

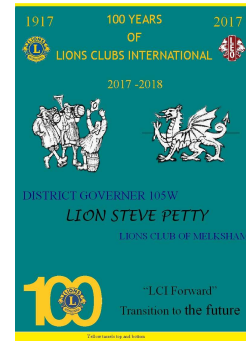


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105W NEWS UPDATE

Lion Steve Petty - District Governor



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Dear Fellow Lions.

We are now at the end of January and most of you will be putting Christmas to the back of your minds and beginning to plan for your spring and summer events. If you are like me you will have also now completed your New Year resolutions or given up in despair hoping no-one has noticed. Never mind, there is only another eleven months to go before you can try

again. I still have a couple of clubs to visit and look forward to meeting you during February. Absolutely no sandwiches please as I try and continue with my diet resolution for at least another couple of weeks.

The spring brings us into the convention season with our own being on the 2nd and 3rd March at Port Talbot. Things are going well with around three quarters of the rooms allocated to us now being taken. The world record spectacle collection is coming together as planned with anticipated live updates being transmitted into the convention hotel during Saturday from the count location at the Bae Baglan school. Could I please ask that if you are bringing spectacles, you update the team through Chris Davis with approximately how many pairs you currently have? Chris has a good team of helpers but can get more to help if he knows in advance the need to have more. I am also now in regular contact with our guest speaker International Director Sandro Castellini and swapping notes on what would be a topical subject for his speech. Our twin district in Normandy, France has also confirmed their attendance.

As you read this I will have just returned from my third Council of Governors weekend meetings at Solihull and will have been updated on the work underway with the redistricting. I know that this is of little consequence to most clubs, as it doesn't change the way in which you work, but it is something that has been in our minds, at district, for several years and now has an end in sight. We would have also been updated with progress on the CIO registration process. The work load has proven to be greater than first thought causing delays and more members are being trained up to cope with demand.

UN day has again been supported well by 105W with seven members attending the event at Westminster Hall on the 13 March. 105A have also organized a dinner at the

Holiday Inn in Kensington, London the same evening for anyone wanting International First Vice President Lion Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir to award their clubs MJF's. Please apply direct to Max Mongia if interested: smongia@strongfieldtech.com.

Thank you all for supporting our other London event which has received a good response and our full allocation has now been taken up by clubs. Regretfully and sadly, I am still not allowed to publish exact details for security reasons.

Lion Steve Petty, District Governor, 105W.

Membership Welcome ...

During January, District Governor Lion Steve welcomed the following member to the family of Lions:

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| Brecon | Rosemarie Matchett. |
| Llantwit Maj. & Cbridge | Christine Hamer.
Joanna Ping. |
| Calne | Andy Wilson.
Tracey Wilson. |
| Forest of Dean | Rachael Love. |
| Marlborough & Dist. | Lesley Yates.
Richard Yates. |
| Ross on Wye | Gareth Dempsey.
Brian Lampert. |

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Social media ...

What support do you and your club want?
Let us know via the link below:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SJ6Z9TC>

Higher Service ...

It is with deep regret that News Update reports the passing to higher service of:

David Atwell, PDG, Chepstow & Caldicot Lions Club.

District Governor, Lion Steve, and all Lion members, extend sincere condolences to his family.

Tetbury Lions help Foodbank ...

Running alongside the existing trolley collection service that has been operating in the Tetbury Tesco store for many months, Tetbury Lions have contributed a total of £1,200 over the last twelve months to the local Food Bank.

This is a much larger total than originally anticipated due to the increasing need for Foodbank services. There are many reasons why the Foodbank is used, including benefit changes and delays, sickness, redundancy, change in family circumstances and very low incomes. The Club's actions and the need that is apparent in the town were foremost in the mind of the Tetbury resident who won the huge Lions food hamper in the annual Christmas raffle as she generously donated the entire contents to this Lions initiative.

The Food Bank in Tetbury was born out of a growing need to support local people in crisis. It is an independent registered charity, run managed and operated solely by volunteers and is one of three Foodbank centres operated from Cirencester. The Foodbank comes under the wider Trussell Trust umbrella. The Tetbury centre was established in April 2016 following statistics that showed that of the town's population, 15% of all households are over 65 and live on their own and that 4% of households are single parents with dependent children. Since opening in April 2016, the Food Bank in Tetbury has made nearly 1,500 donations to people in need and over the Christmas period our project ensured that fifteen families in Tetbury provided their children with a much better festive period than they had anticipated. The Tetbury Lions donations have totalled just over 300 kgs since April 2017.

Tetbury Lions remain committed to local people and projects and, without hesitation, have agreed to increase the budget for the local Food Bank by 50% to £1,800 for the coming year. Rachel Brindley the manager of the Food Bank has expressed her delight with the commitment and generosity of the Lions Club adding that "We are very grateful for the wonderful support offered to us by the Tetbury Lions. We appreciate the ongoing generosity in enabling us to continue to support the local community in Tetbury".



Ken White, Tetbury.

Santa's gift to Hereford ...

Santa helped Hereford Lions Club over the Festive period raise a record £11,000 for its charity fund which will be used to support local community projects and charities in the year ahead.

The most successful fund raiser was Santa's Grotto which this Christmas moved to Oakchurch country store at Staunton on Wye, raising over £3,000 from a raffle for a super market trolley full of Christmas presents, plus a £2,000 contribution from Barclays Bank. Generous families taking their children to see Santa added a further £3,000 in donations.

Meanwhile, the traditional Lions Santa Sleigh toured the city and nearby villages every evening in December, giving thousands of children the opportunity to tell Santa what presents they would like for Christmas, raising a further £3,000 in the process.

Said team leader, Lion John Edmunds: 'The move to Oakchurch was a huge success and we are grateful to the Price family for their support. We also thank all the families who turned out to see Santa and were so generous with their donations.'



Santa boosts charity funds.

George Thomas, Hereford

Highworth & District ...

Our local surgery came to us when their ECG machine was deemed irreparable, so we donated £1,500 to purchase a new Machine for the Westrop Medical Centre Highworth.



Photo: Lion Keith Ratcliffe, Lion Rosemary Jackson, Dr. Simon Stacey, Dr. John Bestwick, Lion President Rodney Davis and Lion Barry Fisher,

Rosemary Jackson, Highworth & District.

Membership Matters.



January is a long month and the days can be long and dreary, sometimes a great contrast from the celebrations at the end of December. Maybe now we are heading towards Spring it is a good time to find a way to thank those who have volunteered alongside us in our Service and Fundraising. Some Clubs use this time of year to hold Social evenings to thank their 'Friends of Lions' so they get to build friendships with Lions and maybe think more about joining us.....

Last month I mentioned that there have been lots of new members and congratulations are due to the 16 Clubs who have recruited these new Lions since July. This means that there are quite a few new Lions who have not been to a Convention yet. Can I suggest that every President brings someone to Convention who has not been before? I was told by new attendees last year that they found it inspiring and a great day to be part of so please don't deny this opportunity to anyone. It is free to attend and open to all Lions, so I hope lots of newer Lions will be there on 3rd March and will visit the Membership stand to say hello!

Lion Sue Wilding, District Membership Officer (GMT-D)
membership@lions105w.org.uk

What a Spectacle ...

As part of the planning for the world record attempt we have an opportunity to continue to promote lions in the



strongest message we can.

Tops cost £9 each. This is at cost, no profit is being made.

The tops can be ordered by from David Williams.

(07831202027 or p11dav@yahoo.co.uk)

Orders must be in by 20th February.

Chris Davies, Porthcawl.

Visit to the Philippines ...

Imbued with intense dedication and commitment, Aberystwyth Lions Dave Hurst and 105W Zone A Chairperson Benjamin Manluctao, travelled to Northern Philippines in November, returning mid-January this year. They worked with the Laoac United Lions Club and the Pangasinan Coast Lions Club of District 301-C Northern Philippines, pursuing new Service Frontiers and enhancing service impact as envisioned in LCI FORWARD. Christmas gifts were distributed to the 117 child patients at the Pangasinan Region 1 General Hospital's Paediatric Unit. All the children were given wrapped Christmas gifts

and some were given educational materials. We hope we made the children feel it was Christmas.



After the Gift Distribution at the Paediatric Unit, we proceeded to the Lions Training Centre in Dagupan City where almost 300 of the most impoverished members of the community were given Christmas gifts.

Glantawe Swansea Valley Lions Club provided 800 books made up of Encyclopedias, Dictionaries and other reference books, which we donated to the Laoac National High School. The books will augment the limited reference and reading books in the school library. These are invaluable school materials for the students in their effort to acquire literacy and prepare themselves for a better tomorrow.



Ben Manluctao, Zone A Chairperson.

Activities snippets ...

Activity snippets sourced from the Activity Reports completed last month on MyLCI up to 27 January.

Black Mountains Club donated to the newly formed 1st Hay Scout Group.

Calne Club have coordinated local clubs with providing financial support for the Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

Carmarthen Club have supported Towy Salmon Swimming Club.

Chepstow and Caldicot Club members received CPR training from First Responders.

Highworth and District Club use their van to deliver weekly sales from their charity shop.

Keynsham and District Club have supplied a new outlet at Kingswood Health Centre with MIAB material.

Melksham Club supplied 20 pantomime tickets for deserving families.

Northleach and Fosse Club took food from a collection point to the Foodbank centre.

Radstock and Midsomer Norton Club donated to School-in-a-Box.

Swindon Club donated to Jessie May Trust to help children and their families with bereavement.

Tenby and District Club served free hot soup to swimmers on Boxing Day.

John Seymour, Communications Team Leader.

Highworth & District Plaque ...

Highworth and District Lions Club commissioned a commemorative plaque to mark the centenary of Lions Clubs International in 2017, and after a few delays it was finally erected on The Podium in the Market Square in Highworth.



Pictured are Lions Keith Ratcliffe and Lion President Rod Davis on a wet Sunday afternoon in January.

Rod Davis, President, Highworth and District.

MD and District Dues ...

Club Treasurers should by now have received an invoice in respect of MD and District Dues for the 6 month period ending 30 June 2018 sent by the District Treasurer via email.

In the event that the Club Treasurer is not contactable by email, the invoice has been sent to the Club President or Club Secretary.

Should the relative email not have been received please contact the District Treasurer either by telephone (01761) 235556 or email: treasurer@lions105w.org.uk as soon as possible. Remember unpaid dues as at the end of February will result in the offending Club being unable to vote at Conventions, this year.

Happy New Year

Alan Denham, Treasurer, District 105W.

Competitions Corner ...

It is now the start of a new competitions year. For those of you anxiously awaiting the results of last year's competitions, the results will be announced at District Convention in March. The presentations will be for Membership Growth, Best Maintained Website, Environmental Photograph, Fellowship (Travelling Lion) and there is also an award from the District Governor for the Club of the Year.

The Fellowship Competition has restarted and I am awaiting forms from Lions Clubs. The competition is open to all clubs and offers an opportunity to meet up with Lions from other clubs for 'fun and fellowship', giving an added dimension to being a Lion. Look on 105W District

Website, under members, members resources for information. Events are already underway that you could claim points for. I look forward to hearing from you! ☺

Sue Wooldridge, competitions@lions105w.org.uk

Senior Citizens' Christmas Party ...

Following their successful fundraising events in December, raising over £3400, the Lechlade and District Lions Club hosted their annual Senior Citizens' Christmas Parties, on Saturday 13 January, at Lechlade's Pavilion and Fairfield's Palmer Hall. Over 100 people attended and enjoyed an afternoon tea and entertainment.



The raffle raised a total of £373. The club is making this up to £1,000 which will be split between the Wiltshire Air Ambulance and the Great Western Hospital Brighter Futures Radiotherapy Unit.

David Sharp, PRO, Lechlade and District

Diary Dates February

- 3 Chippenham Lions 44th Charter Anniversary dinner.
- 4 105W Cabinet meeting, Newport.
- 5 **DG visits** Tenby & District.
- 8 **DG visits** Swansea.
- 11 Redistricting Workshop
- 15 Zone E meeting, Brecon.
- 19 **2nd VDG** visits Devizes.
- 23-25 MD Young Ambassador Final, Dudley.

March

- 2-4 **District 43rd Convention**, Aberavon Beach Hotel. www.lions105w.org.uk/Convention2018.htm
- 13 Lions UN Day, Palace of Westminster.
- 17 Black Mountains 45th Charter Anniversary Dinner.
- 24 Porthcawl Charter Anniversary Dinner.
- 25 Swindon Charter Anniversary Lunch.

May

- 4-6 **MD Convention**, Basingstoke. www.md105convention.uk

March News Update ...

For March 2018 News Update, please submit articles to news@lions105w.org.uk by 25 February. Editor Derek