



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL – DISTRICT 105SW

DG's Newsletter

JUNE 2009

DISTRICT GOVERNOR LION GRAHAM LANG

"PLANNING A POSITIVE FUTURE"



9; 10, Out!

When you, the incumbent DG, attend your final Council of Governors' Meeting as part of the MD Convention in April, it has become the tradition that you find your Past District Governor's name badge and that of your Spouse included in the Pack for the meeting ... and sure as MMRs need submitting, this happened in Southport - *but you don't get rid of me that easily; not before July anyway!* The incoming CoG (DGs Elect) have also been sharing the meetings since January and it is at the end of MD Convention that they are handed some tasks to take on as the first part of their year with the newly elected Council Chairman. So you already feel the end is in sight.

I am delighted to be among the first to congratulate Christine and wish her and all the shiny new Governors Elect all the best and also to let you know that the outgoing Governor, from District M this year, Lion Andy Pemberton, was elected to be Chairman of Council for 2009/2010.

But, sadly, this *is* my last Newsletter and I would like thank all Lions and Partners of this wonderful District for their support, hard work and in particular their friendship and welcome to myself and Heather wherever we have met you – at Club visits, Charters and many other events.

I hope that I have represented you sufficiently well at Multiple District and District as I am aware now that when one is DG there is the danger of being seen as one of "them" but I have tried, and I hope, succeeded in remaining one of "us"!

My fellow DG, Surinder, from District 105W, has felt throughout the year that as the Districts are listed (and generally seated) in alphabetical order then they miss out by being last (but not least). SW comes second to last in the same process but I hope we have not missed out either and as the Good Book has it "the first shall be last and the last shall be first" - and Simply the Best?

Hilary Lister, afloat once more

By the time this appears I hope that Lion Hilary Lister will have set off again on her interrupted Dream Voyage around the British Isles having re-started from Plymouth in the middle of May. Her progress can be followed on the website www.hilarylister.com or follow the News Releases on the Lions MD Website www.lionsmd105.org Thanks go again to all the SW Clubs and Lions who have helped in any way to arrange her route and stopovers – not easy with such a unique sailing event. We hope that this time her circumnavigation is totally successful and she

returns to Dover safe and sound around the 10th July.

For any able bodied person this would be a serious challenge but for Hilary, in her circumstances, it must be the equivalent of climbing Everest several times and there is no compliment high enough to pay to her and her tenacity and bravery.

And Finally (or maybe firstly)

Look out for the Gingko – no it's not *Gecko*, of Wall Street, but the incoming International President, Eberhard Werfs' Theme for 2009/2010 including the leaf of the Gingko in his logo – and the message "Move to Grow."

Our DGs will return from Minneapolis enthused to promote the theme and I am sure many of the items that it contains will be developed as the year proceeds.

At this stage while we bid farewell to Al Brandel and his Miracles through Service we will be encouraged by President Werfs to take action to grow in all aspects of our humanitarian service, leader development, club membership and many other, maybe familiar, themes.

Hopefully the grass roots membership will recognise many of the details of these aims when they are officially published in July/August but sufficient at the moment to say that we must also continue facing all the previous International challenges – "to change", to make "miracles" happen and now to take action "to Grow" - in all senses of the words. In fact some of the elements of the Theme, such as PR, participating in International Programmes and increasing and improving Membership, are already in place and I hope can continue to be developed in the year ahead

We wish Christine and Peter a great year with much enjoyment and satisfaction – Heather and I have had a great time and as IPDG Brenda promised (threatened?) we *have* really enjoyed it. Thank you all my Fellow Lions, Partners and Families – we are going to miss you and a lot of things that we only experienced through serving you all – but, for the next few months, I am *not* going to miss driving up and down the M5 or A30 or getting home rather late every Monday and Tuesday, or so it seemed. I understand that weekends do still contain two days for "doing your own thing"!!

You are still "Simply the Best!" and it has been proved to me this year. Well done!!

Keep up the good work!!

Yours, sincerely, in Lionism

Graham

N.B. A COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER, AND COPIES OF THE CURRENT MONTHLY MAIL-DROP DOCUMENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON THE District 105SW Website @ www.lions105sw.org.uk JUST GO TO THE "NEWSLETTERS" and/or "CABINET" LINKS FROM THE HOME PAGE OF THE WEBSITE

Don't Forget to regularly Check-Out our District Website's "EVENTS CALENDAR" for many of our Clubs' Events, plus District Activities ([Click Here to View](#)) ... and even add your own to it!

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

(Re: Membership Reports from April '09)

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members into "105SW", and our family of Lions:

Pamela Keetch	AXMINSTER
Garry Nicholls	ILFRACOMBE
John Fordike	ILFRACOMBE
Sarah Abrams	IVYBRIDGE
Chris Knuckey	PENZANCE
John Fitzgerald	ST. AUSTELL
Mark Cockings	TAVISTOCK
Susan Parish	TAVISTOCK
Peter Greaves	TAVISTOCK
Ria Blackmore	YEOVIL BRANCH
James New	YEOVIL BRANCH
Dawn Lunn	YEOVIL BRANCH

TRANSFERRED MEMBERS

Richard Fox	GLASTONBURY & ST.
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(From City of Wells)

Total District Membership: 1371

CREWKERNE LIONS CLUB

FUN WEEKEND

Friday 17th - Sunday 19th July

INCLUDING ...

Friday Evening: **Boules in Local Pub**
 Saturday Evening: **Medieval Banquet**
 Sunday (all day): **Fun-Day Event**

For further details please contact
 Lion Wendy Broom, Tel: 01460 72305
 or visit the Club's Events Website at
www.bustees.com/lions/forthcoming.htm

DISTRICT HANDOVER

St Mellion International Golf & Country Club

St. Mellion, Saltash, Cornwall. PL12 6SD

Sunday 19th July 2009

Cost: £17.00 per person

Closing Date is 4th July, BUT ...

**PLACES ALLOCATED ON A STRICTLY
"FIRST COME - FIRST SERVED" BASIS
DON'T MISS OUT - BOOK NOW!**

Booking Forms to be sent to:

Lion Steve Fletcher

Menu details and Booking Forms were included in the "April Mail Drop" - and are also available for download from the **Cabinet Page** of the **District Web-Site**.

Lyn Lions Club

Local Youth Project Donation

Lyn Lions from Lynton, at their recent Charter Anniversary Dinner, presented a cheque for One Thousand Pounds to the local charity 'Drug Proof Your Kids'.



[CLICK HERE TO ENLARGE](#)

Pictured here are Lion President Collon Bolton and Lion Richard Leworthy, presenting the cheque to the charity's representative, Mr Roger Bartlet.

DG GRAHAM'S DIARY

JUN

1	Padstow	Official Visit
4 - 6	Royal Cornwall Show	Wadebridge
6	Crewkerne	Charter Anniv.
8	Worle	Official Visit
9	Crediton	Official Visit
12	Bridgwater	Charter Anniv.
20	Barnstaple	Charter Anniv.
22	City of Wells	Official Visit
26	Looe	Club Handover
27	Liskeard	Carnival
28	Okehampton	Donkey Derby

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19 DISTRICT HANDOVER St. Mellion

DARTMOOR CHARITY WALK

Plymouth & Plym Valley Lions Clubs will hold their annual Dartmoor Charity Walk

SUNDAY, JULY 12th

The 10-mile walk starts at Walkhampton Memorial Hall.

Teams consisting of 3 to 6 walkers are invited to participate and there will be trophies for the teams raising the most sponsorship in categories for firms & organisations, HM Services, schools, licensed premises and Lions clubs.

Further details and entry forms are available from:

Lion Ian Duffie, Tel: (01752) 404767

Lion Mike Owen, Tel: (01752) 240080

MD DIRECTORY CHANGES

"The 2008-2009 Yellow Book!"

CONVENTION CHAIR (Pg.136)

Glyn John:

Mobile: 07870 279058

Torpoint & Rame Peninsula Lions Club

FATHERS' DAY SPONSORED WALK

SUNDAY 21st JUNE (start 10:00 a.m.)

The walk is divided into two routes. Either one of 10 miles, or for those perhaps less energetic, a shorter option of 5 miles!

Both routes take in some of the most beautiful scenery around the coastline of the Rame Peninsula; from the spectacular views across Whitsand Bay and Rame Head, to Penlee Point and then through part of Mount Edgcombe Park and back to Maker Church, which acts as the 'start' and 'finish' point for both courses.

Further details and entry forms from ...

Website: www.lions.org.uk/torpoint

E-Mail: torpointlions@tiscali.co.uk

Tel: (01752) 848289

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Having served in the capacity of DG's Newsletter Editor for the past two years I have now decided to stand down. Your new editor will be Lion Judith John, (N.B. the New E-Mail Address) whose contact details are at the bottom of this page. Best wishes to you all - and good luck Judith.

Yours in Lionism,

Chris Evans

NEW "PR" EQUIPMENT

Our District now holds some new branded equipment which is for loan by any of our clubs in SW:

- One Feather Flag
- Two Roller Banners
- One Backdrop and Podium plus
- Two 'previous design' Banners.
- Three Display Boards.

If your Club would like to make use of any of this equipment, then please contact:

LION MIKE HACKER (P.R.O.)

Tel: (01237) 475246

E-Mail: michael@michaelhacker.orangehome.co.uk

Further information, and a list of booking dates, is available on the District Website's "[Public Relations](#)" page.



Full details and Registration Forms for this year's "**U14s Youth Football Tournament**" are available

on the Youth pages of the Multiple District website at

www.lionsmd105.org/Youth/Football

or contact Lion Dennis Morgan ...

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