



## DISTRICT 105BS NEWSLETTER

District Governor 2013-2014

Lion Dave Handley

**Special points of interest:****New Puzzle Corner!**

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**The DG's Bit****International**

IP Lion Barry has declared April the 'The Family and Friends Month'. He asks how much do your family and friends know about the work you do for Lions. I know that many of our Lions in 105BS do share their lionism with their family, but what about our friends? Perhaps you could make your April meetings open to your friends and family and, remember, if you want people to join you in your Lions work it may be they just need to be asked.

**A N Other Challenge**

Our plans for Youth activities this May include our revised Football Competition. With a very few exceptions the Lions Youth Football Competition was struggling to get entries when it was an 11-a-side competition spread through the season. It is for that reason that the MD withdrew its support for the competition. Our own attempt to keep our District 11-a-side competition alive last season was not very successful. But as a District we are committed to our youth. So we have devised a 7-a-side competition with all matches to be played on a single day – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2014. Yes, I know it is a Bank Holiday. The thought is that by making it a one day event and at a time when our youngsters are away from the pressures of school and homework we may get a better response. Also, as a 7-a-side competition some of the need to hire a coach is removed as a team can travel in a couple of cars or a minibus. The competition has to be self-funding and so a small charge for entry will be made. I appeal to as many clubs as possible to contact PDG Lion Frank Marnell for further details and see the information published in previous District mail and Newsletters.

**Conventions**

The important places to be in March and May are Telford and Manchester. Convention is the one time in the Lions Year that a club has the opportunity to influence the direction our organization is going. If there is anything that you, as a Lion, feel needs looking at as to the way things get done, then Convention is the place to get the ball rolling. Take a look at the web page and if you have not yet booked your place then may I encourage you to give it some thought – but don't take too long as Convention in Telford this year is Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> March. The MD Convention is in Manchester this year – right on our doorstep – *and in this month's District Mail there is the latest MD Convention Flyer full of good information.* You will see that it is No 7, the previous 6 are all on the MD Web Site. If you would like to know what goes on at the national level in Lions then come along and see for yourself – you may find some of your notions about what MD is for or does are not quite what actually does go on. Again, it is the Club opportunity to influence what Lions stand for and how they work. I'm going and I will be supporting our own nomination for DG105BS, Lion Carole Godden as she takes the next step on her journey.

**DG Dave**



## Convention Special Guest Announced

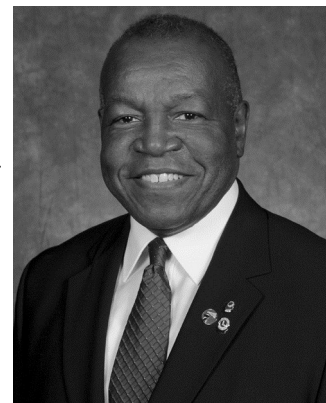
This years International Guest at our District Convention will be

### **PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR LION DOUGLAS X. ALEXANDER**

Douglas X. Alexander, from Brooklyn, New York, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 93rd International Convention, held in Sydney, Australia, June 28 to July 2, 2010.

Past Director Alexander is a retired vice president for J.P. Morgan Chase Bank. A member of the Brooklyn Bedford Stuyvesant Lions Club since 1984, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chair, region chair, vice district governor, district governor, cabinet secretary and cabinet treasurer. He also served as a Lions Eye Bank transporter, a member of the District and Multiple District PDG Association and a trustee of the New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation, and appointed Lions representative to UNICEF-New York.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including the Club Lions of the Year, Club President's Award, the Robert J. Uplinger Service Award, the Ambassador of Good Will Award, several District Governor Appreciation Awards, the Multiple District Membership Growth Award, District Chairperson Award, three International President's Certificates of Appreciation and four International President's Medals. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.



## Knutsford Lions Christmas Day Lunch

The Knutsford Lions provided lunch for over 30 local people who would otherwise have been on their own on Christmas Day. Transport was provided to bring everyone to the Stanley Centre, in the centre of Knutsford, where they were greeted by Lion President Frances and offered sherry or wine to help get them into a festive mood!



Preparations in the kitchen had started earlier in the morning in order to be ready to start serving soon after midday. A traditional three course meal was served during which the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Neil Forbes came along to wish everyone a Happy Christmas. After the meal there was a special visit from Father Christmas with a young assistant (ex Leo) to hand out presents and this was followed by carol singing.

Everyone was returned home in time for the Queen's speech.

Several non-Lions also came along to help with the food preparation, serving and transport etc. This was greatly appreciated - it also gave them a chance to see some of what we do in the community!





### Lions in the Shed!



PDG John May masquerading as Santa

youngsters that visited the Grotto were too."

Some of you may be aware that men of a certain age take to the "shed" in order to escape the pressures of life and in some cases their partners. As you can see from this picture **Lichfield** Lions have taken this trend to an extreme. Indeed for the past few years it has become "the must thing to do at Christmas" and being an inventive lot, the opportunity to fund raise as a useful side line wasn't going to be missed!

The partnership with the Shenstone Garden Centre rounded off a very successful year with over £3000 raised making a grand total so far of £13000 for 2013/14. Santa was very happy and we hope that the 1100

### Lions Always Respond

**Lichfield** Lions always try to support local good causes and few are more vital and deserving than Trent Valley First Responders.

Our local team of Community First Responders (CFRs) are all volunteers who give their time freely to help save lives in our area and since 2010 over 700 attendances to emergency calls have been recorded and in excess of 11,000 miles covered. The team of 9 volunteers receives no NHS or public funding, relying on public donation and their own resources to buy specialist equipment to maintain and run the Response Vehicle.



In the past **Lichfield** Lions donation has enabled vital equipment to be bought; this time the Lions have gone one step further and will fund the running costs of the vehicle for the next 12 months.

"This donation, and support, is very much appreciated. This financial assistance will not only benefit the group, but also benefit the people within our communities". "We are very grateful that a group like the Lions recognizes the dedication and commitment that the Trent Valley, and other CFR groups, provides for communities" added Mark.

Our picture shows members of **Lichfield** Lion's and Mark Walker, assistant coordinator for Trent Valley Community First Responder Group accepting the £1300 donation from Ross Ward, Lion President. Ross commented that for over 40 years the Lions have served the local community by organizing a variety of fund raising events that have become part of the local fabric – who can forget such memorable events as the Great Cow Pat Raffle!





### New Members for Vale of Llangollen

I noticed in the current "Lion" two clubs writing about young new members.

The Vale of Llangollen has also been fortunate in being able to invite two young ladies into membership in 2013.

The two girls, Cerys and Tricia, have been helping with the organising of our Ruabon Fun Day since 2010, done bag packing at Tesco in 2012 including Tricia's two sisters and they have also helped on the Fun Day. Tricia also entered 'Young Ambassador' 2011. They also helped with the two Young Leaders in Service from Overton. They have both been attending meetings and our social evenings.

Cerys is now attending Uni in Abersytwyth and has been made welcome by the Abersytwyth L.C.

*PDG Lion Derrick Francis Vale of Llangollen*



### Welcome to the new members in December....

<b>Leek</b>	Pat Dow
<b>Shrewsbury</b>	Vivian Rozario
<b>Urmston</b>	Jennifer Yates



### Bev's PR bit now.

Well it is almost convention time. If you are entering the Scrapbook Competition can you please let me know? Stone won it last year and they went on to win the MD competition and the biggest trophy I have ever seen! MD is compiling a Community Report to be printed later this year; they are looking for stories to publish. I have sent the ones that you sent me but if you have any more please send them to me with photos. They are always looking for photos to put on MD website as well. You never know, Oakbrook may also pick them. They have started to do so. Please include the Lions Logo (the current one please).

Thank you to clubs that have contacted me about the current logo that was shown in a previous NL. It's not until you see them together that you see the difference. Maybe word is getting through. It would be great if all our printed items i.e. letterheads & Charter menus have the current one. Who wants an expired, out of date one anyway???

Our Webmaster, the great Dave Allen, has asked us to ask non lions "if they wanted to find out about Lions Clubs what would they would type on Google". He is looking for keywords and phrases that can be used to make it easier for people who want to find out more about us online.

It has been very quiet of late on the article front but I am sure that it is just the time of year.

Don't forget that if your club wishes to buy a Lion costume contact Mascot Costumes. They have an ad in the Lion Magazine. Mention it and you will get free carriage! The costume will pay for itself within 12 months, I guarantee it, and if the press are in attendance at any events your mascot will be in the newspaper.

Love from Bev.



## News from Clubs &amp; District

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## Travelling Lion

2013/14

Points as at 24.01.14	Points
Club	
Stoke on Trent	217
Stone	125
Cannock	107
Tamworth	87
Llandudno	68
Little Orme	60
Flint	53
Beaumaris	52
Newcastle under Lyme	47
Telford	45

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

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 (Ed)**



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### Puzzle Corner

Christmas and New Year frivolities are now long gone, so let's see how active your brain is. This Sudoku, supplied by Doug Smith from Cannock Lions, is a twist on the original "number" game. The same rules apply:- each line, vertical and horizontal, and each box must contain all 9 letters. A new puzzle each month.

Seems simple, but just to add a bit of competition, let us see who can email me first at [bsnewsletter@lions105bs.org.uk](mailto:bsnewsletter@lions105bs.org.uk). No prizes but I will publish the names of the first 3 correct solutions received. We might even have a Club League Table. Don't miss out!! Solution will be in next issue.

If anyone else has got a novel idea for a puzzle, please let me know and we will see if we can also incorporate it. Ed.