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105W NEWS UPDATE

Lion Larry Pearce - District Governor

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Fellow Lions,

Christmas is rapidly approaching and I expect your communities are getting set for some festive cheer, with you the Lions at the forefront, in giving people encouragement and hope for a special time.

What news this month,

well just last week **Classic FM** asked Lions to join them as their service partner for UK. This means Lions clubs will be able to have their events, projects, etc put out on national radio plus have a dedicated web page on the Classic FM web site. With a national audience and 6,000 hits a day on the web pages it is an opportunity to raise our image in the UK, so we are no longer the best kept secret. They would like some donations to their prime charity, Nordoff Robbins, which supplies musical therapy sessions for those with disabilities. So please if you can, take part in the largest carol service or spare some of the donations this Christmas that would help start the partnership, more details on the District website including the Events Form to send your PR material to Classic FM. At national level the Council of Governors are aware of an increase of requests for help that are coming from professional fundraising concerns acting on behalf of others, some of which are reaching clubs without coming via MD or me. The Council are putting in place guidelines for the acceptance or rejection of such projects/appeals and for the ongoing monitoring of them. In future, unless an appeal has passed these guidelines they are not Lions approved and should only be responded to on a local basis.

Our Congratulations go to Lion Tony Buchan of Frome on his appointment as deputy MD officer for Young Ambassador.

I was pleased to accept on behalf of 105W a donation of 500 trees given by Network Training Services, a company in South Wales. Our environmental officer Lion Mike Sheldon will be pleased to arrange delivery so please ask. They are Japanese Larch and small leaf Lime and can be stored till needed as long as they are kept damp and warm. Porthcawl LEOs have 10 trees to go to a local school. Leo Lincoln contacted a local primary

school and received an order for 10 trees to be planted in school grounds.

October & November saw the start of charter events. Julie & I wish to thank all those clubs who have allowed us to share in their celebrations and also for the fellowship and hospitality extended to us.

Sunday 20 November saw the judging of the District Peace Poster. There was a very good response this year with 11 posters to view, all of which were of good quality. After much discussion and agonising thought, the first prize was awarded to Ellie sponsored by Caerphilly Lions Club. See page 5 for the Winning entry.

As it is coming up to Christmas and the season of goodwill, our purposes for the month "*To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world*".

Julie & I wish you all a joyful and peaceful Christmas time where after all the Grottos, Sleighs, Carol services & Nativity plays you can relax and unwind with some light refreshments of your choice.

DG Lion Larry

Lions Focus Group ...

There is to be an online review of some clubs to provide details for a focus group. About 30 clubs in 105W have been earmarked for a potential e-mail request. This will be going direct to selected Club Presidents from Lions Clubs International. Please help with this venture if you are contacted.

DG Larry.

Membership Welcome ...

District Governor, Lion Larry, welcomes the following new members to the family of Lions during November. The District has seen positive growth so far in this fiscal year, congratulations to you all and well done!

Aberystwyth: Benjamin Manluctao

Fishguard & Goodwick: Iris Griffith, Gleneth Humphrey, Valerie Shirley

Porthcawl Lions Club: Patricia Jones, Michelle Owens, Sharon Davies & Caroline Ashford.

Lechlade & District: Simon Winckles

Tetbury: Keith Leaver



Santa's 'Elf n Safety'...

To all Clubs who operate a Santa Sleigh over the Christmas period please remember to check the health and safety and insurance guidelines.

Merry Christmas

Jeffrey Davies, District Health & Safety Advisor

District Scrapbook Competition ...

This is a reminder to all clubs intending to enter their 2010-2011 (Lions year) scrapbook into the 2012 Competition to let me know of your Club entry by 31 December 2011 at the latest. This will enable me to arrange judging to take place during the next Cabinet meeting on Monday 5 February 2012.

Jenny Holmes, District Competitions Organiser

TACADE ...

We, the Lions of District 105W, have at their disposal the finest resources to improve the education of our children on Drug Awareness.

TACADE (The Advisory Council for Alcohol and Drug Education) is the leading charitable organisation within the United Kingdom, it was established in Manchester in 1968 and is a pioneering force promoting participatory health education. Right from the start the work expanded beyond alcohol and drug education to other areas of Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) and we are known simply as TACADE

Over 75% of the 28,000 primary schools and more than 60% of the 6,683 secondary schools in the UK use TACADE materials. TACADE has always been at the cutting edge of health promotion by providing schools, colleges, informal youth settings, as well as those working with young people facing multiple deprivation, such as those involved in the criminal justice system, with high quality innovative and effective health promotion materials.

These resources cover a very large area of a youngsters education, they range from 3 years old up to 18 years old, for instance :- "Little Steps for 3 to 5 year olds, Alcohol and Key to Smoking for 7 to 11 year olds, Sexual Health and Relationships, Citizenship and Life Changes for 11 to 18 year olds. These are just a few of the resources which are available for use in the education of our children. This leads to a question: - Has your Lions club visited the places of learning or the youth organisations within your area to check if their authorities are willing to include these in their curriculum, or do they need the more up to date information which is now available.

As a member of the Lions Clubs International we cannot sit back and hope for the best, we must move forward and ensure that these resources are available and used in the education of our children / grandchildren.

All these resources are available in the Welsh language. You can obtain a catalogue by contacting me (address in the MD directory) tacade@lions105w.org.uk or you can collect as many as you require at any cabinet meeting.

Thank you.

Tom Lawson, Tacade Advisor

Fishguard and Goodwick Lions ...

Past President Bill Mason was recently honoured with a Melvin Jones Fellowship for his contribution to Lionism over many years. Unfortunately Bill was unwell, but his wife, Lioness Jessie, accepted the award on his behalf.



Pictured with F & G Lions President Mike Lloyd is Jessie with her son and daughter-in-law, Lions Paul and Marian Mason.

Bentley Leos provide sustenance...

Calne John Bentley Leos had a stall at the municipal firework display selling cakes, hot chocolate and tomato soup and made over £100. Calne John Bentley Leos currently have 10 members. They were formed last year by Calne Lions Leo Officer Lion Amanda Venton and they are highly thought of by the school, they provided kit for the school Disabled Basket Ball Team, they now want to provide musical instruments for music therapy classes as well raising money to assist an African school to purchase their premises at a cost of £8,000. They raise funds by cake sales at school and Lions events. IPP Mike Wilkins, accompanied us at the UN Day in London and the Leos hope to charter soon.



*Millie & Lydia at the Fireworks stall
Martin Ruddle, Calne Lions*



Remembrance Parades ...

Many Lions Clubs in the District joined with Civic dignitaries and local groups to parade through their town on Sunday 13 November and lay Royal British Legion wreaths.



Pictured: PDG Lion Martin, Lion John Shearsby and Lion Jo Murry marching in the Calne remembrance parade, Lion President Julie Shearsby laid the Lions poppy wreath.

Hereford Lions News ...

Hereford Lions Club has quickly responded to a plea from two and half year old Ellis Jones asking Santa to help him walk like other little boys and girls by giving him a cheque for £1,500 towards the £45,000 needed for a life changing operation in the St. Louis children's hospital in America.

The family of the Hereford boy, who has cerebral palsy and cannot walk without the aid of a walking frame, has launched the appeal fund, 'Ellis' Happy Feet' and £20,000 has already been donated to pay for an operation which will get him walking unaided.

The club has contacted Lions in St. Louis who have promised to help the family when they arrive in the US.



Pictured: President Ron Williams (right) and welfare chairman, David Barrett with Ellis.

and more...

Hereford is donating £10,000 to purchase equipment for a new radio therapy facility at the city's cancer treatment unit at the County Hospital. Plans are already in hand for a Jubilee Ball on June 2 next year to mark the Queen's 60 years on the Throne. The 18th edition of Hereford's

annual Lions Festive News, a 32 page full colour newspaper delivered to 30,000 homes in and around Hereford was published in November. A mega publicity and PR exercise for Lions plus a useful fund raiser.

George Thomas

Northleach and Fosse ...

District Governor Larry recently attended a business meeting of the Northleach and Fosse Lions Club in the Cotswolds.



DG Lion Larry (left) and Club President Lion Stuart Asquith exchange banners

President Lion Stuart Asquith

Keynsham Lions News ...

A pupil at St. Keyna School, Keynsham is soon to have a much easier life in following his studies thanks to the support and efforts of Keynsham Lions.

7 year old Daniel Parfitt has a genetic condition known as Neurofibromatosis which promotes tumours anywhere in the body and it also has an effect on Daniel's motor skills. This is compounded by a further condition, Scoliosis which causes him to have a curvature of the spine. Thus his ability to control his actions is sometimes affected.

Like any young child, using a computer in his education is part of life. However due to his condition the likelihood of dropping or damaging a computer was quite high. The school had no funding that could be used to help Daniel so they approached Keynsham Lions which decided that they would purchase a Fizz Book for him.

Fizz Book is mainly aimed at children between the ages of 6 – 14 to help with their academic school work and also encourage healthy pc learning. The Fizzbook is extremely hardwearing and can withstand being dropped and any type of wear & tear a child can throw at it, unlike conventional laptops!

and more...

LCI is determined to plant one million trees worldwide through their membership of 1.35 million Lions. Not to be left out, Keynsham Lions are joining forces with Bath & North East Somerset Council to purchase and plant 60 trees in the town.

Alan Hale – Keynsham PRO.



Swansea Lions ...

The Swansea Lions Club President presented cheques to the value of £2,400 to the new Maggie's centre at Singleton hospital and the Ty Olwen cancer care unit at Morriston hospital.

The funds were raised by "Class Act Theatre School" using some very thoughtful and ingenious ways (some would call it extortion) of collecting money during the interval of their production of Moby Dick the musical.

Earlier this year they also performed songs from the shows at a charity concert which raised funds for these charities on behalf of the Lions club of Swansea.

A big thank you to all of those who performed and made the events so memorable.



Lions President Mike Powell presents one of the cheques to Vicki Jones of the Swansea Maggie's centre and the cast of Moby Dick the Musical who raised the funds.

Andy Skilling – Swansea Lions

A Gift for Living ...

You will have read in the latest edition of the LION magazine that "A Gift for Living" is still very active and is continually in need of funds to pursue the work in former Yugoslavia.

Whilst I have no knowledge that any appeal has been launched, it does occur to me that as a District we could assist by collecting foreign coins as my own club, Radstock & Midsomer Norton do.

I would like to suggest that efforts are made to collect foreign coins, bring them, or get them, to District Convention in March when they can then be sent, via Lion Viv Morgan, to PDG Lion Stefan Erentraut who can arrange for such coin to be exchanged for £s or Euros which funds can be used by "The Gift for Living" team.

District Treasurer, Alan Denham.

Ross - on - Wye Spectacular...

There was a fantastic response to the Lions plea for local people to donate their unwanted used spectacles during the Lions Global Sight Awareness Campaign in October. Following publicity in local papers, a display in a shop window and two collection points, spectacles came in by the hundreds.



The Ross Lions Public Relations Officer, Bernard Fowkes, also approached all the opticians in the town and was almost overwhelmed by the quantity of spectacles he was given. Last year the Chichester Lions Club sent over 300,000 pairs of spectacles abroad.



A total of over 2,250 pairs of used spectacles were collected and sent onto Chichester Lions.

Bernard Fowkes, PRO

Europa Forum, Young Ambassador Competition ...

The final of this year's Young Ambassador Competition took place at Maastricht, Holland on the 15 October, as part of the Europa Forum. Ryan Green the District and BI&I winner, had to make his way up from Falmouth on the Thursday, where he is at University, in order for us to pick him up and drive to Maastricht on the Friday.

Ryan was hosted for the weekend by a Dutch family, Lion Jaques van Geel, and his wife Ineke.

The judging started early on the Saturday morning after the candidates drew lots for the order of interviews. Each candidate gave a 5 minute presentation of their project to a panel of three judges and were then questioned for 20 minutes about the detail. After lunch the candidates gave a public presentation of their project, but before that started, International President Wing-Kun Tam met the candidates and pledged his support to the Young Ambassador program.

Following some tense minutes the judges announced the winners in the traditional manner: 3rd place to the Italian entry, 2nd place to Ryan and 1st place to the young lady from Belgium.

The closing ceremony took place with attendance by Lions from all over Europe and International President Tam. Ryan received a certificate for his second place and is awarded a €1000 bursary for his chosen charity; Hope Support Services and was personally presented with the International Presidents Pin. A tremendous achievement by Ryan and an event well worth visiting.

Keith Wilding, 105W Youth Officer



Cirencester Lions ...

The Club have been supporting local charity 'SWIM' for the last year. SWIM is raising money to pay for a special hoist for disabled people to use the pool at Cirencester Leisure Centre.

Earlier this year, Waitrose agreed to allow Cirencester Lions to promote the SWIM project in their 'Community Matters' project whereby each shopper chooses one of three charities to support by posting a token in a collecting box on leaving the checkouts. The three charities share £1000 in the proportions that Waitrose shoppers choose.



Lions Coordinator, Wendy West, receiving a cheque for £508 from Waitrose Manager David Lincoln outside the store in Cirencester. Wendy thanked Waitrose and all their customers for supporting Lions in raising money for this local good cause.

Chris Harlow, Temporary Coordinator

Peace Poster Competition ...

With Club entries up 100% on last year, almost 1000 children, from within the boundaries of District 105W, have taken part in this year's Peace Poster Competition. Children, aged between 11 and 13, have been using their artistic talents to design a poster on peace with the particular theme "Children Know Peace". The winning posters from each local Lions Club Competition, on display following the recent Cabinet meeting, clearly showed the children did know peace, with a wide variety of different ideas expressed, many with a global interpretation.

District Governor Lion Larry Pearce and his team of judges had a difficult task in determining the overall winner, to go forward to the MD Competition in Birmingham on Saturday 3 December. Finally a decision was reached and the winner, by a short head, was Caerffili Lions Club, so congratulations to them for taking the trophy for the second year running. In particular well done to their winning entrant, Ellie, who is just 12 years old. Ellie will receive her trophy at District

Convention on 17 March 2012 together with a cheque for £50. In second place was Brecon Lions Club and in third place Forest of Dean Lions Club.



The winning Peace Poster entry

It has been an excellent competition this year and many thanks to all those Clubs who have taken part. If your Club did not take part, then you missed a real opportunity, which you can put right in 2012!

Jenny Holmes, District Peace Poster Advisor

Classic FM Lions PR ...

At MD level, Lions Clubs International have been working hard to obtain the publicity to ensure we as Lions raise our profile. The National Memorial Arboretum Shelter, and St Dunstan's are the latest examples.

However we need to do more and a partnership with Classic FM as 'Partners in Service' brings together a National Brand and our Local Strength.

- **Classic FM have 6m listeners a week and Lions of MD105 have 17,000 members in 900 Clubs serving their local community.**

As a first stage in the partnership, Classic FM have asked for help with their Christmas appeal. We are getting to this later than hoped but let's do something if your club has the time to spare at this busy part of the year, much of which you have been planning for a long time.

All Clubs have received details of how they can support Britain's Biggest Carol Concert and get their events publicised on Classic FM. See the District website for full details.



Black Mountain Lions ... came to the rescue of Hay School this September. Changes had been imposed upon the school over which they had no control. These changes meant that the school's pre-school nursery, Caterpillars, had nowhere to go. The school was either going to be overcrowded posing a risk to the pupils, or Caterpillars faced closure.

The Lions have a building on the school site that had been built to accommodate a local Brownie group. Following the abandonment of the Brownies group, the Lions had let the school use the building for occasional events. The school approached the Lions who agreed to the pre-school group taking on the building.

A lot of work (and money!) was needed to be done to make the building a warm, welcoming environment for the children. Again, the Lions came to the rescue, giving the school a much needed boost to their funds of £500.

The work done has changed the building into a bright, vibrant nursery, much appreciated by parents and always enjoyed by the pupils.



Mrs Davies, the group leader, said, "We would all like to say a great big thank you to The Lions who have helped maintain and improve a much used facility in the town."

David James; Secretary, Black Mountains.

HFT & Tenovus Update...

Lion Tony Buchan writes: 'I am delighted to be able to advise you of another addition to our total. Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions have contributed a further £100 to Tenovus' MCSU, which brings the total raised for Tenovus to £4,660. The grand total for both charities now stands at £27,028

I was invited to Swindon Lions Club on 21 November to present to them on our fundraising efforts. It was a very enjoyable evening and the response from everyone was extremely positive. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank Swindon Lions for the kind hospitality. It was well worth the trip.

The great news does not stop there. Lion President Richard Munden of Radstock & Midsomer Norton Lions Club has made Hope for Tomorrow his charity of the year. I have no doubt that they will be working extremely hard for the charity during this Lionistic Year and I wish them all the very best with their efforts.

Now let's hear from the charities. Rosa is the new Head of Fundraising for Hope for Tomorrow, following Belinda Bertie's recent departure.

Rosa writes: 'I joined as Fundraiser on 21 November and will be supporting the team with all aspects of fundraising and volunteering. I come from a fundraising background and have worked at other local charities. I'm very excited to be here and looking forward to what 2012 has in store!

We were delighted to be the joint nominated charity again this year at the Westonbirt Fair where we ran the tombola, which was hugely popular'.

Richard Pugh of Tenovus writes:-

'With the new year quickly approaching we are happy to announce that we have put plans in place for a second MCSU to be launched in the first half of 2012.

The second unit will be providing Lymphoedema clinics and education initially in mid and south Wales'.

I can now bring you further news of interest in fundraising for the MCUs from outside of our District. Lion Rachel Addy, Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Lions Club, District 105A, has been showing an interest in our fundraising efforts. On Saturday 19 November, her club held a Race Night and named one of the Races after Hope for Tomorrow. Following on from this, Lion Rachel is looking at doing more fundraising for Hope for Tomorrow in the New Year'.

Tony Buchan, District Advisor

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A full report is available on the district website <http://www.lions105w.org.uk/MCOUNovember2011.pdf>

Diary Dates ...

December

- 1 **2nd VDG** visits Fishguard and Goodwick Club
Cardiff Charity Lunch
- 2 Chipping Sodbury Victorian Day
- 3 MD Peace Poster Finals, MDHQ
- 4 GLT/GMT meeting, Holiday Inn, Newport
Radstock & MSN Christmas Concert
- 6 **DG** visits Ross-on-Wye Club
- 8-9 Fishguard & Goodwick, Santa's Grotto
- 16 Chippenham Carol Evening
- 19 Keynsham Christmas Party

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- 4 **DG** visits Dursley Lioness Club
- 5 Last day for Convention resolutions.
- 8 Young Ambassador final, Holiday Inn, Newport
- 11 Zone J meeting, Keynsham
- 13 Melvin Jones 133rd birthday
- 14 Lechlade & District Senior Citizens Party
- 27-29 Council of Governors Meeting.
- 28 Chippenham Lions Burns' Night.

January News Update ...

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all and thank you for your support. Articles for the January edition of News Update please to news@lions105w.org.uk by

25 December

Thank you – Ed.

