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# LIONS Clubs International

## 105W NEWS UPDATE

Lion Steve Petty - District Governor



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### Dear Fellow Lions.

As December starts many of you are now in full swing with your Christmas events and activities. This can be a really magical time when you get out amongst the public making many children and adults happy with Santa Grottos & Santa floats, OAP Parties, Carol singing, attending fêtes, giving out food parcels etc while promoting the good work you are your clubs do throughout the year. Please

have as much fun as you can but don't forget to do your written risk assessments and safety preparations as many suffer the cold light of January with a claim for compensation for personal injury. Please don't let it be you!

November has been a busy month with my continued support for the world record spectacle collection being organised by Lion Chris Davis. Chris has been very busy publicising the event which really looks like being very successful. Please carry on collecting so we can set a target that is going to be hard to beat.

Our District Convention on 2nd and 3rd March at Aberavon is now being advertised on our district website and the schedules are coming together, as planned, thanks to our convention team under the professional guidance of Lion Byron and Lion Martin. It has now been confirmed that International Director Lion Sandro Castellini should be attending as our guest speaker. Hotel bookings are going fast for those of you who are staying but day visitors are also most welcome so please make it a date in your diary.

As this update goes to press 105W have six young (and younger in service) lions attending the leadership symposium at Warwick and I wish them every success in putting across the needs of the younger member and how those needs can be achieved. They are the future of the organisation and we need to address their concerns as a matter of urgency.

I must congratulate the many clubs who are now receiving their Centennial Challenge Award Patches. This is down to diligent secretaries submitting online activity reports. Whilst we have a good record I do wonder if we can do better as many still do not understand the need to separate

out activities under the five headings of Youth, Vision, Hunger, Environment and Diabetes.

November is also the month that the DG judges the 105W Peace Poster competition entries. Many thanks to the clubs that support this and the results are on page 3.

It has now been confirmed that the International Board of Directors have approved the re-districting proposal after many years of negotiation across the country. Details will follow as they become available.

I regret that I will not be sending out Christmas Cards this year but this does not mean that I don't wish everyone of you a Merry and Happy Christmas and New Year because I do. I announced at Cabinet that my money would be better used in support of the work that our UN Liaison Officer Juan Nuevo is doing in his support for appeal for the UNICEF 'School in a box' programme. Each box costs £150 and I ask clubs to consider supporting this appeal?

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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

### Membership Welcome ...

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

<b>Llantwit Major &amp; C. bridge</b>	Carol Sloan.
<b>Calne</b>	Sonia Midgley.
<b>Frome</b>	Beverley Windley.
<b>Hereford</b>	Roger Burke.

### 105W Members end of November – 897

### Higher Service ...

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

**Keith Burchell**, Radstock & MSN Lions Club.

**Ian Potts**, Swindon Lions Club.

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

### Christmas Floats ...

Many clubs will be displaying their Christmas floats this month. I wish all clubs success with their ventures. *Ed*



## Lion Keith Burchell.

Radstock & Midsomer Norton Lions are sad to announce the passing to higher service of our last serving Charter Member, Lion Keith Burchell who passed his 80th Birthday five months ago. He used to run the Radstock Hotel, which is where the club started and Keith was instrumental in choosing the name of the club: 'Radstock and Midsomer Norton' and NOT 'Midsomer Norton and Radstock' which order a lot of other organisations have used. That, however, is not where Keith started with Lionism. He was a charter member of Ilfracombe lions, which formed in 1974. He moved to Radstock in September 1976 and our club was formed in February 1977 – Keith certainly did not hang about. He moved to Sierra Leone in 1979 and became a charter member of Freetown Lions Club, though Keith always maintained his membership of Radstock & Midsomer Norton. He moved back to the UK some few years later. Keith was always a very active person and a great lover of the outdoors. God bless you Keith, rest in peace.

*Derek Livsey, Secretary, Radstock and Midsomer Norton.*

## Lions Clubs International Foundation...

On 13 June LCIF will officially celebrate its 50th Anniversary. During these 50 years, so much has been accomplished. LCIF has supported the service of Lions with more than 13000 grants totaling over \$1Billion. This has made a profound impact upon the areas of sight, youth, disaster relief and humanitarian work. There is such a lot to celebrate.

In the months leading up to LCIF's 50th Anniversary you will hear about the many exciting ways you can help LCIF commemorate this occasion. 28 November saw the launch of [lcif50.org](http://lcif50.org). Each month this site will feature new photos, videos and stories of what Lions have been able to achieve with the help of LCIF.

There will be opportunities for individuals and clubs to join in the celebration. KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN!

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

## Northleach & Fosse news ...

The club is preparing for its first ever Lions Christmas Fair in Bourton-on-the-Water, as well as two pre-Christmas collections at the town's new Co-op Food Store.

Santa will be preparing to welcome children to his grotto all day at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 9th December where there will be stalls and attractions run by lions and friends. Santa will be on stage all day! *(I hope he has time to get all his other presents ready! Ed)*

Apart from visiting Santa, children will also be able to play 'Where's the Reindeer?' at one of the many stalls. Other stalls will include: Toys; Homemade Cakes; Teddy Tombola; Wine or Water 'Lottery'; White Elephant; Books & CDs; Jewellery & Wood Turning etc.

The club is grateful for generous sponsorship by local Funeral Director, **W J Wright**.

*Mark Ogden, PRO, Northleach & Fosse.*



## Membership Matters. ...



Christmas is such a busy time. What would Santa do without the help of Lions Clubs in our District? Grottos, Sleights, Christmas Fayres are all going on and Lions Clubs are often at the heart of them. A time of good cheer for all.

Do you think your town would miss you if your Club was not there?

Maybe Santa isn't the most important activity you carry out, maybe you don't see it as Service to your Community, but look at the smiling faces and you will see the difference you are making.

And, while you are spreading good cheer, don't forget our mantra "We are always looking for new volunteers to help us" or even "We are always looking for new members" - repeated often!

After all, new members helping us to Serve our Community should be the number one wish on our Lions Christmas List!

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

## News from Tenby ...



We have been busy in Tenby! We presented £1000 to Elly's Ward 10 Flag Appeal, ward 10 is Withybush Hospital's dedicated cancer ward; we presented £500 to Welsh Air Ambulance; we purchased a defibrillator for Tenby; awarded Lions Peter Roderick and Nick Stapleton with a MJF awards and finally blindfolded the Mayor of Tenby for Lions' sight day.

*The photos show Elly with her flag and the blindfolded mayor, guided by Lions.*

*Mona Skipper, 2VP, Tenby & District.*

## Hereford is ready for Christmas ...

Hereford Lions Club has published its 24th annual edition of Lions Festive News, a 48 page full colour newspaper distributed free to 30,000 homes in and around the city and neighbouring villages. Its prime aim is to create greater awareness of the work of Lions Clubs International but the adverts sold by members helped raise £5,000 for the club's charity fund. There is a link on the Hereford Lions Club website to Festive News for anyone wanting to read the newspaper.

The club is already in full gear for the Festive season with the Santa Sleigh touring city streets and nearby villages as it has done for half a century and its popular Santa's Grotto opened on 18 November at the Oakchurch country store

attracting the biggest crowd ever. It will be open every weekend.

The club paid for a holiday in Newquay, Cornwall, for a family traumatised by their two year old son losing his fingers and toes as a result of meningitis.

The annual £500 bursary awarded to a young person to achieve a personal goal was given to 14 year old Keira Jackson, whose life was saved by a liver transplant when she was seven. She now competes in the World Transplant Games, winning two golds in badminton this summer and is now an ambassador to gain more organ donors to join the register.

Roger Burke, manager of the local chicken factory, joined the club in November – welcome Roger.

*George Thomas, Hereford*

### Three Clubs work together ...

Members of Glantawe Swansea Valley, Gower & LE and Swansea Lions club worked together in serving over 11,000 cups of Tea and Coffee, to the trades working on the BBC DIY SOS Big Build for Children in Need, in Swansea. The massive eleven day project was to rebuild the centre for the Roots Foundation Wales.

This was the biggest project ever under taken by the DIY team. Volunteer trades rallied for the cause in their



hundreds and endured, at times, monsoon like weather conditions, to complete the build for the reveal on the twelfth day. Teams of Lions worked from 7.30am to at least 7pm every night, not only serving drinks, but registering and issuing the security wrist bands and safety equipment.

Photo: BBC's Nick Knowles and Zone

Chairperson David's better side (his words, not mine *Ed*).

The Lion teams met with some of the volunteers to watch the program broadcast and spot themselves on the TV. We were delighted to see Lions on Prime time TV. It shows how worthwhile it is to wear the Lions tabards.

'We Serve' (many cuppas), 'We Care' for such a worthwhile cause.

*David Willoughby, Zone B Chair., Gower & LE Sec.*



### Soft & Cuddly ...



*Photo, L-R: Lion President Rodney Davis, Lion Angela Genn, station manager Andy, Lion Rosemary Jackson and not forgetting the Swindon Fire Tender.*

Highworth & District visited Swindon fire station to deliver some soft cuddly trauma teddies, which the red watch manager, Andy Edmondson, was very pleased to receive. The teddies are given to children in distress after an incident the fire men have attended. We have given these teddies to the Fire Service, Ambulance Service and local Hospital for many years now but they always need more.

*Rosemary Jackson, Highworth & District.*

### Peace Poster 2017 ...

The Peace Poster Competition was held at the Mercure Hotel, Swansea, the Judges being the District Governor Steve Petty, IPDG Goff Morris and Mrs. Cheryl Taylor (retired Teacher). As usual it was a difficult task as the standard was high again this year, but after much deliberation the Judges decided on the Winner.

Congratulations to:-

First: **Black Mountains Lions Club.**



Second: **Radstock & Midsomer Norton Lions Club.**

Third: **Swindon Lions Club.**

Thank you to all the clubs that took part, the posters were as always excellent, they all deserved to win. - I am truly thankful I was not a judge.

*Lion Chris Sheldon, [peaceposter@lions105w.org.uk](mailto:peaceposter@lions105w.org.uk)*

## Activities Snippets ...

Activity snippets sourced from the Activity Reports completed last month on MyLCI up to 26 November.

**Ammanford Club** continued with their weekly lunch deliveries to the elderly.

**Bristol Brunel Club** arranged visits to the elderly as part of their Centennial programme.

**Calne Club** supported the Fireworks Night and received funds from the Burger van sales.

**Hereford Club** prepared their Christmas Grotto in readiness for each weekend through December.

**Keynsham & District Club** took part in the town's Remembrance Day parade and wreath laying at the Memorial Gate.

**Marlborough Club** helped Swindon Club with their Fireworks display.

**Radstock & Midsomer Norton Club** provided transport for hospital, doctors and social appointments.

**Swindon Club** donated to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance Appeal.

*John Seymour, Communications Team Leader.*



## Diary Dates December

- 4 **DG visits** Gower & Llwhchwr Estuary.
- 5 **1st VDG visits** Radstock & Midsomer Norton.
- 6 **DG visits** Caerffili.
- 12 **DG visits** Newport.

## January 2018

- 14 Young Ambassador District Final, Newport.
- 15 **2nd VDG visits** Devizes.
- 26-28 Council of Governors meeting.
- 27 Radstock & Midsomer Norton Concert, Midsomer Norton Methodist Church.

## March 2018

- 2-3 District Convention, Aberavon Beach Hotel.  
[www.lions105w.org.uk/Convention2018.htm](http://www.lions105w.org.uk/Convention2018.htm)

## May 2018

- 4-6 MD Convention, Basingstoke.  
[www.md105convention.uk](http://www.md105convention.uk)

## January News Update ...

For January 2018 News Update, please submit articles to [news@lions105w.org.uk](mailto:news@lions105w.org.uk) by 25 December. *Editor Derek*



*Merry Christmas to you all.*