



District Governor's Newsletter

District Governor 2011/2012 Beryl Roberts



DG says Farewell

Hi Everyone,



Special points of interest:

DG signs off at the end of her year

Well here I am, suddenly at the end of this Lionistic year, how time has flown by.

Thank you to all the lions of 105BS for your dedicated hard work during the last 12 months.

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Thank you to all lions who have afforded me such wonderful hospitality and made me feel so welcome when I have attended club meetings, zone meetings, social evenings, charter nights and a variety of other wonderful functions. You have made me feel so good and given me such wonderful support.

During my year of Office I have made many new friends and I now value these greatly along with my old friends all of whom I still continue to care and value.

The District Convention and the Multiple District Convention were superb from beginning to end. Full of fun, laughter and fellowship.

Can I ask this, just one last time, please continue to value our existing members, mentor our new members and give them a voice and have fun whilst providing service. If your club needs help, ask for it, there are a lot of good people out there willing to help.

We can look forward with crossed fingers and toes and crossed everything else to a new branch club in Hednesford!

I have such happy memories that will stay with me for the rest of my life. I have enjoyed the fellowship and friendship of lions all around our district and far beyond.

To those of you who have listened, mentored and given me good advice, thank you, you know who you are.

I have loved every moment and have served the district to the best of my ability.

Thank you all for giving me the opportunity and privilege to serve and be your District Governor for 2011/12.

I wish Rob, Maureen and all the new team the very best for the coming year.

Rob - enjoy - it goes by very quickly.

See you all at handover.

Beryl

Continuing in Service Together



District Governor Travels

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All official club visits now completed.

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Good Luck in all you do.

Welcome New Members

Name	Club
Roger Westlake	Anglesey Central
Doreen Chell	Gnosall
John Pulford	Wallasey
Marie Nicholls	West Wirral

Visiting Lion 2011-2012

With Trish Morris back with us we are pleased to announce the final totals for the 2011/12 Visiting Lion Year which closed on the 29th February 2012.

Club	Points	Final Position
Little Orme	348	1
Stone	188	2
Stoke-on-Trent	183	3
Cannock	167	4
Flint	147	5
Llandudno	119	6
Beaumaris	115	7
Telford	82	8
Tamworth	72	9
Leek	68	10

Visiting Lion



We are pleased to report that DO Trish Morris has been released from hospital after a very serious illness requiring a lengthy stay. She is now improving by the day. We welcome her back and following a short rest she plans to resume her 2012/13 Visiting Lion duties with effect from 1st July 2012. We thank DO John Vaughan for stepping in and taking over the competition at short notice for the last two months, his splendid efforts have been greatly appreciated by everyone especially Trish.

Send visiting lions forms to,
Trish Morris 32 Station Crescent
Craven Arms Shropshire SY7 9RR
trish@pamorris.plus.com

Visiting Lion 2012-2013

Club	Points
Stoke -on-Trent	104
Telford	56
Stone	51
Flint	47
Little Orme	34
Newcastle	29
Beaumaris	26
Leek	25
Tamworth	23
Cannock	21

Many congratulations to the Little Orme Club on the outstanding total they achieved last year on their visits to other clubs in our district.

Readers are advised that the rules covering the MD Visiting Lion Competition are slightly different from those applied at district level so it is extremely likely that their final positions published in the Lion Magazine affecting any of our clubs will differ from the 2011/12 totals above. A simple example of difference is that any single lion visit in District BS only scores 1 point whereas a similar visit at MD level scores 1 point in MD 105BS but 5 points if the visit is into another MD area. For full MD Rules visit <http://www.lionsmd105.org/> then follow >resources > competitions > travelling lion competition.



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NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The annual North Staffs Special Olympics athletics meeting was held at Northwood Stadium, Hanley on Saturday 19th May with S.O. teams from all over the West Midlands region attending. There were 192 athletes booked in for mainly track races but there were also field events including high jump, long jump and shot (soft ball throw). The packed programme started at just after 10.00am and finished just after 5.00pm.



Eleven Lions from Cheadle, Gnosall, Rugeley and Uttoxeter clubs volunteered to help on the day, backing up the accord PDG John May, MD Physical & Learning Disabilities Officer has made with SOGB, and with so many athletes involved the organisers were very pleased to have the help. Everyone was kept very busy and expressed their satisfaction in being a part of an event that provides so much pleasure to true sportsmen and women however well they have performed on the day.

The general comment from the Lions involved was that how much more pleasant it was to be truly *serving*, compared to the usual fundraising activities and all of them hope to be involved at future event.

Report by DO Steve Shields



Pictured above left - some of the Lions volunteers from Uttoxeter and Cheadle. Above right another track race gets under way and lower right - teams celebrate at the medal presentation ceremony.

Peace Poster 2012/13

The new theme for this year is **"Imagine Peace"** and DO Rick Talbot advises that Peace Poster Kits are now available at a cost of £8-00 each. Rick suggests that now is the time for most clubs to make their approach to their local schools & clubs as the next few weeks tend to involve less pressure on the age groups likely to take part. Children newly entering secondary school in September may be appraised of the competition early.

Since last year an attractive advertising poster has been produced by Gnosall Lions and adopted for general use by MD 105 and the version currently available for download from MD has the Blue/yellow logo. Space is provided for clubs to enter their contact details etc. To obtain further details follow the MD link:-

<http://www.lions.org.uk/joomla/index.php/youth-projects/peace-poster-2012>

or Peace Poster Kit Contact Rick Talbot eric828@btinternet.com





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11th Anniversary Success for Vale Royal Lions Golf Day

Over seventy golfers supported the annual Vale Royal Lions Club Charity Golf day recently at the Portal Golf Club at Tarporley. Some eighteen teams from local businesses played a round of the Championship course, and included comedian Stan Boardman. The day was then rounded off with a celebration dinner. Prizes were awarded for the team with the best round, golfer nearest the pin on the 14th charity hole, and the golfer with the longest drive on the 18th. Over £2000 was raised and later this will be distributed amongst local charities by Vale Royal Lions Club. The 12th Charity Golf Day is to held in May 2013.

Stan Boardman (2nd right) and team receiving the winners' prize from Golf Day organiser Vale Royal Lion Alan Hulse (far right) before Stan auctioned the prize to increase the funds raised by the event.



Awards & Citations

MBE Presentation

PDG John May (Lichfield) pictured right recently receiving his MBE from Prince Charles at an Investiture at Buckingham Palace.

We have to thank John May's granddaughter Jessica who Googled her Granddad for her school project and found this smashing photo. It is amazing what gems you find on the Internet.

Many congratulations to John.

Photo Courtesy Press Association



Bert Mason Humanitarian Medal

Congratulations to PDG Shirley Vaughan who was recently awarded the 'Bert Mason Humanitarian Medal' at MD Convention in Birmingham by P.I.D.Howard Lee. The Bert Mason Humanitarian Award is named after the only Lion from MD105 to have been International President. The award was agreed by the Council of Governors and made on behalf of the Multiple District; it is very rarely given which makes it even more special. Shirley also received an I.P.'s certificate

Shirley says "I was stunned to receive it, Bert Mason was passionate about support for young people so to receive this for my own work for youth is such an honour. To get an International President's certificate as well made it an incredible morning for me"



Above Shirley shows off her Bert Mason Humanitarian Medal



District Handover 2012

DG's Handover - This takes place Friday 20 July 2012 7pm for 7.30pm Holiday Inn, Wood Lane, Beechwood Runcorn. WA7 3HA. The Cost £23.00 per person. Contact - PDG Lion Geoffrey Mitchell. email PDGGMitchell@aol.com Accommodation at the hotel is £49.00 Bed & Breakfast per Double/ Twin Room. Room Bookings should be through the hotel on 01928 754806 .

District Convention 2013

This will be held at the Holiday Inn, Wood Lane, Beechwood, Runcorn WA7 3HA on the 8th to 10th March 2013. The hotel is located just off Junction 12 of the M56 motorway and has complimentary secure parking.

The host committee are endeavouring to make this, our 30th, a good convention for you and warmly invite you to 105BS District Convention 2013. A brief summary of the weekend is set out below:-

Host Night £19-00, Banquet & Ball £25-00, Partners Trip £10.00, Convention Lunch £7-00. Cheques should be made payable to District 105BS. Hotel Accommodation £59-00 per room per night - Bed & Breakfast. £20-00 deposit required per room (Cheques made payable to Holiday Inn).

The hotel is well appointed and Wireless Internet is available in the lounge . Function room bar prices will be reduced by 25% during the weekend. The Friday Host theme is "Black & White"

Bookings are going extremely well, so please book early to avoid disappointment. Booking Forms are available on the District Web Site. Please return both with cheques to PDG Lion Geoffrey Mitchell, District Convention Chairman.

PDG Frank Marnell - Sky Dive 23rd June 2012

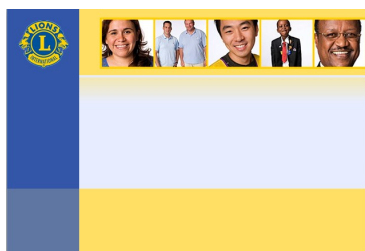
Readers will remember the tragic death of Frank's brother last year after suffering from motor neuron disease. His brother was diagnosed with the disease in September 2011 and died in December 2011. To raise money for MND Association Frank and his daughter plan to jump out of a plane in June. Frank knows that no amount of money will ever bring his brother back but what it can do is help give people with this disease a little comfort. The doctors have so much to learn about Motor Neuron disease which has no known cure.

He wants to help raise money so that other families can be helped and hopes that with the money raised it can make their situation less painful. Any donations towards this Sky Dive will be greatly appreciated by Frank and his family all of whom have been working hard for this charity. Please send any donations to MND Association c/o Frank Marnell.

Corporate Image Power Point

We are pleased to announce that PowerPoint slide templates are now available to download from the District Website to enable clubs to create their own presentations to meet their own requirements and at the same time accord with the Lions Corporate Image. To download the templates click on <http://www.webspace4you.org.uk/members105bs/> then follow > [Power Point Corporate Image](#).

The templates are illustrated below and provide the full range of slide options in MS Office 2010.



Title Slide A



Blank Slide B

Editors Note If any user experiences any significant problems or difficulty using all the features built into the templates please feel free to contact me for help and assistance.



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Wales Coastal Path

A literal milestone was reached at the beginning of May 2012 with the formal opening of the 870 mile Wales Coastal Path. This is a world first in that Wales is presently the only country in the world where it is possible to walk completely around its coastline. The opening was celebrated on the 5th May at 3 locations namely Cardiff in the south, Aberystwyth in the west and Flint in the north. The event was well attended by Radio, TV and press and of course Flint Lions were there to fly the Lions Banner. The path runs from the mouth of the River Dee on the outskirts of Chester, right the way around the entire Welsh coast to finish in the market town of Chepstow. For the keen walker, from there it can be turned into an enormous circular walk by picking up the 177-mile Offa's Dyke path along Wales' historic border, back to the start.



The Countryside Council for Wales undertook the mammoth task of co-ordinating the project on behalf of the Welsh Government which was completed after 5 years hard work. The official opening was carried out by the chairman of the CCW, Morgan Parry, who hailed the creation of the Wales Coast Path as a great achievement.

Pictured left Morgan Parry opens the pathway northern section at Flint watched by BBC news presenter Sian Lloyd. Right is the CCW map of the Coastal Path.



Flint Lions had considerable interest in their Message in a Bottle and Message in a Wallet schemes and at their Publicity Stand in the main tent fielded a variety of questions on Lions initiatives including Peace Poster, Young Leaders in Service and their service work in the area. Pictured below at the Flint Lions stand far left Lion Dennis Williams explains the Message in a Bottle scheme to a member of the public watched centre by Matthew Travis, Lion Terry Withington and President Elect Neil Travis.



Following the success of several Flintshire schools in the now ceased Lions 105BS District U18s Environmental Photographic Competition Flint Lions used the event to launch their own version of the Competition for Flintshire Schools for the forthcoming year. The competition closes on the 14th October 2012 and is open to youngsters under 18 as at the 14th February 2013. The competition is divided into three categories: Plant Life, Animal Life and Landscapes (Urban or Natural) and it is hoped

that with the opening of the Wales Coastal Path additional opportunities will arise for more interesting photos of the region to be submitted.



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Alsager Youth Brass Band Concert

Alsager Lion held their annual Lions Youth Brass Band Concert at the Civic Centre Alsager on the 27th April. The Centre was full to capacity to hear the three bands, who had appeared the previous week at the National Championships in Manchester. The youth band under the directorship of Nigel Birch, were delighted and proud to announce that they had taken 2nd place in the Championship section and the



beginners led by Chris Thompson and the junior band under Ian Raisbeck both won a Certificate of Merit. The bands were superbly supported by singer Virginia Meyer with the male duo Musica, accompanied by Karen Shutt on piano. A retiring collection was taken at the end of the show and Alsager Lions wish to thank all who had attended, for their generosity.



Pictured above Lion Geoff Rimmer presents flowers to Virginia and left Lion Dave Nixon presents a cheque for £450 to Nigel Birch with thanks for a splendid evening of music.

Alsager Scout Help

Alsager Lions President Sam Alcock attended the Alsager Scout Group Headquarters to present Adam Longhurst with a cheque for £150 to help towards a proposed building extension for another meeting room at the headquarters. The Lions had been approached earlier to sponsor Adam as he was about to take part in the London Marathon, any money raised to be put towards the £20,000 still required to carry out the building work. Although Adam struggled to complete the marathon, his finishing time was 5 hours 36 minutes and 52 seconds only a few minutes outside his previous best time, having completed 2 previous marathons. Adam who now lives and works in London still had time to open a new Scout Group, the 3rd Crofton Park Group, and was delighted to help his father, Alsager Scout Leader Don Longhurst, in raising funds towards the building work in Alsager.



Pictured above LP Sam Alcock presents the cheque to Adam Longhurst.

Lions' Youth Exchange Programme.

Hosts are needed for the Lions' Youth Exchange Programme. The latest position on hosting is that for the 1st period 25th July - 4th August Y1206 Mikhail Shevyakov Male from Russia and Y1225 Dilek Uslu Female from Turkey need hosting.

Additionally for the 2nd period 4th August -13th August Y1210 Luiza Khelaia Female from Georgia, Y 1225 Dilek Uslu Female from Turkey, and Y1246 Hanna Karhula Female from Finland all need hosting.

If you can help please contact Pauline Hodgkinson 01782 613787(H) or email bandp.hodgkinson@btinternet.com



PR Corner

A funny thing happened the other day. One Sunday morning I needed a PR shot for a Press Release. Our club borrowed a Lion's suit for photo. The shot was near a busy road but as our 'Lion' was leaning against a sign the traffic came to a standstill almost. They were waving and beeping horns and I reckon if we had got a collecting bucket we would have done very well. I have always promoted the use of the Lion costume. Feedback from clubs that already have Lion Suits confirm the a massive increase in public attention at their events. It would pay for itself within a year or two. You would definitely have press coverage as photographers are always drawn to the 'Lion'. I have contacted the people who advertise in 'The Lion' and they have quoted prices for bulk orders

there is a substantial reduction. The suit is a very good quality as you can see.



It is a lightweight version. £215+Vat (inc del) - This is the price that a regular Customer would pay if they purchased through their website.

£170+Vat (inc del) - Price offered to us for purchases of 10 costumes or more (this is for a delivery to ONE UK destination)

£150+Vat (inc. del) - Price offered to us for purchases of 20 costumes or more (this is for a delivery to ONE UK destination)

The interest it generated had to be seen to be believed. If your club is interested let me know and I can create a bulk order.

As I am sure you remember last Newsletter I mentioned the number of subscribers for Latest News. We have had a small increase but not nearly enough. Here's the link <http://webspace4you.org/wordpress/>

please subscribe it can be a very useful way of sending information out.

Last but not least Let's wish MDO John May the best of luck with his torch bearing duties on Saturday 30th June in Lichfield. His route has not been confirmed as of yet. I will put it on Latest News as soon as I hear. (Just another good reason to subscribe) It would be great if we could support him on his sprint !

Bev Stanyer Chair Public Relations : coppa_chik@hotmail.com

The copy deadline for the next issues of the DG's newsletter Jul 22nd and 21st Aug

Please send everything in electronic format (Word documents with **separate** Jpegs) to me. Can correspondents please check days and dates for accuracy.

I am still 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.

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Many thanks. John Filce (Editor)