



District Governor's Newsletter

District Governor 2011/2012 Beryl Roberts



IP Tam charms DG twice over

Hi Everyone,

Special points of interest:

DG tells about IP Tam visit
and 105BS Convention

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I am writing this letter on the 18th March following a wonderful week for the Lions of 105BS.

On Monday the 12th March, International President Wing-Kun Tam visited the National Arboretum and was met by a wonderful turnout of 105BS Lions. What an enchanting, humble man he was who charmed everyone he met. At the Lions shelter he went walkabout amongst all those who had come to welcome him and then he planted a tree to commemorate his visit. I then accompanied him on a buggy as we toured the Arboretum before stopping for some tea. He then moved on to Kegworth in District 105E to meet with other Lions of the Multiple District. Thanks to PDG Frank Marnell and District Officer Lynda Demaid-Jones for organizing the transport to and from the Arboretum and PDG John May and various members of the Lichfield Lions Club for 'spring cleaning' the shelter before the visit. See Page 2

The following morning bright and early I was off to London for United Nations day where International President Tam in conjunction with other notable speakers was addressing a reception at the Palace of Westminster. Lions from all over the Multiple District were there in a packed hall. To round off the day there was a banquet hosted by the London China Town club in the Talk of the Town Chinese Restaurant – full to capacity.

Then on to our District 105BS Convention. There have been so many letters, e-mails and phone calls received by the host club (Flint and District) and myself congratulating us on the convention that I have no words to describe the Flint club. What a convention, what a club. They thought of everything including daffodils for Mother's Day ! See Page 3 for Convention Report.

Our International guest was Past International President Bill Biggs, another inspiring man. I'm beginning to run out of superlatives. PDG Frank Marnell picked up PIP Bill on Wednesday the 14th March from Uttoxeter and gave him a tour of Liverpool – which he survived. I met him on the Thursday and we were kindly hosted to dinner by Lion President and District Officer David Gregory of the Flint Club at a Chinese Restaurant in Mold, the Hot Wok. I make no apology for this blatant commercialism as the meal was first class and compared more than favourably with the banquet in London.

On Friday PIP Bill opened the golf competition and planted a tree in the grounds of the Beaufort Hotel with the kind permission of the management before the marvellous host night. The convention itself was successfully negotiated on the Saturday before a magnificent Banquet and Ball. All in all a brilliant convention, another memory which will stay with me for ever.

And so my fellow Lions, three and a half months to go. It doesn't seem like 5 minutes since I started. Rest assured I will continue to give of my best. I still think you're a great hard working service orientated district.



Beryl

Continuing in Service Together



All official club visits now completed.

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Good Luck in all you do.

Beryl

Welcome New Members

Name	Club
David Boylan	Lichfield
Glenda Chard	Stafford
John Fitchett	Uttoxeter
Chris Leason	Uttoxeter
Robert Tennant	Wallasey

Visiting Lion 2012-2013



We have to report that Trish Morris has been in hospital recently and with the new Visiting Lion Year just starting we have no Travelling Lion details yet. We wish Trish a speedy recovery and look forward to a resumption of normal service next month.

Send visiting lions forms to,
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International President Wing-Kun Tam Visits UK

On Monday 12th March Lions Club International President Dr Wing – Kun Tam was at the National Arboretum in Alrewas. He was on a whistle stop tour to the UK between the 11th and 14th March.

We were very privileged to have him visit District 105BS. Whilst he was at our Lions Shelter he planted his 7th million and fifth tree! He was told he would have to come back every week to water it!

Many members from our district were in attendance and gave I.P. Tam a warm welcome, the weather was extremely kind as well. It was a fabulous day.

Dr Tam said 'I am so excited to come to England meet my family of Lions. When Lions believe in what they are doing they make it happen.'



Pictured left IP Wing-Kun Tam plants another tree watched left by DO Lynda Demaid-Jones with flag, DG Beryl and Chairman of Council IPDG Tony Gadsby

Pictured Below IP Wing-Kun Tam with DG Beryl Roberts





News from 105BS District Convention

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The District 105BS Convention was held at Beaufort Palace Hotel, Mold between the 16th and 18th March. The event was hosted by the Flint and District Lions Club. The District was privileged to welcome Past International President Bill Biggs as its guest for the weekend. Lion Bill had to fly out early on the Sunday morning and was surely glad of an opportunity to rest!

PIP Bill arrived in Mold on the Wednesday night and was dined by District Convention Chairman PDG Geoff Mitchell (Flint) and guests. On Thursday, PDG Frank Marnell (Chester) took him on a whistle stop tour of Liverpool returning him to Mold just in time for a Chinese banquet hosted by Flint President Lion David Gregory.



Pictured above Flint LP David Gregory, Host Club Chairman John Gregory, PIP Bill Biggs and Sergeant at Arms Geoff Mitchell all at Northop Golf Course.

Pictured right LP David Gregory, DG Beryl Roberts, PIP Bill Biggs and ZC Peter McCracken at tree planting ceremony.

Convention properly got under way on Friday morning. Bill visited the Golf competition at Northop Country Park and squeezed in a visit to Flint Castle and Mold Church before another whistle stop tour – this time it was Chester.

On his return, he planted a copper beech tree at the hotel to commemorate his visit to the Convention – all as part of the International President's Tree Planting Campaign.

On Friday night, the convention really got under way with 180 guests enjoying a fancy dress host night: the theme was "Olympics: Past, Present and Future". The evening included a hot buffet, fancy dress parades and dancing to a disco. DG Beryl Roberts, her husband PDG Eric and PIP Bill opened the event, dressed in Greek togas, by lighting the Olympic flame.

The stage for convention was bedecked by

Wales' national flower – the daffodil. There was £200 worth of them, generously donated by one of the Flint Lions, Ossie Corbally. The business session began with the flag ceremony conducted by the Flint ATC Squadron. Chairman of Flintshire County Council, Councillor Hilary McGuill officially opened Convention. During the morning, addresses were made by representatives of Special Olympics and Stroke Association as well as by Brigitte Waterfield from MDHQ. After lunch, the highlight of the weekend was an inspiring address to convention by PIP Bill. He challenged Lions to "live life to help others."

The convention was a great success for the host club in that their members were for ever collecting prizes and acknowledgments. Their candidate won the District Peace Poster competition and they won the Morris Trophy for that achievement. They won the Kevron Trophy for most submissions to B&I Lion. Lion Alan Jones won the Golf Competition (and also organised it!) Their entries in the youth photo competition virtually swept the board. Lion John Gregory (Host Committee Chairman), PDG Lion Geoff Mitchell and Lion President David Gregory received friendship banners from Lion Bill.

Saturday night was the time for a splendid Banquet and Ball attended by 200 guests. DG Beryl and PIP Bill made short, light hearted speeches. Geoff Mitchell held the evening together as Master of Ceremonies. Dancing continued into the small hours to a duo that just refused to give up for as long as someone wanted to dance!

As guests left on the Sunday morning, the daffodils were given to the ladies as Mothers' Day gifts –just one of the little touches that made this a memorable and successful weekend.



Host Night—Pictured above PDG Eric Roberts , PIP Bill Biggs and DG Beryl Roberts all "Toga'd" up for the Olympics



District Music Competition

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The 2011-2012 Lions International District 105BS Music Competition has been and gone and it was a great success. It was supported by five clubs in District 105BS. Four of the clubs nominated contestants who all turned up on the day to take part in the competition. The fifth club hosted the competition.

The four candidates who took part in the competition were George Hoult nominated by the Romiley Marple and District Lions Club, Jonathan Ellse nominated by the Cannock Lions Club, Philip Collingham nominated by the Urmston Lions Club and Patrick Dunlea nominated by the Stockport Lions Club.

Of these four contestants, the three judges declared George Hoult to be winner of the competition. As a result of this he is now District 105BS candidate at the MD105 Music Competition, which will take place at the Birmingham Conservatoire on Sunday, 15th April, 2012.



Pictured above George Hoult with DO Edmond Douglas Pennant

District Officer Edmond Douglas Pennant organized and sponsored the competition and presented George Hoult with the £250 prize, for which the District is indebted. Past District Governor Eric Roberts was one of the judges. The competition was held at St. Oswald's Parish Church, Oswestry and it will be no surprise that the Oswestry Lions Club were the host club for the competition. They not only hosted the event, they also provided the coffee, tea and buffet for all those in attendance. Many thanks to Oswestry Lions Club and DO Edmond Douglas-Pennant for all the work they did on the day of the competition.



Above runners up with winner from Romiley & Marple

Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions - Meet the Lone Ranger

A great talk from a very impressive young person at the last meeting of the Ironbridge Lions. Claire Crossley was the only young Ranger (Lone ranger) in Shropshire to attend the 22nd World Scout Jamboree. The Jamboree is a four yearly event and the 22nd was held last year in Denmark, Sweden and Germany. Claire, from Aqueduct was just sixteen when she had the opportunity to represent Madeley Scout Rangers at the Jamboree, but to qualify for a place she had to raise the £2000 needed to fund the trip.

This Fundraising involved various events including a family 10-mile sponsored canoe trip down the River Severn. Claire also approached the Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions for support and the club responded with a donation of £250. And last week she came back to give members an interesting – and very entertaining – illustrated talk.

Joining with other Guides, Rangers and Scouts to undertake a series of challenges in Denmark, Claire enjoyed a party for 4,000 youngsters from the UK in Copenhagen before going on to Sweden, where 38,000 young people from 150 countries were greeted by Bear Grylls the Chief scout. The trip ended in Munich where Claire was hosted by a local family. Continued overleaf.



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Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions - Meet the Lone Ranger cont.

Claire, who started her Rangers life as a Rainbow at the age of five, thanked the Lions for helping to make this trip possible. "It was an experience of a lifetime and the memories will be with me for ever. I came back feeling much more confident and I made a lot of friends with whom I am still in touch. It was amazing." The good news is that Claire's relationship with Ironbridge Lions continues as a result of her nomination for the Lions *Young Leaders in Service* award

Pictured right President John Marsh with Claire Crossley



Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Dementia Care

It's a fair bet that all of us will be touched by dementia at some point in our lives – if not personally then through the suffering of family or friends. But how many of us are well equipped to understand and respond when a loved-one is diagnosed. What exactly is dementia, how does it impact the life of the sufferer and just how can carers, family and friends respond with effective help and assistance? These are just a few of the questions that will be addressed in a presentation session which is being hosted by the Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions at the Holiday Inn Telford at 7pm on 24th April.

"Stepping Stones to Dementia Care" is directed at carers and potential carers rather than those suffering dementia. Using a mix of presentation and role-play, Roma Miller and Jan Wheatley deliver practical guidance and assistance to help those coping in any capacity with someone suffering dementia.

The session takes about 2 hours and begins with an overview of how normal memory works, what happens to all of us as we age and the dramatic change to a person's life when they develop dementia. Roma and Jan then look at the management of dementia on a lifelong basis with the overriding aim of achieving well-being in those with dementia and all others surrounding them who may be directly or indirectly involved in their care. Small practical steps are introduced which are realistic and easy for others to follow and which provide a management method with immediate effects. Attendees at the presentation will leave with an understanding of what it feels like to have dementia and a wider understanding of the impact on the individual suffering with a degenerative disease.

Attendance is free but places are limited. To make a booking or to get further information please contact Lion June Softley on 01952 592125 or email 4cats@talktalk.net

Golf Day in Prospect

Lymm Lions

Lymm have announced Friday 6th July 2012 as their Charity Golf Day and Dinner which will be held at Lymm GC Whitbarrow Road Lymm, with a shotgun start at 1-00pm. The event will be 18 hole Stableford with full handicap applied, teams of 4 (all male, all female or mixed) best 3 to score. Royal & Ancient Rules apply.

Bookings by 16th April if you are entering a team, the price for a team of four to play in the Golf Competition and attend the Dinner is £240 i.e. £60 per person. The Dinner will commence at 7.00 p.m. and will include compere and speaker Malcolm Lord and a comedian together with the presentation of prizes. Dinner and evening entertainment only is available if required (price to be advised)

For further details contact Maggie Attwell email: maggie.attwell@btinternet.com



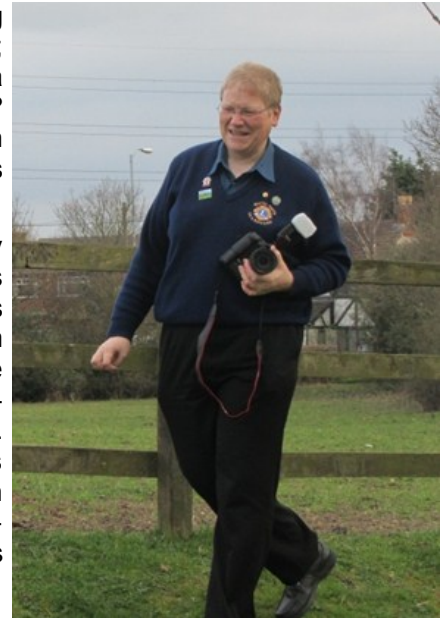
Peace Poster 2012/13 Update.

DO Rick Talbot advises that Poster Packs are now available at a cost of £8-00 per pack. Contact Rick email : eric828@btinternet.com

Extra Special District Photographer

The recent 105BS Convention at Mold Flintshire produced an unsung hero who toiled all over the weekend and was a star in his own right; without him and his father the convention would not have been such a success or have proceeded as smoothly. Who are we talking about? Yes it's that man behind the camera Llandudno Lion DO Martin Smith official photographer to the district who is always ably assisted by his father Les.

Martin took about 2000 photographs over the weekend then promptly placed them on his Google/Picasa Website for all the convention goers to view or download. DG Beryl Roberts commented that "everyone was indebted to Martin for the way in which he covered all the activities from the Tree Planting Ceremony on Friday afternoon until the end of the Banquet and Ball late on Saturday Night, especially the high quality professional service he always provides to the district all at his own cost". Pictured right - one of those rare moments when Martin himself was unable to avoid being captured on film. We are unable to do justice in this newsletter to all the photos taken by Martin so please visit his website and take a few minutes to browse the photos taken over the 2 days of the 105BS Convention.



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PR Corner

Well what a week District 105BS had during last month. I.P.Dr.Tam's visit and District Convention. If you had any coverage in your local newspapers about his visit please let me know, I would love to see them. Unfortunately only one paper turned up and Central News decided that drain blockages in Burton upon Trent were more interesting. I did send some press releases out locally to the N.M.A. and I believe one or two were published.

Now for a little moan. Please be aware that the old Lion's logo is now defunct. Could you please ensure that the current logo is on your posters, stationery etc.

Any regalia or leaflets that are now ordered from MDHQ will have up to date logos. Obviously don't throw old stuff you have away if it can be of use. The Blue & Yellow one is the one to be used from now on. I know the other one may seem more attractive but it is far more professional for all of us to use the same one and it can be reproduced far cheaper and to a better standard.

Does it matter ? Yes it does. So no more red tongues please ! (on logos I mean) !

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The copy deadline for the next issues of the DG's newsletter Apr 20th & May 21st

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Many thanks. John Filce (Editor)