



# DISTRICT GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER - 105D NOVEMBER 2008



Ordinary People  
Amazing Things

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## 105D District Service of Thanksgiving & Re-Dedication.

Hosted by the Lions Club of Warminster with their Ladies at St John's Church, Boreham, Warminster and conducted by The Reverend. Lion Denis Brett.

What a wonderful occasion this was and made all the better by the lovely weather on the day with a fantastic performance by the young people of the two local schools, Kingdown School and St John's School, it really was lovely.

The service was attended by many civil and military dignitaries as well as

Lions from all areas of our District, filling the church to capacity and singing their hearts out, it was wonderful, perhaps we should have a Lions choir to raise money for charity? There were certainly some very nice voices there.

A special surprise for Lion Ann and I was to see our own Vicar and Rural Dean The Reverend Graham Morris from the Isle of Wight appear in the congregation, having



taken the trouble to stop off on route to visit his uncle in Wales.



The Ladies of Warminster Lions laid on a superb tea at Kingdown School after the service, which rounded off a fantastic afternoon in our District calendar.

Lion Ann & I would like to extend very

special and grateful thanks to Lion Richard Owen (Secretary of Warminster Lions Club) for all the hard work he put in to arrange the occasion, the President and members of the Lions Club of Warminster for agreeing to take the task on, The Reverend, Lion Denis Brett for putting together and conducting a most enjoyable service and the Ladies of the Lions Club of Warminster for their hard work with providing the excellent refreshments after the service. Also not forgetting the Kingdown School Choir and Mrs Emma Murray, Head of Faculty and St John's School Choir and Ms Sheelagh Wurr, Chair of Governors. Finally many, many thanks to the Lions and other



members of the congregation for being so generous with the offertory, which enabled a sizeable donation to be made to St John's School, the Church and the Creative Arts Faculty at Kingdown School. Thank you all so much. DG Roger & Lion Ann.

## Lion Presidents & Partners Lunch

On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November we have the Lion Presidents & Partners Lunch at The Walhampton Arms, Walhampton Hill, Lymington, Hampshire. 12.30 for 1.00pm. If Lion Presidents are unable to come, please open this up to your Vice President, it would be nice to have representation from as many clubs as possible and would put them in good standing for their year as President. The Multiple District Health & Safety officer will be giving a presentation on how the recent changes in the law apply to us as Lions, it will also be nice to chat and share your experiences as President of your club and talk about any queries you may have on your year so far or vision for the future. If you have not yet returned your booking form to the District Governor, please do so without further delay.

## Lions Diabetes Awareness Month

14<sup>th</sup> November is World Diabetes Day. Can I therefore draw your attention to the October letter from our District Diabetes Officer Lion David Merchant and also hope that your club will be able to do something special for Diabetes Awareness in November.

## Message from Lion Al Brandel Our International President.

I want to ask all Lions to support our "re-branding" efforts. To attract high quality new members to our clubs We must be able to clearly articulate who we are, and why we are important. The eight core messages of the new re-branding process are our way of doing that. I ask every Lion leader to commit them to memory and to bring them to the attention of fellow Lions and the communities we serve.

We are global – We give 100 percent – We are rich in heritage and pride – We are open – We serve where we live – We do it ourselves – We are in good company – We are dedicated to sight-and more.

## Annual Grand Duck Race

I am informed that as reported in the October District Newsletter, the article omitted to report that this is a joint annual event staged by the Lions Club of Southampton Solent and the Lions Club of Swanwick, apologies to Swanwick for the omission, and who contributed to much of the hard work on the day and congratulations to all involved for a spectacular event

## WMMR Membership report to Oak Brook

It is very pleasing to see that we are making good progress, with the majority of club Secretaries now getting used to submitting their reports before the deadline at the end of each month. The October District Governors report from Oak Brook indicates that just three of our clubs in our district missed the deadline, which means that their October report will now have to be included in November. However there are also a further three clubs who have not submitted a membership report, since June 2008. which does give rise for concern, even if there is no change a report should still be submitted. I will be speaking to the President and Secretary of these clubs to see if our District Reports Officer or District Secretary can help in any way, can I also remind those club secretaries who send their reports by email text to the District Reports Officer, for him to put on the Oak Brook WMMR electronically, please send these in by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month to allow sufficient time for the reports to be submitted electronically for you, remember the Reports Officer has 67 clubs to monitor and it is not always possible to access the Oak Brook site at the last minute at the end of the month, when just about every country in the world is trying to do likewise. Please help us to help you and if you need assistance, please ask, both the District Reports Officer and/or the District Secretary are only too willing to try and help you overcome any problems.

**Please Note:** The Oak Brook WMMR site is not accessible 12.15-13.15 GMT Nov-Feb & 11.15-12.15 GMT Mar-Oct .

## Health & Safety Questionnaire

Health & Safety and Risk Assessments are no longer something we do at an event just to satisfy our insurers in the event that we have to make a claim, although we are a voluntary organization, whether we like it or not we now have a legal requirement to implement a Health & Safety policy.

If your club is one of the 25 in our district who have not yet completed and returned the questionnaire sent out in October, can I urge you in the best interest of your Club President and Board of Directors who are deemed to be responsible in law for your club H & S, to do so as soon as possible, although the questionnaire appeared to have been sent out by the District Governor, it was in fact drawn up and circulated to the Districts by the Multiple District Health & Safety Officer to satisfy the requirements of The Government Health & Safety Executive, who will accept that clubs and Districts who respond are indicating that they have a H & S policy in place, those who do not respond are therefore liable to leave themselves open to closer scrutiny by the Health and Safety Executive, once our returns have been submitted.

## Conventions

Dates for your diary: 105D District Convention, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2009 at Warners Norton Grange, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight. The Host Committee have been working hard to ensure that you have a fun packed weekend of Fun and Fellowship. Our International guest will be Lion Ron Luxton from New Zealand and the guest speaker at the Banquet & Ball will be the High Sheriff of the Isle of Wight, Mr Alan Titchmarsh. Booking forms are available on the District WEB site for download and as I travel about the district, indications are that we will have an extremely good attendance.

The Multiple District Convention will be held in Southport 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at the newly refurbished and enlarged conference center, some 750-800 Lions and partners are expected to attend, the International Guest will be a return visit of Past International Director Lion Jimmy Ross, from Texas (the man with the hat)

The International President Lion Al Brandel and his wife Lion Dr Maureen Murphy will be visiting our Multiple District in March 2009, the actual date and venue is yet to be announced.

## Departures to Higher Service.

Sadly we have recently had to say goodbye to Lion Joe Burr Charter Secretary of the Loddon Valley Lions Club and Lion President Misty Morgan of the Blandford Forum Lions Club and earlier this year Lion Peter Taylor of Wokingham Lions Club and Lion Joan Blofield of Woolmer Forest Lions Club. May they rest in peace and be in our thoughts always.

## Welcome to our new found Friends in Lionism.

I am again extremely pleased to welcome the following new members to the 105D family of Lions Clubs International since my last Newsletter, may I congratulate you, wear your Lions lapel pin with pride at all times and be proud to part of our great organization, well done and grateful thanks to your sponsors:-

Allison Turner – Cosham Lions Club. Clare Walker – Christchurch Lions Club. Carol Channing, Donna Sullivan and Jane Tucker – Crofton Lions Club. Greg Butler, Peter Warrick and Vivien Price - Henley on Thames Lions Club. Alan Lovejoy, John Morgan, Linda Barker and Garry Pavitt – Hook & Odiham Lions Club. Craig Franklin, Brian Parker and Nicolas Wharton – Jersey Lions Club. Roy Holland – Lymington Lions Club. Godfrey Best – IW Newport Lions Club. Shirley Tobias – Ringwood & Fordingbridge Lions Club. Harry Neville & Timothy John Isard – IW Sandown & Shanklin Lions Club. Lion Raman Morajee – Slough Lions Club. Bernie Kern, Rebecca Lonergan and Shirley Pamela Claringbou – Southampton Solent Lions Club. Ivor Dugdale-Jenkins – Swanwick Lions Club. Heather Dicker – IW Ventnor Lions Club. Steven Hardy - Wokingham Lions Club. Jay Kundalia - Woodley & Earley Lions Club.

## DG's Diary

### November 2008.-

31 <sup>st</sup> Oct-2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov Council of Governors.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Henly on Thames OV.
5 <sup>th</sup> Swanwick OV.	6 <sup>th</sup> Newport Club Meeting.
7 <sup>th</sup> Guernsey CA.	8 <sup>th</sup> Wimborne & Ferndown CA.
9 <sup>th</sup> Remembrance Parade Fareham.	10 <sup>th</sup> Fareham OV.
11 <sup>th</sup> Sandown & Shanklin OV.	12 <sup>th</sup> Southampton OV.
13 <sup>th</sup> Alton OV.	15 <sup>th</sup> Dorchester CA
17 <sup>th</sup> Windsor OV.	18 <sup>th</sup> Woodley & Earley OV.
19 <sup>th</sup> Zone 3G.	20 <sup>th</sup> New Forest OV.
22 <sup>nd</sup> Jersey CA.	24 <sup>th</sup> Southampton Solent OV.
25 <sup>th</sup> Totton & Eling OV.	28 <sup>th</sup> Waterlooville OV.
29 <sup>th</sup> 105A Deaf Aware Leighton Buzzard.	
30 <sup>th</sup> Presidents Lunch, Lymington.	

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1 <sup>st</sup> Boscombe OV.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wimborne & Ferndown OV.
4 <sup>th</sup> Hart OV.	7 <sup>th</sup> Cabinet Meeting.
8 <sup>th</sup> Blackmore Vale OV.	9 <sup>th</sup> Ryde OV.
10 <sup>th</sup> Cowes Branch OV.	11 <sup>th</sup> Wincanton Dinner.

*DG Roger & Ann*