



DISTRICT 105BS NEWSLETTER

District Governor 2013-2014

Lion Dave Handley



The DG's Bit

International

The latest update on the Philippines is that BS have raised and donated £6,840 as part of the MD total of £43,275.75p by the 22nd November. I know that our clubs are still hard at work raising funds and I would urge you to send all donations in as soon as you can. May I take this moment to thank you all for your magnificent efforts once again? When the chips are down Lions always come up trumps – Thank You.

Congratulations

My congratulations to Stockton Heath Lions Club who have sponsored this year's winner of the District Peace Poster competition and their candidate will go forward to represent District 105BS in the multi-district competition.

Also, congratulations to Bridgnorth Lions Club who sponsored a candidate in the District Young Ambassador competition for a first time, and won. Their Candidate Chris will now go on to represent District 105BS at the multi-district final in Dudley in February. I will just take a moment to put in a plug for this event. The competition takes place over the weekend, but the bit I want to push is the Sunday morning when all the candidates from each district within the multi-district make their personal presentation to the assembled audience. It is on the Sunday morning that the overall winner, who goes on to represent MD105 in the Europa final, is announced. It is a most enjoyable, and in some ways humbling, experience and an excellent way to spend about 3 hours on a Sunday morning. See the web page for the full details of the timings for this event.

In the words of Noddy Holder **IT'S CHRISTMAS!!** May I thank each and every Lion for all your hard work during 2013. The challenges this year have been as mixed as they have been in most years. The needs of your own communities as well as the need to respond following the St Asaph floods and I make special mention of Prestatyn and Rhyl Lions Club for linking up so well with the local authorities in very quickly responding to the needs of those affected by the rising water. As the year draws to a close, we have responded with our usual generosity of spirit in supporting fundraising efforts for the Philippines.

As mixed as the needs are, so the ways in which Lions meet those needs is also a very mixed bag. Straight forward can shakes as well as any excuse for fancy dress, fun days, charity stalls and beer fests as well as sending one Lion up a mountain – Lion (Sherpa) John Vaughan trying to attain heights never reached by a Telford Lion before as he went to play around base camp on an Everest expedition.

I wish you, your families and friends, the most enjoyable Christmas and the happiest of New Years.

DG Dave



DG Dave has been having his picture taken recently!!!

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Welcome to the new members in November....

Crewe & Nantwich
Stuart Robinson

Stafford
Ron Martin

Llanrwst
James Hayes



Zone 3 Lions have a 'Wi' bit of fun!

Despite a rainy blustery evening, several stalwart Lions made it to the Springfield Hotel on the 26th October to celebrate a 'Pride of Lions' night!

Representatives from clubs in Zones 2, 3, and 4 had an evening of games, a shared sausage and bacon bap supper and a raffle. The latter raised nearly £70 for the Zone 3 project.

The event was brought into the 21st Century when D.O. Ken Topping brought along his 'Wi'. This enabled people to 10 pin bowl, kayak and play golf all within the confines of a nice cosy room! Thanks also to the members of Oswestry and Beaumaris Menai-Aethwy who loaned their games for the evening. The winners received chocolate trophies, handmade by Zone Officer Teresa Nickson.



Members of Prestatyn and Rhyl enjoy some board games: Lions Andrea, Harry, Ann, Kevin and LP Ann.

A vote of thanks to all those who supported this event.

YLIS awards

Buckley and Mold Lions have awarded their first ever YLIS awards.

The awards were presented to 3 young ladies for their voluntary



service work at an animal rescue centre. The girls, who are all Year10 students of the Alun School, received their certificate and a monetary reward from LP Don and ZC Teresa Nickson amidst a gathering of proud family and friends.

Lions purchase a Dog's jacket

West Kirby Lions funded a jacket for search and rescue dog Boris.

Boris is a scent discrimination dog and is shown proudly wearing his jacket, displaying a Lions logo, in the company of his handler Steve Nelson of Bolton Mountain Rescue team.



National Search and Rescue Dog association (NSARDA) facilitates the use of specially trained dogs and handlers in the search for missing persons in the mountains, lowlands, rural and urban areas as requested by Police search managers.

Search dogs are trained to find missing people by various means such as air scenting and trailing. These are very efficient methods of searching large areas quickly and it is calculated that a dog is equivalent to about 20 searchers in good conditions and many more in poor weather.

For more information please see www.nsarda.org.uk or contact Paul Durham...

Tel: 07765 696374 Email: fundraiser@nsarda.org.uk



Ode to Knutsford Lions Club

from a nervous new-born Lion Cub

Every couple of years or so the Knutsford Lions have a social evening with food and rhymes/poems - some written for the occasion (of varying rhythmic quality!), some chosen to read. Interspersed with food and drink they provide an excellent evening's entertainment for members and friends - all keen to show their verse-atility! At the recent "Verse and Even Worse" evening one of our newest members excelled with a poem of her own which we felt deserved wider circulation.

I went to the Whipping Stocks with some trepidation.
I had recently heard of the Lions fine reputation,
How fierce are these Lions and what would they choose?
Would I be eaten alive or left for vultures?

But they gently reached out with their giant paws,
Even though they are hungry carnivores!
Would they be tame or are they wild?
But clearly, I was soon beguiled.

There sat the Queen of the jungle Anita,
It was certainly a great pleasure to meet her.
Her collar of office hung like a gold mane -
With Tail Twister she pounced without refrain.

Prowling through town like a group of Big Cat,
Lions work hard to help those less fortunate.
Giving time and service to our community,
All in the name of local charity.

If others knew of the camaraderie,
That there is always a kind word, they would not be wary.
They too would wish to join the fun
Of friendships formed whilst raising funds.

To learn that "We Serve" is our motto,
From Big Band concerts to the Christmas Grotto.
Nothings too much for them to organize,
That is why they are lionized.

So we say Good Luck to our President Frances,
Who takes us forward as the proud Lioness.
For winning awards and much adored,
This Lions Club is the Pride of Knutsford.

**Bev's Seasonal bit!**

Festive Greetings to you all.

I know you are all busy. Thank you for your articles. We had quite a few last month which was good to see.

Our website has got a fresh new look and has the same layout as the MD one. You can also order supplies online which will be sent from HQ. The reason for the same layout is to give us an identity. Talking of which there is a comparison of the old logo compared to the current one (below). I am still hearing that the current one is the new one -it has actually been around since 2006. Please use it. All new supplies have it on them.

I still love to see your articles in the press too if you have any please send them to me.

Good news - our 1st VDG Carole in on the committee for the Lion Magazine lets hope we don't have to bribe her too much to include our stories.

We are now getting P.R.O. newsletters please pass them on to your Press Officers. They contain tips and hints and Press Release layouts that you can edit to suit your own club.

So have a Roaring Christmas see you next year !

That's it.

Love Beverley xxx



Old logo. Only acceptable on old regalia.

Should not be used on printed material



This logo allowable only on regalia and embroidered items.

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To be used on printed material i.e. letterheads, leaflets,
Charter Menus etc.

The copy deadline for the next issue of the District Newsletter is 22nd December

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

Can correspondents please check days and dates for accuracy.

Please identify key people in any relevant photographs otherwise the impact of the story line may be severely compromised by the omission.

Newsletter Contact is:- bsnewsletter@lions105bs.org.uk

Many thanks and a Merry Christmas to all our readers. John Whitehouse (Ed)



Alsager Lions Brass Band Concert

On Saturday the 19th October Alsager Lions held their Annual Brass Band Concert, at St Mary's Church, here in Alsager.

Yet again, Crewe Brass produced some wonderful sounds from "You'll Never Walk Alone" to the rousing "The Pines of Rome" They finished off with Jamie Meredith's selection from "Last Night of the Proms" and his encouragement for the audience to join in with flag waving and singer.

Alsagers' Esme Turner produced some spell binding playing on her flute.

A really great night of music which the audience thoroughly enjoyed.

Lion Phil Westhead on behalf of all Alsager Lions thanked both musicians and audience for a superb night and wished Esme great success, in her future studies



Pictures - Left, showing Crewe Brass Musical Director Jamie Meredith and Lion Phil Westhead with Crewe Brass Band in the Background and right, Lion Phil Westhead presenting a thank you gift to flautist Esme Turner.

| Travelling Lion | |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Points as at 24.10.13 | Points |
| Club | |
| Stoke on Trent | 204 |
| Stone | 121 |
| Tamworth | 83 |
| Llandudno | 67 |
| Cannock | 65 |
| Little Orme | 53 |
| Beaumaris | 52 |
| Flint | 50 |
| Telford | 45 |
| Newcastle under Lyme | 37 |



**Young Ambassador Finals**

On a cold, crisp morning in November, two very nervous young people and several lions from the District met at the Horse and Jockey, Grindley Brook for our District Young Ambassador competition. The candidates, Christopher Phillips (sponsored by Bridgnorth Lions) and Sarah Hickman(sponsored by Stone Lions) gave their presentations about their community work and involvement with their work abroad. I think those of us there were wowed by their commitment to their causes. Both candidates then had to have an interview with a panel of three independent judges, one from the community, one from education and one from the world of business. After a tense wait and lunch, the winner was announced. The winning candidate going through to represent our District at the MD finals in Dudley, in February is Christopher Phillips.

Thank you to everyone who came to support the candidates, the judges and The Horse and Jockey pub for their warm hospitality and great food.

Lion Kate Barlow
District Officer for Young Ambassador

The photographs show the two candidates with DG Lion David Handley and DO Lion Kate Barlow and the winning candidate Christopher with Lion Tom Browne, Youth Officer for Bridgnorth Lions.



Seasons Greetings to each and every Lion and their family