

The International Association of Lions Clubs DISTRICT 105D - DECEMBER 2010



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"Make your mark on the world"



'Attendees at District Leadership Institute'

Well here we are and it's hard to believe that I am halfway through my year already. I know from my club visits during November that all our clubs are getting the sleighs oiled and checked out ready to spend chilly evenings walking the streets spreading the good news of Lions and providing a very visual method of public awareness whilst also raising funds to help

others. It is obvious also that fellowship is very much in evidence as clubs prepare for their Christmas get togethers.

November brought a mixed bag as regards my activities. Mike and I had a very pleasant weekend in Guernsey attending the Guernsey Charter on the Saturday night and looking at various landmarks on the Sunday. At last I have found somewhere on a par with my native Ireland – roads are closed with one diversion sign and then no more, even those who live there get lost!! Still it's very nice to live somewhere which has an abundance of free parking!!

The following weekend was the Lord Mayors Show on the Saturday and the Remembrance Ceremony at the Cenotaph on the Sunday. Mike and I have attended the former many times but usually walking in the parade as Mike chaired the organising committee for many years when he was in 105A but this was the first time we have seen the whole parade from the stand. For those who didn't see it on TV we had a very visual display for the world to see – congratulations to David Taylor and Reg Norton as our representatives on the organising committee. Sunday was very different and I don't think I have ever felt so honoured and humble as I had the privilege as your District Governor to join thousands of others marching past the Cenotaph in silence. The rain

held off till just towards the beginning of the march past so by the time we had marched down Whitehall and back up into Horse Guards Parade we were all soaked but the discomfort we felt was nothing to what those who experienced the wars did – something we were proud to remember.

The following weekend was the first District Leadership Institute where with Graham Drayton and Mike, assisted by Pauline McCreanor and Caroline Shephard, we went through a rigorous weekend programme of leadership skills for the 12 attendees – 5 of whom were younger Lions. Each of the Lions who attended now have a mentor from among the Faculty who will work with that person to develop their action plans for future membership growth and involvement. In between Mike and I dashed out for a Charter on the Saturday night and on the Sunday I had the honour to present a 50 year membership certificate signed by our Royal Patron to PDG Lion Ian Imray of Fleet Lions. Heartiest congratulations Ian from the whole of this District and thank you Fleet for putting on such a splendid occasion to honour Ian and his wife.

And so to the end of the month with club visits sandwiched in between and a trip to Birmingham along with 1st Vice Ron and RDC Chairperson Pauline for an Multiple District Membership meeting chaired by the MD Membership Officer PDG Rod Weale. Finally Sunday was spent assisting Mike on club duties at Wokingham Winter Carnival.

December I have planned no visits which gives me the opportunity to get involved again with club activities. Mike and I are going to Ireland for the New Year returning in time for Mike to run the 1st VDG's training in Solihull on 7/8/9 January and then its back into club visits again and Charter Anniversaries. If you haven't yet organised your charter and would like me to attend I still do have some dates available in my diary so please contact me by email or letter as soon as possible. Much of the evenings this month will be spent planning the business side of the convention in March, as we have to use external printers this year for the programme they have an earlier cut-off date for supply of material than previously.



Yes we can!

Mike and I wish you all a joyous Christmas with your family and friends but do spare a thought for those who may be lonely or on their own at Christmas. We will return refreshed in the New Year to carry on leading this District into 2011 which will become in July VDG Ron's year. Please do respond to his letter re District Officer posts, it is perhaps one of the hardest jobs to do in preparation for being District Governor and Ron is quite rightly, with my total approval, starting as early as possible.



See you in January **DG Brigid and Mike**

PS. Don't forget, beat the VAT increase and get included in the draw for a free weekend at your Convention – BOOK BY 31ST DECEMBER 2010

New members in October

I would like to welcome the following new members who joined clubs in this District in October:

- Bracknell Forest – Veronica Tacke
- Christchurch – Timothy Cooke
- Hayling Island – David Morris, Lefteris Sergidis
- New Milton – Keith Wicketts
- Portsmouth – James McGregor
- Reading – Elaine Elliman
- Sandown & Shanklin – Derek Llewellyn
- Windsor – Christian de Pace
- Wokingham – Vicky Jackson
- Woolmer Forest – Patricia Payne

GOLF DAY FUNDS PUT TO GOOD USE



Alton Lions President Graham Dix presents Tony Causton, Manager at Alton's Cardiac Rehabilitation (REHAB Centre) with a cheque for £1600 raised from the Lions Rehab Golf Day held this summer at the Test Valley Golf Club and won by the Wheaty Wallies from the Wheatsheaf Pub in Alton. The donated funds will be used to obtain new equipment needed for the centre such as a recumbent exercise bike, which provides additional lumbar support and is easier to use for more elderly clients.

ALTON LIONS AND THE LIONS WORLD SIGHT WEEKEND



The World Health Organization has estimated that the number of blind people in the world could double in the next 25 years. To combat the leading causes of blindness and assist in preserving vision, Alton Lions Club participated in the Lions World Sight Weekend on Saturday 16 October.

"It is estimated that 40million people around the world are blind," said Graham Dix President of Alton Lions Club. "On Lions World Sight Weekend, Alton Lions worked in unison with Lions clubs around the world to learn about the difficulties faced by blind and partially sighted people." This year British Isles and Ireland Lions Clubs wanted to build on the success of last years World Sight Day when 70 Clubs took part by increasing the number to over 100.

This year Alton Lions took a party from the Alton Branch of Open Sight on a walk around Alton guided by David Hall from the Alton Town Walks Organisation. The intention was to provide an enjoyable event and to understand more about the problems encountered in completing a walk of this nature. The morning started at the Assembly Rooms where Alton Town Mayor David Willoughby and his wife Margaret joined for coffee and special cake from Tizzie's. Suitably fortified the group started their journey from 'The Cairn' and completed it an hour and a half later after enjoying an educative and sunny tour around the town.

Pictured are the group as it started out from 'The Cairn' including from Open Sight Kate Ellis, Renata Ross, Bruce and Irene Slorance, James Gunner and Jim Brandon, local Open Sight Chairman Graham de Neiderhausen, Lions Gordon Adams, Derek Shaw and David Warner and Town Mayor David Willoughby.



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10-10-10 Conkers for charity



At the Orchard Open Day held by Cross Lanes Fruit Farm, Mapledurham, near Reading on Sunday 10th October Goring Woodcote Lions Club held their Annual Conker Challenge successfully raised £172 in donations towards Lions Clubs charities.

Fortunately the weather on the day was perfect for enjoying this good age old traditional British game of conkers. The photograph shows the winner Will Hudson aged 13 years of age, from Newbury, who recorded an unbeaten "4 lifer" and his 11 year old brother Matthew who came second on the day with a score of 2.

All competitors were provided with a fresh conker which they could select themselves together with a length of string in return for a voluntary £1 donation. Instruction on how to play, with a copy of the "official rules of engagement" were available for novices as well as safety equipment for anyone who deemed it necessary.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?



Recently Pangbourne, Theale and District Lions Club celebrated its 38th or should it be 1st Charter Anniversary at the Calcot Hotel near Reading? Why the question mark? Well back in April last year I, as District

Governor, received a request from the then South Chilterns Club to change its name. Lion President David Armsdon explained in his speech that this was requested because the name South Chilterns was not an area recognised by the general public and it was felt that naming two places that the club served would make it more relevant. He also said that they had recently made a donation to the school at Pangbourne and hoped that the parents would now identify with the club and could be a source of help and even membership. The need for members was one reason for the change and a membership drive was planned for the coming months with the first part being in Theale in November. He presented Tony Palmer with a certificate of thanks for all the work that he had put into the changeover.

IPDG Judith said in her response that she had been amazed at the speed at which the name change was actioned by Oak Brook. Within a week of sending in the request the Oak Brook website had been changed! She also said that the South Chilterns Club had had a proud history but that the Pangbourne, Theale and District Lions Club had a proud future and she wished them well with their membership drive and future events. It was her great pleasure to present the "New Charter" to Lion President David Armsdon.



Shelter for the lads

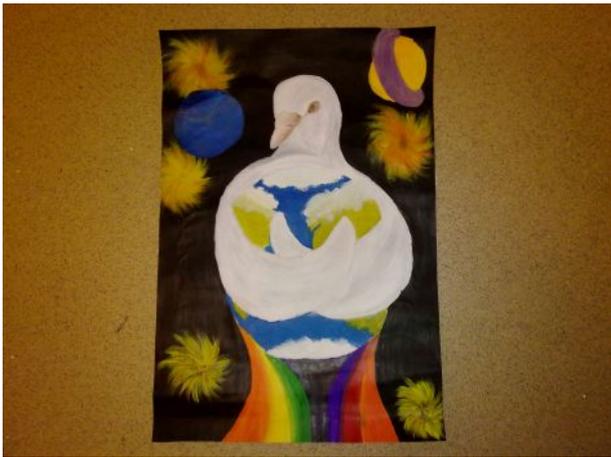
When Wimborne and Ferndown Lions Club heard that Holt United Youth FC had had their pitch vandalised, they wanted to help. The pitch repairs were already in hand however, so instead the Lions donated two shelters for the boys and their "stuff".

Youth FC president Paul Barlow said that the shelters would obviously be a great benefit to the boys, particularly as at this age, when they can be substituted and reintroduced later in a game, it is important to keep them and their muscles warm in order to minimise the risk of injury. The picture shows Lion President Anne Lippitt with the Holt team in front of the shelters.

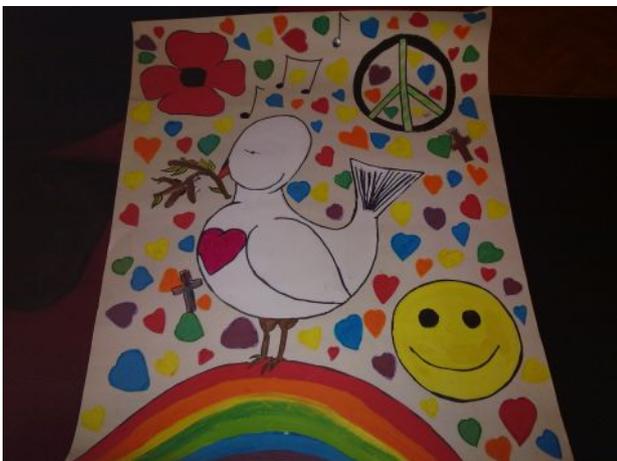


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105D Peace Poster Results - 2010



1st. Charly Clark - age 13 sponsored by Burnham - "Universal Peace"



2nd. Fiona Fizz - age 12 sponsored by Wimborne and Ferndown -



"The Dove of Peace"
3rd. Jack Gilbert - age 11 sponsored by Crofton

Thank you to all clubs that submitted entries this year.
Lion Frances Bond
Peace Poster and Poetry Advisor

Lions of Woodley and Earley 30th Anniversary.



The Lions members donned their best suits and posh frocks and ditched their tabards for one night only to celebrate their 30th anniversary.



Full of pride members past and present gathered for a rewarding evening at the Sonning golf club to toast the roaring success of the current and past years.

Achievement awards were handed out by Brigid Hendy the District governor to our Club President Malcolm Mortimer and current members, Philip Barry, for the work he does collecting used spectacles for our Spectrek appeal where these are then sent out to developing countries, and Graham Cook, for his past dedication to Lionism.

Not only has the Lions club been making a significant contribution to the communities' local causes but it has also proved to be a solid foundation for friendship, the clubs members make a significant difference through their hard work dedication and teamwork in raising these funds.

Amongst many of the contributions that The Lions of Woodley and Earley have made during their 30 years of fund raising include, funding of a swimming pool for disabled children, the fitting out of sensory rooms in Bridges Centre and recently Loddon Court, a new Readibus for the community, Special wheelchairs for improving quality of life, The Alexander Devine appeal, Earley First Responders kit and not forgetting their all important Christmas Hampers.

Sorry Ally could not use other pics as resolution when enlarged were very poor - Editor

A message from your Editor

Firstly sorry for the delay in this issue due to holidays and some articles coming in late.

Many thanks for your articles, the next issue closes 24th January 2011.

May I wish all readers a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Lion DO Peter Garlick.



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