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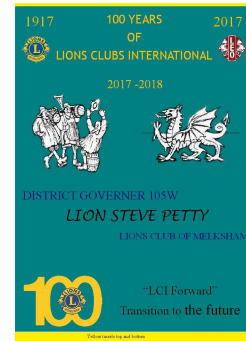
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LIONS Clubs International

105W NEWS UPDATE

Lion Steve Petty - District Governor

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Dear Fellow Lions.

I was warned that September would be a hectic month and it certainly proved to be that. I managed to increase the number of clubs visited and I spent a good amount of time with members in our clubs on the west side of Mid Wales.

Thank you all for the warm welcome and I enjoyed the company, companionship and conversation even though I could not always understand some of the conversation. And

I was fined for the privilege!

On Sunday 10 September I attended the Trustee training seminar in Bristol along with many members supporting the session from 105W, 105SW, 105M and 105D. The day out was designed to further our knowledge of why all clubs should be aiming to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The speakers were from Lions, the Charities Commission and the MD105 legal advisors of Wrigley's Solicitors, appointed for the CIO transition. I, for one, am now better equipped to promote the benefits of joining and have heard some real horror stories about clubs who thought they were protected under the current club 'charity number' scheme and from clubs that didn't have any charity registration. All clubs with any queries are advised to contact the MD105 CIO team through Lion Linda Picton or Lion Tom Berry.

Progress for the convention to be held at the Best Western Aberavon Beach Hotel, Port Talbot, 2-3 March 2018 is moving along with information and social booking details now on our 105W website.

The 105W cabinet are also now urgently asking you for your convention resolutions as the closing date is only a few weeks away on the 27 October.

The MD105 Convention on 4-6 May 2018 in Basingstoke is also looking to be another outstanding event with a promising international speaker.

I recently circulated, to clubs via Jake, details of a leadership symposium event, being organised by PID Phil Nathan and the response has so far been encouraging. The idea, previously discussed at Council, was to seek out the views of our younger members, who are also younger in service, to make suggestions on how they perceive the future of Lions in MD105. This will be both in respect of

membership and leadership and who knows what might grow out of this weekend meeting. Unfortunately, I am 'too old' to attend ☹ so I will be looking for feedback from our younger 105W attendees ☺

I have received an encouraging response, but there is still room for more entries, so if you could make a difference, were born around 1970 or later, have been a Lion in 105W for less than five years and can spare the 2-3 December to go to Kenilworth, then please get in touch with me. Thank you for the responses I have had to date, I should be contacting all applicants within a couple of weeks.

Lion Steve Petty, District Governor, 105W.

Membership Welcome ...

During September, District Governor Lion Steve welcomed the following member to the family of Lions:

Llantwit Major & Cowbridge	Michael Crosta.
Newport	Simon Powell.
Aberystwyth	Neeson Richards.
Devizes	John Richardson.

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Higher Service ...

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

Alan David and Roger Fry, Llantwit Major & Cowbridge Lions Club.

Anthony Nicholson, Frome Lions Club.

John Morris, Keynsham & District Lions Club.

Tony Little, Ross on Wye Lions Club.

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

Lion John Morris.

Born in 1934, John joined Keynsham & District Club in December 1993. He was always at the centre of any Club activities, whether it was Service, Fund Raising, Social or getting involved in the wider issues of Lions Clubs International. He served as Club President in 2003-04 then Zone Chairman for a two year period which took him to regular Cabinet Meetings. Caravanning and cruising with his wife Pat were his hobbies and he was Membership Chairman for three years before Pat fell ill in 2012. With John now living alone, he continued to enjoy his Lionism with support from family and friends until an aggressive form of dementia took hold and the road ahead closed-in on him. With great sadness, he died 10 September 2017.

John Seymour, Secretary, Keynsham & District.

Lion Alan David.

Alan, Life Member, Past President of Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions Club passed to higher service recently. A Member for 30 years, serving as Treasurer and Club Youth Organiser he then became, for 5 years District Youth Organiser. In 2000 he successfully took on the role of MD105 International Youth Exchange Camp organiser with his usual meticulous approach. Only illness during the last few years stopped him playing a full part, but his incisive interventions will be missed by the club and the wider community, where he was a well-respected citizen.

We offer our condolences to his family and all who knew him

John Wordley, Sec. Llantwit Major & Cowbridge.

Lion Roger Fry.

Roger, Charter and Life Member of Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions Club, passed to higher service recently. In his business life he was an engineer, entrepreneur and inventor and it was these talents that he brought to the club. He was up and out before those a lot younger and always the last to pack up. If something needed fixing or making, Roger was the person to go to. He had always been a full and active member of the club, bringing his own style and sense of humour to business meetings and all club events.

He will be sorely missed by his family, his Lions club and all who knew him.

John Wordley, Sec. Llantwit Major & Cowbridge.

Lion Tony Little.

It is with great sadness that Ross-on-Wye Lions Club reports the death of Lion Tony (Anthony) Little. Tony joined Ross-on-Wye Lions in August 2001 and completed 16 years' service. He was a dedicated Lion who made a real difference to his community and was well liked by all our members. He was our Almoner for several years and was an active member who was not shy to come forward as a volunteer or to express his views. He would be seen every year at Ross Carnival wearing his Lion costume – a role he really enjoyed as it allowed him to show his sense of humour and liking for mixing with the public of all ages. Our thoughts are with his family and friends. He will be dearly missed.

Andrew Middlecote, Secretary, Ross on Wye.

MD Convention, Basingstoke ...

Are you going to the MD convention in Basingstoke?

If you are, why not have a fun night out with the others from 'W' who will be there. In Blackpool, 20 of us spent the evening in an Italian Restaurant and entertained not only ourselves but the other customers and the staff.

I am prepared to arrange a similar evening again, however if you wish to be involved, then I would like a choice from you of the kind of food you would wish to eat.

The choices will be: Traditional British; Italian; Chinese; Indian or any other you can think of. Please email me with your preference and I will try to please most of you ☺

PDG Harry Smith. harry@harryandruthsmith.co.uk

Insurance ...

Fellow Lions can I remind you that whilst on Lions activities, you are covered by our insurance. The new insurance certificate can be found on the district website on the Member's resources page,

<http://www.lions105w.org.uk/ClubMembers.htm>

Alan Denham, District Insurance Advisor.

insurance@lions105w.org.uk

Hereford Celebrate ...

Hereford Lions Club celebrated the centenary of Lions Clubs International with a display in the city centre on Saturday 26 August when one hundred ladies were each presented with a single rose to highlight the anniversary.

The club also used the occasion to promote the community work it undertakes, to make more people aware of the vital role Lions Clubs play in their communities worldwide as well as seeking new members. The High Town display was also a thank you to the public for their generous support over the years.



Photo: Lion Mick Harmon (centre) tells Darren and Lynne Ditchfield about some of the projects funded by the Club.

The club has welcomed a new member, Grant Hughes, a civil servant bringing the total of new members in the last couple of months to five, with a sixth due to be inducted shortly.

George Thomas, Hereford.

Has your Club entered their Activities on MyLCI?

Membership Matters ...



We have some excellent younger Lions in our District Clubs. What is 'younger'? Well, having taken advice from those younger than me, we have decided that anyone who is a Lion before about the age of 45 is young – at least for now!

Everyone I meet in Lions Membership tells me that we need new, younger members – so my question is: what are we doing to find them, to get them involved and then to adapt our Clubs as appropriate to make sure we retain them?

Some of our younger members are Leo Lions, some are friends and family Lions and some are impressed by who we are and what we do and want to be a part of that. But how do we link up with young people and make them enthusiastic about volunteering with Lions?

What I am hoping for is that we can listen to the honest views of you 'younger Lions' to find out why you enjoy being a Lion and what improvements we need to make in Clubs and in our District to attract more like-minded and similar aged people.

We have 'younger Lions' in many of our Clubs and it is difficult for them to connect with us and each other, so Rhian has set up a new Facebook group just for them. If you are a 'Younger Lion' please check your emails to find the invitation to the Facebook group 'Young Lions Forum' or email: membership@lions105w.org.uk and I will make sure you get added in. If you speak, I will listen!

Sue Wilding, District Membership Officer (GMT-D)

Thank You ...

My Granddaughter, Millie Bywater, has achieved her ambition to gain a place at Bath University. Her A level subject passes were: Maths A, Psychology A*, Sociology A*, EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) A*.



Bath was her preference although she had offers from five other universities.

Black Mountains Lions and Gloucester Lions contributed enormously to this success as both Clubs got together and paid for her first specialist computer equipment at a cost of over £5000.

Millie lost her sight to Cancer in both eyes at 6 months old. Despite her difficulties, over the years she has worked hard at her studies, firstly at Junior school in Gloucester and then on to Secondary school in Cheltenham. Without that help at the start of her schooling she may not have achieved quite so spectacularly and we owe you all a

GREAT BIG THANK YOU.

Proud grandmother.

Cheryl Hyde, Black Mountains.

LCIF ...

I received this from Past President Bob Corlew.

“Thank you for your most generous donations to LCIF. Just this year, your donations have enabled LCIF to respond to the disasters from Japan to South Asia to the U.S. Gulf Coast, Mexico and several Caribbean islands.

Earlier this month, Hurricane Harvey devastated the south central coast of Texas and areas of Louisiana. More recently, Hurricane Irma struck Florida and other areas of the Southeast United States, and laid waste to islands in the western Atlantic and Caribbean Sea. Mexico has been rattled by its strongest earthquake in 100 years. Together, LCIF and Lions are supporting relief efforts for all of these disasters.

We have been working directly with Lions in the affected areas to ensure they have what they need to respond in these emergencies, and disaster relief funds have been made available for Lions in all of the affected areas. In turn, Lions are coordinating their efforts with local agencies to determine the greatest need and how Lions can address those needs.

Your donations allow LCIF to respond to disasters at the moment they happen, and ensure we can respond when called upon for future emergencies.

Together, we are making a significant difference.

Chancellor Bob Corlew, Chairman, Lions Clubs International Foundation.”

Fellow Lions, Did you know that you can become an individual contributing member to LCIF for as little as £20?

For further information, contact Donor Services at LCIF by e-mail: donations@lionsclubs.org

PDG Harry Smith, lcif@lions105w.org.uk

Competitions Corner ...

Autumn is now upon us and the end of October is the deadline for the Environmental Photo Competition. At the time of writing I have not received any entries, but am hoping to see some wonderful pictures. If you have not yet taken a photo, it is not too late to start snapping and emailing them to me. The range of environmental categories is wide, although you cannot include people. The categories are as follows 1) Plants, 2) Animals, 3) Weather phenomenon, 4) Other aspects of nature, including landscape. The details for the competition are on the District Website Members Resources page <http://www.lions105w.org.uk/ClubMembers.htm>.

The Club Fellowship Competition has been far more active with six clubs frequently submitting forms to gain points for their travels, including visiting the meetings of other clubs and zones, as well as attending a range of club, zone and district activities. The clubs leading the pack are Glantawe Swansea Valley, Ross on Wye and Chipping Sodbury Lions Clubs, with a tightly packed group of Radstock and Midsomer Norton, Chepstow and Caldicot and Bristol Brunel Lions Clubs following. There are three months left of the competition, so get your claim forms in to earn points whilst gaining the opportunity to learn from Lions outside your club, as well as enjoying the fellowship of our organisation. So, remember to take a claim form when you attend events, to get them signed and sent off to me. I look forward to an exciting competition!

Sue Wooldridge, competitions@lions105w.org.uk

Guinness Book of Records Attempt ...

Over the weekend of District Convention in March, the District will be attempting a World Record for the longest line of spectacles. At present it is 16,000 spectacles in a line, and we are aiming to double that. We have at present close to 10,000 in storage, **So Keep Collecting Them** and bring them to convention. If you have spectacles but are unlikely to get to convention please let your Zone Chairperson know so that they can be collected sometime.

Now the difficult bit: if you have spectacles please could you link them together by linking the sides and taping arms together at the bridge. Please do this in strings of **25** and then place in boxes in a snake like formation. This will greatly reduce the time needed for the attempt and also save on the knees of lots of lions.

Please bring banners and flags to convention as we want to tell the general public all about Lions.

Wednesday 20 September, Lion Chris Davies chaired a meeting of the World Record Attempt team in Pontardawe,



to update everyone of the progress in their attempt to break the World Record of the longest collection of reading spectacles. A simulated dry run in laying out the inter-linked Glasses was carried out.

Photo by David Willoughby, Zone B Chairperson.

PDG Larry Pearce & Ben Manlucato, Zone A Chairperson

Activities snippets ...

Activity snippets sourced from the Activity Reports completed last month on MyLCI up to 27 September.

Black Mountains Club donate to Ty Hafan Children's Hospice.

Bristol Brunel Club arranged a tea party for a women's refuge.

Chipping Sodbury Club collected more spectacles.

Dursley Club carried out garden tidying for a pensioner.

Gower and Llŵchwr Estuary Club supplied refreshments to the BBC DIY SOS project.

Keynsham and District Club donate to the LCIF Disaster Fund for Sierra Leone flood relief.

Newport Club marshalled the park and ride at the Usk Agricultural Show.

Northleach and Fosse Club donate to Cobalt, a medical charity based in Cheltenham.

Radstock and Midsomer Norton Club contribute to the Centennial Young Leaders in Service target.

Swindon Club helped to provide a tricycle for a Down's Syndrome child.

John Seymour, Communications Team Leader.

Diary Dates October

- 3 **1st VDG visits** Calne.
2nd VDG visits Kington.
- 4 **DG Visits** Carmarthen.
1st VDG visits Tetbury.
2nd VDG visits Carmarthen.
- 5 **DG Visits** Fishguard & Goodwick.
2nd VDG visits Cardiff.
- 9 - 15 Lions Awareness Week of Service in Sight.
- 9 **1st VDG visits** Highworth & District.
2nd VDG visits Pembroke & Pembroke Dock.
- 11 **2nd VDG visits** Glantawe Swansea Valley.
- 12 **DG Visits** Monmouth.
1st VDG visits Lechlade & District.
Lions World Sight Day.
- 14 Thornbury Lions Charter Dinner.
- 15 Marlborough & District 41st Charter Dinner.
Melksham 43rd Charter Lunch with a difference.
- 18 Zone K meeting.
- 27-29 Council of Governors Meeting, St Johns Hotel.
- 28 Bristol Brunel 46th Charter Dinner.

Diary Dates November

- 4 Black Mountains Bonfire & Fireworks.
- 5 Cabinet meeting, Newport.
- 6 **DG Visits** Severn Dean.
1st VDG visits Swindon.
- 9 **DG Visits** Swansea.
- 14 **DG Visits** Brecon.
- 18 Calne Lion Charter/Centenary Banquet & Ball.
- 20 **2nd VDG visits** Devizes.
- 23 **DG Visits** Ammanford.
- 24-25 Sounds of a Century, Armouries, Leeds.
- 25 Glantawe Swansea Valley Lions Charter Dinner.

November News Update ...

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