



## DISTRICT 105BS NEWSLETTER

District Governor 2013-2014

Lion Dave Handley



## NOT PAST IT YET!

**Special points of interest:**District Governors Partners  
AppealPage 6 shows the Puppy  
bought by 105BS last year

Well Done to everyone

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Whilst Lionistic years hopefully move seamlessly from one to the next, it is certainly not the same for the district governor. Literally overnight you step from a very hectic daily routine to one of wondering why your email inbox has dropped from 120 messages to be answered to a low of only 20! And of course you are now a "has been" or as past district governor, a "past it". This also affects your partner who finds it difficult to adjust to you watching television with her in the

evening, rather than on the computer answering emails, and why she has not got an outfit to sort out for the charter on Saturday night!

The position of DG is a commitment that spans over 3 years, and both of you are learning throughout that period, right until the last day. Being in a position to now reflect on those 36 months, the verdict is most definitely "great". We are all Lions because we believe in serving our communities, but we are also individuals with our own family lives. The greatest benefit of the governor position is in visiting all the clubs, meeting fellow Lions and continually being amazed at the community work being provided by the clubs. The friendship shown by individuals is remarkable and we both feel privileged to have met so many Lions within our district.

Our thanks to all Lions in district 105BS for making our 3 years very enjoyable and, in particular, last year as DG. Yes, it was demanding, extremely at times, but the overall sense is one of great experience and pleasure. We have always believed that BS is a strong district and hopefully we have managed to maintain and move this forward. We set out to work as a team of 960 Lions, that is, everyone in the district. We believe that the team worked well and is continuing to do so with DG Dave.

Lion Maureen was completely overwhelmed by the generosity of clubs in their support for her chosen charity of the year "Hearing Dogs for Deaf People". She was extremely pleased and proud to present a cheque for £7,176 to the charity's voluntary speaker Terry Webb at the recent Rededication Service at Stone.

My thanks also go to all clubs for their contribution to my gift from the district, which has been well spent on garden tools including a much needed new lawn mower.

We both wish everyone well in respect of health and in continuing your fantastic work in serving your communities.

Best wishes IPDG Rob & Lion Maureen

**Welcome New Members**

Including some important  
'catch-ups'



Name	Club
<b>July</b>	
David Sheldon	Leek
Neil Taylor	Uttoxeter
Adrian Jones	Wallasey
<b>August</b>	
Andrew Evans	Cannock
Christine Evans	Cannock
<b>September</b>	
Stuart Hulse	Helsby & Frodsham
Nick Lamb	Lichfield
Susan Fagan	Wallasey
Anna Bainbrigge	Wilmslow
Colin Benson	Wilmslow
Patricia Benson	Wilmslow

**LYMM LIONS SUPPORTING RDA**

Lymm Lions Club was once again able to put smiles on the faces of young riders when President Kath and Lion Linda recently presented a cheque for £600 to the Camsley Riding for the Disabled.

**Two Forthcoming events require your Support!****105BS Autumn Forum 2013**

October 20th at Mercure Hotel , Chester,  
9.30a.m. for 10.00a.m. start –finishing 3.15p.m.

Nine different workshops

Wide range of topics

Open to all Lions

Contact PDG Shirley Vaughan  
lion.vaughan@btopenworld.com

**DISTRICT WALK FOR SIGHT 2013**

Sunday 13th October, 2013

Time: 12.00 for 12.30pm start.

Church House (opposite St Mary's Church)

Church Walk, Nantwich CW5 5RG

Contact DO John Sanders

john.sanders7324@yahoo.com

**Full details of both events in the August &  
September District Mail**



**Visiting Lion**

**Holiday time—so latest  
figures next month**



## The DG's Bit

### What's International President Lion Barry Been Up To?

This month our IP Lion Barry Palmer has focused on the levels of PR that lions all over the world are achieving. He has been concentrating on not only the amount but also the quality of the coverage. Included in the links on the LCI web page is one from our own multiple-district focusing on Truro Lions Clubs reporting on their supplying of a LifePak Defibrillator in the city's county hall that was covered by the West Country press. Also on the PR front may I ask that clubs keep DO Lion Bev Stanyer and DO John Whitehouse up to speed with your latest PR offerings that have been published or you would like to get published in the Newsletter and The Lion Magazine.



### Autumn Forum.

As it happens, PR is one of the workshops on the timetable of events at our Autumn Forum which is planned for Sunday, 20th October at the Mercure Hotel, Whitchurch Road, Chester this year. I say our Autumn Forum as that is exactly what it is. Each and every Lion in our District is invited. We are trying a workshops approach because you, our Lions asked for workshops in preference to lectures.

Workshops work best when the more experienced come along and share their experiences with those who are not quite so experienced; so please don't think our Autumn Forum is only intended for the newer members of Lions. The full details of the programme are published in the District Mail, but in essence I hope you will join with me for the welcome, which will be followed by a short general interest topic, then the first session of workshops, another general topic and then the second round of workshops. We then break for lunch for which we have negotiated a £9.95 three course deal. The afternoon kicks off with another general interest topic, then we go into the final session of workshops and round off with a final get together to look at the 'what worked, what didn't work and what Lions would like covered next time'.

Your District Global Leadership Team are also looking to broaden the Lions skills information sessions to meet my requested improvement in our forward planning and succession planning. We are looking to run a pilot scheme in one or two zones in the near future – so watch this space. If your Zone is not selected, please don't think we do not care about you, but we are trying to be practical and to minimize travel needs, costs etc.

### Some Thank You's

May I just say thank you to all those lions who travelled to Stone, as well as those resident in Stone, who all helped make this years' Service of Rededication the success it was; a serious part of our Lionistic Year, but with a light touch. On behalf of Lion Chris may I also thank those who contributed so generously to The Newlife Foundation at the Service of Rededication – the collection raised £117.08p.

May I also thank the LPs and members of those Lions Clubs who have had DG Team visits so far this year for the truly warm welcomes Carole, Chris and I have received wherever we have gone.

### A Gentle Reminder

May I just remind District Officers that information that needs to be disseminated to Clubs needs to be passed to me first. This is just so that when out on our official club visits we, the District Governor Team, do not get questions about matters that we are not briefed on. Once we have an agreed form of words the information will then be sent out to clubs using the District Mail. This process is clearly explained in the Zone Chair and District Officers Guidelines.

DG Dave



## TWO FAT LADIES, 88



John Kane (Secretary of The Home Farm Social Club),  
Mel North (Alsager Lions Club) and Lion Sam Alcock.

Mr Kane and his colleague Hazel contacted Alsager Lions Club to say that their electronic bingo selector machine needed some TLC. The machine was presented to the Social Club some 18 years ago, even back then Mel and Sam were members of Alsager Lions. Thanks to the joys of the internet, a company in Sunderland, Edward Thompson, were found, who repair such machines. Dispatched on Tuesday, repaired and returned Friday to be presented back to the Social Club on Saturday morning. Alsager Lions were delighted with the fantastic service they received from the company and more delighted to present it back to the club so quickly, wishing the club more joy with the machine and hoping that it goes a further 18 years before requiring any future TLC.

## Little Orme Lions are extremely proud of Tony's fund raising challenge.

On Sunday 18th August 2013 Little Orme Lion Tony Wilkinson the most senior member of the group took to the air, not a broadcast on the radio or a flight in an aircraft, Tony was suspended in a harness on Europe's longest zip wire 500 ft. high in the air travelling well in excess of 70 mph up to a maximum speed of 115 mph along the 1 mile zip wire at Bethesda North Wales, this was all in aid of the St Davids Hospice Llandudno. Tony has raised in excess of £200 to date for the hospice.



## Stafford Lions Respond to 2 Appeals in September.

Stafford Lions Club were approached by a Senior Advice Line Worker from the Carers Association of South Staffordshire (CASS) after she discovered that one of her young carer's had been left without a bed following a fire at their rented accommodation. The young carers mother (51), a stroke victim, was living in rented accommodation with her son 16 and daughter 19 where the fire destroyed her son's bedroom.

Stafford Lions responded by immediately giving the CASS worker a grant to ease the family's difficulties. To avoid problems with delivery waiting times she purchased a bed from Katherine House Hospice Shop and used the rest of the Lions grant to buy bedding. CASS bought school clothing so that the young carer could start school on time.

Stafford Lions were also approached by the Midland Heart Organisation who were working with a woman with disabilities who needed help with redecorating her flat as these physical disabilities were preventing her from doing it herself. To the delight of this vulnerable person our Lions Club bought paint and a team of 3 Lions swiftly decorated her accommodation.





## SANTA COMES EARLY TO TELFORD

At the beginning of September Santa paid an early visit to Telford College of Art and Technology to take delivery of a brand new sleigh in readiness for the Christmas season. The sleigh building which has been overseen by Telford Lions club has involved a number of local enterprises.

The students from TCAT built it in their workshop and so impressed the Lions that they have provided a shield to be



presented annually to the apprentice who impresses most. This year it went to Lee Beamish who worked on the sleigh both in college time and also in his own. Three local councils provided grants towards the funding of the build while costs were kept down by the generosity of local businesses who donated much of the materials needed.

Representatives of all those involved were invited to TCAT to receive certificates of appreciation from the Lions and for the presentation of the finished sleigh. The Mayor of Wellington, Graham Riley, attended and spoke about value of the link with the college and shared memories of previous years following the sleigh at the town's lights switch evening.

The old sleigh had done good service for many years but its age was starting to present maintenance problems. Once the club had decided to build a new version Lion Peter Edwards took the lead role liaising with the college and persuading local businesses to donate or discount the cost of materials.

Lion President Kevin Hopley said "It has been a great community effort and the finished sleigh will bring joy to countless children for many years to come."

Attached photograph shows Santa with Lion President Kevin Hopley and the Telford Lion trying out the seat for comfort



### ***The copy deadline for the next issue of the District Newsletter is 22nd October***

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](mailto:bsnewsletter@lions105bs.org.uk)

**Many thanks.** John Whitehouse (Editor)



### FACE PAINTING FOR THE AIR AMBULANCE

A cheque for £1,000 was presented to Gillian Edwards of the North West Air Ambulance raised by the Face Painting team of Stockport Lions Club. During I.P.P Dorrine's year of office.

NWAA was her nominated charity. The club's new president Karen Baker has also decided to raise funds for NWAA during her year of office.

Our face Painting team can be available for your events and children's parties, contact Ann on 0845 8332813.



Below: Left to right Ann Moore, Gillian Edwards from North West Air Ambulance, Past President Dorrine Forshaw, Carol Hancock, President Karen Baker and Olive Dickson. (Left: Dorrine Forshaw face painting)



### Hearing Puppy Rusty



Lion Maureen Hellyer-Brown, wife of Immediate Past District Governor Rob Brown of 105BS, was thrilled to present a cheque for £7,176 to Hearing Dogs for Deaf People at the annual Rededication Service organised by District Governor Dave Handley and held at Stone on Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 2013. Maureen had chosen this charity as deafness and hearing problems form part of Lions health focus, she is passionate about dogs and the charity is not widely recognized, relies totally on donations and above all, the dogs literally change the lives of their deaf companions.

The donation will cover the cost of training Rusty (pictured) a cocker spaniel and miniature poodle cross, for over one year; born on 21.06.13, he is currently being socialized with a family with three small children and attends regular puppy training courses.

Maureen is extremely grateful to the clubs of BS who donated to her selected charity; it was a tremendous effort and will transform the life of Rusty's new keeper for many years. She plans to keep the district updated with Rusty's progress.



## Good Luck to Lion John.

Lion John Vaughan of Telford Lions is set to go on a journey of a lifetime, raising funds for Hearing Dogs for Deaf people.

John says "I have always enjoyed walking in the countryside and am now planning the walk of my life. I am now 69 years old and with the training I am now doing I am fitter than I have been for many years. At the end of October I will be setting off with my son to trek to Everest Base Camp, we will be walking for 25 days and staying in tea houses en route. I am paying all costs of the trip myself so every penny raised in sponsorship will go to Hearing Dogs. Since my wife became hearing impaired I have found out about the immensely valuable role the dogs can play in the life of a deaf person.

Training continues -been to the Alps for some High altitude walking as well as more local treks"

John starts his trek on 31<sup>st</sup> October, finishing on 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

Individuals or clubs wishing to support John on his trek to Everest raising money for Hearing Dogs can go to <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/toeverestwithjv>



## A FEW WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FROM BEV



Well what a summer it has been I am sure that Lions have been extremely busy but I have hardly heard a thing. Do you really want to be a secret? One club that isn't hiding under a bushel is Rugeley Lions Club. They have a Facebook page and many articles in their local paper. I must congratulate them as the Lions Club International FB page has shared one of their photos and it will be shown all over the world. Well done. Hope you get the thrill that I did when I saw it. You know getting articles shown can be addictive and members get a kick out of it when an article is printed.

Another inspirational video just released is of our IP Barry Palmer explaining his Follow Your Dreams theme for the year.

Here is the link <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l4ORmhaMcrw>

Have you looked at our District Website? You will see the new layout which is so much better. We shall be updating it even more by getting rid of anything that is out of date. It won't happen overnight but it will be done.

As you know Lions' Awareness and Sight Awareness is around the corner. Come on don't be shy.

Would love to know if you heard the Radio 4 programme in August featuring a Lion from Bury Lions Club. You may not think that that it showed what Lions do but they approached us so hopefully we have a toe in the door of the BBC.

Have you booked for the Autumn Forum yet ? There will be a social media session so it would be great to see you.

Love Bev

District Information Team Chair