



District Governor's Newsletter

District Governor 2012/2013 Rob Brown



Serving Together in a Changing World

Special points of interest:

District Governor Rob outlines his vision on the year ahead.

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"In a World of Service" is the theme of this year's International President Wayne Madden, from Indiana, U.S.A. In a world of need, there is someone to help. In a world of suffering, there is someone who cares. In a world of destruction, there is someone to provide relief. In a world of illiteracy, there is someone to teach. And in a world of service, there is one name that stands out among others – Lions Clubs International. That's what we do. That's what we have always done. It is our motto, and the reason that we exist.



We have a proud history of Service in our district but, in these difficult times, the need for service continues to expand. Many clubs will have experienced this in their local communities, with requests for assistance, both in practical and financial means, increasing in number. We thrive on challenges and are always prepared to extend ourselves where there is a service need. However, often, when there are greater demands on clubs, pressures can develop on members to fulfill these needs, particularly in small membership clubs.

Our clubs are teams of individuals, each with their own strengths; but remember that your club has more impact and is more effective when acting as a team, rather than as individuals. So please take some time at the beginning of this year to review your team. All members have skills, abilities and interests; are they being used to generate the most fruitful and productive service? Lions joined your club to serve their community; are you engaging all members in the services that you provide? We can all look back over the last ten, or even five years and recognize how our personal lives have changed; has your club changed with the times in a similar manner?

District Officers also form teams and these are experienced Lions who are there to support clubs; this is their main function. So please use this experience whenever it may be useful for your club. If you are recruiting new members, use your GMT (Global Membership Team) officer and Zone chair; invite them to a meeting. If you need new ideas for fundraising, ask your Zone chair who has knowledge of other club's successes in this area.

I am looking forward in the next twelve months, to visiting many clubs and attending numerous club events. I can assure you that I, plus the District Governor Team and all District Officers with their teams, will do our best to support clubs in every way possible. We all subscribe to "In a World of Service" but recognize that it is only Clubs, and nobody else, that provide the Services to our communities.

Best wishes to you all for a successful, enjoyable and Service-packed year.

Yours in Lionism

Rob

Together in a World of Service



District Governor Team Travels July, August & September

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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)

Youth Exchange 2012

Only one young person desperately needs hosting now. She is 18 years old, from Turkey, hobbies are swimming and dance and she is allergic to cats. She needs hosting for 2 periods, one from 25th July – 4th August, the other 4th -13th August. If anyone can help please contact Pauline Hodgkinson on 01782 613787 or email

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Visit	Club	Visited by
24/07/2012	Beaumaris Menai Aethwy	2VDG Carole Hodgkinson
01/08/2012	Flint & District	1VDG Dave Handley
01/08/2012	Leek	DG Rob Brown
02/08/2012	Holyhead	DG Rob Brown
06/08/2012	Conwy Estuary	2VDG Carole Hodgkinson
06/08/2012	Ellesmere Port	1VDG Dave Handley
06/08/2012	Sale & District	DG Rob Brown
07/08/2012	Burntwood	1VDG Dave Handley
07/08/2012	Lymm	2VDG Carole Hodgkinson
07/08/2012	Oswestry	DG Rob Brown
08/08/2012	Congleton	1VDG Dave Handley
08/08/2012	Market Drayton	2VDG Carole Hodgkinson
09/08/2012	Crewe & Nantwich	1VDG Dave Handley
13/08/2012	Gnosall	2VDG Carole Hodgkinson
13/08/2012	Little Orme	1VDG Dave Handley
13/08/2012	West Kirby	DG Rob Brown
14/08/2012	Caernarfon	1VDG Dave Handley
14/08/2012	Stoke-on-Trent	2VDG Carole Hodgkinson
15/08/2012	Wrexham Maelor	1VDG Dave Handley
16/08/2012	Ironbridge & Severn Gorge	1VDG Dave Handley
20/08/2012	West Wirral	DG Rob Brown
21/08/2012	Stockport	2VDG Carole Hodgkinson
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



Visiting Lion Latest Results 2012-2013



Club	Points
Stoke -on-Trent	110
Stone	74
Telford	56
Flint	52
Newcastle	51
Beaumaris Menai Aethwy	36
Little Orme	34
Leek	33
Tamworth	28
Cannock	21
Llandudno	21

Send visiting lions forms to,
Trish Morris 32 Station Crescent
Craven Arms Shropshire SY7 9RR
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Young Ambassador of the 21st Century

Already July! Time to look for a Young Ambassador to represent your Club in the above competition for District 105BS for 2012/13.

Application Forms are available online- they are not now given out annually.

The Young Ambassador competition gives your Club a good link with local young people along with raising our profile. If your Club has a suitable candidate (over 15 years of age but not over 18 on 30th June 2013), please get in touch with me at the address below and I am happy to help if you have any problems regarding the required paperwork.

Your candidate's application and supporting paperwork will need to be with me by Friday 9th November 2012 at the latest.

The District Final will again be at the Horse and Jockey, Grindley Brook on Saturday 24th November 2012.

The Multi-District Final will be held at the Village Hotel, Dudley in February 2013.

Kate Hodgkinson (DO Young Ambassador) is hoping to hear from you and increase the number of candidates from last year.

Tel: 01782 412406 or E-mail

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Welcome New Members

Name	Club
Elaine Bradburn	Ironbridge & Severn Gorge
Mark Freeman	Llandudno
Ann Vaughan	Lymm

WHITCHURCH LIONS SPONSORED WALK ACROSS MORECAMBE BAY

Whitchurch Lions are looking for walkers who like a challenge and would join them in walking across Morecambe Bay in aid of Blind Veterans UK (formerly St Dunstons) & Local Lions Charities. On the walk they will have the services of the famous Queen's Guide, Cedric Robinson CBE.

The walk will take place on Saturday 11th August 2012 at 12 noon and it should be over by 5.00pm. Whitchurch Lions will be making arrangements about transport.

All walkers will need to be fit enough to walk 8 miles from Arnside to Kent's Bank and at one stage they will be crossing the River Kent knee-deep in water and they need to be able to step or jump across some mudflats or gullies !!

Walkers will be given lots of information later, but what Whitchurch Lions need now is your commitment to walk and to help secure sponsorship. Walkers must understand that there is an element of risk even though all reasonable precautions will have been taken.

For more information contact Dennis Woodfine, Tel 01948 780777 for sponsorship form or email Mary Macpherson fmmacphe2@hotmail.com or full details.



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Lymm Lions have a Brainwave

Lymm Lions recently held a quiz night to raise money for the charity Brainwave.

The Brainwave Centre is based in Birchwood and provides individual therapies for children with disabilities and developmental delay, in order to help them reach their full potential.

Lymm Lions were able to present Brainwave with a cheque for £250 which will go towards helping to fund the therapy for specific child who lives locally.

Pictured right Lions Linda Barnes and Ann Vaughan presenting the cheque to Joanne Freeman from Brainwave.



Lions Prom Day June 6th 2012

Lions Clubs from across the North Wales coast came together on the promenade, Llandudno, and raised over £700 towards the Welsh Special Games being held in Llandudno and Colwyn Bay in July.

This is the fourth year that the Lions have held a Prom Day which not only raises money for a good cause but also raises public awareness for the work local Lions Clubs do in the community. The clubs taking part organised tombola stalls, hoopla, play your cards right and bucket collections. Clubs represented on the Prom came from Prestatyn and Rhyl in the east to Conwy, Llandudno and Little Orme in the west. Also present were clubs from Anglesey.

Along side the Lions Clubs a number of charities also took part in the Prom Day. This demonstrated how Lions work with local charities to support them in their work. On the Prom this year were stalls and displays from Breast Cancer Awareness, Alzheimer's Awareness, NSPCC/Childline, Blind Veterans UK and The Carers Association.



The Prom Day officially opened at 12 noon by Deputy Mayor Garry Burchett and the towns Miss Daffodil, Nicol Thompson and representing the Special Games was Diana Airey.

Lion Ian Turner provided the PA and music for the day and brought along the Olympic Torch he carried as part of the torch relay which took place in the town on Tuesday 29th May. Ian encouraged the public to come and have their picture taken with the torch and make a donation.

Unfortunately the weather during the day progressively got worse and turned to persistent rain and the event was cut short. The afternoons entertainment was going to be from the Llandudno Youth Music Theatre but this had to be cancelled.

All the Lions Clubs who took part during the Prom Day would like to thank the public for their kind support.

Pictured centre right Lion Ian Turner and PDG Beryl Roberts

Report by Martin Smith (Llandudno Lions Club)





District 105BS Environmental Photo Competition

Lions from clubs in good standing are invited to enter an original, unaltered black and white or colour photo (without people) of the environment of their Lions Club area in the following categories in the 2012-13 Lions Environment Photo Contest



Animal life

Plant life

Landscape (urban or natural)

Weather phenomenon

Special annual category (to be announced, look on International website)

Entries should be 8" x 10" (20.3cm x 25.4cm) prints and should each be accompanied by an official entry form.

To encourage more entries there is no need for a club level competition and all entries should be sent direct to DO Teresa Nickson, 2A Ffordd Pennant, Mold, Flintshire CH7 1RR by 31st December 2012 for district level judging. However entrants are limited to one print per category.

The winning entries in each category will be sent on to the Multiple District level competition and winners from there for judging at the International Convention. An award will be presented to the winning photographers.

It is hoped to display our district winning entries at our convention in March 2013.

Conditions of entry

Lion photographers accept responsibility for the costs of taking and processing all photos. Contest photos become the property of Lions Clubs International. LCI reserves the right to disqualify entries that do not meet contest criteria or that made be viewed as inappropriate or objectionable.

Cannock QR Factor

Cannock Lions Club has the QR Factor. They have generated a QR code which they have on their Sail Flag (pictured and yes it works on the flag too !) and will in future put on their posters. Anyone who has a smart phone can scan the code and it will take them directly to the club's Facebook Page. There are websites that can generate a code for free and it is very easy to do.



Queens Jubilee - Cannock Style

Cannock Lions Club contacted their neighbouring Rotary & Soroptimist Clubs when they found out that their local council were not going to organise anything to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It was decided that something just had to be done. Cannock is blessed with two Bandstands in the middle of the town. One showed old photos of Cannock on a screen and the other bandstand was the focal point of the day. Jean Martyn from BGT (pictured below by the Bandstand) opened the event and various acts & DJ's played music from the Queen's Reign. **Article continued on Page 6 overleaf.**





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Queens Jubilee - Cannock Style Continued



The day ended with a rousing finale of Land of Hope and Glory and the National Anthem. The main premise of the day was that everything was free to the public apart from the food sold by vendors. The look on the faces of people when they asked how much the face painting, the bouncy castle and cakes were told they were free. Which may seem a strange thing but we wanted it to be a purely community based event and give something to the people of Cannock. Even the weather didn't deter us.

Pictured left Jean Martyn & Cannock LP Doug Smith. Pictured right Lion Helen Addiss and a lovely Patriotic lady from Cannock.



PR Corner

First of all can I thank all the Zone Chairs and Clubs who sent me their MD resource forms & letter-heads. Our District had the best response. I know this was a contentious issue but MD know of your opinions I can assure you.

I hope some of you saw the Diamond Jubilee greetings in your newspapers from Lions Clubs of the British Isles. The Leader newspaper did us proud by doing a whole page and we were able to use it as a poster. Apparently the summertime is a quiet time for news articles my local paper tells me so it's the best time to try and get things in the news.

If there are any new P.R.O's for club in the new year please contact me so I know who you are. I am sure that we wish our Torchbearers the best of luck I only know of Ian Turner & John May I believe there are others it's a shame as no one has let me know. There will be a collage of them in The Lion Magazine so if you have any photos of them in action please send them to me.

Finally I would like to say a 'Big Thanks' to John Filce for all his help with PR matters this last year and for the fabulous NL he produced. And another Big Thanks to the PR. Information & Communications Committee for all their support this last year you have made it the best Committee in the District!

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The copy deadline for the next issues of the DG's newsletter 23rd July & 22nd Aug

Please send everything in electronic format (Word documents with **separate** Jpegs) to the interim email address below. This is my last newsletter before moving on, so will correspondents please check days and dates for accuracy. I have still been receiving photographs without any identification of the key individuals. Please identify key people in any relevant photographs otherwise the impact of the story line may be severely compromised by the omission. Your new Editor will need all the help and support you have given me over the last 12 months. If anyone is interested in the vacant position of News Letter Editor please contact DG Rob Brown email mrmap@talktalk.net

Many thanks and best wishes. John Filce (Editor)

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