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“Service with humility: Fellowship with fun”



Hello Fellow Lions

Here we are again freezing cold after that little glimpse of spring. These last few weeks have been very busy for Christine and myself. We have attended many charters, been on a couple of club visits and unfortunately funerals of

Lions called to higher service.

We started of the month by attending 'Podgers (PDGS) Lunch. It was here I informed the Past Governors about my year and how it is going, and David (1st VDG) told them his wishes for the year 2013-2014.

The rest of the month up until now has been spent meeting fellow Lions at either their Charters or at Club visits. As usual this has been exciting, enjoyable and informative. The club visits have taken me to all corners of the District and as usual the service and commitment of Lions to help the people in their communities both humbles and inspires me. Christine always finds the ways clubs do this so interesting she makes notes and says I will take this back to Hart Lions at a later date!! Thank you Lymington and Brockenhurst, Bridport, Fareham and Newport.

We have celebrated many Charters this month, a few close to home and some a few miles away. Most of the time we do try to drive home because of the chickens – yes those feathery birds need us. Our family do help in looking after the dogs and the cat, as well as putting the birds to bed and coming across in the morning to let them out if we are away, but the family do have their own lives, so we hop in the car and drive home. The charters have been very varied- from black tie to smart to smart casual to a masked ball. We are very grateful for all the hospitality shown to us.

**Weymouth
and
Portland
Charter
on 9th February**



**Blandford
Forum
Entertained
Us
Royally**



That was the end of the charters for February only one more party that month, our granddaughters birthday.

Now we begin the merry month of March which according to the old wives tale 'comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb' Well this is certainly true this year with the strong, icy winds, let us hope Easter will be truly spring like.

Lymington and Brockenhurst and New Milton joined together for their celebrations and we were pleased to attend their masked ball.



Meet Yorky ‘Shrek’ Tuke

This last week has seen us attending three charters, two on the same day. One was held at the 15th Century house of Athelhampton which looked stunning both at night and in the daylight. We are now beginning to enjoy the glorious English scenery which can now be seen when on our travels and Christine and I have promised ourselves we will return to the towns and villages we have visited this year, in the daylight and to just explore. We really are making up for the years we spent in South Africa.

We have been to our Zone Dinner, and it was very pleasant to catch up with friends from our clubs who we miss socialising with because of all the travelling we are doing this year.

Tomorrow the 12th March we are going to the Houses of Parliament for UN Day. This is a lovely occasion and you meet Lions from all over our Multiple District. It is a shame the numbers are so limited but the room they allocate to the Lions is very small. A small allocation of tickets are assigned to each District Governor, and that is that. Christine says we should use the House of Commons chamber and then many more should be able to attend, as in past years.

Not too long to go to the Wessex Convention where I hope many of you will attend. I look forward to seeing you again both for the AGM of our District and for the great times of fellowship. My club, Fleet, have worked so hard to provide you with a convention to enjoy both by having fun and learning through the workshops and exhibitions.

Well my fellow Lions it is off on my merry jaunts once again so please look out for me and Christine. We look forward to reporting back

early in April. Until then take care and enjoy your life in Lions.

I like this toast, it sums up the Lions and Newport always finish their meetings with it. “Never above you, never below you, always beside you. Lions Clubs International.”

I regret to inform you of the passing to higher service of the following Lions.

- Lion David Armsdon Pangbourne
- Lion Colin McCoy Waterlooville
- Lion Doreen Norton Crofton
- Lion Christine Micallef Wimborne & Ferndown
- Lion Malcolm Alderson Bridport

Our condolences to the families and to fellow Lions.

I would like to welcome to our great family of Lions:

- Raymond Lobbs - Andover
- Joseph Olubodun - Bridport
- Laura Roberts - Sirius Fleet Branch
- Yvonne Weeks - Hart
- Malcolm Johnson - Havant
- Eamon McGuinness - Havant
- Gillian Stembridge - Hayling Island
- Eric Bates - Loddon Valley
- Stephen Baskott - Maidenhead
- Gary Rhys - Salisbury
- Mary Buck - Salisbury
- David Peters - Wareham
- Christine Ainsworth - Woolmer Forest
- Leslie Bray - Woolmer Forest
- Karen Poll - Yateley
- Tony Poll - Yateley
- Chris Franklin - Guernsey

Roger’s Rambles

Christine and I are looking forward to the Charters of Swanage, Yateley, Bridport, Havant and Warminster, our Convention at Beaumont House, Windsor – The Wessex Convention and Multiple District Convention in Torquay. We also have three club visits on the Isle of Wight at Ryde, Cowes and Ventnor..

SEE YOU ALL SOON

YOURS IN LIONISM ROGER MUNDAY