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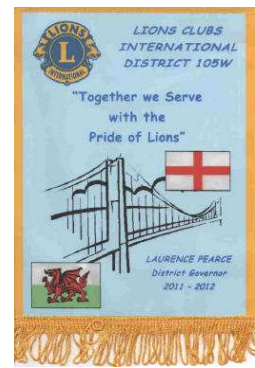
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'Together we Serve with the Pride of Lions'

105W NEWS UPDATE

Lion Larry Pearce - District Governor

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ordinary people doing
amazing things



Fellow Lions,

Autumn has arrived with a vengeance and Julie & I are spending quite some time processing the apple crop, when weather permits. The storms thankfully held off when we visited the **National Memorial**

Arboretum to represent 105W at the opening of the Lions Shelter. Built by contributions from our members nationwide, it will stand as a memorial to those Lions who have passed to higher service in the year past and also provide shelter from the elements for those visiting the National Memorial site. Situated close to the Merchant Navy Forest, inside people will be able to learn about our organisation and read the names of those who have served their community as Lions. The shelter was opened officially by our Patron, Sophie, Countess of Wessex, at a short service in the shelter; 105W was also represented by the presence of Lions Ron & Colin from Hereford Club.

It has also been a sad month for the District with the passing to higher service of several Lion members. As the district would like to honour all Lions who pass to higher service myself or another member of the District team will attend funerals, if possible. In the sad event of losing a member, please inform the **District Almoner** as soon as you can. Also there has been the mining incident near Swansea claiming at least 4 lives, Glantawe, Gower & Ammanford Clubs are organising collections for the families affected, Clubs can also send donations via the District Treasurer. Please send numbers of those attending the **District Dedication & Thanksgiving Service** on 9 October to Barry Club. Lions Purposes *'To unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding'*. Finally our Ethics quote for the month, *'To aid others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak and my substance to the needy'*. Service is the root of our belief, let us all explore new ways of service and improve our current service, so that *'Together we Serve with the Pride of Lions'*.

Yours in friendship, fellowship and Lionism
DG Lion Larry

Arboretum Video link ...

There is a link to a 5 minute Video on the District Website homepage of the Lions Shelter Opening at the National Memorial Arboretum. It clearly shows the 'In Memorium' of deceased Lion members which will be updated annually.

John Seymour webmaster@lions105w.org.uk

Membership Welcome ...

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

Cardiff: Angela Murray

Fishguard & Goodwick: Gerald Humphrey
and Janet Portsmouth

Calne: JR Dawson and Sally Dawson



Health & Safety Update ...

Firework Display safety!

With Guy Fawkes on the way, it should be a sparkling autumn. Of course, if you don't take care or if you act irresponsibly, fireworks can be dangerous. Unfortunately each year around a thousand people are injured by fireworks in Britain.

If you are organising firework display, you will clearly need a robust and detailed approach to planning.

There is a wealth of information on websites:

www.hse.gov.uk/explosives/fireworks/index.htm

www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/priced/hsg123.pdf

www.hse.gov.uk/explosives/fireworks/using.htm

Jeffrey Davies, District Health & Safety Advisor

Higher Service ...

It is with deep regret that News Update reports the passing to higher service of Lion Les Smith of Keynsham Club, Lion Brian Brough of Tetbury Club, Lion Alan Davies of Glantawe Club and Lion Bob Gutherson of Devizes Club. District Governor Lion Laurence Pearce and all Lion members extend their condolences to their families and loved ones.

Has your Club done their September 'M' Report?

Local Children...

It is slowly but surely getting darker and when the clocks change this will be even more noticeable. Last month I suggested that you may think it worthwhile to have high visibility waistcoats to both make it safer for yourselves (and those helping you) as well as promoting your Club. Increasingly there are 'walking buses' or 'crocodiles' where youngsters go to and from school shepherded by an adult(s). As a service to your community you may like to think about supplying both the children and the adults with similar waistcoats. **In addition to the Lions logo you may wish to have your Clubs name.**

Ron Clarke, Marketing Officer

Lechlade Lions help Madina ...

Lechlade doctor Veronica and her husband Rohit, also a GP, have volunteered their time to helping local staff running a feeding centre and rural clinics in Madina, Sierra Leone - a country that has one of the highest child mortality rates in the world. Dr Veronica was delighted to be able to share photos and stories of the improvements that have been made to the facilities and the lives of those who rely on them. "The feeding centre now has a supply of fresh water and proper hygiene facilities thanks to the generous donations by residents of Lechlade, Fairford and surrounding villages whose efforts are really making a difference - children who were previously too ill and malnourished to even cry are now laughing and playing" said Veronica.

Lion Dave Sharp who co-ordinated the event said "a great big thank you to everyone who contributed and helped to make last Friday night's Madina fundraising event such a success. Everyone who attended really enjoyed the evening and is in admiration of the tremendous work Veronica and Rohit do for the people of Madina".



The cheque, made out to the new Help Madina charity set up by Rohit and Veronica, was presented to Dr Veronica and her husband Rohit by Lion President Richard Bell and DG Larry.

Sue Coakley, Lechlade & District Lions.

Lions roar away @ Swansea Bay 10k.

25 September saw the Swansea Bay 10k start & finish at Oystermouth Road, Swansea. Whilst Swansea Lions were out in force to help marshal the event, two of our 105W Lions were competing. Lion Brendan Sweeney of Glantawe Lions Club completed the race in a pleasing

47mins 43 sec. Glantawe Lions Christine however, just mingled in with Swansea Lions to marshal, thus getting a good camera spot. PDG Lion Colin Duncan put Christine to shame & completed the race in 1hr 10 sec, believed to be quicker than his time last year, which he'd stated at the start, was his aim to beat.

Following the race, Christine explained to Lion Colin that she'd captured a photo of him at the finish & he replied words to the effect of, 'members don't want to read of my slow time.' Lion Colin was only one of 12 in his age category to even enter. Lion Brendan said he'll be happy if he's even entering the 10k, when he's Lion Colin's age, never mind completing it in his time!

Very well done both.

Christine Sweeney, Glantawe Lions



Some of the Swansea Lions marshals, with Mayor of Swansea, Cllr Ioan Richard & his Wife, Iris.

Lion Alan Davies, MJF

Glantawe Lions Club members are sad to announce the passing to higher service of Lion Alan Davies. He was a member since 2003, past President and Trustee. He was also the Zone Chairperson for the past four years before his recent appointment to the post of District Vulnerable Persons Officer.

Alan was an ex-Fords worker before retiring and joining the Club and members will miss him as he was very active within the Club and District. Our thoughts are with his daughter, son-in-law and his three grand children.

St Dunstan's...

Llandudno Centre is Open!

On Monday 19 September the new St Dunstan's Centre at Craig-y-Don, Llandudno opened and received its first St Dunstaners - the Centre will provide treatment and rehabilitation for Service personnel who have lost their sight either in conflicts or whose sight has deteriorated with age.

Prior to its formal opening, on the 15 September a Reception was held for those individuals and organisations that had made donations to the Appeal Fund that had enabled the refurbishment and extension of the former North Wales Medical Centre in Craig-y-Don, Llandudno.

As one of the major donors, representatives from LCI MD 105 were invited to attend - CC Lion Tony Gadsby & Diane, DG Lion Beryl Roberts & PDG Lion Eric Roberts together with Lions from all the Clubs adjacent

to Centre represented MD 105, also in attendance were IPCC Lion Jacquie Prebble and Lion Bob Prebble, PDG Lion Evan Wm Jones and Lion Thelma Jones, and Lions Peter and Lynn Albert from Crosby & District LC, Lion Peter had just completed a solo kayak journey of 138 miles down the Thames, sponsorship for which had raised upwards of £2,500 towards the MD Appeal for St Dunstan's.

Lion Evan Jones- St Dunstan's Co-ordinator.

DG Lion Larry writes, 'More information about the St. Dunstan's Lions project including pictures of the opening can be sourced on our 105W website homepage. I thank all clubs and members in our District who have donated to this Lions initiative making it a tremendous success'.

Margam Football Club...

Glantawe Lions sponsored Margam Football Club under 12s with a new team strip. They had their first game on



Friday 2 September and President Lion Phil Taylor, Lions Jeff Davies and Lion Brendan Sweeney were there to present it and then watch them play. They are a very enthusiastic

team and were very thankful for the strip, but sadly they did not win. We hope for better results in the future!

Peter Evans, Glantawe Lions

Northleach & Fosse testing ...

Northleach and Fosse Lions run regular quiz evenings in their town hall and in surrounding villages.



These events are good sources of revenue for funds - by means of an entrance fee, plus a raffle etc - and are also extremely useful for raising awareness about Lions amongst the general public. All members involved wear their Club shirts and leaflets about Lions are placed on each table.

Quizmaster Lion Stuart Asquith sets the questions.

Vulnerable Persons Update ...

The following advice has been issued to clubs in preparation for Christmas 2011.

- 1) The law has not yet been changed therefore for this festive season the rules are exactly the same as they have been for the last three years.
- 2) Please follow the advice contained in the MD Policy dated 2008 available Members Resources webpage of the District Website www.lions105w.org.uk

- 3) As part of your risk assessment for any activity please ensure the issue of the requirement for CRB clearance is covered. Please do this in plenty of time for the festive season.
- 4) Contact your District Vulnerable person Officer for advice and to arrange any checks required
- 5) Lots of checks were carried out three or more years ago. If you last CRB clearance is over three years old then it needs renewing. Our policy states that checks need to be renewed every three years and if this has not been done, in some circumstances it may invalidate your insurance cover.

The Protection of Freedom Act is still in the Parliamentary process. A full meeting of VPO's has been held and the possible implications of the act were considered. These could change in the forthcoming processes so it would not be appropriate to publish anything further at this time. All clubs are encouraged to seek advice if in any doubt.

Lion Les Smith

It was with great sadness this week that the Lions Club of Keynsham said farewell to Lion Les Smith one of their long standing members, who died at the age of 82.

Les Smith had been a member of the Lions Club in the town since 1981 when he joined as a member from his first club at Milford Haven where he had become a member in 1977.



For many years of his Lions service Les was club Treasurer and played a full part in the work of the club, be it as a member of the fundraising committee or actively giving welfare to people in need.

The choir concert that the club has successfully held for the last two years was the idea of Les and he had organised them both with great success. Only a fortnight before his death in Frenchay Hospital he was working on the organisation of his third concert which is to be held in St John's parish church in High Street, Keynsham on Saturday 8 October.

When he was not spending time helping others he was a loving father to three daughters and a son and grandfather to eleven grandchildren and a devoted husband to June his wife of 58 years. It had become a tradition for all the family to spend an annual holiday together and also to gather at Christmas.

Les died after suffering pulmonary fibrosis for some two years but during that time Les would still be found serving the community of Keynsham and Saltford.

There were many tributes to Les. Ken, his brother said "If the world was full of people like Les, it would be a better place."

Tacade ...

The Tacade resource, "I AM, I KNOW, I CAN" has been so successful that we have to go for a reprint. This is costing about £6,000.00 and will provide a new and up to date resource for use within our schools.

This £6,000.00 will be collected throughout our Multiple District so each district is asked to donate £500.00.

My request to all Clubs within our District is to donate £10 per club to Tacade to help cover this cost. £10 is a small donation from each club to ensure that Skills for the Primary School Child aged 5 to 11 years (I AM, I KNOW, I CAN) will still be available for use in the education of our children.

That I feel is great value for your £10 donation.

May I thank you all, and I look forward to being able to report that 105W have donated the £500.00 requested.

G W (Tom) Lawson, District 105W Tacade Advisor

HFT & Tenovus Update ...

Although I have no further additions to the totals I gave you last month, there is still plenty of news and this can be found in full on the district website at www.lions105w.org.uk/MCOUSeptember2011.pdf

I have heard many positive comments about the article that was published in the B & I Lion Magazine in August and I would like to express my sincere thanks for this very positive response. I am hopeful that this will lead to the extension of fundraising to other parts of MD105.

There will be literature from Hope for Tomorrow and their new DVD, and also Tenovus literature at the Lions Forum on 1 October, so please come and see me to talk more about our fundraising efforts.

Tony Buchan, charity@lions105w.org.uk

Directory Updates ...

District PRO, Lion Godfrey Morris,

Bridgend, email: pro@lions105w.org.uk

Hereford Club President, Lion Ron Williams,

email: r.williams.574@btinternet.com

QR Codes ...



Ever wondered what those funny square symbols are on mail-shots that come through the door and adverts? They are the next generation of bar-codes, try pointing your smartphone at this one to get to the District website.

Diary Dates ...

October

- 1 **District Forum, Hilton, Newport**
DG at Swansea Charter
- 3 DG visits Severn Dean Club
- 3 **1st VDG** visits Swindon Club
- 4 DG visits Melksham Club
- 4 **1st VDG** visits Radstock & MN Club
- 4 **2nd VDG** visits Forest of Dean Club

- 5 DG visits Carmarthen Club
- 5 **1st VDG** visits Chepstow Club
- 6 **2nd VDG** visits Fishguard & Goodwick Club
- 8-16 Lions Awareness week.
- 8 DG at Maesteg Charter
- 9 Thornbury Charter Lunch
- 9 **District Thanksgiving Service**, Cadoxton, 3pm
Contact Barry Lions Club [more](#)
- 10 DG visits Bath Club
- 10 **2nd VDG** visits Pembroke & Pembroke Dock
- 11 DG visits Brecon Club
- 11 **2nd VDG** visits Abertillery Club
- 12 **2nd VDG** visits Glantawe Club
- 12-14 Europa Forum, Maastricht
- 13 DG visits Leominster Club
- 13 **2nd VDG** visits Aberystwyth Club
- 13 **Lions World sight day**
- 15 WaterAid Ceilidh Day
Chippenham Club Bavarian Oompah Night
Bridgend Lions Book Sale
- 20 Lechlade Lions Beetle Drive
Ammanford Quiz Night
- 22 Leominster World Sight Day Awareness and
Diabetic Clinic
- 23 DG at Cheltenham Charter
- 27 Zone F Quiz Night
- 28-30 DG at Council of Governors Meeting
- 29 **1st VDG** at Brunel 40th Charter Anniversary

November

- 1 DG visits Bristol Brunel & Bradley Stoke
- 2 DG visits Tetbury Club
- 2 **1st VDG** visits Caerphilly Club
- 2 **2nd VDG** visits Maesteg Club
- 3 **1st VDG** visits Cardiff Club
- 3 **2nd VDG** visits Llantwit Major and Cowbridge
- 3 Zone E meeting, Oxford Arms, Kington
- 5 Fireworks at Forest of Dean, Swindon & Bath.
- 6 DG at Leominster Charter Lunch
- 7 DG visits Wotton-Under-Edge Club
- 8 DG visits Northleach and Fosse Club
- 8 **2nd VDG** visits Monmouth Club
- 9 **2nd VDG** visits Ammanford Club
- 10 DG visits Stroud District Club
- 11 DG at Caerphilly Peace Poster Competition
- 12 DG at Glantawe Charter.
2nd VDG at Calne Charter
- 14 **2nd VDG** visits Cheltenham Club
- 20 DG at Cabinet meeting, Holiday Inn, Newport
Peace Poster Final, Holiday Inn, Newport
Devizes Clay Pigeon Shoot
- 25 Keynsham Victorian Evening with Santa's Sleigh
- 26 Melksham Christmas Fayre
- 27 Keynsham Trolley Dash

November News Update ...

Articles for the November edition of News Update please to news@lions105w.org.uk by **22 October (Earlier date due to holiday)**. Thank you – Ed.