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105W NEWS UPDATE

Lion Godfrey Morris - District Governor



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May 2017



My Fellow Lions.

How quickly the time has gone, just one more News Update (June) to come, then I join the 'has beens'.....

Convention 103 Normandie

As promised Anne & I visited on your behalf, our twin District 103, Normandie, where we and our travelling companions PDG Larry (LCI Officer) & Julie Pearce were warmly welcomed. Thankfully our sea crossing went without any problems, the sea being relatively calm. Rouen is a vibrant city, and we were able to enjoy a short time going walk about. The Congress, (as they term it), was held in a cinema complex, and this year there was a 4.00 p.m. deadline, as the cinema was being opened to the public at 4.30 pm. so timing was critical. The key note speaker was Past International Director from Hungary, Miklós Horváth who was a fluent linguist, and a tremendous Lion to have the privilege to speak with. He was accompanied by his wife Eva. I was persuaded to give my introduction in French, and after a brief tutorial I did my best, which was warmly appreciated. We returned home at 1.00 am. on Monday happy but tired and felt another good memory for us to keep.

MD Convention, Blackpool

Firstly, congratulations to our DGE Lion Steve Petty who with his fellow DGE's were introduced in the 'normal way' by being greeted by their fellow Lion's using poppers, confetti, whistles, applause, etc. They were then welcomed by the Council of Governors. If as a Lion you have not attended an MD convention, then can I urge you to give it a try?

Awards.

It was a great pleasure to witness 1st VDGE Lion Sally, together with the two David's from Gower & Llwhwr, receiving their well-earned Lion's Leadership Medals, presented by our International President, Lion Bob Corlew. I received on behalf of Lion Michael Greenway a Certificate of Appreciation for all his hard work throughout the year on behalf of MD.

Redistricting

You can all give a sigh of relief that the eight district proposal was supported and voted in and therefore Emergency Resolution 15, the merging of districts C & E was not required.

The new incoming Council of Governors have now been handed the baton to carry forward and consolidate this proposal. This years C of G was looking forward in their year to have been given this opportunity but circumstances prevented this from happening. May I wish DGE Lion Steve support and success for his year, and also to his fellow DGE's.

MD Banquet & Ball

Although prior to the event, The Norbreck Castle Hotel, Blackpool, had received some bad press, the new hotel chain that took over the hotel earlier in the year, made every effort to make us feel welcome. Most bedrooms have been upgraded, and work is still proceeding. The food was excellent, our Banquet & Ball was well attended, and a great night ensued. My congratulations to the host committee for all the hard work that went into making this event a good one.

Charter Celebrations

Anne and I continue to enjoy these events, although our waist lines are increasing. It is good as I have stated before, to renew old acquaintances and friends within the family of Lions.

DG's Handover

May I encourage Lions to join us at The Heronston Hotel, Bridgend, on Sunday 16 July 2017, noon, where we are holding our handover. If you have not already done so, look on the web and please notify our District Secretary Lion Jackie, who can provide you with all the details. A special room rate has been negotiated for Lions who wish to book an overnight stay. When booking, state you are a Lion!

Bridgend Charter

My club of Bridgend has our Charter Night, also to be held at The Heronston Hotel, on the 13 May and if you haven't already booked may I extend a warm welcome should you like to come along. All details available from our club secretary Lion Michael Greenway,

Lions Masked Centenary Ball

Just a reminder this event on Saturday 20 May to be held at The Aztec Hotel, Bristol, an event not to be missed. and finally

Thanks for all the wonderful efforts that you are all making for this Centenary Year. May I please offer my sincere congratulations.

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Lion Godfrey C. Morris District Governor, 105W.

Membership Welcome ...

During April, District Governor, Lion Godfrey, welcomed the following member to the family of Lions:

Chepstow & Caldicot	Stephen O'Sullivan.
Bristol Brunel	Frederic Contenot.
Ross on Wye	Thomas Atkins
	Gill Atkins
	Linsay Perrin

105W Members end of April 2017 – 935

Higher Service ...

It is with deep regret that News Update reports the passing to higher service of: **Lion Graham Rivers**, Hereford Lions Club, **Lion Ray Savill**, Northleach & Fosse Lions Club, **Lion Adrian Silcox**, Newport Lions Club, **Lion Barry Rogers**, Radstock & Midsomer Norton Lions Club and **Lion Robert Chaskin**, Thornbury Lions Club.

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

Lion Ray Savill.

A minutes silence was observed by all members of Northleach & Fosse Lions Club at the start of their April business meeting as a mark of respect for Charter Member Ray Savill.

Ray, who passed to higher service on Thursday 6 April, was not only a long serving member of the club but also a Past President and Committee Chairman. He will be sadly missed by all associated with the club. A memorial service will be held at Northleach Church on Tuesday 2 May at 1pm, following a private family funeral in Cheltenham.

Mark Ogden, PRO

Lion Barry Rogers (84)

The Radstock & Midsomer Norton Lions Club is most sad to report the passing into higher service of Lion Barry Rogers. He became a Lion in January 1990, serving as Chair of Activities for many years and Club President on two occasions. He was the club's PRO keeping the club prominent in the local community. He became a Melvin Jones Fellow in recognition of his service to Lionism. Our thoughts are with his wife Joan and family. He will be sorely missed.

Alan Denham, Secretary.

Lion Graham Rivers.

Lion Graham, a former Hereford club president and a fund raising stalwart died on 4 April, aged 78. Graham had completed 44 years as a Lion, mostly with Hereford club in his home city. But he did spend seven years with the Isle of Man Lions Club when he and his wife Beryl lived on the island before returning to Hereford in 1995. He is credited with resurrecting the club and was awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship for his efforts. Graham, a skilled engineer with his own business, also served as a director of Hereford United in the club's FA Cup giant killer heyday in the 70's/80's.

George Thomas.

Hitchhiking with Narcolepsy

Lion Juan Nuevo is about to embark on what could be the biggest challenge of his life.

On 25 May, the 53-year-old grandfather will leave his home in Bristol, aiming to hitchhike his way to John O'Groats, Lands End and back to South Gloucestershire in just ten days.

The total distance Juan aims to cover is over 2500km, so if he's to succeed he will need to keep moving, covering an average of 250km a day. This in itself will be a tough challenge. He will also leave home with no money or credit cards, armed only with a backpack, basic gear and a camera to document his travels. As if this weren't enough, Juan has lived with narcolepsy and cataplexy for as long as he can remember.



"I'll have my sleeping mat and sleeping bag so I can sleep anywhere," he says. "I'm prepared to test my skills of resourcefulness and ingenuity but I will also be reliant on the kindness of others."

This is just the latest of many initiatives that Juan has come up with to push the boundaries imposed by his sleep disorder. He has travelled widely, volunteered

in the Calais refugee camps, is an elected town councilor and the current president of the Chipping Sodbury Lions Club.

Juan will also be making regular posts on Facebook throughout his adventure.

To sponsor his efforts for LCIF, make a cheque payable to LCIF and post to Lion Juan Nuevo, 8 Colts Green, Old Sodbury, BS37 6LT. Or, to sponsor for Narcolepsy UK, search his name on Virgin Money Giving.

Ed.

Northleach & Fosse News ...

Tony Dale, a past Club President, attended the meeting as guest speaker. Now District Scouting Commissioner for the North Cotswolds, Tony gave members an insight to the national and local organisation of modern scouting. Membership of the Northleach group, one of nine in the district, had grown from just five up to 19 in the past year. Tony encouraged more active co-operation between the Lions Club youth work and scout groups in the North Cotswolds. He was thanked by club member Mark Ogden. A donation to the Severn Freewheelers Emergency Voluntary Service was unanimously agreed on by club members. This free, out of hours service delivers blood, human tissue and other essential medical items between NHS facilities in Hereford & Worcestershire, Gloucestershire and North Wiltshire.

Mark Ogden, PRO, .Northleach & Fosse Lions Club

Top honours for four Lions ...

Four members of Hereford Lions Club have been honoured for long and distinguished service to Lions Clubs International. At the club's 57th Charter Dinner, three members, George Thomas, Colin Smith and Martin Exell were inducted to the Melvin Jones Fellowship.

Keith Martin, with 43 years' service and already a member of the Melvin Jones Fellowship was given the rare honour of being admitted to the highly ranked Founders Fellowship granted to those with a record of exemplary and dedicated humanitarian service to the community.

Between them the quartet of Lions has 112 years of dedicated community service.

Club president, David Hartland said: "These are four members who throughout their long association with the club have upheld the highest ideals of Lions Clubs International set a century ago. They have set an example for others to follow."



L-R: George Thomas, Keith Martin, Colin Smith and Martin Exell with their awards.

Northleach Clean-up ...

On Saturday 8 April, Northleach and Fosse Lions club and Eastington Town Council organised a clean-up event as part of the 'Great British Spring Clean' Campaign.



Community volunteers, pictured with some of the 40 large blue 'Great British Spring Clean' bags of litter collected during the morning. Bagged items included paper, cardboard, food cartons, tin cans and bottles, as well as a miscellany of plastic car parts. The organisers would like to thank Cotswold District Council, Northleach and Bourton Schools for lending high-viz jackets and equipment, including the protective gloves and litter pick sticks, and also 1st Northleach Scouts for not only delivering a pre-event leaflet to every household in the town but also participating in the clean-up on the day.

The turn-out of 87 people, 75 adults and 12 children far exceeded the organisers' expectations, and was four times as many as turned out for a similar event last year. Perhaps not only clear blue skies but also generous sponsorship of the event by the town's cafes and wine bar helped a little – every participant was given a voucher for a free coffee, tea or soft drink at any of the sponsoring establishments.

Mark Ogden, PRO, Northleach & Fosse Lions Club

JOGLE (Centenary project) ...

Devizes Lions are making an epic journey. They are travelling in a classic car (1959 Austin Healey Sprite) from John-O-Groats (JOG) to Land's End (LE). They are leaving Devizes on 5 Sept to travel to JOG then they will go south (must be easier going down the map) to LE.

They will be staying overnight in Hereford on 11 September, then will cross the Severn using the old bridge and aim to cross the Clifton Suspension Bridge at noon on the 12 September. That is probably a good place to cheer them on! They aim to arrive at LE on 15 September.

More details from Lion President Roger:

rsgatehouse@hotmail.com Ed.

Competitions Corner ...



As promised, here is the list of Clubs who have claimed Fellowship points so far this calendar year as correct at the start of April. Any outstanding points (e.g. from Convention, Zone Meetings etc.) please forward to me as soon as possible. The more members that attend events, the more points your Club earns, so make sure you take a car full!

Ammanford: 10, Black Mountains: 90, Bristol Brunel: 30, Chepstow and Caldicot: 50, Chippenham: 10, Chipping Sodbury: 140, Devizes: 10, Dursley: 20, Glantawe Swansea Valley: 210, Gower and Llwhchwr Estuary: 10, Radstock & Midsomer Norton: 125, Ross on Wye: 100.

All other Clubs 0 – but it isn't too late to join in!

Sue Wilding, competitions@lions105w.org.uk

A Spectacular event ...

Port Talbot District Lions Club have had the idea to break the world record for a continuous line of Spectacles!

The record at present stands at 16,530 pairs of spectacles, measuring 2,011m.

A recent meeting between local clubs it suggested that we not only break the record but try and put it out of reach for a few years by attempting to collect 50,000 pairs!

This attempt is open to any club within the district who wish to participate in the partnership. The help of other Lions clubs is sought to help and be part of this record attempt.

Please let us know if your club wants to be involved.

chris.davies2001@googlemail.com

Chris Davies, Sec, Port Talbot Branch Lions

Defibrillators ...

I have been pleased to hear from several Clubs in our District that they have been successful in purchasing and siting defibrillators. My Club - Devizes - has been granted three AEDs by the British Heart Foundation, we have persuaded the Ambulance Trust to provide a 24 hour access one at the Town Ambulance station, and we are hoping the Area Board are going to contribute to a fifth one.

The British Heart Foundation application is very detailed, and I would be happy to help any Club with advice on funding AEDs - one Club received an anonymous donation

to purchase an AED and box when they started their public appeal.

It's not too late to make this a Centenary Project.

Michael Green, health@lions105w.org.uk

105W Club Officers Days 2017/18 ...

All 1st, 2nd Vice Club Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Membership Chairpersons these days are for you!

Lion Christine Dodd, Chipping Sodbury Lions;

'It was extremely useful to see what the role entails and to be able to ask questions in an informal setting. I am now able to plan the way forward, for the benefit of my club and I know that there is support in place whenever I need it. I will have no hesitation in recommending that my successor attends this event next year'

Lion Derek MacGarvie Tenby Lions;

'Thank you for planning a very uplifting and inspiring Training Day. Although I've attended others when I was in 105SE I picked up a lot of information and found the day refreshing. It was good to meet others from the district'

Lion Patrick Halliwell, Bridgend Lions

'Just wanted to take a moment to thank you personally and also the other officers who gave up their time to produce a very informative day yesterday.

Of particular interest to me was the structure and roles of the various officers in the club together with the structure of LCI. I think this is something that maybe everyone assumes that all members know but, in reality, I don't believe is the case. I also found your presentation about the protocol at Charter Anniversaries to be most useful'

Above comments received after the session held on Sunday 2 April in Newport.

Fellow Lions please come along and make this day **lively, interesting, enjoyable, and worthwhile**, a day to **remember** and a day that you will **recommend your successors attend next year**.

The day is:

Sunday 14 May, 2017, 09.30 -16.00

Aztec Hotel, Aztec West, Almondsbury, Bristol, BS32 4TS

Any other club members who wish to come along with you are most welcome.

Please advise me of your attendance for catering purposes.

Lion Bill O'Neill leadership@lions105w.org.uk

Tetbury boost Ronan's trust ...

The death of a loved one can be devastating and bereavement, a strong and often lasting emotion, affects people in different ways, there is no right or wrong way to feel. Finding herself bereaved at a young age, Emma Tyer turned her experience into positive action, thanks in many ways to the help and support she had from so many friends, family and even strangers. This helped her identify a need for others who perhaps did not have the same support network and through this she founded the Ronan's Trust charity.

Offering nurture and support to those who have suffered a close family bereavement, Ronan's Trust provides opportunities for bereaved individuals and families to meet in small groups and work together in gardens and on land based projects, as well as offering natural craft activities. The Trust is for anyone who has suffered a close family

bereavement - the loss of a partner, sibling, child or parent. They also provide practical support for those who have been immediately bereaved and need help in their gardens - mowing lawns, weeding, hedge cutting. Ronan's Trust has allotments near Cirencester, Gloucester, Stroud and Tetbury and in the case of the latter, strictly organic methods are applied. The Trust provides the seeds, tools and initial support for local bereaved families to work together on the allotments. Each allotment has a team of two or three volunteers who keep an overall eye on progress and offer support for those who are new to gardening.

Recognising the potential benefits to the wider community, Tetbury Lions are pleased to have donated £250 to assist this charity establish a presence in the town. The presentation took place at the launch of the Ronan's Trust Tetbury bereavement gardening group, where all were welcome. Emma was delighted to receive the cheque adding that "it will help so much in getting us started, we really appreciate the extra effort the Lions have made to assist us in this way."

The Trust is looking for runners to take part in the Cheltenham half marathon on their behalf on 18 June.

For something less energetic, you could come and learn to make a beanpole wigwam with willow worker Norah Kennedy at Close Nursery, Tetbury 10.00 am Saturday 27 May.



Dave Hicks, Welfare, Emma Tyer, & President Alan Cross.
Ken White, Tetbury.

Activities snippets ...

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

Black Mountains Club had 15 large Easter Eggs placed locally.

Brecon Club have supported the LCIF Measles initiative.

Bristol Brunel Club provided 20 duvets for the Julian Trust night shelter.

Calne Club donated to 'Help for Tomorrow' mobile chemotherapy unit.

Chipping Sodbury Club attended the Incoming Club Officers Day.

City of Bath Club collected 470 used spectacles for recycling.

Dursley Club helped the local scouts and guides with Jamboree/International funding.

Keynsham and District Club provided a Lions bicycle for 'Keynsham in Bloom' this summer.

Swindon Club helped with Jessie May outing to local farm park.

Swansea Club arranged visit with twin club from Marsaille.

Please get your Club Secretary to report your Club's activities on MyLCI and project the Lions image to the general public.

Lion John Seymour, Communications Team Leader.

Michael Greenway ...



At the MD Convention, I received from International President Lion Bob Corlew, a certificate of appreciation for Michael Greenway for his outstanding work in the MD throughout the year. I was able to present this to him at our

dinner meeting on Wednesday.

DG Godfrey

Coffee Fundraiser ...

An Easter Coffee morning Fund Raising Campaign was carried out by the Pembroke and Pembroke Dock Lions in an effort to respond to the 'Find the Need and Provide the Deed' motto of our District Governor. The Under-11 Football Club, the Pembroke Underwater National Squad bound for Tasmania and the Centennial Service Challenge in Relieving Hunger and Protecting the Environment Campaign in the Philippines were just some of the beneficiaries.



The dedication and commitment of Club President Peter Deponio was recognised and he was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship award by ZC Lion Ben. The

award was presented at the Pembroke Town Hall in the presence of the Town Mayor Dennis Evans and members of the Pembroke Lions Club and the public.

ZC Ben Manlucto

Choral Concert ...

Fishguard & Goodwick Lions Club staged their Annual Choral Concert Fund Raising last Saturday, 22 April, at The Bay Hotel in Fishguard. Visitors had a wonderful time with the delightful rendition of favorite melodies by the Tenby Male Choir who provided the evening's entertainment. During the intermission, the District LCIF Officer PDG Laurence Pearce, assisted by Zone A Chairperson Lion Ben, presented Melvin Jones Fellowship awards to Lion members who have rendered exemplary service and commitment to Lionism.



ZC Ben, Secretary Gwyneth Evans, 2VP Rhian Lloyd, 1VP Paul Mason & PDG Larry Pearce.

ZC Ben Manlucto

Diary Dates May

- 5 Ross on Wye Charter Night.
- 7 105W Cabinet Meeting, Newport.
- 10 Devizes Charity Golf Day.
- 13 Bridgend 42nd Charter Anniversary.
Newport 60's & 70's night.
- 14 Incoming Club Officers training day, Bristol.
- 17 Zone K meeting, Old Sodbury.
- 20 Centennial Masked May Ball, Bristol.
- 21 Brecon Charter Anniversary Lunch
- 26 Keynsham & District Charter Anniversary.

Diary Dates June

- 11 Highworth & District, 43rd Charter Lunch.
- 30 Devizes Charter Anniversary & Handover
- 30 – 4 July International Convention, Chicago.

June News Update ...

For June 2017 News Update, please submit articles to news@lions105w.org.uk by 25 May. *Editor Derek*

MD CONVENTION BLACKPOOL

We arrived in a windy Blackpool to find the large and impressively named Norbreck Castle Hotel ready to receive us. MD Convention this year had some expected issues, not least the choice of hotel, but most of us agreed that, whilst we might have preferred somewhere else, at least it wasn't as bad as it could have been. PDG Harry had pre-booked a meal on Friday night at a nearby Italian restaurant and 20 of us gathered before making our way there. It proved to be an excellent choice, with fantastic food, great company and a good time had by all.

Saturday's business began at 9am with welcomes to guests, visitors, Past International Directors and especially the International President Bob Corlew and his wife Dianne. Then followed the more solemn part of the day, with the flag ceremony, national anthems and the In Memorium ceremony. A rose on behalf of our District was placed by Lion Sue Wilding.

Resolutions came thick and fast – more than often including some constitutional issues and the election of a candidate for International Director. IP Bob spoke to us all about the increase of members throughout the world, the marking of the Lions Centennial, his theme and the future for Lions. Then came the debate that many had gone for – Redistricting. The arguments were two sided – both for and against- with some speakers preferring not to redistrict but to merge districts. There was a secret ballot. Lastly before lunch was a vote on the format of the Lion Magazine where a switch to making digital versions more possible was voted down.

After lunch there was some delay in the announcement of results of ballots, finally it was confirmed that Lion Geoff Leeder would be the MD105 candidate for International Director. The Redistricting ballot was confirmed as passed, meaning that the 12 Districts of MD105 will reduce to 8.



The conference hall was magnificently transformed to be decorated for Saturday Night's Gala Dinner, including a Centennial Cake and a Lions 100 Ice Sculpture – it looked like glass but was definitely cold and wet! A good meal accompanied by light-hearted music was followed by a 'Last Night of the Proms' sing song and flag waving. This got everyone on their feet and joining in and the fun continued with a disco until very late.

Sunday is the more exuberant day at Convention and there were lots of cheers as the DGs were introduced and our DG Goff waved a large Welsh flag. We saw a PR presentation from our 2VDGE Ian, the Peace Poster winner and there was a moving and inspiring talk by Lion Heidi Nathan and James on their experiences on the Tall ships as his Young Ambassador reward. The introduction of the DGs Elect is the highlight of the morning and this year was no exception. As the music got louder, the cheers increased, the hoots and whistles blared out and we welcomed our DGE Steve with the best confetti cannons of the lot! At one point he was completely invisible in the confetti shower!

All of us in District W were bowled over and immensely proud when 1stVDGE Sally was recognised with an International President's Leadership Award for her work with Young Leaders in Service and the 2 Davids from Gower and Llchwyr were given an International President's Service Award for their work with 'Hands for Alan'.

Next year's Convention is to be held in May in Berkshire and those who came this year for the first time are already saying they will definitely be there.

*Yes, that is Steve under there!
Sue Wilding, Ross-on-Wye.*



*PID Phil Nathan, Elisabeth Haderer,
International Director, Netherlands,
PID Howard Lee, First VDGE Sally Marsh
and International President Bob Corlew*



The Centennial celebration cake.