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105W NEWS UPDATE

Lion Sally Marsh - District Governor

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Hello my Fellow Lions,

November is upon us and I have already completed a third of my year as your District Governor. Where does the time go?

During October, I have continued with my visits to clubs across the District attending business meetings in Abertillery and Glantawe Swansea Valley - different, informative and very enjoyable evenings. My scheduled visit to Forest of Dean

will now take place on 4 December. I will now be adding zone meeting visits to my diary, thus giving me the opportunity to meet with the clubs I have visited during my time as 2nd and 1st VDG, but are not on my list for 2018-19. Colin and I have attended the first Charter Anniversary celebrations of this Lions year. We have joined with Marlborough, Tetbury, Cheltenham and Thornbury for very enjoyable and varied celebrations. Invitations continue to come in and I already have dates in my diary up to May 2019! If you would like me to attend your club's charter, please send the date asap, there are sometimes more than one on the same day.

I attended my second Council of Governors meeting in Solihull; slightly different this time as the eight District Governor Elects attended their first meeting. It was a very full business meeting over the two days, however we, as all lions do, enjoyed fun and fellowship at the same time. Details will be in my report for the Cabinet meeting on 18 November.

A second Lions Symposium is taking place over the weekend of 24 – 25 November. Following on from last year's very successful event. Three Lions from 105W will be joining with newer Lions from every district in MD105. I am sure they will gain much from the weekend.

Our District Convention is at the Aztec Hotel, Bristol, 1 – 3 March 2019 and will be a celebration of 105W. Please book early and join us for a weekend of business (not too much) and plenty of fun. MD convention 3 - 5 May 2019 is to be held in Swansea, not far for us to travel. Another date to get in diaries now and book as soon as you can.

November is the start of darker evenings and a busy two months for Lions. Starting with 5 November. If you are

organising, helping with or attending a Firework Display have a great evening and stay safe. Clubs will also be planning their Santa routes and events and looking for volunteers. A good opportunity for members in the future.

Colin and I will be representing the District on Remembrance Sunday at the Cenotaph in London. This year will be a special occasion as it marks 100 years since the end of WW1.

Continue 'Serving Together' and having fun.

Lion Sally Marsh, District Governor, 105W.

Higher Service ...

It is with deep regret that News Update reports the passing to higher service of **Ralph Anslow**, Porthcawl Lions Club. District Governor, Lion Sally, and all Lion members, extend sincere condolences to his family.

Membership Welcome ...

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

Lechlade & District Club Mark Jeffries.

105W Members end of October 2018 – 875



Competitions Corner ...

Time is running out for the Environmental Photo Competition as I need entries by the end of November! If you get through the district competition you would be automatically entered into the Multiple District Competition. There have been some wonderful opportunities for photography, this year, especially this autumn with the amazing sunsets and misty mornings. There are a range of environmental categories for the competition, but you cannot include people in your pictures. The categories are as follows 1) Plants 2) Animals 3) Weather phenomenon 4) Other aspects of nature including landscape.

The details for the competition are on the District Website - Members - Members Resources

I would like to remind you about the website competition, which the district runs to promote the maintenance of effective club websites. The judges will look at how it appears, the content, how easy it is to navigate, its ease of

use, its level of interactivity, the links it has and last but definitely not least how up to date your website is. In the modern world, it is important for Lions Clubs' to have well maintained and up to date websites, it is often the first port of call for people interested in enquiring about Lions and as a method of promoting what you do. You will not have to enter this competition it takes place automatically, but you do need to manage your website to stand a chance of winning! Good luck.

Sue Wooldridge competitions@lions105w.org.uk

Lion Ralph Anslow ...

It is with great sadness that Porthcawl Lions Club has to announce the passing of Lion Ralph Anslow (82) on 26 September to Higher Service.

Ralph always demonstrated a sense of duty, his work at a Special Needs unit and as a psychiatric nurse highlighted this quality.

Ralph was one of the founder members who initiated the formation of Pembroke and Pembroke Dock Lions Club in 1980, holding office as its first Charter President and later holding office as Club Secretary.

He transferred to Porthcawl Lions Club in 2004, serving as President and being an active and committed member until his health prevented him doing so in his later years.

Despite being in poor health, for some time Ralph would attend some fund raisers and sit with other active members and enjoy a couple of hours, sharing a joke or two and enjoying the event.

He loved the friendship and camaraderie that his involvement in Lions brought to him. Ralph's dry humour and general contribution, always with a balanced option at Club meetings, will be remembered

Lion Ralph you will be sadly missed by your friends at the Lions Porthcawl table.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to his daughter Judith and his grandchildren.

Vance Rees, Secretary Porthcawl.

Jean Denham MJF ...

Radstock & Midsomer Norton Lions are sad to report the departure to Higher Service of Jean, wife of our District Treasurer, Alan Denham.

Jean passed away peacefully, Sunday afternoon, 14 October, at Clare Hall Nursing Home, in the company of Alan and some of their children.

Jean has been a great support to Alan in his 50 years as a Lion. She will be sorely missed.

A celebration of her life will take place at St. John the Baptist, Chilcompton, 3 pm, Wednesday 7 November.

Derek Livsey, Secretary, Radstock & MSN.

Northleach Community Afternoon ...

Stand showcasing the activities of 20 local interest and leisure groups filled the main hall at Westwood Community Centre for an open event organised by Cotswold Fosseway Lions Club.

The event on Sunday 30 September was designed by Lions Club members Val and Gordon Read, to attract newcomers to the town, as well as expanding the interests of those who have lived there for many years.

Activities showcased ranged from the playgroup, scouts and guides to local history, WI, spinning and photographic groups, as well as sports including tennis and football.

Musical accompaniment by Gill and Jerry Hopkin on violin and keyboard provided a festive atmosphere as large numbers of local residents arrived to discover what is on offer in the town.



The Lions Club stand welcomed local residents of all ages to the community event.

Mark Ogden, Cotswold Fosseway.

Membership Matters ...



I considered not writing a message this month. I wondered, if I didn't send something to our Editor, would you notice? Would you spot that Membership was missing?

Is that how it is in your Club? Is Membership missing from your Club Agenda and if it is, has anyone noticed?

There are Clubs who are holding up well in the Membership stakes. They are recruiting well and bringing in volunteers to help them in their Service and Fundraising Activities.

Is there a link? Do we do better at Membership if we talk about it? Do we have a Lion in our Club who takes on the responsibility for Membership and who has a couple of others who are helping them develop a plan of action?

Remember: you can find ideas and help on the LCI and District websites and there are groups you can join on

Facebook, where all sorts of membership topics are discussed.

Sue Wilding, membership@lions105w.org.uk

Activities snippets ...

Activity snippets sourced from the Activity Reports completed last month on MyLCI up to 28 October.

- Ammanford Club** collected 374 used spectacles.
 - Black Mountains Club** donated towards purification tablets for the MD Indonesian Disaster Appeal.
 - Carmarthen Club** supported the local Youth Opera.
 - Devizes Club** arranged their annual popular Sponsored Walk from the Canal Wharf.
 - Dursley Club** donated to specialist equipment for the Search and Rescue Dogs.
 - Forest of Dean Club** supported a student to visit Thailand Wildlife Foundation.
 - Frome Club** conveyed helpers to the Mells Barn Social Club for the partially sighted.
 - Keynsham and District Club** collected in the High Street for the LCIF Indonesian Disaster Appeal.
 - Melksham Club** helped a young person to visit Nepal with voluntary work for 3 months.
 - Monmouth Club** made a donation to the Welsh Air Ambulance.
 - Newport Club** supported the Dragondaze conference event attended by high profile personnel.
 - Radstock & Midsomer Norton Club** held a Last Night of the Proms with Sherborne Town Band.
 - Severn Dean Club** is advertising their Speech House Forest Fireworks.
 - Swansea Club** supplied MIAB bottles in their local area.
- John Seymour, Communications Team Leader, 105w.*

Tenby & District ...



The Club carried out Diabetes Screening on Saturday 6 October. 60 community members availed themselves of the service.

The club presented a cheque to Gemma Randal towards the purchase of her much needed Wheel Chair.



Photo: Gemma accompanied by Millie, and Lions Andrew, President Rob and Peter. Photo courtesy of Lion Derek MacGarvie who took the picture.

The club was pleased to present this splendid bench as part of our Caldey Island Legacy Project.



Father Daniels, with Lion Pres. Rob, Lions Phil and John. Ben Manluctao, Zone A Chairperson.

Hereford News ...

Hereford Lions have made significant donations to appeal funds for two major projects at the local County Hospital. The club gave £10,000 towards the purchase of a £75,000 sample testing machine in the Prostate Cancer unit and £5,000 to the Born Sleeping appeal to build a new delivery suite and a family room in the maternity unit for those families whose child is born dead, to allow them some privacy to grieve for their loss.,

The club, whose Holiday Home at Burnham-on-Sea closed down a few years ago, has bought a six berth caravan designed and built for the handicapped, on a holiday park close to Wolf Rock beach, near Portmadoc in North Wales. This will be available at low cost, to local handicapped and their families.

The regular car boot sales ended the season at the beginning of October, showing a £5,000 contribution to the charity fund. The 25th edition of Lions Festive News, the clubs annual 48 page full colour newspaper, delivered free to

31,000 homes in the city and surrounding villages, will be out early November.

A recent new member, Grant Hughes has been joined by his wife, Lynda and 18 year old son Macauley, the first family to become members of the club. The club is now preparing for its Christmas community work: the Santa Sleigh runs and Santa's Grotto at Oakchurch country store. Between them, the festive activities raised £11,000 last year for local charities.

George Thomas, 1stVP, Hereford.

Open Water Swimming ...



The Lechlade and District Lions Club held their inaugural Open Water Swimming Challenge at The Bowmoor Sailing Club on Saturday 4 August. Fifty Eight eager swimmers participated in the 200 metres, 1 km, 2 km and 3 km courses. Money from sponsorship and entry fees raised a magnificent £2400 to be shared equally between the Wiltshire Air Ambulance and our charity account.



On Wednesday 26 September, Lion President Ian Kingsford, accompanied by Fundraising Chairman Lion John Sheffield and Open Water Swimming Challenge organiser, Lion Michael Read, presented a cheque for £1,200 to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance. Lion President Ian Kingsford said, "We are planning to make the Open Water Swimming Challenge an annual fund raiser and plans are well underway for next year's event".

David Sharp, PRO, Lechlade and District.

Radstock & MSN, 160 years ...

At their business meeting in October, District Governor, Lion Sally, was pleased to present long service awards totalling 160 years, to members of the club. Lion Alan Denham (our District Treasurer) 50 years, Lion Derek Yelling 45 years, Lion Richard Munden 25 years, Lion Ray James 20 years and Lion Sally Marsh ☺ 20 years.

Derek Livsey, Secretary, Radstock & MSN.

Santa at Lions Christmas Fair ...

Santa will be 'on stage' to welcome all children into his grotto at the Cotswold Fosseway Lions Club Christmas Fair in Bourton-on-the-Water on Friday 30 November. The fair will be held at the Victoria Hall in the town centre from 4pm to 7pm.

Mark Ogden, PRO, Cotswold Fosseway Club.

Diary Dates ...

November

- 3 Fern Bonfire & Fireworks.
Ross-on-Wye Bonfire & Fireworks.
- 6 **2nd VDG visits** Radstock & MSN.
- 7 **DG visits** Chepstow & Caldicot.
1st VDG visits Caerfilli.
- 11 Remembrance Day
- 14 **1st VDG visits** Bradley Stoke Branch.
- 15 **DG visits** Llantwit Major & Cowbridge.
- 18 105W Cabinet Meeting, Newport.
- 24 Glantawe Swansea Valley Charter Anniversary.
Calne Charter Anniversary Dinner.
Devizes Christmas Fair.

December

- 4 **DG visits** Forest of Dean Club.
- 18 Keynsham & District Christmas Party.

The diary dates are extracted from the District Calendar on our Website, www.lions105w.org.uk. **ANYONE** can enter events onto this Calendar, but contact webmaster@lions105w.org.uk to amend or delete entries.

December News Update ...

For December 2018 News Update, please submit articles to news@lions105w.org.uk by 25 November. *Editor Derek.*

Santa's coming ...



Fellow Lions, next month will see lots of Santa's stand in helpers doing the rounds. Now is the time to check your sleigh and equipment and make sure that all your health and safety risk assessments are in place☺.

*Derek Livsey,
Editor.*