



CONVENTION '25

Since our last Newsletter in September preparatory work for Convention continues and, as part of that, we have updated the Convention web-site with more useful information.

www.lions105se.uk

On the 'Hotels' page there are details of Canterbury Cathedral Lodge, the Hampton by Hilton and other accommodation.

At the time of writing, The Lodge has 1 double room and 3 singles available – call Chloe on 01227-866204 to book.

On the 'Trains and Parking' page we have shown details of the Lions' Shuttle Bus that will operate between Canterbury West Station and the Convention venue.

Also details of the City's Park & Ride buses, other parking available and photo directions to the Lodge.

Parking at The Lodge is severely restricted but a drop-off is permitted. Parking vouchers may be purchased from The Lodge for city car parks.

The web-site also has pages to register Club Delegates and Alternates and to read Nominations for Office and the Resolutions submitted.

On the 'Meal Booking' page you can book for the social occasions, Cabinet lunch, the Partners' Outing, Saturday sandwich lunch and order Convention Pins (ignore the Coupon Code message at the top of the form).



DG Steve's theme is "Having a Voice" - and this is YOUR Convention where you can have your say – and share time with fellow Lions from this and other countries.

This is our District's AGM where you can take part in the business, help influence decisions on our future and listen to specially invited speakers.

We are very pleased, and honoured, that our special guest will be International 2nd Vice-President Mark Lyon who, along with his wife Lion Lyn Lyon, will be with us for the weekend and will address Convention.



2nd IVP Mark is from Brookfield, Connecticut and before retirement worked in corporate legal administration and financial services with several major companies.

He joined Brookfield Lions in 1996 and since then has held many offices within his MD and he became an International Director. He was appointed a member of the LCI Forward project team, a Global Action Team area leader, a District Governor-Elect Seminar group leader, and board liaison to the 2019 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Executive Committee.

He was elected as our 2nd IVP in June this year at the Melbourne International Convention.

It will also be good to see our friends from our twinned districts in Germany and France who have confirmed they will be with us - together with, quite possibly, Lions from other Districts and Countries joining us to celebrate our "54th Birthday". We have already heard that Lions from Iceland are flying in.

The Friday is, of course, a special day as it will be the 14th of February and Valentine's Day, so naturally the party night will have a "Love" theme and will be coupled with an 80s disco.

So it is going to be "Love the 80's School Disco" – and we have worked with the venue to come up with an 80's themed menu to choose from !





Saturday evening will be our traditional end-of-Convention Banquet and Ball – and you will be able to choose from the venue’s full ‘Archbishop’s Menu’ !

We are to be entertained by a high quality six-piece band named “Plastic Orange”.

Perhaps you consider making it into a longer break in the lovely city of Canterbury and the surrounding Kent countryside ?

If you would like to book a Display Stand at Convention a booking form is available now from my Vice-Chairman Lynne : lynne.ireland68@gmail.com

Finally, DG Steve and all the Team hope we will see you in Canterbury in February for a great Convention !

Kind regards

David

David Burstow - Convention Chairman - November 2024