

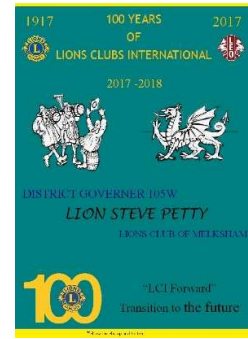


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LIONS Clubs International

105W NEWS UPDATE

Lion Steve Petty - District Governor



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My Fellow Lions

Fellow Lions

It only seems like yesterday that I was writing my first newsletter as District Governor of 105W and I am now writing my last. On one hand I am sad to be doing so and on the other I am pleased to be handing over to our DGE Lion Sally

Marsh, who I am sure, will serve you well for the 2018 – 19 year.

Since my last newsletter, I have been working hard attending events across the District and beyond. The month started with the MD Convention at Basingstoke along with the council meeting at the same venue. The MD Convention was surprisingly peaceful after enduring such a tense event last year at Blackpool with the lengthy debate on redistricting. All of this year's resolutions succeeded with hardly any challenges. The MD Convention was supported by our International President Naresh Aggarwal who showed us all how easy it was to recruit and badge up, new members. During the few days he was there, many of the guest speakers, helpers and local dignitaries became members of Lions.

Centre stage at council, was progress on the number of clubs now fully certified as CIO's, along with the nightmare of trying to find common ground within the GDPR regulations which started on the 25 May. It is regret that a decision could not be finalised at council but as the regulation is European, LCI were having difficulty in finding common ground, being outside of Europe, along with trying to match up our needs with the differing needs and regulations of our European neighbours. I am pleased to see that the ICO are now using the media to clarify a lot of the confusion that has gone unchallenged over the past few months and ongoing relationships within organisations are getting some clarity it desperately needs.

Following MD Convention, I chaired my final cabinet meeting and am still attending club charters. Can I thank all the clubs I have attended over the year for the good food, excellent conversation and the unwavering welcome that I have received at each and every event.

As we approach the new Lions year and new leadership, it is with sadness to report that we may be losing one or two clubs in the district at the end of June. It is very understandable that some members who have been loyal supporters over many decades now feel it time to retire. To those members, you have my heartfelt thanks for being

there when your community and Lions has needed you and even in your retirement please don't be a stranger when you see other lions out and about. It would make me happy to know that you are still wearing your lapel pins and promoting the organisation in any way you can in your community and family circle.

The last year has been a challenge but one I would not have missed for the world. As an ordinary member you may be forgiven not to notice the pace in which the organisation is changing, and how fast it is doing so, but at the sharp end, it has been difficult to keep up with the pace. Moving toward to the middle of the twenty first century is a priority if the organisation is to exist in the UK in a few years time. The Lions Organisation is growing in the rest of the world with 1.456 million members and we in the UK need to show that we can also do the same.

Can I thank all those that have worked with me at all levels of Lions for the loyal, efficient and understanding way in which you have given your time and support. Without you, I could not have succeeded. I look forward to serving you all as the IPDG in the next Lions year.

Lion Steve Petty
District Governor, 105W.



Membership Welcome ...

During May, District Governor Lion Steve welcomed the following members to the family of Lions:

Chippenham Club	Susan Flavin.
Gower & Llchwyr Est.	Neil Mortimer. Madeline Mosley.
Ross on Wye Club	Robert Tuckwell

105W Members end of May 2018 – 877

Higher Service ...

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

Susan Burt, Thornbury Lions Club.

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

Youth Exchange ... – it needn't cost you!

Hosts are still being sought for this year's Youth Exchange. The young people will be arriving in the U.K on 23 July and hosts are required until 31 July, when they will be travelling to the MD Youth Camp. This year, it has been agreed that hosting costs (up to a maximum of £250 per visitor) will be covered from the District Youth Fund. This is in addition to claims for travel submitted to Multiple District. A full programme has already been arranged for those already booked into District W, and it is not too late to add numbers to this. Alternatively, it is also not too late to arrange a separate programme, if distance between hosts is an issue. This is your chance to get involved in this International project, at the same time fulfilling that part of our purposes; 'To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world'. For more details/information, please get in touch with me.

Colin Marsh, Dist. Youth Exchange Advisor.

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Radstock & MSN Charter ...

Radstock and Midsomer Norton Lions celebrated their 41st Birthday on Sunday 15 April with a Lunch at Cameley Lodge. We were joined by members from other clubs around our district, Ross-on-Wye, Keynsham & District, Chipping Sodbury, Calne and Bristol Brunel, not forgetting our District Governor, Lion Steve. We also welcomed ex. Rotarian, Terry Taylor as our second guest of honour.

Lion President Alan Denham, welcomed everyone and thanked them for sharing our Charter Lunch and proposed the toast to Lions Clubs International, and DG Steve responded.

Secretary, Lion Derek Livsey proposed the toast to our partners and guests and Terry Taylor responded thanking the Lions for the good work they do in the community.

Lion President Alan concluded the proceedings with a surprise presentation of a Melvin Jones Fellowship to our club member, DGE Lion Sally Marsh



*DG Steve, DGE Sally Marsh and DT Lion President Alan Denham presenting the Melvin Jones Award.
Derek Livsey, Sec. Radstock & MSN.*

Membership Matters ...



Have you ever thought about starting a New Club? It has been a very long time since we have been able to celebrate the Chartering of a New Club for District 105W. Why is this?

Have we 'lost the knack', forgotten the process or just been so busy with our own Club that we haven't given it any thought?

We have plenty of strong Clubs and strong Lions all over our District who could consider either starting a Club Branch or even a brand new Club in their nearby area. There are towns and villages that don't have a Lions Club but I am sure they have needs that could be met if only there was one. We know that people want to get involved, to join Lions Clubs and our mission is to empower volunteers through the Chartering of Lions Clubs. How about it? If you want info on what would be involved just drop me an email and I will be happy to point you in the right direction and find you some help.

Sue Wilding, District Membership Officer (GMT-D)

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Northleach Spring Clean ...



A total of 60 residents and Lions Club members are pictured on the King George V Playing Field at Northleach after the 'Spring Clean 2018' litter pick. Organised jointly by Northleach with Eastington Town Council and the Lions Club, the event resulted in 20 large bags of litter being collected from the town's streets, approach roads and recreation areas. Town Clerk Catriona Crompton said this was less than in 2017, mainly as a result of regular litter picking by individual local residents throughout the year. We held our 29th Charter Dinner on 11 May at The Inn at Fossebridge where we donated £250 to the North Cotswold Food Bank, received by Manager Rhian Morgan and Trussel Trust Trustee, Alexia Monroe.



L-R: Alexia, Club President Cornia Sherman and our guest speaker, Rhian.

Rhian was our guest speaker and she thanked the club of its regular delivery of supplies. 1,300

people in the area had benefited from the North Cotswold Food Bank service in the past year. She also said that the approaching

summer holiday period, when children would not benefit from school meals, was normally one of the busiest for the food bank and donations at this time of year were particularly welcome.

Mark Ogden, PRO, Northleach & Fosse. (Cotswold Fosseway)

MD Convention Highlights ...

At MD Convention in Basingstoke this year we were honoured with the presence of the International President, Dr. Naresh Aggarwal who gave a rousing keynote speech.

All the resolutions placed before convention were passed and PID Lion Phil Nathan was endorsed as our candidate for third International President.

With the main business and reports got through on the Saturday, Sunday morning saw presentations on the five core service areas – Sight (with specific reference to progress of Korle Bu Hospital in Ghana); Hunger; Diabetes; Cancer in Children; and Environment. Excellent presentations on all, followed by an equally excellent presentation by this year's Young Ambassador winner.

At breakfast on the Sunday, I was able to get Council Chairman, Lion Balvinder Singh Sokhi MBE MJF to endorse my club's fellowship form, shame we do not get any extra points for that!



As ever, convention culminated with the presentation of next year's DGs. Bringing up the rear, as always happens with 105W, was Lion Sally accompanied by Lion Colin, proudly displaying an England/Wales scarf and parading to the best music of the morning, 'Let's Work Together', by Canned Heat (OK, I admit bias). If you have never witnessed this event, you have missed major fun in the Lion's calendar.

Derek Livsey, Ed.

Activities snippets ...

Activity snippets sourced from the Activity Reports completed last month on MyLCI up to 26 May:

Black Mountains Club donate to Medic Alert to support two children for ten years.

Chepstow & Caldicot Club discuss the requirements of the new GDPR law.

Dursley Club provide transport to and from the Social Club 'Open Door'.

Hereford Club held a series of Car Boot Sales.

Keynsham & District Club supported the Cerebral Palsy Plus charity.

Radstock & Midsomer Norton Club provide support for the new Farmborough Community Shop.

Swansea Club attended the Lions Charity Horse Race Night.

Wotton Under Edge Club support the local Memory Group.

John Seymour, Communications Team Leader.

GDPR Update ...

At our May Cabinet Meeting, DGE Lion Sally was able to announce the appointment of Lion John Mounty as our District's Data Protection Compliance Officer. The new European Directive became law on 25 May and MD105 have been working towards ensuring our organisation was compliant from that date. The processes are now in place for Clubs, Club Officers and District/MD Officers to consider which GDPR Consent Forms they need apply. Lion John Mounty has already started the preparations and a District webpage is live with information and a flow chart at www.lions105w.org.uk/GDPR.htm

Contact Lion John Mounty at dpco@lions105w.org.uk

John Seymour, Communications Team Leader.

Diary Dates ...

June

- 3 Brecon Charter Lunch.
- 16 Llantwit Major & Cowbridge Charter Dinner.
Tenby & District Charter Dinner
- 29 - 3 International Convention, Las Vegas.

July

- 1 - 3 International Convention, Las Vegas.
- 1 Keynsham & District Duck Race, Memorial Park.
- 14 Radstock & MSN Duck Race, Midsomer Norton.
- 22 District Handover, Heronston Hotel, Bridgend.

The diary dates covered in the News Update, are extracted from the District Calendar on the District Website. ANYONE can enter events onto this Calendar, contact webmaster@lions105w.org.uk for any amendments required.

July News Update ...

For July 2018 News Update, please submit articles to news@lions105w.org.uk by 25 June (back to normal date☺). Editor Derek.