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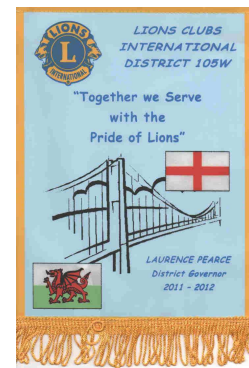
# LIONS

## Clubs International

*'Together we Serve with the Pride of Lions'*

### 105W NEWS UPDATE

Lion Larry Pearce - District Governor



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#### Dear Fellow Lions,

What a month it has been with many clubs involved with Easter fund raising and local projects.

Clubs are focusing on improving their profile in their communities and providing local help where ever possible. In these times of fiscal

hardship it is even more relevant to our communities to have an organisation that cares in their midst.

Julie and I have been to our twin district, Normandy 103NIE where we were warmly welcomed and entertained by DG Jean Pierre and Deputy Bruno, many of you will remember his speech to our convention. I duly reciprocated with a short speech in French which was well received; well no one threw any vegetables or bottles. Activities between our Districts was discussed and twinning was mentioned and I have received an invite for Clubs in 105W to explore twinning with a club in Le Havre, if you would like to explore further please let me know. Part of our welcome was an afternoon at a chateau famous for its rose gardens. Bit early in the season, but an enjoyable trip specially as we were driven there in vintage cars and stopped at a cider farm on the way back, can't remember much since. There is a box of choc for



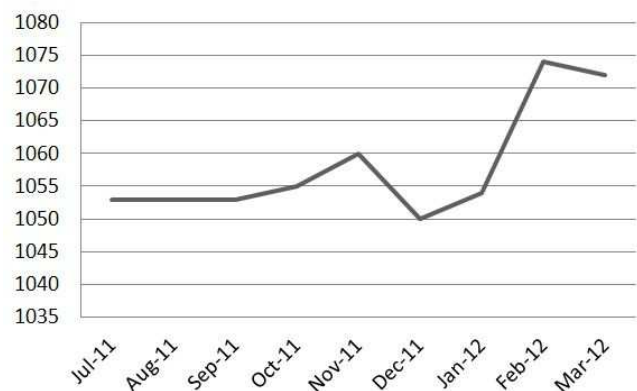
the first person to name the motor Julie is standing beside, Make, Model and date.

How is your tree planting coming on? Please send your figures to Lion Mike Sheldon (environmental officer) so we can have a snap shot of where the trees have been planted and the total.

Help is needed to print off Welsh language leaflets for the Eisteddfod, if anyone has access to cheap printing or maybe a club can print off 50 – 100 leaflets that would be a great help, tell the GMT/GML team.

Great news from West Wales; as hinted at during convention, one of our clubs has exceeded 100% growth in membership over the past 10 months, in fact if my maths is correct, an increase from 8 members to 21, as of the last report is over 160%. Our congratulations go to **Pembroke & Pembroke Dock Lions Club** on their fantastic achievement. All those wishing to know how it is done should plan a visit soon. You will see from the new members welcome, that they have increased their number yet again this month. Keep it up! The following clubs have also posted significant new member increases: Fishguard & Goodwick +8(26%): Forest of Dean +4(25%): Porthcawl +5(18%): Calne +5(20%): Leominster +4(75%) and here is our membership trend.

#### 105W Membership trend



Great work, but can these numbers be still improved upon? How is your club doing? Remember membership is really down to you, telling your friends and letting your community know about how good we can be at improving lives.

Hot news, Tacade materials will be on sale again shortly under a new company run by Lions, see article later in the update. I will also shortly have some Signature Projects

pins for sale, £3 each please, order yours as soon as possible, limited number available at present!

Lions Purposes number 1: *To Organise, charter and supervise service clubs to be known as Lions Clubs.*

With Kind Regards

*Lion Larry, District Governor*

## Membership Welcome...

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

**Brecon:** Tracey Delaney, Ann Morgan

**Black Mountains:** Corinne Knight

**Pembroke & Pembroke Dock:** Val Davies

**Hereford:** Mike Poole

**Tetbury:** Caradog Evans



## Dursley Lioness news...



With the help of two local hairdressing salons; 2 large Easter Eggs have been raffled and £200 has been donated to the Heart, Body, and Mind Scanner at Cheltenham.

We will be holding one of our famous Plant Sales on 19 May, outside the Lions' Den, most plants cost only 50p, and we have a large clientele of regular customers.

The Club is very pleased to welcome the new Lioness Club at Leicester to the Lions fold, and hope that it will not be too long before we are able to welcome the proposed Lioness club at Merthyr Tidfil to the District.

*Su Wagner, Dursley Lioness Club*

## Highworth & District Charter ...

Highworth and District President, Lion Rodney Davis, regrets that some invitations sent out to Lions Clubs in the District gave the reply date as the 7 May and not the 11 May, 2012. Please be assured that you have an extra few days to get your reservations in for this popular lunch, celebrating our Charter, on 20 May.

*Rodney Davis, President, Highworth & District*

## Higher Service...

It is with deep regret that News Update reports the passing to higher service of Lion John Burgoyne, Hereford Club and Peter Nuttall, Bradley Stoke Branch Club.

District Governor Lion Laurence Pearce and all Lion members extend their condolences to Rosemary and Julie and their families.

### **NUTTALL, Lion Peter (52)**

Bradley Stoke Lions (Bristol Brunel Lions Club)

It is with much sadness we report the death of Lion Peter. **Peter was the epitome of a LION.** He had suffered with spinal cancer which paralysed him, after many operations. He managed to walk enough to drive from Stourport-on-Severn to Bristol in order to go out with the Carol Float. He tied a collection bucket with a piece of cord around his neck and walking slowly with two sticks joined us on the collection for one and a half hours. A Lion with a great sense of humour.

Our sympathy to his wife Julie, his children Daniel and Tania, also both of his parents.

*John Lane, Secretary, Bristol Brunel*

### **BURGOYNE, Lion John (68)**

Lion John was Hereford Lions Club treasurer for close on 30 years and was awarded the new Founders Fellowship Medal earlier this year. He died on March 25, aged 68. A retired manager at HSBC, John had been at the very heart of his club's busy community work for three decades. He was president in 1992. He leaves his wife, Rosemary and stepdaughter Melanie.

*George Thomas, Hereford*

## KEYNSHAM publicity opportunity...

Eleven more Lions Clubs International logo badges are set to be appearing in Keynsham on a regular basis but despite the local Lions being eager to attract new members these badges will be worn by children?

Keynsham Club have become a sponsor to the Fry Club under 14s football team who play in the Avon Youth League 3rd division and have funded a new strip to encourage these youngsters to engage in sport and represent the town and it is on the new shirts that the Lions logo will appear.

Team manager Rob Scott said, 'This support from the Lions Club of Keynsham is most helpful and takes the strain off of hard pressed parents who otherwise would have to find the money to help buy the kit. The hope is that we shall do the town and the Lions proud during the next football season in our new strip'.

*Alan Hale, Keynsham PRO*

**DG's Handover Evening 21 July 2012 see page 4**

## MedicAlert...

*I received this story from MedicAlert, a service that we Lions have supported for many years. It illustrates that MedicAlert is not just for the elderly and infirm.*



Olivia is 5, and suffers from severe allergies to peanuts & tomatoes. She has been a MedicAlert member since she was 18 months old.

Her mother, Sofia, tells us about how they manage her allergies and create a safe environment for Olivia to enjoy her childhood.

‘Olivia reacted to half a peanut after previously consuming peanut butter with no issues. Getting a diagnosis was difficult and could only be established by a (very scary) food challenge in the hospital.’

However this was not Olivia’s first reaction to a food. At the age of 9 months, from a single pip landing on her cheek, Olivia had a severe allergic reaction to tomatoes. This allergy causes extensive issues for the family as tomatoes are not usually listed as an allergen on food packaging. The family now have to avoid any pre-packed food completely so they know exactly what is in every meal.

When Olivia started day nursery Sofia decided to get her a MedicAlert bracelet as a visual reference, highlighting her allergies to the staff. Sofia chose MedicAlert for the continued membership and the 24/7 emergency line.

‘The fact that her notes can be updated as her conditions change is important. If anyone needed to find out about her conditions, and she was unable to communicate for herself, I am confident the professional looking after her would have access to the correct up to date information they require by calling the emergency number on her emblem’.

Allowing Olivia to live a more independent life is very important to Sofia, ‘It gives me the confidence to allow her to have a normal childhood. She goes to friends houses for tea or birthday parties and I know there is a virtual safety net’.

Olivia is happy to wear the MedicAlert emblem and tells people ‘It’s my special bracelet in case I’m poorly’. Sofia thinks this is partly down to Olivia being able to make the choice of which bracelet she wanted. ‘Don’t choose it for your child, let them pick their own, then they will wear it’ explains Sofia.

Sofia concluded ‘We tell her everyone’s special and we’re all different but she might need some extra special looking after sometimes’.

Medic Alert has a wide range of bracelets and charms available on their website <http://www.medicalert.org>

Do you have your own stories that you would like to share? If so just email us at [news@lions105w.org.uk](mailto:news@lions105w.org.uk).

We will be pleased to hear from you. Ed.

## R&MN Lions help Alexander...

Alexander is an 8 year old boy who was born with pseudoachondroplasia, a painful form of dwarfism that affects the bones and joints. Alexander needed a powered wheelchair to help him interact with his friends. Alexander's New Wheels, a local fundraising charity group, was set up last November and is made up from Alexander's family, friends and parents and staff from his school. Last December we were pleased to donate £2,000 to help this fund, with a promise of more to come. The group have now reached their target and the wheelchair will be arriving soon. Last Saturday, Radstock and Midsomer Norton Lions presented Sherborne Town Band in concert in Midsomer Norton and raised a further £400 which will be donated to the charity to help with Alexander’s ongoing needs.



Photos, Alexander with his sister Rosilyn, mum Suzanne and dad Mark, and below, Alexander trying out the chair.



Derek Livsey, Radstock & Midsomer Norton.

## Erratum ...

In the April update, I incorrectly stated that the winner of the 105W Peace Poster competition was sponsored by Glantawe Club. My apologies to Caerffili Lions who were the actual sponsors. My thanks to Chris Holmes for pointing out this error. *Ed*

## TACADE ...

*Following the demise of Tacade earlier this year, we have received the following information from MD105 Council Chariman, Tony Gadsby:*

I am pleased to confirm that we have now concluded the purchase of the assets of the former Tacade and thank you all for your patience and support during the process of acquisition. We have setup a new entity, "Lions MD 105 Lifeskills Ltd", to run this business and in the coming days and weeks will providing you with further details regarding the operation of this business.

The trustees of the new company will be meeting shortly to confirm plans for the operation and future of the new business.

It is important that in the immediate term Clubs are made aware that we will continue to sell the Tacade material using the Tacade brand to maintain loyalty, but equally until we have a means in place to process those orders, please ask your clubs to be patient in their expectations. It is important that the business is established and running before we see an influx of orders. This will take time. We will inform Clubs of the process to order materials as soon as possible.

*Tony Gadsby, MD105 Council Chairman*

## HFT & Tenovus...

WHAT A FANTASTIC MONTH WE HAVE HAD!

The Grand Total that we have raised for both charities now stands at: **£32,068!**

Radstock & Midsomer Norton Lions held their Charter Lunch on 15 April and presented Christine Mills, MBE, Founder of the Charity, with a cheque for £2,000.

Swindon Lions presented Rosa Woodley, Fundraiser with Hope for Tomorrow with a cheque for £1,000 on 18 April.

The total for Hope for Tomorrow stands at £27,368 and for the Tenovus MCSU, £4,660.

My sincere and heartfelt thanks to both clubs for this.

The good news keeps on coming. Rosa Woodley has accepted an invitation to attend and present to the next Cabinet Meeting for District 105D. The fourth Unit, which is currently being built, is being allocated to NHS Hampshire which is covered by 105D. I wish Rosa all the very best with her presentation and let's keep our fingers crossed that they come on board with the Lions' fundraising efforts.

*Tony Buchan, Mobile Chemotherapy & Oncology Units*

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

## R&MN Lions Charter...

Radstock and Midsomer Norton Lions held their 35th Charter Anniversary Celebration Dinner at Cameley Lodge. Sunday lunch was attended by over 80 Lions and partners, including DG Larry, Past District Governors, Presidents and other officers. Lion President Richard Munden presented two cheques, one for £200.00 to District Governor Laurence Pearce for his charity, Action for Children, the other for £2000.00 to Christine Mills MBE, for Hope for Tomorrow, the charity she set up following the death of her husband from cancer in 2003.



Photo: DG Lion Laurence, President Richard, Christine Mills MBE, Vice President Robert and Honorary Lion, Rotarian President David Protheroe  
*Derek Livsey, Radstock & Midsomer Norton.*

## DG's Handover Evening ...

Join us to thank District Governor Lion Laurence for his service to our District during the Lionistic year 2011/2012 and to give a warm welcome to District Governor Elect, Lion Harry Smith. Handover this year is Saturday 21 July at the Holiday Inn, Coldra, Newport and the Banquet & Ball will be £29.00 per person. The booking form is on the District Website.

Overnight accommodation is available at the Holiday Inn, please make personal bookings with the Hotel direct. Phone the Hotel function facilities, 01633 412 777 *during office hours only*, quoting Lions Handover to get our special rate of £65 for b&b.

*Ed*

## Lions Day with the United Nations ...

It was a special honour for me to participate with over 400 Lions, ambassadors and United Nations representatives from 23 countries in the 34th Annual Lions Day with the United Nations. The event, held on March 16 in New York, was a celebration of the longstanding partnership between LCI and the UN.

The addresses and dialogue focused on how the two organizations can work more closely on the UN Millennium Development goals while creating a brighter future for our children and youth.

The event also included the presentation of the 2012 Peace Poster and Blind Essay Contest winners and a

discussion on how Lions can take a more active role in international development.

*Wing-Kun Tam, International President*

## Measles Initiative ...

*This is an extract from the LCI April Newsletter.*

Lions Clubs International has established itself as one of the world's leading non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the ongoing effort to promote health for all and to eradicate preventable diseases. In the past two decades, SightFirst projects have preserved or restored healthy vision for hundreds of millions of people in all parts of the world. Lions diabetes awareness and screening programs have helped keep millions of adults healthy and active.

Now, LCI is engaged in another epic campaign that, this year alone, will safeguard the health of 157 million children by providing vaccines against measles. Measles, nearly eradicated in some parts of the world, remains a serious and widespread threat in places where there are few doctors and little medicine. In fact, 450 children die each day from its effects including pneumonia and encephalitis.

Lions commitment to health for all and especially our traditional concern for the well-being of young people make it imperative that we act. Through the [One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative](#) Lions have joined the worldwide Measles Initiative, a collaborative effort of the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Foundation, UNICEF, American Red Cross and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Lions mission in this powerful alliance is to raise US\$10 million for LCIF to fund vaccinations that cost approximately US\$1 each. We are fortunate to have a powerful partner in this effort. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has pledged US\$1 to Lions Clubs International Foundation for every US\$2 raised by Lions, up to US\$5 million. Therefore success in reaching our US\$10 million goal will result in US\$15 million for this life-saving effort. I cannot think of an effort more consistent with our organization's position as a leader in world health preservation and with our traditional concern for young people. It has my enthusiastic support. With more than US\$1.2 million raised, we are making headway toward our goal and I thank all who have made this possible. I also ask Lions clubs everywhere to make One Shot, One Life a part of your fund raising plans and ask individual Lions to give generously to this important Lions effort.

*International President*

## Diary Dates ...

### May

- 3-6 **DG** at Council of Governors Mtg, Birmingham.
- 6 Brecon Lions Charter
- 7 Forest of Dean, Car Boot Sale.  
Devizes Spring Fair.  
Porthcawl May Fayre.
- 11 **DG** at Northleach & Fosse Charter.
- 12 **DG** at Ross Charter
- 12 **1stVDG** at Bridgend Charter
- 13 Cabinet Meeting, Newport.  
Incoming District Officers Training (pm).
- 16 Devizes Charity Golf Day
- 19 Calne Duck Race.
- 20 Forest of Dean & Severn Dean Wild Boar Chase.  
**DG** at Highworh & District Charter.
- 24 Chipping Sodbury Charity Golf Day
- 25 **DG** at Keynsham Charter, Hambrook.
- 27 Chippenham Cherished Vehicle & Fun Day.

### June

- 2 **DG** at Carmarthen Charter.  
Hereford Lions Grand Jubilee Ball.
- 5 Tetbury Wacky Races Derby.
- 8 Porthcawl Charity Golf Day.
- 15 **DG** at Llantwit Major & Cowbridge Charter.
- 15-17 Blackmore Vale Lions Annual Caravan Rally.  
Contact: Lion Peter Oswick, Tel: 01963 363 281  
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- 16 **DG** at Fishguard & Goodwick Charter.  
Incoming Officers Seminar, Carmarthen.
- 22 City of Bath Charity Golf Day.
- 22 - 26 International Convention, Busan, Korea.
- 25 Radstock & MSN Charity Golf Day
- 23 **DG** at Tenby & Saundersfoot 35th Charter.
- 30 Incoming Officers Seminar, Calne.

### July

- 21 DG's Handover, Holiday Inn, Newport.

### August

- 4-11 National Eisteddfod, Llandow Airfield,  
Cowbridge.

## Activity Reports ...

Any of your Club activities whether Fundraising, Welfare or Social can be reported on the Clubs Activity Report. When the monthly 'M' Report is completed by the Club Secretary, the Activity 'A' Report can also be completed on WMMR to spread the word of the good work your Club is achieving. There are 30 clubs completing 'A' Reports with 22 clubs still to spread the news.

## June News Update...

Articles for the June News Update please to [news@lions105w.org.uk](mailto:news@lions105w.org.uk) by 25 May. *Ed*