



District Governor's Newsletter

District Governor 2011/2012 Beryl Roberts



DGs Tales

Hi Everyone,

Special points of interest:

DG tells about Young Musician & Kampala Lions visit.

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Wonderful news, our District has won the Multiple District music Competition. A young cellist, George Hault, sponsored by the Romiley Marple club went off to the Birmingham Conservatoire on the 15th April and came away with the trophy. George will now go on to represent the Multiple District in the European Competition in Brussels 6th – 8th September. Well done George and well done Romiley Marple club. Our district has got talent and given the chance our young people are as good as anyone. This is the second time we have won this competition in the last 5 years – well done BS ! Full story Page 3.



In late March, Lion President Patrick Luwaga and his wife Salome of the Kampala Lions Club in Uganda visited the district. Sadly, they just missed our convention but nevertheless we did our best to entertain them. Lion President Patrick spoke at the Biddulph anniversary luncheon telling us how the vehicles they have received from us are both being used to restore sight to people who could not see, some who have been blind for many years. My fellow lions we have done something wonderful here. Patrick told us that some of the ophthalmic equipment in our Eye Bus is better than the equipment they have at the Kampala hospital. This would be amusing if it wasn't so tragic.

Both Lion President Patrick and his wife are now back in Uganda and they requested a short note from me (on behalf of the district) to include in their Convention Brochure and this I have done. Thank you all Lions who helped make their stay in the district a memorable one. See Page 6.

Congratulations to Second Vice District Governor Elect Carol Hodgkinson of Stoke On Trent Lions club on her entry into District 105 BS governorship. I am sure she will do a wonderful job.

The challenge of membership is still with us in both our District and the Multiple District and we have lost many good Lions as they have passed to higher service. We must continue to mentor and respect our members and possibly utilise the skills and experience of the Global Membership Team more readily than we are doing. There is no shame in asking for help or arbitration, much better than suicidal splits or club losses.

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
Katherine Lord	Ellesmere Port
Hazar Ulku	Rugeley
Di Coates	Stoke-on-Trent
Guy Coates	Stoke-on-Trent
Peter Edwards	Telford
Daniel Parker	Telford
Tony Rickles	Vale Royal

MJF Presentations at Burntwood Charter

At the recent Charter night DG Beryl was pleased to present 2 hardworking lions with Melvin Jones Fellow awards for their work over the last 20 years. The awards went to Lion Gary Porter – President Walsall Lions Club (105M) and Lion Cindy Barnsley – Treasurer Burntwood Lions Club

Lion Gary – gave over 200 hours of his time in the last eighteen months assisting Burntwood with the construction of the gardens for both Loughton Court, Lichfield and Hornegarth House, Cheslyn Hay. Without his help Burntwood would have struggled to complete either. Although he is not in the trade his practical knowledge was invaluable.

Lion Cindy – has worked tirelessly since she joined Lions 17 years ago, making a major contribution to the organisation of the majority of fundraising events and Welfare Projects. (Cindy project managed the Loughton Court garden and has been the Plant Sale Project Administrator for Burntwood each year).

Lion Gary introduced Lion Cindy to Lions over 20 years ago so it was more than fitting that they both received their MJF awards on the same evening.

Pictured right DG Beryl Roberts with LP Gary Porter – Walsall Lions Club (105M), Lion Cindy Barnsley – Treasurer Burntwood Lions Club LP Dave Marston – Burntwood Lions Club.

Visiting Lion 2012-2013



We have to report that Trish Morris has been quite unwell recently; we all wish Trish a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her back with us before too long. In the meantime DO John Vaughan has kindly taken over Visiting Lion until further notice. The full results for 2011/12 will be published in a future newsletter.

Send visiting lions forms to,
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Madeley, Telford. TF7 5RX
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Club	Points
Stoke -on-Trent	53
Telford	45
Little Orme	34
Stone	22
Flint	20
Llandudno	19
Beaumaris	19
Newcastle	17
Cannock	11
Leek	9





A High Note for 105BS at 2012 MD Music Competition

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George Hoult, sponsored by Romiley, Marple and District Lions Club, was the worthy winner in a close contest at the MD Music Competition Final held at the Birmingham Conservatoire on 15th April. He will now go forward to the Europa Forum Music Competition in Brussels in September and will also attend the MD Convention in Birmingham in May.

There were ten contestants in the Final all of a very high standard. The morning comprised each of them playing the set piece and then their chosen pieces from the set repertoire during the afternoon.

All the competitors received framed certificates and George was presented with the Ian Jones Memorial Trophy by Chairman of Council Lion Tony Gadsby and Mrs Elizabeth Jones along with a cheque for £500 both pictured right with George Hoult.

The three judges with the difficult task of picking the winner were Jayne Evans, Nigel Blomiley and Trevor Burley.

George Hoult Pictured below right with 2nd placed Miriam Brown - sponsored by Buxton & District Lions Club 105E and 3rd placed Stephanie Tress - sponsored by Oldham Lions Club 105BN who received £200 and £100 respectively

The event was well supported. Many thanks and congratulations to Romiley, Marple and District Lions Club for their enthusiasm, hard work and support for George.

We look forward to hearing him play at MD Convention in May and wish him all the best for the Europa Forum Competition in September.

It was a very enjoyable day once those attending found a car park and the venue - not easy!

Report by Glenys Sanders – 105BS Youth Team Chair.



Latest Tacade Update

We now have the news that lions own the assets of the former Tacade. A new entity, Lions MD 105 Lifeskills Ltd, has been set up to run our future Life Skills activities and Clubs will be notified of the operating arrangements as they become available. The Trustees of the new company will be meeting shortly to confirm these plans.

1. There will be an on-going MD & DO Life Skills structure next year
2. There is an urgent need to maintain current interest as we intend to sell Tacade material using the Tacade brand to maintain loyalty
3. There will however be an obvious delay whilst these resources become freely available

The next anticipated updated information should become available early in May, and may I take this opportunity to thank all clubs for their patience during the period of reorganization

Report by Lion Graham Dow Drug & Lifeskills Officer 105 BS

Leek Lions early New Year or late Christmas ?

The 4th Annual Christmas Party was held at the Hotel Rudyard on March 30th 2012. We have wondered for some time that the club cannot decide if they are late for 2011 or early for 2012, since the club celebrate Christmas day, Boxing day and New Years day all at once!

This ever popular event was well attended again this year and everyone brought a gift valued at no more than £1 for Santa on the night, Leek LP Ed Goldstraw, to distribute.

After the Turkey dinner with all the trimmings, everyone sang Jingle Bells to welcome Santa. Pictured right Elizabeth, Isobel, Bobby Bethany and Alex receive their gifts from Santa Ed before he distributed gifts to the adults; you can imagine the fun everyone had opening the presents before moving on to the New Years Eve with a rendition of Auld Lang Syne and the musical entertainment with Lennie.





Trees, Trees and More Trees

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The tree planting initiated by IP Tam goes on. The latest plantings are given below:-

Rugeley Lions got back to their roots when they organised a community tree planting event in February to support the Lions International pledge to plant over a million trees worldwide.

With the offer of free trees from the Woodland Trust and the support of British Waterways and the local branch of the Inland Waterways Association over 400 saplings were planted along the Trent and Mersey Canal.

A wide cross section of groups and individuals rose to the occasion with representatives from the local council, scouts, local historical society, Community Police all mucking in together with mums and dads with their children, boaters and members of the general public all enjoying a spring day to help make a real difference to their community. All those who planted a tree were given a badge to recognise their efforts and the children awarded a certificate.

Organiser Lion Ed Rule said: "Tree planting was a fun way for all of us to do something lasting for our local area. We hope our trees will help attract wildlife and be a pleasure to everyone who will see them. It's incredible to think that in just 5 years, our trees will be as tall as us."

Newcastle-under-Lyne Lions members joined with children from St Lukes and Silverdale primary schools to plant sapling trees on the Silverdale Community Country Park.

The trees again are part of the Woodland Trust "More Trees More Good" initiative and are part of the growing parkland that now covers a majority of the former Silverdale Colliery site.

Lion President David Slack commented "There are 420 trees being planted, which will provide year round colour, food and cover for the wildlife. The youngsters taking part today will be able to watch the area mature in their lifetime in the knowledge that they helped in planting the trees"

The trees will be maintained and monitored by Groundwork, West Midlands as part of their on-going work to produce a country park for the local community. Already the park is being used by walkers and bird watchers and the Void water area has attracted many new varieties of wildlife to the area. Groundwork Rangers will be following up the planting with information visits to the schools

Volunteers from the Woodland Trust and 105BS Environment Officer John Vaughan also helped with the planting



Pictured above Rugeley lions tree planting team



Pictured above Silverdale school children, teachers and Woodland trust volunteers; below St Lukes school children & teachers with LP David Slack in the background



Buckley & Mold Lions

Together we can make a difference' took on real meaning in April, when Lions from Buckley and Mold joined forces once again, with the students of the Alun School, to plant over 60 trees. These included fruit tree and several native specimens such as oak, rowan and hazel. Working alongside them were members of Cittaslow and the Woodland Trust. An impressive team!

The event allowed Lion Geoff Rutherford to complete the 3 things a man should do before he dies, as stated by Winston Churchill, 'Father a son, build a wall and plant a tree'. Members from Flint Club, Lion Peter McCracken(Zone 3 Chairman) and Ken Greig also gave their able support.

Pictured Right planters Geoff Rutherford & far right Lion John Hargreaves





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Tamworth Lions Practise CPR ("Staying Alive")

At a recent Tamworth Lions Club meeting, South Staffordshire Search and Rescue went along to give Tamworth Lions and their guests some practical help with CPR – following the recent TV 'Staying Alive' adverts.



The photo above shows clockwise from the top Alison Kemp, a Lions visitor, Lion Roger Bragger, Mark Gibbons (SSS&R) Lion Geoff Trevena trying to revive the 4 headed dummy, with the best techniques of CPR. Afterwards above right SSS&R staff Mark Gibbons chief fundraising officer, hands Tamworth LP Trisha Lambert an appreciation certificate for the donations made recently by Tamworth Lions to SSS&R watched by SSS&R Sue Archer, medical adviser and Richard Archer, membership officer.



LCIF Update - Gobowen Hospital Torch Appeal Closes.

The Torch Appeal was started in 2002 to provide capital funding for a new facility to assess & treat children with mobility problems. The new centre was opened in 2008 and carries out diagnosis and treatment of rare inherited neuromuscular disorders and develops new techniques to improve mobility and independence of physically disabled children. After 5 years of working with LCIF who provided £47K grant aid towards the new laboratory assessment facility the Torch Fund has now closed after raising over £4M.



The Torch building above, above right Lions plaque, right Assessment lab.



The pictures show the completed Torch building and the assessment laboratory interior of this Lions supported project. The main reason for showing these now is to illustrate to club members that large amounts of funding may be raised with and through LCIF. For further LCIF information on standard grants contact DO Officer Ron Kenworthy by following link:-

ron.kenworthy@btinternet.com

Club Donations to LCIF

Clubs are advised that when making donations to LCI that there are two payees namely

- 1) For MJF's and future MJF's, the cheque should be made payable to "**The International Association of Lions Clubs**", &
- 2) cheques for all other appeals for LCI to "**The LCI MD Appeal Fund**"

This will help speed your donations through the system. You should always put your club number on the back of the cheque, and in the case of appeals, the reference number if known, and the name of the appeal !

Many thanks - DO Geoff Trevena



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Kampala Lions visit 105BS Continued from page 1

When LP Patrick Luwaga and his wife Lion Salome from Kampala Host Club visited the district, their Twinned Club Cheadle Lions adopted the role of hosts and tour guides taking them to many places of interest in Staffordshire including Pugins amazing St Giles Church in Cheadle, the Bass Museum, the Wedgwood Visitors Centre & Alton Castle before they moved on for a day to Wales to meet DG Beryl where they visited Betws-y-Coed. During their stay they met many lions from all over the district. Patrick and Salome celebrated the end of their visit at a farewell luncheon at the Bramhall Robin Hood with 14 Lions and their partners before being taken south to Oxford by Cheadle Lions on their journey back home to Kampala.



Pictured at Betws-y-Coed above front row Lion Salome Luwaga, DG Beryl, ZC David Field, LP Patrick Luwaga, middle row Lion Enfys Hughes, DO Linda Demaid-Jones, DO Graham Dow, Lion John Demaid-Jones. Lion Elizabeth Williams Back row PDG Eric Roberts

Medic Alert News

A couple of new products announced by Medic Alert:-

- 1) In response to a recent new member's survey, a new clasp style has been introduced into the Classic Stainless Steel bracelet range. All priced at £19.95 they are stylish, affordable and easy to fasten!
- 2) This solid silver emblem is designed to compliment an existing charm bracelet and is compatible with most large fashion jewellery brand charm bracelets. This Universal Charm sells for £50!

Case Study Olivia Strang

Olivia is 5, and suffers from severe allergies to peanuts & tomatoes. She has been a MedicAlert member since she was 18 months old. Olivia reacted to half a peanut after previously consuming peanut butter with no issues. Getting a diagnosis was difficult and could only be established by a (very scary) food challenge in the hospital.

However this was not Olivia's first reaction to a food. At the age of 9 months, from a single pip landing on her cheek, Olivia had a severe allergic reaction to tomatoes. This allergy causes extensive issues for the family as tomatoes are not usually listed as an allergen on food packaging. The family now has to avoid any pre-packed food completely so they know exactly what is in every meal.



Pictured above Olivia Strang

When Olivia started day nursery her mother Sofia decided to get her a MedicAlert bracelet as a visual reference, highlighting her allergies to the staff. Sofia also chose MedicAlert for the continued membership and 24/7 emergency line available. Olivia is happy to wear the MedicAlert emblem and tells people 'It's my special bracelet in case I'm poorly'.

Follow link to Medic Alert <http://www.medicalert.org.uk/pages/contact-us.html>



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Sound Bites with a Difference

Each year Lions in Zone 3 identify a Charity Project that the local group of Clubs can support. This year was no exception so Zone Chairman Peter McCracken from Flint recommended to Zone 3, comprising Buckley & Mold, Flint, Knutsford, Lymm, Oswestry, Stockton Heath, Vale of Llangollen and Wrexham Ma-elor that support should be given to Hearing Dogs for the Deaf People. The clubs agreed, so during the last 12 months they raised £1700-00 for this worthwhile Charity. This sum will help towards the £7500-00 cost incurred in training one of these special dogs which takes about 18 months.

To recognise this extra fundraising effort the Clubs held at Flint Golf Club on Friday 13th April, a Social & Fun Quiz to celebrate a successful Zone Charity project for this Lions Year.

A cheque was presented by Peter McCracken on behalf of all 8 clubs to Dorothy Croston who received the donation on behalf of Hearing Dogs. The lions were pleased to welcome also from Hearing Dogs, Yvonne Owens with her "Yorkiepoo" Hearing Dog "Posy". Yvonne went on to tell the audience that Posy, who is now 6 years old, has helped her get her confidence back after losing most of her hearing.

59 Lions and guests attended the quiz which was tied at the end of the evening between Oswestry Lions and a joint team from Lymm and Stockton Heath Lions. In a sudden death tie breaker Oswestry were declared the winners. Unfortunately Knutsford and Wrexham Lions could not attend on the night.

In the photograph front row with Zone Chair Peter are Dorothy Croston receiving cheque & Yvonne Owens. Back Row LP Shirley Hay (Lymm), Lion David Gartside representing (Stockton Heath) LP David Gregory (Flint), LP Teresa Nickson (Buckley & Mold) LP Dave Quick (Oswestry) and far right LP Liz Sumpter (Vale of Llangollen).



History in the Ironbridge Gorge (Be Part of It)

In 1779 the World Famous Bridge in the centre of Ironbridge was built by Abraham Darby III. He made history as this was the first bridge ever to be built of iron.

200 years later Lions Clubs International granted Ironbridge & Severn Gorge Lions their Charter.

The Lions in Ironbridge have a long and loving relationship with the bridge (they use it for a regular fund raiser). In this Olympic year they have joined forces with the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust (Educational Charitable Trust no 503717-R) and will act as tourist guides at the Iron Bridge Toll-house whist carrying out their "Silver over the Bridge" fundraiser throughout the summer months.

In recognition of this **ALL** Lions Members of MD105 are offered a unique Olympic year discount of 20.12% at all of Ironbridge's 10 museum sites, go to www.ironbridge.org.uk for more information.

To get your discount just e-mail Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions with mailing details on

Ironbridgelions2009@hotmail.co.uk and a voucher will be sent to you in the post.



Picture above Ironbridge Lions Mascot "Dandy Lion" outside the Toll House and above right "Silver over the Bridge" in full swing



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Alsager Lions Rick Wakeman Concert

The sell out show organised jointly between St Mary's Parish Church Alsager and Alsager Lions took place on the evening of Saturday the 21st April with an audience of over 400 in the Church, who were thrilled and delighted with Mr Wakeman's one man musical show on piano, interspersed with stories of his musical career.

At the end of his superb performance he took time out to be photographed with audience members and sign their programmes. A bar was provided and coffee and tea refreshments at the interval.

The main aim of the concert was to promote the church's "Open door" policy and to promote the church as a premier concert venue in the area. Any profits are to be equally divided between the two bodies. Alsager Lions thank the minister Robin Isherwood and especially Mr Brian Haley whose idea it was to invite Rick Wakeman and who initially contacted Alsager Lions.

The financial return coming to Alsager Lions will go a long way to help good causes in Alsager and surrounding areas.

The two photographs of Rick Wakeman below are by courtesy of The Staffordshire Sentinel News and Media.



PR Corner

Well it's that time of year again to update your websites with your latest events and projects. Please also think about having a Facebook Page, my club has gained so much from it whether it be a welfare request, offers of help from local business and the local papers and connecting with other Lions & Clubs. Please subscribe to our Latest News also. The link is on our District website just above DG's welcome. All it takes is your name and email address if you want me to subscribe you let me know. We have 60 subscribers at the moment so I am starting a countdown. Would love to have at least 100 by July. It is a great way to keep in touch.

Also send your events to John Filce, so we can get them in the Newsletter, that way other Lions clubs can use the ideas. Our trusty newsletter editor John informs me that there are 27 clubs who have not sent any articles to the Newsletter at all this year. I am sure those clubs send articles to press why not send them to John as well? So we shall have a countdown on that as well. An email has gone out to all Zone Chairs requesting how you use the current logo.

I need every club's letter heading to take to MD PR meeting so don't be shy even if you are not using current logo please send it to me A.S.A.P. Corporate Letter headings are available from HQ at £5.00 per 100 and they can be personalised at no extra cost. They really look smart & professional.

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The copy deadline for the next issues of the DG's newsletter May 21st & Jun 20th

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

Can correspondents please check days and dates for accuracy. Additionally please identify key people in any relevant photographs. Newsletter Contact is:- john.hfilce@tiscali.co.uk

Many thanks. John Filce (Editor)