

105SC Convention 2024 Special Supplement March 2024



"For 2025, let's hoist the banner up a flagpole and see who salutes it."



The Editor of the
105SC Sentinel
once again casts
his eye over the
Convention.

Photography by Lion Clive Midson

For a greater selection of Lion Clive's Convention
photographs, go to: www.lions105sc.org.uk/gallery

For your Editor, this Convention commenced as inauspiciously at the last. However, this time, instead of waiting an hour on a platform at Southampton Airport for a non-existent train to Portsmouth, he took a ferry (which was delayed and bounced about a lot) and found the main roads from Poole to Swindon mostly closed by roadworks. There was a time when his satnav seemed to be pointing him towards Truro. He arrived very late at the “Bunfight at the Double Tree”, missing the Red Bandits, to discover that it was all over bar the drinks at the bar.

And so to the Convention itself. It was great to see Ebbo back in full command at the wheel and Lion Jarvis directing from the bridge in his inimitable style.

It's become a convention to do away with all those lengthy protocols (replaced by “Oi,Oi, Big Boy!” - whatever that means) and the proceedings went smoothly and without long and convoluted resolutions to cope with, we beat the clock.



I suspect that there were some who felt that the need to have a ballot where (unlike in 2023) there were no competing contestants for the three District offices, was taking protocol a little too far, but congratulations to all three, Acting DG Lion Sandra, 2nd VDG Lion Dianne and 'newcomer' Lion Tim on your step-up to 'Elect' status.



The 2024/25 DG Team
Lions Sandra, Tim and Dianne

In your Editor's view the highlights of a Convention are always the guest speakers and we were especially fortunate in the Convention committee's choices.

Perhaps the one whose words will linger longest was MD Hunger Officer Lion Chris Hibbert whose statistics on food wastage were both startling and disturbing.

As ever we were also inspired by the address from our principal guest, International Director Lion Marcel Daniëls, from the Lions Club of Kortenberg, Belgium. Hearing the wider view from such a distinguished Lion is always welcome and motivating.



The Social event of the Convention is always the Banquet and Ball with its black ties, posh frocks and white jackets. At one such function in Jersey, my mother-in-law mistook a PDG for a waiter and complained to the Lions President (me) about the hotel's service!

Despite cutting the Sunday post-Convention chat to just an hour, it was all a very enjoyable experience and congratulations and warm thanks to the Convention team.

I05SC AWARD WINNERS FOR 2023 - 2024

The majority of these awards were decided by the DG and Global Service Team. Clubs had been asked to nominate themselves in the various categories. These were sent out to be judged but did not name the Clubs! The team then picked who they thought were the best in each area.

The **Bill Field Award for Sight** went to a Club with a member who has worked tirelessly collecting specs for recycling over many years. The Club is Ringwood and Fordingbridge and the Lion is Yorky Tuke.

The **Leo Plumley Award** for work with those in Fuel Poverty was awarded to Fleet Lions.

The **Dave Ebsworth Award** for the environment was won by Reading Lions, a Club which helps to maintain a lock in their town.

The **Ian Birch Award for Membership** was awarded to a Club which has had a net gain of 13 members in the last two years and this Club is Wokingham.

The **Peter Allen Environmental Photographic Award** was won by the Lion who has their photo entered into the MD Competition. The photographer was Clive Midson from Petersfield Lions Club.

The **John Greenaway Award for International Projects** went to a Club which supports the Peace Poster competition, runs street collections in aid of LCIF appeals and supports the Youth Exchange programme - Ringwood and Fordingbridge Lions.

The **Nixon Award for Community Service** was won by a Club which supports its food bank, is taking part in a recycling scheme, carries out a prostate cancer screening, helps its local citizens to purchase household items and runs a Village Show. This Club is Hook and Odiham Lions. The **David Firth Award for ROAR** goes to Aldershot Lions.

The aim of the **Barrie Richardson Travelling Lion Award** is to unite our Clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding. Chippenham Lions are the winners this year.

Look out for the awards deadline. Except for the Peter Allen Photographic Award and the Barrie Richardson Travelling Lion Award, send your entries to me so that they can be judged. The former normally has a deadline of late December and the latter is an ongoing competition and visits can be reported to me at any time.

PDG Lion Judith Goodchild

