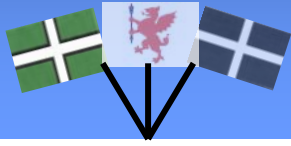




Lions Clubs International District Newsletter of 105SW Chronicles of Clif



December 2011

The Year Ahead - I Believe

Thanks to everybody that has made us so welcome at further Club visits and a number of Charter Anniversary celebrations. Marjorie and I along with many other distinguished guests were privileged to attend the 50th Charter Anniversary of Exeter Lions Club joining over 200 celebrating the first Club in 105SW. I'm sure everyone would like to congratulate all those concerned in the organisation of such an enjoyable celebration.

Our last Council of Governor's meeting in Solihull received a report on the ongoing discussions being held with Classic FM. These talks were initiated by our own PDG Derek Laycock and have now reached the stage where the Classic FM

website is publicising Lions. They are offering to publicise any Lions Carol Concerts - this is short notice but look at the website and see what you can organise. The chosen charity for Classic FM this year is Nordhoff-Robbins Music Therapy and if you make any donations please let our District Treasurer Graham Marshall and myself know. There are other ideas being discussed for the future so let us see what publicity we can get for our local events.

The other news from Solihull is that the Multiple District is looking at the future of the Young Musician competition which is regarded by many as being too elitist. Please contact Lion Eric Parkes

(District Young Musician Officer) with any ideas as to how this competition could be changed to appeal to all levels of ability and more Clubs.

Finally, thank you to all Clubs that are working hard to increase or, at least maintain their membership. The GMT/GLT initiatives are nearly ready to be offered to the Clubs and we are looking forward to getting your positive responses.

With Christmas almost upon us, Marjorie and I would like to wish you all a very successful end to the year, a Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Clif Cane

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District Governor's Diary

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HAPPY CHRISTMAS

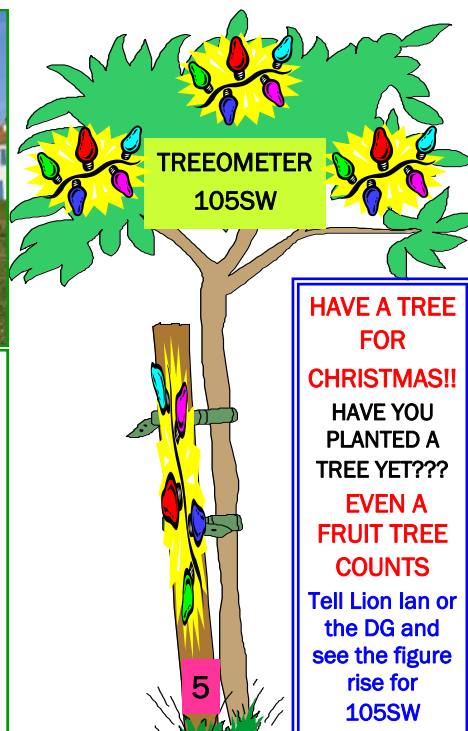


Twinned Club Gets Planting

The Lions Club of St Gilles Croix de Vie (103CO), twinned with Babbacombe & St M have recently planted 24 fruit trees in the grounds of La maison perce-neige de Givrand.

The home, run by a private association looks after 30 young mentally deficient adults by providing permanent housing.

Are you twinned with another Club, have they or your Club planted any Trees yet????



HAVE A TREE FOR CHRISTMAS!!
HAVE YOU PLANTED A TREE YET???

EVEN A FRUIT TREE COUNTS
Tell Lion Ian or the DG and see the figure rise for 105SW

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District News

In Memoriam

Sadly the following Lions
Have passed to
Higher Service
since the October Newsletter

Looe

Lion Ray Reynolds

Yeovil

Lion Fred Esling

Portishead

Lion Keith Beames



*They and their families
remain in our thoughts*

DISTRICT CALENDAR 2012

(Containing photos from the
Photographic Competition)



Available NOW from

Lion Ian Snell

Tel: 0845 833 6725 or

E.mail: info@iansnell.co.uk

Cheques to be made out to

LCI District 105SW

Marked Calendar

Bootlace Tie

The bootlace tie is no longer available from LCI Catalogue. If any collector of memorabilia wishes to add it to their collection please contact Plymouth LC who are looking for a donation in memory of a past Lion.



UPDATE FOR CLUB TREASURERS

Please note the following

English Federation of Disability Sport - please note that all cheques should be made payable to 'LCI District 105SW' and sent to the District Treasurer, marked EFDS on the back.

also

A reminder that **Club Treasurers** should arrange for a copy of their **Club Accounts** to 30 June 2011, suitably examined, to be sent to the District Treasurer by **31 December 2011**.

District Treasurer

PDG Lion Graham Marshall



Lions Clubs International Foundation



Measles Initiative

Many of you will have read in your Lion Magazine about the LCIF Measles Initiative with the Gates Foundation who are awarding the Lions Foundation \$5 million for the program this year, they will award the money by matching every \$2 raised by the Lions with \$1 from the Gates Foundation so the combined goal is \$15 million by the end of the fiscal year.

Every day 450 children die from contacting measles or have devastating complications including blindness. Clubs wishing to donate to this worthwhile cause please send your donation to me making the cheque payable to LCI MD105 Appeal Fund and designate Measles on the back of the cheque.

PDG Brenda Wood

LCIF District Coordinator

Contributing Members Pins 2011-2012



It is a new year 2011-2012 for the Contributing Bronze Members of Lions Clubs International Foundation. The £15.00 donation goes to the Lions Clubs International Foundation undesignated donation fund. Your membership number is registered with the donations at Lions International Headquarters.

Perhaps a Club could consider making your out-going President a Contributing member as a gift for his/her year of Office.

If you would like to become a member please contact Brenda Wood who holds a supply of pins.

Tel: 0196331460

Email: bwood47@btinternet.com

YOUNG AMBASSADOR

It is still not too late to enter

(31st December closing date)

District Final - January 8th

Clapton Village Hall

Crewkerne

Roast lunch will be served – free for candidates, £5/head for everyone else. Numbers need to be sent to Lion Fred **in advance** so we can cater accordingly. Tea and coffee will be available throughout the afternoon and, hopefully, cream teas.

Anyone interested in Young Ambassador is welcome to come along on January 8th and see what the candidates get up to, hopefully it will encourage other clubs to take part. **Numbers still needed for catering.**

Lion Fred Broom

Tel: 01460 72305

E-mail: fredandwendy_1@btinternet.com

Membership

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

Barnstaple	Pauline Kilburn
Exeter	Tina McKnight
Plymouth	Jill Hitchcock
Torpoint & Rame Peninsula	Marianne Wootton David Cordwell

Reinstatement:-

Seaton - Barbara Barry

Transfer into District:-

Nailsea - Roderic McNeill from Northampton 105M

Transfers from District:-

Glastonbury & Street - Richard Fox to Blaby & District 105E

Worle - Mavis Kellow to Essex, Club not yet known.

Transfers within District:-

Barnstaple - John Margrie (new club being considered)

Tavistock - Glyn & Judith John to Cheddar Vale

Worle - Tara Rufus to Bridgwater

**District Membership as per
October MMR 1346**

DISTRICT NEWS continued

LION OUTFITS NEEDED



I am planning some publicity for our own District Convention in March and I would like to know availability of any Lion outfits lurking in the District. Thank you to those who have responded on Facebook already!

They would need to be available for the weekend of Convention - 2nd to 4th March 2012 - and ideally include a person who can wear the outfit and act the

role of a lion.

Please contact me on 01458 443055

or e-mail me at liondatkins@btinternet.com

with details.

Lion David Atkins
Marketing & PR Officer



LAST CHANCE

DISTRICT PHOTO COMPETITION

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 Website -

www.lions105sw.org.uk

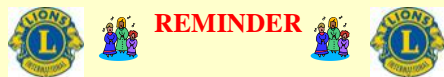
District Officer Lion Ian Snell

Tel: 0845 833 6725 -

e-mail: info@iansnell.co.uk

Travelling Lion

Babbacombe St M	71
Launceston	56
Seaton	43
Newquay T Blystra	29
Crewkerne	19
Sidmouth	14
Axminster	13
Exeter	8
Yeovil	7
Callington	6
Saltash	5
Crediton	2
Bridgwater	1



REMINDER

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

Soloist Mandy Bussell

Lions attending are requested to bring a
'Plate of Food' to share as Refreshments afterwards

ALL WELCOME

Plant a Million Trees

How to Get Involved

- Every Club large or small can get involved
- You can plant as many or as few as you like but the more the better
- Speak to your local Town/Parish Council, Schools, Community Centres etc for areas to plant
- Often schools have environmental projects and will most likely at some point be looking to plant trees
- It's a great way to involve your local community or to engage with Youth in a collaborative effort, ask your local groups to help!!!
- **The District does not have a stock of trees**
- The Woodland Trust have FREE tree packs or you could buy a sapling for as little as £ 6.95 each
- Resources available at www.lionsclubs.org
www.lionsclubs105sw.org.uk - Environment
or www.woodlandtrust.org.uk - Jubilee Woods
- Finally let me know of your planting!!!

District Officer Ian Snell 0845 833 6725

E-mail: info@iansnell.co.uk

DISTRICT CONVENTION 105 SW

2nd - 4th March 2012

Imperial Hotel, Torquay

Friday - Party Night - Theme 'Uniforms Past & Present'

Saturday - Business Session

Saturday Evening - District Governors Gala Dinner

Sunday Morning - Informal Question & Answer Session

FULL DETAILS & BOOKING FORMS ON THE WEBSITE

ALL DAY DELEGATES **MUST** COMPLETE A BOOKING FORM

CLOSING DATE - 27th January 2012

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14th of the Month to Lion Judith John - news@lions105sw.org.uk

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Club News

EXETER LIONS CLUB CELEBRATE 50 YEARS

The Club recently celebrated their 50th Charter Anniversary in great style at the Great Hall of Exeter University. President Lion Roy Hurford and Club Members were joined by the Lord Lieutenant of Devon, Lord Mayor of Exeter, District Governor Lion Clif, PID Lion Phil Nathan, Lions representing Clubs from throughout SW along with many other District Governors from across the country. Exeter became the first Lions Club in the South West to become Chartered back in 1961. Since then the District has risen to 64 Clubs with several having Exeter as their 'mother' club.



Lion President Roy Hurford and Lion David Hicks also attended the Exeter Foundations Fundraising Presentation Dinner where they were presented with a cheque for £ 7,800 by the Chief Executive of the Exeter Chiefs. Exeter Lions provide teams for car parking duties at a number of home matches, bucket collectors at half time and money counters for the car park donations and bucket collections at all of last season's home matches.



NAILSEA - 2 B's

Bulb planting has kept members busy with adding more daffodils in the verges adding to what they have already planted over many years. The Club also run a very successful Book stall outside their local Waitrose and were fortunate at their last effort to have three passers by go home and return with quality books. Money raised all goes to local good causes.



On that occasion despite selling £ 333 they still went home with plenty to store for the next time!!!!



Torpoint & Rame Peninsula

Huge disappointment for the Club with the loss of their 'Eller' Race this year owing to a mix up by the UK AAA but no doubt Lion Mike Cramp will be determined to get it back on track next year. On a positive note the Club were delighted to badge up two new Members, Marianne Wootton and David Cordwell by Membership Chairman Lion Richard Pymm.



Marianne & David
Welcomed by their
sponsors
Chris Evans and
Steve Morris



Newquay Towan Blystra

A recent night out at the Lane Theatre in Newquay raised almost £ 1,000 for the Club. The Theatre held a Charity performance of Alan Ayckborne's who dunnit 'It Could be Anyone of Us'. The amount raised was £ 781.78 but with match funding from Barclays for the raffle held, it brought the figure up to £ 984.08.



Above: Members of the Cast & Crew with Lion President Lesley Clarke.

Babbacombe & St Marychurch

The Club recently presented a cheque for £300 to Janet and Peter Weyama founder of the Bumala Trust which supports disadvantaged children in the Bumala district of north western Kenya. The cheque will be split between two special schools in the Bumala district, St Oda School for the blind and St Catherin's special needs school. The running costs for basic commodities in Kenya have tripled in the last year so the money is very much needed to help feed, care, educate and see to the children's every need.



Left:
Lions Phil & Yvonne Tozer with Janet & Peter Weyama

Launceston Honours John

Lion John Ellison was recently awarded a Melvin Jones Fellow, the highest award in Lionism. John, with nearly 20 years service joined Lions in 1983 but owing to business commitments had a 10 year break. He was instrumental in forming a Leo club and very active with the catering trailer (sadly both now ended).



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Club News

Normally I do not put in articles about Charter Anniversaries or Handovers but this month there have been two exceptions, Exeter & Yeo Valley. I think you will agree that both were worthy entries!!!!!!!**Editor**

Yeo Valley

The Club went to the 'Dark Side' for its Charter and celebrated their 43rd Anniversary with a 'Halloween' theme at Claverham Village Hall. Guests were invited to come in fancy dress and the hall was decorated in style with bats, balloons, skulls etc. This is the first time the Club has deviated from a formal Charter but seen as a great success. Using local caterers, musicians and hall it was hoped that LCI would be promoted and perhaps encourage new members.

Couldn't resist this photo, it even had 'red eye'!!!!!! That's a great haircut Graham!!!



Hayle go for a Harvest Auction

The Club held a Harvest Auction in the Cornish Arms, Hayle, raising money for Children's Hospice South West. With the support and donations from Hayle shopkeepers and local



people by the end of the evening the fantastic sum of £ 930 was raised. Pictured above: Jill Sharpless (Hayle CHSW Group), Lion President Nigel George, Landlord Michael Penhaligan & our Auctioneer for the evening Councillor John Pollard.

Clevedon

Asda opens with the help of Lion Ann

Asda recently put a call out to the people of Clevedon to recommend a local hero to officially open the store as VIP guest. Lion Ann Meredith, was nominated as the area's local hero for her outstanding work with a number of community associations.

Ann commented to the press *"It was wonderful news to be nominated but I would like to point out that I'm just one of many. A strong belief in community spirit was instilled in me from a young age and I firmly believe that you can achieve so much, and bring joy to a lot of people when you join forces with your neighbours. I would like to dedicate this to all the fantastic volunteers I work alongside every week."* **Congratulations Ann on being recognised by your community**



Honiton 'tweeting' for Trade

At the recent Ottery St Mary Tar Barrels event the Club raised £ 1600 with their BBQ and Crepes. With upwards of 10,000 visiting this ancient event there are many mouths to feed With a full complement of staff Lion president Brian Richards and Lion Steve Guilbert put their well rehearsed plan into action, from front of house to back office (the cooks). With sausages, burgers and bacon etc being supplied by a local butcher the customers commented they were 'the best in town'. The ladies 'Crepe Team' sold out after serving 80 during the evening. Well, perhaps sending out 'tweets' inviting everyone to 'Eat for Charity' brought huge numbers to visit them.



CHEDDAR VALE

Go for Halloween & Fireworks

Good weather, food, fireworks and 'flashies' made the evening a great success with lots of children taking part in the Fancy Dress and Decorated Pumpkin competition. Even a few adults dared to dress up for the occasion.



Apparently one Member missing on the night owing to a prior engagement had a 'Ticket' for parking her 'broomstick' in a restricted area!!!

Camborne Redruth go 'Back to School'

Headteacher of Roskear School asked if any 'Male' Lions would be prepared to give up a couple of hours to read to children. It was an experiment as normally the children only hear a female voice. Lions Derek Canham, Peter Gianassi & Alan Hampton took up the call and it was a successful morning with both the Lions and children enjoying the experience.



Are you sitting comfortably, I'll begin



**CHEDDAR VALE LIONS CLUB
BARN DANCE
SHIPHAM VILLAGE HALL
28th January - 7.30 - 11.30 PM**



**Live Band with Caller - Hot Supper - Bar available
All Proceeds to Lions Charities
Tickets £ 12 - available from Sally on 01934 842317**