



# Welcome to the first Newsletter for the 2024 Multiple District 105 Convention



## My Fellow Lions.

As your MD Events Officer I thought I would say how much I am looking forward to welcoming you to this year's **MD Conventions** at the lovely seaside town of Western-Super-Mare and invite you to join us on the **Pier** on the **Friday Evening** for **entertainment and fun** and then on the **Saturday in the Pavilion** for **Convention** with some interesting speakers and discussion followed by the traditional **Banquet and Ball** where hopefully we will enjoy ourselves.

It is the team's goal to make this an enjoyable event, so get on and book. See you there.

*Dave*  
**IPDG Dave Ebsworth**  
 Events Officer

We have an exciting weekend planned, starting on the Friday evening on the impressive **Grade II listed, 366m Grand Pier**. On Saturday, both our Convention and Banquet take place in the **Winter Gardens**, another impressive building, both venues have great accessibility and are really looking forward to our visit.



We are delighted to have a couple of great guests for the whole weekend, we have Past International Director & Board Appointee **Lion Teresa Dineen** from the Lions Club of Cork and **Lion David Evangelista** who is the Regional President & Managing Director for Special Olympics Europe Eurasia, both will be tremendous company and impressive speakers through our Convention.

Having visited both sites, the welcome we received from the staff was second to none, they were accommodating, flexible and couldn't do enough to make our **72nd Convention Weekend** a really memorable time. With Weston-super-Mare being a popular tourist destination there are lots of Hotels, B&B's, Guest Houses and camping facilities nearby, we are using the **Royal Hotel** and the **Grand Atlantic**, but there are plenty of other facilities for you to choose from.

Why not make the most of your trip to Weston-super-Mare and spend a few extra days experiencing the wonderful hospitality of the South West.

I sincerely look forward to seeing you all at our **72nd Multiple District Convention** – don't forget to book for the social functions and to register your delegates to vote at the Convention.

Looking forward to seeing you in Weston  
**CC Lion David Pope**



To book for Convention please use the link to the Convention website <https://www.md105convention.uk/index.html>





# MULTIPLE DISTRICT 105 CONVENTION 2024 NEWSLETTER

## A selection of some of the best things to do in Weston-Super-Mare. HAVE A FUN TRIP!

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### The Grand Pier

The Grand Pier is easily Weston-Super-Mare's most familiar and well-known spots in the town. With a cosy indoor-fairground and daily events in the summer months, it's one of the best things to do in Weston-Super-Mare whilst you stroll the shore.



A mix of fun, cheesy and totally kitsch seaside vibes, you'll get to see tribute acts like Queen, and also heaps of rides for the whole family to enjoy. From the cutest little roller coaster to the Formula One simulator, you'll be in for a treat.

Whilst here, grab a treat to eat at one of the Grand Pier's foodie spots, like; the Donut Factory for their fluffy ring doughnuts. Oh, and before you leave don't forget to check out the Museum of Memories, where you'll be transported way-back-when through memorable foods, toys and tv shows plenty of good entertainment to enjoy.

### Weston-super-Mare Beach

Weston-Super-Mare Beach is a firm favourite on a sunny day! With a huge area of sandy goodness, it's perfect for traditional seaside chillout right on the shoreline. Plus, the water is quite calm for a little dip, too. Though always remember that the tidal range in Weston-Super-Mare is extreme, this means the water can go out quite significantly, exposing boggy areas of the shore.

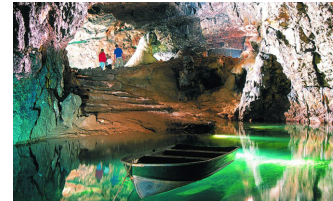
These can be dangerous as you can get stuck. Always explore with caution and remember the tide comes in very fast. Afterwards, take a walk down the pier and try your luck on the penny drops, slot machines and soft toy grabbers. Also, if you're wanting to avoid the crowds around the Grand Pier, take a stroll or drive over to Brean Beach. It's huge and just as stunning.



### Mendip Hills

Nestled just east of Weston-Super-Mare, the Mendip Hills is one of Britain's most beautiful natural landscapes to explore. With its picturesque limestone hills, the Mendips was officially declared an Area Of Outstanding Natural Beauty and perfect to visit for a day trip. Not only that, the caves are where the oldest complete human skeleton was found in Britain, the Cheddar Man (who is over 9,000 years old).

Don't forget to stop in the little tea rooms (for some scones and tea) and buy some cave-aged cheddar cheese (from the Cheddar Gorge Cheese Company) whilst you're here! We loved it.



Afterwards, stop by for a little gander in Axbridge – a tiny market town that's just shy of the Mendip Hills itself. Here, you can stroll the centuries-old streets, visit King John's Hunting Lodge and pop into the Oakhouse for a yummy lunch and tipple.



### The Museums

Just shy of Meadow Street, the Weston Museum is one of the best things to do in Weston-Super-Mare if you're something of a history buff. Starting from prehistoric times all the way to the modern-day. Don't miss Clara's Cottage, a well-preserved 1940s home. It's a perfect spot to visit for an hour or so, especially on a rainy day. If history isn't your thing, then check out the Helicopter Museum instead. Every helicopter enthusiast dream spot, it's the largest helicopter museum in the whole world. Holding over 80 different types of helicopter models, collected from all over the world, it's one of the best things to do in Weston-Super-Mare for anyone interested in aviation history.



Once here, you'll get to see the world's fastest helicopter and check out the historic models that are pretty cool to see. For a more quirky and cosy museum, head to The Lambretta Museum. A kitsch little place that shows off gorgeous vintage scooters, posters, badges and other memorabilia. Not necessarily for everyone, it's best saved for those that are interested in Lambretta.

### Steep Holm Island

Just off the shore of Weston-Super-Mare, Steep Holm Island is really easy to visit by boat from the area around Marine Lake in the town. With human settlements dating back to prehistoric times, there's a heap of diversity and history to discover; especially on the island trails. Despite being uninhabited, the island was once a thriving home to 6th-century British monk, St Gildas. Even the Vikings called the island home at one point!

One thing to note, It will be a full-day trip so be prepped for 12 hours exploring with Bay Island Voyages. This means you should pack all the foods, snacks and water for your trip on the island itself.