



## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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### IT'S ALL GONE QUIET OVER HERE

I was warned but, with Convention over, it's gone very quiet. That's not to say I haven't had things to do.

I had one club visit this month, to Bushby, and it was one of the few dinner meetings I have attended. As is usual, the business was conducted between courses and I felt as if I was an honoured guest at a family dinner.

I represented Lions Clubs International at Towcester's 40<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary on 4 April. For me this event was memorable for three reasons:



Firstly, I presented a 40 year charter chevron to Roger Pye, not too long in the tooth to be 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the club.

Secondly I was able to present Club Treasurer Terry Goldfinch with a Melvin Jones Fellowship on behalf of the club.



*With MJF Terry and LP David Powell*

Lastly, I was struck by the great atmosphere during the evening. Our table was buzzing with stories of past Lions events and, if I could have bottled the spirit of fun and fellowship, it would have been more intoxicating than the best whisky.

We have to find a way to let future members know just how much they can get out of being Lions and we also ought to remind ourselves from time to time.

### A WELSH WELCOME



*A picture, taken by me for a change, of the top table in Cardiff*

The following weekend we were at a Charter Anniversary in another country. Shirley Lions go away every year and this year had chosen Cardiff.

We enjoyed two pleasant evenings - a meal out on the Friday, where we got to meet some Lions from Cardiff Club - and the Charter dinner itself on the Saturday. The tables at the Charter dinner were strewn with party-poppers, balloons and pea shooters and the top table was soon caught in the crossfire.

My response to the toast to Lions Clubs International started with a thank you in Welsh, learnt from my sister-in-law that afternoon, and the entertainment comprised comedy from Shirley Lions and songs from Convention star Daniel Harris. The fact that 71 people from 10+ different Clubs travelled to Cardiff for the event speaks volumes.

Ironically Easter weekend was also spent in Wales with friends and included a nine mile training run, my last serious run before the Shakespeare Half Marathon.

I also visited Zone C's zone meeting in April to thank them for the wonderful work in organising Convention. It is supposed to be the highlight of any governor's year and it will certainly be mine.

**Please circulate to all Club Members**

**BOSTIN' BUSINESS**

The last weekend of the month I attended Kingswinford and Stourbridge Club's 39<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary. Again the food and the company was excellent and President Clive Anker's speech was superb, including a Black Country version of a Lions motto "Basic blokes (and wenches) Bostin' business".



The evening concluded with a presentation on Black Country murders by local historian, Ian Bott.

**ON YOUR MARKS...GET SET...GOING**



I did it! The month ended with the Shakespeare Half Marathon, the longest race of my personal challenge for the year.

This was a very well organised event, unfortunately by Rotary rather than Lions, but it was great to see Lions from Shakespeare and Wellesbourne Clubs helping out with the water

stations and the marshalling, for which they received some of the proceeds in return.

It was nice to see some friendly faces as I went round. I just about managed my 2 hour target for the event, eighteen seconds over and, as I sit writing this, my legs are reminding me of just how much effort I had to put in.

Hopefully there will be some sponsorship to come, or it may inspire clubs to support Christine's charity, Me & Dee. You can still sponsor me online at <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/medeerun/102104> or through the District Treasurer, by downloading the sponsor form at [www.lions105m.org.uk/run/sponsor.pdf](http://www.lions105m.org.uk/run/sponsor.pdf) You can use this form to collect sponsorship and enter your guess for total time taken.

Collect the money and send the form with a cheque payable to LCI District 105M to me, or to the Acting District Treasurer, Ian Haffner.

Unfortunately, my planned entry into the Blakedown bolt has had to be withdrawn so I'm looking for another race in zone F before 20 June.

**STILL GOING....**

All the money raised will go to Christine's charity for the year, Me & Dee.

**The story so far:**

- Zone A – **Balls to Cancer 5k – 22:30**
- Zone A – **Stourbridge Santa Run 5k – 26 minutes**
- Zone B – TBC
- Zone C – **Shirley Fun Run 10K – 53 minutes**
- Zone D – Great Midlands Fun Run 8.5 miles – 1 June
- Zone E – **Shakespeare half marathon – 2:00:18**
- Zone F – TBC
- Zone G – Rugby 6 Miler – 23 May
- Zone H – Wootton 5 Miler – 14 May
- Zone I – **Lutterworth 5K Santa Fun Run – 31 mins**

If you can find me a race in zones B or F email me the details to [dg@lions105m.org.uk](mailto:dg@lions105m.org.uk).

**MAKING THEIR MARK**

Well done to Clubs for adding 10 new members this month. Nine are listed below and I wish them all welcome into the family of Lions.

I am aware of one other, but their name has not been entered on MyLCI so I can't welcome them personally at the moment:

|                  |                           |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| Lee Hanson       | Hinckley & Burbage        |
| Susan Patrick    | Hinckley & Burbage        |
| Raymond Metcalfe | Kettering & District      |
| Louise Draper    | Kidderminster & District  |
| Neville Jones    | Shakespeare               |
| Clarissa Roberts | Shakespeare               |
| Adrian Jeffs     | Wellingborough & District |
| Debbie Jeffs     | Wellingborough & District |
| Tony Roberts     | Worcester                 |

I would also like to welcome Maurice Fowler who has transferred into the best District in the country and joined Harborough TWENTY 12.

There is also a transfer in, who has not been named on MyLCI.

As a District we have added 110 members this year so far, but have unfortunately lost 100. Thirty-eight of those dropped members had been in Lions less than 3 years.

We're doing great at getting them in, so let's make sure we hang on to our new members by getting them involved, listening to their ideas and making Lions something they don't want to leave.

**Please circulate to all Club Members**

**MAKING MY MARK**



There are a number of ways that you can keep up with my activities as District Governor as well as this newsletter.

I try to post what I'm doing on Facebook (Simon Moss and Lions District One O'Fivem) and Twitter (@simonhmoss and @lions105m).

I have also been writing a blog entitled "My Life as a Lion" since I was elected as 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG. You can find it at [lionsimonmoss.com](http://lionsimonmoss.com)

**DG TEAM TRAVELS**

The following is a list of club visits, charters and other events that members of the District Governor Team will be undertaking in the next couple of months. If you are President or Secretary of your Club and have not yet confirmed your visit date please contact my Club Visits Officer, Mick Taylor ([micky.t1@tesco.net](mailto:micky.t1@tesco.net))

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

**May**

- 7-9 Council of Governors
- 9-11 MD Convention Manchester
- 11 Charter - Market Harborough
- 14 Run – Rugby 6 miler
- 17 Charter – Coventry Godiva
- 18 Cabinet
- 18 Charter – Coventry Phoenix
- 23 Run – Wootton 5 miler
- 24 Charter – Aldridge
- 27 DG Team
- 30 Me & Dee Race Night
- 31 District Officer Training

**June**

- 1 Great Midlands Fun Run 8.5 miles – Sutton Coldfield
- 7 Charter – Castle Bromwich
- 9 Club visit – Malvern Hills
- 11 Club visit – Marston Green
- 14 Charter – Birmingham Handsworth
- 17 Zone H sports day

**TEAM TRAVELS CONTINUED....**

**1<sup>st</sup> VDG**

**May**

- 3 Club Officer training
- 7-9 Council of Governors
- 9-11 MD Convention Manchester
- 18 Cabinet
- 20 Solihull Club Visit
- 24 Knowle & Dorridge Charter as Guests
- 27 DG Team
- 31 District Officer Training

**2<sup>nd</sup> VDG**

**May**

- 9-11 MD Convention
- 18 Cabinet
- 27 DG Team

**June**

- 13-15 DG Training



**MD CONVENTION 2015 – BACK IN BRUM**



After two years away, MD Convention is returning to 105M in 2015 and is, once again, at the Metropole Hotel.

In a moment of weakness I volunteered to chair the Convention Committee and am now looking around for volunteers to help make sure that we make it a Convention to remember.

If you are interested in helping to organise the Convention, or just help out over the weekend of the 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2015, drop me a line to let me know to: [simonmoss@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:simonmoss@blueyonder.co.uk)

To give you some idea of what we need to do here is a list of the main roles on the Convention Committee:

- Host Night\*
- Banquet & Ball\*
- International Guest Host
- Partner trips\*
- Stewarding
- Hotel Co-ordinator
- Business Sessions\*
- Social Registration\*
- Delegate Registration\*

\*Will require sub-committees

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