



DISTRICT 105BS NEWSLETTER

District Governor 2013-2014

Lion Dave Handley

*The DG's Bit***Special points of interest:**

District Governor Dave
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Update on the International President's Thoughts

IP Lion Barry Palmer has announced August as Youth Action month. He is asking for our support and wishes to encourage every club, zone and district to engage with their young people on 1 day, 1 week, or for the whole month on at least 1 project involving our young people during the month of August. He has been reminded that all UK schools and youth organizations take holiday for the whole of August, but, as he says he has to plan for the worldwide family of lions for many of whom August is a bumper youth activities month. So he is asking that if UK Lions are not able to be active with youth in August, that we use the month to plan activities for implementation later in this Lions Year.

Hamburg

What an experience!! It really brought it home to Chris and I just what an international organization we belong to. The colour and pure enjoyment of being alive and a Lion among so many other Lions was very clear to see. The memory of British Lions linking hands with German and Australian LEOs having an impromptu 'Last Night of the Proms' to 'The Pomp and Circumstance March' and 'Land of Hope and Glory' with the brightly lit fountains cascading coloured water in an open air concert in a Hamburg park will stay with me for ever.

The official film clip of the Convention on the International web page is well worth the time to see just what went at International Convention. The keynote speakers, Laura Bush (yes, she of the 'dubba-u' ex-President of the USA husband fame) and Princess Laurentine of the The Netherlands were both extremely interesting to listen to, as they spoke in support of Immediate Past International President Wayne Madden's literacy programmes. Indeed the 'Bush Foundation' has pledged support to Lions Clubs International as the Reading Action Programme is extended for at least 10 years.

Hamburg also brought it home to us that most of the lions all over the world are just like us. They joined Lions to serve their local communities and face very similar problems to us in being under-represented in their communities and struggling to make Lions better known for the work they do day to day. Many of the new DGs in the longer serving Lions world have the same retention problems that we do and, just like us, quite often Lions leave because they have difficulty reconciling their different opinions with other Lions about how we should go about our work. They also seem to be finding it just as difficult as we do, to bridge the generation gap as their clubs, like ours, are ageing. But what was also very evident is that, like us, they are very committed to what they do and they enjoy doing what they do.

I cannot leave the subject of Hamburg without expressing my sincere appreciation for the support Chris and I received from John and Glenys Sanders, Robert and Diana Mackie, and Ralph and Jean Smith from my own club, but also my thanks go to those from all around the District who travelled to Hamburg. If it was your first International Convention please do let others know the fun we had. I am already saving for Toronto!

Handover

My thanks to everyone who came along to Handover on Saturday, 20th July. I was a little disappointed in the overall numbers, especially as we had listened to the membership who had commented that a Friday night function was not the best night to hold Handover, particularly for those who worked. We had also listened to comments about some of the previous venues, Chester (The Mecure) the room layout was not seen as the best and Runcorn (The Holiday Inn) the quality of the food was not seen as the best. We settled on a Saturday at Flint (The Beaufort Park) where we had received very favourable comments about the food quality and where the room was better suited to a sit down meal. We will continue to listen and make our plans to try to meet the preferences of the majority. Indeed, IPDG Rob did ask on the night if a less formal event was an option. Handover is a significant event in our District life each year so please do let the DG Team know your thoughts ready for the 2014/2015 Handover.

Service of Re-dedication

Our service of re-dedication this year is on Sunday, 15th September 2013 at St Michael's and St Wulfad's Church in Stone and we hope to make it an enjoyable occasion. Stone is well known for its wide selection of eateries in the town and you may like to have lunch before our service and then join us for tea in the Church Hall afterwards. Please see the item in the District Mail for more details.

DG Dave



KEITH ROYLE YOUTH TROPHY 2013

At the District Handover at Mold on 20th July the above Trophy was awarded to Stone Lions Club.

This is the Youth Trophy that rewards participation in Lions Youth Projects only and runs throughout the Lionistic Year.

The Youth Team pool their information relative to their project area and points are allotted to arrive at the winning Club. Hence Clubs do not need to apply to enter this competition. Stone Lions Club gained 48 points. In second place was Gnosall with 25 points and in joint 3rd place were Cannock, Stoke on Trent and Tamworth Lions Clubs – each with 20 points.

Other Lions Clubs achieving points from their involvement were Buckley and Mold (14), Cheadle (10), Ellesmere Port(5), Helsby and Frodsham(6), Ironbridge(6), Knutsford(5), Llandudno(5), Beaumaris Menai Aethwy(5), Middlemarches(5), Stockton Heath(5), Uttoxeter(10), Vale of Llangollen(5), Wallasey(7), West Kirby(5), Whitchurch(9) and Wilmslow(15).

Most of these Clubs' points were gained from involvement in the Peace Poster and YLIS. This is only 22 Clubs out of 60 in the District. *It would be great to see more Clubs Taking part in Lions Projects.*

D.O. John Sanders

Cannock Lions Books for Schools



Helen Hedar & I.P.P. Lion Doug Smith cutting the ribbon to new library.

the school.

Cannock Lions Club took a leaf out of the I.P.I.P Wayne Madden's Literacy Theme, and has provided Books for Longford Primary School's new library. The grand opening was attended by P.P.Lion Doug Smith and welfare chair Lion Robin Roberts.

The School had funded staff to check all stock and discarded out of date or poor condition books, supplied a computer based check in/out system and provide new seating areas. The library now had a diminished supply of books and their long term plan was to provide more books but due to lack of funds they could not do it all at once. **Cannock Lions Club** stepped in and has provided almost 100 books.

Not content with that, the club then purchased a Guider Reader set for Bridgetown Primary School. These are particularly suitable for supporting boys in reading, writing and numeracy, and record the impact on students, greatly improving standards within



The children are Martha Handley, Harry Lewis, Max Lynch, Katie Hill with I.P.P Lion Doug Smith and Helen Hedar. (Headteacher from Longford Primary School).

Cannock Lions are very proud to lead the way in Literacy and wished to encourage other clubs in the District to follow suit as the Literacy Theme has been extended to a 10 year period due to the success around the world.

From the editor

If you don't find this News Letter very interesting, don't give up, send me a record with photos of all your exciting events, social or fundraising. Don't be bashful; we do all want to know what you are doing! Just send your articles to:- bsnewsletter@lions105bs.org.uk
Ed.



News from Clubs & District

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Welcome New Members

Name	Club
Lisa Pryce	Stafford
Michael Emslie	Flint
Alan Moyes	Flint
Dee Cooney	Prestatyn & Rhyl

Happy Birthday to the New President for Ironbridge & Severn Gorge

June Softley, from Stirchley, took over as President of Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions last week, attending the handover meeting of the club in true selfless style - on her birthday!



Congratulating her on her appointment, Immediate Past President John Toll said: "As Club Secretary, June has worked closely with me over the past year so she is very familiar with what the role of President entails. I know she will do an excellent job."

June, who is also involved with the Ironbridge Gorge Brass Band Festival and other local organisations, said she was keen to increase the club's visibility in the community and make more people aware of who Lions are, and what they do. Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions recently launched a campaign to build an army of local 'friends' who would be prepared to volunteer their help at fundraising events. Commenting on this June said: "It would be lovely to think that the club might gain some new members during my year of office, but I do understand how difficult it is in this day and age for people to commit regular time, unless they are retired".

Visiting Lion Latest Results As at 23/7/13



	Club	Points
1.	Stoke on Trent	147
2.	Stone	94
3.	Tamworth	59
4.	Llandudno	51
5.	Telford	45
6.	Cannock	44
7.	Beaumaris	33
8.	Newcastle under Lyme	33
9.	Flint	32
10.	Leek	27

Lion Mick Goodwin's Memorial Fund

As you will be aware, sadly we lost Lion Mick to higher service in March this year.

One of his last wishes was to buy a child a pair of shoes. So with all the donations received by fellow Lions, friends and family it was decided to use this money to carry out his last wish.

With the help of Wynsors Shoes in Hanley and the Swanbank Mission in Burslem we have set up a scheme where the most needy families will receive a voucher for an amount towards a pair of shoes for their children.

We hope that Lion Mick is looking down on us and smiling that his last wish has been granted.

District Officer Lion Kate Barlow
Stoke on Trent Lions



Telford Lions Day on Wheels

Armoured vehicles and the emergency services in Wellington this weekend – was there a problem? No it was the annual Telford Lions Day on Wheels in Bowring Park. Classic vehicles of all shapes and sizes were proudly displayed by their owners - some lovingly preserved in original condition and some imaginatively customised. Along with armoured cars there were scooters, motor cycles, historic AA vehicles and a range of cars covering 80 years of motoring.



The children were particularly taken with the opportunity to get up close to police, fire, ambulance and water rescue vehicles. They also took advantage of the circus skills workshop to develop their own dexterity as well as enjoying the fun of the fair.

There were arena events running all day and plenty of places to get a snack or a drink – much needed in the heat. Commercial and charity stalls gave an opportunity to shop or win a prize while local groups offered information and advice on a range of topics. Community involvement was a key aspect of the day with Cubs selling programmes and Air Cadets acting as marshals as well as raising

money for their organisations.

Radio Shropshire dropped in during the morning as the event was one of the clues in their Sunday morning treasure hunt, when the aerial went up it created another interesting vehicle in the display.

Lion President Kevin Hopley said “The aim of the event is always to create a fun day out for the community while giving an opportunity to raise some much needed funds for local charities, it is estimated around £6,000 was raised in total which will be of great benefit to many worthwhile causes.”



VAL DA RIH! VAL DA RAH!

The youngsters in the Lions Family will not be familiar with the story of Obernkirchen Children's Choir, the amateur choir which became an overnight sensation in the 1953 Eisteddfod. This year, two members of the original choir visited Llangollen again to relive the performance that transformed their lives 60 years ago.

Ursel Gaussman and Inge Volkening, two original members of the choir returned to Llangollen with the help of a donation from the Lions of 105BS. These ladies were 14 years old when they last visited and were very grateful to Lions for their assistance in making this visit of remembrance possible.

PDG Lyn Pinel on the right greeting our German Guests





24 VERY YOUNG LEADERS IN SERVICE

What a lovely evening for 24 pupils from Walton Priory Middle School, Stone.

Last year the Deputy Head of this school (Nikki Gilman) took on board the YLIS Scheme as she felt it fitted in well with the ethos of the school and liked the idea of the pupils getting recognition for voluntary/community work undertaken. The pupils started to complete their Log-books in October 2012 and Thursday 11th July 2013 saw the culmination of their hard work.

Two pupils achieved the Gold Award and six the Silver Award. The other 16 were well on their way! Special Certificates were made by the school for those not achieving Gold or Silver and the presentation Evening was arranged for them all. No school uniform, all smartly dressed – looking very grown up (12/13 year olds). Mums and Dads came along, plus brothers and sisters, along with a lovely buffet, wine, soft drinks etc.

The Headmaster gave a speech and said how special were these pupils, followed by the Deputy Head who gave details of the wide variety of voluntary/community work undertaken.



YLIS presentation at Walton School, Stone (Left - Lion President Glenys Sanders & DG Dave Handley - Right - Head & Deputy Head, Walton Priory Middle School)

Six of us from Stone Lions Club were present and as one of them was District Governor Dave Handley –he presented the certificates! We were all very proud of the pupils and thrilled that the school made this such a lovely occasion for them. Next year there will hopefully be even more Certificates to present!

Glenys Sanders
Youth Officer- Stone Lions Club

ALSAGER LIONS CHARITABLE GOLF DAY

Despite difficulties in advertising our Charity Golf Day we managed to attract some 24 teams of 4 players per team. Thanks mainly to a non Lion, Mr Geoff Andrews whose terrific efforts in organising the event. Also thanks to "The Worldwide Hole 'n One Limited company" who offered us a tournament package of a £5,000.00 main prize plus three other fantastic prizes (advertised in the Lions Magazine). These helped to bring the punters in. Last year we failed to get the event off the ground so this year we were particularly delighted and we manage to raise £1000.00 plus.

The weather on the day was fine for the tournament and the fairways and greens in superb condition although there was the odd complaint that some of the holes were a bit smaller than they should have been.

All those taking part had a fine meal during the day or at the prize giving in the evening.

Alsager Lions new President, Ella Gruse thanked the Golf Club Captain Tony Pickford for the clubs fine efforts and Tony kindly presented the winning prizes, needless to say the main prize of 2 sets of clubs and 2 golf bags was won by Alsager Lions very own Secretary Mel North's team but the Hole in One Prize, will have to wait for another year.

The event was publicised in the local Chronicle Newspaper, whose photograph is reproduced below showing (from left) Scott Webster; Paul Whitehead (Congleton Golf Club Captain); Geoff Baggott; Phil Westhead (Alsager Lions) and Eric Handley





SUMMER SALE



Sale & District Lions celebrated their Handover in glorious sunshine at the home of the Immediate Past President, Nigel Keefe.

The incoming President is Miss Sarah Cowling and is **the first female president of the club in its 40 years**. Sarah, who is a staff nurse at Wythenshawe Hospital and has been a Lion since May 2011, said that she was honoured to be asked to take the office.

CLUBS IN ZONE 8 STEAM AHEAD!

On Saturday 29th June, the Lions Clubs (Cheadle, Leek, Biddulph (branch), Stoke, Stone, Newcastle, Gnosall and Uttoxeter) of North Staffordshire held their annual event for special needs children and their families at Foxfield Light Railway near Blythe Bridge. The North Staffordshire young carers were also invited so they could have a rare day out as a group.

The day was a great success helped by the glorious weather. Over 460 children, their siblings and parents were entertained by some 60 Lions from Zone 8 to steam train rides, donkey rides, miniature train rides, a small funfair, bouncy castle and slide, face painting and several stalls. Dandelion the clown and other Lions dressed in various animal costumes amused the children throughout the day.

Florence the Tank Engine took the children on the 45 minute excursion to Dilhorne Park and they looked out attentively for animal pictures as they took part in the competition for various prizes including a family day out at Waterworld and a footplate experience on the railway. The early trains were full to capacity and the rides and side stalls were busy all day. The coconut shy ran out of coconuts at 3pm!

Zone 8 has two zone projects – The Waterworld Beach Party (organised through special needs schools) and Foxfield. At one time Waterworld was the major event; however, Foxfield has developed over the last 3 years to become almost equal in attendance.

Kerry Robertson who came with her daughter said “please could pass on our thanks for a lovely day! We really enjoyed it and Polly loved the train ride. You all work tirelessly to raise money and please let the members of all the Lions know it is greatly appreciated!”

Past Zone Chairman Lion David Field said “What a fantastic day and everyone enjoyed themselves. I’d like to thank everyone at Foxfield – especially Hayley Hall, the Marine Cadets who ran the car park, Dandelion the Clown, the Zone Project committee and the Lions of Zone 8 for giving their time freely to make this a memorable event”.

Photo shows Wimblebury—a Hunslet 0-6-0 saddle tank Austerity class built 1956 which transported the families all day—though not in the Brake van shown!





DG Dave takes control



On a warm, balmy Saturday at the Beauford Park Hotel, Mold, Flint Lions of 105BS gathered for the District Handover. We saw the old DG Rob Brown out and the new DG Dave Handley in.

I.P.D.G. Rob thanked his cabinet for their support during the last 12 months and wished DG Dave the best of luck.

DG Dave thanked I.P.D.G. Rob for leading 105BS, presented him with a card and a token of appreciation from the clubs of 105BS. DG Dave then greeted his new Cabinet.

There were some awards given also:-

A DG recognition award for Rick Talbot from Gnosall Lions Club,

PCC Gary Davis Trophy (Club most involved in the community) - Prestatyn & Rhyl Lions Club

Valrick Shield (Best Zone) - Zone 7

Royle Youth Outreach Cup (Club to have done most in Lions Youth Programmes) - Stone Lions Club

Membership Growth - Wirral Lions Club

PDG Shirley Vaughan was presented with a pin in recognition of passing the Vienna Institute exam.

FORTHCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS 2013

AUGUST 4th – Cabinet Meeting, Mercure, Chester. 10.00 a.m. start

SEPT 15th – Service of Re-Dedication, St Michael's & St Wulfad's, Stone 2.30 p.m.

OCT 13th District Walk for Sight Time: 12.00 for 12.30pm start. Venue: Church House (opposite St Mary's Church), Church Walk, Nantwich CW5 5RG

OCT 20th - October Forum 10.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m. at the Mercure Hotel, Chester

NOV 8th – Closing Date for Young Ambassador entries

NOV 15th - PEACE POSTER: Absolute final date to be with Rick Talbot

NOV 17th – Cabinet Meeting, Mercure, Chester

NOV 23rd – Young Ambassador District Final



Belated Birthday Greetings
To District Governor Dave
On 17th July



Which Past District Governor hits 60
on 10th August ?
Answers on a card to the Watergate
Inn!

PR Corner

Hope you are all keeping cool in your Lion Suits in this Jungle type weather.

If you have read your Lion Magazine you will see that Mascot Costumes are offering free delivery if you mention the advert that is £20 they do have them in stock. They are such a good PR Tool. I was at our local carnival and actually heard someone say "oh the Lions are here" and made their way to our stall.

I am including a link for PRO's <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/pr710.pdf> it is the PR manual from MD if you don't already have it.

It's quite a useful manual. Also take a look at Lions Quarterly on You Tube there are many fascinating videos on what Lions Clubs are doing throughout the world and some are truly inspiring.

Social Media is the big thing at the moment and although I have a little knowledge of Facebook there is Twitter, Instagram Pinterest as well I shall be doing some investigating for you and hopefully try and help you, the best thing is it is all FREE ! Twitter accounts can be linked with Facebook pages etc. I know it seems like gobbledegook to us but I am sure it will all become clear.

Don't forget to send me your articles for the Lion Magazine I will pass them on. Talking of the Lion Magazine please let me or David Elliot know if you have not received yours.

If you need any advice in a PR way please contact me.

That's it—I think we should approach other chairpeople to do an article. I.e Membership. Though Graham thought member's corner sounded rude !

Love
Beverley xxx

The copy deadline for the next issues of the District Newsletter 22nd August

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 Whitehouse (Editor)