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### 105W NEWS UPDATE

Lion Sally Marsh - District Governor



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amazing things

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#### Lions of 105W, welcome to the first News Update of this new Lions year.

As I write this Colin and I are 11,000 metres in the air on our way to Las Vegas for International Convention. This will mark the start of a year of firsts, for International and District 105W. International Convention will see Lion Gudrun Yngvadottir the first woman International President

in the 101 years of Lions and I will become the first woman District Governor for 105W.

As your District Governor for 2018 – 2019, I thank Lions throughout the District for your dedication to your clubs and local communities, as well as your commitment to service for those in need across the globe. Having spoken about a year of firsts, 2019 will see the start of a new chapter in the history of our District, with the new consolidated district. The new consolidated district planning team will continue to work on your behalf to see a smooth transition. Remember to send delegates to the Extra-Ordinary Convention at the Chase Hotel, Ross-on-Wye on 23 September. For Zone J, the planning team has arranged an Extra-Ordinary Convention for 15 September at the Exeter Court Hotel, Kenniford, and for Zone H your Convention is on 30 September at The Stones Hotel, Highpost, Wiltshire. More details will be sent to clubs during the next few weeks. It is **YOUR** new district my fellow Lions so please come and be involved.

'Lets all work together' to make 2018-2019 a year when Lions continue to show their communities how 'We Serve'. We serve together is to be my focus for this year. I am asking you all to continue with the spectacle recycling that has been such a success over the last 3 years, culminating in the world record attempt in Port Talbot on 21 April 2018 and my thanks must go to Lion Chris Davies and his team for their hard work. It was a day I will remember for a long time. Please continue to collect spectacles and bring them to our convention in Bristol, 1-2 March 2019. No world record attempt this year, but I am sure we can take the total collected at conventions to over 100,000 pairs.

Following this brilliant example of what we can achieve when Lions are all working together, I will be asking you all to join a District project to help reduce the amount of

plastic getting into the oceans via our communities. Look out for more information about a District Litter Pick Weekend. Many of you I know do organise regular Litter Picks and your experience will be invaluable to the project. Membership will continue to be a priority for all of us; keep finding the new members and at the same time, please look at how we keep them as involved Lions for years to come. If you have found something that works please let our GMT coordinator, Lion Sue Wilding, know.

Congratulations fellow Lions on a great year of service under the leadership and guidance of now IPDG Lion Steve and his district team. May I take this opportunity to thank them all on your behalf. My thanks to you all: keep up the good work as we continue to meet the challenges of the second century of Lionism. We have shown that when we all work together we can Serve, enjoy ourselves and meet the needs of our communities.

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



#### Membership Welcome ...

During June, District Governor Lion Steve welcomed the following members to the family of Lions:

**Glantawe Swansea Valley** Barbara Wilkinson.

**Gower & Llwchwr Est.** Jacqueline Dagwell.

**Hereford**

Lynda Hughes, Macauley Hughes.

**Kington**

David Barrett, Tracy Barrett,  
Doug Clarke, Janet Clarke,  
Chris Davies, David Hill,  
Keith Tindale.

**Lechlade & Dist.**

Ian Thomas, Tim Yeoman.

**Porthcawl**

Colin Chivers, Susan Chivers,  
Lorrie Williams, Donald Sutton.

**Thornbury**

June Chaskin.

#### 105W Members end of June 2018 – 879

#### Penny Cards ...

Newport and Usk Vale Lions club, whenever they do a stall at a fete, charge 99p or £1.99 or £2.99 ... and so on. They give a Lions penny card back as change! A simple way of raising the profile of Lions at the same time as giving the customer/supporter their change!

*Now there's an idea, Ed.*

## Higher Service ...

It is with deep regret that News Update reports the passing to higher service of **Ron Williams**, Hereford Lions Club and **Alan Neeve**, Devizes Lions Club.

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

## Competitions Corner ...

The fellowship competition is starting to hot up with, six clubs submitting claims for the events that they have attended. Ross-on-Wye are in the lead with 340 points, followed by Glantawe with 190. It is not too late to enter the competition, so please send me your points' forms.

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

## Lennie gets out and about ...

Hereford Lions Club's mascot, Lennie the Lion made a big impression on the thousands of visitors to Hereford River Carnival. Not only did he try to gate crash the formal Mayor's parade, getting a hug from the Lady Mayor, but he also had 'high fives' with hundreds of children and



Photo: Lennie meets his fans.

managed to survive one of the hottest days so far this year. The club contributed to the hugely successful community event by staging 'games on the village green,' a variety of old favourites, welly wanging, bat the rat, face painting and wheel of fortune.



Photo: Nick, Trojan and President Ian.  
George Thomas, Hereford.

## School in a box ...

Can lions of 105w raise enough for 100 school in a box kits?

UNICEF is working to get 1 million conflict-affected children across Syria back to school, but an estimated 2.8 million Syrian children dropped out of basic education in 2017. Some have lost months of schooling while others have missed a whole year or more.

Last year, Lions Clubs across the MD105 teamed up to raise an amazing £26,000 which is the equivalent of over 170 school in a box kits, which can support over 6,800 children.

This year I think we could make an effort and seek to raise 100 boxes in celebration of our centenary. I call individual Lions, Leos and Clubs of District 105W to join together to raise £15,500 for 100 School in a Box kits to support a



further 4,400 children. Each school in a box cost only £155. We have already raised about £250 through

Facebook.

Is your club up for the challenge?

Can your Club contribute £310 to provide two boxes? Can your club organise a special collection for a 'school in a box' kit?

Send donations to the District Treasurer. Cheques should be endorsed School in a Box.

The district now has a school in a box sample that can be borrowed, for your 'school in a box' fundraiser. You can book the box by emailing me.

Juan Nuevo, IRO, 105w [un@lions105w.org.uk](mailto:un@lions105w.org.uk)

## Cheltenham News ...

The Lions Club of Cheltenham aim to hold three Plant Sales a year. Unfortunately the first of this season had to be cancelled as the plants were not ready due to the weather! However, on Saturday 26 May we held a sale at the Exmouth Arms, Cheltenham. Kind weather and an excellent display of plants resulted in a record sale. Having paid the nursery for the plants, the club were left with a profit in excess of £2000, this will go towards the running costs of the clubs Holiday Home at Burnham on Sea. An Autumn sale will be held in October.



Over a long weekend, we entertained fellow members from our twin club, Molndal in Sweden. A busy weekend involved a trip to Bath, and a visit to Hook Norton Brewery (much to our visitors delight), culminating in a club supper and sing-a-long on the Monday.

These exchanges have been held for the past twenty years on an alternate basis.

David Green, PRO, Cheltenham.

## Membership Matters ...



Welcome to all our new Presidents!

You are in a great position to move your Club forward and encourage your Members to stay active and involved in your Community Service

Activities.

Maybe you are not a new President, perhaps you have experience of the role and are stepping up again to lead your Club. Well done to you too as you take over and think about how your Club can develop over the next 12 months.

As we start a new year, have you planned to do a Club M.O.T.? We look after our cars and give them an annual check-up, but do we look after our Clubs and our Members and check, regularly, that all is well with them? Now is the time for Presidents to ask Members to take part in a Club M.O.T. - "Members Opportunity to Talk". This simple survey will give everyone a chance to say how they feel about being a Lion and should help to collect ideas about how to strengthen your Club in the coming months. It is very important for us to make sure that all our Members are happy to be Lions and that we listen to any ideas for improvements that might come out of completing this M.O.T. It can be found on the District website under Members – Members Resources – Club Membership. I hope you will all give it a go and if you have any comments or feedback on it then please contact me.

As always, if you need any help or advice on this or other Membership Matters, please get in touch!

*Lion Sue Wilding. District Membership Officer (GMT-D)*  
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### **Newport & Usk Vale News ...**

Like many Lions clubs, Newport and Usk Vale club is struggling to increase membership and raise the profile of Lions Clubs International. We are a small club, made up of dedicated individuals who are eager to help others locally, nationally and internationally. However, it is apparent to everyone that our activities are sometimes limited, and we are asking the same people to support us with their time and money

In April, we were contacted by the Community First Responder Coordinator to ask for financial support to provide Community Defibrillators within our area. At our business meeting we reflected on what could be done. Asking ourselves how we can promote Lions whilst supporting this community activity. We could have just given them the money, we have enough, but what benefit would our club gain from that, against the backdrop of the nearly impossible task of getting an article in the local press?

We decided to work in partnership with a range of individuals, established community groups, organisations and churches. Each member of our club would make a link and together we would hold events during May to raise money for the Community First Responder Defibrillator project. Social Media would be our platform for publicity.

We were surprised at the level of interest and within a week we had a programme of events planned during May. We have had coffee mornings raising over £275. A table top sale raised over £520. A ladies choir supported by two 15 year old school boys sang a range of music from films and shows and raised over £400. A stall in Newport Market raised over £70. A curry and quiz night raised over £200. In total, over £1800 was raised, and we reached our target to enhance Defibrillator provision within Newport.

Individuals donated goods to sell, made cakes, provided transport – all of which contributed to the events being community focused.

This approach has raised the profile of Lions within several communities. WE HAVE TAKEN THE INITIATIVE. As a small group our impact is limited, but in partnership with others, our impact is maximised and all the groups have benefited.

*Jim Thompson, President, Newport & Usk Vale.*

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

This year is our last year as District 105W as we know it. Can we make it the best year ever? It's up to you! You all have schools, youth clubs, girl guides, boy scouts and numerous other organisations in your areas - get them to join in. The rules are on the web site.

This year the theme is: 'KINDNESS MATTERS'

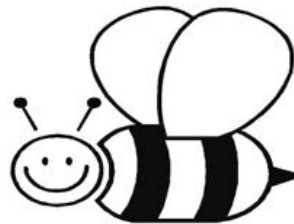
In all the years I have known about the Peace Poster Competition it has always included the word Peace but this year it doesn't and it leaves it wide open to all sorts of interpretations which I really look forward to seeing.

So come on District 105W, let's go for it, I would like at least 40 posters dropping on my mat by the closing date of 15 November 2018©.

*Christine Sheldon, [peaceposter@105w.org.uk](mailto:peaceposter@105w.org.uk)*

### **Honey Pot Challenge ...**

Newport and Usk Vale Lions were challenged to raise the awareness of the Honey Pot Children's Charity with 100 people and to raise £100 for their funds. Raising awareness was done through social Media as well as face to face discussions. We managed to raise awareness with over 1,500 people and organisations.



In addition, we organised a BEE (instead of Beetle) Drive, reflecting the link to the Honey Pot Charity. We designed our own instruction guide on how to draw a bee! Adults and children had great fun creating their Bees

and we raised £100 for the Honey Pot Charity to aid them in their work of providing holidays for young carers.

*Jim Thompson, President, Newport & Usk Vale.*

### **Willberry Wonder Pony ...**

Founded by Hannah Francis in March 2016, the Willberry Wonder Pony charity is a challenge for middle aged, wimpy riders. Hannah was a hugely talented young event rider but diagnosed at 17 years old with osteosarcoma, a rare form of bone cancer. She subsequently endured many months of painful and debilitating treatment, fighting the disease with extraordinary courage and dignity. Sadly she passed away the following year.

The Willberry Wonder Pony charity was founded in her name to fulfil two principal objectives. The First was to fund significant research into osteosarcoma. Secondly, 'Willberry's Wishes', provides equestrian experiences, to seriously ill people and their families in the hope that these experiences inspire others in the same way as they did Hannah, bringing a little happiness and hope during the darkest of times.

Established as a separate equestrian event, the 'Wobbleberry' challenge is a key fundraiser for the charity and encourages non-eventers to challenge themselves to compete in a British Eventing competition. The challenge comprises three phases, a dressage test, a round of show jumping and a cross country course. Now an annual event, the charity has so far raised nearly £270,000, with over 1,200 people having signed up.



With a Club member undertaking the Wobbleberry challenge in few months' time, Tetbury Lions are donating £2,000 to support this charity.  
*Ken White, Tetbury.*

### Young Ambassador Competition ...

The Young Ambassador Competition for 2019 is about to start! Encourage your fellow club members to find a young Candidate to represent your Club and support this fantastic competition.

I know, there are so many young people working in our communities who enhance the lives of others, you may find them at Scout and Guide Groups, St John Ambulance, Red Cross, ATC, Army Cadets, Sea Cadets, Young Carers & Youth clubs, your local church. Another source is your local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) some who work closely with youngsters in the community and may in fact know someone who fits the criteria.

Eligible candidates must be 15 and not over 19 on 30 June in the year in of the MD final. There is a financial reward for the winners project, a Trophy, which our winner will hold for a year, and a smaller trophy, which they will keep along with a small bursary. The runners up will also receive a trophy and a Certificate of Achievement.

The District winner will go to the MD Finals held in Dudley on the weekend of the last weekend of February 2019. There they will receive a bursary of £500 and could win a further £1,000 to be used for their welfare community work or for training purposes to enhance their potential to carry out work in the community  
The district closing date is 30 November 2018

As you are all aware, all we ever read is negative press in relation to our youngsters let's, show that there are amazing youngsters out there.

LET'S SHOW THEM WE ARE INTERESTED IN WHAT THEY DO AND RECOGNISE THEM FOR IT.

Entry forms and rules are available on the district website.

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### Activities snippets ...

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

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

**Black Mountains Club** supported a local student planning a South African trip to assist a vet.

**Calne Club** helped to provide a prescription fridge for a local surgery.

**Chepstow & Caldicot Club** did a bucket collection at the Tesco store.

**Cotswold Fosseway Club** delivered food collected at the Community Centre to the Foodbank.

**Dursley Club** sponsored a barrel of beer at the Scouts Slimbridge Beer Festival.

**Gower & Llŵchwr Estuary Club** presented an electronic keyboard for use in the Tyffores community music room.

**Hereford Club** competed at the Porthcawl Lions Charity Golf Day.

**Keynsham & District Club** incoming President collected at Bath Races for the RUH Forever Friends Appeal.

**Kington Club** enrolled seven new members.

**Marlborough & District Club** had a fund raising stall at Oare Steam Rally.

**Newport Club** held a Beetle Drive with a difference to support the Honeypot Children's Charity.

**Ross on Wye Club** planted out their flower troughs in the town.

**Tenby & District Club** donated to new play equipment at the local Youth Group.

34 out of our 46 Clubs reported activities on MyLCI during 2017/2018.

*John Seymour, Communications Team Leader.*

### Diary Dates ...

#### July

- 1 - 3 International Convention, Las Vegas.
- 1 Keynsham & District Duck Race, Memorial Park.
- 7 **DG Sally** returns from Las Vegas.
- 12 **DG Visits** Chipping Sodbury.
- 14 Radstock & MSN Duck Race, Midsomer Norton.
- 16 **DG Visits** Devizes.
- 22 District Handover, Heronston Hotel, Bridgend.
- 23-31 Youth Exchange students with host families.
- 27-29 COG meeting, Birmingham.

#### August

- 3 Hereford Am-Am Golf Day.
- 5 Brecon 10 mile road run.
- 12 Bob Cook Games.
- 19 105W Cabinet Meeting, Holiday Inn, Newport

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

### August News Update ...

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