

LIONS 105SW DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



Aim : HEART

Humour, Experience, Appreciate, Respect, Trust.



2020 April Newsletter

Well, I have sat down 5 times to write this message, but events have overtaken me. So, here we go again!

We all know that Lions are going to be needed more than ever, to help our communities get through these trying months. Look for what you can do to help; each Club will be needed in different ways so just help where you can. Remember that we also have a duty of care to ourselves as well as the general public. Many Lions are also over 70 so don't put them at risk either. Please follow the Government guide lines.

On a more cheerful note I think I will remember my year; if only for the friendship and support you have given me. I have now put my white jacket in mothballs until asked to use it again.

Most Clubs have now suspended Club meetings or doing it on-line; I wish you all the best.

As you will be aware SW, SC and MD Conventions have been cancelled. If you have paid any monies for these, you will be re-reimbursed.

So, there are no Diary Dates now. I wish every Lion all the best.

The last word on my bannerette is TRUST. We need this even more at this time.

Please consider using the "Can I Help" cards which were distributed earlier to all Clubs, as well as registering with your local Community Hub.

Remember that there are also members of your Club who are vulnerable and need help. Look after them as well.

Stay Safe and Healthy.

From DG Jim Partridge-Hogbin

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The **Lions Club of Plymouth** business meeting held recently was attended by the Lion District Governor for District 105 SW, Lion Jim Partridge- Hogbin. The District Governor provided the Plymouth Club with an insight of his intentions whilst in office which was well received by the Plymouth Lions. Lion Lionel Marsh was awarded his pin and chevron by District Governor Jim Partridge-Hogbin and Club President Lion George Poad for completing 10 years' service to the Lions Club of Plymouth and the local community. Lion Lionel has been an active member of the Club, supporting majority if not all of the Club's activities and fund raising events over this ten year period and was the Club President for the year 2017 / 2018. (As pictured)



Celebratory Three Day Special Olympic Games on the 3rd, 4th and 5th April 2020. The Lions Club of Plymouth would like to thank the many Lion Clubs within the District 105SW who have assisted in securing the funding and physical presence to enable us to run the Transportation of athletes and their coaches to and from their accommodation and various sporting venues for the duration of the games. The games will involve Competitive sports to include; Boccia, Badminton, Basketball, Swimming, Tennis, Table Tennis and Football in addition to an Indoor Bowls Event. All under the official British Olympic Team Organization's adjudication.

Teams and individuals from throughout the UK and from the Netherlands, will be competing in the sporting event and volunteers to deal with the logistical problems have been recruited from near and wide to ensure a smooth running operation.

(Stop Press: Because of the Coronavirus emergency, this event has now been postponed)

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During the general discussions of club matters and updates on forthcoming events agreement was made for the following donations to be made to local charities: -

Following requests from the Down Syndrome Association, £250 was awarded, and a £100 top up to our commitment to the Women's Refuge Plymouth for Back-Packs of toys and books for each child.

In an effort to enter into the spirit of the forthcoming celebration of the 400th Anniversary of the sailing of the Pilgrim Fathers from Plymouth England to the new world of Plymouth America, the **Lions Club of Plymouth** entered into a partnership with the Special Olympics Plymouth and District to help with the organisation and running of their Multi National Event for a



The District Governor Jim Partridge-Hogbin and Club President Lion George Poad Exchanged Banners representing their respective positions within the Lion Organisation. (As pictured)

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In January of this year the Ladies of the Lions Club of Plymouth held a very successful Quiz Evening to raise additional funds for the Woodlands Special School in order that they could purchase two Scoots, to allow the special children to play safely at ground level.

Recently a presentation of a cheque to the value of £ 960.00 was made by the Lions' Ladies Mary Thomas, Kathy Turvey and Pam Greenwood to Mandy Humphreys and Penny Gregory, being class teachers at the school.

The children made good use of the Scoots whilst the ladies were there, they watched two children racing each other, spinning around in circles and riding along a plastic floor 'piano' to make music, laughing and chattering with each other and staff the whole time. A very heart-warming occasion.



LIONS CLUB of ST. AUSTELL welcome leading wildlife photographer Rowenna Castillo-Nicholls

The Lions Club of St. Austell welcomed well-known local wildlife photographer Rowenna Castillo-Nicholls, who gave a most interesting and informative illustrated talk on her top 20 rarity sightings of the decade.

Lions Club members were amazed at the high quality of her photographs, and at the patience needed to obtain them! Cornwall is one of the best locations for wildlife photography in the UK, and more of Rowenna's work may be seen at www.ilovecornwall8.com



Photo, left to right: Rowenna Castillo-Nicholls being thanked by Lions Club of St. Austell President Tony Pickup.

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Clevedon Lions Tree of Light



Care Coordinator Maddy Norman commented: "We're really grateful to the Lions for this generous donation. It's great to be able to offer our day visitors access to iPads on which they can play games which support sensory development. We've been really lucky as the Lions have supported us on a number of occasions. The donation is greatly welcomed, and I know our customers really value the time they spend at the centre."

Part of the proceeds from the Clevedon Lions Tree of Light have, this year, been donated to Elm View Dementia Day Care. The day centre is situated within Elm View Nursing Home in Moor Lane and is open Monday to Friday. They share many activities with the residents of Elm View and have a wonderful relationship with the management and staff. Some of the clients of Dementia Care have respite at Elm View and a couple have since moved in and still visit the day care regularly.



The day centre is for elderly people living with Dementia and it gives the clients the opportunity to socialise in an environment where they feel accepted for themselves. It also gives their carers a few well-earned hours of respite. There is a minibus to collect those who do not have access to transport. For some, going to the day centre is the only time they get chance to interact with other people. They have a 2-course meal, prepared on the premises and there are various activities that are made fun and stimulative, so that no individual is left out.



The money donated by Clevedon Lions is to buy 2 new iPads which are used for various games and presentations, which could be about animals, places of interest, old advertising, all designed to stimulate and bring back memories.

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Callington Lions Bring a Smile to Youngster's Face

Callington and District Lions have donated £490 to Harrowbarrow School to assist 4-year-old, special-needs pupil Mikey Morley's teaching and playing aids.



Presenting the cheque are Lion President Emma Burnard and Lion Andy Burnard

Primary Teacher Tom Ottewell-Taylor had selected items that can not only assist Mikey but can also be used by the other pupils within the Reception Class. These include special books and pens, sand and water play items and a mobility car.

Rebecca Morley, Mikey's mum, was on hand to receive the cheque and thanked Callington Lions for their support. She added that these items will help Mikey to integrate with the other pupils within his class.



Mikey with the water play



Mikey and his sister, Amber, with Lions Emma, Andrew and Terry Burnard and the toy car that is proving a big success with all the pupils.

President Emma Burnard said that this was the type of local support that Callington Lions like to provide and makes our fundraising all the more worthwhile. We are always trying new ways to raise funds while we still have fun.

Press Note:

This article has been approved for press release by Harrowbarrow Primary School and clearances provided for the photographs shown above.

Cheddar Vale Lions

It was a great pleasure to attend the Thinking Day Event run by the Axbridge District for Girlguiding at St John the Baptist Church on Thursday 27th February. The theme of Diversity, Equality and Inclusion was demonstrated through a variety of presentations from Guides, Brownies and Rainbows in the District.

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During the service, Lion President Keith Cook of Cheddar Vale Lions Club was invited to present three of the Guides, one from Wedmore and two from Cheddar, with Gold Lions Young Leaders in Service Awards. This award is presented for achieving at least 100 hours of service to the community in a period of 12 months. Between them Sarah Moreman, Isla May Parker and Clarissa Dawkins have clocked up 392 hours of service, so are very well deserving of their awards.

Bev Davies, Cheddar Guide and Ranger Leader also received special award. A very surprised Bev was awarded the Silver Oak Leaf for her 21 years of outstanding commitment to Girl Guiding and the development of the new ICE programme, by Sarah French, Deputy Region Chief Commissioner for South West England. We are delighted that Bev has received this honour. She is a long standing supporter of Cheddar Vale Lions youth projects and was awarded a MJF for her services to the community in 2016.

Yeo Valley Lions

Our picture shows Lion President Brian Winter handing a cheque to a member of staff of the Strawberry Line Cafe for a new cycle hire project.

The Strawberry Line is a cycle and footpath that was established on the old railway line from Yatton, in North Somerset, to Cheddar after the closure of the line with the Dr Beeching cuts.

The cafe, which is at the start of the old railway line, was set up a few years ago, in redundant waiting rooms, as a not - for - profit social enterprise offering meaningful employment for people with learning difficulties. Following the success of the cafe the Directors of the facility have aspired to run a cycle hire business run on the same lines as the cafe.

After much planning and research, they are in a position to proceed with an appeal to the community for support. Yeo Valley were keen to get involved in this great project for Yatton and surrounding area of North Somerset.



Clevedon Lions help Sustainable Clevedon Saturday 29th February saw nearly 900 trees planted at Hazell Close playing fields. This is part of the initiative between Sustainable Clevedon and North Somerset Council to improve the environment that we live in. The trees will create more habitat for wildlife as well as helping to mitigate the effects of climate change.



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The planting has been done in such a way that it will not obstruct the playing areas and will also, in time, help to reduce the noise level of traffic using the motorway.

Clevedon Lions donated £2000 for the purchase of the trees and also helped with the planting. Other volunteers were treated to refreshments donated by Clevedon Lions.

Torpoint & Rame Peninsula Lions Club

Lions corner April 2020

Our Lions Club has once again reached another birthday and we celebrated it with our 43rd charter dinner evening, held at the Torpoint football 200 Club where we ate good food provided by Maria Trethewy and her team, with musical entertainment provided by Gavin & Gordon. The evening was planned by our social team headed up by Lions Michael Mathias, Annette Evans and Judith Jones, all three received a warm response from our members for a job well done.

Amongst our guests for the evening were Torpoint Mayor Christine Goodman and her husband Lion Chis, Torpoint Freeman and Past Mayor Mike Pearn MBE who was accompanied by his wife Val, Lions District governor, Jim Hogbin and Zone Chairman, Mark Fox. Also attending was Lizeta Fellows and

her husband, Lizeta was the recipient of the Presidents' award for the year, she received a cheque for £1000, this is an award that the President is allowed to allot as his personal good cause choice, the club have wholeheartedly endorsed Beat 4 Autism and approved Lion Paul's award. Many of our club members attended the evening and joined in with several other Lions from other Clubs in our area from as far as Launceston, Looe, Callington, Liskeard and Saltash and also the president and members from Plymouth Tamar Lions Club. The venue of the 200 club has once again proven itself as valuable for social events such as ours, and can be adapted for weddings as well, well done to them. (see pics)



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