



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL – DISTRICT 105SW DG's Newsletter

APRIL 2009

DISTRICT GOVERNOR LION GRAHAM LANG
"PLANNING A POSITIVE FUTURE"



Remember TW3? (*That was the Week that was*)

In our case it was "That was the *Weekend* that Was!" – Convention 2009 passed in a bit of a blur (without any alcohol!) and a flurry of fancy dress, food, dancing and speeches.

I am so proud to have been your District Governor and with you all for the Convention. It was certainly an experience never to be forgotten. Both Heather and I want to thank everyone who did anything to ensure that the weekend went without a hitch – and, despite my efforts to confuse, I think it generally did.

The "buzz" as we came to bid farewell to everyone on Sunday was so noticeable and I hope you all took back something to your Clubs and for the future of your Lionism.

It was a previous International Guest at a past Convention who said, don't try and remember everything you heard, just remember how it made you feel. I hope we can say that this year.

I think that we had a "gem" in our International Guest Ron

and his wife Janet and they certainly know we showed them "Simply the Best" in SW.

The winners of the Youth Competitions were a revelation and a joy to meet, especially our Music Winner, Stephen Sykes who we now wish every success in the MD Final of the contest – and I'm sure you'll agree he stands a very good chance.

Congratulations to Lions Christine Rowe, Neil Rutter and Clif Cane on their being elected to District Office – now it begins for all of you, and get your bookings in for north Devon for our "fortieth".

So, back to reality and the next three months to the finishing line (*for me, that is!*). I hope we can carry on the re-branding and revitalisation of the Lions "image" and we will let you know more following the MD Convention. Also thanks to all those who are now working hard on our presence at the County Shows – hopefully after this push we will no longer be the "best kept secret" rather the best (known) Service Organisation – which we proved we are during Convention – just be proud of it!

Graham



DISTRICT HANDOVER

is to be held at

St Mellion International Golf & Country Club

Sunday 19th July 2008

Cost: £17.00 per person

Bookings to be made via [Lion Steve Fletcher](#)

Menu details and Booking Forms are included in this month's Mail Drop and available on the [District Web-Site](#).



Convention Competition Results

SKITTLES

Winners - Holsworthy.
Runners up - Budleigh Salterton.

QUIZ

Winners - Callington.
Runners up - Babbacombe & St. Marychurch.

TRAVELLING LION

Winners - Launceston.
Runners up – Seaton.

SCRAPBOOK

Winners - Sidmouth.
Highly Commended - Camborne/Redruth.

RAY HILL MEMORIAL TROPHY

Winners – Seaton.

ENVIRONMENT

Winners - Torpoint and Rame Peninsula.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Overall Winner Lion David Atkins.

FOOTBALL

Winners - Newquay.
Runners up - Portishead.

PU101 Forms - for Lions Year 2009-2010

All Club Secretaries will have received from Multiple District HQ an envelope in the recent mail-drop containing a blank PU101 form and PU101 Guidance Notes.

Please read these carefully and fully before completing the form.

The District Identification Number is 3966.

The form or a copy of the form submitted online must be received by MDHQ by **20th April 2009**.

This year each Club Secretary has to only submit **one** form to cover both UK and Lions Clubs International needs so our requests have been listened to this time. Both DGE Christine and I would appreciate a full house this year - all clubs to get their forms in by the requested date - so please see what you can do!

If any Club Secretary has any questions after reading the guidance notes please contact me.

LION DAVID ATKINS

District Secretary

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N.B. A COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER, AND COPIES OF THE CURRENT MONTHLY MAIL-DROP DOCUMENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON THE District 105SW Website @ www.lions105sw.org.uk JUST GO TO THE "NEWSLETTERS" and/or "CABINET" LINKS FROM THE HOME PAGE OF THE WEBSITE

**DISTRICT 105SW
Annual Convention Report**

Lions from all over the South West arrived in Plymouth to be greeted at the Holiday Inn by District Governor Lion Graham Lang and his wife, Heather and our International Guest PID Ronal Luxton, a Member of Temuka Lions Club in New Zealand since 1974. We also had guests from Districts 105BS, D, M, SE & W.



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194 Lions and partners attended Party Night and fully exploited the theme "Wish you were here". It was obvious much thought and planning had been put into their outfits. Okehampton LC, the winners, are shown above (they're the sheep and dog!!!!)



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Over 300 attended the Business Sessions opened by the Lord Mayor of Plymouth. VDG Christine Rowe was elected DGE for 2009-2010 with Neil Rutter, (Seaton) elected 1st VDG and Clifton Clayton, (Babbacombe & St Marychurch) 2nd VDG.

The DG's Gala Dinner was attended by 246 Lions and partners in their posh frocks and, after some entertaining speeches they, danced and sang the night away to the music of Edison Lighthouse. We finished with DG Graham and guests surrounded by everyone singing "Auld Lang Syne" and even after that they still continued dancing!

Convention ended with the traditional question & answer session on Sunday morning with 160 delegates present.

I would like to thank the Committee for all their help in making this a great Convention and look forward to meeting everyone again next year.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

(Re: Membership Reports from February'09)

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members into "105SW", and our family of Lions:

- David Fletcher** EXMOUTH CV
- John Fletcher** EXMOUTH CV
- Ian Kindon** GLASTONBURY & ST

Total District Membership: 1368

DG GRAHAM'S DIARY

APR		
1	Burnham on Sea	Official Visit
4	MD YOUNG	
	MUSICIAN FINAL	Birmingham
6	Exmouth (CV)	Official Visit
7	Wadebridge	Official Visit
8	PR Presentation	Menheniot
11	Exeter West	Charter Anniv.
14	Budleigh	Official Visit
17	Truro	Charter Anniv.
18	Axminster 40th	Charter Anniv.
20	Clevedon	Official Visit
23-26	MD CONVENTION	Southport
MAY		
6	Glastonbury	Official Visit
9	Crealy	District Fun Day
9	South Molton	Charter Anniv.
10	Plymouth	Charter Anniv.
11	Nailsea	Official Visit
12	Seaton	Official Visit
15	Minehead	Charter Anniv.
16	DISTRICT CABINET	Okehampton
21-23	Devon County Show	Clyst. St Mary
22	Okehampton	Charter Anniv.

**VISITING LION
COMPETITION**

Please remember that this annual competition runs for the year between District Conventions (March - March).

For this current period, 2009-2010, the District Officer responsible for this competition, to whom all completed forms should be sent, is:

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With Deep Sadness

It is with much regret that the DG has learnt of the passing to higher service of

Lion Derick Woods
(Padstow Lions Club)

We know he will be sadly missed and our heartfelt sympathies are extended to his family, community and friends in Lionism.

**YOUTH FOOTBALL
DISTRICT FINAL**

The Final, between Newquay and Portishead, took place on Sunday march 15th, at Crediton Football Ground. Newquay are now this year's Champions and current holders of the Brian Lethbridge Trophy. It was a very close, well fought game; the result being: Newquay 2 - Portishead 1.

Newquay now play District W finalists in the M.D. 105 competition. Many thanks to Crediton F.C. for the use of their ground and their hospitality.

Thank you also to all the Lions Clubs in S.W., who sponsored this years competition.

LION DENNIS MORGAN
Youth Football Officer

DISTRICT BANNER BOOKINGS

MAY	21-25	Royal Devon & Exeter Show
"	27-30	Bath & West Show
JUNE	4-6	Royal Cornwall Show
"	26	Fowey River
JULY	23-26	Weston-Super-Mare
AUG	13	Okehampton
SEPT	4	Okehampton
OCT	4	District Forum



If your Club would like to make use of this large 10ft. X 6ft. banner, then IPDG Brenda Wood is waiting for your call or e-mail to make a booking.

Tel: (01963) 31460

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DO YOU SEE YOURSELF AS A FUTURE DISTRICT GOVERNOR?



If you would like to know more about what the 'job' involves then please contact [IPDG Brenda Wood](#) who is planning another informal session to give an experienced insight into the role and is waiting to hear from you.

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Please submit editorial contributions by the 14th of the month preceding issue (preferably by E-Mail, if you have the facility) to:

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