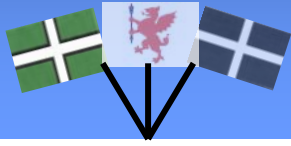




# Lions Clubs International District Newsletter of 105SW Chronicles of Clif November 2011



## The Year Ahead - I Believe

Another busy month making official visits to Clubs and attending some very enjoyable Charter celebrations.

The highlight of October was a very successful Autumn Forum at Okehampton on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The new format of presentations together with the District Officers stands should have provided something new and interesting to all attendees. There were a few difficulties with the accommodation but I'm sure these will be addressed and improvements made for Lion Julian's year as District Governor.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> October the District and particularly the Lions Club of Exeter reach a significant milestone, the 50<sup>th</sup>

Golden Charter Anniversary of the first Club in our current District. In 1961, the whole of the United Kingdom & Ireland was one District. In 1961-1962, the Country was divided into 2, Districts A & B. It was nearly 10 years later before our own District 105SW was formed. Writing before the event, I am sure there will be many celebrating the special occasion in our Mother or Grandmother's Club significant history over so many years.

Visiting many Clubs over the past month or two, I have been impressed by their response to the International President's challenge to us all to plant

trees to improve our environment. Local Mayors, Members of Parliament and other local dignitaries have all pledged to help Lions plant trees in their Community. I am now hoping that Clubs will actively follow this up by physically being involved in the actual planting - whether it be a single tree or a larger quantity when appropriate. When you have done this, will all Club Secretaries please notify Lion Ian Snell, our Environment Officer and myself so we are able to submit our numbers to LCI. Worldwide - more than 2 million trees have already been planted.

*Clif Cane*

## Issue 5

### District Governor's Diary

#### NOVEMBER

- 2 Glastonbury & Street OV
- 3 Plym Valley OV
- 7 Padstow OV
- 8 Seaton OV
- 10 Liskeard OV
- 12 Saltash CA
- 14 Tavistock OV
- 22 Rivendell Palace OV
- 26 Paignton CA

#### DECEMBER

- 3 District Carol Service
- 5 Weston-super-Mare OV
- 6 Exeter West OV
- 9 Padstow CA
- 13 Babbacombe & St M OV

How many white shirts this month!!!!



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### ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT



### International President's Theme



### Plant A Million Trees Campaign

### October News Update! October News Update! Planning on getting involved??

Despite the last grant opportunities from the Forestry Commission, which were sent out last month, having expired there are still grants available!!!!

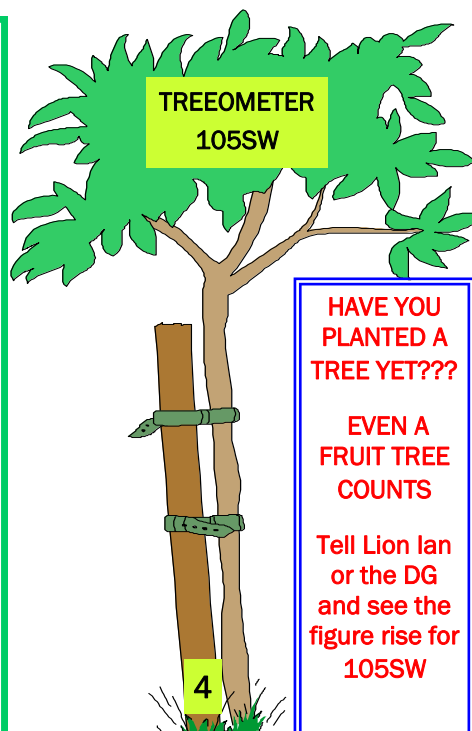
These grants are for community groups to plant trees in neighbourhoods where people live and work.

Funding applications must be received by March 2015!!

The web site for the Forestry commission is:  
<http://thebigtreeplant.direct.gov.uk/about.html>

Please have a look and see if your club can benefit and let me know how you get on?

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**HAVE YOU  
PLANTED A  
TREE YET???**

**EVEN A  
FRUIT TREE  
COUNTS**

**Tell Lion Ian  
or the DG  
and see the  
figure rise for  
105SW**

## District News

### In Memoriam

Sadly the following Lion  
has passed to  
Higher Service  
since the October Newsletter

### Newquay Towan Blystra

Past District Governor  
Lion Ken Clarke MBE MJF

### Torpoint & Rame Peninsula

Lion Mike Neder



*They and their families  
remain in our thoughts*

### A message from the CHSW Little Harbour to all Lions Clubs in 105SW

Dear Brenda,

I wanted to write to you to pass on to all the Lions Clubs how thrilled we are to have had such overwhelming support.

The Lions have been involved with Children's Hospice South West since it was founded 20 years ago and embody what community spirit is all about. It is only with such selfless generosity and dedication of your members that we have been able to reach out to so many children and families over the years.

Now as we are on the verge of opening our third hospice, a dream has been realised; that no child in the region will be more than 90 minutes away from our vital care and support.

The Lions have been an integral part of our journey and I know that many Clubs plan to support us in the future. Our need to fundraise is as crucial as ever, but thanks to you all we have firm foundations with which to look to the future. So many more children and families can now be helped with the opening of Little Harbour and we are looking forward to showing the Clubs around.

Thank you all for the magnificent donation and for helping us make the most of short and precious lives.

Warmest wishes

Emma Llloyd - Head of Fundraising.

### Travelling Lion

Launceston	54
Babbacombe St M	52
Seaton	36
Newquay T Blystra	21
Crewkerne	19
Sidmouth	14
Axminster	13
Exeter	8
Callington	6
Yeovil	6
Saltash	5
Crediton	2
Bridgwater	1

### AUTUMN FORUM

Forum focused on the 'My Ideal Club' programme particularly Mentoring and Orientation and the "new look" proved to be a success with 85% of the delegate's feedback rating it 'Very Good /Good' and 50% interested in future training. Workshops are planned for 2012 in each of the 3 counties. Details TBA. The Plant a Tree Project was a well attended and a lot of interest shown.

Lesley-Ann Simpson from the Chestnut Appeal, a prostate cancer charity, gave an engaging talk on the detection and treatment of the condition, the support available and how the Charity is assisting hospitals in the South West to become leaders and centres of excellence for its treatment. This appeal is Lion Marjorie's charity for this year.

Lion Alan Harker presented "So you think you are a good Lion" giving us an amusing and informative insight into his last 12 months as a Lion. His theme was communication and how improving his skills made him a better Lion. When using email he listed the need to be courteous, acknowledge receipt, give a timely accurate proof read reply, and finally 'Rave & Save' and above all remember the Code of Ethics. The presentation involved a lot of audience participation and heckling, not least by Lion Tracy Harker!

Finally the "Any Questions" session chaired by Lion David Atkins, with a panel of Lions Heather Stanley, Jamie Dowdall, John Sims and Alan Harker led to some topical and lively debate between the panel and audience.

As usual the venue and excellent catering was well organised by Okehampton Lions Club and wives. The only downside to the day was the attendance, well down on last year, with very few new members present. We must work to encourage new members and members who have not attended before to come next year. Over and above the content, the most important part of Forum is mixing with fellow Lions and the feeling of belonging to great and wider organisation.

### **Lion Andrew Bryant - District GLT Coordinator**

After complaining that there was a lack of Club news so far this year I have been kept very busy this month preparing the November edition of the Newsletter. Having chatted with Lions at Forum I am pleased to say that my words didn't land on stony ground and articles have appeared from one or two of those I spoke with. I can only print what comes in and I would be delighted to hear from a Club who has never considered sending me an article or photo. I appreciate that PR Officers have a busy job to do keeping their local papers etc etc up to date with their activities but I am just another e-mail address to add on. It would please me no end to be able to say that I have received at least one article/advert from every Club in the District during my time as Newsletter Editor. *Judith*

### Membership

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

#### Transfer within District:-

Bodmin	David Greenaway
Burnham on Sea	Jason Vickers
Callington	Gareth Edwards
Liskeard	Max Pullen
Plymouth	Graham Carter
Plymouth	Sian Brown

**Taunton Deane** (Bridgwater Branch) - Jim Partridge Hogbin (from Seaton)

#### Transfer from District:-

**Seaton** - Barbara Barry to Oxford area.

**District Membership as per September MMR 1349**

## DISTRICT NEWS continued



### DISTRICT 105SW CAROL SERVICE

at

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS  
HEAVITREE, EXETER

SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2011

7.30 PM START

Parking will be available around the  
church in side streets from 6 pm

See the Yew Tree which gives Heavitree its name!

**Soloist Mandy Bussell**

(hear her sing again)

Refreshments afterwards

(Toilet available downstairs)

**ALL WELCOME**



### DISTRICT PHOTO COMPETITION

Is YOUR Club entering this year???

You don't have to be a Photographer!!!

We've all taken photos on holiday, at home, or locally!!!



#### CATEGORIES FOR 2011/2012

Animal Life

Landscape (Urban or natural)

Plant Life

Weather Phenomenon

Protecting our future with Trees

(Photos of trees and the vital role they play in our communities)

**PLEASE GIVE IT A GO AND TAKE PART!!!**

**CLOSING DATE 31ST DECEMBER 2011**

Full details on the District Web Site—[www.lions105sw.org.uk](http://www.lions105sw.org.uk)

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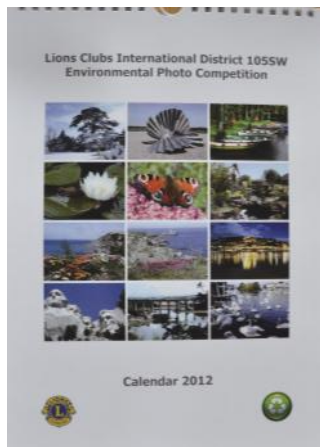
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### DISTRICT CALENDAR 2012

(Containing photos from the  
Photographic Competition)

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Marked Calendar



#### PRESENTATIONS

The final role for Val and PDG Neil was to present the cheques for £ 1,092 to the three Air Ambulances. The Cornish cheque was passed over at their charity shop in Saltash. The Devon and Somerset /Dorset Ambulances both had 'shouts' but having been stood down they returned to their respective bases at Exeter and Henstridge giving time for photos to be taken and chance to talk with the crews about their lifesaving work.

Devon Clubs were represented by Lion Dennis & Hilda Morgan (Seaton) Lions Phil Tozer & Janet Squires (Babbacombe & St Marychurch) and Lion Roy Hurford (Exeter). Lion Scott Roy & Christine (Yeovil) represented the Somerset Clubs with Lion Trevor Robert & Jan (Seaton) accompanying us.

It was good to see that the 'Lions' Logo was very prominent on the Somerset/Dorset Air Ambulance. Zoom in on the photo for a close look.

Again thank you to all the Clubs who contributed. *Neil and Val Rutter*



**DEADLINE** - Don't forget - deadline for articles to be included in the Newsletter:

14th of the Month to Lion Judith John - [news@lions105sw.org.uk](mailto:news@lions105sw.org.uk)

Font: Times New Roman - All images to be attached as jpgs



## Club News

### MID & WEST CORNWALL LIONS CLUBS DISABLED FUN DAY

#### Zone A & B

Having been rained off in June, some 40 Lions and Helpers descended on the Rowlands Fair located at Summercourt on a dry morning in September to set up the site and catering facilities in preparation for our guests of disabled and special need children and young adults with their families and helpers from Mid and West Cornwall.

Team spirit prevailed within the catering tent and with car parking and before long over 400 had been swiftly registered. It was a joy to see so many smiling faces enjoying the rides as well as the pasties and crisps.

For many this was a rare opportunity to have fun as a family and for the Lions present it was truly a memorable service event and a privilege to be part of. Our special thanks must go to Dave Rowland and his team who yet again very kindly and freely gave up their Sunday morning rest time to bring such pleasure to so many Special Need Families.



### AXMINSTER Two Splashes for the Club

Two Lions took the plunge and got married just hours before the Club ran its first



Swimathon. Club Members formed a Guard of Honour for Beverley Brookes (formerly Worle) and Jamie Love. *Congratulations and every happiness to you both.*

The second plunge followed with swimmers from Schools, Scouts, Guides, Play Group, Flamingo Pool and hairdressers taking part in the Swimathon. Many youngsters swam further than they had done before with a number of seven year olds managing to swim the 20 lengths. Axminster Lions would like to thank all those who helped to make this event a success – staff at the pool who made it possible FOC, friends of Lions who recorded laps etc, and Lions from Seaton and Honiton who gave support on the night.

### TORPOINT & RAME PENINSULA LIONS AWARD

Kimberley Devine, an 11 year old girl from Millbrook and pupil at Torpoint CC, has been awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by the Torpoint and Rame Peninsula Lions Club.

Artistic Kimberley makes her own greetings cards, rounded up a few friends to help with her skills and in doing so made a donation to the Lions club where Dad John is a member. Kimberley did however deduct the costs of this project first and then surprised the President Barbara Hambly by donating an incredible amount of £113.52 to the club. Pictured - Kimberley receiving her Certificate and Lion Bar from the President.



### LISKEARD

Liskeard Lions held the annual St Matthews Fair on 1st October. The weather was fantastic and there were the usual stalls both on the Parade and in the Cattle Market.

The Town Criers competition was held, the Sealed Knot were in attendance and there was various musical entertainment. All in all a great success as can be seen from the photos

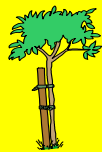


Town Criers in costume and no doubt full voice

Face painting was the order of the day for the President's sons



ARE YOU DOING YOUR BIT????  
WE HAVE



PLANT A TREE  
Keep Clif & Ian happy  
and tell them



## Club News

### WELLS

City of Wells Lions and friends recently had a great night out when they paid a visit to Butcombe Brewery. Fortunately all got home safely after sampling the breweries tonics!!!! (*I think the reporter may well have had a few when he sent me the article!!!! - been to Butcombe, good pint*)



### SOUTH MOLTON



South Molton celebrated its 25th Carnival in style back in September with the crowning of the Carnival Queen Jo Hosegood by Mayor David and Mayoress Jenny Goodman. With the Queen were her attendants Chloe Ogden & Finley Squire as well as Lion President Graham Lang & Lion Barbara Lang. This years collection is going to North Devon Healthcare Trust who have launched an appeal to create a purpose built Chemotherapy and Day Treatment Unit at North Devon District Hospital. Overall Champion from the Parade were the 'Honeytones' whilst Best South Molton entry was the Pre-School with their take on the 'Hungry Caterpillar'. Lion President Graham thanked all sponsors & local businesses for their support, the entries who made the parade such a success and to other Lions Clubs in the District.



### NEWQUAY TOWAN BLYSTRA

Just a few weeks prior to his death PDG Ken Clarke and wife Lion President Lesley Clarke were amongst a handful of local people recognised as stalwarts of their community by the Newquay Voice Newspaper at its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party. The 'Citizen of the Decade Award' recognised not only their involvement with Lions but other organisations as well. They were presented with a special glass award and a bouquet of flowers by the Managing Director Andy Laming



### LAUNCESTON

Lion President Helen had the great pleasure of badging up the President of Launceston Rotary Club as an Honorary Member of the Lions, presenting him with a miniature Lions pin. President Leighton said he was delighted and this showed that the two organisations should continue to work together. Launceston Lions have already assisted in the Rotary Community Shop and he said that he was looking forward to the joining of resources and having social events together.



### HONITON

Honiton Lions Club recently presented Devon Air Ambulance with a cheque for £1,000, money raised from their Duck Race, and in addition to £ 500 previously raised at their annual Golf Day.

### Babbacombe & St Marychurch FIREWALK UPDATE

In 2010 Babbacombe & St Marychurch Lions Club organised a Firewalk albeit against all advice. Now, twelve months on we have some final figures so thought it helpful to pass this on to all, just in case you were thinking of organising such an event.

To cover costs and hopefully come out in profit the walkers were sponsored by family and friends. To make it more attractive half they raised went to a charity of their choice. The total collected was £10,700 including gift aid. The 52 walkers supported 21 different charities that benefited to the total of £4,000. Our expenses were £2,500, which left the club with a £4,200 to distribute among our charities. It may sound easy but it took a lot of planning and patience. However that should not stop anyone from having a go. In the end we helped not only our charities but 21 others [Lion Vanessa Easton](#)

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