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Ordinary People
Amazing Things

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Serving all our Communities



DG's Thoughts Club Visits

This is my last Newsletter, as District Governor, and I would like to thank you all for the courtesy & hospitality shown to me, when attending your Club meetings and Charters.

It has been a great pleasure to meet all of you, and I would like to think that I have helped to minimise any negative perception of Cabinet Officers and those in 'White Jackets'.

In previous Newsletters, I have congratulated you all on your continued work in serving your communities despite, in some cases, lack of members etc., I am truly pleased to be a colleague of like-minded people and, of course, within the best District in our MD!

New Members

I would like to give a warm welcome to the followings Lions who joined Clubs in our District in **April** 2007.

BOURNEMOUTH	Lorna Markey
BRACKNELL	Helen Heaffey
BRACKNELL	Samantha Jane Evans
FARNBOROUGH	Ann Stewardson
GOSPORT	Norma Butler
HART	Gwen Easter
HART	Rita Daubeney
HAYLING ISLAND	Gill Sutherland
NEW FOREST	Paddy Claringbull
NEWPORT	Lynne Symmonds
RYDE	Liz Watling
TOTTON & ELING	Lindsey Hunt
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I would also like to warmly welcome, the members of Tadley New Century Lions Club.

Our first new Club in many years and a Club of young Lions aged between 18 to 35.

I will have the great pleasure of presenting their Charter to them, on 9th June.

Phil Capel	Jamie Riley
an Cameron	Debbie Ram
Katherine Germain	Michaela Riley
Alastair Hemmings	Paul Sarsfield
James Hermon	Jocelyn Sibbalo
Nick Hicks	Kathryn Smallcross
Karren Johnston	James Winsper
Gareth Joseph	Shelley Woodman
Stuart Melrose	Claire Wrightson
Damian Ram	Lizzie Zuill

Membership Movements

Our membership at end of April was 1,429 members, which makes us **plus** 11, compared to the start of the year. I hope that we can end this year with a positive membership total.

Finally, I would like to wish DGE Pat Nixon, and Eric, an enjoyable and successful year in 2007 – 2008. I feel sure that you will all support her.

I wish you all, success and enjoyment, in all the various activities that you undertake to support you Communities. Keep the communication flowing, and let's continue working together, **Serving all our Communities**.

Best wishes to you all,

DG Godwin

YOUTH EXCHANGE - URGENT

Hi Fellow Lions.

Have you ever thought about sharing your home for a few days with a young visitor from overseas? Why not give it a try, you will find it a most rewarding experience. All you need is a spare room and the willingness to share your experience of life with someone else. It does not matter what your age is, or whether you have children, or even if you go to work. Just so long as you have a room for them to sleep in and a little spare time. These young people are over 18 and young adults, so with the right guidance capable of looking after themselves. Besides which you will find many of your other club members will want to get involved once they meet them and help to show them the beauty of your area. Go on give it a try, fulfil the first purpose of Lionism, and share just 10 days with someone from another culture. I have 6 girls and 4 boys from 10 countries to find hosts for various 10-day periods between 14th July and 24th August. They are all aged between 18 and 21, they all speak English, and will bring a joy and fresh outlook to your lives, also possible lifetime friendships within just 10days. So please share your home and life with one or more of these visitors for a short while and help them to experience the English way.

Contact me for more details, Lion Ron Twining, District Youth Exchange officer, on 01983862017, or twinronlion@lycos.co.uk Many thanks in advance for your anticipated help.

Lion Ron



Peace Poster Prize! Alice Hughes

You might remember a gallery of peace posters at our school. One child won out of years 3 and 4 and another out of years 5 and 6. They went through into the next stage. I'm one of the two children, I'm in year 6, and I won the very last stage, that's out of the whole of the British Isles. I couldn't believe it

when they told me that I had won!

At quarter past six on the morning of Saturday 17th March, three men from the Blackmore Vale lions committee came to pick me up. Their names were; Bill Reed, David Birt and Geoff Nash. They took me and mother on a ferry to the Isle of Wight! We went on the open deck and it was VERY cold.

We got there at about twenty to nine and strolled up to where the presentation was going to be held later that day! We watched the opening ceremony, with great awe, at a place called The Norton Grange Hotel. After the opening, we had a lot of time before lunch so me and my mum wandered round Yarmouth and bought various things. Around half twelve, we sauntered back up to the hotel. There was twenty minutes until lunch so I sat and read a magazine with my mum. We had our lunch and after that the Blackmore Vale lions escorted me into the presentation hall. There were lots of different presentations before mine like; Sight First II, Music, Design and lots of others. When they came to mine my heart started beating and my breath quickened.... "ALICE HUGHES!" I went, trembling, up to the front. Heads turned and people smiled. District Governor; Godwin Micallef held out a shining silver trophy. We held it together and two photographers took what seemed like a hundred photos. I sat back down at my table. The trophy had a little plaque on the bottom. The plaque read; 2006- Alice Hughes- sponsored by Blackmore Vale lions and it was the first one on there!

Then, there was a REALLY long speech from this American lion Bob Klein. I dozed off and when I woke up he was still talking away. There were other speeches and a vote of thanks. Later, before we left Norton Grange, a lady showed my mum and the lions my poster! We waited twenty minutes for our ferry and when we finally got on I was so tired I just watched the sunset out of the window. Afterwards we got back in the car and I found my eyelids drooping.... Geoff woke me up to say we were home (At eight o'clock!). My mum and I said last goodbyes and they drove off. This is the end of my Amazing adventure!. (Alice Hughes year 6)

Alice's article was written for her school magazine. She attends the William Barnes Primary School in Sturminster Newton. The headmistress has given consent for the article to be reproduced in Lions publications.

Lion David Birt

Hart Lions Club's Fundraising gives them a Lift!!!!



After a wait of 6 months, the long awaited day arrived when some of the members went to visit Guildford Fire station and the men (and lady) of Blue Watch. This delight followed an auction where the club each donated £30 towards the cost of spending this time with the firemen. The money raised was for the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice in Farnham.

We were treated excellently and learned so much, as well as having a great deal of fun. A ride in a fire engine all lights and alarms blazing – 85mph around the yards, yes a fire tuck can turn on a sixpence. Examining all the equipment carried on one tender – amazing. Some people had a go with the hoses, whilst wearing those very heavy coats. We were then brought down to earth by being shown the gear and the methods used to cut open cars in road traffic collisions. The final activity before supper was for some of the girls to experience the 100 foot long extending ladder and they disappeared up into the night sky after being strapped in very securely

Supper of lamb and chicken curry was very tasty and the portions were large!!! We followed this by being shown the breathing apparatus used in smoke and contaminated incidents as well as demonstrating a green 'Mr Blobby' outfit that is used for full protection in very dangerous situations. The final fun of the evening was a trip down the fabled fireman's pole – only taken on by two brave ladies who didn't mind stepping into a hole fifteen feet off the ground. According to the Blue Watch guys one of the girls came down the fastest they had ever seen, no wonder health and safety say it only has to be used in very dire emergencies otherwise use the stairs.



else rushes out"

We saw loads more and left the fire station full of enthusiasm and admiration for those brave people who come to our rescue. In the words of the leader of Blue Watch, Wayne, "We rush into fire whilst everyone

Friendship and Fellowship continues.....



Some of you may not know but most Past District Governors have an annual social reunion with their fellow governors of that year. Traditionally it is organised and hosted by going through the lists of Districts in alphabetical order but this year the 'class of 2000/2001' broke with tradition and descended *en masse* on the Shropshire market town of Oswestry in 105BS to participate in the Golden Wedding celebrations of PDG Bill Bowen (the Chairman of the Management Committee of this magazine) and his wife Mair.

Seven PDGs and wives plus their Council Chairmen, PCC David Firth and Jean, met up in a hotel in the town on the Friday at various times in the afternoon and very soon were to be found enjoying local brews from Shropshire and Wales and putting the world to rights. In the evening a splendid dinner and evening entertainment had been arranged by the family and we were all privileged to be on the guest list and hearing just how much work Bill did in the local community – not just as a Lion but as a member of other organisations as well – not least to his church as a Licensed Reader. It also gave us the ideal opportunity to meet his other friends and colleagues in those organisations.

For Saturday there had been a provisional plan to visit Ironbridge Museum however our partners realised that there were quite a few shops in Oswestry which took plastic money so the shops won the day and Ironbridge was given a miss. Inevitably when they were spending too much time in the shops it was time for the PDGs to take up their perches again in local hostleries preferring to help the breweries economy rather than outfitters. Saturday evening we enjoyed a quiet (?) dinner together in the hotel restaurant.

Sunday morning was the time for us to take our leave but not before crossing the road from the hotel to the church to join in the Sunday morning service and be present to watch Bill and Mair renew their wedding vows originally made so long ago. There were notices to be found in various places in the church which said: "there are no strangers here, only friends we haven't met" and it is true that this particular weekend gave us all the ideal opportunity not only to renew our friendships with fellow Lions and wives who had been so close to us during our years as VDGs and DGs but also to use those existing friendships to make new friends.

Long may those friendships continue!
PDG Lion Mike Hendy DG105A – 2000/2001

A WHOLE COMMUNITY RALLIES TO THE STANDARD OF ST. GEORGE!



In Stubbington, Hampshire, on Her Majesty's birthday, the 21st April, hundreds took to the streets to celebrate the first day of a "Festival of St. George". The three day event was the brainchild of the Lions Club of Crofton, Lion Reg Norton, the clubs' P.R.O., who co-ordinated the Festival, explained "We wanted to create something that was so exciting, so enjoyable, so English that people would want it to become an annual-celebration in our village and" he added "we seem to have succeeded!" The Lions Club had deliberately set out to

involve every aspect of the community from pre schools to the residents of sheltered housing, the church, community centre, pubs and community groups. The event began with the arrival of "The Spirit of St. George" portrayed by Sam Allcorn, of the Crofton Riding School, mounted on a white horse riding through the village centre, which had been decorated with 35 English flags, and accompanied by the stirring sounds of 'The Standard of St. George' played by the HMS Collingwood Band. The Standard was handed to the Mayor of Fareham, Cllr. John Bryant, who declared the festival 'Open'. Day One was a Medieval Fayre which included entertainment by Morris Dancers, a



Jester and Stilt Walkers, Turkish Dancers, St. Vincent Singers, Storytellers and an encampment of Knights and their ladies who demonstrated crafts and fighting skills. Children took part in Dragon Painting and Fancy Dress

Competitions and were entertained by Punch & Judy. In the Community Centre was a photographic exhibition of 'Images of England' and the Holy Rood Church hosted a



Flower Festival on the theme of "Anniversaries and Celebrations" organised by Mrs Joan Boord. Both displays ran throughout the three days. The event culminated on St. Georges Day with , with Roast Beef Dinner in each of the local Pubs and the arrival of a Cavalcade of Motorcycles all flying the flag of St. George. Among the many messages after the event was one that said "What a Triumph! You must be so proud,

and so tired! You do realise that you have landed yourselves with an annual commitment"

The Crofton Lions sincerely hope that that is true.

Presentation of 'Little Annie' to St Johns Ambulance Cadets



Wimborne & Ferndown Lions heard that the Ferndown Branch of the Ferndown Combined Cadet Division of St Johns Ambulance needed equipment to teach the Cadets the life saving techniques of CPR, or artificial respiration as it used to be known. The usual teaching aid for this

purpose is a dummy, fondly called Little Annie, that simulates the upper half of the human body and face and they can cost in the order of £500.

The Lions Club thought this was a very worthwhile project for them to adopt and set about arranging the purchase of a Little Annie. Fortune smiled on them and they were fortunate enough to be able to acquire one at a special price.

Little Annie was formally presented to the Cadets at a handover ceremony a few days ago. Those attending included: Lions Club President Derek Smith and District Governor Godwin Micallef. Many of the 12 Cadets of the Ferndown Division with their Officer in Charge, Mr Paul Penny. Cadet age range is 10 – 18 years but there were also some Badgers present, age range 5 – 10. Other local officers were the Ferndown Combined Badger Set Leader, Mrs Paula Penny and the Ferndown Adult Division Superintendent Mrs Joyce Mullet. Senior personnel included St Johns Ambulance County Commissioner, Mr David Knobbs, the Deputy Commissioner Youth Mr Andrew Kinch and the County Staff Officer Cadets East Mrs Sally Martin.

In making the presentation Lion President Derick Smith complemented the uniformed Cadets on their smart turnout. He said "It's a pleasure to see so many enthusiastic youngsters at an event like this. It convinces me that "Little Annie" has found a good home with the Ferndown Cadets and that, some time in the future, some person, possibly an accident victim or with a sports injury, is going to be very grateful for the life saving training that these Cadets will receive."



Lions run helps Macmillan Nurses

Goring, Woodcote & District Lions Club monthly meeting in Caversham Heath Golf Club, on Monday 16th April 2007, presented to the local Macmillan Nurses.

The funds raised by the Lions Club Annual 10k Run on 7th January this year enabled the Club President Audrey Shorrocks to present a cheque for £3,659.86 to Ellen Woodall, representative of Macmillan Nurses in the Reading Area.

At the same time additional personal cheques totalling a further £301, donated by individual runners who had raised their own sponsorship at this event for Macmillan Cancer Support and Sue Ryder, were also presented to Ellen Woodall.

Get an Eyeful



Get an Eyeful of Swanwick Lions idea for raising money for Sight First 11.

We had a Brown Money collection on a Saturday at the local shopping centre accompanied by a band of musicians and we collected £167.00 towards our pledged sum.

The Eye is made of small coins and was a great talking point. Lion Marian Rose



"Lodden Valley Lions got stuck in again for District Clean Up Month. They helped with a litter pick for the Tadley Town Council Spring Clean Week and collected lots of rubbish around the local swimming pool

grounds. Jo Slimmin, a local councillor said "the Lions always come to help at this event and others throughout the year and we are very grateful for their support."

What a good job I have a local 'mole' or I would not have known what a great job they do!"

Jim Storey, DECA



"Fleet Lions did their bit for the environment by helping rebuild a river! Well it was a stream actually. The Gelvert Stream is the main source of water for Fleet Pond, a SSSI and the largest freshwater lake in Hampshire. Its banks

have become gullied as dogs slide into it. The rain then washes more soil away and suddenly you have no path along the bank. We piled with willow staves, interwove branches and then backfilled with soil. And all of this in the pouring rain. Not so much Lions as drowned rats but satisfied that we'd served the environment of our local community a bit more. We made some new chums too."

Many thanks for all your articles please keep them coming Lion Peter Garlick—Editor