

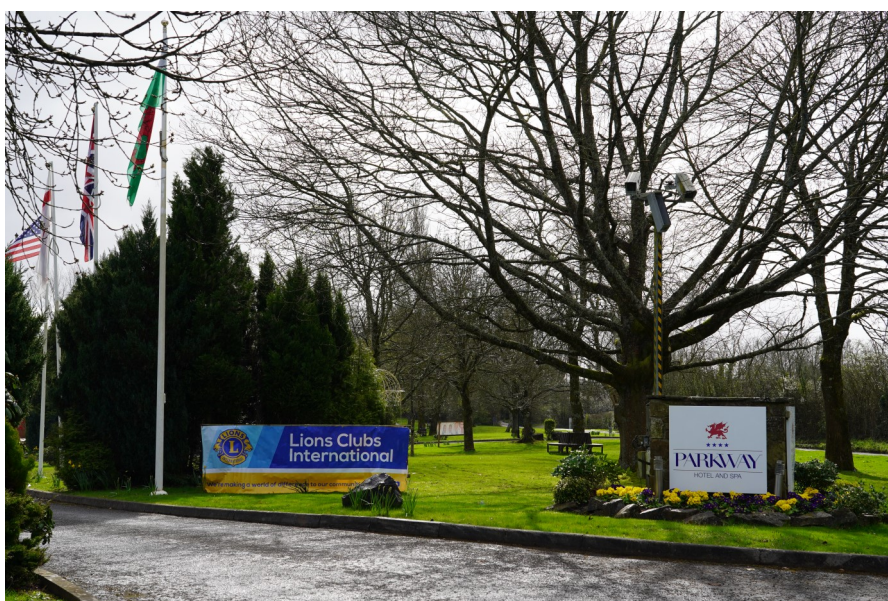
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Changing the World



Lions District Convention 105CW

March 2024



Lion Glyn Williams, DG David McKirdy, His Worship the Mayor of Newport Trevor Watkins, Lion Jenny McKirdy and the Mayor's Consort Katherine Kalsom

District 105CW 5th Annual Convention was held over the weekend of 22-24 March 2024 at the Parkway Hotel & Spa in Cwmbran.

In excess of 100 members attended the actual Convention on the Saturday, some of whom enjoyed one or both of the social functions. Thanks must go to PCC Stewart Sherman-Kahn and his team for the excellent organisation of the weekend. Attendees were greeted to the sound of the Croesyceiliog Male Voice Choir who also sang the National Anthems during the opening ceremony.

We welcomed our International Guest PID Gary Anderson from Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA together with his wife DGE Cheryl. Gary is an Optometrist and treated us to an excellent presentation on the Lions Spectacle Recycling Programme in Michigan, much of which is replicated by our National Headquarters led by Lion Brigitte. Gary, together with PID Phil Nathan and DGE Stu Young, then introduced us to the Sight Vision Camera which has been launched in 105CE at a school in Colchester.

A highlight of the day was the presentation of a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Noah Herniman in recognition of his humanitarian work in raising in excess of £300k and was influential in the creation of Noah's Haven designed for families that have seriously or terminally ill children as a place where they can have a quiet time to themselves and form lasting memories. Many thanks to Lion President Denise Harrison of Chepstow & Caldicott Lions Club for introducing me to Noah and his parents. Noah is now Lion Noah as he was badged up by PID Gary, he was duly welcomed as the District's newest member.

Lion Heidi Nathan gave us an informative presentation on Kili for Kids, a remarkable story how 10 female Lions from 10 different countries conquered Mount Kilimanjaro in aid of orphans and needy children in Kenya. For more information and how to donate Google Kili for Kids, the YouTube presentation is inspiring.

A passion of mine since becoming a Lion is the LCI Gift for Living project and was delighted when PID Phil Nathan agreed to give a presentation covering the history of the project and what it is doing today. Lion Phil gave an emotional presentation, particularly when covering the early days in Bosnia. More information and how to donate can be found at LCI A Gift for Living website. **If you have spare foreign notes and coins, old (French Francs, German Marks, Spanish Pesetas etc) or new, please arrange for them to be delivered to National Headquarters. Send them at the same time as you send recycled spectacles.**

Congratulations to the following on their election for 2024/25 Lionistic Year:

District Governor	Lion Stu Young	Coventry Leofric
1st Vice District Governor	Lion Susan Wilding	Ross-on-Wye
2nd Vice District Governor	Lion Glyn Williams	Newport and Usk Valley

The District Convention is a time when Lions can gather for fun and fellowship and of course having a voice in the administration of our District. The Convention itself is open to all members and is free to attend and there is no necessity to attend the social functions or stay overnight. The social functions are an add-on, and you can attend one or both, the choice is yours.

Date for your Diary – 6th Annual 105CW Convention 28-30 March 2025 to be held at the Stratford Manor Hotel, Stratford-on-Avon. A superb location in the centre of our District and easily accessible. More information to follow.





Newport and Usk Valley Lions host Convention Committee



District Sight Officer Lion Richard Stannard



PID Gary Anderson, DG David and District Secretary Andy



GST Lion Paul Murphy and his eggs



ROAR Presentation to Lion President Denise Harrison
Chepstow & Caldicott Lions Club

District Presentations



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PID Lion Phil and Lion Heidi Nathan, DGE Lion Cheryl Anderson
and Council Chair Lion David Pope



PID Phil Nathan 's presentation on LCI A GIFT for LIVING



Presentation of Melvin Jones Fellowship to Noah Herniman



Induction of Lion Noah Herniman

by PID Gary Anderson



DG Lion David, Noah, PID Gary and Lion President Denise Harrison



Noah and his parents



Sight Vision Cameras demonstrated by PID Gary and DGE Stu



LCIF Medal Presentation to IPDG Rav Sandhu and PDG Keith Wilding

International Presidents Leadership Awards to
Lions David Willoughby, Elizabeth Harries and Melissa Murphy





PID Gary with DG David and Lion Jenny



PID Gary and Lion Cheryl



PID Phil, Lion Heidi, Jenny, David, PID Gary and Lion Cheryl

