



DISTRICT 105BS NEWSLETTER

District Governor 2013-2014

Lion Dave Handley



Membership matters (a few words from our GMT Chair)

No magic wand has yet been invented for attracting new members, but I am working on it! However, at Lions events please detail one of the members to be able to talk to the public. If someone shows interest, then obtain their details and offer to send them information about our organization. No need to oversell it at this stage but put them on the mailing list!

I often hear the leaflet drop doesn't work. Recent attempts from our District produced varying results. Oswestry distributed several thousand leaflets and have gained 3 new members with one still considering joining. Tamworth dropped a thousand or so leaflets and got no response whatsoever! Cannock put out just 800 leaflets around the Huntingdon area and amazingly have badged 2 with another 2 to follow. Talking to Mark, Cannock's President and membership maestro, he claims that having the "meet the members evening" hosted somewhere within the drop zone is crucial, and I am in agreement with this. I think if we had hosted the evening at the Clubs meeting place some few miles away, it would have been less successful. If you would like a copy of the membership drive template please e-mail me and I will send it to you.

Finally, a plug for the October workshop: GMT will be presenting an informative session on attraction and retention of members. We would also like to hear your views and ideas. Hope to see you there! **Full details are in this months District Mail**

Graham Stanyer

P.S. I HAVE LIMITED SUPPLY OF new Members Packs available-clubs to contact me if in need .

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TOBY'S CHARITY BIKE RIDE

Stan Randall, President of Vale Royal Lions Club, together with other club members, were absolutely delighted to greet 16 year old Toby Nadal at a local pub car park where he rested on his John O' Groats to Lands End cycle ride to raise money for the Queens Medical Centre in Nottingham, for their new Teenage Cancer Trust ward. Toby's father was cycling with him and



his mother Dianne and sister Jodie followed in their car with all the provisions.

Stan presented Toby with a cheque for £125 for his worthwhile charity. Toby chose this charity after spending time in a ward at QMC where he was diagnosed with an epidermoid cyst at the base of his brain. This can never be completely removed and will need operations to reduce its size throughout his life. This is a fine example of a brave youngster helping others.

Other Lions clubs will be meeting Toby along his route to encourage him and donate to his cause. He has already raised over £1200 and Vale Royal Lions wished him luck and a safe journey.

Special points of interest:

District Governors Partners Appeal

Information on page 5 with further details in District Mail

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Welcome New Members



Name	Club
ARNOLD BIRKETT	BRIDGNORTH
TAYLOR CLEMENTS	OSWESTRY
MAUREEN SAUNDERS	OSWESTRY
RICHARD SAUNDERS	OSWESTRY
CAROL DAWSON	BEAUMARIS MENAI-AETHWY
JANET JONES	VALE OF LLANGOLLEN
TRICIA JONES	VALE OF LLANGOLLEN

Lions Thank Petty Pool Trust

Vale Royal Lions and the Petty Pool Trust in Sandiway have enjoyed a mutually rewarding association and over the years many donations have been made by the Lions club to assist the development of the Trust. The Lions club has benefitted from the use of the Trust premises and facilities for their annual Christmas Toy Appeal and, for the last three years, their Young Carers Day Event, which was very successful. Our most recent co-operation was in June this year when the Trust supported our "Get On Your Bike" day at Oulton Park.

We are extremely proud to be associated with the Trust and of the excellent relationship developed over the years. Vale Royal Lions were delighted to present a commemorative plaque recently to The Petty Pool Trust, which was received by their principal, Peter Evans MBE.



Helsby and Frodsham Lions held a Celebration Evening which included the badging of the Chairman of Helsby Parish Council, Stuart Hulse, as an Honorary Lion. Zone Chairman Steve Talbot did the honours.

They were also celebrating the presentation to three young students, of their Young Leaders in Service Gold Certificates. Rather than present these at school assemblies, a social event was arranged and the families of the students and also neighbouring Lions Clubs were invited. It is hoped that two of the students may apply for the Young Ambassadors competition.



In the photo, left to right - Ben, Elias and Laura



Visiting Lion

Latest Figures as at 28/8/13

Club	Points
Stoke on Trent	177
Stone	96
Tamworth	67
Llandudno	51
Telford	45
Cannock	44
Little Orme	39
Beaumaris Menai Aethwy	33
Newcastle under Lyme	33
Flint	32



The DG's Bit

What's International President Lion Barry Been Up To?

Much of IP Lion Barry's time in August has been spent travelling and promoting the ethic of volunteering. He has been stressing that the potential of the example of one volunteer helping a human being can spark a desire to help others in the one first helped. As I mentioned in the August Newsletter Lion Barry declared August the month for youth projects. He followed that through with the July (1st Quarter) edition of Lions Quarterly (LQ) for 2013-2014. The LQ is available to view on the International Web Site and is just 14 minutes and 25 seconds of update on what is going on in Lions worldwide. It includes a terrific 2 minutes and 16 seconds piece on the Irish Lions of MD105 promoting their Development for Young Entrepreneurs (DYE) in which one team is producing an App (short for Application I am reliably informed by my 9 year old next door neighbour) that is used to support childhood obesity sufferers.



Young Ambassador

Which reminds me - you may recall that the MD105 winning Young Ambassador for the 21st Century for 2012-2013 came from 105I and had links to the DYE scheme and his major project was a Youth Suicide Support App. Our young people do have some great ideas and some real talent – we just have to find them and help to develop them. Applications are being sought for our own District Young Ambassador for the 2013-2014 competition right now. I believe District Officer Lion Kate Barlow has been advised of possibly 4 entries to date – she would be delighted to have at least one entrant per Zone, but, of course any club can nominate a worthy candidate. I would ask that we do restrict it to one candidate per club as a maximum. Pleeeeease do speak to Lion Kate for more information about rules and conditions of entry.

Some Sadness

As I write this I am sitting and reflecting on the service for the celebration of the life of another of our lions who has passed to higher service – 5 so far this Lionistic Year. I seem to be struck by the same 2 emotions every time I represent you, the Lions of District 105BS, at such an occasion. Some sadness and empathy to the grieving family. But also, and I am always slightly surprised, although I don't know why I should be, to feel a sense of pride. Pride in the fact that our departed friend chose to join Lions and proud of the support I see for the bereaved from fellow Lions. Friendship and Fellowship in action.

Service of Re-dedication

Talking of services, may I remind you all that our service of re-dedication this year is on Sunday, 15th September 2013 at St Michael's and St Wulfad's Church in Stone. It may be a good time for us to reflect upon what it is our late members found in giving service during their lifetime in Lions. Last year we lost 58 of our friends and fellow Lions to higher service and so far this year we have lost another 5. Also, I would like to recall ex-Lion Roy Cole MBE, who only left Lions through his poor health. Roy worked long and hard with Lions and with the Cystic Fibrosis sufferers support groups and his work was recognized by the award of an MBE. We hope to make this years' service of rededication an enjoyable event. So why not make a day of it – come to Stone and enjoy a Sunday lunch in one of our many eateries, come to the service and join with others in re-confirming your dedication to serve your community and then join Lion Chris and I for afternoon tea and cakes. As it is me there will be nothing savoury at the tea. Please see, complete and return the attached sheet in the District Mail that gives you the full details.

DG Dave



FOUR LIONS AND A KOALA IN NEWCASTLE

At the recent Midsummer Mayhem in Lyme Valley stall holders were requested to use the theme of Australia to decorate their stalls. Newcastle Lions Club supported the event and were awarded first prize for their colourful display, which included many genuine items from Down Under, including a koala and a kookaburra .



Lion David Slack commented “ We have supported Mayhem for several years and the opportunity to participate in the Stalls competition was helped by the fact that one of our members recently visited Australia and managed to bring back many items used in the display. A great deal of the artistic work was done by a friend of the Lions, Margo Bloor. The event was going extremely well until a heavy rain shower just after 2.00, but it has still been well organised and well supported.”

The presentation was made by Cllr Mrs Elsie Bates, Portfolio Holder for Culture and Leisure, who had also undertaken the ‘secret’ judging during the afternoon. Mrs Bates (on left) is seen presenting the award to Lions President Jean Oakes under the watchful eyes of three other Lions members and a local Koala bear.

Picture (l to r) Cllr Mrs Elsie Bates, Lisa Tyler, Pam Jarvis, Lion President Jean Oakes, David Slack

X-RAYS AND X-FACTORS!

Over the last few weeks the members of Buckley and Mold Lions Club have been actively involved in large scale community events, all designed to raise funds for a new X-ray machine at the local community hospital.

Located in the Daniel Owen Square in Mold the male members kept an eye on the local talent! ‘Mold has Talent’ to be exact, a host of local residents prepared to entertain others with song and dance. The members cooked up a storm with their BBQ, serving burgers, sausages, chilli, pasta and curry. The lady members oversaw the organisation of the flower arranging competition interspersed with keeping an eye on the BBQ. All of this as part of the Mold Festival.

This event was followed by an evening of “happiness” at Theatre Clwyd, in the company of Mr Ken Dodd, who quite literally gave freely of his time (and lots of it!!), to entertain the good citizens of Mold and neighbouring villages and so raise funds for the hospital. His act was supported by local people contributing singing or dancing acts, all of whom proved very talented.

The members of Buckley and Mold were requested to sell raffle tickets throughout the evening and interval – with all the prizes being donated by local businesses.

All monies from the evening were added to the funds to purchase the X-ray machine.

Left to Right: LP Don Nickson, Lion Sue Topping, Mr Ken Dodd, ZC Teresa Nickson, DO Ken Topping



**DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S PARTNER'S APPEAL****THE NEWLIFE FOUNDATION**

With the permission of District Governor Lion Dave and Cabinet I am pleased to introduce my nominated charity for this Lionistic year, The Newlife Foundation (Newlife).

Newlife is a national charity with its headquarters in Cannock, Staffordshire. The charity offers support to families and children with birth defects and life limiting conditions in a variety of ways, including

- Provision of specialist equipment to enable the child to reach his or her full potential;
- A loan service to provide the equipment needed for end of life care, to enable a terminally ill child to be cared for in the home environment;
- A 'hotline' to nursing staff who are dedicated to providing practical and emotional support, advice and information regarding the procedures for claiming government funding and allowances;
- Provision of Kit Boxes containing a range of sensory play and developmental equipment;
- Research into birth defects and hereditary diseases.

Newlife guarantees that 100% of the money received from donations is spent on charitable purposes and offers donors the opportunity to decide how their gift is used through 'restricted giving funds'. Administrative costs and staff salaries are covered by the profits from the large Newlife retail outlet in Cannock, and smaller outlets in Uttoxeter and Market Drayton, which recycle brand new clothing, jewellery and household items donated by a number of High Street retailers; the majority of this stock was previously sent to landfill sites.

Whilst they are obviously more than happy to accept financial donations, Newlife have also suggested a way in which Lions Clubs can support them by taking part in the "Box for a Box" scheme – if you are intrigued please see this month's District Mail for more detailed information!

I am very conscious that it is a huge responsibility to ask Clubs for support at a time when fundraising is more and more difficult. I deliberated long and hard before making my choice and I do hope you will agree that Newlife is well worth supporting. As Lions we are proud to say that every pound that we raise from the public is used to help those less fortunate than ourselves and you can be confident that every pound donated by your Lions Club to Newlife will go towards improving the quality of life of sick children.

If Zone Chairs would like a representative from Newlife to attend a Zone meeting, please contact me and I will try to arrange it.

Thank you for your support.

Lion Chris Handley

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

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.

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Many thanks. John Whitehouse (Editor)



LICHFIELD LIONS AT IT AGAIN



A very successful Golf Day in support of St Giles Hospice was organised by Lichfield Lions and hosted by Whittington Heath Golf Club.

Nearly 50 hardy souls battled the elements and completed 18 holes to raise £2500.00.

Lion President Ross Ward, supported by fellow Lions John Whitehouse, Dave Boylan and Mike Knight (the organizer of the event) are pictured presenting the cheque to Helen and Anne from the St Giles Fund-raising team.

The Hospice had received nearly £60,000 from the Lions Golf Days over recent years and plans are being drawn-up for another event in 2014

Calendar Girls from Crewe & Nantwich Club.

Deb decided to get involved in a recent photo-shoot that I organised for a charity calendar that I am creating in aid of Diabetes UK. We have their full backing in this and are hoping to raise in excess of £25,000.

The calendar is based on the popular calendar that the ladies of the WI did many years ago and I was lucky enough to get 16 ladies to join me in this venture, Deb being our Miss July. The actual printing cost of the calendar was covered by 12 local companies and Miss July was actually sponsored by my very own club, Crewe & Nantwich Lions.

We held a launch party on the 30th August to actually reveal and promote the calendar and they also went on sale that night. The cost of each calendar is £5 and all monies raised are going to the charity.

Calendars can be purchased through Debbie and also via my website.... www.picklespics.co.uk under the charity calendar tab.

Submitted by Lion "Toni" Pownall



Miss July— Immediate Past President Lion Deborah Owen



YOUTH EXCHANGE IN DISTRICT BS

Seven students from the Youth Exchange 2013 were hosted by Lions in District 105BS. During their stay they were introduced to the city of Chester with all its beautiful Tudor buildings and its Roman heritage. After lunch they were let loose in the shops and then rejoined their hosts for coffee and cakes in a cafe that is based on the TV series "Friends" of which, regardless of their nationality, all the girls were great fans.

The pictures are of them on the Roman walls, on the steps of the famous Rows, Chester Town Crier, shopaholics and in the "Friends" cafe. Also included is one of Sakura from Japan presenting Tamworth Lions' President with a YE Banner. The group picture was taken at Birmingham Airport and it was a joy to see how these young people, from all countries, made friends with each other very quickly.

With their hosts they had also visited Liverpool, both sights and shops, village carnivals, Lions meetings, socials and barbecues. There was an exchange of recipes as some of the girls prepared family recipes from their home countries for their hosts to enjoy. They enjoyed hands on activities at industrial museums and historic houses as well as the architecture of different cathedrals during their stay. They were then going to travel down to Dorset to join the Youth Camp for 10 days where they would meet the other 32 students from a total of 12 different countries..

Their hosts were 1st VDG Carole Godden and her husband Edward (Stoke-on-Trent), YE Officer Pauline Hodgkinson and her husband Bill (Stoke-on-Trent), Patricia Lambert (Tamworth) and Margaret Marsh (Helsby & Frodsham).



Picture on Chester City Walls (top centre photo), left to right:-
Laura (Finland); Regina (Mexico); Laura (Finland); Alessia (Italy); Avia (Israel) and Mona (Norway)

Further information on the Lions Youth Exchange programme can be obtained from District Officer Pauline Hodgkinson.

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