



DISTRICT 105BS NEWSLETTER

District Governor 2014-2015

Lion Carole Godden



DGs November Travels!



I must start off this month's 'Bit,' with a very big thank you for all the very generous donations to the appeal for Ebola orphans. At Europa Forum, I estimated that BS would reach a target of £1500. I should have known better! It looks already as if we shall well exceed this amount. Many, many thanks for your contributions.

October 28th saw us heading to Birmingham for Council of Governors followed straight away by Europa Forum, a very busy six days! As Council of Governors, it fell to us to host some of our international guests. The task seemed a little daunting beforehand but it was actually great fun. Most of the guests were very friendly and happy to be in Birmingham.

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The programme for forum was packed with presentations, seminars and discussions. There was always something interesting to join in. There were two which particularly impressed me. The first was a presentation by a club lion who told us how his club recently identified the need to attract new members in order to avoid fading away. His enthusiasm was unmistakable as he took us step by step through the actions they had taken which resulted in the very positive growth that was achieved. We were astonished to discover that he has been a lion for less than two years.

The second session I particularly enjoyed was the one when the young ambassador candidates made their presentations. It was a privilege to hear about the inspiring work of these wonderful young people. Massive congratulations to our own candidate, Chris Phillips from Bridgnorth on being awarded second place. He did really well. Chris has been rather unwell for the last couple of weeks but he gave us a very pleasant surprise today (November 15th), when he turned up unexpectedly for this year's district final where he was a great support for the candidates.

Those of us fortunate enough to be present this morning were treated to three outstanding presentations and we did not envy the task which faced the three judges. Although all three were winners, only one could be chosen as the overall victor and we congratulate Hannah sponsored by Cannock Lions Club. Thank you to all who organised and supported the competition, especially the three judges.

Europa Forum wasn't all work. Saturday morning of forum saw the wives of the DGs and me acting as models at a fashion show. It was great fun and we all gained in confidence as we "strutted our stuff" on the catwalk! Of course, we had to buy some of the outfits!

Also on Saturday 15th November, Edward and I had the honour of attending a very special charter evening-the 50th anniversary of Shrewsbury Lions Club and presenting certificates of appreciation from International President Joe Preston and from our patron the Countess of Wessex. It was a most memorable occasion, celebrating half a century of service. I have said before, and I make no apologies for saying again, that members of the DG team never cease to be amazed by the warm welcome given to us at charters and club meetings.

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DG & Travelling Lion

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A few days ago, I opened my e mails to find one from Oak Brook which explained that our District has been awarded a golden paw for increasing membership during the first part of the Lionistic year. It is indeed good news and I wish to congratulate you all for your efforts to recruit new lions. Let us hope we can maintain our growth throughout this year and beyond.

Keep warm as the temperatures drop.



Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year to all fellow Lions

Carole

Young Ambassador Competition

On a cold, crisp morning in November, three 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, Jac Barnett (sponsored by Flint Lions), Hannah Telles (sponsored by Cannock Lions) and Ruth Johnstone (sponsored by Rugeley 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. The 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. I would like to thank the judges for giving up their time to help out with the competition.

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 next year is Hannah Telles.

It was also an absolute delight that Christopher Phillips, last years District winner, came along to update us about how he has used his money to support his projects.

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

DO Kate Barlow



From left to right: DO Lion Kate Barlow, Christopher Phillips, DG Lion Carole Godden, Hannah Telles, Lion Maria Tucker and DO Lion Beverley Stanyer (Cannock Lions) and just in shot MDO Lion Glenys Sanders

Top Ten TRAVELLING LIONS to 16th November 2014



Stoke on Trent	158
Stone	98
Tamworth	71
Telford	71
Cannock	62
Leek	47
Ellesmere Port	43
Little Orme	43
Llandudno	43
Beaumaris	36

Just a quick reminder Visiting/ Travelling Lions forms need to be sent to me within 21 days of the event so that I can get the forms to head office within 28 days.

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Best Dressed Santa

Again Congleton club have been asked to be Santa and man the grotto at Strikes Astbury garden centre in Congleton, which we have done for many years now as many other lions clubs do. Every year we get children coming back with their parents from all parts of the UK never mind the district (Wolverhampton, various parts of the Potteries and Manchester this weekend) and the parents all say that we are the best dressed Santa they have ever seen and they bring their children each year. Over the 5 weekends last year we talked to nearly 1000 children and Strikes Garden centre made a large donation to the club. This year we hope to better that if the weather stays reasonable.



Santa and Lion President Mark with the Face painter and balloon modeller.

David Morris Congleton Lions Club

Young Leaders In Service Awards Presented

On Tuesday 21 October 2014 Vice President Lion Graeme Wall (pictured left) from Congleton Lions Club along with Club President Lion Mark Thomas (pictured right) also from Congleton Lions Club were invited on behalf of their Club to attend a presentation evening of the Tsuki-No-Kokoro Ju-Jitsu Club in Congleton where they presented Young Leaders In Service Silver Certificates to Club Members. The two young people pictured obtained these awards by completing 50 hours of Community Service. In addition to this Congleton Lions Club also made a donation to the Group to enable them to purchase some Training Equipment for use by Club Members.

Lion Graeme Wall Vice President
Congleton Lions Club



TAMWORTH LIONS CLUB PARTICIPATE IN REMEMBRANCE DAY.



President Trish laying the wreath during the service.

Tamworth Lions wanted to join in this years' Remembrance Day Service and Parade in Tamworth. Lion Geoff Trevena spoke to the local branch of the Royal British Legion, offering to join the event.

The local officer very quickly made available a 'regulation' sized wreath, with the Lion Logo already placed inside the wreath!



Lion Corey Keeling, our youngest member, Lion President Trish Lambert, Lion Vice President Pam Trevena, and Lion immediate Past President Linda Hunt.



A NEW AMBULANCE CAR FOR TAMWORTH.

Tamworth Lions, along with all of the service clubs of Tamworth, (Sorooptimists, Rotary and Round Table) where approached three years ago by T.A.M.E./C.F.R. (Tamworth Area Medical Emergency / Community First Responders) with a challenge to provide the Tamworth area with a new first response car.



All of the service groups raising a glass to completion of the project on the lawns of Tamworth Castle.

Lions in Tamworth, as well as all of the other service clubs, organised many fund-raising events, all generously supported by the people of Tamworth, and the clubs recently celebrated the purchase and supply of a new ambulance

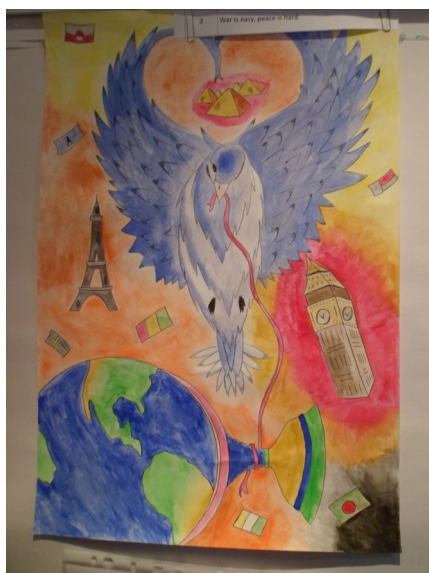
Lion Geoff. Trevena



The new ambulance car, in action, fully equipped and able to deal with local medical emergencies.

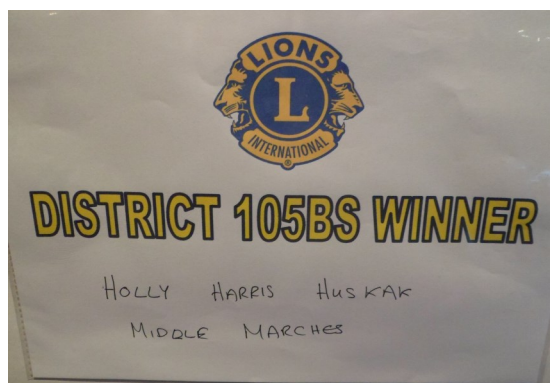
Peace Poster competition

The judging of this year's Peace Poster competition took place during the November Cabinet Meeting in Chester on 16th November 2014. Although there was a reduced number of entries this year, the standard was extremely high and the judges were faced with a very difficult decision in choosing a winner.



The first prize was won by 12 year old Holly Harris Huskak, sponsored by Middle Marches Lions Club, who produced a superb poster.

Many thanks to all Clubs who took part this year and we hope that more clubs will participate in this most worthwhile competition in the future. The theme for next year's competition will be announced next Spring.



The copy deadline for the next issue of the District Newsletter is 22nd December 2014



Please send everything in electronic format as attachments
(Word documents, Calibri 11 pt. 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:- Lion John Whitehouse bsnewsletter@lions105bs.org.uk

Many thanks and a Happy Christmas to all our contributors & readers



Bevs PR Bit December 2014

It's not just Santa's busiest time it's Lions' as well and I know that you will be running around like headless turkeys but this is also the time that we can get the most PR. The majority of our clubs will be doing something so please let everyone know what you are doing. Unfortunately I only just found out that there are "Christmas every penny counts" cards available to hand out. There are posters too, as well as the normal ones, if you email Mandy Broadbent on mandy@lionsclubs.co.uk or pr@lionsclubs.co and give your club details. She can get them put on the poster and send you a pdf version for you to use. There are three every penny counts posters you can have.



Now I know you have all had your Community Reports and so far they have had a thumbs up. I know they are very pretty and you want to keep them but, we must pass them on to let people know what Lions do. Just keep a couple of copies within your club for events, and I encourage all the Club Presidents to ask their members where they are sending them. If they are not passed on it will be an awful waste of money and this is the best PR material we have ever had. I am always hearing complaints that we don't have the resources, so please use this one. Use them wisely. Give them to your councillors, libraries, hospitals etc. If you contact Mandy, every club can have 30. They are not kept at HQ but they will be sent direct from the printer.



So Happy Christmas ! Keep it a loud one and Roar !

New members in November

Crewe & Nantwich:

Dawn Edwards

Vale of Llangollen:

**Callum Edwards
Rachel Priamo**

