



DISTRICT 105BS NEWSLETTER

District Governor 2013-2014

Lion Dave Handley



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The DG's Bit

We have just one full month of this lionistic year left to achieve all that we had hoped. It is in this month that we see how far our plans have come towards completion and plans for the next lion's year are laid. DGE Lion Carole will be finalizing her team for the year ahead and setting her teams their challenges. I am taking on the Planning Team and I will be available to any Lion, any Lions Club and any Zone to assist with their planning for their Lions' future.



International

International President, Lion Barry Palmer, is pushing for a final run at boosting numbers before the 31st July 2014 in his message for the month. He is in net positive by over 40,000 lions worldwide – mainly in the Far East and India, but is down in much of the USA and Europe. He is asking for us to work hard to find new members at a time when historically we lose many of our longer serving lions as they begin to wonder if they can continue to serve. All I can say is that it is up to each and every one of us to make sure that our senior in service lions know how much they are valued and that their experience is of the utmost importance to us all.

Our Football Tournament Success

My thanks to PDG Lion Frank Marnell and all those lions who turned out and supported our District 7 a-side football competition on Saturday, 24th May 2014. We had 12 teams, over a 100 youngsters playing in 2 leagues according to their ages and a lot of football was played despite the weather turning 'wet to the underwear' wet. The feedback from the 50 plus coaches, moms and dads was very positive. I am sure we have proved we can make this tournament an annual event. We have learned some lessons and saw what was good; so when we combine the good with the lessons we will have an even better tournament next year.

MD Convention

I had a bit of fun at MD Convention as during the CofG meeting that preceded Convention the IP was a bit cutting about the number of districts in MD105 that are in transition, that is with less than 1,250 lions on the books.. So when, on the Sunday morning we were congratulating the very deserving award winners, every time a BS candidate was named I just quietly mentioned in his ear that it was not a bad effort from a Lion in a district in transition. It is proper that I mention those lions from BS who were award winners. MDO and DO Lion Dave Allen, of Uttoxeter Lions Club, was awarded an International President's Medal for his work on the District and Multi-District Webpages improvements. DO Lion Rick Talbot, of Gnosall Lions Club, was recognized by the award of the Bert Mason Trophy for Youth Activities. Also, our congratulations go to Tamworth Lions Club as winners of the MD Travelling Lions Trophy – the first time that it has been awarded using the revised MD rules and 7 of the top 10 travelling Lions Clubs came from BS. Also, during Convention Lions were invited to fill in a card sharing their 'Dream' with everyone. The IP was invited to select 5 entries that he thought most closely met his idea of the 'Follow Your Dream' theme for his Lionistic year. Of the 30 cards entered he selected his top 5, of which 3 came from BS – one from Little Orme Lions Club, one from Stoke on Trent Lions Club and one from Stone Lions Club.

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DG & Travelling Lion

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DGs bit continued

Water Purification Units – the LCIF seed money that was made available to MD 105 was used so successfully in support of the people of the Philippines that LCIF have left it in place for the MD to draw down upon it, should it be needed in the future. Also, LCIF directly funded 2 pallets of units themselves and have pledged support for our MD to preposition pallets for future use in a number of selected locations about the world.

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DG Dave

TAMWORTH LIONS TRAVEL MORE THAN ANY OTHER LIONS?

Tamworth Lions have been awarded the Multi-District travelling Lions award!

This Lionistic year, the Multi-District rules were changed, helping the smaller club have a fighting chance in 'clocking up' sufficient points to win the prestigious award.

The illustration shows left to right. International President Barry Palmer, Tamworth President Linda Hunt, and Past International Director, Howard Lee, at the presentation of the award, at the recent Multi-District Convention in Manchester.

Lion Geoff. Trevena



Top Ten TRAVELLING LIONS to 24 May 2014

Travelling Lion 2014-15



PLEASE NOTE: Send your Visiting Lion Report Cards to:- Lion Sarah Cowling, 22 Foxlair Road, Manchester. M22 9RN

Stoke on Trent 71

Telford 43

Stone 42

Gnosall 32

Tamworth 29

Little Orme 26

Llandudno 25

Beaumaris 24

Leek 20

Ellesmere Port 19



A Charter with a Difference

2nd V.D.G. elect Chris Aked called them the "Dynamic Duo" when they performed the task of M.C. at Little Orme Lions Charter on April 26th 2014.

It is so refreshing to have 2 energetic young lions with bubbly personalities willing to take on tasks like this.

The President Lion Bisher Barazi looks very contented in their company!

They have both volunteered themselves for posts next year, Lion Ginny Brownsett taking on the post of secretary & Lion Lynn Jackson the post of Vice President.

They have both attended the Convention at Telford & are looking forward to attending the M.D. Convention at Manchester.

Good Luck to both of them. Joyce (Sec.)



New Lions Funding Initiative in Lichfield

Local MP, Michael Fabricant was invited to officially launch a new Lions funding initiative in Lichfield. The Fund is being established to provide a more accessible route to funding aimed primarily at smaller good causes that struggle to gain recognition and money. It is also born out of the realization that the Club must continually



seek new ways to maintain its profile as both a fundraiser and donator.

Requests for Grants of between £100 and £350 can be made from early May through 'Support Staffordshire Lichfield and District' which has formed a strong link with Club.

Mr. Fabricant was quoted in the local newspaper "not only should people pay attention to the Lions, they should join them"... he has, by agreeing to be an honorary member and provide his support whenever he is able.

The photograph shows Mohsen Zaami the Manager of the Bowling Green pub (the generous host), President Ross Ward, Michael Fabricant MP, The Mayor and Mayoress and District Governor David Handley

Lion David Boylan, Lichfield Club PR Officer.



Alsager Service Defibrillator Campaign.

At a recent superb Urmston Charter their guest speaker, the Mayor of Trafford, was looking for donations for his Defibrillator Campaign within his local area.

On returning to Alsager and contacting the organiser of the Alsager A.E.D. (Automated External Defibrillator) Club it was discovered that we were fortunate enough to have 6 or 7 of these units already dotted around the town, but unknown to us, these units need regular maintenance from time to time.



It was decided within the Lions Club that we would make a donation to the A.E.D. organiser Mr Alex McNee to help keep the towns equipment in tip top order, one never knows!

So at our recent, free admission and well attended, night of music with the Lions Youth Brass Band Concert, Director of Music Nigel Birch both Nigel and Alex received cheques for £450 and £305 respectively.

Pictures show Alsager Lions stand in president Sam Alcock presenting the cheques and wishing both parties great success in the future.

Ken Livingston Alsager Lions Club

Bingo & Chips

Little Orme Lions held a Charity Bingo Evening on April 28th at the R.B. Legion in Llandudno.

With the support of fellow lions in the zone & other friends of Lions & a donation we had a very successful evening.



The photo right shows Lion Steve Savory trying to finish his Chicken & chips supper so that he is ready as the caller! & of course we always need raffle ticket sellers! They are Lion Janet Jones & Lion Christine Savory.

Lion Joyce (sec.)





Bev's PR Bit

Well it's the end of our Loinistic year, another one flown by. Were are the articles?? This is the only way we can share ideas—it is such a shame we don't use it! I wonder if we are as shy in sharing our stories with the press?

There are about 6 Clubs who send articles regularly, out of 60. We are still the worlds biggest kept secret! How can we attract new members if we if we don't promote what we do?

Come on you Lions, let's ROAR next year.

Please check out the MD Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/LionsClubsBritishIslesandIreland> and Twitter accounts <https://www.twitter.com/lionsclubsukire> 'Like' them, and you can share their articles and you never know your club may appear on there.

Lions Europa Forum 2014 also has accounts for Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/LionsClubsEuropaForum> and Twitter <https://twitter.com/lionseuropa>

I have given Zone Chairs that attended the last cabinet meeting lots of current Lion Magazines to pass onto clubs. Use them as a PR tool. Tamworth Lions do a fab label to stick on front of magazines saying that it is a complimentary copy and with contact details of club

Only we can blow our own trumpets so make some noise Lions!

New members in May ...

Caernarfon - Bryn Williams
 Cheadle - Nicholas Watson
 Little Orme - Julie Fisher
 Uttoxeter - Terence Adams
 Wallasey - Gwen Collinson
 West Kirby - Peter Meldrum
 Also, transferred in ...
 Uttoxeter - Rodger Rowlands



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

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Many thanks to all our readers.

John Whitehouse (Ed)