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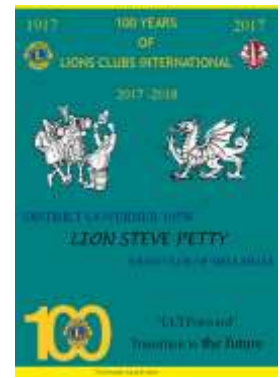
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LIONS Clubs International

105W NEWS UPDATE

Lion Steve Petty - District Governor

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Dear Fellow Lions.

We arrive yet again at the beginning of a new lionistic year, and probably more so than usual, there have been a few changes in officers at District 105W. We have filled some of those long standing vacancies that have previously been difficult to fill and we have lost some of the familiar old faces that

have always been associated with district. So, as we move forward with a new team we mustn't forget to thank all those that are now retiring, or moving on to new pastures. Your service has been noted and very much appreciated over the years. I also welcome the new team members and look forward to a productive relationship in the coming year.

Running a district can be challenging at the best of times and has been even more so, in the past few years, with the task of re-districting hanging over us all. I have special thanks to our Immediate Past District Governor, Lion Godfrey Morris for getting this sorted, along with all of his other DG duties, before I come into office. I don't know how his wife Anne has coped over the year with Godfrey's dedication to Lions along with his personal problems, but I suspect we owe them a new living room carpet after all the pacing up and down. A magnificent job done by both of you.

As this newsletter goes out, all being well, I will be in Chicago for the Centennial Convention and the DG training school. The centennial celebration looks as though it is going to be spectacular and a once in a lifetime 'not to be missed' event. I hope I have the staying power to see it through? The DG training school is also going to be exciting as we sit down to learn how Lions are changing. After one hundred years of service, LCI have decided to modernise the way in which we operate and enhance the way in which we serve. Some might say that LCI are turning back the clock to the days when we did spend more time serving and less time shaking a can? You can find some details already online by typing 'LCI Forward' in your browser.

The past month has seen many of you preparing for your spring and summer fetes, duck races, vintage car shows etc. along with the many other fund raising ideas you come up with. I have already attended a few and look forward to

attending more as the year goes on. Many of you will also be finalising your club centennial celebration events. Please make sure we all know about them by telling our newsletter editor.

Finally, I am proud to say a few words in admiration of the extraordinary fund raising challenge that Chipping Sodbury President, Lion Juan Nuevo Alemany, undertook over the last week of May and first week of June: to leave his home near Bath, hitch hike up to John O Groats, back to Lands' end and finally returning to home. This was a massive undertaking but then add to that he deliberately took no money or credit/debit cards with him, aiming to rely solely on the generosity of those he met. Lions across the UK made his 15 day adventure a daily read through his Facebook pages. Absolutely amazing and even now a worthwhile read. A True Lion.

Lion Steve Petty, District Governor, 105W.

Membership Welcome ...

During June, 2016-17 District Governor, Lion Godfrey, welcomed the following member to the family of Lions:

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| Aberystwyth | Adele & Jeffrey White. |
| Ammanford | Elaine & John Maul. |
| Llantwit Major & Cowbridge | Keith Humphrey. |
| Monmouth Gwent | Carole & Christopher Swayne. |
| Porthcawl | Jamie Grove. |
| Swansea | Elizabeth & Michael Berry.
Jacqueline Thomas. |
| Tetbury | Nigel & Penny Dobson. |

105W Members end of June 2017 – 911

Higher Service ...

It is with deep regret that News Update reports the passing to higher service of: **Lion Donald Morris**, City of Bath Lions Club, **Lion Roger Windley**, Frome Lions Club and **Lion Cedric Kearsley**, Swindon Lions Club.

District Governor, Lion Steve, and all Lion members, extend sincere condolences to their families.

District Handover ...

All 105W Lions and partners are invited to join the District Handover, from 2016-17 District Governor Lion Godfrey Morris to 2017-18 District Governor Lion Steve Petty. Both these gentlemen would be delighted to see as many of you as possible to come along to this year's District 105W Handover Lunch, 16 July, 12 noon for lunch at 12.30.

The Venue is Best Western Heronston Hotel & Spa,

Ewenny Road, Bridgend, CF35 5AW.

There is a special deal with the Hotel for Bed and Breakfast, £75.00 for single and £80.00 for two. Ring the hotel: 01656 668811 and mention Lions Handover.

The deadline for sending your menu choices is 1 July. Please let me, District Secretary, Jackie Warren have your choices and cheque as soon as possible: secretary@lions105w.org.uk or tel. 01792 215616. The forms for the menu choices can be downloaded from the District website or I can send you one by email.

This event celebrates the work that the District Governor and all Lions in 105W have done during the past year and is an opportunity to welcome incoming the incoming governor, Steve. If you have never been to this special event it is worth coming to see what happens and realise how relaxed it is. Dress is casual smart, you have a three course lunch, on a summer day and a way of seeing old friends and having the chance to get to know people you have not met before. Come on, have a good day out and a good meal and enjoy yourself with Welsh hospitality.

Jackie Warren, 105W District Secretary

Kearsley: Lion Cedric MJF (88)

Cedric joined Swindon Lions Club in 1968 and served for nearly forty nine years. He was President 1975-76. The Club went through many changes over the years but he embraced them all, always kind and courteous and ready to smile. Ill health in the last few years prevented him from playing as much of an active part in the Club as he would have liked, but he still insisted on attending meetings and as many social events as he could and contributing to the work of the Welfare Committee. The Club is poorer from having lost him, but richer for having known him. Our condolences go to his wife Patsy and the family.
Steve Austin, Secretary.

Keynsham & District Brighten Town ...

The Keynsham & District Lions Club have been playing their part as usual, by supporting Keynsham Town Council's initiative to have more than 60 old bicycles given a fresh coat of paint and decorated with flower arrangements, placed at various locations around the town.



The Keynsham Lions bicycle is shown above and is placed on Bath Hill and forms part of the Keynsham in Bloom 'hunt the bikes' competition for the summer months.

"We have previously placed a permanent Flower Planter in Keynsham Memorial Park, alongside the children's play area, which is dedicated to the Diamond Jubilee of Her

Majesty Queen Elizabeth and a Lions planter was also sited at Keynsham's railway station", said Brian.

Brian Worlock, Keynsham.

Cheltenham Plant Sales ...

The Lions Club of Cheltenham held very successful Plant Sales at Charlton Kings on 6 May, the fourth at this venue and at the Exmouth Arms Inn, Bath Road on 27 May, the eighth at this venue.

The combined profit reached almost £3,000. The plants are provided by a local nursery and are of an excellent standard. Proceeds will go to the Clubs Local Charities including the running costs (over £4,000 per year) of the Holiday Caravan for local disabled people at Burnham on Sea.



We also helped The Cotswold Prostate Cancer Group with their PSA testing event at Marling School, Stroud on 30 May. 435 men were tested and members assisted with registration and guiding through the various stages of the blood test before handing over to a team of ten phlebotomists and the experienced members of the Cotswold PC Support Group. This is the fourth occasion the Club has helped at these events in the past two years.

David Green, PRO, Cheltenham.

Northleach & Fosse ...

Long serving Lion, Barbara Eastland received her Melvin Jones Fellowship award from District Governor Godfrey Morris at the Club's annual Charter Dinner on 1 June. Barbara joined the Northleach & Fosse Lions Club in 1999, when she became their first lady lion, however, her connection with Lions Clubs goes back much further to 1972, when her late husband Ray became a Charter Member of Tetbury Lions Club, where he served until 1984.

The couple moved away from the immediate area for some years but remained loyal to Lions Clubs, so much so that Ray was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship posthumously in 1994.

Barbara is well known for her work in running the Lions '100 Club', and for organising and baking cakes for the regular 'Lions Famous Coffee, Tea & Cakes' events at the Victoria Hall in her home town of Bourton-on-the-Water. She has also often run Sunday morning car boot sales, helped with pre-Christmas collections and supported the club's stall at the Northleach Charter Fair.

Club members were delighted to be recognised for their part in organising and conducting the 'Great British Spring

Clean' in Northleach, alongside Northleach with Eastington Town Council. This initiative has now been awarded First Prize by Cotswold District Council in a competition involving 20 community groups in the district. The combined Town Council and Lions Club organising group were joined by more than 80 local residents for the litter pick event in April.

In a statement following their unanimous decision, the judging panel said they were 'especially impressed by the sheer scale and organisation of the Northleach effort'.

The £500 prize money will be used to fund equipment and publicity for further litter picks and bins.

In July the club will again be running the car boot sale in Bourton on Sunday 9 July, as well as helping to marshal the SMA Trust's mud run at Blockley on the same day. The annual 'Bridge of Coins' over the river at Bourton will be built on Saturday 22 July and this year's third 'Famous Lions Coffee, Tea & Cakes' will be at Victoria Hall on the following Saturday, 29 July.



Lion Barbara receives her MJF award from DG Godfrey with club president, Dave Murphy looking on. Mark Ogden, PRO.

Hereford Centenary Events ...

Hereford Lions Club is staging two events to celebrate the Centenary of Lions International and to create greater public awareness of the wide ranging community services undertaken by our worldwide organisation.

Both are planned for September. The club will be offering individual awards of £1,000 each to ten local charities chosen by its members, for their outstanding contributions to the welfare of local families and to be presented at a Civic reception to which community leaders will also be invited to join in the celebrations.

The event will be followed by a day long promotion in the city centre, highlighting the work of Lions Clubs International, especially its highly respected humanitarian response to major global disasters and, at a local level, the achievements of the city club since its formation in 1960.

New club president, Ian Foster, said the club wanted to mark the centenary by building the profile of the organization, and encouraging more people to join its ranks.

Hereford's popular annual golf tournament is on Friday, 4 August at Herefordshire Golf Club and teams of four from

clubs in District 105W will be very welcome. Contact Lion John von Anrep on 01432 761763 or email: j.vonanrep@uwclub.net for information and entry forms. *George Thomas, Hereford.*

Devizes Presentation Evening ...

A total of £7,500 was distributed by the Deputy Mayor of Devizes, to twenty-nine local groups at the Devizes Lions' Presentation Evening. The amounts were part of the end-of-year package of grants, marking Lion Roger Stratton's year as Club President. They included £1300 going to Lions projects in UK and overseas including the Bob Cook Games.

Recipients cover a wide range of organisations from sports and youth to the elderly and disabled. During the evening representatives explained how the Lions' donations would be used, with frequent references to providing transport that might not otherwise be affordable. Others included those providing facilities, meals or entertainment.

In addition to the 'usual' fund-raising events throughout the year to support local needy causes, the Club has organised sports coaching for over 500 children and the installation of Town Centre defibrillators. Its next fundraiser is JOGLE with OSKAR, a charity car drive by outgoing President Roger.



Representatives of twenty-nine local groups that received grants at the Presentation Evening. Seated on either side of the Deputy Mayor are Club President Lion Roger Stratton and Welfare Chairman Lion John Harris.

Jerry King, Secretary

News from Zone A ...

A wide range of people came together in Aberystwyth on Wednesday, 7 June, to commemorate the formation of Lions Club International, one hundred years ago to the day!

On 7 June, 1917, a group of businessmen from Illinois USA met at the Hotel La Salle in Chicago, Illinois, USA to discuss among themselves how they can give back something to their communities and come to the aid of the under-privileged community members. Their decision has paved the way for the formation of Lions Club International.

Our simple, yet meaningful celebration was held at the Salvation Army citadel in Aberystwyth.

It was a joint venture of all the clubs in Zone A. The celebration was spearheaded by Zone A chairperson, Lion Benjamin Manluctao and the Immediate Past President of Aberystwyth Lions Club.

The Central Fish Restaurant, Aberystwyth was decorated with the Centennial Logo a few days before the event serving as a publicity stunt for the activity. Free tea or coffee and bread & butter was offered to go with inside

meals and a generous 35% discount on take-away meals was also offered on the Menu during the day of the celebration. Meanwhile, at the Salvation Army, a meal of roast pork with jacket potato and seasonal vegetables, and tea or coffee was served to all participants.

The programme commenced with the introduction by Lion Ben of the remaining Charter Member of the Aberystwyth Lions Club, Lion John Davies. John who has now dedicated forty-two years of continuous service to the cause of Lionism, spoke of his motivations for joining Aberystwyth Lions Club. Lion Ben said: "In a Lions Club, there will be many Club Presidents to follow but there will only be one Charter President. Lions are dedicated to making a difference in people's lives.

Making a difference does not necessarily mean doing immensely big activity projects - through smiles alone, we can make a lot of difference. A smile given doesn't cost the giver anything but it enriches the recipient. It only takes a moment to give but it last a long time in the memory of the receiver".



During the get together, we had a fully qualified Yoga trainer to leading movements and exercises. Emphasis was on loosening; flexibility, breathing and body position especially legs and arms to achieve desired maximum benefit.

The activity so impressed the community that the following day, six people went to see Lion Ben asking when will the next event would be!

A big resounding ROAR for a successful commemoration of the Centennial. And a big WE SERVE for the continuing effort in making a difference on the lives of the less fortunate.

Aberystwyth Lions staged their last Fund raising event, 10 June, at the Parc Lodge Hotel in Aberystwyth. It was a concert featuring the Tenovus Aberystwyth Choir and Johnny & Hywel.

Lion President Meirion Lewis, presented the Tenovus cancer charity with £450 and the club also made £400 for their general funds.

Pembroke & Pembroke Dock club have supported the Hundleton Junior Football Club with the donation of seventeen jackets for the club members.



Lion President Peter Deponeo, Lion Cilla Deponeo and Lion Peter Wormeu with happy and contented club members. Picture Lion Barbara Rapley.



The club also donated £300 to the Second Pembroke Scout Group.

The cheque was presented by Lion President Peter Deponeo, assisted by Lion John Rapley.

Ben Manluctao, Zone A Chairperson.

Activities snippets ...

Activity snippets sourced from the Activity Reports completed by Clubs on MyLCI in June.

Ammanford Club continue with their Meals on Wheels deliveries.

Black Mountains Club donated to Medic Alert to sponsor two children on the Early Start programme.

Bristol Brunel Club have been spending quality time with elderly neighbours in their own homes.

Calne Club propose a large donation to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

Dursley Club have refurbished 14 benches in the grounds of the local hospital.

Frome Club provided transport for helpers at a partially sighted persons social event.

Highworth & District Club donated to MD disaster fund.

Keynsham and District Club aid the local Mencap group to attend the Special Olympics in Sheffield.

Glantawe Swansea Valley Club donated to the LCIF Measles Vaccination initiative.

Lion John Seymour, Communications Team Leader.

Diary Dates July

30 June – 4 July International Convention, Chicago.

- 1 Newport Charter Anniversary.
- 9 Gower & Llchwyr Est. Community Fun Day.
- 16 DG Handover, Heronston Hotel, Bridgend.

Diary Dates August

- 4 Hereford Lions Am Am Golf Day.
- 6 Cabinet meeting, Newport.
- 13 Bob Cook Games, Chippenham.

August News Update ...

For August 2017 News Update, please submit articles to news@lions105w.org.uk by 25 July Editor Derek

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