windsor Street Angels, Thames Valley Police, Windsor Town Centre Management and Windsor Lions.

Defibrillators are life-saving devices which, if used within three minutes of a cardiac arrest, give a 79 per cent chance of survival. Without one, after ten minutes, the chances of survival are minimal. This highlights just how vitally important the Partnership's work is to the local community.

Rotarian Chris Davies, a member of WCDP, enthused: 'The great thing about these devices is that anyone can use them - no training is required and no harm can be done by using them. All you have to do is dial 999 and the emergency services will advise you where the nearest defibrillator is and give all the necessary guidance.'

The WCDP has taken great strides towards their target of ten publicly accessible defibrillators around the town centre and provides the essential cardiac pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training alongside the defibrillator project. Pictured is the defibrillator recently installed at Bachelors Acre and with are pictured (l - r) Lion Mike Sells, Town Centre manager Paul Roach, David Bullock of the Windsor Street Angels and Lion Diane Purchase.



In Memoriam

It is with sadness that 105D Times records the passing to higher service on 11 January of PDG Lion John Cook (DG 105SW 2000/2001). Lion John was a member of Seaton Lions for many years before transferring with Lion Marcia to Bracknell. With his health declining, eighteen months ago Lion John reluctantly gave up his Lions membership after more than 30 years of distinguished service.

And lastly...

An Inspirational Letter from the Antipodes (allegedly)

Contrary to normal practice at this time of year, the sun is not shining in New Zealand. It does manage to break through now and again between the typhoon type blasts of wind and rain. We are even having to wear sweaters indoors in the evenings and have become highly proficient in a range of card and board games. These meandering are the result. I hope they amuse.

I was boring the pants off my Peruvian/Scottish/New Zealander eldest son by moaning about my total lack of success when trying to recruit you, dear reader, to our Club. His advice (always sound) was to take a leaf out of the standard Sales and Marketing Techniques manual, viz: "Sell them a lie to get them to buy!" So as being boringly truthful hasn't worked, let's see how you respond to something a little more imaginative...

Of course, the real reason we have such a high attendance rate at our business meetings isn't at all to do with enjoying each other's company. It's to do with alternating performances by Eastern nautch dancers and Australian male strippers. This combination seems to find favour with all persuasions. And, of course, the monthly dinner meetings are just another excuse for drunken debauchery. Roman bacchanalia is child's play compared with what our Dinner Secretary manages to dream up - larks' tongues and badgers' ear lobes served on a garlic and aspidistra sauce is a firm favourite with real spotted dick to follow, all washed down with a mead-e-ochre ale.

And then, of course, we have our fundraising ventures. Alas the use of public stocks to punish backsliders is no longer allowed. Our version of it, the Lions' Den, while seemingly innocuous, has, on occasion, proved fatal when a golf ball hit with excessive force lodged in the gullet of a miscreant pinned down behind the Lion's mouth. Our musical interludes are often reminiscent of Robert Burns famous 'Tam o' Shanter'. You know, the bit where Tam is overcome by lust at the sight of the semi-clad cavortings of the witches' coven and calls out 'Weel done, Cutty-sark!' and is then pursued by the coven for his pains.

Yes, it's a great life in the Lions. But you must demonstrate a real talent for mischief to be accepted! Of course, by the time you read this, the season of goodwill to multinational shareholders will be well and truly over and you will have sunk into the prolonged hangover engendered by your Christmas credit card bill.

Serves you right! Intelligent people do not continually repeat their mistakes. But, I ask you, what will you be doing in 11 months' time?

Instead, join us and we'll make sure you don't have the time to engage in this 'shopping' nonsense, and your credit card balance will be the best present you've ever had!

Please note - The foregoing has been written with absolutely no regard whatsoever for the high ethical and moral standards espoused by the Advertising Standards Authority!

Best Wishes and a Happy New Year

Lion Philip Wilson

PRO Basingstoke Lions Club



OLD MONARCH

The Editor has the last word...

I was pleased, as you can imagine, that once again a youngster from Jersey, sponsored by my Club, had been chosen as the District's Young Ambassador. I was, however, disappointed that of the circa 60 Clubs in our District only two had put candidates forward for what I believe is a very worthy Lions initiative.

Jersey doesn't have a Leo Club (but we do sponsor a similar organisation called Pathways with 175 members which serves the same purpose - to inculcate in young people a passion for serving their community) but many Clubs do and surely among their ranks must be youngsters who would make great ambassadors now and be the committed Lions of the future.

Lion Peter Tabb

SIGNS OF THE (105D) TIMES



"We must be the only people in the south of England praying for snow so that we can show off our shovels..."

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