



# DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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## DISTRICT CONVENTION



Only 16 days to go! So please book now even if you are coming just for the day. It is to be at Wokefield Park, near Reading from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> March. Whilst Fleet Lions are continuing to work very hard to ensure this is a first class event

it will only be so if **all clubs** and **as many Lions** as possible attend. You have asked for changes and we are implementing these. **This is your Convention.** We need you! It is your Convention and the AGM of District 105D. The Convention website

[www.diamondconvention.org.uk](http://www.diamondconvention.org.uk) gives full details about Convention but we do have four first class workshops, an excellent key note speaker, a vibrant International Guest and an interesting programme for Sunday morning which will include a presentation on LCIF and The Ideal Club as well as a chance to quiz PID Lion Patti Hill on questions relating to Lions Clubs International. We are also hoping to make the Presentation of Awards for the District Competitions more interesting and exciting so if you think you or your club are likely to receive an award please make sure you are there!

The Barn Dance on Friday night will be great fun and the Banquet and Ball will be a very special event. I look forward to seeing you at Convention.

## YOUTH EVENTS

### District Peace Poster Competition.

The winning poster for the 7-8 age group was entered by Westbury Lions with Alton and Blackmore Vale Lions providing the second and third placed posters respectively.

In the 9-10 age group Blackmore Vale Lions provided the winning poster and the third placed one. Westbury provided the second placed entry. Congratulations to all three clubs and to the artists.

**MD Young Ambassador Award Final** – 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> February 2010

Our entrant Becky Bellworthy, sponsored by Eastleigh Lions, proved to be an excellent candidate but unfortunately did not win the MD Final. We look forward to hearing from her at Convention. Unfortunately I was unable to attend but DO Richard High tells me it was an excellent week end. Our winner from last year, Hannah Johnson from Jersey, could not make the trip to Dudley this year as she is seriously ill. Lion Brian Bullock read a message from her and the contestants were so moved that they auctioned off a dance with one of the candidates (a sea cadet who looked the part in his uniform!). This raised £30 for Cancer Research, and it was then decided that £100 of the proceeds of the raffle would go with it. Phil Nathan then announced that the Stock Exchange Veterans association would match the amount already raised; meaning over £250 would go to Cancer Research as a tribute to Hannah.

### 105D Youth Football Final

On a very cold Saturday I attended the final of the 105D competition at Wokingham. In an exciting match the team entered by Wokingham Lions beat the side from the Wimborne and Ferndown Lions 4-0. This was not as one sided as it sounds as the losing side played well and only had 10 members available. A full report will be in the next District Newsletter.

## CLUB VISITS

I am now nearing the end of my club visits with only 5 left to do after Convention. The travelling is hard work, especially for the District Chauffeur, Lion John but it is very rewarding learning about the different ways clubs earn and spend their money and their other activities. All the visits are unique and enjoyable but some are very special.

### Visit to Warminster Lions

During my visit to Warminster I was delighted to be asked to present 40 year chevrons to Lion Marcus Folker. Lion Marcus was instrumental in starting the Warminster Lions Bookshop which is a



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major fund.

Marcus celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday later in February but still helps out in the bookshop every day  
Congratulations to Marcus on reaching 90 and for his years of Service to Lionism.

Five new members at Maidenhead



It gave me great pleasure to help induct not one but five new members when I visited Maidenhead Lions on 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

I do hope that these members enjoy their Lionism and have a

long and happy lionistic career with Maidenhead Lions. I also hope that they (together with other new Lions) will take advantage of the New Lions orientation Sessions that are being organised shortly.

During the meeting Lion President Peter presented Lion John with a cheque for the Partners' Charity, the 4 Air Ambulances of 105D. This was the second donation the club had made to the Partners' Charity this year and was very much appreciated

### CHARTER ANNIVERSARIES

These are always very enjoyable and special events especially for the Presidents of the clubs who are holding them. Some are just that little bit extra special!

#### Burnham 10<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary

This was held at Dorney Lake where the Olympic rowing will take place in 2012. I'm glad to say we were not asked to prove that we could row before we were allowed to eat or I would have gone hungry! Nine members received their 10 year chevrons and one their 20 year chevron.

#### Weymouth and Portland 40<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary

A great record of service was celebrated and many ex Members of the club attended as well as many Lions from Zone A. Lion Norman Apps was presented with the President's Award for outstanding service to the club and several members gained chevrons for long service.

### COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

I am pleased to announce that one of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governors has been asked to look into the issue of the wearing of sashes at the Cenotaph. He has been asked to suggest a suitable alternative following criticism for Lions in this District and elsewhere.

### HAITI and now CHILE

Our MD has set up a Disaster Committee to co-ordinate the response from our MD and to establish future long term assistance for the people of Haiti.

Congratulations to the Lions Club of New Milton who set up a temporary shop and raised over £7100 in two weeks for Haiti.

More recently there has been an earthquake in Chile. 3 emergency LCIF grants have been awarded to 3 Districts in Chile. More details on the LCI website.

### Important Diary Dates 2009–2010:

**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 for March:

1	Zone K Meeting	11	Hayling Island CV
2	Wimborne	and 15	Bracknell Forest CV
	Ferndown CV		
6	Hook and Odiham CA	16	UN Day at the House of Commons
7	Poole CA	19-21	District Convention Wokefield Park
8	Jersey CV	28	Newport CA
9	Guernsey CV	29	Waterlooville CV
10	Southampton CV		

**Welcome to New Members** I should like to extend a very warm welcome to the following members who have recently joined our District: Richard Lambert (Fleet), Dinos Theophanous (Hayling Island), Janet Godden (Sherborne), Lorraine Wallington (Sherborne), Jane Goodlet (Ventnor) and John Grove (Weymouth and Portland) Our Peace Poster Officer Frances Bond has now transferred to Crofton Lions

### Membership

Many of you have been busy recruiting new members and I thank you for this. Maidenhead has had a very good February but other clubs have had good gains over several months such as Henley, Goring and Woodcote and Fleet. Remember if each club gained one new member and did not lose any we would be well on the way to my target of 100 new members for the year.

Several clubs have Membership Drives coming up and I wish you well with these.

SEE YOU ALL AT CONVENTION!

*DG Judith and Lion John*

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