



14 February 2011

To all Lions Clubs

**LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 105SW
INCOMING OFFICERS SPRING FORUM
AT
THE OCKMENT COMMUNITY CENTRE
SUNDAY MAY 15th 2011 at 10.00 am**

Dear Fellow Lions

The 105 SW District MERL Team is keen to help all Lions' Year 2011/2012 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 15th at the Ockment Community Centre located close to the centre of Okehampton.

This Forum is extremely important to all Officers, new and experienced in their roles. It will inform them of the many details their position entails and also of the significant changes being introduced. These changes will help all Clubs to deal with the problems relating to many aspects of membership.

We wish this Forum to be a relaxed informal day and a great opportunity for all Incoming Officers to become updated on the latest processes and procedures to assist in the smooth running of their Club. It will also provide all Officers with the opportunity to meet colleagues from other Clubs within the District and new District Officers.

The Forum will include workshops on the Roles & Responsibilities of Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Zone Chairpersons, to help you in your year in office. Other topics relating to 2011/2012, particularly the future role of the MERL Team will also be covered, to keep you as fully informed as possible in the lead up to your year. The afternoon programme will be devoted to a Youth theme with presentations from district and external speakers.

This Forum is not only open to Incoming Officers but also any Lion who would like to refresh his or her knowledge on the role of Club and District Officers and the latest reporting procedures and training support.

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.

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

I will be pleased to answer any questions you may have regarding the Forum and can be contacted on Tel No. 01278 792534 or by email: 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.**

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Attached is the Purple Reply Form to be completed by all Clubs and returned to Lion Andrew Bryant by 29th April. To reduce delay at registration it is requested all payments are made by this date and not on the day. Please enclose your Club cheque for lunches booked.

To help with the organisation of Forum it is essential a 'NIL RETURN' is sent if no members from your club are attending. Please help by complying with this request.

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)

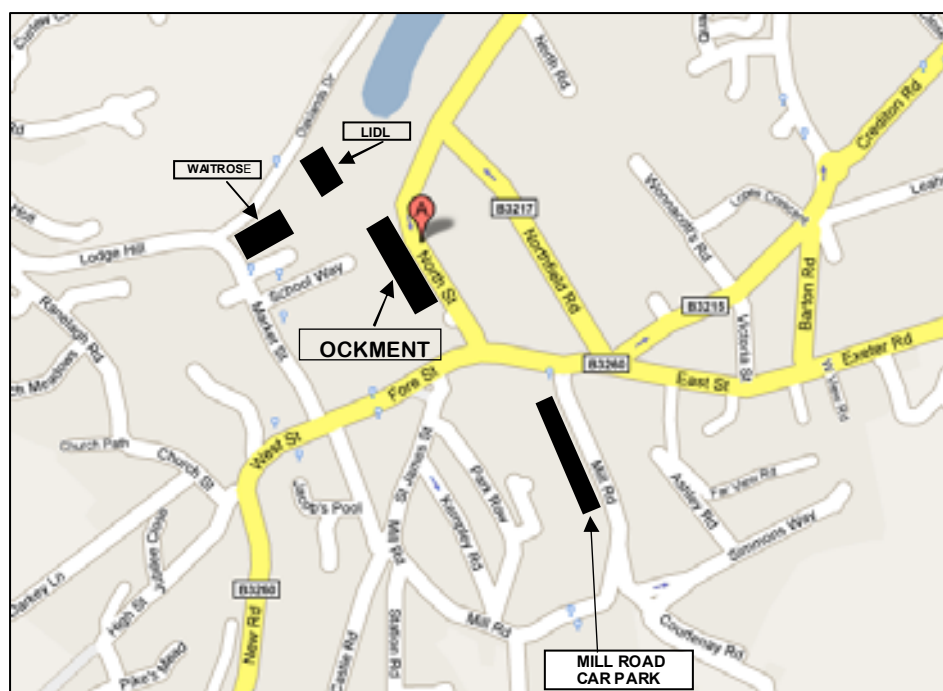
Follow the signs from the A30 and enter Okehampton on New Road. At the first set of traffic light carry on through the town. Go though a pedestrian crossing, past the church on your right and turn right at the next set of traffic lights on to Mill Road. Take the immediate first right into Mill road Car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

On Foot from Mill Road Car Park to the Ockment Centre

Walk out of the car park and tum left towards the traffic lights. At the traffic lights cross over the road and tum 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 there will be a significant number of spaces in this P&D Car Park on a Sunday morning.

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