



DISTRICT 105BS NEWSLETTER

District Governor 2013-2014

Lion Dave Handley



Special points of interest:

Re-Zoning

Inside this issue:

DG Dave's Bit	1
DGs Bit continues	2
Ironbridge War Responders	2
Welcome	2
Tamworth Talking News	3
Alsager Breathe Life	3
Re-Zoning	4-5
Travelling Lion	6
Puzzle Corner	7
PR	8
Deadlines	8

The DG's Bit

Convention

Many thanks to all those Lions who came along to Telford to join with me at our 31st Convention. I personally found the experience a most enjoyable one. I really don't know what I expected, but as I sat at the table looking out on the room I remember thinking that only 9 years ago I did not even know of Lions Clubs International. And yet you had trusted me to take such a senior role in your organisation and I was going to help lead Convention through their annual general meeting and make an announcement that could have a profound effect upon the future of all our Lions clubs. But, I was not nervous about it as I really felt that I was among friends who had the same motive at the centre of everything we do - helping people less fortunate than ourselves.



Convention was fun! Telford Lions Club did a brilliant job and everyone who has commented on our weekend has had nothing but praise. The Whitehouse served us very well and that was also thanks to the great work done by the host committee in making sure the venue knew what was expected. The only small exception - lunch in the Dug-Out. We have to get a bit more imaginative about lunches during the business sessions. Also, I had excellent support on the top table in 'Slacky'; the whole business session relies very heavily on his professionalism and his experience and I thank him for his efforts to keep me on track - not the easiest of jobs on the day!

Past International Director Doug was a breath of fresh air and charmed his way through the whole weekend. He was a pleasure to have as a house guest leading up to Convention. He only had two occasions to make anything but very positive comments about BS and they were that the DGs house central heating needed fixing and when waiting on the 18th green the DG brought him a 'diet' coke instead of a 'fat boy'. He has e- mailed since he arrived back in Brooklyn and has been telling his friends that if ever they get the chance to come to the UK they should include BS in their itinerary as we know how to have fun whilst doing some fantastic lions work.

Re-Zoning

The full statement I made at Convention regarding the re-zoning is reported in this edition of the Newsletter and the revised Zone structure is included. I now ask all the Lions of 105BS to look to the positive opportunities that the zone structure we will have from 1 July will give us all towards strengthening our clubs and their relationships with each other. The Zone Chairs from 1 July will be asked to focus on encouraging joint projects and activities.

The next year

I still have 3 months of work to do before DGE Carole takes over the reins and I would like to put yet another challenge your way. I would ask you all to begin thinking about the next Lionistic year and how we can build on what has been a stable year in our district by thinking about your role in your club for the forthcoming year.

...continued

**DG Continued...**

Does your club need a president, a treasurer, a secretary or are you able to commit to a full year of supporting those who do take on being a club officer. Please, also think about the need for the district to have a full team responsible for the essential administration of our district and to have lions willing to lead our wider projects. Let DGE Carole know if you think you can help her on the district Team next year. The DGTEAM system has worked well over the last 3 years since it's introduction and we need it to carry on in the same vein. Every lion has something to offer and as a district we have to make the most of all our talents.

DG Dave (aka DG Buzz)

Lion Chris Handley, DG Dave & International Guest Doug

Lions make donation to war zone 'first responders'

Ironbridge Lions have donated £250 to TROOP AID, a charity that supports injured troops, after meeting with one of its founders.

TROOP AID was founded in 2006 by three former servicemen following an emotional visit to the Alexandra Wing at Birmingham's Selly Oak Hospital, the home of Defence Medical Welfare Services who take care of Armed Forces Personnel returning injured from war zones.

Al Sutton, one of the founders of TROOP AID, visited Ironbridge Lions to explain how his charity differed from its much larger and better known counterpart, Help for Heroes.

Announcing the club's decision to make a donation Lion President June Softley said: "TROOP AID is effectively a 'first responder', providing small essential items to troops the minute they are carried off the battlefield. After identifying the need for these items to be delivered as a matter of urgency to ensure the comfort and modesty of injured servicemen and women, the charity went on to design a 'grab-bag' in which to transport them.

"Each grab-bag contains a t-shirt, shorts, trainers and underwear, washing, shaving and tooth-cleaning kit, towel, pen and paper and a mobile phone with £10 pre-paid credit - all so important for soldiers who have been carried off the field, had their clothes cut-off to treat their injuries and then been put straight onto an aircraft, just as they are, to be flown to the UK and taken to hospital.

"Prior to Al Sutton coming to talk to us none of us had ever really considered what happens at the point of retrieval from a war zone, so we are delighted that we have been able to make a donation that will pay for ten grab-bags."

**June Softley,
President of Ironbridge Lions**



Tamworth Lions Donate Funds To Tamworth Talking Newspaper

Tamworth Lions collect used spectacles from opticians and charity shops in and around Tamworth.

The club has now collected over 46,000 pairs, and they are regularly forwarded to Chichester Lions Club, who sort the spectacles, and send on the re-usable spectacles for use in third world countries.

Some spectacles, if damaged or unusable, are recycled for their precious metals content, so that clubs who participate in the recycling scheme can periodically apply for funds for sight related projects in their area.

Tamworth Lions were recently successful in obtaining £500.00 from Chichester Lions.

As Tamworth Lions played a major part in the formation of Tamworth's Talking Newspaper, the organisation has been given funding and support by Lions over the last 30 + years, and the latest donation from the club is for a very worthy cause, as Tamworth Talking Newspaper take the Tamworth Herald, and read the weekly newspaper's contents onto USB sticks, and send them to local people who are blind or partially sighted, for them to play on equipment provided by The Talking Newspaper.

Lion Geoff. Trevena



Pictured, from left to right:

1st row: Georgie Ikin, James Mortimer, Beth Harrison, pupils at Rawletts School, Vanessa Bell, Tamworth Soroptimists.

2nd row: Dawn Parry, Edna Schafer-Hughes, of Talking Newspaper, Lion President Linda Hunt, holding the cheque, Chris Fullwell, Tamworth Soroptimists, Lion Pam Trevena, and John Smith, one of the founders of the Talking Newspaper.

3rd row: Lee Chetwynd, Richard Hughes, Talking Newspaper Chairman, Lion Roger Bragger, Lion Geoff Trevena [waving spectacles!], and board member Fran Bragger.

Alsager Breathe Life Into Cedars Medical Centre

Alsager Lion, Dave Nixon, on behalf of his fellow Lions, recently approached the Cedars Medical Centre here in Alsager, to enquire if the practice needed help to purchase any new piece of medical equipment.

Dave soon got a reply from the nursing staff that their Spirometer (Equipment to help diagnose various lung conditions) was getting a little tired itself and short of breath. Alsager Lions were delighted to help and agreed that they would contribute to the purchase of a new piece of equipment and the picture shows Lion Dave presenting the nursing fraternity with a cheque for £935.00 to buy the complete piece.

Thanks to the people of Alsager and surrounding areas, this was possible.

Ken Livingston Alsager Lions



Left to right nurses Jayne Robinson, Sandie Symmonds and Sheryl Buckley and Lion Dave presenting the cheque.

**DG Statement to Convention – Re-Zoning as at 1 July 2014**

I think it proper to remind Convention how we came to have only 9 Zones in District BS, notwithstanding that we have a Zone numbered Zone 10. Through the lack of a suitable Lion willing to serve as a Zone Chair for Zone 5 the DG of the day had to make a decision and had the courage to do just that – make a decision. Unfortunately, the hoped for emergence of a suitable and willing ZC candidate that would allow the reinstatement of Zone 5 has not materialised.

I have decided that the situation should not be allowed to drift on as it is any longer and another decision about the configuration of the Zones in District 105BS is now needed.

Constitutionally, the DG, and the DG alone, makes the decision as to the configuration of the Zones and advises Convention what that decision is. The decision becomes effective at the beginning of the next Lionistic year.

However, I did not think this satisfactory and decided that consultation was essential. Therefore, I discussed my proposals with your DGT, and the Zone Chairs and their comments were taken into consideration before the slightly revised plan was passed to the Planning Team for consideration. The Planning Team recommended a minor change that I accepted and this second revised plan was again put to the DGT and Zone Chairs for final comment and for distribution to clubs through the medium of your Zone meetings. Clubs were invited to comment and were reminded that constitutionally the decision about the configuration of Zones rested solely with the DG; indeed constitutionally there is no requirement for the DG to invite comment from the clubs at all and there is no scope for debate. Also, constitutionally, I am limited to how many clubs I may have in any one Zone; and that limit is 8.

I thank everyone who has taken the time and effort to consider my proposals and to respond in such positive spirit. In reaching my final decision I have considered all the input from all parties and I have complied with and applied the constitution as it stands today. I felt it fundamentally wrong to act contrary to the Constitution with the intent to change the Constitution retrospectively in support of my decision – I considered such action a very dangerous precedent.

Further, I have tried to maintain or create zones that are readily positioned to be able to support each other in the wider projects that is one of the principle reasons for us to have Zones. I have resisted the suggestion of creating zones in excess of 8 clubs on the basis that have zones of 170 Lions whilst others have only 75 is an imbalance that would only develop larger problems in the longer term. Keeping a more even spread of Lions throughout the Zones, I believe will generate the opportunity for cooperation between clubs, but also be a catalyst to trying to raise numbers within a zone.

Therefore, the following configuration of clubs within zones, the number of clubs within a zone and the number of lions (as at 1 March 2014) that would make up a zone from 1 July 2014 will be:

Zone A	6 Clubs	73 Lions	Zone B	6 Clubs	110 Lions
Anglesey Central			Colwyn Bay		
Beaumaris Menai-Aethwy			Conwy Estuary		
Caernarfon			Little Orme		
City of Bangor			Llandudno		
Holyhead			Llanwrst		
Pwllheli			Prestatyn & Rhyl		



Re-Zoning continued

Zone C 7 Clubs + 1 Club Branch

100

Buckley & Mold
 Flint
 Oswestry
 Vale of Llangollen
 Market Drayton
 Whitchurch + Malpas
 Wrexham Maelor

Zone D

7 Clubs

125 Lions

Birkenhead
 Chester
 Ellesmere Port
 Wallasey
 West Kirby
 West Wirral
 Wirral

Zone E

7 Clubs

94 Lions

Lymm
 Romily & Marple
 Sale
 Stockport
 Stockton Heath
 Urmston
 Wilmslow

Zone F

6 Clubs

119 Lions

Alsager
 Congleton
 Crewe & Nantwich
 Knutsford
 Macclesfield
 Vale Royal

Zone G 7 Clubs + 1 Club Branch 138 Lions

Cheadle
 Gnosall
 Leek + Biddulph
 Newcastle Under Lyme
 Stoke on Trent
 Stone
 Uttoxeter

Zone H

7 Clubs

99 Lions

Bridgnorth
 Ironbridge & Severn Gorge
 Middle Marches
 Newport
 Shrewsbury
 Telford
 Wrekin

Zone I 7 Clubs + 1 Club Branch

111 Lions

Burntwood
 Burton on Trent
 Cannock + Hednesford
 Lichfield
 Rugeley
 Stafford
 Tamworth



New members in March ...

Burntwood Christine Bradbury

Llandudno Donald Lowndes

Tamworth John Scarnell
 Rachel Kelly-Scarnell



Travelling Lion 2014-15



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

TRAVELLING LIONS 1st to 24 March 2014

Stone	16
Stoke-on-Trent	28
Gnosall	11
West Kirby	3
Little Orme	7
Llandudno	6

New Years Honours for Pam

Here are the final results for the 2013/4 Travelling Lion Competition from Trish, with many thanks for all the hard

Points as at End Feb 2014	Points
Club	
Stoke on Trent	245
Stone	134
Cannock	122
Tamworth	101
Little Orme	76
Llandudno	73
Flint	64
Newcastle under Lyme	56
Beaumaris	52
Telford	45





Puzzle Corner

Page 7

MY LIONS – KU

N		L						K
					O			L
			U		Y			
						O	I	
		S				N		
	I	K						
			K		I			
U			O					
Y						L		S

9 letters, one each in vertical and horizontal row and also each square, simple!

Now you are all proficient with the easy one we have a one that is a tad harder this month.

Let's see who will be the first with the correct solution!

bsnewsletter@lions105bs.org.uk

As last month, please email your completed solutions.

The first 3 correct answers will be published in our next edition along with the correct solution.

Solution to March KU

L	Y	O	K	S	U	M	N	I
M	K	N	I	O	L	Y	S	U
U	S	I	N	M	Y	K	O	L
O	N	L	U	I	M	S	Y	K
Y	U	M	O	K	S	I	L	N
K	I	S	L	Y	N	O	U	M
N	O	K	S	L	I	U	M	Y
S	L	Y	M	U	K	N	I	O
I	M	U	Y	N	O	L	K	S

Congratulations

Margaret Marsh (President Helsby & Frodsham Lions) was the first with correct solutions for both quizzes. Congratulations Margaret.

PDG Arthur Clenton was a close second with both correct solutions.

PDG Shirley Vaughn (Shirl the Girl) was third this month, with a corrected solution to the word quiz! (as teachers do!!)

Ed Rule (Rugely) came a close runner up.

Keep up the good work.

The solution to the word quiz from last month. Unfortunately, there was an error in the clues for line 2 (the one I gave you as an e.g. The compiler was shot, hence no puzzle this month).

If anyone has a suitable 'Lion' type quiz, please send it to me for inclusion in the next NL.

1	R	I	D	D	L	E	L	D	R	I	E	D	D	R	I	D	E
2	C	H	I	L	L	I	I	C	H	I	L	L	C	H	I	L	L
3	S	T	O	O	P	S	O	S	T	O	P	S	S	P	O	T	S
4	I	N	T	E	R	N	N	I	N	T	E	R	T	R	E	I	N
5	C	E	N	S	O	R	S	C	R	O	N	E	R	O	N	C	E
6	R	A	C	I	N	G	C	G	R	A	I	N	C	R	A	N	G
7	C	L	O	C	K	S	L	C	O	C	K	S	C	S	O	C	K
8	S	P	R	O	U	T	U	P	R	O	S	T	T	P	R	O	S
9	B	U	B	B	L	E	B	B	U	B	L	E	B	B	L	U	E
10	T	A	S	S	E	L	S	S	T	E	A	L	S	L	A	T	E



PR.

Page 8

Bev's PR bit.

Well Convention has been and gone.

Congratulations to the winners of the competitions:-

Scrapbook - Stone Lions Club.

Kevron - Trophy - Vale Royal Lions Club.

Website - Stafford Lions Club.

Visiting Lion - Stoke on Trent.

On my travels I was in Boundary Mill in Walsall, and I thought my eyes deceived me. On every till there was a Marie Curie box of daffodil pins with fabulous Bilston & Willenhall Lionsglossy leaflets and Stickers on every box with contact details. I know that they collect on a day or two in March but what a great way for PR, and customers were still buying the pins without having to have someone there collecting. If other Clubs in our district have done this let me know, if not maybe we can try it for next year. The 'in' thing seems to be selfie photos. How about your club sending me some for the District Facebook page (yes we do have one) or the NL. I bet there are some lovely ones from Marie Curie collections especially with the daffodil hats.

Mandy Broadbent has called and asked if we have any major project stories for the Community Report please send them ASAP.



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

Please send everything in electronic format

(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:-

bsnewsletter@lions105bs.org.uk

Many thanks to all our readers.

John Whitehouse (Ed)