



Ordinary People  
Amazing Things

# The International Association of Lions Clubs DISTRICT 105D - FEBRUARY 2010



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## The DG's Ponderings

Like many of you my pre Christmas plans did not work out as I would have wished! Snow saw many clubs, especially in the north of the District, having to cancel some of their Christmas activities.

Whilst clubs will have lost some money, I do believe we those that cancelled events, took the right decisions as the conditions of the pavements and many side roads meant venturing out would have been very foolish.

We all hoped for better things in the New Year but again snow interrupted plans! I was unable to carry out 6 planned club visits but I have now completed 1 and the others have been re-timetabled.

re-launched in the Multiple District. I know that some Lions and clubs feel that there are too many Youth projects but I would ask you to consider this idea very carefully as it could be used to help individuals in our communities and could lead to finding candidates for other projects. It could also lead to increased interest in Lions and possibly more members.

## 2. National Arboretum

Many clubs have supported the appeal for the shelter at The National Arboretum and I thank them for doing so. If you have not already done so, please consider making a pledge to this very worthwhile and useful project which will be a wonderful memorial to 60 years of Lionism.

## 3. Haiti

As we all know the earthquake in Haiti is an enormous disaster affecting hundreds of thousands of people. The survivors are facing tremendous problems. The other evening a survivor was shown being rescued after being buried for over 7 days. He was expected to leave hospital in a couple of days but where would he be going? He and so many others have nothing. What are the Lions doing? Whilst we are not essentially a Disaster Relief Agency, LCIF made an immediate grant of \$50,000 within hours of the earthquake. Local Lions are being aided by groups from all over the world and Sweden for example, have sent 200 tents to provide shelter and \$900,000 had been contributed by Lions clubs as at 26<sup>th</sup> January. The Chairman of LCIF Al Brandel and his wife Dr Maureen Murphy are currently in Haiti helping to distribute aid and to discuss what can be done in the future. Lions will be there for many years to come helping to rebuild the homes and infrastructure in what is a very poor country, All this will need money and, if you have not done so, I would urge all clubs to consider making a donation to LCIF via our District Treasurer. We know that this money will be used by Lions for Lions and that every pound will be used to help those suffering so much. Please see the LCIF website for up to date detail.

## 1. Youth



One event which did take place was the Young Ambassador/Youth Symposium in Bournemouth. Congratulations to DO Lion Richard High for all his efforts in making this such a success. Also congratulations must go to our Young Ambassador for 2010 Rebecca Bellworthy and the Eastleigh Club for supporting her. We wish her well in the MD finals in Dudley in February. The Young Leader in Service Award is due to be

**4. Good Ideas** Lions Hope for Haiti Appeal  
Lion President Tony Baker has told me that New Milton Lions are to open a Charity Shop from 5th to 13th February at 110 Station Road especially to raise funds for the Haiti appeal. They are leafleting their area asking for quality items that people may like to offer, for them to sell but not electrical items or large Furniture. New Milton would welcome contributions from other clubs which should be brought to the shop on Friday 5th February or visit the shop which will be open until Saturday 13th February, to buy.

#### 5. District Convention 2010.

This is getting very close now. It is to be at Wokefield Park, near Reading from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> March. Fleet Lions are continuing to work very hard to ensure this is a first class event. The Convention Brochure is complete and has been sent to clubs via Cabinet members or by post to Club Secretaries. It can also be downloaded by scrolling to the bottom of the programme page of the Convention website (see below) and clicking the link or, from the District 105D Website, [www.lions105d.org.uk/about/convention.html](http://www.lions105d.org.uk/about/convention.html) Please be patient, the papers will take a few minutes to download. Please get your bookings for Convention in as soon as possible. We need you! Please will all Club Secretaries ensure that the Delegate Registration forms are returned to the District Secretary as a matter of urgency even if no one from your club is attending? The Convention website – [www.diamondconvention.org.uk](http://www.diamondconvention.org.uk) gives full details about Convention. I look forward to seeing you there. Our International guest Lion Dr Patti Hill will also be attending the 105SW Convention and will be the International guest at the UN Day at the House of Commons on 16<sup>th</sup> March.

#### 6. Membership

Membership remains a major problem for the District. We are gaining new members but unfortunately we are losing more members than we gain! Congratulations to those clubs who have gained members this year. Many clubs are planning Membership Drives in the next few months and I wish them well in those endeavours. Please remember that the MERL team is always there to offer help and advice.

#### 7. MD Convention 2010

The MD Convention is to be held in Leeds from Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April until Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. This is a day longer than normal as we are using the event as one of the integral parts of our celebrations of 60 years of Lionism in our MD. In addition to the normal events a special International Dinner will be held on the Thursday night and an International

Show on the Friday afternoon. For further details and booking instructions please see the October/November edition of LION.

#### 8. Club Visits



My first visit after the snows was to my own club Hook and Odiham. It was my first visit for several months as the third Monday in the month is a very busy one for club visits but what made it really special was that not only did the club make a very generous donation to the Air Ambulance Fund but they donated the profit from the raffle held at the District Hanover to the same cause. They decided to do this as they felt that the money had come from members of 105D and should be used for a charity rather than added to their Admin fund. Thank you to Hook and Odiham and to those of you who supported the raffle from me and from Lion John.

#### 9. Charter Anniversaries



Just one attended since Christmas but a very special one! This was Loddon Valley and I believe unique in 105D in that the Vice President and the DG are married so it was two “Goodchildren” for the price of one! However what made it very special was the

awarding of Melvin Jones Fellowships to two Charter members Lions Guy Elliott and Geoff Wheeler who have both given 34 years service to Lionism and their club. A letter to Lion Geoff from Dame Mary Fagan, Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, was also read out thanking Lion Geoff for all his service with the St John's Ambulance Brigade and regretting that she was unable to be at the Charter.

### 10. Welcome to New Members

It gives me great pleasure to welcome the following who have recently become Lions: Janis Chandler (Alton), Roger Dunn (Alton), Michael Moore (Fleet), Kevin Williams (Fleet), Douglas Jones (Jersey), Dawn Rabel (Jersey), David Bull (Meon Valley) and Trevor Jones (Romsey) . I am sure your clubs will make you very welcome and soon get you involved in their activities.

### 11. DG Judith's Jolly Jaunts

1 February Meon Valley	OV
2 February Warminster	OV
3 February Fleet	OV
4 February Hart	OV
5 February Eastleigh	OV
6 February Southampton	MERL
6 February Burnham (Bucks)	10 <sup>th</sup> CA
8 February Fareham	OV
9 February Crofton	OV
10 February Romsey	OV
11 February Trowbridge	OV
15 February South Chilterns	OV
17 February Bradford on Avon	OV
18 February New Forest	OV
20 February Weymouth & Portland	40 <sup>th</sup> CA
22 February Southampton Solent	OV
23 February Maidenhead	OV
27 February Sandown & Shanklin	CA

*DG Judith and Lion John*

### Christmas Day Harbour Swim in Weymouth



An estimated 5000 people turned out to watch a record entry of 240 swimmers take the plunge on Christmas morning to swim across Weymouth Harbour.

Swimmers are invited by the Lions to raise

sponsorship for a Charity/Cause of their choice and the Lions understand that over £14, 000 has been pledged / raised so far with more to follow. A street collection by the Lions, along with entry fees, raised over £2000 on the day.



This event has been organised by the Lions since 1978 when only a dozen or so swimmers took part.

### Bournemouth Lions Donation to Cherry Tree



Lion Jim Martin presenting a cheque on behalf of Bournemouth Lions Club for £300 to Jessica Davies the Manager of Cherry Tree Nursery towards the purchase of a new mini-bus.

**Cherry Tree Nursery** was founded in 1990 and offers sheltered work rehabilitation in a supportive, safe environment for adults with severe and enduring long-term mental health problems. 1 in 4 of the adult population suffer at some time in their lives from a mental health problem and schemes like this are few and far between.

The work in the Nursery varies from taking cuttings, laying concrete paths to delivering plants or just making the tea.



There is a wide range of social activities such as outings, camping trips, visits to the theatre and even day trips to France which is why a new mini bus was so badly needed.

Ses Harley the Driver of the new mini bus proudly showing off the keys.

**Lion Chris Micallef**

## Young Ambassador Final



Sophie Attwell, Wimborne and Ferndown, Rebecca Bellworthy Eastleigh, Tim McGonagle, Cosham, Chantal LeRusse, Jersey, Georgia Marshall, Poole

The weekend of 15/16 January saw the District round of the Young Ambassador competition, the first that I have been involved in and the culmination of months of paperwork, e-mails and phone calls. 5 excellent candidates were put forward by clubs from across the District, representing a range of projects. They all gave detailed and confident speeches about themselves and the causes they choose to support. After reviewing the portfolios and interviewing the contestants, the judges eventually chose Rebecca, put forward by Eastleigh Lions club, as the winner.

As well as the competition, the weekend included guest speakers giving presentations about Lions youth work both in the District and further afield. These included information on a Youth Exchange that took place in our district in 2008, with detailed accounts from participants read out to the congregation. Also, PCC Chris Iles travelled from SE to talk to us about the Belarus Project and the work done to help areas in Belarus affected by Chernobyl. TACADE featured, along with the work of the School Liaison Officer.

Ultimately, the weekend belonged to the 5 youths that showed us that 'the youth of today' aren't all bad, and it is a shame that only one of our candidates can go through to the Multiple District round. As District Governor Judith proclaimed, they were all winners.



We would like to thank Hinton Firs for their assistance in making sure the weekend went as smoothly as possible, and I hope to see as

many Lions as possible there next year.

DO Lion Richard High

Bradford on Avon lions club has started their annual Christmas fund raising efforts. With buckets outside Sainsbury's on Saturday they collected over £400. The picture shows lions Stuart Lock, Ken Duck and Vera Mercer.



They say the camera never lies but I am sure this was not taken on the 12th May 2009 !!!! **Editor**



## **POOLE LIONS BOAT TRIP**

Join Us Aboard the  
**PURBECK PRINCESS**  
From  
**POOLE QUAY**



Thursday 10th June 2010 7:30pm

Includes FISH & CHIP SUPPER £15.00  
Bar on Board Fireworks @ 10.00pm

For more details please email:-  
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## **A Message from your Editor**

Apologies for the delay in this issue due to only receiving 5 articles for this issue.

This is your newsletter so please let me have your news, next issue will close on the 25th March

**Lion Peter Garlick**