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### 105W NEWS UPDATE

Lion Sally Marsh - District Governor 2018-2019

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#### Dear Fellow Lions

It doesn't seem possible that a year ago I was in Las Vegas attending International Convention for the start of my year as your District Governor. This week I will be off to Milan where the District Governors for 2019-2020 will be sworn in and my year will come to a close.

Sunday 30 June saw my final official visit for the year to Devizes for their Charter and

Handover. A lovely June day for afternoon tea in President Andy's beautiful garden. During June Colin and I have enjoyed your company at Charters and Handovers across the District from west to east, at Tenby, Swansea, Carmarthen, Llantwit Major & Cowbridge, Caerffili, Melksham and Devizes. Thank you to all clubs for your warm welcome at all the visits we have made over the last three years.

One of the many highlights of the year was the setting up of the Cardiff Campus Branch Club. The first Campus Club in 105W and only the second in the British Isles. I am sure that Freshers' Week in September will see more members from those starting their university life. With more campus clubs to follow next year.

With no District handover this year, on 23 June we held a District Celebration Social at the Cornerstone in Cardiff, the food was excellent and the company great. My thanks to Lions Ivor Hughes and Martyn Williams for all their help organising the social.

Thank you to every Lion in 105W, whatever your role, for all that you do as Lions in your communities, the District, Multiple District and globally. Keep looking towards the future and continue to show how 'We Serve' those in need, wherever and whatever that need might be. By being visible in your community you will have the opportunity to talk to people about what you do and how they can help. No matter how large our districts become we will always need new members.

As we move into the new Lions Year I wish you all the best for what you continue to do as Lions.

*Lion Sally Marsh, IPDG, 105W.*

#### Higher Service ...

It is with deep regret that News Update reports the passing to higher service of **PDG Lion Harry Smith**, Keynsham & District Lions Club.

District Governor, Lion Sally, and all Lion members, extend sincere condolences to Ruth and the family.

#### Past District Governor Lion Harry Smith M.J.F.

born 1939, joined Keynsham Lions Club in March 1999 in order to continue his work in the community upon retirement from local government.

He quickly became Club President in 2002 and was to take that role on a further four occasions through his Lion career. As Zone Chairman in 2009 he embarked on the long route to become 105W District Governor in July 2012, a year when he and Ruth put themselves forward on every possible occasion to better the name of the organisation within MD105 and beyond.

Harry continued to enjoy his lionism holding Keynsham & District Club Director posts and was District Sight Officer until he was appointed a three year term as 105W LCIF Officer.

He was always up for taking on new challenges and be first to put his name down for Christmas collections, Car Boots or collecting in the High Street for disaster relief and no Quiz Night was complete without Harry asking the questions and Ruth helping with the buffet.

Clouds gathered earlier this year when Harry was diagnosed with an aggressive cancer but he still helped at Saltford Festival on Sunday 16 June. Harry died Friday afternoon 28th June 2019 at home with Ruth, son Matthew and daughter Lucy by his bedside.

Our deepest sympathy to Ruth and the whole family while we celebrate Harry's life and the true friendship he brought to the Club and to the District.

John Seymour, Keynsham & District Lions Club.

#### Membership Welcome ...

During June, District Governor Lion Sally welcomed the following member to the family of Lions:

<b>Gower &amp; Llŵchwr Est.</b>	Margaret Delve.
<b>Frome</b>	Adam Kotyrba.
<b>Hereford</b>	Gill Tudor.
<b>Glantawe Swansea Valley</b>	Trish Bailey.



# IMPORTANT ...

## TREASURERS PLEASE TAKE NOTE ...

As part of the winding down of District 105W, it was agreed at Cabinet that the balance of the Mervyn Bennett Trust Fund would be equally divided equally among the 45 clubs existing at 30 June 2019 within the present District 105W. To achieve this I need details of club bank accounts **to which these funds are to be credited**, so please provide by telephone or preferably by email, details of the club account:

Account Name:

Account Sort code:

Account Number.

**If I do not have this information, I will not be able to credit your account.**

*Alan Denham, District Treasurer, 105w RIP*

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## District Social ...

On Saturday 23 June, many district officers and club members gathered at the Cornerstone in Cardiff, to celebrate another year of Lionism.



Thanks to Cardiff Lions club and in particular club Secretary/Treasurer Martyn Williams and President Ivor Hughes for the excellent organisation.



We had an excellent meal and enjoyed good fellowship. DG Sally took the opportunity to present a number of District Governors certificates of appreciation. A somewhat poignant occasion as we are all dispersing to new districts, but, as they say, onwards and upwards.

*Derek Livsey, Editor, retired.*

## Membership Matters ...

Welcome to all the Members who have joined us in the last few months and congratulations to those Clubs who have found new



volunteers and members to Serve with us.

We have to continually recruit new Members to give them an opportunity to make their difference in Service in our communities. We have 5 clear Service Areas to focus on – Sight, Diabetes, Hunger, Environment and Childhood Cancer. These are all so relevant to our world and especially our younger citizens so please promote these great Service areas and alongside that, promote how people who care about these issues are welcome to join us in the amazing things we can do. Make our Service Visible and people will want to join us!

If you have recruited new Members since April, your Club Officers will receive an email offering you the chance to receive a Grant for Membership Service. You can claim this \$35 to help you plan a Service Activity that involves your new Members. So look out for the email and keep your new Members Active!

As we move into a new future, I send my sincere good wishes to all Members and thank everyone in District 105W for your support in our aims for Membership Growth – onwards and upwards!

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## Newport and Usk Vale 'Bake Off' ...

From a casual remark to a group of ladies in the restaurant where the Newport and Usk Vale Lions club meet, by Lion President Jim Thompson the members of the club found themselves in a 'Bake Off' Challenge.

After several weeks of planning, the 'Bake Off' day arrived. Afternoon Tea was served to 60 people followed by the 3 challenges. The judges for the day were John 'Hawaiian' Jenkins a former contestant on the Great British Bake off and Revd. June Lewis from the local Church. The challenges were the signature bake, the technical challenge and the showstopper. Two representatives from each organisation competed against each other in the first two categories.



The signature bake challenge was to decorate 6 cup cakes in 30 minutes. Points were awarded for 1st, 2nd place etc., Lion Kerry Silcox won this challenge with her design of 6 basket cupcakes.



At the end of the Signature cupcake challenge the Women in Malpas WI were leading the competition.

The second was the technical challenge. This required the competitors to decorate with icing, 12 homemade shortbread biscuits within 30 minutes. Representing Lions were the Club President Jim Thompson and Lion Christian Hampshire. For this challenge the judges left the room and were unaware of who had decorated the shortbread biscuits. Judge John Jenkins in announcing the winner, pointed out that the deciding factor was the taste of the shortbread as well as the decoration.

The winner for this category was Lion President Jim Thompson for his 12 Easter Chick designs.



At the end of this challenge the overall leader was the Lions Club. The Showstopper would be the deciding round. There was a wonderful selection of decorated fruit and sponge cakes, as well as two specific cakes designed as Simnel cakes. The winner of this competition was Lion President Jim Thompson for his Easter Themed cake. The fondant icing was homemade, and his entry included different icing and moulding techniques, as well as a flavoursome lemon sponge cake with lemon curd buttercream filling.



A special mention is made for Lion Iain Dubber who entered a cake, his very first attempt at baking, and you can see that he definitely has a hidden talent. (Although I am afraid the kitchen didn't look too clean and tidy by the time he had finished).

The scores were totaled up for the results from all 3 categories and the overall winner was: NEWPORT AND USK VALE LIONS CLUB!! A wonderful team effort.

The whole event was a great success for the partnership of two organisations who came together to have fun and raise funds for the local community towards a community defibrillator. Proceeds from the Afternoon Tea, raffle and cake stall sales, raised £450. Both organisations can't wait for the 2020 rematch!!

Jim Thompson, President Newport and Vale Lions Club.

## Memorial Bench for Tetbury ...

Four years is not a long time but in four years a boy in his early teens grows into a young man. In four years a generation of British and Commonwealth lads born in the mid 1890s would come of age like no others, for in 1914 they went to defend their country in the First World War. For many going off to war was a rite of passage. Many were excited. They would eat better than they had when working down the mines or in textile mills. They would have access to medical care. Many thought they would be home for Christmas anyway. Many never came home. You may not know their names but you can find them easily. From the biggest city to the smallest hamlet they are on memorials. Some are simple plaques others grander affairs. On the war memorial in St. Saviour's church yard there are 67 names of men who never came back to Tetbury.



2018 marked the 100th anniversary of the end of The First World War. Tetbury Lions, recognising that the First World War is a fundamental part of our national consciousness, commissioned a bench in a dedicated act of remembrance. The bench was designed and made by Cherington Forge, a local company, and placed on Millennium Green with the kind permission of the Feoffees.

As we look back over the century, this bench will help us remember that these men did not die in vain. They fought a war that, like the one that followed only 25 years later, was necessary to contain the territorial ambition of a major European power. We remember the courage, honour and sacrifice of the boys who became men 100 years ago and support the young men and women who have followed in their footsteps and are today's protective force.

*Ken White, PRO, Tetbury.*

## District 105W Website ...

Re-districting of Lions Clubs within the British Isles took place on 1 July 2019. The Lions Clubs of District 105W have been split between the three new Districts of 105CW, 105SC and 105SW. Existing District 105W closed 30 June 2019 and the District Website will cease to be maintained from that date and will be taken down later in the year.

Farewell ☹

*John Seymour, Communications Team Leader, 105w*

*Derek Livsey, News Update Editor.*

## Activities Snippets ...

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

**Black Mountains Club** manned the Car Park during Hay Festival and raised charity funds.

**Carmarthen Club** supported the Honeypot Challenge for young carers.

**Chepstow and Caldicot Club** carried out a bucket collection at Waitrose Supermarket.

**Chipping Sodbury Club** held a promotion stand at Pucklechurch Revel in support of a new Lions Branch Club.

**Dursley Club** donated to the 'Hope for Tomorrow' chemotherapy mobile services.

**Forest of Dean Club** held a Car Boot Sale at Speech House Hotel.

**Frome Club** provided transport for helpers to Mells Barn Social Club for the partially sighted.

**Gower & Llŵchwr Estuary Club** applied for grants for Disabled Swing and Message in a Bottle.

**Hereford Club** attended Porthcawl Lions Charity Golf Day.

**Keynsham & District Club** agreed to provide Lions Life Skills material for local schools.

**Lechlade & District Club** put up the flags for the start of the Flag Festival.

**Ross-on-Wye Club** planted out their planters at Five Ways and in the High Street.

**Swansea Club** met with their Twin Club.

**Swindon Club** visited their Twin Club of Les Andelys in Normandy.

*John Seymour, Communications Team Leader, 105w.*

## Diary Dates ...

### July

- 5-9 International Convention, Milan
- 20 District CW Hog Roast, Worcestershire County Cricket Club, WR2 4QQ.
- 21 District SW Inaugural Buffet, Exeter Court Hotel, Kennford, EX6 7UX.
- 29 Youth Exchange guests arrive

### August

- 2 Am Am Golf Day, Wormsley Golf Course, Hereford.
- 3 Youth Exchange guests depart to Camp in Doncaster.
- 4 Brecon 10 mile run, Penlan, Brecon, Powys.
- 11 Bob Cook Games.