



Lions Clubs International District Newsletter of 105SW Chronicles of Clif



February 2012

Since writing the January Newsletter in mid-December, we have unfortunately lost a further 20-plus members from our District. The decline is serious and we need to take significant action to remedy this. Will you, please, all look at your own Club and consider where the Club will be in a year, 2 years and 5 years time?

Please let me know if I, or any other appropriate District Officers are able to help. The work-in-progress with the Global Leadership Team is designed to suggest some solutions so keep an open mind until you see what is being offered.

I am delighted to see that the tree-planting challenge from our International President is progressing well. Across the

world Lions have planted more than 6 million trees and this will make a significant difference to our environment. In our District many Clubs are planning to plant trees in the next few months and one Club has already planted 1500 trees with more to come.

I still have a number of Club visits to make and Charter celebrations to attend. A few weeks ago Marjorie and I attended the District Young Ambassador Final in Clapton. We were very impressed with the various activities undertaken by the candidates in their own communities and did not envy the task facing the judges. The eventual winner was sponsored by

the LC Falmouth & Penryn and the winner, and the sponsoring Club are to be congratulated and take our good wishes to the Multiple District Final in Dudley on 17th-19th February.

Convention is now only a few weeks away - I would like to meet as many of you as possible so please make yourself known to your District Officers and ask questions that you think are relevant to you and your Club. We will try to help you to find answers or find someone who can. Above all try to enjoy the experience and participate where you can!

Clif Cane

The Year Ahead

I Believe

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District Governor's Diary

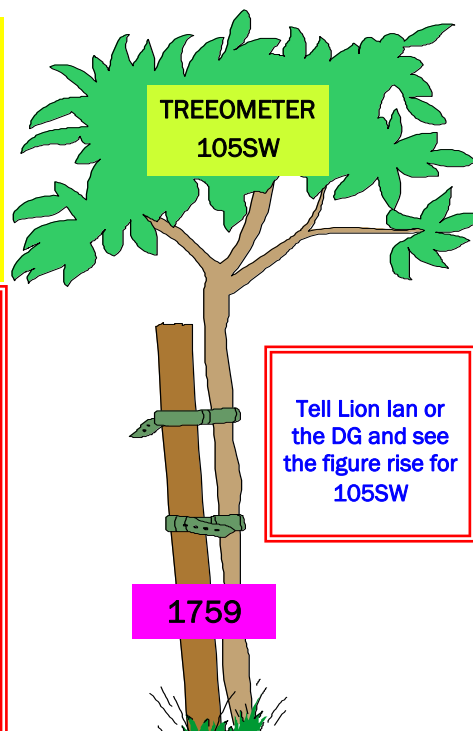
FEBRUARY

- 4 Torpoint & Rame CA
- 7 Camborne & Redruth OV
- 8 St Austell OV
- 10 Seaton CA
- 11 Cabinet at Okehampton
- 13 Nailsea OV
- 14 Wells OV
- 18 Newquay T Blystra CA
- 19 Falmouth & Penryn CA
- 23 Truro OV
- 26 Clevedon CA
- 28 Plymouth Tamar OV

MARCH

- 1 SW Convention Torquay
- 2 SW Convention Torquay
- 3 SW Convention Torquay
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- 10 Looe CA
- 12 Minehead OV
- 13 UN Day - London
- 17 Cheddar Vale CA
- 24 St Austell CA
- 31 Babbacombe & St M CA

STOP PRESS IMPORTANT NEWS
CLUB SECRETARIES/PRESIDENTS
Owing to insufficient space in the Newsletter
there is a
DISTRICT OFFICERS SPECIAL WHICH IS IMPORTANT - so please remember to download both Newsletters



Get well soon
Get well soon
Marjorie
Marjorie

Hope you will soon be back on your feet and keeping Clif in order.

The essential tools for housekeeping



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District News

In Memoriam

Sadly the following Lion
Has passed to Higher Service
since the
January Newsletter

Portishead

Lion Jim Hiscocks



*He and his family
remain in our thoughts*

Membership

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

Babbacombe St M	Diane Racibowski
Crewkerne	Emma Stratford
Falmouth/Penryn	Mary Holloway
Wadebridge	Alan Steel

Exeter West - Rosemary Thompson to Wanganui, District 202D, New Zealand

Launceston - Alan Squires to District 117A Cyprus

Transfers within District -

Bideford - John Margrie and Christine Margrie from Barnstaple

**District Membership as per
December MMR 1321**

Travelling Lion

Babbacombe St M	79
Launceston	60
Seaton	46
Newquay T Blystra	34
Crewkerne	19
Axminster	17
Sidmouth	16
Exeter	8
Yeovil	7
Callington	7
Saltash	5
Crediton	2
Bridgwater	1
Taunton Deane	1



DISTRICT 105SW

YOUNG AMBASSADOR of the 21st Century Rhiannon Close from Falmouth



The final of the Young Ambassador for 2012 was hosted by Crewkerne Lions Club. Seven finalists, sponsored by the Lions Clubs of Axminster and District; Crewkerne; Falmouth and Penryn; Ilminster; Sidmouth; Tavistock and Torpoint & Rame Peninsula were involved in a variety of projects including working as young leaders in scouts, guides and cadets; running Youth Cafes to give young people a safe place to enjoy evenings out; mentors for younger students in schools; helping with the disabled and fund raising for charities.

The panel of judges consisted of a local councillor; the head teacher of a school for pupils with learning and behavioural difficulties and a previous winner of the competition who has gone on to practice law.

The chairman of the panel, Councillor Mike Best, said that what these young people had achieved was truly astonishing and that they were all winners. It had been a really difficult task choosing just one who would go on to represent the SW District in the National Finals in Birmingham next month. Their decision went to Rhiannon Close from Falmouth in Cornwall, a Petty Officer in the Sea Cadets who has been very involved with instructing others in seamanship and also with sailing for the blind.



Young Ambassador Candidates line up with their Certificates
Winning Candidate Rhiannon Close with Trophy



DISTRICT CONVENTION 105 SW

2nd - 4th March 2012

Imperial Hotel, Torquay

**FULL DETAILS &
BOOKING FORMS ON THE WEBSITE**

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

CLOSING DATE - 27th January 2012

Right: Lion President Nigel George and Head Sister Sam Pleasants from St Julia's Hospice

HAYLE & DISTRICT

A successful Christmas Concert at St Elwyns Church enabled the Club to present a cheque for £ 500 to St Julia's Hospice. Entertainment was provided by a local children's choir, St Hilary's and the Canoryon Lowen Mixed Choir and was enjoyed by all.



DISTRICT NEWS continued and Club News



PEACE POSTER 2012 EXHIBITION



'CHILDREN KNOW PEACE'

The Winning entries will be exhibited at the

Axminster Arts Cafe

Axminster

From

22nd January - 26 February 2012

If you are in the area do call in and see them for yourself,
you will be inspired.



U14'S YOUTH FOOTBALL - 105SW



Semi-Finals Results

Okehampton Argyle 6 Merriott Tigers 2
(Crewkerne)

Godolphin Athletic 6 Torpoint & Rame 0
(Newquay TB)

FINAL BETWEEN

Okehampton Argyle

v

Godolphin Athletic



PLYM VALLEY

DONATIONS totalling £2,000 were made by the Plym Valley Lions Club from funds raised by their Remembrance Day charity golf event held at Staddon Heights Golf Club in Plymouth. Nineteen teams involving 76 golfers took part in the 18-hole four-ball better ball competition.

Committee chairmen Lions Jim Shipton and George Poad were joined by Club Secretary Roy Russell for the cheque presentation of £1,000 each to representatives of the Royal British Legion and the Alzheimer's Society.



CLEVEDON

At very short notice the Club's Welfare team sprang into action when seven needy families needed help over Christmas period. The Club together with Clevedon Rotary Yeo, Clevedon Round Table and a member of the public made 7 Trolley Runs with the co-operation of Asda bringing suitable food and gifts to those families in time for Christmas.

Bucket collections and donations over the Christmas period raised just under £2,000 and among those benefitting this year will be the MS Centre at Nailsea.

WORLE - Badges up 4 New Members

As well as welcoming six visitors from Radstock & Midsomer Norton Lions Club to their first meeting of the year, Club President Lion Keith Cook had great pleasure in badging up 4 new members.

The new members are already coming up with fresh ideas so the Club are looking forward to an exciting future.



Above right: Lion President Keith exchanging banners with President Richard Munden of Radstock & Midsomer Norton Lions Club

TORPOINT & RAME PENINSULA

Brrrr

Yet another successful 'New Years Day' Dipper for the Club with 107 Dippers pledging over £ 6,500 to 27 different charities. Local MP Sheryll Murray & Lion President Barbara Hambly judged the fancy dress which was superb. Unfortunately the weather took a turn after the judging and by the end it was difficult to tell who were dippers and who were spectators!!!



Lions Tracy & Alan Harker ready to deliver some festive cheer



Above: The Three Little Pigs - and a scary wolf!!!!

Amongst the 'Dippers' I understand there was a Lion from Saltash who went on to win Best Individual Fancy Dress Prize 'Whoopee'

He appears to be leading the parade with President Barbara.

Guess Who?

JOGLE UPDATE - Plans to restart from the A6 at Shap early/mid 2012. If you able to assist Lion Simon please contact him on 01548 550460 or e-mail simon@wildinggroup.co.uk

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

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



Club News

YET MORE TREES - CLUBS GET PLANTING AROUND THE DISTRICT

SEATON & DISTRICT

A 'headless' Secretary, Lion Brian Coates is pictured with his three grandsons who assisted in the planting of 100 trees of varying types on the Axe Wetlands in Seaton.



CHEDDAR VALE

After requests from both Axbridge & Shipham Community Allotment Associations trees were purchased from Cheddar Garden Centre. Their 'wish list' included mulberries, medlars, quinces, crab-apples, apricots and a pear. Both groups wanted to preserve some of the ancient varieties that used to be grown in the area and the eleven purchased will now be there for years to come.

The trees were passed over by Judy from Cheddar Garden Centre to Lions Janet, Ken Tricia & Glyn before presenting to representatives of both groups.



BIDEFORD - GOES MASS PLANTING

Bideford Lions Club have been extremely busy planting at Merry Harriers Garden Centre, Woolsery. So far they have planted 750 just inside the Main Entrance with a further 750 planted in another area and they still have 500 to plant. The Club are providing a display board complete with Lions logo, pictures and details of the project.

As well as what they have already achieved the Club has ordered another 420 mixed deciduous trees from the Woodland Trust which will be planted within the grounds of three local schools in March.



EXETER WEST

Club members have also been busy planting as follows:-

Lion David Gubbin - 1 at home

Lion Alan Boughton - 1 at home

Lion Val Dodd - 15 at home

Various types of trees have been planted



The sign in the background reads 'Trees for Life' - rather appropriate



Lions Club of Plymouth proudly present in association with

ALL STARS THEATRE GROUP **TOUCHWOOD**

Spice of Life Variety Show

An evening of Music, Song, Dance & Comedy

New show for 2012

7.30pm Nightly

Thursday 2nd, Friday 3rd & Saturday 4th February 2012

Wood View Learning Community
Lancaster Gardens, Whiteleigh, Plymouth PL5 4AA

Tickets £8 (concessions £6)
Box Office 01752 513862
07951 756790