



Ordinary People
Amazing Things

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Serving all our Communities

DG's Thoughts



DG Godwin presenting certificate to District Young Ambassador winner Emily Shaw

Club Visits By the end of February, I will have visited 58 Clubs and 2 Branch Clubs.

As I have mentioned previously, you are all working hard and continue supporting your Communities as best as you can. No one can ask for more than that.

December was a very busy month and we know that we raised, despite only about 50% of the Clubs reporting, some £74,000 and donated £25,000.

I wonder how much we really raised and donated ?

In our first 6 months, ending December, we raised £305,000 and donated £379,000.
Keep up the good work.

New Members I would like to give a warm welcome to the followings Lions who joined Clubs in our District in January 2007.

CLUB	MEMBER
Fleet	Stephen Cook
Eastleigh	Kevin Dearing

Membership Movements Our membership at end of December was 1,396 members, which makes us **minus 22** compared to the start of the year. We have gained 40 and lost 62 members so far this year.

I have inducted 3 new members in January and will induct 4 more in February, which will help to reduce our overall loss situation. We ended the previous 2 Lionistic years with a minus situation.

Let's try and make it a 'third time lucky' by ending on a positive total at the June year-end.

Obituary It is with great sadness and regret that I have to inform you of the loss of the following Lions:-

Lion Les Brittain Lions Club of Sandown & Shanklin
Lion Mick Davis Lions Club of Loddon Valley
Lion Dave Waring Lions Club of Salisbury

I would also like to mention that the District Governor of SE, David Pook, passed away early in January. David was a Charter Member of Woolmer Forest before he transferred to Farnham Lions Club.

Convention Our District Convention is not very far away now and if you intend going, even if it is only for the Business day and require Lunch, please get your booking forms in a.s.a.p.

This year, we have added the Convention Reports on to our District web site for all Lions to read.

Please go to www.lions105d.org.uk and select 'Convention' from the menu on the left.

You have the choice of reading all the reports, or selected parts as you wish.

Remember, it is **our** Convention and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

DG Godwin

Youth Exchange

Dear Fellow Lions . Can we help this German Lion? If you can please contact him direct. Regards ,

Ron J Twining.

Hallo Madame, hallo Mister,

I am member of the German lions club Hunsrück in West Germany near river Rhine, round about 150 km south west from Cologne.

I am searching a possibility for a youth exchange for my 15 years old daughter. She wishes to go to England in July or in August for two weeks. She is seeking a girl in her age, so this girl can also come to us for two weeks. Can you help me?

Greetings from Germany Harald Rosenbaum
Email: hhrories@gmx.de

Young Ambassador 2007



From left—Melissa Hanson, Jade Newman, Emily Shaw and Tom Greenwood

This was very poorly attended. From 69 clubs we could only find four candidates! When you think that **youth is our future** a majority of clubs are not interested about a youth program. I wonder how many clubs are going to survive in the future.

Anyway the number may have been small but “Wow” was the quality good! !!! I’ll say it was the judges had a very hard time to find a winner, they all did some extremely good work and how rewarding it was to listen to what they had to say. The winner was Emily Shaw from **Burnham Lions Club** her theme and project is Anti-bullying and how to stop it. You should have been there to see and listen to all these young people, you would have all benefited from it. It is a shame that you all missed so many good opportunities but I am confident that Lions membership will increase by one due to this contest.

The other three contestants were Jade Newman, Christchurch Lions Club, Melissa Hanson, Guernsey Lions Club and Tom Greenwood, Swanwick Lions Club. So please let us have more effort put into youth.

Young Ambassador Officer - Lion Don Crabtree



65 Years of Lionism for Lions Club of Bridport

Another 65 years of service to Lions has been notched up by the Lions Club of Bridport.



Leon Edwardes was presented with his 35 year Chevron. Leon a retired electrical engineer lives in Abbotsbury with wife June. He is on an extended holiday prior to facing surgery on a long-standing hip!

problem. We all wish him well. At our last dinner meeting Lions June Webb, Jennifer & David Crosby each received 10 year Chevrons.



Lion President Vicki Owers **How Many Father Xmas'**

Five hundred of them ran around a soggy field in Aldershot for

the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. They hoped to raise over £10k. Jim Storey from Fleet Lions was one of them." Lion Jim Storey

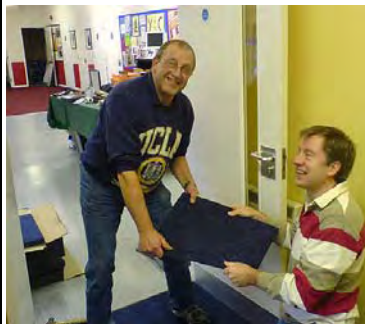
Lions Charities Fair

Wimborne & Ferndown Lions Club recently organised a very successful Charities Fair in the Barrington Theatre in Ferndown. It took place on a Saturday and gave



about 20 different organisations the opportunity to set up their stalls and publicise their existence and objectives to the many members of the general public who came in free of charge. Among the more well known charities and organisations were the British Red Cross, the RNLI, the Women’s Institute, Julia’s House Hospice and, of course, the Lions themselves. The opening ceremony was kindly performed by the Mayor of Ferndown, Cllr Liz Stevens, with Lion Joe Hemming, the Vice President of Wimborne & Ferndown Lions Club.

Lion John Wilson



What to do on a rainy day in January?

Re-carpet and paint the office of your local youth Club. Members of Fleet Lions Youth team got a budget from the Club and then got stuck in at the 'Point' drop in centre in Fleet. The local Youth Services provided lots of encouragement as well as tea and sarnies. They also took the opportunity to have a good sort out themselves. Photo shows Lions Jim and Tom arguing which way up the carpet tiles go. Your District Environment Officer also took the opportunity to fly-tip all the rubbish in a local Council skip (well it was theirs in the 1st place !). **Jim Storey, Fleet Lions.**

A Message from your Editor

Many thanks for your articles please keep them coming. Deadline for the next issue is 26th March.

Lion Peter Garlick

Lions Project in Guernsey has now surpassed the £100,000 mark.



In February 1997 the Guernsey branch of the Motor Neurone Association established a fundraising scheme whereby used cartridges were collected from Banks, Government offices and general business and sent to the UK for recycling. In these early days six boxes a week were being sent.



The scheme took off over the next two years to such an extent that the Association and it's small band of helpers could no longer cope and there was a risk the profitable scheme

would have to fold.

The Lions Club of Guernsey were approached to see if they could help and in late 1999 the club took over the running of the scheme including all administration, packing and despatching of cartridges and finding new premises in which to carry on the project. The helpers and supporters of the Motor Neurone Disease Association continued to collect the cartridges. New premises were found on the local sheltered workshop site and the three charities then shared the profits relative to their involvement

The project was an attractive one from both a financial and environment point of view as a large number of the cartridges would have probably ended up in a landfill site.

In 2003 it became necessary to find a new charity to take over from Motor Neurone and the Guernsey Specials Gym Club who were in desperate need of funds, agreed to join us with an increased number of helpers. The 'Specials' were formed to provide help to children and young people with varying special needs—physical disabilities, learning difficulties and visual/hearing difficulties. They had been established for eight years and were doing a tremendous job for these young people. **It was announced in June of this year that the group had been awarded the Queens Award for Voluntary Service.** The Lions were delighted with this announcement and to be working with such a group of people.

The ongoing project with a monthly despatch of approximately 130 boxes has been so successful since Lions became involved, that the net profits available for distribution between all the charitable participants since 1999 has now exceeded **£105,000.**

Hedley Watson Lions Club of Guernsey

Helping the Visually Impaired and People with Disabled



The photo shows Brian Martin, who is usually impaired, making use of a guide rail at the Basingstoke 10 Pin Bowling Centre. This has been donated by Basingstoke Lions Club and is manufactured by IM

Products Ltd. who is based at Stockbridge Hants. One of the main benefits of the guide rail is that it can be used by all people with disabilities. At least 12 of these have already in use in various parts of the country. The cost of this was just over £400.

The rail itself is made of stainless steel, and the base is aluminium, meaning that it is quite light (5K) and can fit in a bag and is therefore portable. If necessary it can be taken on an aircraft and used abroad.

It has been found that the help the rail gives has encouraged not only visually impaired and all people with disabilities to use it but also their families have joined in. This is a very useful means of stimulating and socialising by those who would normally find it difficult. Similar rails have been made for and used at Riding for the Disabled Centres.

If any club would like more information, please let me know as the manufacturer is very socially minded and would welcome enquiries.

Lion Brian Locock – Basingstoke Lions Club

The Lions Club of Bridport put a display last year in the local library.

We have been trying to raise the profile of Lions in our area. Hopefully the cuddly Lion on the table attracted younger folk and the white stick, caused curiosity! Highlighting some of our activities



and pushing publicity may reach all those perspective Lions out there!! **Lion President Vicki Owers.**

NOTE: Some of the excellent posters on display were the ones given to every Club at last years convention by our PR officer Lion Reg Norton. **Editor**

INTERNATIONAL LIONS CLUB YOUTH EXCHANGE (UNDERSTANDING EACH OTHER AROUND THE WORLD...)



Hello everyone, my name is Lucia, I'm from Mexico, and I'm one of the lucky girls who had the opportunity to travel to England with the Lions Club programme. I still don't really know what to say about it, it's a little bit complicated for me to put it in words. Since the day I was flying to Mexico city and then to Amsterdam to finish in Birmingham, there was a big emotion inside of me; of course there's always a bit of fear about what's going to happen, but since the moment you see those persons holding your names and waiting for you at the airport with a smile on their faces you know your adventure has begun.

Everyone I met there were very kind and nice to me, since my first family to my second and later on the camp. It's amazing to see how even having different traditions and different ways of living you can get along very good with everyone without a problem. My families were great; they always tried to do their best to make us happy and to make ourselves comfortable, just being there in their homes which was a great thing to do, you know, to have someone there that you don't even know in such a private place as your home, but it seemed like it wasn't enough for them, they were always in a good mood to give us their time even though they were busy or sometimes they had things to do, and if for any reason they couldn't take us to some places, they always knew about a good friend who could take us for the day to have fun with. I never got bored, I didn't even have time to think about getting bored because our days were always busy from the morning to night. If I have to be honest, I would say that I thought that being away from home was going to be very difficult for me, I thought that I was going to feel very homesick, but I didn't because all those persons really were like a family to me, not just my two families, but all the people who were involved and I spent a lot of time with, they really treated me as if I had been one of the members from their families and that's something I will never forget.

And the same happened at the Youth Camp, everyone there were extraordinary; the people who organised it, the ones who cleaned our rooms, the chefs, everyone from the staff. It's amazing to see how many people can work together for the same purpose: to make 40 young boys and girls happy. And we definitely were happy, and I think that we all in our countries are still happy and will always be happy of remembering the experience. I made 39 new friends from all around the world, from every single continent and that's something you can't do every single day. All of us were very different: our language, our countries, our traditions, our personalities; but there

was something we had in common: we all were human beings and we all wanted to make new friends and have a great time with them, and that's what happened, we all had a great time together, and this is a great way to show that you don't need to have the same interests or the same religion, to think in the same way someone does or to have the same traditions so you can get along with somebody, all you need is to be respectful with everybody and try to understand their needs, and if everyone on Earth could understand that, we wouldn't need to hear on the news about people hurting each other or having wars everywhere, you know, just stop being selfish and thinking just about yourself and for the first time try to understand what everyone else need.

I know there at the camp I left emotions and feelings behind its walls, I know a bit of me is still there and will never leave, and the most important thing, I know that there I made very special friends that you can't find around the corner, those special ones who really touched me. I will always remember them and will always keep them in my heart and mind for the rest of my life.

For me this trip hasn't been just a way of spending my holidays, but a way of knowing life. It's been a wonderful experience and I'd love to repeat it all over and over again you know, is one of those experiences that I will tell my grandchildren if I have the opportunity. I have to thank everyone: I have to thank the Lions Club in my city who gave me the opportunity, my parents, the Lions Club in England, my families there and all their friends and all those people at the camp who gave me the opportunity of getting to know them. Those 30 days have been some of the best days in my life and I know I will never forget them; I still can't stop talking about them and I think I will never get tired of doing it. I really mean it I will never forget the experience and I will be thankful for always for the great opportunity I had.
Lucia Cruz Castelazo

This was Extracted from New Miltons 'Seahorse Chronicle' an excellent publication—**Editor**

Melvin Jones Fellowship awarded to Lion Frank Fortey



At Wimborne and Ferndown's Charter DG Godwin presented Lion Frank Fortey with a Melvin Jones Fellowship award for his many years of selfless service to the local community and Lionism. He has held most posts and has done all the admin work etc for Xmas year after year.