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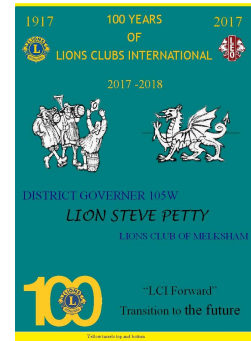
# LIONS Clubs International

## 105W NEWS UPDATE

Lion Steve Petty - District Governor

ordinary people *doing*  
amazing things

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### Dear Fellow Lions.

December was a busy month with most of you involved with a veritable compendium of Christmas activities. Many of the clubs that still go around the housing estates with a Santa sleigh are now embracing modern technology by using "Santa Trackers" publicising the whereabouts of the sleigh on club websites and Face book pages in real time. Well done for embracing

modern technology.

Despite a couple of inclement weather days most of you braved the cold and ice without missing a beat in a true Lionistic spirit. It makes me proud to be one of you.

Many clubs are reporting having live interviews with local radio stations not only to promote the Santa sleigh route but to also get a few words out about your clubs and Lionism in general with an invite to come and have fun by joining your club. A practice we should all be getting in the habit of doing.

Other clubs set up Santa grotto's in local shopping precincts, encouraged community memories with Trees of Light, visited local residential homes with carol singers and giving out presents, held lunch events and attended Fêtes etc. etc.

Caerffili Lions Club Ukulele Band was a joy to listen to and are, I believe, available to hire for events.

The leadership and membership Symposium took place at the beginning of December and we were lucky be able to send six attendees despite originally being informed that we could only have five places. The grapevine tells me that it was productive and educational but it will be a few weeks yet before I get the official report back from the multidistrict organisers. Thank you to our younger Lions who attended.

Membership is still an important issue throughout the district and should regularly be on every club agenda. 105W is hovering around the 900 member mark but we know that figure will go down as we find ways of addressing the urgent need to recruit younger people into the association.

Convention season is now almost upon use with bookings for 105W in the [Aberavon Beach Hotel](#) on 2 and 3 March are going well. Please quote Lions when booking on 01639 884949 to get our discounted room rate of £70 twin/double and £60 single per night including breakfast.

If you haven't booked yet, please do so soon if are staying overnight or you are welcome to just turn up if you are only coming for the day. If you are attending as a voting delegate, please make sure you have registered. There will be a multitude of events going on around the hotel on the Saturday along with the spectacle world record attempt happening at the [Ysgol Bae Baglan](#), a small walk or drive from the convention centre.



### International Director Sandro

Castellana from Padova in Italy has been confirmed as our guest speaker. He is by profession an IT consultant and will attend with his wife Lion Anna. He has a good grasp of the English language.

Congratulations to Black Mountains Lions Club for sponsoring local school girl, Poppy for this year's winning

105W Peace poster entry. The entry went on to the MD105 judging at Birmingham which was won by an entry from 105EA. February / March is the time when clubs should be getting next year's candidates lined up and Peace Poster packs ordered.

Now 2018 is upon us, we will have a lot of work moving on with the re-districting plans while preparing for the sad departure of Zones H and J from the rest of the 105W district. These two zones in 2019 will of course find new friends in their new southern districts while the rest of you make acquaintances northward. As we move forward, we will filter information down to you in the usual efficient manner through our communication team.

I wish you all a happy, prosperous and healthy new year.

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

### Membership Welcome ...

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

<b>Aberystwyth</b>	Eleri Brown.
<b>Devizes</b>	William Ritson.
	Richard Flaxbeard.
<b>Highworth &amp; District</b>	Jackie Barras.
<b>Tetbury</b>	Vicky Mowatt
	Ian Ribbins.

**105W Members end of December 2017 – 899**

## Higher Service ...

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

**Richard Baker**, Wotton Under Edge Lions Club.

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

## Lion Ian Potts

Swindon Lions Club is sad to report the loss of Lion Ian who passed away 15 November 2017. Ian joined the club along with wife Thelma in July 2008. For their early years as members they were both very active and popular, taking a full part in meetings, activities and socials. Thelma served twice as President, but during her second term was taken seriously ill and very sadly we lost her. Ian was already suffering from a long term degenerative condition, and it became progressively difficult for him to attend meetings and activities. Even so when he was able to be there he made a superb Tail Twister, despite his condition, his bright optimism and humour still shone through. The last couple of years were very difficult for him he was unable to leave his care home, although members tried to visit him regularly. We will always remember his 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday party organised by members and held at the home earlier this year. He bore his final illness with great bravery and his loss leaves a big hole in our club.

*Steve Austin, Secretary.*

## Derek Stoling

We are sad to announce the tragic death of Derek following a road accident. Derek served the City of Bath club for some 38 years and was President on 3 occasions. He was widely known in Lions as being the Club Secretary for many years, keeping the club on a steady course. Derek, a thoughtful and considerate person, also generously gave his time to several other local charities. We extend deepest sympathies to his wife Gwen and family.

*Peter Brewer, Past Secretary, City of Bath Lions Club*

## Northleach & Fosse News ...

Lions Collect and Deliver Seasonal Support

Families and charities across the North Cotswolds will benefit from Northleach & Fosse Lions Club community service this Christmas and New Year. On the last Saturday in November club members supported the Moreton in the Marsh Christmas market committee, by bagging up overflowing rubbish bins, marshalling the market crowds to keep them safe beside the busy main road, running the raffle and turning on the Christmas lights.

Club members helped to publicise a concert given at the Royal British Legion Hall in Bourton-on-the-Water in aid of CLIC Sargent by Chedworth Silver Band, on the first Saturday in December. Members also collected donations given by concert goers towards the charity, which supports children with cancer and leukemia.

On the second Saturday in December the club ran the first Lions Christmas Fair at Victoria Hall in Bourton. A variety of craft, toys and cakes stalls proved popular with families, and Santa's grotto set up on the stage was a big hit with the children. The club is grateful for event

sponsorship by local funeral director W J Wright, and all profits will be donated to local community groups and charities.

In the lead-up to Christmas the club was given permission to conduct two day-long collections at the new Co-op Food Store in Bourton.

During December, the club made donations to Northleach Playgroup and the toddler group towards their Christmas festivities, and to CLIC Sargent.

The club is continuing its support for the local Food Bank.

*Mark Ogden, PRO, Northleach & Fosse.*

## News from the Philippines ...

Laoac United Lions Club, District 301-C Northern Philippines, held a Christmas Reading Glasses distribution event at the Don Mariano Umipig National High School, Urdaneta, Pangasinan, Northern Philippines on 15 Dec. It was attended by District 105W Zone A Chair Benjamin Manluctao and Aberystwyth Lion David Hurst, who helped distribute 225 reading glasses to members of the community. Half of the Reading Glasses came from Medico-France, half came from LULC.



*Ben Manluctao, Zone A Chairperson.*

## Membership Matters ...



The start of the New Calendar Year is the second half of the Lions Year, and Membership has been high on the Agenda both in our District but especially in our Multiple District. The new MD Coordinator will be holding a weekend meeting to get ideas from around MD105 on how to take us forward. I will take ideas from our District, including those you came up with in the meetings held earlier in 2017. If you would like me to put forward any other suggestions you might have on how to promote and encourage membership recruitment and retention then please get in touch, my email address is below.

Does your Club have someone who focusses on Membership? 'Membership Officer' is a very important role and if your Club is big or small, the topic of Membership needs to be on Club Agendas so that we talk about it and then do something positive – including asking for help. We have recruited well so far this year, 31 new members in the first 5 months, so we know that people want to join us. Volunteering is known to be good for

people's well-being, so give your local community the chance to volunteer with you and that could be the first step into growing your Membership.

*Sue Wilding, membership@lions105w.org.uk*

### Activities snippets ...

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

**Ammanford Club** held Tree of Light service at All Saints Church.

**Black Mountains Club** supported free meals at Talgarth & Llanigon Lunch Club.

**Calne Club** toured with Santa and his Sleigh for town's light switch-on and lantern parade.

**Carmarthen Club** donated to local drop centre for homeless over Christmas.

**Dursley Club** collected 1795 more used spectacles.

**Highworth & District Club** distributed supermarket vouchers to the local elderly residents.

**Keynsham & District Club** donated to MD Syrian Refugee Childrens UNICEF Appeal.

**Radstock & Midsomer Norton Club** supported educational trust in Malawi.

**Tenby & District Club** supported the Lions centennial feeding the hungry programme.

*John Seymour, Communications Team Leader.*

### Highworth help Food Bank ...



Highworth President Rodney Davis presented food to the Swindon food bank. The club has done this every year since the food bank opened, and at times have donated money. Rod did the presenting,

though his wife Christine helped with the shopping!

*Rosemary Jackson.*

### Competitions Corner ...

The District Environmental Photo Competition was won by Ken White from Tetbury Lions Club with his submission, "A Thistle", in the Plants Category. The judge said that it has an eye-catching pattern with high technical quality and plenty of detail. Ken's entry has now been submitted to for the Multiple District Environmental Photo Competition.

The Club Fellowship Competition is closed for this year. Could you please send any remaining forms for club visits, zone meeting etc. for 2017 to me as soon as possible, I can then finalise the data and reveal the winners of the trophy at District Convention. We have had 12 Clubs submitting forms this year, with 7 clubs regularly submitting entries. The fellowship competition is a positive way of encouraging interaction between clubs and it would be great if more Clubs got involved. Details are on the Members Resources of the District Website.

Are you keeping a year book or scrapbook? I would love to have entries for the Scrapbook Competition this year at District Convention. If you have one, please let me know and bring it along to the Aberavon beach Hotel! There is

still time to put together a record of your club's year, so do not delay.

*Sue Wooldridge, competitions@lions105w.org.uk*

### Gower support St John Ambulance ...

The 21st Annual Carol Service of Loughor Division of St John Ambulance was attended by members of Gower & Llwhwr Estuary Lions Club on the first Sunday in December which marks the start of our festive season

Over the years Gower Lions have worked closely with St John and have seen them attending fetes and functions struggling to put up tents etc. before they can do their



duties in tending first aid to those in need.

After lending them a gazebo at the clubs Centenary fun day in July it was decided that the

club would purchase and donate a personalised gazebo with their logo on all 4 sides of the roof.

Photo: Club President Lion Liz Harries with Ruth Lewis BEM; CStJ Divisional Officer in Charge, of Loughor Division St. John Cymru Wales with a small model gazebo. The full-size version is on the production line for delivery early in January.

*David Willoughby, Zone Chair B*

### Diary Dates January

- 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.

### February

- 3 Chippenham Lions 44th Charter Anniversary dinner.
- 4 105W Cabinet meeting, Newport.
- 5 **DG visits** Tenby & District.
- 8 **DG visits** Swansea.
- 15 Zone E meeting, Brecon.
- 23-25 MD Young Ambassador Final, Dudley.

### March

- 2-3 District 43rd Convention, Aberavon Beach Hotel. [www.lions105w.org.uk/Convention2018.htm](http://www.lions105w.org.uk/Convention2018.htm)

### May

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

### February News Update ...

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