



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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At the end of September I will be a third of the way through my year of office! To date the pace has been quite slow but as well as Cabinet and District Handover I have had several "outings". Things get busy this month.

A Special Evening at Crofton



I was delighted to be asked to attend a special event on my return from Minneapolis. Crofton Lions invited us to a special party to mark 30 years of Lions Service by Lion Reg Norton. Some 50 friends (mainly Lions) were there to greet Reg who thought he was going out for a quiet drink! For once Lion Reg had little to say as he was so overcome! He was presented with an engraved tankard to mark the occasion. He says he wants to serve for another 20 years and then look for something else to do! Well done Reg!

My first Council of Governor's meeting in

Birmingham. I am lucky that all of the Governors get on well together and we had a very busy but fruitful week end with plenty of camaraderie as well.

One of the things that emerged from the weekend was that the culmative funds from the Bert Mason Awards are growing and need to be used. The Committee that administers the fund would be pleased to hear of any projects that could qualify for funding. Please let me know if you know of any new youth project that could be considered by the committee.

Following on from the Youth Symposium Districts are being asked to support the Young Leader in Service

Awards as a way of rewarding our Young People who serve their Communities and to let the youth know about Lions and what we do. Further details are available on the LCI website. Search for Young Leaders in Service.

Finally: Do you know of any terminally ill or severely ill children who would appreciate receiving post cards from around the world? An Exeter Lion runs a scheme whereby such children are sent post cards by Lions from around the world. Further details are available from me.

Club Visits I visited two clubs last month and thoroughly enjoyed these visits. John and I were made to feel very welcome and both meetings were conducted in a light hearted manner but with a great deal of business transacted. We look forward to many more over the coming months.

Guernsey Donkey Derby



Would you like to visit Guernsey and be Clerk of the Course for our Donkey Derby? We would also like John to be the Starter. Stay the rest of the weekend and see Herm and Guernsey. How could I resist such an invitation! We booked our flights and arrived in Guernsey on a very pleasant Saturday morning. We were driven the scenic route to Saumarez Park where the event was being set up. Having been introduced to the Lions we set out to help, preparing food and other odd jobs. The afternoon was ideal for the event – a lot

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of sun but some cloud and a breeze which obviously kept people off the beaches as they flooded in to the event. I had not had much experience of donkeys but enjoyed leading them to the start and talking to the young jockeys. I was joined by Miss Guernsey (see picture overleaf) to lead the parade before the first race and she returned to present the prizes. Also included were sulky races and I nearly ended up taking part in one of the heats when one driver did not turn up. Luckily a Guernsey Lion stepped into the breach as I did not feel brave enough to drive a sulky! After the event John and I helped clear up. I was pleased to see that the event was well publicised in the Guernsey tourist publications. Congratulations to the Guernsey Lions, and their new Leo Club for staging such a wonderful event.

Next day we had a magical day visiting Herm and then some points of interest on Guernsey itself, before enjoying a meal of local produce. Our thanks go to Lion Tony Corbin and Uschi for inviting us and for being such excellent hosts on Sunday.

Important Diary Dates 2009–2010:

8 October World Sight Day

Oct 11 District Service, Christchurch Priory

Oct 23 Closing date for receipt of nominations for DG, VDGS & resolutions for Convention 2010

Oct 29 Young Ambassador Award Entry Forms to be received by District Officer Richard High

Nov 7 Deadline for clubs to send District Peace Poster entries to District Officer Frances Bond

Nov 24 Deadline for clubs to vote on District Peace Poster competition

Nov 29 DG's Reception for Presidents, Lymington

15-16 Jan 105D Young Ambassador Award Finals, Bournemouth

19-21 Feb MD Young Ambassador Award Finals, Dudley

19-21 March District Convention, Wokefield Park

25 April Spektrek organised by Petersfield Lions

29 April – 2 May MD Convention & 60 Years of Lionism in the British Isles & Ireland Celebrations, Leeds

28 June-2 July International Convention, Sydney, Australia

DG Judith's Jolly Jaunts:

2 September Gosport & Lee on the Solent CV

3 September Dorchester CV

4 September Christchurch CV

5 September Eastleigh CV

7 September Loddon Valley Golf Day & Zone K Meeting

8 September Sandown & Shanklin CV

9 September Cowes CV

10 September Ventnor CV

12 September Basingstoke Disport

13 September Swanwick Charter

14 September Bournemouth CV

15 September Petersfield CV

16 – 20 September Europa Forum, Tampere, Finland

21 September Windsor CV

23 September Wokingham CV

24 September Slough CV

27 September Cabinet Inn at High Post

Welcome to New Members I should like to extend a very warm welcome to the following members who have recently joined our District: David Mitchell (Bournemouth), Chris Houillon (Hook and Odiham). Tim and Deidre Mersey, (Swanage), Anita Drago (Westbury), Teresa North (Wimborne and Ferndown). We also welcome Michael Zeck who has transferred to Wimborne and Ferndown from Berlin. I am sure your clubs will make you very welcome and soon get you involved in their activities.

World Sight Day 8 October 2009

Our Sight officer PDG Patrick Hamblin has written about this in the August mailing and MD have sent out more details in their August mailing. I would urge ALL clubs to take part on this day and to use the occasion as a PR exercise with a view to recruiting new members.

District Service 11 October 2009

This year we return to the ancient and beautiful Priory Church in Christchurch where the first 105D Service of Thanksgiving and Dedication was held in 1993. Afterwards there will be an opportunity to meet with old friends over tea. Booking forms were sent out in the August Club Mailing. Please attend this special service with your local Civic Dignitaries, if you can, as it gives all Lions the opportunity to re-dedicate themselves to Lionism.

Membership and Activities

At the end of June ALL clubs reported by the due date. Unfortunately this did not happen, for whatever reason, in July. Secretaries please ensure that you do submit reports EVERY month. It is vital that we know whether membership is rising or falling and the Activity reports are the only way we learn of all the good work that you do.

Yours in Lionism,

DG Judith and Lion John.

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