



Ordinary People
Amazing Things

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



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MY VISIT TO THE CHANNEL ISLANDS

The saying goes that the best laid plans of mice & men.....

The plan was to take the car on the Fast Cat from Weymouth to Jersey on Monday 12th for the Jersey meeting ...fly to Guernsey the following day for their meeting returning to Jersey & have a 3 day break with the car before attending Jersey Charter on

Saturday 17th returning home on the Fast Cat on Monday the 19th. However although we left home in time to make the 79 miles to Weymouth in time for the Fast Cat we had not anticipated slow cars & a very slow lorry. We arrived at the Ferry port at 6.35 for the 7oclock sailing to be told that they had stopped loading vehicles 5 minutes before and refused to let us on despite the fact that they had not started allowing walking passengers on. The girl in the office said that there was nothing that she could do until 9'oclock & there was not another Fast Cat until Friday!

So we traveled the 79 miles back ...rushed into the house ...phoned FlyBe & had 20 minutes to repack cases for Air travel (you know what its like when you take a car everything goes on the back seat!) Our neighbour sped us down the M27 to the airport & we made the flight.

Coming home though we had a 3 and a ½ hour delay!

The little flight between the Islands was an experience ...it was like sitting in the backseat of a 1960's minionly 4 passengers going & 14 on the return! So noisy with the propeller about 6inches from your window!

Apart from all this we did enjoy the visits and Jersey Charter although being without the car & poor weather did mean that we spent much of our free time in the hotel.

THE FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE AT THE CENOTAPH



Led by Council Chairman Jeff Byers, Lions wearing colourful sashes paid their respect to those who had paid the ultimate service to their fellow men. I know that there was disappointment that Lions Clubs International were not mentioned by name.

Thank you to all those from our District who did take part. I for one hope that we will be represented again next year and I hope to be there again.

CONVENTION MARCH 7 to 9th

We had two very successful meetings yesterday at Lakeside ...one with the Entertainments Manager & the Chef and the other with the Convention committee.

All is on line for a successful eventPlease come alongthis is YOUR weekend & I am absolutely positive that all of you are in for a treat.

Your Zone Chairmen will keep you up to date with plansBOOKING FORMS are on the 105D web site & it is also being sent from the District Secretary .

£165 is the cost of the full weekend although your partner will have to pay an extra £9,50 if they want to go down to Gun Warf Quaysthis is only for the coach. And it is an extra £2 for a badge.

For those partners who wish to stay on site there are full leisure facilities at your disposal.

PLEASE BOOK EARLY & it will be easier for me if you could book at the same time as other club members.

I am told that there are resuscitation facilities on hand for those overcome by the gymslips!

This is not a sexist remark...There is no reason why some male lions could not wear gymslips.



LORD MAYOR of LONDON'S SHOW.

It was indeed a privilege to be given tickets for the stand outside St Paul's to watch the

parade. Over the past two years I had been involved with the organization of 'our bit' but had never imagined the atmosphere created by the whole parade.

It was a very special day for us.

BERT MASON AWARDS

Many of you may have known & have fond memories of the only MD105 International President Bert Mason who died recently.

A few years ago THE BERT MASON HUMANITARIAN AWARD was established for those Lions who had served their community. Some clubs in our District have made this award to deserving members.

As a mark of respect for PIP Bert each District was asked by Council to give this award to a member of their DistrictI am asking you all to think of someone deserving of this award in your club and send their name to me with a citation as to why you think they should receive the awardthis will be at no cost to your clubHowever there will only be one presented ..but of course there is no reason why as a club you could not give this award ...The cost is £350. (£150 goes to the Youth Trust, £150 to LCIF & £50 for the Administration/plaque etc) Names to me by DEC 31st

And now a totally new Award is to be made by MD105THE BERT MASON TROPHY for SERVICES TO YOUTH. Each District Governor is being asked to put forward a name. Again I ask you if you know of any member in your club that you feel deserved to be considered for this award could you please let me know their name & the reason why you think they deserve this accolade ...again by DEC 31st

It is with great sadness to report the sudden death of PDG Jack Marks who served as our District Governor in 1986-87.

He was President of Gosport in 1976-77 and soon after transferred to Fareham. In the late 80's he moved to Alice Springs in Australia and was soon involved in Lions Activities such as Camel racing.

The last time I saw him was at David Firth's handover in Trowbridge.

He was an ex-army man and was affectionally known as Captain Jack! All events were treated like campaigns!

There is to be a memorial service in the UK in the New Year. He is survived by his son Alec.

DIARY DATES

DECEMBER

10th Fareham CV
12th Wokingham CV

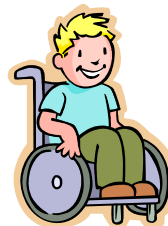
JANUARY

7th Boscombe CV
8th Crofton CV
9th Romsey CV
10th Ringwood & Fordingbridge CV
14th Swanage
18th/19th YOUNG AMBASSADOR District Finals
20th CABINET
21st Cosham CV
25th/27th COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW MEMBERS

Blackmore Vale.....Roy Scholfield
Cowes.....Aquila Read, Brian Read
Christchurch.....Pamela White, Michael White
Guernsey.....Sheila Cunningham, Mike Johns,
John McLoghin, Angela Waters
Swanage.....Ian Lomax
Westbury.....Richard Mantle, Mike Pearce
Woodley & Earley....Catherine Meakes

*Happy Christmas full of Fun
and Friendship
And a Prosperous and Healthy
New Year....Pat & Eric Nixon*



'Wheelchairs For Africa'

Please ignore the article in the October issue for wheelchairs as it had already been completed.



Lion Marilyn Skennerton was persuaded to represent Hayling Island Lions Club for Children in Need, and take part in a sponsored swim off

the beach on Hayling. Her words were 'I am not sure how I get talked into these things but swim I did and I do have to say it wasn't as bad as I thought'. The sea was freezing cold but as the sun was shining I just convinced myself I was in the South of France. There were 10 of us including 4 local councillors (one of which was the Mayor), a representative from the local Residents Association, the local Steam Railway, the Market Town Initiative, a local landlady and myself. Not only did we swim but a union jack was taken in with us and the whole group stood singing 'Rule Britannia' while the waves lapped around us. Who else would do that? Only the Brits could be that mad. Any way it was straight over to the local pub for a hot cuppa and a warm in front of their lovely log fire and I managed to raise over £350 in sponsorship so it was all for a good cause.



Lions Awareness Event



The Gosport and Lee on the Solent Lions Club arranged a Lions Awareness Event at Gosport market on Saturday 3 November. (We could not get a date in October).

The Club used the opportunity to raise the awareness of our club within the local community by chatting to local people and handing out leaflets to Hopefully attract new members. We also promoted the Message In A Bottle project. We held a guess the teddy competition for the children. The teddy was won by Lottie Perry-Evans of Gosport who chose the name Fluffy. Winner picked by Alison Patterson of Southampton. We raised a total of £56.50 on the day although we did not set out to raise money on this occasion. Lion Carole Gratton



Lions from Zone K have done a little to help the less fortunate young people of Rukungiri in Uganda. Over 40 Lions and friends from Farnborough, Fleet, Hart and Yateley loaded 700 boxes - yes that's 10 tonnes - into a shipping container in 2½ hours. The local charity Revive 'n' Thrive collects old

tools, renews them and sends them to where there they make a real difference to people's lives. Fleet Lion Steve Cook ran the exercise like a well oiled machine. "It was hard work undertaken in a great team spirit and I thought I even heard someone say that they actually enjoyed it!" The shipment contained craft enabling tools, sewing machines, kitchen and school equipment and much more to help the children of the district, have a proper diet, a roof over their heads, study at school, undergo



vocational training, learn a trade, and possess the necessary tools to make a living. Also to provide the resources,

tools and equipment for the grandparent generation to undertake the task of mentoring the children who have largely lost one or both parents to AIDS. There are approximately 1000 children in the school 60% of whom can be considered to be orphans, and often shoulder the responsibility for younger siblings.

Lion Jim Storey

A GRAND DAY OUT FOR THE LIONS AT THE LORD MAYOR'S SHOW.

November 10th was a splendid day for the City of London Lord Mayor's Show where fifty Lions enjoyed themselves taking part in the parade.

For nearly 800 years this procession has taken place each year unscathed by such events as the Black Death, the Fire of London or the blitz. There were over half a million spectators excitedly and enthusiastically lining the route with a further 10 million watching on TV. They saw the procession start with a flypast and then



led by the 680th Lord Mayor, David Lewis, in his magnificent coach followed by 6000 people in the parade which included military personnel some recently returned from Afghanistan, 190 horses, carriages, 24 marching bands

and 70 floats etc. The procession was nearly three miles long and timed to perfection. Our Lion contingent was told the precise time to the minute and second that we were to pass the Mansion House, wave to the Lord Mayor and then wave to our DGs who were in a stand opposite displaying a large Lion's banner.



Lions districts had worked together to organise our float which consisted of a giant inflatable globe of the world encircled with the words "Lions Community Service Around The World" and

an open top bus with our logos, flags and on the top deck Leos and members of the Special Olympics Team. Our marching contingent was led proudly by the Lion



flag bearers. We wanted maximum publicity of course, but the driver of the golf buggy to which the helium filled balloon was tethered balked at the suggestion we should add more helium so that the balloon, he and the buggy could fly away over the City rooftops like ET or Mary Poppins. Now that would have been on the news.

Lion Richard Smith

Thanks Richard it was a great fun day, but I think a few of us were a bit 'croaky' and tired after approximately 4 miles walk. Editor

A Message from your Editor

Many thanks for all your articles **Please keep them coming**, remember it is good to share your ideas, thus hopefully other clubs making even more money for charity. May I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year Peter



Burnham Lions Celebrate a Double

Members of the Lions Club of Burnham are celebrating that for the second year running the South Buckinghamshire District Council has recognised the clubs outstanding voluntary work in the community.

Last year, the then Vice President Marilyn Rolfe won the award for her contribution to youth projects which included the Peace Poster Competition, a District winner Young Musician followed by a District winner Young Ambassador.

This year as President of the Club she was proud to receive on behalf of the members the Community Group Contribution Award for the clubs activities in supporting the community in many ways.

Burnham Lions Club was formed just eight years ago, identified the needs of the community, tried to meet those needs and has built up a strong reputation through the efforts of its members who now appreciate the recognition shown by their Council.

Christchurch Lions Blindfolded Walk



It was a reversal of roles when Christchurch Lions marked World Sight Day with the blind leading the blindfolded on a guided walk from Christchurch Priory to the Mayor's Parlour.

The vicar, the Rev. Canon Hughes and the mayor, Councillor Josephine Spencer, joined Lion President Liz Poole, 11 Lions Club members and Iris Burton-Cave, with her guide dog Maurice, for a walk through the High Street, with some of the Lions donning blindfolds, to highlight the work of the Lions International movement in the field of vision.

Every year the Christchurch Lions collect thousands of unwanted spectacles for the annual Spec Trek appeal for distribution to third world countries.

Grand Charity Horse & Dog Show in aid of Julia's House Children's Hospice and the Wessex Cancer Trust Daisy Appeal

The Dorset Charity Horse and Dog Show that was organised by Wimborne & Ferndown Lions and took place on Saturday 16 June at Homelands Farm, near Three Legged Cross. The net proceeds of the event were only a few pounds short of £3000 so the Lions Club has topped the total up to that amount.

The event was run in aid of two charities whose representatives, to Mr. Philip Dean of Julia's House Children's Hospice and Mr. Paul Herington of The Wessex Cancer Trust Daisy Appeal were each



presented with a cheque – a physically large cheque! – for £1,500.00 at The Bridge House Hotel in Longham on the evening of Tuesday 25th September. Members of the Club and distinguished

guests had an enjoyable dinner followed by short speeches from the two charities. Then the presentation was made by the Wimborne and Ferndown Lions Club's President, Lion Godwin Micallef.

Photo shows (left to right) Mr. Paul Herington Chief Executive Wessex Cancer Trust, Lion President Godwin Micallef, and Mr. Philip Dean of Julia's House Children's Hospice. Lion John Wilson

Here Comes a Whizzbang



More than 5,000 people watched the annual fireworks display at Newbury Racecourse which has raised about £18,000 for charity with another £2,000 going to other Lions Clubs. The 25 minute display, set to action



here theme tunes opened with a 16ft diameter poppy firework in recognition of Remembrance Sunday the following day. Members of the Royal British Legion collected donations and sold poppies on the night. The President of organisers of the Newbury Lions Club, Colin Mansell, said "I would like to day an enormous thank you to the sponsors and the public for their support. "We were not expecting so many people".



The money will go to local good causes and the International Lions appeal fund for national appeals. Spectator Marcus Morgan, from Newbury said, "I thought they were really good actually. I thought they were a lot better than they have been in the past. Suppliers Fireworks & FX Advanced Pyrotechnics Ltd had to replace £8,000 worth of fireworks meant

for the display, after they were stolen from licensed storage premises in Boxford on 23rd November. Spectator David Cain, from Newbury, said that the people responsible for the thefts should be locked up, but it was good to see that the display went ahead. Mr. Mansell said "The firework company bent over backwards to restock." "A big thank you to them for pulling out all the stops and organising the replacements."

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