



Lion Barrie Jehan, DG Lion Ken Staniforth and PDG Lion Mike McCreanor relive their youth!

**IF YOU CAN REMEMBER
THE 60S, YOU PROBABLY
WEREN'T THERE
- YOU WERE HERE!**

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Farewell Weymouth and farewell 105D!

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“Working Together For Those We Serve”

The DG'S Leader...

Congratulations 105D!

Last weekend it was both an honour and a privilege to serve as YOUR District Governor at YOUR Annual Convention for which I need to thank a whole team of professionals at Salisbury Hilton for 'getting it just right' with the preparation and medications that allowed me to relax and enjoy a momentous event.



During the months leading up to this fantastic event, every piece of promotion, including pieces in the 105D Times, two words were constantly repeated, 'CELEBRATION' and 'FUN', and, boy, didn't YOUR representatives who attended take those words to their hearts and did OUR District PROUD. Such a celebration with fun shone through a weekend of laughter, tears, light-heartedness and seriousness. Excellent presentations were made throughout and the whole weekend succeeded with dignity, pride, respect, friendship, fellowship and love.

It was the Sunday morning that I found to be the most productive, interesting and enjoyable, enough for me to kiss the timings goodbye and let the session on 'Tell us about YOUR Club' overrun by nearly an hour such was the input by SO many Lions.

For me, it was the point where Convention was made. My pen didn't stop writing and the interest shown by all was inspiring.

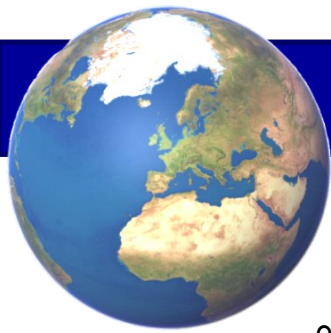
That, my Fellow Lions is what WE are all about.

Now I am going to ask each and every one of you to do YOUR District a huge bunch of favours:

- ◆ During our last quarter, SHARE the type of things that came up in the Sunday session with your Lions Family.....we are all one;
- ◆ Let the infectious atmosphere that was present at the weekend of FUN be top of the list of all Club activities and meetings;
- ◆ Allow ALL Members to have a say, an input and recognise them for their input and show them appreciation; and
- ◆ Embrace change in act, deed and, more importantly, attitude.

I am confident that, judging on the comments that have been received from the Convention weekend, that if new Members enter into an atmosphere of relaxed, respectful and inclusive fun, they will be enthused and will have no problem telling others about our wonderful organisation and lead us through to 105SC with a POSITIVE future.

DG Lion Ken



Global Services Team News

Convention saw some excellent presentations on subjects under the GST banner and the first one was given by Judy Pride from the Macular Society which is based in Andover. Judy is the manager for the South West and is extremely keen to spread the word about the conditions.

She explained that there are two types – wet and dry - which mainly affect those over the age of 55 and these affect more than 600,000 people and is the biggest cause of sight loss in the United Kingdom. We were asked to try some simple glasses to see what it means to have the condition and found that only peripheral vision was possible. She also gave us an Amsler grid which was marked into squares and were told that if we saw the lines were wavy then we should seek immediate help. She encouraged us to take these devices to our Clubs for others to test their own sight.

For anyone diagnosed with the wet condition then treatment is possible if caught early and patients are referred very quickly to a specialist. The dry condition cannot be treated but the Macular Society is funding research to find a cure and Judy is determined that a cure will be found!

The Macular Society provide local support groups which supply practical and emotional support from people living with the condition today. The groups are individual but typically would hold social events, have speakers and work with health care specialists.

What can Lions do to help?. Obviously we can give financial help for research or to a local support group but more importantly we can offer help. We can help our local groups by volunteering to attend meetings to help provide refreshments and practical help such as organising the room. To find out where your local group meets go to

www.macularsociety.org

and scroll down to the area talking about support groups. From this website you can also select get involved to find out more about what you can do to help.

I hope that this has helped a little to explain what Judy Pride told us and that you will check the website and do something to support this group which is helping one of the main pillars of GST and Lions activities.

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 James Faulkner
Hart - Lion Giselle Stacey
Hayling Island - Lion Helen Stelitano
Isle of Wight Sandown Shanklin - Lion
James Harwood
Petersfield - Lion Delia Cann
Poole - Lion Chris Lamb
Portsmouth - Lion Hesham Gharib
Wareham - Lion Phillip Stevens
Westbury - Lions Debbie Davies, Mark
Lycett and Julia Wakefield
Woodley & Earley - Lions Eileen
Fullbrook and Rosemary Hull
Woolmer Forest - Lions Debbie Hall and
Stephen Johns

Matters of Moment

DG Team Visits

April 2019

1st VDG Lion Jarvis

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
1 April:	Zone 2C meeting
3 April:	Meeting with Clubs from 105A
5 April:	Windsor Lions Charter Anniversary
12 April:	Westbury Lions meeting
26 April:	Warminster Lions Charter Anniversary



Maison des Landes, a hotel in Jersey for people with a disability, seeks a qualified carer for a week from 4 to 11 May 2019. Flights and full-board accommodation will be paid for by the Hotel, and an honorarium of £500 given, in return for taking care of those guests needing a hand with things like getting dressed, washing, meds and dressings. The carer will be able to join in daily excursions to places of interest in the beautiful Island of Jersey and evening entertainment in the hotel.

For more information see masondeslandes.co.uk and/or email Lion Bob Gaiger - rgaiger75@gmail.com



Just as we prepared to leave for the last Convention of 105D, the catastrophe in southern Africa was making itself known. I asked the District Secretary to circulate to all Clubs the appeal letter from Council Chairman Lion Peter Burnett, and the accompanying poster for Clubs to use for a bucket collection. I can tell you that LCIF has already awarded three major grants. Two emergency grants of \$10,000 and one major catastrophe grant of \$50,000. These will help to provide maize flour, clothing, tents, blankets and other relief items in Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe and more grants will follow.

If your Club would like to help with the relief work being undertaken by Lions on the ground, then please send any cheques to District Treasurer Lion Linda Picton, make them out to 105D and endorse on the back with LCIF Disaster Fund. Thank you.

Convention was a fun weekend with its usual serious and informative side. I introduced those present to Campaign 100 which is LCIF's biggest capital fundraiser so far. Many of you may remember Sightfirst I & II. These helped focus funds on sight. Campaign 100 wants to raise \$300 million over three years to cover all areas of LCIF focus. They ask each Lion to pledge, (there are forms!) \$100 a year for the three years. I suggest that this may be difficult for some Lions. I am filling a jam jar with money I would spend on a coffee or something similar. When I have gathered a sensible amount, I will bank it and write a cheque to Lion Linda Picton. As usual you can find all the details about Campaign 100 on the international website, please do look.

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

Lion Ann Huntley MJC

District 105D LCIF Coordinator



105D's Last Convention

The 105D Times' Editor looks back...

You don't normally think of Conventions as emotional occasions. We were promised fun and fellowship and we certainly got that and also what we got was a big dose of emotion.

It was emotional because this was 105D's last Convention before its transformation into 105SC and even more so when we saw how much our District Governor Lion Ken and his partner Lion Jean gave to the event.

The 'star' of the Convention was undoubtedly DG Lion Ken but he was run a close second by PIP Lion Wayne Madden whose personality brightened up the presentations in the way that only top Lions can - especially when they are Americans. There's something about that accent and the sincerity of their delivery... Except perhaps when he suggested each Lion might like to contribute \$100 annually to LCIF! It's common in many countries for Lions to raise funds from their personal resources - my own Club is twinned with two such continental Clubs - but where I come from, and I suspect for most of the 105D gathering, we raise funds by dipping into other pockets than our own.

Notwithstanding Lion Wayne and his wife Lion Linda's presence was proof evident of our international pedigree, that Lions spread their ethos of service very far and wide.

We had some very poignant and compelling presentations from charities which we would all seek to support and it was particularly fitting that the DG's partner, Lion Jean Lock's chosen beneficiary, the Kids Cancer Charity, should receive a significant four figure sum with the news that there was more to come.

We saw some very appropriate awards - Melvin Jones Fellowships to DG Lion Ken and Lion Jean, an unexpected highlight of the Banquet and Ball, and, to as much applause, Lion Linda Picton, the District's long-serving treasurer. The 105D Times congratulates them all - recognitions richly deserved.

One of the other highlights was undoubtedly the host night when so many Lions reached back to be the flower children of the 1960s and showed off their provenance by knowing the words of most if not all of the '60s anthems played by DJ Mike Sullivan.

There were one or two elements missing - almost half the Clubs in the District did not attend which was a pity and my wife, who is not a Lion, would like to see the partner's outing reinstated even if it's only a minibus to and from the nearest town centre. It was also a pity that Convention could not hear our Young Ambassador speak in person since Alysha is a sparkling personality and one day she would make a very good Lion!

The Weymouth & Portland Lions and Convention chairman Lion Dave Ebsworth are to be congratulated on providing a good venue, a good Convention, a good goodbye to 105D and even good weather!

Lion Peter Tall



News from the Clubs...



Lion Ann meets a Norseman

Sad to miss her District's Convention for the first time in her Lions career due to a mix - up with the dates of a holiday to Norway, Lion Ann Vicars (Basingstoke) grabbed the chance to give greetings from her Club to the Lions of Bygdoy Club when she chanced upon their charity art exhibition on Saturday 23 March, when the Convention was immersed in the business of the day!

After finally winning the battle with the wind to stabilise their banner, she entered the venue and introduced herself to Club president Lion Finn Erik Engzelius who welcomed her warmly (as illustrated above) and duly offered his own greetings to the Basingstoke Club.

A big 'Thank You' to Weymouth for a very successful Convention

As the representatives of the Lions Clubs of the southern and central part of England, from Henley-on-Thames in the north to the Channel Islands in the south, left Weymouth on Sunday 24 March after their annual Convention, Lion Steve Spencer of the District Convention Host Committee said: 'Everyone agreed that we had had a fantastic week-end, thanks to the efficiency of the staff at the Best Western Hotel Rembrandt and the friendly welcome from the people of Weymouth.'

The proceedings were opened by the Mayor, Cllr Gill Taylor, who later attended the Banquet and Ball. She is seen here with District Governor Lion Ken Staniforth, receiving his personal banner.



Jersey Lions Swimarathon raises £125,000

Five Jersey charities who were nominated as the principal beneficiaries of this year's Jersey Lions Swimarathon each received a cheque for £10,000 from the sum raised which has, since the end of swimming, risen to £124,600. The five charities are **Brighter Futures**, **Caring Cooks**, **Milli's Separated Family Centre**, **MIND Jersey** and **Silkworth Lodge**. Furthermore, from a recent bequest, the Lions will also be awarding a similar sum to the **Neil Hussey Heart Charity** which was voted for by a majority of the teams of swimmers who suggested nominations.

"This is probably the best part of any Swimarathon," says Lions Club president Lion Mike Berry (pictured right participating), "When the efforts of our 4,000 swimmers are rewarded. We are also particularly pleased to make a similar award of funds to the **Neil Hussey Heart Charity**. The late Neil was an enthusiastic supporter of the Swimarathon and his widow Blanca Palacin even more so with her own 'Orange Hour' in which she takes all eight lanes of the last Saturday evening session in memory of her late husband. We are delighted that the participating teams chose this particularly charity which benefits from a bequest to the Lions from the estate of Mr R.E. Brown."



More news from more Clubs...

WOKINGHAM LIONS CLUB LAUNCHES GRAND EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Prize is a Giant Chocolate Easter Egg

To celebrate Easter, the Wokingham Lions Club has launched a Grand Easter Egg Raffle in local pubs and other businesses. Cost of entry is £1, with all proceeds going to local charities and worthy causes.

"This is a traditional fun event in the Lions calendar," says Wokingham's fundraising co-ordinator Lion Bob Westerman. "This event raises several thousand pounds for local charities and the winner of the one kilo Easter egg in a basket (worth £25) will be announced on Easter Sunday, 21 April."



Doreen, landlady of the Two Poplars, is one of the many local publicans participating in this year's Easter Egg Raffle

Thought for the Month...

"Don't look back - you're not going that way"

Windsor Lions hold a magical Silver Party



More than a hundred wined and dined

Windsor Lions held their annual 'Silver Lunch' for the elderly on Sunday 10 March when around 110 Windsor and district-based residents were suitably wined, dined and entertained by a wondrous mix of music and magic. Guests were transported to and from the venue - SportsAble, the disability sports club in Maidenhead, to what was truly a lovely event, full of colour and gaiety.

A two-course lunch, followed by coffee, was prepared by the Windsor Lions team, led by the Club's own *chef de cuisine*, Lion Graham Alston, and served by Windsor Lions, their families and friends. The event had an Old Thyme Music Hall theme with a full blooded sing-song led by Phil Phillips (one time accompanist of the late Sir Bruce Forsyth) and after lunch Danny from Red Hat Magic gave a sparkling performance that had his audience spellbound.

The event was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead, Cllr Paul Lion and Laura Lion. Windsor president Lion Diane Purchase organised the event and thanked the entertainers, MC Lion Mark Fraser, and all the Club members and friends for their work in staging the party. Proceedings were rounded off in the traditional manner with a rousing chorus of "We'll Meet Again".

"This is one of the Club's most worthwhile events in our calendar," says Lion Diane. "There's so much fun and bonhomie, our members love doing it and, of course, our guests have a whale of a time."

And even more...



Seen by 850,000

Thanks to the generosity of Hovertravel, Ryde Lions advertisements will be seen by the 850,00 passengers using the hovercraft services between the Isle of Wight and the mainland. A great idea!

LIONS FEEDING TIME

The Food Bank does wonderful work helping those less fortunate than ourselves and the Weymouth and Portland Lions Club were delighted to have been able to offer their support. Yvette Pratt, Food Bank spokesman (second from left in the picture below) says: "The Lions have been very kind in giving the Weymouth Food Bank a generous donation of foods. We are so grateful."

Pictured are Food Bank volunteers with Lion John Cake and president Lion Roger Hogbin.



GMS Lions - pick of the litter



GMS members picked up their bin bags and litter-pickers and took to Gillingham to be part of Gillingham Community Litter Pick.

The charitable team were out in force in their high-visibility jackets to get rid of litter.

The volunteers collected bags of waste which has now been disposed of properly.

GMS Lions are pleased to continue to be able to help maintain the local environment for the well-being of the community



25TH ANNUAL WOKINGHAM MAY FAYRE

Wokingham Lions Club to Raise Money for Me2 Club & Home-Start

Wokingham's 25th annual May Fayre takes place on Bank Holiday Monday, 6 May, with many thousands expected to attend. Started in 1995 by the Wokingham Lions Club, the May Fayre is one of the largest street fairs in the south of England.

The main goal of the May Fayre is to provide a low-cost and fun family event, and enable local charities and other groups to raise money for their causes. Lion Andy Slay and his team help organise the May Fayre, which is the Club's biggest annual fundraising event.

The main beneficiaries from this year's event will be two local charities, Me2 Club and Home-Start. Me2Club enables children and young people (age 5-19) - with special needs and disabilities - to participate in mainstream activities. Home-Start volunteers help families with young children deal with everyday challenges.

And finally...

Once a Lion, always a Lion



On Sunday 10 March Wimborne and Ferndown Lions Club held a lunch to celebrate the long service achievement of three of the members.

Lions Frank Fortey (40 years), Robin Hotchkiss and Ken Taylor (both 45 years) have made a huge contribution to the Lions' cause for almost half a century.

Pictured are Lions Robin, Frank and Ken with president Lion Anne Lippitt and Council Chairman Lion Peter Burnett (seated).



All Hart...

Following their successful annual **Light Up A Life Appeal**, in March Hart Lions presented cheques (left) to Naomi House and Jacksplace. Pictured making the presentation are Vice-president Lion Rhon Gornall and Lion Pauline Jebson and (below) to

the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice in Farnham where £1,000 was presented by Lion Pauline Jebson and President Lion Elaine Leitch.

A busy month and proof once again that 'we serve'.



Did your club win an award at the 105D Convention?

These Clubs did:

Swanwick and Maidenhead Lions Clubs shared the **Bill Field Sight Cup** for their services to the blind in producing talking newspapers

Austen Cohen of **Salisbury Lions Club** received the **Leo Plumley Award for Community service** for caring for the homeless and hungry and providing Sunday lunches for the needy of Salisbury

Fareham Lions Club. Won the Ian Birch Membership cup for making the greatest effort to increase membership.

Reading won the **Brigid Hendy Website Award** for the best website and **Farnborough** won The Graham Drayton Social Media Award

Bracknell Forest were the recipients of the **John Greenaway Award for International activities** for their continued work in The Gambia

Westbury Lions Club gained the **Colin Rickman Award for Youth Activities** for supporting their Leo Club which continues to attract new members, supports Westbury Lions club in their activities, and develops opportunities to support their local community. Westbury Lions Club also entered and supported an excellent candidate for this year's Young Ambassador competition.

Bridport Lions Club sponsored Evangeline Mureless who won the Ann Twining Junior **Environmental Poster Competition** while **Hayling Island Lions Club** sponsored Ella Barnden who won the Ron Twining Senior Cup

Lion Don Morley of **Bridport Lions Club** produced the best photo and won the **Peter Allen Photographic Award**

Yateley and District Lions Club sponsored both Julia Panasiuk and Tilly Taylor who won the Year 3- 4 and Year 5-6 **Bill Smith Memorial Peace Poster Trophies** respectively

Please remember to report your Service activities on the LCI website and write and tell me about them.

PDG Judith Goodchild

In Memoriam

It is with sadness that the 105D Times records the passing to higher service of Lion David Gambell of the Alton Lions Club and Lion David Moye MJF of the Isle of Wight Ryde Lions Club.



OLD MONARCH

The Editor has the last word...

I enjoy Conventions and this one was especially memorable, not just for being the last to be held by District 105D, but also because of the bravura performance of our DG Lion Ken Staniforth and also the inspirational presence of Past International President Lion Wayne Madden (except for that reference to \$100!).

Lion Ken is rightly enthusiastic about our positive future as 105SC, albeit there are one or two Clubs I shall miss for their consistent reports in the columns of the 105D Times. But as the Thought for the Month (last seen on the wall of a café in Haywards Heath) says: Don't look back, you're not going that way.

Lion Peter Tabb

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Weymouth & Portland Lions Kevin Brookes, John Cake and John Davies - high profile Host Club greeters

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