



Ordinary People
Amazing Things

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Xmas

I hope that you all had a wonderful Xmas.

I am sure that the lead up to Xmas was very busy for a number of Clubs who had organised various Father Xmas events, Xmas parties and many other Festive Activities.

I hope that all your events were very successful.

I managed to get some time away from my DG duties and was able to perform some of my own Wimborne & Ferndown Club's Xmas duties.

In my case, it was a Pub-crawl on the Friday night seeking donations towards the costs of our 180 Xmas Parcels. I was surprised that I actually knew where the Pubs were!

On the Sunday morning we met to make the parcels up which, as the photo shows, meant walking around the tables and placing the various items in each bag. On completion we were all given a list of 8 to 10 recipients of our parcels and we all went off to deliver them.

I am sure that the fact that someone had considered them, and spent a few minutes having a chat, gave as much pleasure as the parcels themselves did.



Happy New Year

I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year that will be very special for Lions Clubs International.

We have a number of Anniversaries to celebrate this year, 2007.

- * The 90th anniversary of our Association.
- * The 50th anniversary of Leo Clubs.
- * The 20th anniversary of the Peace Poster contest.
- * The 20th anniversary of accepting women as Lions club members.

This will certainly be a year to remember.

Club Visits

We are half way through our Lions year and I have visited 45 Clubs and 2 Branch Clubs so far. Only 22 Clubs and 1 Branch to go!!

I have enjoyed meeting everyone and it is good to hear that most Clubs are keeping Membership in mind as, unfortunately, we are still losing more members than we have gained.

Gaining new members isn't just a numbers game. It is about being able to continue with our Community Service in the future and, hopefully, increasing our commitments by having additional members.

I have heard Clubs talk about reducing, or even stopping, events due to insufficient volunteers being available for Activities.

If your Club is in this situation, why don't you consider working in partnership with other nearby Clubs?

An ideal subject to discuss at your Zone meetings.

As you know, I always end this section by asking that you contact the MERL team to help you with Membership aspects. The Team members will try and provide you with guidance and help.
You only have to ask.

District Convention

Our 42nd Annual District Convention is being held at Norton Grange, on the Isle of Wight, from 16th to 18th March 2007.

The Booking forms have been distributed to Clubs and are also on our District web site. The cost for the weekend is £145, which is excellent value.

Please book as early as possible so that the Convention Committee can ensure that everyone is catered for.

Obituary

It is with great sadness and regret that I have to inform you of the loss of the following Lions in November: -

Lion **Jack Grimmer** Lions Club of Swanage
Lion **Philip Thearle** Lions Club of Newport

Youth Activities

The District Young Ambassadors finals are taking place on 13th and 14th January 2007.

There is a Youth Forum / Workshop on the 14th January, starting at 10:00 a.m., at Ocean View Hotel, East Overcliff Drive, Bournemouth, Dorset BH1 3AR.

We would like to see as many Lions as possible there to discuss our future Youth activities.

New Members

I would like to give a warm welcome to the following Lions who joined Clubs in our District in **November** 2006.

Bournemouth	Erica Karuuk
Newbury	Valerie Bull
New Milton	Alan Cowap
Poole	Keith Baker
Wimborne & Ferndown	Dee Davis
Windsor	Simon Phillips

Membership Movements

At the end of November we had 1,410 members, which is minus 8 since 1st July.

Hopefully this continued downward trend would be reversed in 2007.

DG's Diary

January

- 6th MD IT Workshop
- 8th New Milton CV
- 9th Bridport CV
- 10th Basingstoke CV
- 11th Westbury CV
- Young Ambassador District Final
- 13th Bournemouth
- 15th Hook & Odiham CV
- 17th Bradford on Avon CV
- 21st Cabinet Meeting
- 22nd South Chilterns CV
- 25th Policy Committee
- Council of Governors -
- 26th to 28th Birmingham

February

- 4th Burnham Charter
- 5th Woolmer Forest CV
- 7th Fleet CV
- 8th Trowbridge CV
- 10th Wareham Charter
- 11th Winter Forum Training/VIA 3
- 12th Blackmore Vale CV
- 14th GMS CV
- 17th Weymouth Charter
- 18th Cosham 40th. Charter
- 21st Loddon Valley CV
- 22nd Slough CV
- 23rd to 25th MD YA Finals - Dudley

Regards,



DG Godwin