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### 105W NEWS UPDATE

Lion Sally Marsh - District Governor



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#### **Hello again my Fellow Lions,**

November has been another month where Colin and I have been welcomed at Lions Club events across the District. We have attended Club meetings at Chepstow and Caldicot, Llantwit Major and Cowbridge and Kington, as well as Calne Charter. Sorry to Glantawe that we were unable to be with them. We also joined Tetbury Lions at a celebration lunch to recognise Lion Bert's 50 years of service.

Before the end of November we will also be at Zone B's meeting and with Cardiff Lions for their Christmas Charity Business Lunch. Thank you to everyone for your hospitality. The second Lions Leadership Symposium was held over the weekend of 24 - 25 November with Lions from 105W joining with others from across the Multiple District. I am sure they will have had an informative and enjoyable weekend.

Following the Cabinet Meeting on 16 November, I was privileged to be one of the judges of the Peace Poster Competition, a very difficult task; as always the standard was very high. Thank you to all the clubs who took part. Well done to Florence, sponsored by Ross-on-Wye, see her winning Poster on the District Website and opposite. If your club hasn't taken part before, or not recently, please send in an entry for 2019.

The Global Service Team is working hard on activities for 2019, emails will be sent out to all clubs in the New Year so please keep a look out in your inboxes. The week commencing 22 April is planned for the District Plastic (litter) Pick, this coincides with World Earth Day which is on 22 April.

When this news Update hits your computers, I will have had a meeting with Young Lives vs Cancer to discuss how we can help those with Childhood Cancers.

With the Christmas season seaming to start earlier every year, I am sure I don't need to remind you all that you are about to begin one of the busiest months in the Lion's calendar. What an incredible range of service we provide to our communities, Santa's Sleigh (an opportunity to keep fit, provide a service and fund raise), Santa's Grottos, providing Christmas Presents and Parcels, Carol Singing, Christmas Light switch ons, Christmas Lunch for those on their own

and many more in various locations throughout the District. There will also be our clubs Christmas get togethers, making sure that all this happens with fun and fellowship.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, enjoy the holiday and have a well-deserved break.

*Lion Sally Marsh, District Governor, 105W.*

#### **Membership Welcome ...**

During November, District Governor Lion Sally welcomed the following members to the family of Lions:

<b>Swansea Club</b>	Margaret Kirkup, Anthony Smith.
<b>Chipping Sodbury Club</b>	Derek Beattie.
<b>Frome Club</b>	Stephen Cantrell.

#### **105W Members end of November 2018 – 871**

#### **Higher Service ...**

It is with deep regret that News Update reports the passing to higher service of **Brian Hearn**, Chippenham Lions Club, **Ken Gilham**, Dursley Lions Club and **Brian Worlock**, Keynsham & District Lions Club.

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

#### **Peace Poster Winner ...**



*See DG Sally's Editorial opposite*

#### **Christmas Floats ...**

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



## Lion Ken Gilham ...

Lion Ken passed to Higher Service on 30 October 2018. Ken joined Dursley Lions on 12 Jan 2001 and served as Tail Twister 2002 – 2003, treasurer 2008 – 2010 & latterly supported Tools for Africa, personally delivering the batches of collected tools & sewing machines to the dispatch depot in South Wales. Our thoughts are with his family.

*Richard Stannard, Secretary, Dursley.*

## Lion Brian Hearn MJF ...

Brian had been ill for a little over a year and passed away quietly on 28 October 2018 on his 70th birthday.

Brian joined Chippenham Lions Club in 1991 and, right from the very beginning, committed himself wholeheartedly to the task of being a Lion. In that time he put himself behind many ventures - both in the role of organiser and 'on the ground' and we have Brian to thank for many of the fundraising ideas which are still in practice today. Indeed, he is responsible for initiating the current Zone H project to raise funds for the Swindon GWH Radiotherapy Appeal (Brighter Futures) and we will be going to Swindon very shortly to present a cheque for £10,000 with his memory very much on our minds.

Brian was president of our club three times, he has also been our treasurer and secretary and has lead welfare and fundraising committees several times and for his commitment he was awarded an MJF in 2012. He was an exiled Scot, a big lad with a big personality and the club and the world beyond was all the better for him. His death will leave a huge gap and we will all miss him greatly.



*Barbara, (Brian's wife) presenting a cheque for £2,000 to Lisa Utting of the Brighter Futures Fundraising Team, Chippenham's contribution to the Zone H Project.  
Martin Horton, Secretary, Chippenham.*

## Lion Brian Worlock MJF ...



Keynsham & District Lions Club reports the sad loss of Lion Brian Worlock (84) to Higher Service on Saturday 10 November 2018.

Brian joined our Lions Club in August 1999 and was cautious at first to feel his way, but then became central to so many of

our activities. Always first to volunteer for Father Christmas

and help with welfare initiatives, he was not averse to providing his own personal entertainment if necessary.

Through his years of Lionism, he was Club President twice and held the office of Club Treasurer and Welfare Chairman before progressing to Zone Chairman in 2012. Always on the lookout for the small print, he wanted it done correctly.

Brian and Janet loved their holidays together, whether on dry land or at sea and enjoyed their social life within Lions and outside. Fond memories shine through of the many coach holidays the Club arranged when Brian and Janet were always first on the list.

We all shared their Diamond Wedding Anniversary in September this year while dark clouds were gathering around them, but true to form, they didn't let that show during their celebrations with family and friends.

Our deepest sympathy to Janet and the whole family while we celebrate Brian's life and true friendship he brought to those around him.

*John Seymour, Secretary, Keynsham & District Lions Club*

## Cotswold Fosseway News ...

Our annual Table Top Sale took place in the Cotswold Hall on Saturday 10 November, bringing together local charities and fundraisers. This year was the first time that the Lions had been asked to organise the event, and the entrance fee was a donation for the foodbank, so even the entrance fee supported a charity. Monies raised by the Lions through the table fees, refreshments and the raffle will be donated to the Cotswold Hall Clock Restoration.



Thanks to the Harvest Festival Produce donated by Sherborne School and Northleach Church, nearly 130 Kg of food was delivered by the Lions to the North Cotswold Foodbank, for distribution to those in need.

Other donations during the last 2 months have included the Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service against Cancer campaign, the Northleach Playgroup Garden Project, the Evergreens Christmas Party, the Toddler Group, Acorns Children's Hospice and Medical Research for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

The final donation of £1,250 to the Town Council for the Northleach Playground will be handed over at the next Town Council meeting.

We have also planned several Social events including a Christmas Dinner on 18 December and an American Supper for January.

Final plans are being put into place for the Lions to host Santa at the Christmas Fair on 30 November at the Victoria Hall, Bourton on the Water.

*Corina Sherman, President, Cotswold Fosseway.*

## Lions in the Philippines ...

A "Reading in Schools" project which commenced in 2010 in a village in Northern Philippines, was quickly extended to embrace 22 villages. However, it was soon apparent that many of the children in the project had difficulty reading, investigation revealing widespread serious eye infections. With around 4,000 children likely to be similarly infected by drinking water contaminated with bacteria, the Laoac United Lions Club of the Northern Philippines initiated a pump wells programme. This project, together with a Lions Eye Health Programme is ongoing.

A pump well installed in one of the schools provided not only clean water, but also enabled the children to grow vegetables. The Laoac Club provided twelve varieties of vegetables to each of the 22 villages to encourage the community to help themselves. This work has attracted national attention.



*Photo: 2VDG Ben Manluctao.*

Second Vice District Governor 105W, Ben Manluctao, has close ties with the Laoac Club and agreed to be a conduit, enabling Tetbury Lions to donate £2,000 knowing that it will directly impact the local community. This donation will be sufficient to fund two, possible three, pump wells depending on how deep they have to be drilled. Each pump well requires little or no maintenance and each should last up to thirty years, making this both a lasting donation and a sound investment in the local community.

*Ken White, PRO, Tetbury.*

## Membership Matters ...



There's no 'I' in 'Team'. An old saying you have probably heard in your working life. Maybe there is no 'I' but there is a 'ME'. A Team is about you and me, pulling together and on the same side.

So, here is a tricky question – are you doing all you can as a part of your Lion's Club Team?

Do you do your bit? Many do, they put all they can into being a Lion.

But some don't. Not because they can't, but for some reason they don't offer to help when they could, they don't join in when they are able and they don't fit in as part of the team.

Is that always their fault? Are there some of us who get so used to doing 'our' role that we don't think that someone else might like to have a go – and others think we are happy doing it so don't offer to take over.

Thinking forward after the joys of Christmas and as we move towards our New Districts, let's all get involved in our Club, join in and share so that every Club feels like Lions Team.

Something to ponder on and if you have views on anything Membership related, please feel free to get in touch.

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

## New Shed for Playgroup ...

When the new Clyro Church school opened, the old toy storage shed was just TOO old and tired to make the move. The wood was rotting and the mice were camping out in the soft toys!

**Black Mountains Lions** stepped in and bought them a new shed, complete with storage boxes for the toys and were welcomed when they went along to meet the children, staff and helpers.

Clyro playgroup is a lovely friendly group for preschool children that meets at 9am on a Monday morning at Clyro school. They have a different craft each week, share a drink and a snack and have a wide variety of toys to play with. When it is good weather they play outside with the ride ons or the water table and when the weather is not so good, they have the school hall to play in. It is a great way for children to get to know the school.



*Photo: Lion President Jenny McKirdy, David McKirdy, David James, Pat Holmes & Cheryl Hyde together with some of the children & staff.*

*Cheryl Hyde, PRO, Black Mountains.*

## Youth Exchange 2019 ...

The venue for Youth Exchange (Inward) Camp for this Lionistic year will be at the Doncaster Deaf Trust, South Yorkshire.

The camp this Lionistic year runs from Monday 5 August until Wednesday 14 August 2019. We are looking for hosts from Monday 29 July, so that is just one week for you to entertain guests.

Having hosted myself in the past, I can tell you that this is a VERY rewarding activity.

Please contact me if you would like to know more about hosting.

That, however, is only one part of Youth Exchange. Young people from the UK can visit other countries. If your club knows someone who would benefit from taking part, you have the opportunity to sponsor them. Again, please contact me if you would like to know more.

Derek Livsey, [youthexchange@lions105w.org.uk](mailto:youthexchange@lions105w.org.uk)



### Activities snippets ...

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

**Black Mountains Club** donated to Hay Theatre for purchase of costumes.

**Bristol Brunel Club** supported the Golden Oldies group providing social interaction for the elderly.

**Chepstow & Caldicot Club** took part in the Remembrance Day parade.

**Cotswold & Fosseway Club** managed the Table Top Sale providing a platform for local charities.

**Dursley Club** donated to the Shrubberies School towards a play space for pupils with autism.

**Forest of Dean Club** purchased Christmas presents for patients in Lydney Hospital.

**Frome Club** raised funds at their Quiz Night.

**Gower & Llŵchwr Estuary Club** collected at their local supermarket for 'Children in Need'.

**Hereford Club** manned the Lions grotto at Oakchurch Garden Centre.

**Keynsham & District Club** is arranging a Panto Trip for Young Carers.

**Kington Club** laid a wreath at Kington War Memorial on Remembrance Day.

**Lechlade & District Club** erected the town's Christmas lights.

**Melksham Club** collected items for the local homeless hostel.

**Monmouth Club** are funding Christmas Day lunches for the homeless.

**Radstock & Midsomer Norton Club** supported the Play Bus which tours the local area.

**Severn Dean Club** set up the events field for the annual Forest Fireworks.

**Tenby & District Club** have distributed MIAB bottles to shops, surgeries and care providers.

**Wotton Under Edge Club** donated to LCIF.

*John Seymour, Communications Team Leader.*



### Diary Dates ...

#### December

- 4 **DG visits** Forest of Dean Club.
- 7 Gower Lions Tree of Light & Concert.
- 18 Keynsham & District Christmas Party.

#### January 2019

- 8 Radstock & MSN Lions Business meeting. (moved from 1 January!!!)
- 24 Zone F meeting.
- 25-27 COG meeting, MDHQ.

The diary dates are extracted from the District Calendar on our Website, [www.lions105w.org.uk](http://www.lions105w.org.uk) ANYONE can enter events onto this Calendar, but contact [webmaster@lions105w.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@lions105w.org.uk) to amend or delete entries.

### January 2019 News Update ...

For January 2019 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.*