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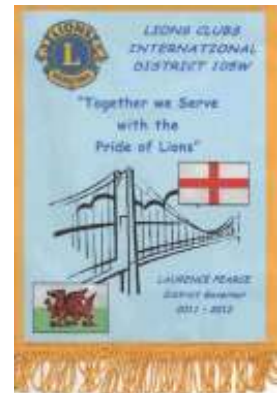
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105W NEWS UPDATE

Lion Larry Pearce - District Governor



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March 2012



Hi fellow Lions, March already and Convention is just around the corner, time to select those you chose to be at the helm of the district for the next few years. The **Convention** day is planned to give a

concise report on how we are progressing and at the same time allow us to listen to how others serve. Hopefully Convention will update those who attend on what lions are doing and aim to do. Our key note speaker this year is International Director Lion Per Christensen from Denmark. With guests from our twin district in Normandy plus some from our sister Districts in UK & Ireland, it is building to be truly international event. I understand that there maybe a few other French people in the vicinity for some rugby game, but we will make them welcome I am sure.

There is normally a **District Golf** competition on the Friday but over the past few years there has been a very limited response, so this year I have asked for the event to be postponed till 8 June when Porthcawl Lions Club have agreed to incorporate it into their Charity Golf Day, details will be circulated soon.

We report a net gain in membership so far this year, which is very heartening, although we have lost quite a few to higher service. Keeping members is still a priority for all clubs so please use the membership materials available and if you have not yet appointed a membership person, please do.

On Sunday 18 February, 1st VDG Harry and I, with our wives, attended the **MD Young Ambassador** finals held in Dudley. This was an inspiring occasion, to listen to 12 young people whose passion and devotion to service truly did give us hope for the future. Our ambassador Carys sponsored by Glantawe Club gave a great account of herself and the Judges had the hardest task to choose a winner, which unfortunately was not Carys but the young lady from District BN, Charlotte. Congratulations go to Carys for representing us so well. (Report page 2)

Websites - please Club Webmaster keep your site up to

date with contact details and events. It is disheartening for those who log-on to find your website was last updated in 2007-08 or even earlier. Please contact our IT team Lions John Seymour or Jake Nelson if you need any help with the set up or maintenance of your website.

Your DG team along with the GMLT are aiming to give us a presence at the **Welsh National Eisteddfod**, this year being held in our District at Llantwit Major, in the Vale of Glamorgan. With up to 150,000 people attending the site it is a wonderful opportunity for Lions to be seen. I have some volunteers to man the stand but more would be very welcome. At least one person on the stand must be able to speak some Welsh. If you are interested please contact me as soon as possible.

Lion Larry, District Governor

Errata, Frocester Beer Festival ...

In the February edition I reported on the Frocester Beer Festival. I incorrectly reported the amount raised as £2,000. The correct figure was ten times this, **£20,000**. My sincere apologies to Dursley Club. Ed

Membership Welcome ...

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

Brecon: Albert Keane

Fishguard & Goodwick: Martin and Veronica Pavey

Llandrindod Wells: Maureen Dodds

Northleach & Fosse: Libby Monsell, Rita Andrews and Beryl Asquith

Thornbury: Richard Shorey



Northleach & Fosse Club President Stuart Asquith with Lions Libby, Rita and Beryl

MIAB in your club ...

I know many of you are very well aware of the needs within your community and as a consequence provide an excellent service. To you, my sincere thanks.

However, if the last time you ordered any bottles was year xxxx, do you have a stock? Is the stock you have collecting dust? Are the bottles you have still in a condition for distribution?

Fellow Lions, lets refresh our minds and attitudes to this valuable humanitarian project.

Do a relaunch in your area - let's make a big fuss about it. Where help is needed, speak to your District Officer.

John Moore (MIAB District Officer)

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Young Ambassador 2012 ...

The Multiple District Competition was held in Dudley over the weekend 18 February, what a competition! It never ceases to amaze me the quality of our Young Ambassadors, and this year was no exception. The judges had a very hard competition as the 12 candidates were so close again this year. How do you choose between them, a half point here or there. It's a mammoth task. Carys Norris, supported by Glantawe Lions Club, did fantastically well representing District 105w. The candidates all met on the Friday evening and over the weekend spent all their time together with last year's winner Ryan on hand to advise and support them. As usual, the youngsters arranged the entertainment for the Saturday evening using TV quiz shows as their theme.

Sunday morning its hanky time again, a very emotional morning, particularly when we learnt that Young Ambassador, Naimh from Ireland hadn't been able to attend because she has been suffering from Leukaemia and had to undertake an aggressive course of chemotherapy starting on Friday. Our Young Ambassadors who sold the tickets for the raffle on Saturday requested that the money collected go to the Leukaemia Cancer Charity, a fantastic gesture.

Unfortunately, there could only be one outright winner and Charlotte from 105BN took the trophy this year, Fiona from 105A who suffers from cerebral palsy, taking the Ship Shape award. The Young Ambassadors are amazingly supportive of each other all congratulated Charlotte although they must have been disappointed themselves. Carys told me afterward that she thought Charlotte really deserved to win.

Ryan and Carys aboard, we drove away from Dudley for another year with two exhausted young people who slept most of the way home! As you can see there are no boundaries for these youngsters nothing stops them whether they are able bodied or disabled, sick or healthy, they are FANTASTIC WINNERS. Let's go out and find some more like those mentioned next year, as I can assure you they are out there just waiting for us to find them.

Chris Sheldon, Young Ambassador Officer 105w

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105W Music Competition ...

All details and Entry Form can be sourced at:

www.lions105w.org.uk/105wMusicCompetition.htm

Completed Forms please to Lion John Jones by 1 April.

Dursley Lioness Club News ...

The Club are raffling two luxury chocolate Easter Eggs for the Cobalt Heart, Mind and Body Scanner, which will be housed at Cheltenham General Hospital.

£100 has been donated to Cerebra, the charity which helps children with brain injuries.

4 Lionesses have just returned from the 24th Annual Lioness Conference at Elstree, where they heard an inspiring talk by the International 1st Vice President, Wayne Madden, and an equally interesting talk by a member of the training squad for the Olympic Women's Handball team. We also enjoyed a 'Bollywood' style evening, as the Conference was hosted by the Lioness club of Golders Green, whose members are all of Indian origin.

We were delighted to hear that the Lions club of Brecon is willing to sponsor a Lioness club in Merthyr Tydfil, and look forward to having a second Lioness club in District 105W.

Su Wagner, Dursley Lioness Club.

Youth Football, 105W Final ...

Llantwit Major JFC 9-1 Highworth Town JFC

On a cold wet afternoon played on an Astroturf surface due to waterlogged pitches, the home team dominated the first half scoring firstly after twelve minutes. Llantwit's fluid open play enabled them to dominate and more goals quickly followed leading to a 6-0 score at half time.

Highworth always playing good football came back stronger in the second half and were rewarded with a consolation goal towards end of the game.

Final score was 9-1 to Llantwit who justifiably and proudly retained the WD Cup for the fourth consecutive year.

Presentation of the Cup was made by 2nd Vice District Governor, Lion John Mounty.

Mike Hall, Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions

Higher Service ...



It is with deep regret that News Update reports the passing to higher service of PDG Lion Bill Smith. Lion Bill was District Governor 1981-1982 and a respected member throughout the Multiple District, a member of Chipping Sodbury Club and Chairman of the Bob

Cook Memorial Trust.

District Governor Lion Laurence Pearce and all Lion members extend their condolences to Margaret, the family and their loved ones.

Bridgend 90th Birthday ...

Bridgend Lions Club was as delighted to present Lion Ken Willis with a special plaque to commemorate his 90th birthday as he was to receive it. Ken is one of just two remaining charter members of the club; the other being PDG Bob Gosling.

As active as ever, advancing years don't seem to hinder Ken. In addition to being a top seller of our Duck Race



tickets he's a stalwart of the club's annual three day Book Fair and still to be seen lugging boxes of books. Many happy returns Ken!

*Bridgend President
Lion Terry Harris
presenting Ken with
his birthday plaque.*

David Jones, Lions Club of Bridgend

2012 Peace Poster Kits ...

This is the 25th year of this competition. I have a bulk supply of 2012 Peace Poster Kits on order. These should arrive by the beginning of March. If any Club would like one, just let me know and to save postage costs I can bring them along to the District Convention at Newport on Saturday 17 March. The cost will be between £8.00 and £9.00. This will allow time for a contact to be made with a school or club prior to the Easter break.

Jenny Holmes, Peace Poster Adviser

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Youth Exchange Hosts Needed ...

Are you interested in being a host to a young person(s) from a different culture and country? Would you be prepared to open your home for just 10 days, to a young foreign student, or perhaps you could share within your club or even within your zone.

We have 57 foreign students from 26 different countries looking for a host family. I'll do my best to accommodate if a student from a particular country was requested. Remember they will be learning about our life and culture as we will about theirs. They will all speak English to varying degrees. If each District in 105 took just five students we would be able to accommodate them all easily.

I would be happy to send out the Host Family Guide to those that would like a copy.

Host families keep in touch with those that have stayed with them and friendships are often made for life.

Please support the Youth Exchange Programme - if you can assist from Wednesday 25th July to Saturday 4th August 2012 then please let me know as soon as possible.

Chris Sheldon, Youth Exchange District 105w

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Chepstow 40th Charter ...

The Chepstow and Caldicot & District Lions Club held a dinner at the Dewstow Golf and Country Club, Caerwent, on 11 February to celebrate their 40th Charter Anniversary. The honoured guests included District Governor Lion Laurence Pearce, the Mayor of Chepstow, Cllr Henry Hodges and the Mayor of Caldicot Cllr Maria Stevens. It was noteworthy that two founder members were in attendance; Lions Robert Thompson and Derek James.

The President, Lion John Milsom gave a brief review of the years charitable work which raised some £6,000 for deserving causes within the local community and Lions Clubs International programmes, as well as the collection for, and delivery of 150 Xmas food parcels to disadvantaged families and individuals. He also thanked the club's Lions Ladies for their excellent support during the year.



His toast to Lions Clubs International was responded to by District Governor Lion Larry who wished the club every success in the future.

The evening's entertainment of music and song was provided by pupils of the Caldicot Comprehensive School music department.

Alan Bradshaw, Secretary Chepstow Lions.

17 March Convention Brochure ...

For all your Convention details and Brochure, visit:

www.lions105w.org.uk/Convention2012.htm

TACADE ... Teachers Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Education.

It is with great regret that I have to inform you that Tacade has gone into voluntary liquidation, and as from Friday the 3 of February 2012 this organization is in the hands of the Administrator who will be responsible for the disposing of stock, publishing rights, and intellectual property. We will have to wait until we learn what their approach will be.

What has happened is that Tacade has suffered a further double dip misfortune. Tacade sales from all sources in

December were less than a quarter of those budgeted and as a result RBS (Royal Bank of Scotland) have further reduced the overdraft facility. The Tacade Board were then faced with the position of accepting sponsorship with the possibility of seeing it disappear, or not, and consequently they took the honourable decision to refuse the sponsorship and instead apply for voluntary liquidation.

This news came as a great shock to all involved, and it is particularly unexpected as our last information was that 'it's business as usual' and that Tacade had received substantial support from Comic Relief.

This leaves our friends Martin, Mandy and Andrea, who have helped so many of us for so long, in a redundant situation, we sympathise with them and wish them well in their search for new employment.

There are two practical points. There are no outstanding Tacade orders – every known order has been dispatched.

District Life Skills Officers are still in post and they may yet have work to do as the Multiple District is planning to have a long term Life Skills Programme.

Sorry to be the bearer of such sad news, especially as this programme was aimed at the younger generation, our children and grandchildren.

Tom Lawson tacade@lions105w.org.uk

Tetbury Directory Update ...

Due to the sustained influx of new members, Tetbury Lions has changed its meeting venue and now meets on the first Wednesday of each month in the Cloisters room at the Close Hotel, 8 - 10 Long Street, Tetbury, Gloucestershire GL8 8AQ, phone 01666 502272. The Club would like to express their sincere thanks to managers past and present at the Priory Inn who have been exceptional hosts since Tetbury Lions received its Charter in 1973. Meeting start time remains unchanged at 8.00pm.

HFT & Tenovus ...

I am delighted to tell you that Chipping Sodbury and Chippenham Lions have both made donations of £1000 this month. The total donated to Hope for Tomorrow stands at £24,368 and the total for Tenovus MCSU stands at £4,660, a grand total of £29,028 since we started our fundraising efforts back in 2009.

Both Hope for Tomorrow and Tenovus will be present at our Convention on Saturday 17 March in Newport, so do come along and talk to them about their work. I will be on hand to update you with our Lions activities.

Tony Buchan, charity@lions105w.org.uk

A full report can be found on the district website. Ed

Haiti Earthquake Two Year On ...

LCIF marked the 2nd anniversary of the devastating Haiti earthquake with several unique redevelopment projects, including opening a rebuilt nursing school and

completing housing in one of Port-au-Prince's toughest neighbourhoods, Cite Soleil.

LCIF has also completed two out of three phases of a housing project in Cite Soleil. The second phase will be complete within the next two months.

"What's unique about Lions Clubs International is we have stayed committed to the same Haitian families for the entire two years. We started by providing tent shelters and recently asked them to turn in their tents so we could give them new homes. Because we have local Lions members who live in the community we can best meet the local needs. In the early days when many other organisations' goods were stuck sitting in customs because there was no one to claim them, Lions went to the shipping yard to personally claim our tents and put them up quickly." said LCIF Chairperson Sid L. Scruggs.

Lions have seen a surge in membership in Haiti, from 80 in 2009 to 132 currently, as more people in the community want to be involved in volunteerism relief efforts. Lions live in the community and remain committed to long-term relief, developing future projects that address needs not currently being met.

My thanks to Lion Alan Hale, Keynsham, for bringing this to my attention. Ed

Diary Dates ...

March

- 2-5 Lions Faculty Development, Copenhagen
- 3 Porthcawl Charter, Atlantic Hotel
- 9 Keynsham Lions Race Night
- 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, Newport
- 23 Frome Charter Anniversary
- 24 Hereford Lions Charter, Town Hall
- 25 Swindon Charter

April

- 1 Black Mountains Charter Lunch.
- 4 Zone J meeting, Bath
- 13 Chipping Sodbury 41st Charter
- 14 Haverford West Charter
- 15 Radstock & MSN Charter Lunch
- MD Europa Music Competition Final
- 21 Spring District Forum

June 2012 - District 105D event

- 15-17 Blackmore Vale Lions Annual Caravan Rally.
- Contact: peter.oswick@btinternet.com
- Lion Peter Oswick, Tel: 01963 363 281

... 25 Clubs have yet to share their successes with Activity Reports for this fiscal year...

April News Update...

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