



The International Association of Lions Clubs DISTRICT 105D - APRIL 2007



Ordinary People
Amazing Things

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Serving all our Communities



What a great Convention where we had some 300 attendees from 46 Clubs.

The group photos shows most of the attendees and, if you want to know more about Convention, why not ask one of them!. It is an opportunity to take part in discussions of Club needs, the future of our District and to enjoy doing it. However, discussions are not limited to the Convention and, if you have ideas or concerns about our District's future, please continue talking to us.

Convention is also an opportunity to recognise those Lions who have truly 'served' and were recommended for their extra-ordinary efforts.

It was a great pleasure to award District Governors Certificate of Appreciation to:-

Don Crabtree—Christchurch David Woolford—Weymouth & Portland Ted Wilton—New Forest
Bill Sykes—Christchurch Petersfield Lions Club for performing Spectrek for 25 years.

I would like to thank Christchurch Lions Club for organising this successful weekend.

It was a tremendous effort, and a lot of hard work, on their part. **Well done.**

I would also like to thank Peter Garlick (Bridport) for producing the Convention Books and for all the IT at Convention. In addition to Peter, I would like to thank Richard Wareham (Poole) for taking the photographs. All the photographs will be put on a CD and can be purchased from Peter Garlick, for £5. All profit will go towards CSFII.

Club Visits It was a great pleasure to attend the formation meeting of the Tadley New Century Lions Club on 14th March 2007. This is our first new Club in our District for 5 years, the first New Century Club in our District and the 3rd in the Multiple District. **Well done** Loddon Valley.

New Members I would like to give a warm welcome to the followings Lions who joined Clubs in our District in **February** 2007. Alan Langley-Blandford Forum, John & Cathy Lay-Flurrie-Bridport, Carole Gratton & Joan Kelly-Gosport & Lee on Solent, Denise Stenner-Gillingham, Mere & Shaftesbury, Peter Haggith-Loddon Valley, Rob Nikiel Ryde.

Membership Movements Our membership at end of February was 1,399 members, which makes us minus 19, compared to the start of the year. With the new members in Tadley, plus a number of potential members, we should start seeing a positive increase soon.

Obituary It is with great sadness and regret that I have to inform you of the loss of the following Lions:-
Lion Mike Lillington - Lions Club of Dorchester Lion Joyce Cawley - Lions Club of Ryde

DG Godwin

“THEIR WORD WAS THEIR BOND!”



The Lions Club of Christchurch, who took over the organisation of convention for 2007, knew that the IOW Lions Clubs who had been responsible for the last two conventions would be a hard act to follow. However, a quick look at the date, **2007**, convinced them that they were up to the task ahead! If ‘You only live twice’, they reasoned, let it be the two days of Convention! Having dispensed with the ‘2’ that only left ‘007’ complete with a ‘Licence to Thrill’!



And what a thrill it was. It was a wonderful weekend of fun and friendship commencing with the traditional theme party based, of course, on the most famous member of ‘Her Majesty’s Secret Service’. The fun started the moment we arrived at Norton Grange on the Isle of Wight for this 42nd Convention With the District Governor, Godwin Micallef cast as James Bond and Lion Barry Kemp as the arch villain (complete with albino cat) everyone else was left to use their imagination, which they stretched to the limit. They included any number of M’s and Q’s and ranged from 88year old Lion May Barham as a “Retired Bond Girl” to the Undertaker who advertised “I’m fully booked till Monday so ‘Die Another Day!’”. The innovative projection screen introduced last year was again put to good use during the party with a wonderful parade of personalities as seen through the brilliant photographs taken by Lion Richard Wareham

As usual the conference opened with a Flag Ceremony preceded by some beautifully played music from the Medina Marching Band. Flags of the U.K., U.S., U.N., and, in honour of our DG, the Flag of Malta G.C., followed by the flag of our Association all carried by the members of the Lions Club of Christchurch

The ceremony concluded with a welcome from Her Majesty’s Lord Lieutenant of the Isle of Wight, Lt. Colonel Sir Guy Acland Bt.,MVO, DL who was ably thanked by Past Council Chairman, Lion John Goodchild (one of three PCC’s in attendance) who later in the convention was able to bring news of a highlight for our District with the formation of our first New Century Lions Club at Tadley in Hampshire. There were many highlights but two that deserve special mention are the presentation by Miss Emily Shaw, the 105D Young Ambassador Winner, and the extremely competent presentation on WaterAid by Sarina Jesudason.

All the business sessions were conducted in a very laid back but effective manner by DG Godwin befitting his Maltese heritage! .

This convention was extremely well attended with 49 clubs being represented including welcome visitors from the Lions Clubs of Bridgewater, Callington, Douglas Valley, Exeter, and Ivybridge. All in all it was a most enjoyable and interesting event.

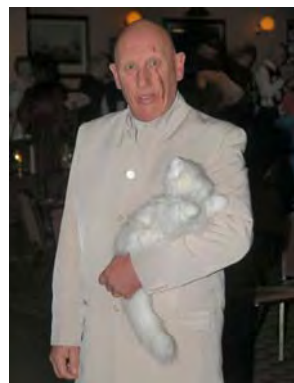
One of the concluding acts of convention was the confirmation of Lion Pat Nixon as District Governor Elect for 2007-2008, and Lion Roger Huntley as Vice District Governor Elect for that year.

With the Business sessions behind us it was off to another evening of entertainment. The resident comedian brought the house down with his very funny stories, hardly any of which I can remember because of his quick fire delivery. The only comment that comes to mind was in a group of stories about the elderly populations of south coast towns when he announced that a new shop had opened in Bournemouth called NEXT! ...It was an Undertakers! Well, there was certainly nothing dead about this convention, it was a very lively affair and I for one am looking forward to the NEXT one!

Lion Reg Norton, P.R.O., District 105D



IPDG Lion Jeff Byers awarded Lions International Leadership medals to DO Lion Peter Garlick and VDG (Elect) Lion Pat Nixon for all their hard work for the District





A NEW CENTURY DAWNS IN 105D

As attendees at the District 105D Convention will be aware, a New Century was born in the District on 14th March, with the formation of the

Tadley New Century Lions Club, the first New Century Club in 105D and only the third in MD105. It was also the first club to be formed in the District for four years. District Extension Officer, PDG Mike Hendy, congratulated the Mother Club, Loddon Valley Lions, with the speed in which the Club had been formed. He pointed out that he had been invited to attend a meeting to plan the formation of a New Century Club Branch with 14 members, but the prospective members of the Branch had been meeting themselves at the same time, under the guidance of Loddon Valley Secretary Lion Tim Boulsbee. When the minutes of that meeting were received the following morning, it was realised that there were in fact 20 prospective members, so another meeting was hastily arranged to plan the formation of a fully fledged club!

Speaking at Convention, Lion Geoff Foan, one of the Guiding Lions for the New Century Club, pointed out that Loddon Valley had in fact been trying for around three years to form a Club Branch in part of its area, to enable that area to be better served by Lions. Sadly, to date, these efforts had not been successful. However, when Lion Martin Slatford took over as Club President at the start of the current Lionistic year, he had made it plain that he wanted something to happen in his Presidential year. Recently, a "Meet the Lions Evening" had been held in part, to thank some of the local organisations who had sponsored club events in the last year and also, individuals who had helped out at some of these events. It had also been organised in the hope of helping Lion President Martin achieve his objective. During the meeting, the work of the Lions had been briefly outlined to guests. Following this, one person who had been helped by the Loddon Valley Club a few years previously, following a serious accident, had come forward to say that he would like to help the club in its efforts to form a Branch, so that he could say thank you and put something back into the community. He quickly teamed up with the daughter of one of the Loddon Valley Lions and things mushroomed from there, with the "youngsters" themselves finding the remaining prospective members very quickly. Since all were under the age of 35 and wanted to do things a bit differently to a traditional Lions Club, the idea of forming a New Century Club was born. Lion Geoff pointed out that Loddon Valley would still continue in its efforts to form a Club Branch and Mike Hendy congratulated the club for not giving up at the first, or even the second and third hurdles.

Lion President Martin worked very closely with the prospective members and it was a very proud moment for him, when he and District Governor Godwin Micallef inducted the New Century Lions on 14th March. Following the induction ceremony, DG Godwin welcomed the new members into the world of Lionism and felt sure that the new approaches they would bring would be of great benefit to their local community and Lionism in general. He urged

them to make sure that as well as working hard, they did so in such a way as to have fun. DG Godwin felt that in this way, the members would derive a great deal of satisfaction from their endeavours. Lion President Stuart Melrose responded by saying that this was a very proud moment for him and his fellow members of the Tadley New Century Lions Club and he thanked the Loddon Valley Club and in particular, Lion President Martin for all the help they had provided and for making the evening possible. Lion President Martin then presented Lion President Stuart with the new club's mascot, following which the District Governor presented his personal friendship banner and that of his own club, Wimborne and Ferndown. Representatives of visiting clubs then presented Lion President Stuart with their club bannerettes and the evening concluded with a buffet and plenty of time for socialising, to enable the new Lions to forge new friendships and contacts.

The Club will be holding its Charter Presentation function during the afternoon of Saturday 9th June and details of this event will be circulated to clubs in 105D shortly. It is hoped that as many clubs as possible can be represented at this function to provide a really warm welcome into Lionism for these young and enthusiastic members.

Any club who may be minded to present a gift on that occasion, is asked to contact PCC John Goodchild (contact details on page 61 of the current MD Directory), who is coordinating this activity to prevent duplication.



Blackmore Vale Lions 27th Annual Rally 15th ~ 17th June 2007

Theme Pirates of the Caribbean

All Lions, their Family and Friends are invited to join us for our 27th Annual Rally. Just bring your own Caravans, Tents or Motor-Caravans or book into one of the local B&Bs or Inns. We would love to see you all whether you have your own mobile sleeping facilities, or need to use one of the good local B & B's and Inns already in use by some of our regulars (Call or e-mail me for list).

Take a break from fund-raising and allow us to give you a treat by joining us for another great social weekend of entertainment, good food and fun in the village hall and recreation field at East Stour, four miles west of Shaftesbury on the A30.

NB:- Unfortunately, local Parish Council By-Laws do not allow dogs on site.

The whole weekend is for all the family and the cost includes a meal cooked by our Ladies on Friday & Saturday evening & Sunday breakfast cooked by the BV Lions.

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A Message from your Editor—

Many thanks for your articles please keep them coming.

The next issue will close on the 25th May.

Lion Peter Garlick

105D Lions visit to MD111 WL Lions District Convention Hamm, Germany – March 2007



Five Lions from 105D - IPDG Jeff Byers (Bournemouth), PDG Barrie Richardson (Salisbury), Lion Richard Wareham (Poole), Lion George Jeremiah (District International Relations Officer) and Lion Barbara Jeremiah (Christchurch) – spent five days in Hamm, Germany, to attend our twinned District Convention.

DG Helga Schmitt, her husband, PDG Werner, VDG Wolfgang Zernial and 2nd VDG Gunter Lassalle all met us at the Airport and transported us to the Convention Hotel in Hamm on Thursday, 8th March.

During the afternoon they took us sight-seeing to the Otmar Alt Foundation for a tour of the art-works on display and to Castle Oberwerries.

The following morning we were invited to meet the Mayor of Hamm, who welcomed us to the town and, afterwards, we were taken to visit the Lerche Coal Mine – and were actually taken down the shaft into the mine! In the afternoon we went to the very pretty area around Lake Mohne and to see the Dam (the site of the DamBusters raids!)

Saturday - we attended the Cabinet Meeting, where several Leos gave presentations, followed by the District Convention and, in the evening, dinner with DG Helga and her invited guests.

On Sunday we enjoyed a tour of the Highlights of the Ruhr Valley.

Monday, our last day, we spent in Munster – being taken on a tour of the many famous and interesting buildings, followed by lunch in a typical Munster Restaurant. There was just an hour to spare for shopping before we were whisked off to Renata & Gunter Lassalle's home – where we were treated to a wonderful tea with numerous delicious home-made cakes!

Here we said good-bye – and a very big “Thank You” to our wonderful hosts (especially to Vice DG Wolfgang, who had organized the visit) - having spent a very informative and pleasant time with them, exchanging many points about our respective Districts, Clubs and Club activities. Having made many new friends, and gained a very interesting and useful insight into another Country's Lions Clubs' procedures, their customs and their way of life, we left with their promise to attend our District Convention in 2008.

Lion Barbara Jeremiah (PRO– Christchurch Club)



The Lions Club of Swanage held a Charity Auction at The Swanage Bayview Holiday Park on Saturday the 17th February 2007. With over 60 lots donated the evening was a great success and the event raised £4,000-00 towards The Lucas Resuscitation

Machine for the Swanage Ambulance and the Swanage Hospital Wish List. The Photograph attached shows the Auctioneer Mr Oliver Miles and Lions Trevor Ottewill and Michael Joyner conducting the auction.
Lion Ken Davey Swanage Lions P.R.O.

Young Ambassador MD Final

What a great weekend. Thirteen Districts, thirteen great Young People. (WOW) It really should be made compulsory for every member to attend at least one of these events, just to see what 95% of young people do in their community. They will tell you 'I don't do much' but just to listen to what they do along with their school work, O levels and A levels and you think you are busy (think again).

The Winner this year came from District E, Andrew Gallan, Lions Club of Grimsby. His work included being a member of the North East Lincolnshire Council for Young People since 2003. He is involved with the UK Youth Parliament, UNICEF UK., as well as promoting organisations in the community, the Children's Service Strategic Partnership Board working with Senior Representatives of the Service Providers to improve provisions for young people. His current project includes, setting up of a School Council Forum for his local schools BLASTS a web sight for young people, being set up in conjunction with BBC and the setting up of young people's Inspectorate. He also trains junior leaders who work regularly with local Scouts and Beaver Groups, amongst several other local activities. Such as the Grimsby Gang Show. (HOW COOL IS THAT!)
Young Ambassador Officer Lion Don Crabtree

Hart Lions are sad to announce that Lion Beryl Greenhalgh who was their Charter President of Hart Lioness Club in 1990 passed away on February 4th. Lion Beryl was also President of Hart Lions in 1996-7 but was then suffering from ill health. She will be fondly remembered as a very active and willing worker. Deepest sympathy goes to her family.

April is Lions cleanup/environment month. So get yourselves out there in the fresh air ! Not sure what to do or how to do it ? Then get in touch with me. Jim Storey Environment Officer.