

## Nomination for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor 2012-2013

### **Lion Marianne Warren, Lions Club of Cheddar Vale**

Born in 1950, Marianne was educated in Southampton and progressed to University, gaining a degree in Economics in 1970, after which she moved to Germany to work with the Deutsche Bundesbank for several years. She later married and had 4 children, moving around the UK with her then husbands work. She now has 2 grandchildren.

In 1981 she became involved with a local charity in Southampton whose aim it was to help disadvantaged single parents integrate into society and she was instrumental in setting up a county wide group of young mothers who were taught how to help themselves improve their lot and that of their children. This resulted in Marianne taking an advisory role with Hampshire Social Services, acting as a liaison between the families and the Council.

Taking an Open University degree course in 1991, she achieved a further degree in European Economics, which led to her starting her Financial Advisory company upon leaving Nat West Bank in 1994

She joined Cheddar Vale Lion Club in 1997, having realized that she needed to add a further dimension to her life in addition to work. After being elected to the role of club President on 2001-02 and again in 2002-03, she was appointed as Zone Chairman in 2004-05. During this year she attended the Senior Lions Leadership Institute in Rome. Following this she had roles on District Cabinet until 2008, serving as PRO and membership and Retention officer. She has always had a very strong affinity with what was MERL, now GMT/GLT, believing this area to be the lynch-pin in the future of Lions.

From 2001- 2005 Marianne was heavily involved in the Youth Exchange program, acting as a host each of the 4 years, to 2 international students. She was an integral part of the committee for the 2004 Youth Centre, which was held in Somerset, and toured the District promoting the Centre and gaining commitment of participation and funding contributions from Clubs and Zones in the District. This resulted in a hugely successful Youth Centre.

She has always taken an interest in the inner workings of the MD, attending all but 2 MD conventions since 1999. This has given her the opportunity to make friends, and gain a wider perspective of Lions in MD105. She has also attended several French MD103 conventions.

Unfortunately, due to ill health, Marianne had to resign from Cabinet in 2008, however she was still able to become President 2008-09. At this time she also took a step back in her Company, and now enjoys semi-retirement, working only 6 months of the year. Her health has improved considerably over the past two years, enabling her again to take the role of President 2010-11 and the confidence to stand for 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG 2011-12

Having been successful in her candidacy, she has worked as part of the DG team, and also with the GLT, acting as liaison between them and District Governor. She has successfully visited several clubs in the District as part of her role as 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG.

She is confident that with her past experience, regained mobility, and the support of the District, she is more than able to serve MD105SW as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor.