

# LIONS 105SW DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



## Aim : HEART

Humour, Experience, Appreciate, Respect, Trust.

District Governor Lion Jim Partridge-Hogbin



This is the last Charter Anniversary Dinner Rosemary and I were able to attend, before lockdown. There is a clue in the picture as to where it was.

Well I am sure you are all following the guidelines now.

I have had rather an eventful year starting with the Re-districting and re-zoning, which in the end seems to have worked out.

Since February things seemed to go downhill a bit, many thanks to all who worked on the District Convention which did not happen. Multiple District Convention was postponed, and International Convention cancelled. This means that the International Executive Officers will remain in post for another year (these are the International President, International 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Presidents.) International Directors will also remain in post for another year

The last Cabinet meeting of the year will not take place as a face to face meeting, but we have been talking via, WhatsApp. We now all have to use technology to communicate, which is why there is so much going out

to Secretaries, who will pass it on to you all to keep you fully informed.

Please think about using the new grants available from MD for benefiting your communities' long term.

The printing of the Lion has been delayed for approximately 4 weeks. The reason being that all the information from the USA was sent out in February 2020 so is now irrelevant.

I would like to thank everyone for their support over the last 3 years.

2 Clubs need their 50<sup>th</sup> year certificate which hopefully will be presented at Handover?

To all the Clubs that I have not managed to visit in the last 3 years I am sorry; but the Coronavirus restrictions had been put in place.

I know that this is only 3 on my part but that, I feel, is 3 too many.

**Hope you are all well, we will get through this.**

**Stay safe; save lives.**

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## CHEDDAR VALE LIONS CLUB

During the current difficult situation, Cheddar Vale Lions Club is continuing to keep its members together and, to ensure their wellbeing, we are communicating regularly through a WhatsApp group. For a few of our members, this has not been possible, so Lion President Keith has been in touch with them, for the time being, through regular phone calls. This medium will give the Club the opportunity to help each other, and also to share ideas and possibilities, where we may be able to help our local community. An important event was for Lion President Keith to undertake an online badging up ceremony, to confirm the membership of Ann Staples, who joined us at the beginning of March together with her husband, Lion Steve Staples. Steve transferred to us from another Club when they moved to Cheddar recently and, before Covid-19 took hold, were able to attend 2 of our meetings. As Ann was disappointed not to be confirmed as a member before our meetings were stopped, we decided to surprise her and perform the ceremony through a video conference call. The Club is delighted to have Ann as a full member now and she cannot wait to join us out and about in the community when we are able to do this again. In the meantime, she will no doubt bring some fresh ideas and support when we are able to plan our future calendar of activities. Whilst over half of our members are in the high-risk category for Covid-19, we have still been able to support our community from the safety of our homes. Firstly, we fully support the "Corona and the Cheddar Valley Community" group which has been set up, through a Facebook page and they have now set up a free telephone helpline for the community. This has been a lifeline for so many in Cheddar and we fully support them where we can. It was through this group that we made people aware of the Lions "Message in a Bottle" scheme and we have been able to deliver these around the village to those

who have requested one through our website, Facebook page or the Corona Community Group.

Finally, we have also been able to transfer a grant of £400 to the Cheddar Foodbank to enable them to stock up on essential items and food vouchers for the families in need in our community. This has been greatly appreciated by the Foodbank as they were in need of funds so that they could support our community.

The Lions motto is "We Serve" and we will continue to do this through these difficult times, maybe not in body, but definitely in any other way that we can find.



ANN VERY PROUD OF HER MEMBERSHIP



## LIONS MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE SCHEME



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**The LIONS CLUB OF TRURO involving 30 members has made 2 significant donations of £11,000 each to Cornwall Hospice Care and Children's Hospice South West**

March 2021 is LCOT's 50th Anniversary. 50 Years of Service and fund Raising for our local community and also to support Lions International whenever and wherever needed around the world. But our main focus is of course local and in particular Truro and District.

Last year we started our **Golden Anniversary Appeal**, titled '50/50' and we set about fundraising in order to gather as much as we can to donate 50% to each of the 2 chosen charities, Children's Hospice SW and Cornwall Hospice Care.

In less than a year we were able, with the phenomenal support of the people of Truro and visitors to collect over £22000. This was the result of various fundraising activities including a garden party, a race night, our Crystal Golf day, a fashion show and lately a most successful Xmas hamper Raffle. We had planned to continue our efforts until June 2021, so because of Co-vid 19, it is especially disappointing that three events were cancelled, with projected income of 5K. There are another seven planned before the Appeal ends on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2021, with a Presentation Gala Concert booked for Truro Cathedral, compèred by Justin Leigh of BBC Spotlight.

In the knowledge that this catastrophe has hit all charities very hard Lions Club of Truro has decided to go ahead with an interim donation, giving them the money when they need it. It is sadly possible that all of our fund raising activity for this year and next year could be curtailed...but we will continue to serve as best we can.



**CREWKERNE LIONS** put brain power and team work together to escape from Clue HQ's Detonation Escape Room at their March social event. This was the first time 5 of them had ever attempted to beat an escape room and so lead by Fred Broom Jnr, they entered not being sure what to expect. It was amazing how quickly the team all gelled, solved the puzzles, found the hidden objects and secured their escape with just 4 mins remaining. Tremendous fun was had by all and another one is planned for the future.



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Golden Couple Fred and Wendy were overwhelmed by the numbers of cards and greetings they received as they celebrated 50 years of marriage. The actual day would have fallen on the Saturday of Convention and they had looked forward to sharing their celebrations with all their Lions family, which sadly couldn't happen. However, a sumptuous 3 course meal, prepared by Lion Lesley Chudley, in a immaculately spring cleaned kitchen by Lions Fred Jnr and Helen Macdonald, was shared by immediate family and a couple of friends and was made all the more special by the many cards, e-mails, facebook messages and phone calls they received. They send their thanks to everyone and say, they look forward to celebrating with everyone when this crisis passes. Stay safe everyone.



**PLYMOUTH LIONS** held their 55<sup>th</sup> Charter Lunch at the Staddon Heights Golf Club on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020 which was attended by the Lion District Governor Jim Partridge-Hogbin and his wife Lion Rosemary.

Lion Club of Plymouth President Lion George Poad and members extended a hearty welcome to their distinguished guests and representatives of other local lions clubs, partners and friends, whilst District Governor Lion Jim Partridge-Hogbin responded with thanks for his invitation to visit the City of Plymouth on this 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year of the sailing of the Mayflower.

Presentations were made to individual Lion Club of Plymouth members of service awards and an achievement badge.

## **Presentation of awards: -**

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Lions of Plymouth President Lion George Poad,  
Lion John Trezise,  
District Governor Lion Jim Partridge-Hogbin,  
Lion Jeff Horgan,  
Lion Wally Parson  
Lion Phil Barnicoat



Lion Wally Parson receiving his Certificate of Achievement for 50 years' service from District Governor Lion Jim Partridge-Hogbin.



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Lion Phil Barnicoat receiving his 25 year service award from District Governor Lion Jim Partridge-Hogbin.



Lion John Trezise receiving his 25 year service award from District Governor Lion Jim Partridge-Hogbin.



Lion Jeff Horgan receiving his Achievement badge from District Governor Lion Jim Partridge-Hogbin.



## WESTON-SUPER-MARE LIONS

Even though we can't meet at the moment, Weston-super-Mare Lions are thinking of ways we can keep supporting the community. President Bob Jones sent out to the membership a request for ideas of how we could give support and thanks to the NHS staff who are working hard to keep us safe during this Pandemic. After only two days some of the membership came up with the idea, then manufactured, and erected signs expressing thanks to the NHS on the Floral Clock site in the center of Weston. The Floral Clock has been planted out and maintained by a dedicated team of Weston Lions for several years, but due to the current situation it looks like this year this will not be done. It was therefore thought to be a good place to erect the signs at the site, as it is focal point in the town. In a further Email, president Bob thanked the membership involved and also thanked A Squared Technologies, who sponsored the signs.



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## DBS

Lion Andy Shiner would like to remind all Lions, that if they are working with youngsters and vulnerable people, they should be aware that they should have current DBS clearance

If you have any questions about this please ring him on 01271 373180 or email him on; [andyshiner1@btinternet.com](mailto:andyshiner1@btinternet.com)

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## Lions QUIZ

My intention was to publish my next quiz in May but I felt it might be a good idea to bring it out early for the benefit especially of those of you who are self-isolating, furloughed or simply staying at home during the present crisis. I hope it will help to pass the time a little and if you are able to send on copies to relatives and friends then I shall be delighted.

This time the quiz is for the **Motor Neurone Disease Association (MND)**. You will see a short piece from MND on the front page of the entry form. MND is life-shortening and there is no cure. Although this awful disease will progress, symptoms can be managed to help achieve the best possible quality of life. By entering this quiz and sending a donation you will be helping to achieve that aim.

As regulars will know, if you print (in landscape) the first page then reverse it and print the second page back to back, you should end up with a folded A4 entry form but I don't mind in what form it reaches me! I am sending large print versions of the quiz questions to those who have requested that.

The quiz is again sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Tiverton** who are funding the prizes and covering my expenses. Their support means that every penny you donate will go to the charity and (if

applicable) may be enhanced by Gift Aid. **Prizes total £100** including a special prize of £10 drawn from all entrants (whether you fully complete the quiz or not).

If you send a cheque with your entry then please ensure it is payable to **'TLR Charity Quiz Account'** and not to the charity as this enables me to pay over one cheque to MND at the end thus saving them administration time and possible bank charges.

If you wish me to delete your details from my mailing list, then do not hesitate to ask. I still need a few of you to authorise my retention of your email address on my database so please complete the entry form to that effect.

Just in case my last email to you went straight to your spam or trash file, my last quiz in aid of **Prostate Cancer UK raised (with Gift Aid) £3226** which was a record so sincere thanks again to all who contributed.

Good luck with this quiz. With its colourful theme I hope it will brighten your day. Keep well, keep safe and happy quizzing!

Kind Regards,  
Les Rendell

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**CLEVEDON LIONS** in order to help residents in the local community that are finding it difficult during the Covid-19 lockdown, Clevedon Lions have set up collection points for donations to the local food bank. This has encouraged several further groups in the town to do the same, therefore making sure that those residents with no income can still cater for their families. Clevedon Lions are also helping with the collection and delivery of prescriptions for residents who are isolated and have no other help

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locally. This may also mean that they don't speak to another human being for days at a time. We are encouraging these people to contact us via our website of Facebook page, supplying us with a contact number so that we can give them a call and have a friendly chat or simply reassure them. We also had a visit from the Easter Bunny, who wandered around town on Easter Sunday to put a smile on the children faces and to help with the collection of donations.

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