

Date: 11th February 2010



To all Lions Clubs

**LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 105SW
INCOMING OFFICERS SPRING FORUM
AT
THE OCKMENT COMMUNITY CENTRE
SUNDAY MAY 16th 2010 at 10.00 am**

Dear Fellow Lions

The 105 SW District MERL Team is keen to help all Lions' Year 2010/2011 Incoming Officers prepare for their important roles for this next Lions Year. To this end we are organising an Incoming Officers Spring Forum which will be held on Sunday May 16th at the Ockment Community Centre located close to the centre of Okehampton.

This Forum is extremely important to all Officers new to their role as it will provide you with a great opportunity to find out what the role entails. Also it will let us dispel some of the myths you might have heard about an Officers Role and how this can be a very interesting and enjoyable year for you. This Forum is also very important if you have not undertaken this role within the last couple of years. As with all things, change is inevitable and this Forum will ensure that even experienced Officers are brought up to date with latest changes regarding Lions Clubs.

We wish this Forum to be a relaxed informal day and a great opportunity for all Officers to update themselves on the latest processes and procedures that will help the smooth running of their Club. It will also provide all Officers with the opportunity to meet colleagues from other Clubs within their Zone/Region/District and new District Officers.

The Forum will include presentations on the Roles & Responsibilities of Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers together with handouts which you will find helpful for your year in office. Other topics relating to 2010/2011 will also be covered to keep you as fully informed as possible in the lead up to your year.

We are very pleased to invite all partners to this event. The Ockment Community Centre is an excellent facility within walking distance of the centre of Okehampton.

This Forum is not only open to Incoming Officers but also any Lion who would like to update themselves on the role of Officers and the latest procedures that support the smooth running of your club.

The day will commence at 10.00am for coffee and registration with presentations starting at 10.30 am. A buffet lunch will be provided by the Okehampton Lions Club and we expect to finish at 4.00pm.

Please find enclosed the "Purple" Reply Form to be completed by all Clubs and returned to myself, District Leadership Officer Lion Andrew Bryant (address on the form) by April 24th at the very latest please along with your Club cheque to cover the costs of the Ploughman's Lunch buffet and a sweet.

I will be pleased to answer any queries/questions you may have regarding the Forum and can be contacted on Tel No. 01278 792534 or by E Mail: andrewbryant43@o2.co.uk

At District level we will be pleased to do all we can to support you during the year. If you need any help or advice at any time please don't hesitate to contact the appropriate District Officer.

Yours in Lionism

**Lion Andrew Bryant
District Leadership Officer**

How To Find The Ockment Centre

From Exeter to Mill Road Car Park (see map and note below regarding Pay & Display Car Park adjacent to Waitrose)

From the A30 enter Okehampton on Exeter Road. At the first set of traffic lights (next to the Police Station) carry straight on. At the next set of traffic lights (pedestrian crossing) turn left on to Mill Road. Take the first right in to the Mill Road Car park.

From Plymouth / Tavistock to Mill Road Car Park (see map and note below regarding Pay & Display Car Park adjacent to Waitrose)

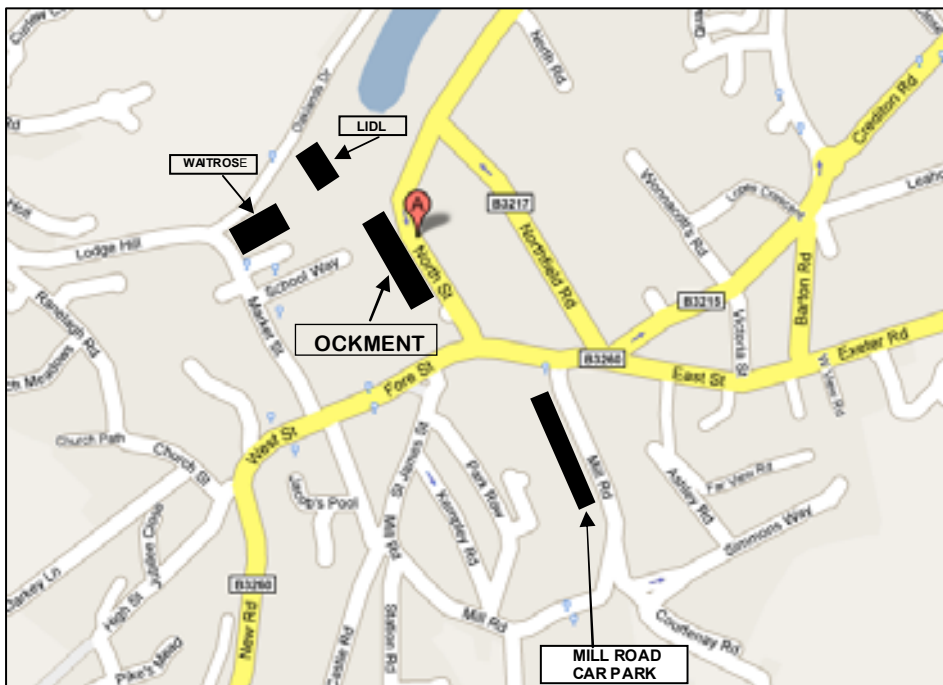
Follow the signs from the A30 and enter Okehampton on New Road. At the first set of traffic light carry on through the town. Go though a pedestrian crossing, past the church on your right and turn right at the next set of traffic lights on to Mill Road. Take the immediate first right into Mill road Car park.

On Foot from Mill Road Car Park to the Ockment Centre

Walk out of the car park and turn left towards the traffic lights. At the traffic lights cross over the road and turn left towards the town centre. Take the first right into North Street after Bradly's(Nationwide) Estate agents. Walk past the Library and Pretoria Pub and you will see the Ockment Centre to your left.

There is also a Pay & Display Car Park (do check Sunday charges) adjacent to the Waitrose Supermarket which is down Market Street and along School Way. The Ockment Centre is a short walk across the Lidl Supermarket Car Park (this for customers only) and across a foot bridge. It is possible that there will be a significant number of spaces in this P&D Car Park on a Sunday morning.

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