



## Lion Sandra Manktelow



**Nominated for position of 1st Vice District Governor by Petersfield Lions and seconded by Fleet Lions**

I joined Petersfield Lions Club in December 1993 and, three years later, was proud to be the first female President in the Club's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. At present I am completing my fourth stint as Club President.

My Lion career blossomed when I became zone chair four years ago, completing three terms of office. During this time I also took on the role of Lions/Brain Tumour Research Appeal Officer. Before standing for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor I was asked to become our district's Global Service Team Coordinator. This has given me a wider perspective of our Multiple District. It is great to see the good work that is carried out throughout our country (and also to be inspired by new ideas!).

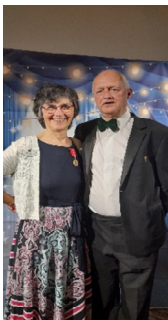
As 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor it is a privilege to visit the amazing clubs in the district. Every club is unique but the common threads I have seen are of fun, friendship and service. Lions truly are ordinary people who do amazing things.

In June I was fortunate to be accepted on the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute training held in Brussels. This was a course I will never forget. The days were intense but we had much fun and laughter working with Lions from across Europe. It was humbling to hear their stories and the friendships made will stay with me forever.

My training continues with zoom meetings with the other 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors, training at Multiple District level, on-line learning on the international website and of course shadowing and learning from the experienced Lions in our District.

Although life has become more hectic since becoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, I still find time to pursue my hobbies. Weekly walks with our local u3a group, and sometimes South-East Hants Ramblers, recharge my batteries. Visits to my local leisure centre to take part in combat classes and aqua aerobics to get rid of excess energy. Giving my monthly sound baths to people to help them relax (I also get the benefit of this) whilst raising funds for the Lions/Brain Tumour Research Appeal and of course, spending time with family and friends.

If successful in my application to become 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor I aim to support all clubs in the District and work alongside our District Governor. I will also encourage those wishing to take up leadership roles in our organisation. Without members Lions would not exist but also without leaders Lions will cease to be.



**My mantra is: "If I don't know the answer, then I will find someone who does", but above all I believe in having fun, enjoying myself and meeting my growing family of Lions whilst serving!**