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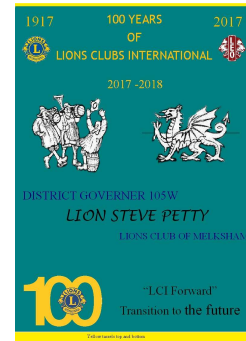
# LIONS Clubs International

## 105W NEWS UPDATE

Lion Steve Petty - District Governor

ordinary people *doing*  
amazing things

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### Dear Fellow Lions.

In the August update I reported that I was about to attend my first Council of Governors meeting at Solihull as a District Governor. This proved to be a very educational experience with an agenda full of decisions to make and reports to note. The minutes have been circulated to all clubs in an agreement to be more transparent. A few highlights are:

1) It was reported that the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIO) registration progress has been a challenge but with the help of a specialist consultant was now progressing on schedule. A trustee training seminar aimed at clubs is being held at various locations around the country with our nearest being in Bristol on 10 September. This sounds like an extremely good opportunity to find out what the CIO programme is all about.

2) The recently rolled out LCI Global Action Team format to be introduced in Districts and Clubs was discussed. The approval of the council, for the council chair to attend the Europa Forum GAT seminar to learn more, was granted.

3) The SDC Chair presented to Council the document for submission to the International Board concerning Re-districting of MD 105 as approved at Blackpool Convention. This document was noted by council

4) It was agreed that, subject to further negotiation, the 2019 MD Convention would be held in Swansea at the Brangwyn Hall and using the Marriot Hotel as the council hotel and meeting venue. A convention team from 105W headed by IPDG Lion Goff Morris is already working hard on the project.

A week later I found myself chairing my first 105W cabinet meeting which went well. A few items on the agenda were:

1) 105W convention bookings were now being taken for the 2 - 4 March by phoning the Aberavon Beach Hotel on 01639 884949 and mentioning Lions. A cost of £70 for a double Bed and Breakfast has been agreed. Single room B&B is £60.00. If paid by Credit Card would secure a room but no money will be taken out until the day of arrival. Please remember the Convention Call has also been circulated to clubs for nominations and resolutions.

2) Regretfully there will be no 105W organised Welsh UN day again this year due to lack of support.

3) A very interesting presentation was made by Chepstow and Caldicot Lions Club on best practice when considering the purchase and installation of defibrillators. Grants can be available to clubs struggling with finance from the British Heart Foundation:

[grants.bhf.org.uk/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f](http://grants.bhf.org.uk/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f)

A week later I was privileged to be presenting medals to the competitors at the Bob Cook Memorial Games in Swindon. Over 200 competitors arrived on the day and the event was professionally managed by Lions, Lions friends and students from Atlantic College, Llantwit Major. We were handsomely fed by the ladies of Chippenham Lions Club and the team from Highworth and District Club. A big thank you to everyone for giving up your time in the true spirit of Lionism.

Since then I have had a more relaxed month visiting the clubs in the district and enjoying the company of other Lions.

*Lion Steve Petty, District Governor, 105W.*

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### Higher Service ...

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

**Christopher Lewis**, Hereford Lions Club.

District Governor, Lion Steve, and all Lion members, extend sincere condolences to his family.

### Hereford Notice ...

August was a traumatic month for Hereford Lions as the club dealt with two deaths. On Saturday 5 August, Janice Smith, wife of club secretary and former President Colin Smith died whilst on holiday in Austria. The couple were in a cable car going up a mountain when Janice suffered a heart attack. She was 67. (Her funeral will be on Friday 8 September, 14:30 at Holmer Church Hereford, HR4 9RG.) Then on Thursday 10 August, club member Chris Lewis, 59, was driving a National Express coach on his regular route from Hereford to London when he suffered a ruptured aneurysm while taking passengers on board at Cirencester. His late father, Geoff, was a founder member of the club.

On a more cheerful note, the clubs annual golf tournament on 4 August attracted 40 teams of four and raised over £5,000 for our charity funds.

*George Thomas, Hereford.*

## First Lady President ...

Northleach & Fosse Lions Club's first lady President,



Corina Sherman, receiving her chain of office from the club's Immediate Past President, Dave Murphy, in the Barn at the Ox House Wine Bar. Lion Corina has been a member for 11 years, most of which she has acted in the role of club Treasurer. Now a civil servant, she previously served 29 years in the RAF, including a number of Middle East and other overseas tours.

*Mark Ogden, PRO, Northleach & Fosse.*

## Lions Gather at the Gates ...

All the gates at two public events near Northleach in early September will be staffed by Lions Club members from across the Cotswolds.

Northleach and Fosse Lions Club will provide gate stewards over the weekend of 2 & 3 September for the annual Northleach Steam & Vintage Show, which is held on farmland off Eastington Road, just south of the town.

The following week, we will partner with Leachlade & District, Carterton, Cheltenham and Stour Valley clubs to steward both gates when the England team hosts the International Sheep Dog Trials, to be held a mile further down the Eastington to Aldsworth Road at the National Trust's Lodge Park.

We will be on the gates from 6.30am onwards at the competitors entrance and from 7am at the main entrance when the event is open to the public.

It is held on sloping open parkland over three days from 8 to 10 September, the event features a team of 15 top competitors from each of the four 'home' countries. National Trust members will be entitled to discounted

entrance and accompanied children under 14 years of age will be given complimentary tickets.

Donations from the organising committees of both events will be given to the participating Lions clubs in recognition of their five days of service on the entrance gates. The funds will then be distributed by each club to support local communities and charities.

Three other venues in Bourton-on-the Water will be staffed by Northleach & Fosse Lions Club in late August and early September. Firstly, a team will organise the special '£3 all day' car park at Bourton School on Sunday 27 August.

The popular monthly Lions Car Boot Sale will be held in the Countrywide car park in on Sunday 10 September. Sellers will be able to set up from 8am and the event is open to the public from 9am.

The final Famous 'Lions Coffee, Tea & Cakes' day of 2017 will be held at the Victoria Hall on Tuesday 12 September, from 11am to 4pm.

In a special ceremony at the club's August meeting, new club member Avril Haseler was 'badged up' by visiting 1st Vice District Governor Sally Marsh.

*Mark Ogden, PRO, Northleach & Fosse.*

## Membership Matters ...

How do you ask people to join your Club? Do you talk to people face to face? That is often said to be the best way to recruit new Lions.

However, our face on the wider world is also our website. Does your Club website have some information on how to join your Club? Does it show that interest in membership is welcome and that anyone interested should get in touch? Does your website have a 'Join Us' button?

Lots of questions – maybe you need to click onto your Club website and have a good look.

If any Club needs some help with developing the Membership page of their Club website, Lion Jim Hamilton will be very happy to make time to help and offer advice.

*Sue Wilding, [membership@lions105w.org.uk](mailto:membership@lions105w.org.uk)*

## Jaundice Scanner ...

Earlier in the summer, Forest of Dean and Severn Dean



Lions Clubs again joined forces to run their highly successful Wild Boar Chase cycle event for the 6th year running. Well over 900 riders, from all over the UK, took part, which enabled the occasion to produce a record profit.

Anxious to plough some of the proceeds into a worthwhile local project, both Clubs agreed to support the purchase of a jaundice scanner at a cost of £5,500. The easily portable, non-invasive scanner will help the local midwives check babies that they visit and will be especially useful in the Forest of Dean, which is a largely rural area.

*Club Presidents Lion Alan Townley (Forest of Dean) and Lion Anny Reid (Severn Dean) presenting the cheque to a group of local midwives. Speech House Hotel owner Peter Hands in the background.*

*Chris Holmes, Forest of Dean.*

## Gower & Llŵchwr, Alan's Hands ...

The Hands for Alan appeal started on Good Friday 2015 when we met Hannah, Alan's Mum, who wanted to raise £65,000 for 2 bionic hands for Alan.

Alan was born with a heart defect and had many operations. When he was 3 years old one operation deprived his hands of blood, the heart could not pump fast enough and both hands had to be amputated. Since then, Mum Hannah has had to do everything for him.

From the Good Friday meeting the club swung into action with many fundraising projects including a back stage visit to Alfie Boe when he performed in Singleton Park, Swansea. This led to the generous donation to see Alfie perform in New York and with Flights donated by Virgin Atlantic Airways a package was put together.

Two members also had a week away in August on a sponsored tour of the premier league Football clubs and meeting fellow Lions on the way, collecting donations and memorabilia.

While we were away, Alan was in Livingston, Edinburgh having his right hand accessed for when he could have the first hand fitted. Later in the August of 2015 we gave a party for Alan to celebrate his 10th birthday and we were able to give Alan a special envelope that had a cheque in for his first hand and the date had been arranged in the October half term, for him to have it fitted.

This led to articles published in the national press and a weekly magazine, Hannah and Alan appeared on the ITV Wales at Six news, where a special thank you was mentioned to our club.

One event, a sponsored walk from Mumbles Pier to Swansea City Centre, brought together Faith Jones the young girl we helped with Cerebral Palsy Diplegia to have an operation in America, we did the same walk for her, this time she was determined to walk for Alan, this she did, all 6 miles, a very determined young lady. It has been amazing how many friends and school children have got involved to help, Youth helping youth and organising events.

Alan's left hand had to grow further and this gave us 2 years to raise the money needed for his second hand. By this time we had a steady trickle of donations into the 'Go Fund Me' account which made it easier to reach our goal set for the summer of 2017 before Alan goes to comprehensive School as he is 12 at the beginning of September.

One drawback for the club has been that at times we have had a large sum of money in a special account for Alan as all donations have been made through us. Also it has tied



Bionic hands. Alan is the youngest recipient in the world and his story is now being told in the media for all to see.

*The photograph shows Lion President Liz Harries with Alan proudly showing his second hand.*

*David Willoughby, MJF, Gower & Llŵchwr.*

## Black Mountains Steam Away ...

The Hay-on-Wye Vintage Steam Rally draws everyone from miles around as well as visitors holidaying in the Brecon and Black Mountains area.

The Black Mountains Lions always have a couple of stalls with a Tombola and Lions and we are delighted to say that THE SUN SHONE.



We sported our new banners and gazebo which could probably be seen from the mountain tops. It drew lots of people anxious to "have a go" at winning a little lion as they seem to have become a collectable item in the area. The Tombola was packed with people trying to win anything from a bottle of wine to a dishcloth!!!

Everyone knows that Lions collect spectacles – but what do we do with the cases? Sell them! At £2 a time they went like hotcakes.

We raised just under £500 which wasn't bad at 50p for a Lion ticket, or £1 for 4 tickets at the Tombola – all had to end with a 5. We all but sold out.

We all had a great time refreshed occasionally with coffees and beef burgers.

Looking forward to next year already☺

*Cheryl Hyde, Black Mountains.*

## Water: way to go ...

Ross Lions received a wonderful email recently from Rob Sedman. He and his family have just returned from a visit to Namutumba in Uganda, the twin town of Ross on Wye.



Rob wrote to the Club members:

“Our host Mugenyi James, Deputy Head at the local high school, was keen to show us a pump that you have funded for the town. On the day we called by there was a big crowd of women and children making use of the facility. The specific importance of this, James explained, was that previously there was no water supply in this community. As a result some people were breaking in to the high school and using the pump there. The school authorities felt they could not prevent people accessing water, but there were obvious pupil safeguarding issues (many pupils are boarders). Thanks to your pump, the community has safe water and the students are secure in school.”

This project for the Health and Welfare of people we may never meet is just one of the ways in which funds raised by Ross Lions Club has made a difference in Namatumba. Rob ended by writing “Thank you for all the good work you do, in Namutumba, in Ross, and elsewhere”.

*Photo: A group of villagers around the pump, inset, the plaque on the pump.*

*Sue Wilding, Ross-on-Wye.*

## Bob Cook Games ...

The games took place at the County Ground Athletics Track, Swindon on 13 August and this year we had participants from all over the district and beyond to give us about 220 entrants from 15 clubs.

Both track and field events were contested strongly with large entries for field events such as the discus, javelin, shot and welly throwing. Unfortunately, The County Ground Bowls Club closed last year so Boules was introduced as an experimental replacement and many chose to try their hand at this.

Whilst medals were awarded for success in every event, two major trophies are awarded to the lady and the gentleman competitors who were judged to best represent

the games' true spirit of determination against the odds. This year the 'The Joy Cook' memorial trophy went to Karen Proctor and was awarded by Julie Hamlen; daughter of the late Joy Cook and wife of Chippenham Lion, Norman. For the gentlemen, a trophy was awarded in memory of a late Chippenham member and tireless supporter; Ivor Bull. The trophy in his honour was awarded to David Worth.

As usual, most of the organisation of the day was provided by Chippenham with particular help from Highworth and District Lions Club, however, financial support and manpower is provided by clubs throughout the District. Club duties ranged from marshalling events, ensuring that competitors got to the start of their event in time and prompting winners to collect their medals etc. Chippenham Lions would like to thank all those who took part or helped on the day. Their help is essential to the success of the games.

The games are always on the lookout to involve more competitors and more Lions' Clubs so if your club would like to be there, then why not approach a Disability Club in your area. You can find a photo gallery by following the link on the District website home page.

*Martin Horton, PRO, Chippenham.*

## Competitions Corner ...

The focus for September is the Website and the Environmental Photo Competitions.

In the modern world, it is important for Lions' Clubs to have a well maintained and up to date website, it is often the first port of call for people interested in enquiring about Lions and as a method of promoting what you do. The district run the Website Competition to promote the maintenance of effective club websites. The competition will run for the lionistic year ending on the 30 June 2018, with assessments judged against the criteria of looks, content, navigability, ease of use, interactivity, links and if the website is up to date taking place periodically during that time.

I would also like to remind you of the Environmental Photo Competition. I am sure that many of you are keen photographers, I would love to receive your submissions. The four categories are a) Plants, b) Animals, c) Weather phenomenon and d) Other aspects of nature including landscape. The photographs need to be 8 by 10 inches and submitted by the end of October 2017.

The full details for both competitions are to be found on the District Website > Members > Members Resources.

*Sue Wooldridge, [competitions@lions105w.org.uk](mailto:competitions@lions105w.org.uk)*

## Hope for Tomorrow ...

Dursley Lions continue to support this worthy cause, and recently past president, Mostyn Cox, presented Kerry Waite, Hope for Tomorrow's fundraising officer, with a cheque for £2,000. This brings our total donations to Hope for Tomorrow since 2009 to £8,000.

*Chris Whatley, Secretary, Dursley.*

## Glantawe, Swansea Valley Celebrate ...

We launched our centennial year celebrations with two tea parties at Morrision Rugby Club. Two hundred guests from Senior Citizen Groups, Retirement Homes, Mother's

Union Groups, Lunch Clubs and other groups from throughout the Swansea Valley were invited along to the rugby club, where they were entertained by Ceri Davies, Mr. Musical Memories and enjoyed a lovely buffet with sandwiches, cakes, pasties, the lot!



We are looking to raise over £20K for a series of projects in the Swansea valley, including:  
 The purchase of 7 defibrillators for Birchgrove,  
 Over 200 food parcels for Christmas,  
 An annual quiz for comprehensive schools in the Valley,  
 and rebuilding a children's play area in Clydach that was burnt down by arson last month.  
 From November onwards we will have 4 Trees of Light throughout the Valley, where families can remember lost loved ones.

*Malcolm Curtis, President, Glantawe Swansea Valley.*

### LCIF Project ...

For more than 15 years, LCIF's SightFirst programme and the World Health Organization (WHO) have partnered to serve more than 127 million children by working to eliminate avoidable childhood blindness. **The Project for Elimination of Avoidable Childhood Blindness** is an initiative that began in 2001. Since then, 51 Child Friendly Eye Care Centres have been established and supported in 50 countries within Africa, the Americas, the Eastern Mediterranean, Europe, Southeast Asia, and the Western Pacific. The centres provide preventive, therapeutic, and rehabilitative eye care services for children aged 0-15 years. To date, more than 67,000 pediatric eye care staff have been trained, more than 13 million children have been screened for eye diseases, and more than 127 million children have received treatment. There have also been nearly one million education sessions for parents, caregivers and healthcare staff. Because of your donations to LCIF, millions of children have been given the chance to avoid childhood blindness.

Harry Smith, [lcif@lions105w.org.uk](mailto:lcif@lions105w.org.uk)

### Activities snippets ...

Activity snippets sourced from the Activity Reports completed on MyLCI up to 27 August - twelve clubs of our 46 clubs in the District reported activities in August.

**Ammanford Club** continue with their weekly delivery of Meals-on-Wheels.

**Black Mountains Club** manned two Lions fundraising stalls at the Vintage Show, Nr. Hay-on-Wye.

**Brecon Club** held the 10 Mile Road Race.

**Bristol Brunel Club** supported the Bristol Childrens Help Society at Barton Camp for children's holidays.

**Calne Club** donate to the local home security 'Bobby Van'.

**Dursley Club** helped at the Bob Cook Games.

**Keynsham & District Club** partners held a cottage pie and chilli Supper Night.

**Northleach & Fosse Club** arranged a Car Boot Sale at Bourton-on-the-Water.

**Radstock & MSN Club** supplied MIAB to Mendip Ambulance.

**Ross on Wye Club** took part in the Centennial Calls to the Elderly programme.

**Swansea Club** dispatched locally sourced used dental equipment to Dentaid.

**Swindon Club** donate to Wiltshire Tree House providing support to bereaved children.

*John Seymour, Communications Team Leader.*

### Diary Dates September

- 4 **1st VDG visits** Wotton-Under-Edge.
- 5 **1st VDG visits** Ross-on-Wye.  
**2nd VDG visits** Porthcawl Leos.
- 6 **DG visits** Black mountains.
- 7 **1st VDG visits** Dursley.  
**2nd VDG visits** Port Talbot Branch.
- 11 **DG visits** Cheltenham.  
**2nd VDG visits** Keynsham & District.
- 13 **DG visits** Llandrindod Wells.  
**1st VDG visits** Bradley Stoke Branch.  
**2nd VDG visits** Bridgend.
- 14 **DG visits** Aberystwyth.
- 20 **1st VDG visits** Marlborough & District.  
**2nd VDG visits** Maesteg.
- 21 **2nd VDG visits** Llantwit Major & Cowbridge.
- 25 **1st VDG visits** Frome.
- 29-1 Oct Europa Forum, Montreux, Switzerland.

### Diary Dates October

- 3 **1st VDG visits** Calne.
- 4 **DG Visits** Carmarthen.  
**1st VDG visits** Tetbury.
- 5 **DG Visits** Fishguard & Goodwick.
- 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).
- 27-29 Council of Governors Meeting, St Johns Hotel.
- 28 Bristol Brunel 46th Charter Dinner.

### October News Update ...

For October 2017 News Update, please submit articles to [news@lions105w.org.uk](mailto:news@lions105w.org.uk) by 25 September. *Editor Derek*