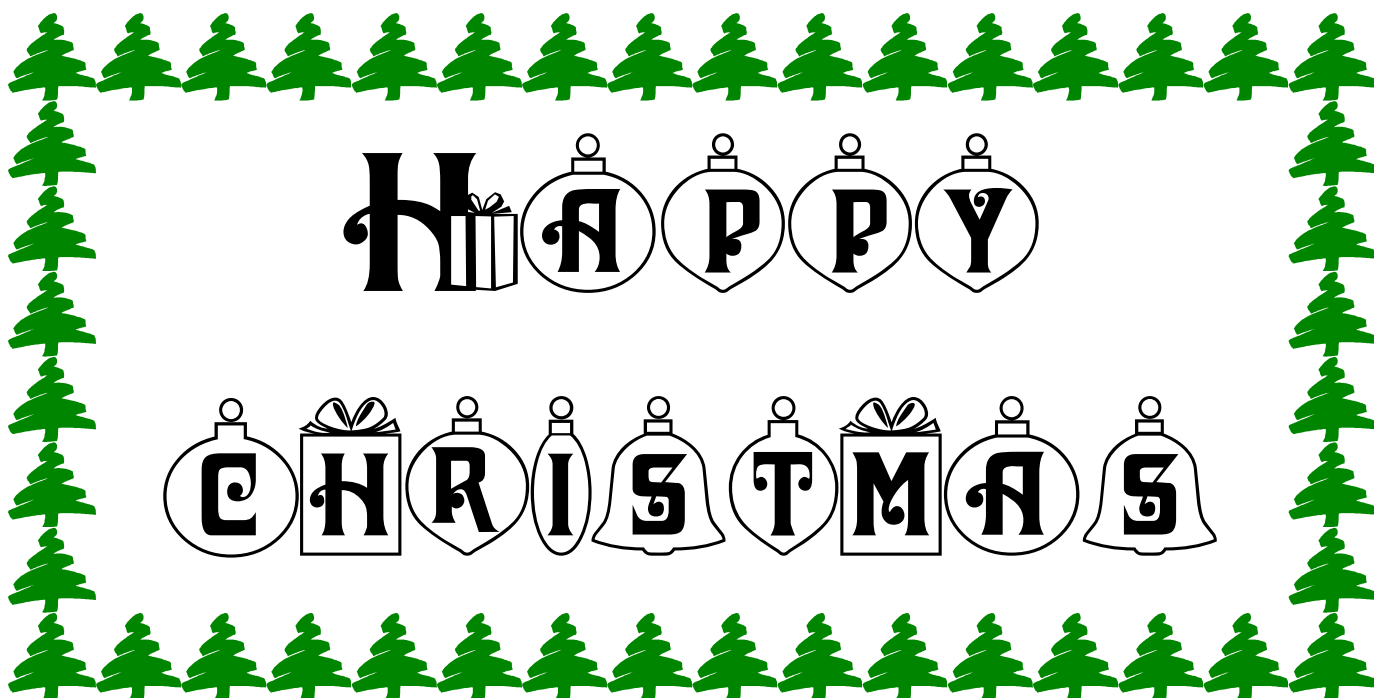
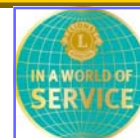




District Governor's Newsletter

District Governor 2012/2013 Rob Brown



JOINING THE GOOD GUYS

Rugeley Lions Club invited Cannock and their Hednesford Branch club to their Bonfire. They had a best guy competition and Cannock bought along the best one in the form of Steve Mackenzie who was inducted as the latest member of Hednesford Branch Club. The evening went off like a rocket.



DOWN BUT NOT OUT

Urmston Lions stalwart, John Baldrey was being rushed into hospital as an emergency. As he was being wheeled onto the Reception ward, he turns, (in pain), to the ward sister and gasps out, "Have you heard about the Lions Emergency Packs?". She said she had, but they had run out. John instructed his wife Lion Inez to bring some in when she next visited.

Urmston Lions have supplied emergency packs (toothbrush, comb, etc) for a number of years to Trafford General and John saw this as a great opportunity for spreading the message.

**HAVE YOU SEEN
THE DG'S
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FLOOD APPEAL?**



Two from one

The Lions Club of Telford recently managed to respond to the presidential campaigns of both PIP Wing Kum Tam and IP Wayne Madden by working with a local school to plant another 420 trees and at the same time stocking up their library. Children from Wombridge Primary school turned out to help the Lions with planting in a community area near their school; in return the Lions donated a selection of reference books on trees and the environment to the school's newly refurbished non-fiction library. Lion President Jean Wordsworth said "We felt it was important to encourage the children's on-going interest in the environment and our planting schedule coincided nicely with work on the school library".

The planting scheme was put together by Lion John Vaughan and Telford and Wrekin Environment Officer Adrian Corney. The two are already planning to work together on another planting in the spring when the local scouts will be providing the labour force.



DAVID DURRINGTON

Good Man

Good Friend

Great Lion.

Now serving in a better place



In the Image

Phoebe Lester James, of Wednesbury, sponsored by Cannock Lions Club has been chosen as the District winner of the 105BS round in this year's Peace Poster Competition and goes forward to represent the District in the MD Competition in Birmingham in December. Phoebe is a Year 8 pupil of the Chase Academy and is sponsored by Cannock Lions Club. Her poster based on this year's theme, IMAGINE PEACE was judged the overall winner of the competition, now in its 25th year attracting an amazing District total of 1069 entries, up by more than 300 on last year. Well done to all those clubs who sponsored schools and other youth organisations. Phoebe's poster was commented on by the judges, Sue Humphries and Ann-Christine Taylor as being 'Bright and Eye catching with a simple statement' perfectly mirroring her comment on Peace.

The District Governor Rob, 1st Vice David, together with their wives Maureen and Chris attended the competition, at the Horse and Jockey in Grindley Brook, Whitchurch on Saturday 24th November. We were fortunate to have, as in previous year's 2 professional artists Sue Humphries and Taylor, neither of whom are Lions who again came along to judge the competition for us. They were both in agreement that the standard this year was far higher than in previous years and have noted that this improvement shows year on year. Competition was fierce and with only 1 mark between the winner and the runner up Lucy Walker of Middle Marches Lions, with every entry being within 7 marks of the winning poster so well done to all those who entered.



The only disappointment was that the number of clubs within the District entering was down this year to only 13, out of in excess of 60, and down by 5 on last year. Hopefully this can be improved on next year.

A special mention must go to the Stockton Heath Lions Club who entered the competition for the first time. This club, although very small in membership and not from a large conurbation sponsored their local school, Bridgewater High who put in an amazing 300 entries. Brilliant. Thanks also to Lion President Mark Green and the other members of Stone Lions Club who came over to support the competition, those who didn't missed an excellent Poster Display. Hopefully next year the competition will be held alongside the November cabinet meeting so that more Lions can view the high standard of work put in by the youngsters.

Finally we now wish Phoebe all the best in the forthcoming Multi District Competition in Birmingham and look forward to her hopefully progressing even further.

Rick Talbot Peace Poster Officer.

WHERE ARE THE MUSICIANS?

From the DG A HAPPY CHRISTMAS



Many clubs will have their plans for Christmas activities well advanced by now, in fact some will have already commenced. Children are eagerly awaiting the arrival of Santa, maybe by sleigh around their neighbourhood or perhaps a visit to their local grotto to chat to Santa about how good they have been and what presents are on their list for this year. One club ingeniously has a radio link between Santa in his grotto and the helper outside, so that as the helper asks the child about where he/she lives and the expected presents, Santa hears all and surprises the child with his detailed knowledge of him or her. Great, and the child will still believe in Father Christmas next year!

There will be Xmas lunches for some of the more mature residents of the community, or food hampers, compiled from public donations, delivered to those in need. These can literally involve many hundreds of food items and hours of work in collection, preparation and delivery. Children in care often have few, if any, presents so some clubs advertise for donated toys and gifts, collect, sort into types wanted and then deliver to where they will be gratefully received.

We Serve, and we know our communities; we know where there is a "need". Lions will be providing their Service in many ways; it is a demanding but rewarding time of the year and I congratulate clubs on the variety of ways that you help those less fortunate than ourselves, and for the hundreds of hours freely give.

Do remember that when working with vulnerable people, there may be CRB implications; if in doubt, please discuss with DO Chris Handley. Health and Safety risk assessments may be required in certain circumstances; please seek advice from DO Allan Gardiner if necessary. And don't forget that if non-Lion helpers are involved, they need to be named and associated with the event in the minutes of the business meeting at which the event is recorded. This will ensure that they, like you, are covered by Lions insurance.

It is at this time of year when demands for our Service can be extreme and we can find ourselves stretched in respect of pairs of hands and hours available, that we realise that more members mean more Service work. We are doing well with recruitment this year, but we can always use more members. Let your communities know of all your activities during this month; there are great events to publicise, and local publicity is one of the key drivers in recruitment. Many of you will be organising various kinds of parties for yourselves during December; invite a few friends and let them see

how Lions enjoy themselves. Friends are a great source for new members.

Talking of membership and Lions enjoying themselves, congratulations to the team that are intent on maintaining a presence of Lions in Sandbach. Maureen and I attended a well-supported social event in a pub in the town a few weeks ago, at which potential new members of Sandbach Lions were able to meet and chat with Lions and enjoy a fun evening. It was a great success and we did not come last in the quiz! When the potential members talk to their families and colleagues about the fun and fellowship within our organisation, the word spreads and so membership can increase.

Thinking beyond Christmas and New Year, we move into spring and the annual Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal. There has been genuine concern in the past that Lions have provided service to MC but have not been recognised as Lions for doing so. This has changed after recent meetings between MC and MD105 officers; we will be collecting as Lions in our tabards, Lions will be named in promotional literature and we will be featured in their newsletter and on their website. You will be contacted by your local MC organiser in the near future.

With regard to the questionnaire on your club's views on the future of our MD Youth Trust, thanks to all clubs that have completed and emailed their form to DG Paul Anstice; we have had the highest return rate of all districts so far. However there are still many clubs that have not yet submitted their questionnaire. I would urge you to do so, in order that your views can be taken into account when the future of our Trust is determined.

And whilst on the subject of Youth, I had the pleasure of seeing the final selection of Peace Posters for viewing by the independent judges, from which they selected our district winner. I was most impressed by the originality of the interpretation of the theme, the application of this into an art form and the standards of the posters. For the first time ever, there were over 1000 entries in our district; a great achievement and congratulations to those clubs involved.

Maureen and I send our best wishes to all Lions and their families for a joyous Christmas and a happy and healthy 2013. We also look forward to continuing our work next year with the Lions of district BS, our great team, as we further develop the Service provided to both our communities and those worthwhile national and international concerns.

Rob



GNOSALL LIONS UPDATE

We've had a busy few weeks mainly partaking in **practical service** in the **Community!**

World Sight Day saw Eleanor Roberts, a visually impaired lady from Newport; take her guide dog Woody and Yuma (now retired) into 2 local primary schools. Eleanor, her Mum Maureen, Woody and Yuma plus 3 members of Gnosall Lions Club enabled **210 children** to learn about and experience the challenges faced by those with visual impairment.

You may have seen us **car parking** at the **Scout & Guide Bonfire**. The weather was kind and the fireworks were great ... we hope you all enjoyed it. Well done to all involved.

We took part in the **Woodland Trust's Tree Planting Event** at **Ranton Abbey**. Twelve oak trees were added to the many others planted by individuals and school & community groups. They will mature to eventually make a special Diamond Wood, planted to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The Jubilee Woods project aims to create hundreds of Jubilee Woods and 60 special Diamond Woods, with 6 million trees transforming our landscape in a generation and providing a lasting and meaningful tribute for many years to come.

Gnosall Lions were proud to attend and lay a wreath at the **Remembrance Service** on **11th November** at St Lawrence's Church.

Our **November Meeting** saw us donate **£90** to

the Country Trust. They will use this money to purchase a butter churn to use with the many children who benefit from an educational trip into the countryside. We also chose to donate the money we'd spend buying fellow members **Christmas Cards** to the **Katherine House and Douglas Macmillan Hospices**. The **Christmas Poster Campaigns** take place annually, with supporters signing A3 posters instead of sending Christmas cards. If you'd like to do this too then look on their websites for more information.

On the Christmas Theme, come along and visit our Decorated Tree at the **Christmas Tree Festival** in the Church at Bradley from **Friday 30th November until Sunday 2nd December 2012**. This is the 1st year we have provided a tree at this event and we hope you like our interpretation.

We're helping **Santa** and his sleigh when he visits Gnosall with the Eccleshall Rotary early in the evenings of **Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th December 2012**. Make sure you come out and see him! We are also spreading some Christmas Cheer by **Carol Singing** round the village on **Friday 21st December 2012** with the Gnosall Players. Anyone interested in joining in is very welcome; meet us at the Christmas Tree in the middle of the Village at 8pm.

ED: A great example of getting out and about!!!

Cheadle Lions Letting Everybody Know What's Up

On Tuesday 6th November Cheadle Lions Club held their monthly meeting at the Queens Arm PH Cheadle, with Past District Governor Lion President Tony Gadsby opening the meeting with a toast to Lions International and Cheadle Lions.

The Big Band night which took place on Saturday 20th October featuring Lions Youth Brass in the parish church of St Giles Cheadle was a great success. The band will be returning by popular demand for a second performance on Saturday 19th October 2013, so make a note in your New Year calendars and diaries.

The club received a request from a young guide for assistance in raising funds to attend an

international event in the new year and this was unanimously agreed by the club. The club actively supports many requests from young people each year.

Members of the club attended the annual parade and service of remembrance on Sunday 11th along with many other of the towns organisations. A wreath was laid on behalf of Lions International by immediate past president Lion Peter Kent.

Please remember the ongoing spectacle collection, at E & E Stores and Cheadle Fire Station, and continue donating old and unwanted spectacles, also it is important to remember we can not use vari-focals or bi-focals, or sun glasses thanks.



Lions Youth Brass Band is a roaring success



On Friday 9 November, the Lions Youth Brass Band, together with The Grange School's Cantores Roborienses Junior Choir, performed brilliantly at its Autumn Concert to a packed Grange High School Theatre audience. It culminated in a rousing performance of the Can Can by the Lions Youth Brass Band, which had the audience in raptures and was the climax of an excellent evening enjoyed by all.

The Lions Youth Brass Band, under the musical directorship of Nigel Birch, recently celebrated its

21st birthday and is renowned for its musical excellence. It has about 110 young local musicians aged from 5 to 18, making up its Beginner and Junior Bands as well as the Youth Band. The Youth Band has a busy schedule of concerts including performing in Weymouth during the 2012 Olympic Games' sailing events. It has an excellent record of competition success and was runner-up this year in the Premier Section of the National Youth Championship of Great Britain. The Band receives on-going support from ten Lions Clubs including Vale Royal Lions and plays at many Lions' events in aid of local charities.

The Grange School's Cantores Roborienses Junior Choir, under the musical directorship of Andrew Millinchip, is the choir of The Grange School in Hartford. Over the past few years, the choir has sung Choral Evensong in the cathedrals of Chester and Worcester, Keble College and Exeter Colleges in Oxford and Jesus College, Cambridge. It has also performed in 'Christmas at Tatton Hall', appeared on Granada TV and undertakes an annual foreign tour, having visited Holland, Germany, France, Ireland and Belgium in recent years.



The Vale Royal Lions Club has been serving the local community for 37 years now, donating the majority of funds it raises to local good causes and encouraging many local youth projects. It is immensely proud to support its very own Lions Youth Brass Band and was delighted to be supported by the Grange School's Cantores Roborienses Junior Choir.



Bridgnorth Lions set new UK record for prostate cancer testing – again!

Almost 600 men attended a record breaking prostate cancer screening event, organized by Bridgnorth Lions, in the Castle Hall in Bridgnorth this week.

The men had a simple blood test which measured their prostate specific antigen (PSA) level which, if above certain levels, may be an early indication of prostate cancer. The test is not available on the National Health Service unless an individual suffers specific symptoms.

This was the fourth annual event organized by the Lions. The number of men attending has risen from 220 in 2009, to 440 in 2010 to 583 in 2011 to this year's total of 597. During that time, more than 50 local men have been found to have prostate cancer.

The whole event was supervised by David Baxter-Smith, a consultant urologist. He said: "I am convinced this is one of the best organized – and certainly the largest – prostate cancer screenings in the whole country. By arranging this event, the Lions give men a chance to detect early signs of this dreadful disease which has more than 40,000 new cases a year in the UK.

"Having a high PSA level is not in itself an indication of cancer as there may be other reasons for a raised level. But it is a major indicator which individual men can then use to consider follow up consultations with their own doctor."

The blood tests were carried out by nine

phlebotomists, including several staff from Bridgnorth Hospital.

Bridgnorth Lions President, Colin Thomas, said: "These ladies worked fantastically hard for more than three hours, working to minimize waiting time as the queue at one point stretched from outside the Castle Hall to beyond the Post Office."

Bridgnorth Lions raised the £9,000 necessary just to run the test by a series of fund raising events, plus the support of several local firms and individuals. At the event – for which no charge was made – most men attending also made donations. The total cost for this number of men is over £10,000 and the Lions Club would welcome any sponsorship / donations so that the event can be run on an annual basis.



The packed Castle Hall.

Ed: Look at all those potential new members!

YOUNG MUSICIAN COMPETITION (PIANO)

Everything is in place for the District final to be held at St Oswald's Church, Oswestry on Saturday, 26th January, 2013 commencing at 11.00am. Unfortunately, to date we still have no candidates from the District. Would Clubs please make a big effort to find Young Pianists

for this competition? After last year's success it would be a shame not to be able to move forward to a full competition in January. The details of the repertoire and the application form are in the Newsletter for October.

Glenys Sanders - BS Youth Team Chair.



News from District

District Governor Team Travels from November 2012

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Important Note to Clubs

regarding DGT Visits

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

NEW MEMBERS : HEDNESFORD STYLE

The latest additions to the Lions Family:

Jim Card,
Shaun Middleton, Suzan Middleton ,
Peter Randall,
Carly Trusler, Jackie Trusler,
Wendy Yates

To the Editor

Could I please ask you to pass on my message to whom ever wrote the article regarding the Flint walk for sight, May I point out that there are clubs in south Manchester within our district both Sale and Urmston clubs supported your WFS day.

Thank you

Date	Club	DGTM
01/11/2012	Rugeley	RB
05/11/2012	Llanrwst	RB
06/11/2012	Wirral	CH
06/11/2012	Prestatyn & Rhyl	DH
06/11/2012	Vale Royal	RB
07/11/2012	Cannock	CH
12/11/2012	Shrewsbury	DH
13/11/2012	Colwyn Bay	CH
26/11/2012	Buckley & Mold	DH
27/11/2012	Chester	CH
03/12/2012	Stafford	CH
03/12/2012	Tamworth	DH
10/12/2012	Telford	DH
11/12/2012	Vale of Llangollen	CH
12/12/2012	Urmston	DH
07/01/2013	Wallasey	CH
12/03/2013	Caernarfon	RB
TBA	Leek	RB
TBA	Biddulph	DH



The one on the left is a new Lion, just asking for a little attention!.



District Officers page

YOUNG AMBASSADOR DISTRICT FINAL

The Young Ambassador District Final was held, along with the District Final of the Peace Poster at the Horse and Jockey, Grindley Brook, Whitchurch, on Saturday, 24th November. Sadly, for the first time ever (showing apathy across the District), there was only one candidate for this competition, Sarah Hickman, sponsored by Stone Lions Club. On the positive side, fortunately Sarah is a strong candidate. Had this not been the case 105BS would have had no candidate to put forward to the MD Final in Dudley in February 2013.

As there was only the one candidate, the decision was made for her to come along, make her 3 minute presentation to those present and to have one of our non-Lion judges (Jill Hood) along with DG Rob Brown and DO Rick Talbot to give her interview experience. Sarah is just 17 years of age and is studying for her A-levels. Through sport she has participated at both able bodied level and with the West Midlands Disability Squad (she has dyslexia and a hearing impairment and, therefore, appreciates how difficult it is for people with a disability to be fully accepted into society). Sarah has been brought up to acknowledge the need to give something back to the community and has been involved in fundraising from the age of four. She has numerous coaching qualifications in

cricket, swimming and netball so coaches young people and disabled adults in cricket, umpires junior netball matches at league level and is a lifeguard. As the first young person in Staffordshire to be selected by "Cricket without Boundaries" (a UK cricket development and HIV/Aids charity) Sarah has raised £1900 for a two week trip to Kenya where, as part of a group, she helped coach cricket to almost 4000 children along with coaching education to 56 adults. This was combined with the role of monitoring the projects HIV/Aids awareness messages. The project has had a profound effect on Sarah and she is hoping to again go to Kenya next year. As she read somewhere "We all sleep under the same sun, just walk a different path when we wake up!"

The money she will receive as her bursary will be used to purchase Kwik Cricket sets for the schools and orphanages with which the charity is involved. Sarah has also completed 300 hours voluntary service to achieve the Young Leaders in Service Gold Award.

Thank you to those Lions who came along to support Sarah, to Jill Hood for leading the judges, to DG Rob and DO Rick Talbot for making up an interview panel and to the Horse and Jockey for hosting the two events.

We wish Sarah all the best as she represents 105BS at Dudley.

Glenys Sanders – BS Youth Team Chair.



News from Clubs & District

Visiting Lion

Latest Results

2012-2013

At 20th November



USED STAMPS

Could you please insert a mention in the December DG's Newsletter about Used Stamps. It seems a though nobody bothers any more as I have not had any from clubs in the last 12 months.

Brian Ward Wrekin Lions
Collector and sorter for Zones 5 - 10.

Travelling Lions: a quotation from the Rules:-

For visits to any Region (including Zones) in any one year of the Competition, the award of points shall be limited to three visits in total.

(There are clubs who appear not to be aware of this rule, and they'll probably wonder what happened to their points).

Travelling Lion	
Club	Points
Stoke on Trent	169
Stone	123
Flint	104
Newcastle under Lyme	79
Telford	76
Little Orme	64
Leek	60
Llandudno	59
Beaumaris	51
Tamworth	47
Cannock	36

PR CORNER

Well I bet you are so busy now with your food collections and Santa's sleighs. Did you know that there will be Lions TV available soon ?

It will be broadcast weekly on Information TV (Sky Channel 201 & Freesat Channel 403). As soon as it is broadcast I will let you know. Here's the link for the latest info. www.LionsTV.co.uk

Also on our own District website there is a Letter to Santa it's completely free. Here's the link <http://www.lions105bs.org.uk/index.php/mail-and-newsletter/send-a-letter-to-santa>

You could advertise this letter anywhere they have Wi Fi or in Libraries. If you have a local town website or put it on your own Clubs webpage, Santa will reply on screen instantly ! I have sent my letter and told him how good I have been and he already

knew !

Talking about Lions' websites next month the judging of the best website for the District Trophy award so please check to make sure yours is up to date.

Please send your stories as they are very few and far between at the moment. The key to future PR success is communication and we must promote the good that we do especially with personal stories from those who we have helped and maybe, changed their lives. MD want to use these stories to let the public know who we are and what Lions are about.

Happy Christmas ! Bev

The copy deadline for the next issues of the DG's newsletter 22nd Dec please get your copy in by then to enable the newsletter to be put to bed before Christmas

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