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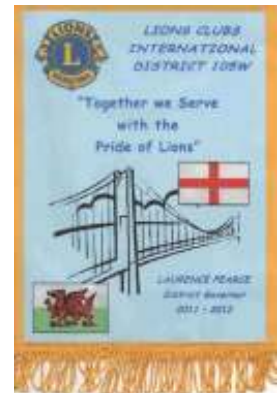
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105W NEWS UPDATE

Lion Larry Pearce - District Governor



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Fellow Lions,

Over the Christmas/New Year period it has been my pleasure to be Santa at my clubs grotto and also attend some other clubs charitable events. One of these was a visit to a Senior Citizens establishment to

bring gifts from Santa and sing carols. Fortunately Caerphilly Lions had recruited a fine ladies choir to do the singing and the residents did not have to put up with my dulcet tones.

The New Year has started with a bang for 105W, five young ambassadors lined up on the 7 January to compete for '2012 Young Ambassador 105W'. After two and a half hours of presentations and questions they were ready for their lunch. After that the Judges announced the winner as Carys, sponsored by Glantawe Lions Club. They confirmed that all the contestants were worthy contenders and that the margin of victory was a single point. Well done to all who took part and their supporters, also our thanks go out to Lion Christine Sheldon for organising the competition, which she informs me is so rewarding. With both the increase in numbers for the Peace Poster and Young Ambassador competitions there is hope for the future. These are just two of the ways your club can contact not just young people but their parents and schools to show the ideals of Lions and how we try to improve life for so many. Youth Football, Young Leaders in Service, Leo's plus the Music Competitions are some of the others. The winners of both contests now go forward to MD Finals.

Also we have received our share of the resources being made available to Districts to push our **Signature Projects; Lions Eye Health Projects** and **Young Leaders in Service** out into our communities, the GMT/GLT teams will begin to distribute that material to all clubs soon. We hope you will take every opportunity to promote the Signature Projects within your communities. It is aimed at helping us raise the profile of Lions Clubs and should also be a great recruitment aid.

How is your tree planting coming along? We are over half way to our target and from information received I would expect us to double that target at least. Please let our environmental officer Lion Mike Sheldon know of the trees your club has planted and also if you would like some. Please note if you require larger trees for a silver spade promotion Lion Martin Ruddle has quite a few available of various types.

Our District website has a page that will link into the Classic FM notification of event page, where your club can enter details of the event and hopefully have it broadcast over the radio or via the internet. Please could all those who listen to Classic FM note how often we get a mention so we can monitor the success or otherwise of this partnership.

This is Diamond Jubilee and Olympic Year so there should be plenty of opportunity for Lions to be involved with communities and get ourselves seen, let's make 2012 the year our Clubs are truly recognised by their communities.

Remember also we are hosting the Welsh UN Day in the Temple of Peace, Cardiff on Sunday 11 March. Details are on the website, organised by Lion Jackie Warren, it would be very nice if as many of our Welsh clubs as possible could send representatives. Please let Lion Jackie have your attendees as soon as possible.

Remember District Convention is on Saturday 17 March, 10am-4pm, at the Hilton Hotel, Coldra, Newport. All details and booking to be found on our website.

Lion Larry
District Governor

Membership Welcome.

District Governor, Lion Larry, welcomes the following new members to the family of Lions during January.

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| Caerffili: | Catherine Gregory. |
| Carmarthen: | Eirian Jones. |
| Llandrindod Wells: | Jacqueline Huxford. |
| Calne: | Ken Stephenson. |
| City of Bath: | David Pattie. |
| Kington: | David Wilkes. |
| Northleach & Fosse: | Libby Monsell. |
| Tetbury: | Christopher French. |
| Highworth & District: | Nick Johnson |
| Severn Dean: | Gareth Roberts |

Hello Santa!

Northleach and Fosse Lions, Keith Messenger and Corina Sherman dressed up as 'Father Christmas' and his 'Little Helper' for Santa's Grotto, run by the Club as part of the recent annual Victorian Evening at Bourton-on-the-Water in Gloucestershire. More than 90 children came to see Santa, the Club's profile was raised, the charities fund benefited and a good time was had by all.



Lion Stuart Asquith, Northleach and Fosse

Christmas Entries for News Update

I received other articles and photos about clubs sterling efforts standing in for Santa during December, but space is limited. My apologies to Cardiff, Caerffili and Chippenham Lions. *Ed*

Ho! Ho! Ho! for Ross Care Home...

On Thursday 8 December, Ross Youth Lions gave a musical performance to the residents at Ross Court Care Home near John Kyrle High School. Not only did the Youth Lions sing cheerful Christmas carols to the residents, but they also played some jazzy and modern Christmas classics on their instruments from 'Rockin' around the Christmas Tree' to 'Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas'.



The locals at Ross Court Care Home were full of Christmas spirit, so it seemed an easy decision when the members of Ross Youth Lions suggested that they give a musical programme to fit in with the festive mood. After many hard rehearsals the Leo's were ready to lift the roof. From 'Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!' to 'Silent Night', the members of Ross Youth Lions played and sang a range of both past and present Christmas

carols and songs, which the residents at the care home absolutely loved! It was a joyful event for both the old and the young; together with music, festive spirit and a few biscuits at the end, it was a successful and enjoyable musical evening.

Bernard Fowkes, PRO, Ross-on-Wye

**Late Lions Youth Football Score.
District Final of under 14's Competition
Sunday 29 January Llantwit Major (9) v
Highworth (1) Report next News Update.**

Ross Elderly Enjoy Fantastic Christmas Lunch ...

Thanks to the cooperation and public spiritedness of Dennis Humble, Debbie Griffiths and some of her WRVS workers, Ross-on-Wye Lions Club, led by their President, Lion Sam Phillips and others; the elderly of Ross and District were able to sit down at the Ryefield Centre and enjoy a superbly cooked and served Lunch on Christmas Day.

Transport was provided by volunteers to bring the sixty eight guests to the Ryefield Centre. A further eight meals were delivered to some elderly who were housebound. On arrival at the Ryefield Centre each guest was personally welcomed and invited to have a drink, either alcoholic or a soft drink. Members of the Lions and other helpers then chatted with them and kept their glasses topped up until the meal was served. Similar happened to the housebound where those who delivered the meals helped to serve it and chatted to the recipients. Each one received a parcel of goodies including a bottle of wine which was opened if necessary.

Volunteers came not only from the organisations mentioned above but from the local community and some from further afield who were visiting relatives in the town and felt they would like to come along and help.



The Mayor of Ross, Councillor Lion David Ravenscroft, also came along to talk to the guests and he thanked everyone for giving their time and efforts.

Entertainment was provided by members of the Ross Baptist Church and the New Life Church who gave a great rendering of all the well known Christmas Carols.

At the end of the meal, Santa, in the form of Lion Cyril Powell, turned up and handed all the guests presents to take home with them. These gifts were made possible through the cooperation of Sainsbury's who allowed a collection to be made at their store in Ross. Other people who deserve a vote of thanks are The Ross Garden Centre who provided table decorations, the Phoenix Singers who held a collection at two of their concerts and donated the money to the Lions, the anonymous person who gave a large donation towards the costs, and all those who have not been mentioned in the above.

Through the efforts of all these people, a large number of elderly people who would have been alone at Christmas, not even having one visitor, received a lovely meal, gifts and chats with many happy volunteers.

The Lions would also like to thank all those who turned up on Christmas Eve to make all the preparations for the event.

Bernard Fowkes, PRO, Ross-on-Wye

Pool Table for Children's Ward...

The Ross Lions Club provided the Children's Ward in the Hereford County Hospital with their last Pool Table and when they heard that it was getting a bit dilapidated they decided to replace it.

Following their last business meeting a group of Ross Lions, Colin Parry, Andrew Middlecote, Jim Swinson, led by President Sam Phillips, took a new table to the hospital erected it and presented it to the Ward Matron Fiona Blackwell. Fiona was extremely pleased with the gift and said the children loved playing pool and would make a lot of use of it. She thanked the Lions for their generosity.



President Sam said the Ross Lions were delighted to do something for the young children who must find it very boring without much to do. As far as he was aware a group of Ross Youth Lions had also visited the Children's Ward and presented all the children with presents at the same time as they had.

Bernard Fowkes, PRO, Ross-on-Wye

Caerffili Lions Christmas Dinner...

Some members of Caerffili Club at their annual Christmas Dinner provided entertainment for fellow Lions and wives, with their newly formed Ukulele



Band. The instruments were purchased 10 days earlier so it was a rather scratch band. We have had all the comments about don't ring us, we'll ring you etc., but it is well worth the effort for the fun value.

Lions Colin, Ray, Howard, Michael and John
Michael Mathews, Caerffili Lions Club

Young Ambassadors win, is music to the ears...

Glantawe Lions Young Ambassador, 18 year old Carys Norris, won the 2012 District Young Ambassador competition. Lion President Phil Taylor later explained, 'this is a fantastic result for Glantawe Lions club'. The cheque for Carys having represented Glantawe Lions club, was presented to her at the January business meeting and will go towards her expenses for her future trip to Africa.



Pictured from left: Luke (Forest of Dean), Mathew (Porthcawl), Winner Carys (Glantawe), Laura (Fishguard and Goodwick) and Ben (Ross-on-Wye)

The news that winning the District competition has secured them £500 was music to the ears of Cwmtawe Youth band, who will buy new music with the money, to

be received after the MD finals, in Birmingham in February. Carys has played at Cwmtawe Youth band for the past 10 years and is currently their lead Euphonium player in the senior band. The past four years has also seen Carys as a volunteer, teaching their beginner's band, a feeder band for the senior band. This regular voluntary role, is however just one of the voluntary roles Carys has played in past years.

Congratulations from Glantawe Lions Club, also go to the Lions clubs of Fishguard and Goodwick, Forest of Dean, Porthcawl and Ross-on-Wye, for putting forward Young Ambassadors, Laura, Luke, Mathew and Ben to represent their clubs in the competition. The young people are all very good to be serving their community.

Further on the note of music, Glantawe Lions also learnt this month, that their entry for the **Youth Europa Music Competition**, Luke Millard, automatically goes through to the Multiple District competition, as a result of being the only entry for 105W.

Lion Christine Sweeney, Glantawe Lions Young Ambassador Officer.

The LIONS MD Youth Trust...

Our District Treasurer, Lion Alan Denham, suggested that it would be good idea to remind everyone in 105W just what the Multi District Youth Trust is and why each club is asked to pay £60 a year into it.

Hopefully you are already aware, that there are a number of Youth Projects and activities; Football, Youth Exchange, Youth Camp, Young Ambassador, Music Competition, Young Leaders in Service, Peace Poster and Leos. These Youth activities need funds in order for them to be set up and organised, this is what the MD Youth Trust helps to support.

Football needs funding to support transport costs, fees, refreshments and Officials. Total costs for the whole of the MD Competition is around £6,000 per year.

The Youth Centre runs the **Youth exchange** and **Youth Camp** for about 40 young people from all around the world. It costs up to £20,000 each year. This is a partnership in that many of our young people travel to Youth Centres across the world.

Young Ambassador is the programme that recognises young people who are serving their community. Each of the 13 District winners receives a bursary for their chosen Charity. They all go forward to the MD competition where the winner gets £1000 Bursary and goes forward to represent GB&I at the Europa Forum. Total MD cost for this activity is £13,000.

The Music Competition is similar in structure to the Young Ambassador Comp, but is run over a shorter time and lower cost.

For running the **Leo MD** structure and activities the MD Leos are entitled to £3000 a year from the Youth Trust.

Young Leaders in Service is a relatively new Youth activity which rewards young people for the hours of

work they do in their community. The initial costs at MD were £4,000, but this will be lower in future.

Although a relatively low amount, **Peace Poster Competition** prize money is also paid from the Youth Trust.

Tacade funds flow through the Youth Trust but there is no net cost as income is sent to TACADE.

But there is a problem. The Youth Trust has been losing money at £15,000 to £20,000 a year. Although we are looking for Sponsors for the Young Ambassador Competition, there is only enough money in the Trust to keep the current projects running for a few years. The main reason for this is that about 200 Clubs across MD105 each year do not pay their voluntary contribution. (The contributions come from your Charity/Activities account).

Because of the financial shortfall, the reality is that the Council of Governors are looking at how to reduce the spend on Youth. This could mean ceasing some activities or reducing the spend significantly on activities like Young Ambassador.

Could we please ask each Club that is not already doing so, to consider making this yearly payment of £60 to the MD Youth Trust, so that we can continue to run these extremely worthwhile Youth Programmes. The MD Youth Trust £60 is not to be confused with the District £20 Youth funding, that is required to support the District Youth activities, which by the way is just as important for us - Many Thanks.

Keith Wilding, 105W District Youth Officer.

Calne Lions Tree Planting...

There has been a long association between Holy Trinity School and Calne Lions and they were doing their bit for the environment by planting trees in Quemerford Wood. Included were 5 Hornbeams and a Walnut tree commemorating Calne Lion members who have past on to higher service.



Photo by Anna-Lisa shows Lion Ken, prospective member Ann Mercer, Lion Anna-Lisa, Daniel, Martin, Ruby, Thea and Ben.

Martin Ruddle, Calne Lions

Leominster Lions do it AGAIN...

They've done it again! Not content with increasing membership by 25%, Leominster Lions Club have now, from the October base, doubled their membership by receiving the transfer in of three members. Watch this space; there are more on the way.

Brian Dawson, Secretary, Leominster Lions

Measles Initiative...

Last year we joined the Measles Initiative, a collaborative effort of several leading organizations to eliminate measles. In less than 10 years, last August, the 1 billionth child was vaccinated through this initiative. Whilst measles has been reduced by 78 percent since 2001, the WHO estimates that decreasing support could result in 500,000 more deaths each year if the present progress rolls back to pre-2000 levels.

Cheques to help the Measles Initiative can be sent to the District Treasurer, Lion Alan Denham, payable to "Lions Clubs International 105W" endorsed "Measles" on the back.

Lion Viv Morgan, LCIF

Frocester Beer Festival...

Here for the beer money! Beer lovers who helped raise £2000 have enabled Dursley Lions Club to hand out cheques totalling that amount to charities. Willow Trust, Tip, Stroke Association, Remap, National Autistic Society and The British R P Society.

This was some of the money raised by the Lions Club annual fund raising event the 32nd Frocester Beer Festival where 6000 visitors enjoyed the opportunity to try 119 different beers from 51 breweries during the two day event last August.



A presentation evening was held at the Lions Den, May Lane, Dursley where the cheques were handed over to Richard Bellis, Sue Whatley, Steve Chesworth, Bruce Lee, Rachel Brown, Stuart Frazer, and tapping yet another barrel, Neil Baldwin the beer festival organiser.

Ron Robins, PRO Dursley Lions Club

Welsh LIONS UN Day - 11 March...

I remind all Lions in the District of the Welsh Lions United Nations Day. The date of the event is Sunday afternoon, 11 March, commencing at 1.45pm and will be held at the Temple of Peace, King Edward V11 Avenue, Cathay Park, Cardiff, CF10 3AP. As it is a Sunday there will be room for parking near the Temple of Peace.

Unfortunately, as the venue has a restriction of seating of 45 seats for Guests, it is advisable to reserve your seat as soon as possible as only 35 seats are left. We have two special Guest Speakers and all information regarding the day is available on the District Website. It should be a very interesting day. To be sure of a seat, please email me jackiewarren50@sky.com or Tel: 01792 215616.

Jackie Warren, 105W UN Liaison Officer,

Dursley Lioness Club...

Last December Dursley Lionesses sold tickets for their Christmas Hamper Raffle in Sainsbury's, raising funds for Cotswold Care. Over £600 was raised, enabling us to send £700 to the Hospice.



Su Wagner, Dursley Lioness Club

HFT & Tenovus Update...

We start the New Year with great news on three fronts!

Christine Mills, Founder of Hope for Tomorrow, has been awarded an MBE for Charitable Services to Healthcare in the New Year's Honours List. This is an immense achievement and reflects the vision, sheer hard work and dedication that Christine has put into bringing Mobile Chemotherapy Units to our communities. She is a true pioneer and I know everyone within our Lions District would like to offer their congratulations to her on this well-deserved honour.

Many of you will recall that I made a presentation to Swindon Lions Club on November 21 on our fundraising efforts for MCUs/MCSUs. I am delighted to say that the club have now confirmed that they will be donating £1,000 to Hope for Tomorrow. This is part of a much larger donation effort that Swindon Lions do every year – donating £1,000 each to various deserving causes. There will be a special presentation ceremony in The Mayor's Parlour in Swindon sometime in March or April.

HFT can now be found on both Facebook and Twitter!

Both Hope for Tomorrow and Tenovus will be present at the Business Session of our Convention in March. They will be distributing literature and talking to us all their work. Sadly, we will be unable to bring either MCU or MCSU to the Convention simply because the car-parking space in the hotel grounds is limited.

*Lion Tony Buchan, District Advisor
Mobile Chemotherapy & Oncology Units*

QR Codes ...



Ever wondered what those funny square symbols are on mail-shots that come through the door and newspaper adverts? They are the next generation of bar-codes, try pointing your smartphone at this one to get to the District website.

Directory Update...

Leominster Lions now meet on the 2nd Friday of each month. All other details are unchanged.

Higher Service...

It is with deep regret that News Update reports the passing to higher service of Lion Philip Newcombe, Cheltenham Club and Lion Terry Andrews, Northleach and Fosse Club.

District Governor Lion Laurence Pearce and all Lion members extend their condolences to their families and loved ones.

Has your Club done their 'A' and 'M' Reports?

Diary Dates ...

February

- 5 Cabinet meeting, Holiday Inn, Newport.
- 11 **DG** at Chepstow Charter
- 17-19 Lioness Conference, Holiday Inn, Elmstree.
- 17-18 MD Young Ambassador Final, Dudley.
- 18 Hereford Lions Club Charity Race Night.
- 18 Chippenham Charter, Neeld Hall.
- 24 Kington Lions Club Charter Dinner.
- 25 Devizes Lions Swimathon.

March

- 2-5 Lions Faculty Development, Copenhagen
- 3 Porthcawl Charter, Atlantic Hotel
- 11 Lions Day with the UN, Temple of Peace
- 12-13 International President visits National Memorial Arboretum and UN Day, London.
- 16-18 37th District Convention, Hilton Hotel.
- 23 Frome Charter Anniversary
- 24 Hereford Lions Charter, Town Hall
- 25 Swindon Charter

June 2012 - District 105D event

- 15-17 Blackmore Vale Lions Annual Caravan Rally Weekend. For more information contact: Lion Peter Oswick, Tel: 01963 363281 or email: peter.oswick@btinternet.com

Our Convention 2012 ...

The first Convention to be hosted by the District Convention Team will be this years 37th District Convention at the Hilton Hotel, Coldra, Newport. The weekend will start on Friday 16 March with the Convention Business Session on Saturday 17 March. Full social activity for the weekend with booking arrangements can be sourced on the District Website <http://www.lions105w.org.uk/Convention2012.htm> Our International guest will be International Director Lion Per K. Christensen.

Club Secretaries have received the Convention Call and the Nominations and Resolutions. Club Secretaries are reminded to return the completed Convention Delegates Form to the District Secretary by 4 February.

March News Update...

Articles for the March News Update please to news@lions105w.org.uk by 25 February.

Please can I request contributors to use an informative subject line, including club name, in email contributions. It would help me greatly to ensure that I don't miss things! *Ed.*