



# District Governor's Newsletter

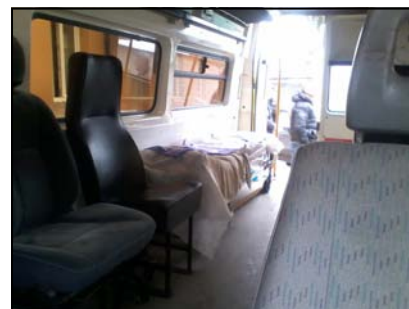


## From Gnosall With Love

Dear Lions friends  
Hello from Slovenia after long time. I have great news regarding donated Ambulance. It is still in function and helping people every day in Montenegro. Please find some photos in attachment and letter of appreciation. This was really great donation and act of honour.



I wish you all the best. Take care  
Best Regards from Slovenia  
**Anton Horvatič, PDG, District 109, Slovenia**



*We repaired and reconstructed the vehicle you donated, as you can see in the photos, so that it is now fully operational.*

*We had no chance to contact you earlier, but thanks to our friend Branka we are contacting you now in order to thank you from our hearts for the full contribution you made in order for our Center to work successfully.*

Dear Sir,

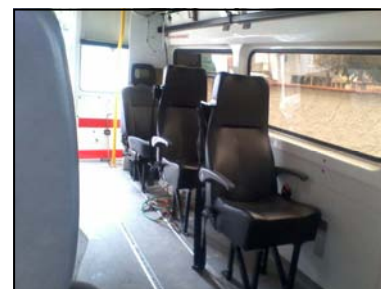
*We are happy to inform you that our Center for Children and Young People with Developmental Disabilities has been fully operating for a certain period and we have already achieved satisfactory results.*



*We hope that this is only the beginning of our cooperation.*

**Sincerely yours,  
Sulejman Šabović, Director**

*Your donation to our Center has been received and put into full use. We would like to inform you that the van you donated is currently the only vehicle we are using in our Center, although we are hoping to acquire another new vehicle through donations.*



And to think it all started off when Rick T was asked did he know anyone who wanted an Obsolete Ambulance. It has been a long, hard journey, but the end result is a superb endorsement of our motto, WE SERVE. Well done all, this shows the truly International Service that can be given and the fabulous effect that can be achieved.



## Round the Clubs

### COME IN, YOU ARE VERY WELCOME

Little Orme President Bisher Barazi inducts 2 new members into the club in our February 2013 Meeting. They are Jean Woosey a retired lady & Lee Parry a policeman. We welcome them both into the family of Lions & hope they will be happy amongst us.



### HELPING EACH OTHER



Members of Little Orme Lions presenting Glanwydden Primary School in Penrhyn Bay with a cheque which will be spent on their gardening & green projects in return for their support at Little Orme Xmas Fayre 2012. Their school choir entertained the Club with Xmas carols while the public enjoyed their coffee & mince pies.

### A GUIDE TO GETTING THERE



Alsager Lions President, Phil Westhead presenting a cheque for £500 to Guide Kathryn Bancroft and her colleagues Amy Longhurst, Molly Sutton and Abbie Goodby.

The Guides had approached the Lions for some financial assistance, as a number of them were off to far away fields for Guide activities during the summer. A three week World Camping project in Central India, a project in Estonia and Finland, a 2 week event in Berlin and Munchen and a UK International Camp.

Whilst the girls had raised quite a considerable amount of funding by their own efforts they were seeking additional help to meet the costs, varying from a few hundred pound to £2,000 plus.

Alsager Lions wished them all happy and successful journeys and we look forward to hearing their stories on their return. In fact it was pointed out to the girls that it was an essential part of receiving the cheque.

**Checkout the District,  
MD and International  
Websites to keep  
up-to-date**



## Round the Clubs

### Zone 8 Waterworld Event 5<sup>th</sup> March 2013

Zone 8 held its 14<sup>th</sup> annual Beach Party at Waterworld, Stoke on Trent for special needs children from schools across Staffordshire, South Cheshire and East Shropshire on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. On the day, 650 children and 200 teachers and support workers from 15 schools descended on Waterworld and had a whale of a time. The noise levels from the children enjoying themselves, particularly during the busy morning session, were extraordinary. At the end of their session the children are presented with a lucky bag containing some chocolate, fruit, crisps and a drink for the journey home. Their hardworking teachers and support workers don't go home empty handed and get an Easter egg. This year DG Rob Brown was roped into handing out the lucky bags and eggs.

This zone project, one of the biggest in the District, is financially supported by all of the clubs in Zone 8 including Stoke, Stone,

Uttoxeter, Cheadle, Leek & Biddulph Branch, Gnosall and Newcastle with welcome donations from others outside of it including Lichfield, Burton on Trent, Burntwood, Stafford and Vale Royal. The project could not take place without considerable planning and support on the day by Lions from Z8. This year more than 70 Lions provided their service in decorating the venue and assembling the lucky bags and then helping on the day with managing the car park, lockers and changing rooms as well as dressing up in a variety of animal costumes.

As well as having a good time the children get much more from their day at Waterworld including the chance to socialise with each other, their teachers and helpers and other children. They also practice their letter writing skills sending thank you letters to the Lions and school even design and model their own activity park in Craft Design and Technology lessons. Zone 8 is looking forward to organising their next Zone event at Foxfield Light Railway on June 29<sup>th</sup> for special needs children and their families.



**A big THANK YOU to the  
Lions Club  
North Staffs Zone**

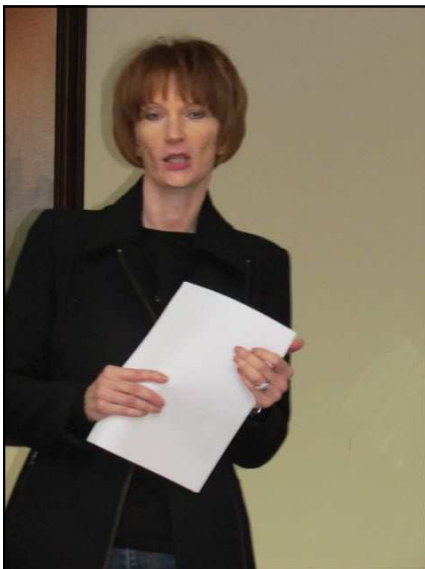
**The Meadows students enjoyed a splashing time at  
Waterworld**



## Round the District: UN Day

Llandudno was the venue for our event, at the St. Georges Hotel, and this town which is renowned for being the finest Victorian town we have, was the ideal venue. As we do share this Annual Day with 105W and 2013 was BS turn, it was pleasing to see and hear some excellent talks.

Our own DG Rob welcomed everyone, and set the theme for our day "an association with United Nations with our shared ideals". Our COCG Lion Martin Morgan talked of the LCI long standing links with UN, and was followed by a presentation and talk by Ms Lester Bath of U.N.A. in Wales (Menai Branch), of the work by and with Lions.



UNICEF were able to send a short DVD and message which was read by Laurie Oatway about

a very young girls experience on February 14th. 2013 with her family from troubled Syria, which brought out just how this sort of thing is happening still, and "school in a box" was discussed, also.

The Water Aid presentation was by Mrs Sue Henry, who related her talk and slides to personal visit to MALAWI, and in particular "THE BIG DIG" (2012) when £40K raised by our MD and matched by Dept. for International Development in UK. People are still talking about the excellent and plentiful Afternoon tea, which included Bara Brith, A Welsh speciality. Past COC Tony Gadsby brought matters to a nice conclusion with a vote of thanks.



### SUGGESTED CAPTIONS FOR CONVENTION PICTURES

Take me to your leader

I am their Leader

Gis a Kiss **love**

Gis a Kiss **Guv**

I am the Vicar

Six pints please

Another fine mess

Diversity 'r' Us

When I rule the District!!!

Too Many Own Ghouls if you ask me!

Watchout for the Hidden Cameras!

The Old Cons are the best ones.

**Ed : I leave it to you to match them up with the right pictures. See page 7**



## From the DG

In the March Newsletter I said that "All preparations for Convention are now complete and I look forward to meeting everyone over the weekend". Now, 4 weeks on, it has come and gone! Judgment on the success or otherwise of the Convention comes from various perspectives; the organizing committee working to ensure that everything is running smoothly and as planned, mine trying to keep things on track, and delegates and attendees who are participating in the event. I am happy to report that the committee was very pleased with the three days and I, despite having to concentrate for much of the time, particularly for the business sessions, really enjoyed the whole package. Finally the attendees; virtually all comments and remarks were complimentary and included "a great weekend", "we really enjoyed it", "our first convention and it was first-class".

The committee, chaired by Dave Elliott from West Kirby club, worked hard for 15 months to achieve success. Host Night was the responsibility of Margaret Marsh and her colleagues from Helsby & Frodsham branch club, and what a night it was! Congratulations to all Lions on the standard of fancy dress for the "Black & White" theme, and for the impressive sketches. The Banquet & Ball was organized by President Charles Cahill and colleagues from Vale Royal club; if the amount of laughter and banter together with numbers dancing are indicators, it was successful.

We were privileged to have Past International Director Phil Nathan, accompanied by his wife Lion Heidi, as guests. Our "We Serve" motto was illustrated to the extreme when he recalled to Convention his experiences of fifteen years ago whilst establishing the Gift for Living project in Bosnia Herzegovina to provide medical assistance for the children and babies after the hospital facilities had been destroyed during the fierce war that ravaged the area for years. Fifteen years on and the scheme is still expanding. Later Phil spoke to us on Lionism today and how important

it is to relate to the communities that we serve. They are constantly changing and developing and, if we want to maintain our relationship with them, we must also change. Whilst this is gradual process, we cannot always continue to operate as we did, say, 10 years ago. Finally Phil spent time with approximately 40 Lions in the "Question & Answer" session on Sunday morning; thank you to those who attended and asked pertinent questions. It was a useful session and also gave us some insight into the work at International level.

So finally on Convention, my personal thanks to the committee for their sterling work which culminated in a most successful event, to Phil and Heidi for their inspiration and friendship, to my wife Maureen for her valuable support and to everyone who attended and therefore contributed to the success. I must also mention Dave Allen & Paul MacPherson from Uttoxeter club for the provision of excellent audio and visual facilities and the Holiday Inn who served us well. Again we have shown that BS Conventions are interesting and enjoyable in the widest sense; I hope that we see even more attendees next year at Telford.

MyLCI, our International website, has been topical lately; it has replaced the WMMR member reporting system and is a lot easier to use. You will recall that Dave Elliott is spearheading the drive to both move all clubs onto the system and to ensure that a member in each club is familiar with its use. This is important as, not only do we need to keep member records up to date, but it will be used for distribution of the Lion magazine and for compiling the directory for 2013/14. Dave informs me that now we have 31 clubs completely up to date and a further 8 almost up to date at this stage; he has had contact from all but 1 club, which he is progressing. This is an excellent position and I thank all clubs for your co-operation in this exercise.

Maureen and I had great pleasure in attending



*From the DG*

the MD Young Ambassador Competition Final in Dudley at the end of February; an event which never ceases to inspire me. Whilst there was only one winner, Adam Harris representing District 105I, all contestants were winners in their own right. After a demanding day in front of the judges on Saturday, they all presented themselves to the audience on Sunday morning. Their achievements, their future plans and their abilities in applying their talents to help others, are quite remarkable. Their Service work is without bounds and it is through Lions that they have been rightly recognized for their work. Sarah Hickman from BS was excellent in her presentation, as those at convention will have seen; she was a credit to our district. Well done district officers Glenys and Kate for your organization of YA. To all clubs, now is the time to start looking for your candidate for this year's district final in November. For those clubs involved in YLIS, look carefully at each participant; your YA potential contestant could well be within this group.

United Nations Day in Wales was held in Llandudno on Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2013; thanks to DO Laurie Oatway who, with ZC Dennis Pearson, organized the event. The weather was kind, enabling those who arrived early to enjoy

a bracing walk along the promenade. Whilst more attendees would have been appreciated, the event was interesting with speakers from a UN Association in N. Wales and from Water Aid, together with Chairman of Council Martin Morgan. Thank you also to the Lions of Llandudno for your good support, particularly after a late night at your charter on Saturday!

April is normally the month of Club AGMs and I do encourage all members to consider standing for either club officer or committee chair positions. They provide a valuable experience in learning more about how your club operates whilst, at the same time, enabling you to influence the community Service work of your club, the main reason for you joining Lions. Greater participation can result in a greater sense of achievement; as they say" the more you put in, the more you get out!"

Thank you to all Lions for your continuing Service work; be proud of your achievements and remember

Together we care and do make a difference

Rob

District Governor

**YOUR CLUB NEWS COULD BE HERE.**

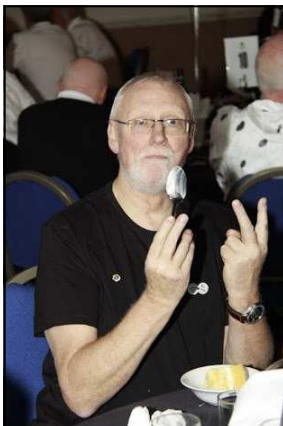
**MAKE IT HAPPEN.**

**DID YOUR CLUB DO ANYTHING IN YOUR  
COMMUNITY WHEN IT SNOWED?**

**LET THE DISTRICT KNOW.**



CONVENTION 2013



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There was a Convict, Penguins and a Stormtrooper too,  
There was a Headless Woman, Ghouls - more than a few.  
'Cos the theme of the Fancy Dress was simply "Black and White"  
And all the Lions attending did their best on the night.

They are members of the largest service club in the world  
And they met at the Holiday Inn with their banners unfurled.  
The High Sheriff of Cheshire opened the business meeting,  
He was impressed by the Lions that welcomed his greeting.

From Anglesey, Bridgnorth, Stockport and all points in between,  
They heard messages from International President, also the Queen.  
The Annual General Meeting was followed by a Banquet and Ball,  
The social atmosphere was certainly enjoyed by them all.

The funds that they raise help needy people all over the place,  
Locally, nationally, internationally regardless of creed or race.  
The Lions are very serious when they are raising money!  
But every so often they enjoy doing something funny!

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## *Round the District:*

### Multi-District Young Ambassador Final

Wow! What a great event.

Massive congratulations must go to our District Candidate Sarah Hickman and all the other Young Ambassador candidates for representing their individual Districts so well. What a variety of talent and interests were on display for all to see. All of the Candidates presented their individual projects to the judges in their interviews on Saturday and in their three minute presentations during the ceremony on Sunday morning. The overall winner was Adam Harris from District 1 sponsored by Bray Lions Club.

Friday evening began with an informal evening of fun and friendship. We enjoyed a hot buffet with the most gorgeous apple and peach crumble for pudding. The Candidates were then split into two teams boys and girls and were given a set amount of time to build a free-standing tower made of just balloons and cellotape. This well and truly broke the ice between the Candidates and the District Officers. The girls were the eventual winners much to the annoyance of the boys!

The atmosphere on Saturday morning was tense as the individual interviews began. What was really nice was the fact that all the District Officers who were waiting nervously with their Candidates, clapped and cheered each Candidate in and out of their interviews. This helped to keep everything friendly and relaxed. The Candidates which were not being interviewed in the morning session, went off bowling with Dudley Lions Club.

Sarah's interview was at 11.35am. She said when she came out that it had gone well and the judges were human after all!

On Saturday evening, we were treated to some fantastic entertainment from the Candidates where they came up with a version of a well known talent show! We had Bollywood dancing, street dancing and even

Gangnam Style, crossed with Morris Dancing with the District Officer from I showing off his talents too even though the Candidates really wanted Multi-District Officer Lion Graham Venables to join in with them.

On Sunday morning we were treated to a presentation from last years' winner Charlotte Smith who showed us what she had been up to during her time as Young Ambassador for Multi-District 105 and Europe's Young Ambassador. What a truly inspirational young woman.

Sarah gave her presentation which was all about her love of cricket and how unexpected ear surgery had given her the opportunity to travel to Kenya to teach children less fortunate than ourselves how to play cricket and stress the importance of trying not to spread the HIV virus and AIDS. This is done using the ABC method which is very clever indeed. Although Sarah did not win the overall prize, she is a winner in our eyes and we wish her all the very best for the future in whatever she decides to do.

Thanks to all the Lions from Stone Lions Club who came along to support Sarah and thank you to District Governor Rob and Lion Maureen for giving up their Sunday morning to be there too.

I must also thank Lion Glenys Sanders for her continuing support this year as she has guided me through the role of District Officer for Young Ambassador. Now begins the scary part of doing the job on my own but believe me Glenys, I know your phone number!

Please, please begin your search now for a Candidate from your club for this year's competition.

Lion Kate Barlow

District Officer

Young Ambassador





## Travelling Lion Competition

### How they Finished

2012/2013

Club	Points
Stoke on Trent	216
Stone	142
Flint	105
Newcastle under Lyme	93
Llandudno	86
Little Orme	81
Telford	76
Leek	60
Cannock	58
Tamworth	65
Beaumaris	63

### How they Start

2013/2014

Club	Points
Stoke on Trent	35
Llandudno	31
Stone	27
Telford	22
Leek	18
Tamworth	15
Newcastle under Lyme	8
Little Orme	7
Helsby & Frodsham	3
Sale	1

*Congratulations to Stoke on Trent who were the clear winners of the 2012/3 105BS Travelling Lion Competition*

*Clubs submitting forms for the first time are advised to refer to the rules which can be found on the District Website. I will be very happy to send a hard copy of the rules to any member who is without access to the Internet.*

*MDHQ are in the process of revising their rules and there will be a considerable difference be-*

*tween the figures contained in the District Governor's Newsletter and those published in the Lion Magazine. However, our District rules remain unchanged and I will continue submitting forms to MDHQ as in the past.*

*I thank all those who have taken an interest in this competition over the past year and look forward to maintaining this contact with clubs through 2013-14.*

*Tricia Morris*

### Convention Omission

**It has been noticed that the passing on April 6<sup>th</sup> 2012, of Lion Ron Jones the**

**Charter President of Wallasey Lions club, was not included in the In Memoriam list at Convention. We apologise to Wallasey Lions club for this omission**

### PR CORNER

You will have received your Quarterly Briefing for the Spring. The one in Word Format can be edited by you to put your own club's article in if you wish. If you need help with editing let me know and I will try to get it sorted for you. We would love to hear if you have helped Marie Curie with their collections over the last few weeks. Please remember to include in your activities report. I believe some clubs not necessarily from this District has paid the money

collected into club's charity account and donated it back to Marie Curie with a little extra. It is still so very quiet in District perhaps the snow has stopped you in your tracks. I have heard of some great events being put on so please send photos and articles we shall struggle in getting items in the Lion Mag and we have had at least one article in every Mag over the last few years. Come on District 105BS ROAR !

*The copy deadline for the next issues of the DG's newsletter 22nd April*

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