



District Governor's Newsletter

District Governor 2012/2013 Rob Brown



Preparation is the Key

Special points of interest:

District Governor Rob emphasises the importance of preparation

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We are now a month into the new year and I hope that your club has settled with new officers, or those continuing from last year, and is already planning the service work and social activities for the next few months. In the words of our new International President Wayne Madden, excellence in Service work depends on Dedication, Preparation and Teamwork. We are all dedicated for this is part of being a Lion, dedicated to serving our communities. However this takes various forms; dedicated to involvement in club activities, to building friendships and bonding with other members, and dedicated to maintaining and further developing a successful club. With these in place, we can extend our Service work.



Preparation relates to both the club and individual activities. Has your club been prepared and is it in good health? Are all members personally involved in club activities, serving on committees, taking an active part in the running and performance of the club? Are new members being prepared for taking responsibilities in the club with effective mentoring? With regard to activities, all service work, whether practical or financial, needs preparation to ensure success. Finally teamwork; I make no apologies for stressing again that, although we are all individuals dedicated to serving our communities, we will be far more effective and successful by working as a team. And teamwork furthers friendships which, in turn, improve the clubs health.

Reflecting on my own preparation, it has been both intensive and extensive. It commenced two years ago in Multi District and the training has been very effective. The culmination was four days of "DGE (district governor elect) school" in Busan, S. Korea, prior to the International Convention, in which a key point was working with DG Elects from Alaska, Montana and Hawaii in the U.S.A., from Greece, Cyprus, Pakistan and Bangladesh within our class of 28. There was great interest as we discussed Lions within our own countries, and how different approaches are taken to Service work. The Convention was the largest ever, with over 50,000 registrations; despite these numbers, the organisation was impressive and everything ran smoothly. Maureen and I had the opportunity of meeting both outgoing IP Wing-Kun Tam and our new IP Wayne Madden on several occasions. Both are inspiring in different ways, and the overall impressions of our first international convention were "great".

Moving closer to home, we both enjoyed our first official event on Thursday July 12th 2012, when we joined other Lions at Shropshire's Jubilee Pageant held at RAF Cosford, although our status as important guests was upstaged as the Queen and Prince Philip attended. It was a great day, fortunately blessed with good weather, and many thanks go the Lions Shirley Vaughan and husband John for organising our stall which displayed the many aspects of Lions work to the public, in an impressive manner.

I am looking forward to starting this year's club visits and meeting many Lions; please don't forget that the district officers are there to support you, so do make contact and use their experience and knowledge.

Rob

*Together in a
World of Service*

DG Rob and Lion Maureen stand behind International President Lion Wayne Madden and Lion Linda





District Governor Travels September & October 2012

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Important Note to Clubs

If any of these dates are not suitable then please contact the Officer due to visit your club as soon as possible.

The list opposite was prepared at the beginning of June 2012 and some clubs may have changed their dates since the initial list was prepared. (**NB** Tracking the movements of 3 DGT Officers has proved much more difficult than just the DG. - Editor)

Visit	Club	Visited by
03/09/2012	City of Bangor	DG Rob Brown
03/09/2012	Pwllheli	1VDG Dave Handley
03/09/2012	Wrekin	2VDG Carole Hodgkinson
04/09/2012	Llandudno	1VDG Dave Handley
04/09/2012	Newport	2VDG Carole Hodgkinson
05/09/2012	Helsby & Frodsham	DG Rob Brown
10/09/2012	Birkenhead	DG Rob Brown
10/09/2012	Lichfield	1VDG Dave Handley
11/09/2012	Romily & Marple	1VDG Dave Handley
11/09/2012	Whitchurch	2VDG Carole Hodgkinson
12/09/2012	Middle Marches	DG Rob Brown
12/09/2012	Stone	1VDG Dave Handley
13/09/2012	Stockton Heath	1VDG Dave Handley
17/09/2012	Macclesfield	2VDG Carole Hodgkinson
17/09/2012	Wilmslow	DG Rob Brown
18/09/2012	Burton-on-Trent	DG Rob Brown
26/09/2012	Knutsford & District	DG Rob Brown
27/09/2012	Uttoxeter	DG Rob Brown
01/10/2012	Malpas	DG Rob Brown
16/10/2012	Cheadle	DG Rob Brown
18/10/2012	Alsager	DG Rob Brown

From D.G. Rob

Three reminders;

1. World Sight Day is on Thurs October 11th 2012 (see page 7).
2. The District Walk for Sight is being planned for Sun Oct 7th (See Monthly Information). Whilst several weeks away, "Preparation" is key to success so please start your club planning now.
3. Even further into your calendar, our District Convention is being held at the Holiday Inn, Run-corn from March 8-10th 2013; business is on the agenda and we are privileged to have past international director Phil Nathan MBE as our guest. However there is an emphasis on fun and friendship, so please book early; the booking form is on the District website under Information on the Welcome page.

Also Congratulations from Lions in 105BS to Olympic Torchbearers Lion John May M.B.E.(see page 4), Lion Ian Turner of Llandudno Lions Club and to Lion Shaun Evans of Wrexham Maelor Lions, who featured on the front page of the June/July Lion Magazine

Rob

DG



Welcome New Members in June

Name	Club
Wilmslow	Geoff Hall

Vale Royal Lions get Young Carers roaring



Just under twenty young carers from the North-wich and Winsford area were treated to a day of fun and games at the Petty Pool Outdoor Centre on 7th June, sponsored by the Vale Royal Lions Club.

Minibuses provided by The Grange School brought the youngsters to the Petty Pool Centre, Sandiway at mid morning and then the activities began. A full day of adventure and challenges faced the youngsters, including the climbing wall and abseiling, the low and high rope courses and the 100-metre long zip wire. In between the main activities, the young carers took part in teams solving problems.

The day was finished with a barbeque.

This is the second time Vale Royal Lions has been able to arrange this activity day for the children and young people who attend Cheshire Young Carers Projects.

Visiting Lion

Latest Points

As received by

July 10th



Club	Points
Stoke on Trent	113
Stone	91
Telford	71
Newcastle under Lyme	57
Flint	52
Little Orme	43
Leek	38
Beaumaris	36
Tamworth	28
Cannock	27

Send visiting lions forms to,
Trish Morris 32 Station Crescent
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MD DIRECTORIES

Please note these have been distributed to Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers, all other directories for clubs will be distributed at Cabinet on August 5th.

District officers will also receive theirs on that date.

Please submit any required amendments to secretary@lions105bs.org.uk and they will be circulated in the September mailing to clubs.



A day to remember forever — John May MBE

We woke at 5am to see rain lashing down but by seven it had cleared up and there was sunshine at times throughout the day. I went to King Edward VI gym for the assembly and briefing of the torch bearers. The young man in charge was very affable and competent and he made us all feel special. There were fifteen of us all together, less than I'd expected.

A lady from Lloyds TSB explained the selection process that had resulted in us being picked. She said all applicants and nominees went through three different panels and that we could be assured that we were worthy. It seemed that everyone was on that mission, taking every opportunity to stress how much this was our moment to shine.

Of the fifteen runners, I was the only one from Lichfield. What became clear as we went into details was that I had been given one of the two best sections.



PDG Lion John May carries the Olympic Torch through Lichfield

At half past eight we climbed onto the coach where fifteen torches were lined up in a rack. We headed for the start of the relay but had to wait for the parade of Austin Seven vintage cars to pass by. We waited at the start until the police escort arrived and then we slowly drove through the crowds, dropping runners off at what seemed to me to be 400 metre intervals.

I was dropped at the bottom of Tamworth Street to find a large crowd getting very excited. Jon, Jill and Family from next door were there, also Paddy and Sue Rusk, and a few hundred I didn't know. There was about eight minutes to spare so I gave as many children as possible the chance to have their photos taken touching the Olympic Torch.

Next a Metropolitan Police Lady on a push bike came up and told me to get ready. The atmosphere was incredible and the full entourage came down the hill and Ben 'kissed' my torch with his to light it and we were off. The organisers had suggested I walk briskly but my police escort was having none of that. They made me jog. I went round into Conduit Street and the roar that greeted me was incredible. The policeman running alongside me said that I was popular. I said it was the torch that was being greeted but he so "No, I've done this a lot and I can tell you that you're very popular."

That made me quite emotional and then I saw Pauline and Fran where one of the crowd controllers had allowed them forward as I went passed. Next it was into Dam Street and a lot more faces that I knew. I knew by then that I really wasn't stopping at Speakers Corner but a good 100 metres passed that, up the hill and left into the Close where I lit the flame of the next runner, right alongside the cathedral.

I climbed on board the following coach. The mood in the coach was electric. Everyone was on a high. We carried on through Lichfield at jogging pace, picking up each runner as they finished their stint. Finally we were back at the assembly point where our torches were returned to us, in a protective bag and minus the gas burner. I took mine straight over to the church. You would have thought that I was an Olympic hero from the reception I was given. There were more and more photos and that became the pattern for the rest of the day.



DISTRICT HANDOVER

Over 100 Lions and guests attended the recent District Handover, though sadly IPDG Beryl Roberts was unable to attend due to illness. In her place, (though with a poor Welsh accent) PDG Geoff Mitchell announced the winners of the various trophies:

Best Zone was won by Zone 8; Best Club Involvement was won by Knutsford & District Lions Club; Royle Youth Outreach Cup was won by the Lions of Stone; and the Membership growth trophy went to Cheadle.

Certificates of Appreciation and gifts were also presented on Lion Beryls behalf.

DG Rob Brown (shown above) thanked IPDG Beryl for the exemplary way in which she had led the District, prior to him presenting incoming Cabinet Officers with their Chains of Office and badges.

KEVRON TROPHY

This trophy is awarded to the club which has the most submissions in Lion Magazine. Cabinet agreed in May 2012 to update the rules as shown below.

Clubs are reminded that the costs of engraving are the responsibility of the winning club.

Rules Update

1. The competition will run from the April/ May issue of THE LION magazine to the February/March issue of the following year.
2. The competition will be open to all Lions and Leo Clubs in District 105BS
3. Only entries submitted and printed in The Lion Magazine will be eligible for the competition.
4. Clubs are encouraged to feature a current Lions or Leos Logo in any pictures
5. Letters and obituaries will not be eligible for the competition
6. The competition will be judged by the District Officer responsible for publicity
7. The winner will be announced at the District Convention which immediately follows the close of the competition
8. The winning club will be responsible for engraving the shield with (a) Club PRO Name, (b) Club Name, (c) Year of the Award.
9. The shield should be returned to the District Sergeant at Arms in reasonable time for presentation at the District Convention

IRONBRIDGE YOUNGSTERS HIT THE HEADLINES

Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions club recently attended Southall School in Telford to present their **Young Leader in Service** awards.

The candidates were drawn from Southall School community studies group, Ranger Guides, Young Sports Ambassadors & Telford volunteer Police cadets

Presented on the night were **9 Silver Seal Award** for those who had clocked up 50 hours of service to their community during a 12 month period and **24 Gold Seal Award** for those who had carried out at least 100 hours of service during that time.

That's an amazing total of at least 2900 hours of service in a range of activities



Shown above are BBC Radio Shropshire's Jim Hawkins, 105BS District Officer Frank Marnell (YLiS/Leos) John Marsh, President, Ironbridge and Severn Gorge and some of the recipients.



ZONE 8 STEAM AHEAD

Clubs in Zone 8 again grouped together to provide a Fun Day for Special Needs youngsters, and their families at Foxfield Railway, Stoke on Trent.

62 Lions attended the day, when 460 children, siblings and families enjoyed free train rides, both on the full size railway and a miniature railway; free amusements, free donkey rides, a bouncing castle, entertainment by a clown, Beauty from Beauty and the Beast, a Fire Engine and members of Lions in costume.

Zone 8 Chair Lion David Field said "The atmosphere was great and showed Lionism at its best. We invited two prospective members for Cheadle club along and they joined in with great spirit (they were in fancy dress as two yellow ducks) and went home tired and happy and with a very good impression of what we do best. The feedback from our visitors was also very positive."



Free rides on the donkeys whilst waiting for the Foxfield miniature railway



A smiling family enjoy a happy snap with Kevin the Camel (aka Cheadle Lion Dave Wood)



LIONS DISPLAY AT ROYAL VISIT

The weather was kind and the sun shone on Thursday when the Queen and 35,000 others came to Cosford to see the "Best of Shropshire". Previous days of rain had made the ground quite soft with some muddy patches, this led to the decision not to have a lion wandering through the crowd as the suit would have become heavily soiled.

The Lions were one of only 22 voluntary and community groups invited to put on a display stand in the marquee (Shown left). On the day the work of the 10 Lions clubs in the county was promoted through photographs and leaflets. Members of the public were particularly receptive to explanations about the Measles initiative, it was unfortunate that no collecting buckets were allowed as many people wanted to show their support.



WORLD SIGHT DAY EVENT 2012

Lions International World Sight Day this year is Thursday 11th October and the organisation of a District Walk on Sunday 7th October is well on the way – see District Information for details. Whilst not detracting from this event it is suggested that individual Clubs/Zones may hold events on or around the date.

Suggestions for an event format for this year –

Local Mayor to take part, if agreeable blindfolded.

Local blind person/s with their guide dog/s on walk

Two classes from local schools involved with children in pairs with one blindfold per pair (exchanging at half way). A good supply of airline type masks is advantageous!

Draw up sponsorship forms for Members to raise money pre-event

In Stone for example, we have two town centre opticians who save used spectacles for us – they were on the route and we had collecting boxes at their premises to collect any specs on the day; also used hearing aids could be collected.

We had a nominal raffle on the day (low key to avoid having to get a Street Collection Permit) – a single prize – a large cuddly toy wearing spectacles!

We had a town centre stall with Sight Posters, leaflets and any other sight related information to show to locals – this was also the base for the raffle.

MIAB also featured, this turning out to be a good prospective Membership tool.

For us the walk was under a mile and probably lasted about an hour.

John Sanders

Chair Sight/Health Team 105BS

FLINT PUSH THE BOAT OUT

When Flint Lifeboat Station announced a fund-raising campaign to buy lighter, more comfortable lifejackets for the crew, Flint & District Lions immediately agreed to support the appeal. At the same time, Welsh Language High School, Ysgol Maes Garmon, in Mold decided to contribute the proceeds of a no-uniform day to the same cause. Common denominator in all this was (then) Lion President David Gregory who is head of the IT department at the school.

The Lions offered to match fund the school's donation. This led to a joint donation of £1,000 being presented to the Station Staff at the end of June. A group of pupils accompanied David and Lion colleagues to the Lifeboat Station for the presentation. The Lions were pleased with this innovative method of forging relationships with local schools. The Club has involvement with seven local high schools and many primary schools. David said "I am really proud of the pupils' efforts and delighted this presentation has happened today – my last in office as President."

Operations Manager Alan Forrester confirmed that the presentation meant the Station had now reached its target for the Lifejackets.



Photograph shows pupils kitted out with some with the new equipment

**Bevs Bit—PR Corner**

There have been very few articles sent recently. There must have been lots of events these last few months what with the Diamond Jubilee & Torchbearing events, so why are you being so quiet ? I am only hearing from about seven clubs, it is useful to hear what other clubs do as we can pick up new ideas.

Congratulations to Lion Shaun Evans for being on the front cover of the Lion Magazine.

Ken Livingston from Alsager Lions Club informed me of a Radio 4 Program mentioning the Lions (Thanks Ken) here's the link <http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b01jmxsk/>

[The Reith Lectures Niall Ferguson The Rule of Law and Its Enemies 2012 Civil and Uncivil Societies/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b01jmxsk/)

Lions are the first thing Niall mentions. He tells a great story about his local club although it is not our District it is an interesting one, in fact the whole programme is.

There are still too few people signed up to Latest News; it is there for everyone, here's the link <http://www.lions.org.uk/wordpress/?p=372> you just need to enter name and email, if you want me to do it for you let me know. It is FREE.

If you need anything putting in "Latest News let Dave Allen or myself know". There have been some changes in accessing the Calendar and District mail on our website please ask your president as they will have been informed of this. The members handbook 2012 is also now available.

We are still the best kept secret and I know Lions are not shy, so please send any articles you get in the press.

Did you know District 105BS has a Facebook Page? My club has found Facebook to be so useful from getting help & donations to prospective members. Please consider having a page.

So come on Lions let's make 2012 a year to remember!

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The New Newsletter Editor is Lion John Jones of Urmston Lions Club

If you want other clubs to see what your club has been doing — Let John Know

If your club has carried out Service in the Community — Let John Know

If you have had a bright new idea for fund-raising — Let John Know

If you have any funny stories relating to Lions — Let John Know

Send items to bsnewsletter@lions105bs.org.uk

Next Deadline is August 22nd

Please send everything in electronic format (Word documents with **separate** Jpegs)

Can correspondents please check days and dates for accuracy.

Please identify key people in any relevant photographs otherwise the impact of the story line may be severely compromised by the omission.

After you Let John Know—Let Bev Know as well— get your club in the Lion Magazine !

E-mail to coppa_chik@hotmail.com