



# District Governor's Newsletter

*District Governor 2011/2012 Beryl Roberts*



## DG New Year Message

### Special points of interest:

DG conveys her new year message.

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Let me start this first Newsletter of 2012 by wishing you all a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Let me also quote our International President Lion Wing-Kun Tam, "This year I want Club presidents to really step forward and inspire Lions to completely believe in themselves, to believe in the power of courage, commitment and action" I am sure you will all join with me in taking on board this message and making the second half of the year even better than the first.



There have been many highlights in my first 6 months of office but for me one that has a lingering memory is the LEBUS delivery trip to Uganda. I was fortunate enough to be part of the team that has brought so much help to the people of Uganda. I specially treasure the memory of the small Ugandan girl that I was privileged to hold during the trip. For the district to provide 1 ambulance during the year was magnificent, but to provide an additional 2 ambulances in the year has been truly amazing and it makes me very proud of what you all do.



DG Beryl pictured in Uganda

I am indebted to my DG management team for their commitment and support during the last 6 months; so far we have visited 63 clubs, attended nearly as many charters and zone functions and have left only 2 official club visits held over to the new year. When I look back on the year I am heartened by the volume and breadth of the work carried out in the district, multiple district and abroad.

In 2011 we have proudly passed a number of major milestones including the opening of the Lions day rooms at St Dunstan's, the opening of the Lions shelter at the National Arboretum, now we have set forth on the tree planting initiative of our International President Wing-Kun Tam and established firm links with Classic FM as Partners in Service. Recently we have seen our International President sign a memorandum of understanding with the World Health Organisation, another major step forward in recognition of the work done by LCI.

Gradually we are gaining recognition for all the work and commitment of all the lions in our district and with continued effort we should be able to retain our existing members and attract new members to our team by working hard and having fun in all we do, remembering that it is easier to recruit new members to a strong active club than one in difficulties.

Good luck also with your activities in the coming months and remember to enjoy yourselves on the way.

Yours in Lionism

*Beryl*

*Continuing in Service Together*



## District Governor Travels Feb/Mar 2012

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Visit	Club	Visited by
06/02/2012	City of Bangor	2VDG Dave Handley
13/03/2012	Vale of Llangollen	1VDG Rob Brown

### Important Note regarding DGT Visits

As we enter the new year there are only 2 visits outstanding for the DGT. If neither of the above dates are suitable then please contact the Officer due to visit your club as soon as possible.

### Contacts

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Good Luck in all you do.

Beryl



## Welcome New Members

Name	Club
John Atkinson	Chester
Vivien Birchall	Crewe & Nantwich
Damian Glasheen	Crewe & Nantwich
Alan Green	Crewe & Nantwich
Jenny Hodgkinson	Crewe & Nantwich
Dora McCollum	Crewe & Nantwich
Colin Sheldon	Leek

## Visiting Lion Latest Results 2011-2012



Club	Points
Little Orme	317
Stoke-on-Trent	170
Stone	167
Cannock	149
Flint	134
Llandudno	104
Beaumaris	103
Telford	82
Tamworth	63
Leek	52

Send visiting lions forms to,  
Trish Morris 32 Station Crescent  
Craven Arms Shropshire SY7 9RR  
[trish@pamorris.plus.com](mailto:trish@pamorris.plus.com)

## Lions & Classic FM Partners for Service

Please use this link to access latest news and a form to submit details of your fundraising event to The Classic FM Foundation. Let them know the information that you would like to get across and they may use that as a guideline to create online content on the Classic FM website. They may also be able to give you a plug on air using the information you have supplied. Follow link:- <http://webpace4you.org/>



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## Young Ambassador Award

This year, with Wrexham not putting a candidate forward, we have another Club winning through with their candidate. Katie Farley, in a very close run competition, won the District 105BS Young Ambassador final for Stone Lions Club.

There were four candidates – this time all young ladies – Beth Roberts (Wilmslow), Carys Allen (Telford), Catherine Jones (Vale of Llangollen) and Katie Farley (Stone). As ever, any of the four were worthy of representing the District at Multi District level making it difficult for the judges to select a winner to go through to Dudley in February. Picture bottom left Katie Farley, Carys Allen, DG Beryl, Catherine Jones, Beth Roberts

Each candidate is marked on four areas; three minute presentation, leadership qualities, work in the community and intended spend of a £500 bursary should they win.

Katie is 17 and is joint Head Girl of her local High School. She is involved in a wide variety of community volunteer work. She has been helping teach young children to swim for the last five years, now having her own class. Katie loves working with young children and has had placements at a local Middle school, at present is helping at a First school. She is a trained counsellor and buddy helping to build the confidence of young people.

Katie is keen on fundraising and has organised events for charities such as Children in Need, Breast Cancer etc. She was assistant Managing Director for the Young Enterprise programme – their company made environmentally friendly products called “Knottbags” and won their way to the National Finals held at the Savoy Hotel in London.

Her achievements include Duke of Edinburgh bronze, silver and gold awards; Sports Leader level 1 and 2 and a Rotary Young Leader award.

The Multi-District Final will be held at the Village Hotel, Dudley the weekend 17<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2012.

Thanks are due to the judges, Angela Fury (Chair), Jill Hood and Richard Homer for their valuable support and time. Pictured right Katie with Glenys Sanders, DG Beryl, 2nd VDG Dave Handley & 1st VDG Rob Brown. Thanks also to the Horse & Jockey for allowing us to again hold the event there; for serving tea, coffee, meals etc. and for being so welcoming.

The event was again very well supported; thanks to all who attended. It was great to have different Clubs involved this year!

Certificates were presented to each candidate by District Governor Beryl along with token gifts to the three judges. Pictured bottom right with candidates & DG, L-R Jill Hood, Richard Homer and Angela Fury.

Report by Glenys Sanders

105BS DO Young Ambassador







## News from Ironbridge & Severn Gorge

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### Ironbridge Colour Planting for 2012

Members of the local community payback team have been helping Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions to continue with their environmental planting programme. The latest planting being of over 4000 native daffodils along the Lloyds parallel to the River Severn near Ironbridge.

This latest planting has taken the total of bulbs planted by the club to over 20,000 in 2 years. Also seen is an artists impression of what the Lloyds is expected to look like in the spring.



Seen above right are members of the payback team along with their supervisor and representatives from the Lions. Of course Dandylion (Ironbridge's Mascot) went along to add a bit of colour. Photos by kind permission of the Shropshire Star and Lion David Wassell MBE

### Ironbridge Coracle Regatta

Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions once again this year joined forces with the Greenwood Centre in Ironbridge to host the annual Ironbridge Coracle regatta.

More than 1000 spectators lined the banks of the River Severn to watch the antics of coraclers in their strange craft.

The event has grown year on year with this year seeing a record number of coracles taking part. For those landlubbers not interested in the water antics there were over 50 trade and charity stalls represented offering all sorts of different fayre.



Andy Akinwolere and Ed Petrie from CBBC were also in attendance testing their skill on the river in these strange craft. All their attempts were being caught on camera by the CBBC film crew.

All the profit from the day went to Ironbridge Lions Charities together with all the other charities represented. Seen in the shots are TV Presenter Andy Akinwolere & some of the spectators and Stalls. Photos by kind permission of the Shropshire Star and Ironbridge Lions.



### Vale Royal

A recent charity event for Christmas involved collecting toys from churches in the area and distributing them as Christmas gifts to 80 local needy families.

Vale Royal Lions pictured right sorting the toys donated by local churches for distribution to the needy in the area.



### URMSTON LIONS SANTA IS FIRST CLASS

Urmston Lions have again persuaded Father Christmas to help them give out presents, he came to Parker's Garden Centre last weekend and was there for a couple of weekends on Saturday and Sunday in late December.

Last Saturday someone visited Flixton Garden centre, saw Santa and then went on to see Santa at the Trafford Centre, after their two visits they took part in a phone-in on Piccadilly Radio and rated Urmston Lions Santa's Grotto as "First class, putting the much more elaborate offering from the Trafford Centre into the shade". Once more this proves that shopping locally pays off!"

Jean Black, President of Urmston Lions, said "Lions are so grateful to Parkers for providing space for Father Christmas. Urmston Lions believes that Father Christmas should be available to all the children of the area, and with help from Parker's we are able to give all Santa's young visitors a small gift. We have also distributed 5,000 Colouring Competition forms to all the local schools and collected those until Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Each year Urmston Lions give out over 600 gifts to all who visit Santa."

### LIONS YOUTH FOOTBALL TEAM NEWS

The District Youth Football final was held on Sunday 27th November at Gatley FC. The result was Wilmslow 3 Tamworth 0. Wilmslow were represented by Cheadle & Gatley and Tamworth were represented by Atherstone Rangers JFC.

Pictured right Cheadle & Gatley 2011 105BS trophy winners.







## Lebus Jogle Cycle Ride by LionHearts

Readers will recall that we told you earlier last year of the pending marathon cycle by the LionHearts and that Hazel Grove Lions Joan & Doug James son, Baz was one of the team of fellow students from Nottingham University that took to two wheels in the summer. Their aim was to cycle from John O'Groats to Land's End raising money for the British Heart Foundation and the Lions Eye Bus Uganda.

This cycle ride has now been completed and they received fantastic support from family, friends, Lions Clubs and even personal donations from Lions members. The final total raised for the Eye Bus was £950.00 and a cheque was presented to District Governor Beryl Roberts at the Hazel Grove Charter.

The LionHearts had a great time and Baz told some stories of the ride with assorted photos in a short PowerPoint presentation to Hazel Grove Lions and to a subsequent Zone Meeting. Sadly Baz had to pull out of the ride at Cheltenham with an injured knee and he awaits microsurgery to his kneecap in the New Year.

He tells us that his disappointment at not completing the 1,000 mile journey will only be resolved by doing it again next year!

Pictured left the LionHearts begin the ride (Baz centre with helmet)  
Below left Lion Doug James & Baz fundraising for JOGLE. Below right DG Beryl receiving Lebus cheque from Hazel Grove LP Davina Wainwright & Lion Joan James.

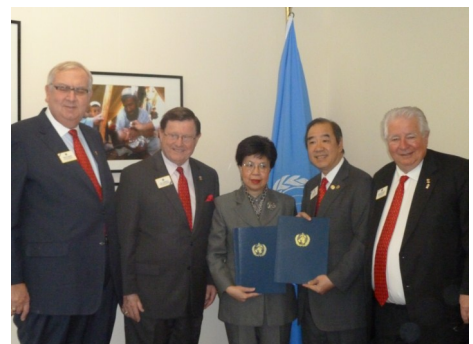


## World Health Organisation & LCI

The 16th Dec 2011 was a very important day for the Lions of the world when our International President Dr Wing Kun Tam signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Margaret Chan - Deputy General of the World Health Organisation in Geneva, Switzerland. After almost 30 years of Lions being involved with the W.H.O. we will finally be recognised as a partner in our efforts. DG Chan was very well read on what Lions do and is very excited as to what the MOU can lead. She promised that she will attend the Convention in Busan (Korea) next June and speak to the Lions of the world. This adds to our initiative of getting women involved in high positions of Leadership; additionally this signing really is a milestone in the partnerships into which our Lions organisation is entering to widen our influence and consequently our ability to support those in need.

Pictured top right IP Tam and DG Chan signing the documents.

Pictured bottom right Officers with Ms Chan--from left : 1st Int VP Wayne Madden, IPIP Sid Scruggs, Mrs Chan, IP Dr Wing-Kun Tam & 2nd Int VP Barry Palmer





## News from Clubs, Zones & District

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### Alsager Lions

Alsager Lions & St Mary's Church are promoting a live Rick Wakeman concert at the Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene, Crewe Rd., ALSAGER, Stoke on Trent, ST7 2EW on Saturday 21st April 2012. Rick Wakeman, the celebrated English keyboard player, composer and songwriter is best known for being the former keyboard player in the progressive rock band Yes. He is also known for his solo albums, contributing to the BBC comedy series Grumpy Old Men and for Rick's Place, his former radio show on Planet Rock aired until December 2010.

Tickets for this exciting one man concert are £25-00 each now available and bookable in advance. For further details contact Lion Ken Livingstone at [liv2ing@talktalk.net](mailto:liv2ing@talktalk.net)



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Friday 16<sup>th</sup>, 03.00 - 06.00. : Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>, 11.00 - 05.00 : Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>, 12.00 - 3.00.

[wakemanconcert@aol.com](mailto:wakemanconcert@aol.com)

@stmary's / Alsager Lions Club event.



### Peace Poster Notelets

DO Rick Talbot tells us that the recent District winners of the Peace Poster competition have now been re-produced as notelets with envelopes, the notelets are blank inside and can be used for a variety of occasions. The complete set of notelets comprising the 13 District Winners are now available from MDHQ and cost £3.50 for a set. As stated they include Matthew Elliott's winning District Entry together with all the other winning District entries, these are an excellent vehicle for passing round the Lionism message. Rick adds that they were not produced last year for some reason, however Brigitte Waterfield has re-introduced them again this year, he hopes you will be interested to purchase a few sets of notelets and use them around the District to ensure we continue to promote this excellent competition.

Peace Poster notelet's now available from MDHQ. Contact [Brigitte@lionsmd105hq.org.uk](mailto:Brigitte@lionsmd105hq.org.uk)

### PR Corner

Happy New Year ! Well 2012 has spun in our direction far too quickly in my view and we have an exciting year of PR prospects ahead. January launches our "Signature Projects" which is to make "sight" and "youth" to the public to be synonymous with "Lions". The Diamond Jubilee where we have been asked to consider lighting Beacons throughout the country and soon the Olympics. Unfortunately the Olympic committee did not recognise our C.O.G. Tony's athletic prowess and he will not be a Torchbearer. But please let me know if there are any other Lions out there who have been selected. Finally may I remind you that we have a PR Media workshop on Sunday 15th January at the Roman Way Cannock. The day will involve practical sessions for all the delegates to help with a whole variety of PR topics. Please let me know if you wish to attend?

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