



Ordinary People  
Amazing Things

# DISTRICT GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER - 105D MAY 2008



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April has been a very busy month culminating in five days at MD Convention in Aberdeen. Nine club visits, Four Charter celebrations and the Convention. I haven't worked out the mileage yet but it's a lot!

Talking about mileage / car, having just told the members of Weymouth & Portland that on previous visits to Weymouth some disaster had always

happened, we got into the car to drive home & awful noises came from the gearbox. They seemed to calm down. However the following day getting ready for a trip to Birmingham, going to fill up the car with petrol the same happened. To cut a long story short it resulted in a very quick change of car. We left the garage to sort out one or two things whilst we were in Aberdeen expecting the car to be on the drive on our return. Guess what ! With only 30 minutes to get ready to go to a Fareham dinner night .....NO CAR! The garage had got the date of our return confused .....Anyway family to the rescue !

## MULTIPLE DISTRICT CONVENTION ABERDEEN APRIL 25-27<sup>th</sup>

District Governors have to be there at least the day before as the meetings start on the Thursday afternoon. We chose to fly on the Wednesday. I had booked an Eastern Airways flight from Southampton. I did this before FlyBe had introduced their cheaper route so I was feeling a bit sick that I had paid more money. However Eric and I were made to feel as if we had our own private plane! Three passengers as far as Newcastle, one got off & four got on!!...We were offered free drinks twice as it counted as two separate flights although we did not leave the plane, and champagne on the first flight. The only luggage in the hold was our 3 bags! The return flight was a little more crowded as the numbers went up to 14.

Any convention takes a tremendous amount of organization! And I would suggest that location plays an important part in peoples memory of the event. We were not particularly impressed with Aberdeen ( what we saw of it ) It is called the Granite City and the greyness was not improved by the dull weather although the sun did come out on the Sunday. Eric & I seemed to spend a lot of time in a coach going

backwards & forwards between the hotel & the Beach Ballroom were the Convention & social events were held.

I would like to thank all of you who did make the trip...all modes of transport seem to have been utilised. I hope that DG (E) Roger & Ann enjoyed their moment as they entered the hall to the sound of their chosen RAF march and the usual razzamatazz noise from 105D. Congratulations to Brigid & Mike Hendy. Brigid for the presentation on CRB & ISA, & Mike on receiving a Certificate of Appreciation. Also to Linda Picton who also received a Certificate. Commiserations to Don Crabtree who unfortunately did not win the new Bert Mason Trophy , although I am told that it was a close thing. Well done also to first timers Lions Joe Byers ( Bournemouth ) & Shirley Tatchell ( Poole)



I must also congratulate Council Chairman Jeff & Anita. Jeff & Anita have given the council this year, a year to remember for many reasons. The Council of Governors surprised CC Jeff by presenting him with a Bert Mason Humanitarian Award. The citation ( which I wrote ) was a record of all his work in organizing holidays for members of the Multiple Dystrophy Association over a period of over 20 years. 105D should certainly be proud of Lions Jeff & Anita.

Please read your next edition of the Lion which will have details of the resolutions & what happened.

Please also keep an eye on the introduction of a Second Vice District Governor ....This is to be a resolution at the International Convention in Bangkok....Watch this space!



## ECO BAG

Although many clubs felt that we were too late with this (ie supermarkets were already either giving or selling bags. However conversely other clubs are seeing this as a PR initiative and have asked us to go ahead ....they reckon even to give them away is less expensive than some advertising. We

have over 1400 members in D ...if we all walked around with /used a bag .....the logo is larger than our badge. Hopefully we will be able to go ahead ....Those clubs who did say yes will be contacted by DO Reg Norton.



## PHOTOGRAPH COMPETITION

All clubs were sent details in the District Mailing. This is a NEW competition in which we hope to

encourage the public to enter. Contact your local papers and colleges. Hold a selection evening, display in your shops, libraries etc & send in your winners ....one from each section by JUNE 15<sup>th</sup> .....not long but it can be done but only if you do something about it ! If you have lost the details please contact myself or DO Reg Norton

## OUR NEXT BIG EVENT YOUTH CAMP .....AUGUST 1-11<sup>th</sup>

Can you help? Has your club offered help...financial or manual support?

Are you going to the Gala Night ? .....

If you don't know what I am talking about contact DO JOHN APPS on 02392 321847 DO IT NOW or your club could miss out on being part of a wonderful experience.

## D G'S Diary

### MAY

- 1<sup>st</sup> Christchurch CV
- 6<sup>th</sup> Havant CV
- 7<sup>th</sup> Dorchester CV
- 8<sup>th</sup> Ventnor CV
- 10<sup>th</sup> INCOMING OFFICER TRAINING
- 10<sup>th</sup> Fareham CA
- 11<sup>th</sup> PAULTONS PARK
- 12<sup>th</sup> Goring Woodcott & Dist CV
- 13<sup>th</sup> Maidenhead CV
- 14<sup>th</sup> Basingstoke CV
- 15<sup>th</sup> Bracknell CV
- 17<sup>th</sup> Andover CA
- 18<sup>th</sup> CABINET & PRE CABINET MEETING
- 19<sup>th</sup> Hook & Odiham CV
- 20<sup>th</sup> Woodley & Earley CV
- 21<sup>st</sup> Salisbury CV
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Slough CV
- 24<sup>th</sup> Westbury CA
- 25<sup>th</sup> Bournemouth CA
- 28<sup>th</sup> Cowes CV
- 30<sup>th</sup> Waterlooville CV

### JUNE

- 1<sup>st</sup> Blackmore Vale CA
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Woolmer Forest CV
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Petersfield CV
- 5<sup>th</sup> Poole CV
- 7<sup>th</sup> Goring & Woodcote CA
- 8<sup>th</sup> Boscombe CA
- 9<sup>th</sup> Sherbourne CV
- 10<sup>th</sup> Sandown & Shanklin CV
- 12<sup>th</sup> Trowbridge CV
- 14<sup>th</sup> B/Vale Caravan rally
- 15<sup>th</sup> Slough CA
- 18<sup>th</sup> Bradford on Avon CV
- 19<sup>th</sup> Wincanton CV
- 21<sup>st</sup> Reading & Wokingham CA
- 28<sup>th</sup> Newbury CA
- 29<sup>th</sup> New Forest CA

### JULY

- 13<sup>th</sup> Handover Lunch

### AUGUST

- 1-11<sup>th</sup> Youth Camp
- 9<sup>th</sup> GALA

*A message to all Presidents .....Your year is coming to a close ....I do hope that you have had a great year. As you are getting ready to hand over the reins remember with pride the achievements of your club and be ready to take your place as the Immediate Past President ready to offer the benefit of your experience to your successor. None of this applies if you have enjoyed yourself so much that you are to carry on! Best Wishes to you all.*

*Pat Nixon*