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Charitable Appeals

Charitable Organisations seeking Lions help in raising funds for a particular cause often approach us.

Before launching into a full-scale assault on the District for what seems to be an acceptable and worthwhile commitment, please ensure that the District Governor is fully acquainted with the detail and that permission is duly given.

This may seem to be an unnecessary requirement but it can save embarrassment in the long term.

Lions Clubs International District 105SW

District Newsletter

Neil's News

District Governor Lion Neil Rutter



When you receive this first newsletter Val and I may still be in Australia, or possibly Singapore, on our way home. We leave Australia on 3rd July and expect to arrive back in Devon on 8th July, just a day or two before District Handover.

International Organisation. Our new International President is asking that we rededicate ourselves to Service. As people seek ways to volunteer, the time has never been better for Lions to Shine a Light on Service.

On the Outer Banks of the State of South Carolina, stands the world's tallest brick built Lighthouse (well, it had to be because it's American!). The Cape Hatteras lighthouse, within the home state of the new International President, built in 1807 has stood as a symbol of hope for mariners for over two centuries. Atlantic currents in this area made for excellent travel for ships, except in the area just offshore at Cape Hatteras. Nearby the warm Gulf Stream Current collides with the colder Labrador Current creating ideal conditions for powerful ocean storms and sea swells. The beacon at Cape Hatteras has been credited with guiding ships to safe harbour when sailors thought that all hope was lost.

Has your club recently conducted a survey to examine the needs of the local community?

It will be greatly appreciated if as many clubs as possible are able to conduct such a survey during the first quarter of this coming Lionistic Year and if we act upon the results of the survey then we may be heading somewhere to improve the general perception of Lions Clubs and what we stand for.

Fellow Lions let us look forward to a great year together.

Neil Rutter

Although there are many modern navigational aids, lighthouses still dot the shores of oceans around the world. They have stood the test of time and remain symbols of Hope for those who have lost their way or are in need of assistance.



DG Elect Neil and wife Val being noisily welcomed by SW delegates at MD Convention held in Leeds.

Thus is born the "Beacon of Hope" the theme for the new International President Sid L. Scruggs III. Lions have been providing hope to those in need since 1917 and as we move forward into 2010 - 2011 let us make time to provide service highlighting health and happiness for people living in darkness or despair. There are over 1.3 million lighthouses in 205 countries - Lions Members who will continue to light the way and Serve as Beacons of Hope.

As your new District Governor I echo the International President's request to let the light of service shine brightly - to continue to be a symbol of Light and Hope for those who are in need, searching for a better tomorrow. Remember our motto, "We Serve", it defines our mission and is the core principle of the

DG's DIARY

JULY

- 1-3 International Convention in Sydney
- 4-7 Singapore
- 8 Return to UK
- 10 Seaton Fun Day
- 11 District Handover
- 20 Camborne Redruth - Official Visit
- 23-25 Council of Governors - Birmingham
- 29 Convention Meeting - Exeter
- 31 1st Cabinet Meeting - Okehampton

AUGUST

- 23 Plymouth - Official Visit

In Memoriam

Sadly the following Lions have passed to Higher Service since the June Newsletter

Minehead

President

Roy Walker MJF

Plymouth

Lion Mike Owen

They and their families remains in our thoughts



MiaB

Any Club requiring further bottles for the period 11th June - 12th July please contact the following Lions:-

David Lawrence (Truro)
01872 270685
susan.lawrence18@yahoo.co.uk

or
Mike Aspray
(Tiverton)01884 242606
landm@pad13.fsnet.co.uk

to arrange collection

Cost: £ 38 for 210

Cheques to be made payable to:

LCI District 105SW
and sent to

Lion John Manley
MiaB Co-ordinator
(details in Directory)

Convention Meeting

The next meeting will be held at:-

COWICK BARTON
121 Cowick Lane
EXETER EX2 9HF

7pm for 7.30pm

Any queries contact
Lion Glyn John
Convention Chairman
(details in directory)

DISTRICT NEWS: Important Changes to Cabinet

District Secretary

PDG Lion David Atkins is standing down as District Secretary after three years, a position he has thoroughly enjoyed. Lion Lesley Clarke (Newquay Towan Blystra) is taking over the role and the generic e-mail address will now pass to her. If you still wish to contact David his e-mail is liondatkins@btinternet.com Lion David now takes on the role of PR & Marketing Officer.

District Treasurer

PDG Lion Graham Marshall takes on the role of District Treasurer.

Peace Poster & Young Ambassador

After several years as Peace Poster Officer, Lion Marcia Cook has decided to have a break from this very demanding and time consuming role. Her successor is Lion Fred Broom from Crewkerne. Lion Fred is also taking on the role

of Young Ambassador Officer from PDG Lion David Rosson who has given many years of service to Youth Projects but now takes on Constitutions, Resolutions & Nominations.

Full details of Cabinet Changes will be in the New Directory

REMINDER
DISTRICT HANDOVER

Boringdon Park Golf Club, Plympton
Sunday 11th July
12.30 for 1 pm

Full details and Menu Choices are on the Website: www.lions105sw.org.uk

Please reply to **Lion Steve Fletcher**
Sergeant at Arms
By 26th June 2010

Melvin Jones Fellows

Since 1st July 2009 (to 14th June 2010) several Lions in this District have been honoured by their Clubs or the District, being conferred with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. I would like to take this opportunity of acknowledging and congratulating them.

They are as follows:

Norman Squires	Babbacombe & St Marychurch	Graham Lang	Looe
Phil Tozer	Babbacombe & St Marychurch	Alan Tozer	Paignton
Geoff Paver	Budleigh Salterton	Clive Millman	Seaton
Cecil Turner	Crewkerne	Neil Rutter	Seaton
Fred Watts	Exeter	Robert Moore	St Austell
Steve Guilbert	Honiton	Eric Scorese	St Austell
Ellis Wheatley	Honiton		

Christine Rowe Immediate Past District Governor

Membership

Welcome to the following who have recently joined the family of Lions

Crediton	Vernon Robinson
Hayle	Alan Moxam
Hayle	Jenny Broadbridge
Newquay Towan Blystra	Val Penny

Transfer within District

Mike Crew both from Tiverton Branch
Pat Crew to Bridgwater Branch
(Taunton Deane)

Transfer into District

Alan Benson from Beverley 105C

District Membership as per May
MMR Reports - 1364

Visiting Lions

Babbacombe & St Marychurch	45
Crewkerne	20
Seaton & District	19
Newquay Towan Blystra	18
Axminster	9
Launceston	8
Sidmouth	7
Callington	4
Exeter	4
Crediton	1
Saltash	1
Worle	1

CLUB NEWS:

Weston Super Mare Lions Wives Success

Ann Manley and Lesley Hunt, wives of Weston Super Mare Lions Club Members win Bronze at the Chelsea Flower Show at their first attempt. Both Ann and Lesley are members of Weston Super Mare Flower Arrangement Society who felt privileged to be invited to enter a display at the recent Chelsea Flower Show. *Congratulations 'Silver' or even 'Gold' next year!!!!*

Pictures far right

Thanks to Lions Clubs and Members

Thank you to all Devon Clubs who contributed to Devon County Show and also to all those Lions who helped over the three days. As you will see from the report below it was a very great success. *PDG John Cook (Seaton)*

Thank you to all Cornish Clubs who contributed to the Royal Cornwall Show and to all those Lions and wives who helped over the three days. Another very successful show.

Lion Alistair Barr (Committee Chairman)

Lions Fly the Flag at the County Shows

Devon County Show - Exeter

Devon Lions Clubs again supported the Lions Stand at the Devon County Show. The "Core Team" of PDG John Cook, DO Dennis Morgan and DG(E) Neil Rutter were supported by volunteers from a number of Clubs across the County.

Lloyds Pharmacy provided Diabetes Screening and Blood Pressure checks and the results were as follows. Of the 300 tested for diabetes 60 were advised to have a fasting test owing to higher glucose levels but this may have been due to recent food/drink consumption. Ten were referred to their GP with high glucose levels and a further 20 with high Blood Pressure readings. Nine people out of 80 who had Blood Pressure only tests were referred to their GPs. Once again we have raised people's attention to potential problems that could affect their future health and our thanks are again offered to Lloyds Pharmacy for their support.

We had the opportunity to promote Lions, who we are and what we do and also refer a few possible new members to their nearest Club. Activities such as the Peace Poster, Young Ambassador, MedicAlert, Sight Services were explained to a number of interested people. Once again it was felt that the Stand at the County Show has provided valuable publicity for Lions Clubs International.

Royal Cornwall Show - Wadebridge

Once again Cornish Clubs ran Diabetes Awareness and Lions PR at the Show. Fronting the Committee were Lion Alistair Barr and ZC Jean Crowle who were on hand over the three days ensuring everything ran smoothly from manpower to nurses supplies. A rota of Lions from across Cornwall 'hustled' the public in and while waiting to be tested were given an insight into the work of the Lions. Publicity Boards were full of Club projects from across the District as well as Posters advertising MedicAlert, MiaB, Peace Poster, Youth Football, Young Ambassador, World Sight Day and Membership. The work of LCIF in Haiti was displayed along with photos of PIP Al Brandel's visit to the Tented Villages and rebuilding there. The DG Christine attended all day on the Thursday and PR Officer Mike Hacker and wife Jenny (now a member of Barnstaple Lions Club - congratulations) promoted Membership etc on the Saturday.

Over the three days a total of 1285 members of the public were tested and of those 159 were referred to their GP's for further testing. It is perhaps an indication of the farming and rural lifestyle that they take the opportunity to be tested when it is available to them there and then. This is an increase of 420 but last year we ran out of testing kits which could account for the increase in numbers.



*Chelsea Flower Show
Winners*



*DG Elect Neil with
PDG John Cook and DO
Dennis Morgan*



*Lions Publicity Boards at the
Shows - above and below*



*Lions Colin and Bill from
Truro having a well earned
'99'*



Camborne Redruth & District WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE HELPED ASHLEY TO GET HIS TOMCAT TRIKE

Eight year old Ashley has cerebral palsy and many other health complications which means he spends most of his time in a wheelchair. To improve his overall fitness and allow him to exercise he needed a special Tomcat Trike. His family raised £390 from a jumble sale, Mum did a parachute jump, the Elifar Foundation donated £913 and Camborne Redruth Lions donated £1,000 to enable the Trike to be purchased. Socially this will also allow Ashley to join in with the other siblings and not be left on the sidelines watching, he will gain some independence and, we hope, much enjoyment. The Trike can be converted to a trailer with Dad Andy having to provide the pedal power.



From left to right: - Dad Andy Lewis, Mum Kerry, Lion President Jimmy Winn, Lion Paul Bray (Community Service Chairman) and a beaming Ashley on his new Trike

All joined up for Dad to take the strain



Congratulations
PDG Lion Peter Hill
on your forthcoming
Marriage to Alison
on
24th July at 2.30 pm
Laburnum House, Highbridge

From all your Fellow Lions and friends
throughout 105SW

Tavistock - Holidays for Heroes

A former serviceman and his wife from the area was fortunate to go to Jersey for a weeks holiday. This was a well deserved couple as they not only have to deal with the aftermath of his former life but are also carers for their adult daughter with severe learning difficulties. They couldn't thank the Lions enough for organising this wonderful break for them.

Thank you Lions Club of Jersey
for making these breaks possible

Babbacombe St Marychurch Osprey Project

This project has been adopted as the Club's major Youth Project. The project supports and part sponsors teenagers who will not attain academic qualifications. The aim is to train them in sailing and seamanship up to Royal Club Standards gaining certification to source jobs associated with the sea around Torbay. A Club Member whilst visiting Maryland USA recently had the opportunity to speak about the project, as a result of which the Maryland Club decided to donate \$500 as their International contribution.

This is 'Lionism at its Best'



A New Lionistic Year - A New Format

Whilst the deadline is the 14th of the month I start work on the Newsletter as and when News comes in to me. If you leave it to the 14th there is no guarantee that space will be available. E-mail me straight after the event!!!

Lions Club of Crewkerne FUN WEEKEND 16th-18th July 2010

Friday 16th
Boules and a BBQ
Saturday 17th
A Wild West Evening
Sunday 18th
Lions Fun Day
Opens 12 noon.
(No entry fee)

Weekend Camping £30 with electric pick up, in field opposite farm.

Full details & bookings
01460 72305

LARGE BANNER DIARY

All bookings please contact
PDG Lion Brenda Wood
bwood47@btinternet.com

July	
17th	Torpoint & Rame P
21/26	Weston-Super-Mare
August	
12	Okehampton
Sept	
3	Okehampton

Lions Youth Football - U14's



It's that time of the year again!!!
Competition sanctioned by UEFA

A great PR opportunity to work with the Youth of our District and promote Lionism amongst Families and Supporters

Full Details on the SW and MD websites or contact
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denhilda@talktalk.net

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