



The International Association of Lions Clubs

District 105SC

District Governor 2019 - 2020 ♦ Lion Jarvis MacDonald

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"Lions Serve to Create a Better World for All"

Matters of Moment

DG Team **March 2020**

DG Lion Jarvis

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
7 March	District 105A Convention
8 March	Swindon Lions Charter Anniversary Lunch
9 March	Highworth Lions Official Visit
10 March	Lions Clubs International United Nations Day
14 March	Devizes Lions Charter Anniversary Dinner
15 March	PDG lunch at Salisbury
20 - 22 March	District 105SC Convention
28 March	Ringwood & Fordingbridge Lions Charter Anniversary Dinner
29 March	IOW Newport Lions Charter Anniversary Lunch

1st VDG Lion Steve

6 March	Eastleigh Lions Official Visit
12 March	Hayling Island Lions Official Visit
15 March	PDG lunch at Salisbury
20 - 22 March	District 105SC Convention

2nd VDG Lion Brian

2 March	Meon Valley Lions Official Visit
11 March	Wokingham Lions Official Visit
17 March	2D Zone Meeting
20 - 22 March	District 105SC Convention



Welcome New Lions!

I am delighted to welcome the following new members into Lions Clubs International and wish them a long and happy time as Lions.

DG Lion *Jarvis*

BASINGSTOKE - Lion Rohini Karve
BRACKNELL - Lion Debbie Churchman
GILLINGHAM, MERE & SHAFTSBURY - Lion Susan Slack
READING - Lions Kamaljit Kundhi and Sue Reid
SWANWICK - Lion David Deans
WIMBORNE & FERNDOWN - Lion Bethany Burnett



Lions Clubs International

An invitation to all Lions Members to attend the :-
Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI)

venue..... Chesford Grange Hotel,
Kenilworth 27th to 29th March 2020

Cost £75pp (non refundable)
to include 2 nights' accommodation and all meals

For further details and to express an interest, please contact:
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Growing
old is like
being
increasingly
penalised
for a crime
you haven't
committed.

*Anthony
Powell*

The DG's Leader...

"Fund Raising, Fun Seeking, Service Giving, Life Saving – Creating a better world for All"

My Fellow Lions

So, the crocuses are flowering, in certain parts of the District the daffodils are blooming, so Spring is in the air. It is nice to be travelling to Clubs when the nights are still light.

I carried out three Club visits this month to Clubs where I had had the pleasure of attending their Charters earlier in the Lionistic year. It was good to catch up and see how they had progressed. Carterton Lions were putting the finishing touches to plans for their long-standing and successful art festival and Melksham Lions had a very interesting and heart warming presentation from two young Scouts who had been sponsored by the Club to go on a jamboree. It still amazes me how confident these young adults are when presenting to an audience. My last visit was to Marlborough Lions who were very excited as they had recently badged up three new members and are actively on the hunt for further individuals to join their very vibrant Club.

I attended two Charter dinners; the first at Chippenham Lions for their 46th Charter Anniversary where I presented long service awards and was able to inform the audience that the combined years of service of all the Club members totalled 468 which was an amazing amount of time spent serving others. Right at the end of the month we attended a dinner at Burnham Lions to celebrate their 18th Charter Anniversary.

I also attended a visit by the LCIF International Vice Chairman PIP Lion Frank Moore with others from our District, Secretary Lion Roger Huntley and Lion Anne Huntley, our District LCIF coordinator. Lion Frank gave us a greater understanding of what's happening around the globe in the world of Lionism.

The highlight of the month was attending the Young Ambassador Finals at Dudley. Our 105SC representative Emily Grace gave a very good account of herself and was only just pipped by another confident young lady from 105CW. The competition was immense, and it was a very humbling experience to listen to the six finalists and last years winner. Well done, Emily, and big thank you to Lion Yorky and Dot Tuke for their unstinting support of Young Ambassador competition on behalf of District 105SC.

The District Convention team are putting the finishing touches to what is shaping up to be a great Convention with what is looking to be a record attendance for the Host Night, Banquet and Ball and the business sessions. I believe there are only a few vacancies left for the Banquet and Ball and the team have stopped marketing the event. It should be an interesting and lively weekend.

There will be a stand in the exhibition area at the Convention dedicated to the Global Action Team which covers Membership, Leadership and Service, so please go along and visit the team as they will be able to give help and advice on all of the above topics.

In terms of membership we are having mixed results around the District with some Clubs struggling to retain members and a number of Clubs having great success in recruiting new members. As I'm sure Lion Tim Hanton, who heads up the membership team, will tell you, if you need assistance or guidance on how to increase membership, please get in touch with either a member of the Global Membership Team or your Zone Chairman - that is what they are there for, so please use them.

Lion Jarvis

District Governor 105SC





The bigger picture

Global Service Team News

March is, of course, Convention time and I will be in Swindon. There will be a GST stand. If your Club has a project in these areas that you would like to make known to others, then please send me details by 15 March. It is important that we share information as it can inspire others to provide service to their communities. Let me know what you are doing to about Diabetes, the Environment, Childhood Cancer, and Feeding the hungry as well as Sight. Your project could become a District-wide one in the future.

At Convention you will also find out who won the Bill Field Cup for Sight and the Environment competitions run by the District.

Looking forward to April and Litter Picks. If you have done it once, you will probably wish to do it on a regular basis. Why do it? Unless we look after our own communities' environments, and encourage others in the wider world to do the same, we will have a much poorer place to live in. A Litter or Plastic Pick is an excellent way to celebrate World Earth Day which is on 22 April each year and is a means to encourage more volunteers to get involved.

How to do one:

1. Survey your community and choose an area which is well used and has an accumulation of litter. This way the public to see what you are doing.
2. Check to see if there is a group already picking litter in your chosen area. You will need to gain consent to litter pick on private land with the land-owners or public land, e.g. with the Council or Canal and River Trust.
3. As a matter of Health and Safety, carry out a risk assessment in advance. A guide is provided by Litter Action.
4. Ask your local Council if they can supply the following: hi-viz vests/tabards, litter pickers, gloves and bags. If they are unable to do so, ensure your volunteers come equipped. Consider having the Lions logo and Club name printed on the hi-viz vests/tabards.
5. Choose a date, confirm with the landowners and advertise your litter pick, inviting volunteers to come along to help.
6. Approach a variety of groups, e.g. youth clubs, Scouts, Guides and schools to help. Ensure everyone wears a hi-viz vest/tabard.
7. Consider the link-up with other Lions youth projects, such as the Young Leaders in Service.
8. Report any fly tipping to the land owners for removal.
9. Gather all the waste bags in an area and arrange for a collection.

Seek permission from those present and take a photograph. Prepare a press release for the local media and social media. Send a copy to your District Environment Officer and to LCI via your monthly activity report including the number of bags of rubbish you've collected.

After the event provide refreshments or find somewhere to sit and have a drink. This will help to make the occasion more fun and allow you talk about what you've achieved and plan your next litter pick.

Key Contacts and links:

www.keepbritain tidy.org www.litteraction.org.uk/infocentre/cleanup
www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/ www.mcsuk.org/beachwatch/greatbritishbeachclean
www.forgerecycling.co.uk/blog/organise-a-litter-pick/

Looking forward to meeting you all in Swindon

Lion Judith Goodchild

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It is nearly time for the 105SC Convention. It doesn't seem that long since we were preparing for the last one. I will be attending this year's event and will have a stand with information regarding Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). Please come and say hello and if you have any questions, please let me know. If I don't know the answer right away, I will do my best to find it.

For information about the support given recently to the Lions of Australia and the support to flood victims in this country, I strongly suggest you read the article on pages 9, 10 and 11 of the latest issue of our Lion magazine. If you are interested in the Foundation's accounts, it points you in the direction of where they can be found on the International website. There is also plenty of information about the various grants that LCIF can give. This is our Foundation and it works hard to help Lions worldwide and here in the UK to help those less fortunate. Take time to read about your Foundation and what it does.

Thank you to the Clubs who continue to support the Foundation with their donations, it is truly appreciated.

*"Alone we can do so little,
together we can do so much".*

Lion Ann Huntley MGF
District 105SC LCIF Coordinator

News around the District...

Charity Ford Open Fishing Festival



It was an extremely cold, wet and windy morning that greeted the Meon Valley Lions, as they turned out to organise the 45th Charity Ford Open Fishing Festival, on Weston Shore. The Club has been involved with this event every January and has experienced every weather condition known to man in that time.

In its heyday, more than 200 fishermen took part in this festival and it is still a popular event among the sea-angling community and 79 braved the weather again this year.

If the Lions and fishermen found the conditions challenging, it didn't seem to dampen the enthusiasm but unfortunately no-one told the fish with the record catch for the day being just 1lb 3 ½ oz. There were some fabulous raffle prizes so it made it all worthwhile for those who attended.

At the conclusion of the day, the event raised £891.02, a sum the Lions will now round up to £1,000 for donation to The Rose Road Association. It's a tradition that the proceeds of the Fishing Festival are donated to this deserving charity and this year's contribution takes the total collected through the fishing festival down the years, to in excess of £45,000.



Meon Valley Lions and members of the Rose Road Association team



Stepping up to the plate to be assessed for the risk of diabetes

Lion Clive Midson was one of more than 50 people who defied the wind and rain of Storm Dennis to check their risk of developing Type 2 diabetes.

The Diabetes Awareness Day where this happened was organised by the Petersfield Lions Club in association with Diabetes UK and took place on Saturday 15 February. Town Mayor Cllr Lesley Farrow and East Hants MP Damien Hinds both took part. The event allowed people better to understand the risk of developing Type 2 diabetes and to obtain advice on how to reduce that risk.

Organiser Lion Steve Walters said that since the weather had obviously had an impact on the number attending, the Club would be organising another event in the summer. He says: "Early diagnosis followed by treatment is vital to long term health and if we can help spread the word and raise awareness of the condition, we are achieving our goal."

Pictured: Petersfield Town Mayor Cllr Lesley Farrow with Club President Lion Mary Putnam



More news from the Clubs...

A Certificate of Appreciation

Peter Hinton, a valued volunteer driver, retired in February after 15 years of faithful service. To mark his retirement the Highworth & District Lions hosted a dinner for him at which he was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Club. The celebration was held at the Blunsdon House Hotel and his wife Anne also received a



bouquet of flowers.

In the picture Peter receives his certificate from Lion Rodney Davis



Pictured resplendent with new paintwork is the Farnborough College of Technology minibus purchased in recent months by the Lions Clubs in the area of Rushmoor and Hart for the Foundation Studies Department and to be used by students with special needs.

The Lions Clubs of Farnborough, Aldershot, Fleet, Hook & Odiham, Hart and Yateley & District banded together with students' parents to buy the minibus to transport foundation studies students throughout north-east Hampshire and Surrey to give them work experience to improve their employability skills, independence and confidence.

This final touch completes a very successful project where the Clubs in Zone 2E worked quickly together to secure this invaluable asset for the local community. In gratitude to the Lions, the Media Studies Dept of the College made a video that illustrates the opportunities now available to the students thanks to this minibus.

Visit Farnborough Lions' website www.farnborough-lions.org.uk to see it.

It's here! THE Wimborne and Ferndown spring 2020



LIONS' QUIZ

at the
Allendale Community Centre Wimborne

7.30 Friday 3rd April

For teams of up to 6, £8 per player including refreshments. Bar open.

To enter a team please contact Ron Neave on 01202-873551 or e-mail ronneave@yahoo.co.uk

To avoid the queue, please pay in advance at **Ferndown Post Office**. If that is difficult then we will accept payment on the night.

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wimborneandferndownlions.org.uk



A Thought for the Month

Nothing is really work unless you would rather be doing something else.

J,M Barrie (1860 - 1937)



More news...

Windsor Lions help Seniors to 'party-party'



Windsor Lions put on a good old 'do' for more than 120 senior citizens from the Windsor area on Sunday 23 February. The guests from a variety of clubs, sheltered housing and individuals who might not get out too often were collected, fed and entertained by the Lions at SportsAble's Hall in Maidenhead.

A two-course cooked lunch with wine was accompanied by the dulcet tones of Italian tenor Tony Liotti and musician Phil Phillips. This was followed by games of bingo and rounded off by a good old sing-song before the guests were taken back home with goody bags crammed with nice things!

President Lion Judy Hill said: "This is definitely one of our favourite events of the year. We really enjoy seeing the 'oldies' having such a great time and we will be back next year!"

A ringing endorsement of the event came from Karen Page, manager at sheltered housing accommodation in Windsor from where almost 20 guests attended. She commented: "Our residents are buzzing and telling anyone who will listen all about it. It's so nice to see them happy and laughing since some of them never go out. I want to say a massive thank you on their behalf to the Windsor Lions."

It was announced at the February business meeting of the Wokingham Lions Club that this year's beneficiaries of the annual May Fayre on 8 May will be Thames Valley Air Ambulance and JAC in a Box.

"We are pleased to support these two worthy causes in our community. Thames Valley Air Ambulance relies on donations from supporters. They provide emergency medical services by air and land to patients within Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire. JAC in a Box is a new charity shop in Wokingham, run by young volunteers who acquire work skills to help them find employment," said Lion Lyn Bailly, president, Wokingham Lions Club.

Lennie puts it about at half term!



Basingstoke's Lennie added himself to the half-term fun on Saturday 22 February in the town centre by taking up residence in a specially created lair (see the Sentinel's back page) alongside a gazebo filled with information about Lions Clubs' works both locally and internationally. Trying to erect and stabilise both structures in what became a wind tunnel in the prevailing weather presented several challenges with some comical moments but ultimately all were met. Delighted visitors were offered the usual snuggles and cuddles from the gentle beast to which Lennie also added:

- ♦ a free 'colour it yourself' Lions facemask to the first 30 children;
- ♦ 'Step into the Lion's Lair' for a free memento taken with parents' mobile phones;
- ♦ Be a little Lion like Lennie - face-painting by local expert Kiri;
- ♦ The chance to win a giant Easter Egg and/or their own cutesy Lion cub

Promotional material sent to all local publications and radio, supermarkets, village noticeboards, the venue management and individually to some 80 playgroups, nurseries, primary and junior schools resulted in a joyous event that buzzed all day with patient parents, little 'Lennies', the sounds of both



unsolicited coins dropping into buckets and the very-much-solicited when attention was brought to **Only £1 a ticket and a prize might be yours!**

And at the end of the day some rather tired Basingstoke Lions.

And finally...

**Have you booked for Lions Clubs
International MD Convention 2020 in
Birmingham - Friday to Sunday 1 - 3
May?**

**See www.md105convention.uk for full
details and online booking form.**



IN FOND MEMORY

With sadness this month the 105SC Sentinel reports the passing to higher service of several Lions.

Lion Peter Chappell of the Lions Club of Swindon.

Fleet Lions report the passing of Beverley Allardice MJF MBE. Bev was the founder, manager and stalwart of the hugely successful Lions Community Store since 1995. She was honoured with the MBE in 2002 and the MJF in 2008.

Former Lion Vic Rutland MJF, Past President of Bradford on Avon and Fareham Lions Clubs, He was awarded an MJF in 2005 and in 2015 received the Fareham Citizen of Honour Award.

Lion Ken Poulton MJF, aged 94 years, founder member of the Highworth and District Lions Club, a Past President and Lion for 46 years, Lion Ken had also been a Councillor and Town Mayor of Highworth.

Each of these Lions will be a sad loss to all who knew them. With sincere condolences to their families, friends and fellow Lions.



Sentinel's eye on...

John Greenaway International Award - reminder

As Zone Chairmen and Club Presidents will be aware, the John Greenaway International Award is presented at Convention to a Club or Zone most involved with International Projects, at the discretion of the District International Relations Committee.

On behalf of the Committee I invite nominations from Clubs and Zones for the consideration of this award. Such nominations should include a brief description of the reason for the nomination and be received by me by email no later than Sunday 8 March 2020.

Please be aware that this award is not confined to projects within the normal International Relations Portfolio. All International Projects such as Youth Exchange and Peace Poster as well as those directly initiated by Clubs qualify to be taken into consideration.

The Committee will consider all nominations received with a view to making a final decision on 12 March 2020.

Nil returns would be very much appreciated.

Yours in Lionism

Barrie Richardson

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More Presentations



Lion Philip Barry has been awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship by the Woodley & Earley Lions Club. The award was made in recognition of his efforts over the past 14 years in developing the Club's Spectrek campaign in which some 85,000 pairs of spectacles have been collected (circa 6,000 each year!). Lion Philip received his award from Club President Lion Paul Norman.



Lion Rodney Davis and his wife Christine have been presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by the Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire Mrs Sarah Troughton and the Mayor of Highworth Councillor Julia Bishop. The award to them both was for service to the community of Highworth and the presentation took place at a social evening on Friday 31 January.



OLD MONARCH

The Editor has the last word...

Conventions seem to come round very quickly these days. They say time passes faster as you expend more of it and that seems about right. I was pleased to learn from Lion Steve Spencer of the District Convention 2020 Host Committee that need not allocate a page or more as a reminder to potential delegates since, as the DG himself has pointed out, this Convention seems already to have attracted record numbers for the main events. And that's how it should be and congratulations to the team on this achievement.

Sadly, thanks to various circumstances (even my wife has commitments that will keep her in Jersey), I shall be the only attendee from my Club but nevertheless I am looking forward to meeting old friends who, since I am offshore, I only see at Conventions. I hope that they, like me, are coping with keeping up with the ever faster passing of time.

Lion Peter Tabb



**Lions
tail...**



Lennie the Basingstoke Lion in his lair

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