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105W NEWS UPDATE

Lion Sally Marsh - District Governor

June 2019



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Dear Fellow Lions

May started with MD Convention in Swansea. As always a very enjoyable and busy weekend. International President Gudrun Yngvadottir was with us and during her stay visited Porthcawl and Ammanford, giving her the opportunity to see some of the service activities that Lions in 105W organise. I was able to join the Friday visit along with several of my fellow DGs and know that

both visits were enjoyed by all. Thank you to both clubs for taking time to arrange the visits that promoted our district in such a positive way.

The two resolutions were both passed and the MD Officers reports were all accepted. The rest on the convention was given over to speakers covering a wide variety of topics, including Leos, Special Olympics, "Heroes", Spot Cameras and more. MD convention weekend also includes the final Council of Governors meeting for the year. The discussion was varied and decisions made, the minutes can be viewed on line on the Lions Forum. My thanks to the host committee for their hard work both before and during the weekend.

MD Convention was followed by our Cabinet meeting. The best practice presentation explained how clubs can use the supermarket schemes to add to their charity fund raising. No decisions were needed as there will be new cabinet teams from July. Thank you to all members of the District Team for the work that has gone into a successful year supporting Lions in 105W.

During the month Colin and I have had the pleasure of joining Keynsham and District, Bridgend, Brecon, Ross-on-Wye and Cotswold Fosseway for their charter anniversaries and as always we enjoyed good food and fellowship. Congratulations to all Lions who have received Milestone Chevrons in recognition of their years of service in Lions, either at your charter anniversary or another Lions event this year. It is always a pleasure to join you and be able to personally thank Lions for all the service they have provided to their communities. We look forward to the remaining charters, handovers and dinner meetings we will be attending in June.

As the Lions year draws to a close there is to be a DISTRICT SOCIAL END OF YEAR CELEBRATION (should that be

end of ERA Ed.?) on 23 JUNE at the Cornerstone in Cardiff. A chance for us all to get together in fun and fellowship. A chance to chat and share the successes of Lionism in our District during 2018-2019. More information and a booking form are on the District Website. Please come, the food will be excellent as will the company.

With one month until the end of this Lions year, please continue to be on the lookout for new members. It would be wonderful to end the year with a net membership gain. Remember "Just Ask".

As the District structure changes Let's All continue to Work Together to serve our communities with fun and fellowship and friends old and new.

Thank you everyone for making this year so enjoyable.

Lion Sally Marsh, District Governor, 105W.

DISTRICT 105W LIONS PARTNERS AND FRIENDS

DISTRICT SOCIAL

SUNDAY JUNE 23RD 2019

12.30 for 1pm

CORNERSTONE,
31 CHARLES STREET, CARDIFF,
CF10 2SF

book before 9th June to : martyn620@yahoo.co.uk

Higher Service ...

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

Derek James, Chepstow & Caldicot Lions Club,

Christopher Griffiths, Severn Dean Lions Club.

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

Membership Welcome ...

During May, District Governor Lion Sally welcomed the following member to the family of Lions:

Kington Patrick Connor, Georgina Goodwin,
Marilyn Osborne, Christine Pritchard.
Lechlade & District Martin Elsander.

105W Members end of May 2019 – 872



Membership Matters ...



A year ago I asked you a question “Have you ever thought about starting a New Club?” Since then we, as a District, tried to get a Club Branch started but sadly things went wrong.

However, undefeated, we have another plan and are currently working to develop a Club Branch in a village in South Gloucestershire.

Will this work? Time will tell, but we have to try. There are people who want to volunteer, who want to put something back into their community and our mission is to empower these volunteers through Membership of Lions Clubs.

I sincerely hope this second attempt is successful. We have a plan in place and Lions prepared to make it work. If you would like to have a go at starting a Club or Club Branch, get in touch and maybe together we can give it a go.

We mustn't be afraid of failure, we mustn't go for the easy option of leaving it to another year. We need to grow our Clubs and our Membership **NOW**.

How about it? If you want information on what would be involved, just drop me an email and I will be happy to point you in the right direction and find you some help.

Sue Wilding. District Membership Officer (GMT-D)
membership@lions105w.org.uk

Tetbury Whacky Races ...

On the first May Bank holiday, Tetbury Lions held its annual Wacky Races event, which in terms of fundraising may prove to be its best yet. For the first time we were able to provide not one but two very large screens successfully limiting people movements between both ends of the course. This improved safety and allowed everyone to relax with family members and not miss any of the thrills and spills that is Wacky Racing.



Entries continue to come from far and wide and as the course had finally been resurfaced, it was certain carts would be

setting fast times. The jump half way down the course again provided a highlight with the crowd shouting “jump jump” as each competitor came down, only a few were brave enough to respond to the challenge. The tight turn to the finish once again created a number of mechanical casualties with three competitors unable to compete in the final two runs. Several carts lost bits on various parts of the course or suffered buckled wheels and had to undergo emergency repairs. Having won each of the previous seven Wacky Race events, Steve Thomas was demoted to second place going into the final round. He fought back and managed to win back his first place with a course record time of 28.47. Just six seconds separated the three junior entries with George Jagers in Gen 3 taking the honours with a time of 34.22, good enough to give him tenth place in the overall standings. This year the profits generated by the racing will be channeled toward Longfield Hospice.

Ken White, Tetbury.

Gower & Llŵchwr Estuary Lions ...

Each year Gower & Llŵchwr Estuary Lions hosts a fun day at Parc William Loughor Swansea, having assumed responsibility from The Friends of Parc William.

Following the death of one of their members, Friends of Parc William created a memorial rose garden in his memory and invited Gower Lions to participate in planting a rose.

Our members decided to remember PDG Lion John Moore with the Lions Clubs International Rose



The picture shows Joan Moore with Lion President Liz Harries at the dedication service held recently.

David Willoughby, Secretary, Gower & L.E.

Dial-a-Ride, Black Mountains ...

Black Mountains Lions were delighted to be able to present a cheque for £1000 to three of the team from Hay Dial-a-Ride. The part they play in helping our community is invaluable. Without the buses and the team of volunteers our public would find difficulty shopping, visiting the doctor, dentist

etc., and getting around in general. They serve a wide rural area and the upkeep of their transport is paramount. We are happy to help towards keeping their buses on the road.



Picture - Dial a Ride - Mary Fellows, Lesley Moore and Richard Gardener together with some of the Black Mountains Lions.

Cheryl Hyde, Marketing, Black Mountains.

Diabetes Awareness, Ross on Wye ...

Ross on Wye Lions Club held their first stall run by Diabetes UK (Hereford) promoting, Diabetes awareness in Ross Market Place. Organised by Lion David Ravenscroft, this is a Service Project of Ross Lions Club and part of a programme of Diabetes awareness events, the second of which will be held in June.



AND on Ross Carnival Day in August, for those concerned and wanting to know more about this growing health condition and their possible risk, Ross Lions will be supporting the Diabetes volunteers to make health assessments available free of charge.

Sue Wilding, Ross-on-Wye.

July 'News Update' ...

Well, there won't be an update as such, as 105W will cease to exist at the end of June. ☺☺☺☺

However, the editorial team think we should put something out, as otherwise, how will we be able to recognise any of our members who pass to higher service during June, how will we be able to recognise new members who join during June and how will clubs be able to tell others what good things they have been up to during the last month of 105W.

So, for July 2019 'News Update', please submit articles to news@lions105w.org.uk by 25 June. Editor Derek ☺☺☺☺

Activities Snippets ...

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

Ammanford Club took on planting at Pantllais Home.

Black Mountains Club donated to Foster Children in Sri Lanka through their education.

Calne Club held their 2019 Duck Race with School Ducks, Business Ducks and Main Race Ducks.

Chepstow and Caldicot Club held an Easter Egg Raffle.

Cotswold Fosseway Club deliver donations to the Foodbank **Devizes Club** in partnership with Rotary arranged a Charity Golf Day fundraising event.

Dursley Club was in partnership with Berkeley FC to arrange a Family Festival Day.

Forest of Dean Club purchased two School in a Box sets and an electronic drum for a disabled group.

Glantawe Swansea Valley Club has established a monthly darts event with the local members of RNIB.

Keynsham & District Club donated to the RICE Clinic (Research Into Care of the Elderly) based at RUH, Bath.

Kington Club car washing sessions promoted Lions and raise club funds.

Llandrindod Wells Club held a Tombola Raffle at the May Day Festival.

Monmouth Club donated to Water Wells, Sight Savers and the Southern African Cyclone Appeal.

Radstock & Midsomer Norton Club donated to Sight Savers.

Severn Dean Club prepared the route for the Wild Boar Chase event on 12 May.

John Seymour, Communications Team Leader, 105w.

Diary Dates ...

June

- 9 **DG attending** Monmouth Charter Anniversary.
- 14 **DG attending** Tenby & District Charter Dinner.
- 15 **DG attending** Llantwit Maj. & Cowbridge Charter
- 16 **DG attending** Fishguard & Goodwick Charter.
- 18 **DG attending** Melksham Club Handover Dinner.
- 22 105SW Treasurer Training day.
- 23 District End of Year Social, Cardiff.
- 26 **DG attending** Caerfilli Club Handover.
- 29 **DG attending** Swansea 51st Charter Dinner & Lion David Jones **50th YEAR AS A LION**.
- 30 **DG attending** Devizes Club Charter & Handover.

The diary dates are extracted from the District Calendar on our Website, www.lions105w.org.uk. ANYONE can enter events onto this Calendar, but to amend or delete entries, contact the webmaster: webmaster@lions105w.org.uk. (up until 30 June 2019) – see below:

District 105W Website ...

Re-districting of Lions Clubs within the British Isles takes place on 1 July 2019. The Lions Clubs of District 105W will be split between the three new Districts of 105CW, 105SW and 105SC. Existing District 105W will close 30 June 2019 and the District Website will cease to be maintained from that date.

John Seymour, Communications Team Leader, 105w

As the sun sets on District 105W and the membership moves to new pastures to continue the work of Service within their own communities, cast an eye on where we were and how far we have come ...

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The District Communications Team in its present form can trace back to year 2000 before the days of Lions websites, electronic communications and Facebook when the MD Directory preparation was by pieces of paper and 'tipex' which later gave way to the MD electronic preparation model and then by MyLCI downloads.

It was March 2001 when District 105W was one of the first Districts in the MD to register their domain name: lions105w.org.uk to lots of concerns that, 'it will never work'. This was quickly followed up in the same year to be the second District to use full District generics and printed in the 2001 MD Directory. The generic processes and notations were adopted by MD and worked into the standard formats for all Districts.

The earlier News Update editors of Lion John Lane and Lion Allan Guy developed the column style newspaper production, printed-off by an outside print company and distributed monthly by Royal Mail, in bulk, to Club Secretaries. The system moved to all-electronic in 2005 and Lion Derek Livsey subsequently took over as Editor with the death of Lion Allan.

Communication mailings to all members started with Lion Dave Shaer who subsequently moved to 105SW and took over the role as SW webmaster and MD webmaster for a while. Lion Jake Nelson quickly developed 105W email communications in 2005 to provide the full electronic communication systems we use today. It is no easy task to keep updated members' communication details and changes via MyLCI and by personal feedback. It is difficult to think back to the days before Jake's screen presentations at the annual District Conventions.

Lion Jon Ford has always been available for any IT projects and give a hand as required.

Now the Lions Clubs of District 105W will be split between the three New Districts of 105CW, 105SW and 105SC on 1 July and the District 105W Website will cease to be maintained from that date. There is a lot of information archived on the website back to 2001 if members wish to capture it before it gets taken down later in the year.

I have enjoyed what was a challenge back in year 2000 and has since become almost a daily task of ensuring all forms of communication within the District were meaningful and correct. My thank you to all the communication team members, past and present who have done a magnificent job in providing services and assistance in progressing District 105W to high levels within the MD.

Thank you to Jake and Derek for the shared experiences over many enjoyable years as the three of us retires to our respective New Districts this summer.



John Seymour, Communications Team Leader and Webmaster
Cabinet Report 19 May 2019

District 105W - RIP