

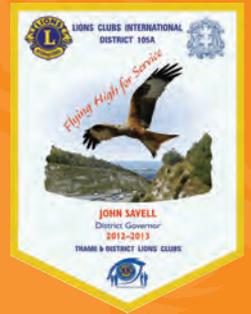


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PRIDE OF LIONS

District 105A News | DG John Savell



World Diabetes Day 14th November 2012

World Diabetes Day is celebrated every year on November 14 to mark the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting who, along with Charles Best, first conceived the idea which led to the discovery of insulin in 1921

An article in the Daily Express on the 2nd Oct 12 reinforces the need for Lions to continue their work within our Diabetes

Awareness Programmes. The time is getting close. For the clubs that events organised hope they go well, for those that have not see if you can, and please keep me updated .

Should you require any further information feel free to contact me?

Keith Hedges, District Diabetes Officer

Witney Lions say 'Recruit & Retain'

In the June 2012 edition of Pride of Lions, Witney Lions said, "It Pays to Advertise". The club has now moved to new premises for their business meetings, which not only gives them more room, but also allows them to make use of new technology.

As well as recruiting new members, retention of existing members is very important to the club. A member has taken a twelve-month contract in Kuwait. This means he will be unable to join their business meetings. So that he doesn't lose contact with the club, they have set up video conferencing with him using the new premises Wi-Fi system. They have four microphones and a mixer around the conference room table, and a monitor and loudspeaker where he normally sits.

For more information contact rod.attewell@witneylions.org.uk



5th District Youth Celebration

Our 5th District Youth Celebration is just round the corner on Sunday 18th November. We need your support and cooperation to make this party successful. Please help us by sending your cheques and completed booking forms for DYC. We need these urgently to finalise catering and seating arrangements.

Lion Vijay Arora

Lions Day at Goodwood!

Enjoy a wonderful Family day at Goodwood Races on Saturday August 24th 2013.

- A ticket price of £18 (under 18's FREE) incl. a complimentary £2 bet and race card
- Free car parking. Coaches are FREE.
- Hopefully we will be able to have a Lions Gazebo near the entrance as a PR opportunity.
- The Theme for the family weekend is the 1950s-1980s. We can take our picnics etc and eat in the Lennox Enclosure (not Gordon). We can wear our race going garb/or dress to the above theme. **WE CAN PUT THE FUN BACK INTO LIONS!** Subject to interest from a minimum of 500 people! Not impossible as Districts A & SE are also showing an interest. I need to know before the end of November. Response and any questions to PDG Lion Pat Nixon, ep.nixon@ntlworld.com 01329 284594.

... NOTICE BOARD ...

Charter Night at the Parliament

Lion President Alec Shelbrooke MP of The Palace of Westminster Lions Club are holding the 5th Charter Anniversary Dinner on Wednesday 19th December 2012 in the Churchill Room in the Palace of Westminster.

There will be a demand for tickets for this special event so I would urge you to respond quickly if you wish to attend this event.

LCI Purpose:

To promote the principles of good government and good citizenship.





DG John's Journal



We are now into November, the time of bonfires and fundraising and I know for some clubs this is their biggest fundraiser. Not wishing to dampen the enthusiasm (no pun intended) but could I ask that everyone be aware of the need for risk assessments and proper insurance. Heaven forbid that we should have an incident but proper paperwork needs to be in place just in case. Could I at this point remind clubs that have either Leos or Lioness clubs that they are responsible for the activities of the those clubs which includes all Health & Safety related matters, risk assessments and policies, the latter should be covered by the club documentation.

Life seems to be a long round of meetings these days, with Cabinet earlier in the month and last weekend MD Council. Each of these events bring with them much discussion and debate and long may it continue. No debate means no activity and stagnation, to be avoided at all costs.

You will have noticed the launch of a new competition Lions Video aimed at young people to give a different perspective on Lionism as seen by the young people. I would encourage every club to participate; the use of smart phones with video capability makes it easier for the people to shoot videos without the need for expensive equipment. I for one look forward to seeing the entries. I think we may be in for a rude awakening, to see how young people see us. Let's hope we learn from the comments and remarks. You never know. It could show new ways of attracting members.

The DVD the Lions Story which contained a few seconds of Jimmy Savile was withdrawn from use, I am please to say that the DVD has been edited and additional few seconds included and the new version is available for download from the MD website at no cost. It is not proposed to send out new DVDs to avoid the substantial cost and everyone can download and make as many copies as they require.

During the last month I have been visiting clubs and attending charters all of which have been most enjoyable. I have been giving out Monarch Chevron lapel pins for long service; this has proved to be some what controversial since many club secretaries are ordering their own for club members. It appears that LCI decided last year to re-instate the procedure of sending out long service awards, which was stopped a few years back. IPDG Andrew and I have received letters and pins for many members and each of us has or is arranging for these to be handed to the Lions concerned. So club Secretaries, please check with me via email before ordering. I could very well have the chevron or will have spares. Save the pennies if we can.

I was reading my local daily paper. This is supposed to be an evening edition but can arrive as early as 9am, and I guess that is journalistic licence for you. Anyway I digress.... the point is that on reading the paper I was delighted to see that Lion Nan Draper from Wantage & Grove Lions Club, who many of you will know with affection, is one of only 80 people over the age of 60 (Nan's age is now spread all over the newspaper, she is 80) to be honoured with a Royal Thank you for all her voluntary work

including the time and effort for Lions. Nan will attend St James Palace this month and be greeted by the Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall. Well done to Nan Draper.

Winter Forum has come and gone and what an improvement on previous years!! Much more interesting and new seminars. One of the most popular, was Facebook and Tweeting. Social media is a must for all clubs these days especially if you want to attract younger members. The world has changed and social media is the way things get announced, I discovered from Facebook that my niece had got engaged, instant communications!

A lot of interest was shown in Orientation for new members, and dare I say even old members, long term members that is. We have to bring Lions together and one of the ways of doing this is to involve them in all things Lionistic. I beg you don't enrol a new member then ignore them. They will soon not be a membe. Please involve them in activities of the club, give them responsibility, consider their ideas, even if tried and rejected. Remember times are a changing, to quote Bob Dylan, what did not work ten years ago, could work now.

Still work to be done on Winter Forum. I said at Council that I consider the Global Membership Team to be the one of the most important membership tools we have. Attracting new members is not that difficult, retaining them is and that involves everyone. So all Lions have an equal responsibility to ensure we retain our members. That way we grow.

There are many Lions activities which do not get the coverage they deserve, or are considered not to be relevant to the local club, but they are Lions programmes and we should support as many as we can. The easy way to keep abreast of what is happening is to maintain links to the MD website and 105A website. Everything appears on both. I would encourage everyone to do so. I know sometimes the information flow is overwhelming but we live in a data driven society, so we have to go with the flow and learn from it.

When I start the newsletter I always wonder what I am going to put in it, then I start writing and I find I can go on for ever, there is always something to say, but the rest can wait until next time.

DG John Savell

My Diary

November 2012

Fri 2	GLT meeting	Tue 13	OV Chipping Norton
Sat 3	Fairlop Charter	Wed 14	OV Bicester
Mon 5	Parish Council Meeting	Fri 16	Birchwood Charter 105 BN
Tue 6	OV Carterton Club	Sat 17	Stevenage Corey's Mill Charter
Wed 7	OV Southall	Tue 20	OV Luton
Thu 8	Northolt Membership Meeting	Thu 22	Peace Poster Competition
Fri 9	Osterley Charter	Sat 24	Enfield Charter
Sat 10	Lord Mayors Parade London	Mon 26	Convention Meeting
Sun 11	Remembrance Day at the Cenotaph	Tue 27	OV Moor Park Club
		Fri 30	Thame lights switch on

OV = Official Visit