



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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A District service, World Sight Day, Club Visits and Charters and a Council of Governors Meeting have made October a very busy but enjoyable month.

DISTRICT SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION AT CHRISTCHURCH PRIORY



What a wonderful day! As we approached Christchurch the weather began to clear and by the end of the Service it was a beautiful day. The Priory was an excellent venue and I was very

pleased that the service had returned there as this was where this annual event began back in 1993. A chance for Lions to rededicate themselves to Service. I had purposely chosen the same readings as those used in 1993 and hymns which I felt were well known. The rest of the organisation was down to the Lions of Christchurch and I thank them and their President Colin Marshall for all their help. Special thanks must go to Lions Barrie and Lorraine Kenyon for all the behind the scenes work that went on including organising the tea.



It was very special to have so many civic guests attending and I hope that they will now have a better understanding of Lions. I was particularly pleased to be able to welcome The Lord Lieutenant of Dorset Mrs Valerie Pitt- Rivers, The High Sheriff of Dorset Mrs Victoria McDonough and the MP for Christchurch Christopher Chope and his wife. My thanks also to the Vicar of Christchurch Canon Hugh Williams who was no stranger as he officiated at the very first service.

Finally my thanks to the choir of Twynham School and their Head of Music Mrs Lorraine Byles for their contribution to the service.

WORLD SIGHT DAY 8th OCTOBER



I joined with the Lions of Fleet and Hart to take part in a blindfold walk in the centre of Fleet. It was a very strange experience, having to rely on other people to guide me. We all felt safer within the Harlington Centre than in the road outside. I think it was the fact that although there were obstacles inside, there was no traffic and the ground was smoother. I know this was only one of several walks which took part in the District. If your club did take part, please ensure that you let MDHQ know. They need a statement of the names of those who took part signed by two independent witnesses. Some clubs have details of their participation on the 105D website and these show the wide variety of activities undertaken. If yours is not there send short details and a photo to the webmaster for inclusion on the website.

As well as giving us a very short idea of what blindness can mean I hope that Lions gained publicity making the public more aware and more supportive of our future projects.

CLUB VISITS

24 now completed so over 1/3 of the way through. All are different but interesting. Our thanks for the very warm welcomes extended to John and I by all clubs visited. We look forward to meeting the rest of you during the next few months.

105D Working Together to Serve our Communities

Thank you for supporting John and The Cabinet Partners Raffle which is raising much needed funds for the Air Ambulances of our District.

CHARTER ANNIVERSARIES

Thank you to all the clubs who have made John and I feel so welcome. It is good to be able to renew friendships and make new friends at these very special events. It should be the highlight of every President's year and I hope the Presidents are enjoying them as much as I am.



It was my great honour to be asked to present a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Nick Mussert at New Milton's 39th Charter Anniversary last week end. Lion Nick is a Charter member of New

Milton and has given nearly 40 years of unselfish service to his Lions Club and his local community. The presentation was nearly postponed as Nick's wife had not been well but managed to come along at the last moment. Well done Nick!

COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

As I am writing this I am looking forward to the second Council of Governors weekend. There is still a lot of paperwork to go through and I know there will be a great deal of discussion and decisions to be made before the week end is over.

LEGAL ADVISOR

I am pleased to announce that Lion Chris Jolly (Salisbury) has agreed to act as Legal Advisor for the District. Contact and full details of his role will be explained in the next District Mailing to Clubs.

Important Diary Dates 2009–2010:

- Oct 29** Deadline for receipt of Young Ambassador Award Entry Forms by District Officer Richard High
- Nov 7** Deadline for clubs to send District Peace Poster entries to District Officer Frances Bond
- Nov 24** Deadline for clubs to vote on District Peace Poster competition
- Nov 29** DG's Reception for Presidents, Lymington
- 15-16 Jan** 105D Young Ambassador Award Finals, Bournemouth
- 19-21 Feb** MD Young Ambassador Award Finals, Dudley
- 19-21 March** District Convention, Wokefield Park
- 25 April** Spektrek organised by Petersfield Lions

29 April – 2 May MD Convention & 60 Years of Lionism in the British Isles & Ireland Celebrations, Leeds

28 June-2 July International Convention, Sydney, Australia

DG Judith's Jolly Jaunts for November:

1	COG Birmingham	15	District Cabinet meeting
2	Woolmer Forest CV	16	Pride of St Edmunds Leos CV
3	City of Portsmouth CV	16	Cosham CV
4	Swanwick CV	17	Woodley & Earley CV
7	Wimborne & Ferndown 40 th CA	18	Loddon Valley CV
9	Blackmore Vale CV	20	Jersey 46 th CA
10	Ryde CV	21	Salisbury 40 th CA
11	Yateley & District CV	23	New Milton CV
12	Ringwood & Fordingbridge CV	24	Farnborough CV
14	Lord Mayors Show	27	Loddon Valley – Father Christmas arrives in Tadley!
14	Blandford CA	29	Club Presidents' Reception

Welcome to New Members I should like to extend a very warm welcome to the following members who have recently joined our District: Mary Whitcher (Christchurch), Rodney Simmons (Henley on Thames), Nicola Wheatcroft (Henley on Thames), Stephen Vidler (Lymington), Kim Gallagher (Swanage), Steve Parmenter (Warminster), Derek Wright (Wokingham) and to Geoffrey Wright who has rejoined Petersfield.

Membership and Activities

Please do remember to submit regular reports. These should be emailed to the Reports Officer, your Region and Zone Chairmen by the 29th of each month. Recorded Membership in the District stood at 1391 at the end of September which is an increase of 7 from the end of June but 8 clubs had not submitted reports to Oak Brook! In addition 20 clubs had not submitted activity reports for September. We cannot know of all the good things that you are doing if you do not tell us! The Membership Report is very important if lost members are not reported, you will be charged subs by Oak Brook. New Members need to be reported so that they can be recognised as Lions.

Yours in Lionism,

DG Judith and Lion John.