



DISTRICT 105BS NEWSLETTER

District Governor 2014-2015

Lion Carole Godden



The DG's Bit

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Fellow Lions, thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve as your District Governor for the year 2014-2015. I can assure you that I will do my very best to uphold the objects and purposes of lions and to always have at heart the best interests of our members, our district and our communities.

For the last two years, I have been working towards the challenges of being DG. I have attended all the UK based training, completed all the paperwork and plans, attended two Council of Governors

meetings and most importantly, served as a member of our own DG team, getting to know our district and its needs. One of the key objectives of the DG team has been to ensure continuity within BS and I can assure you that this will continue to be the case during my time in office.

I am a great advocate of team work and breaking down barriers and I am very keen to promote sharing of ideas and successes which could help stimulate service activities in clubs which may need an injection of ideas.

During the two years as 2VDG and 1VDG, I have thoroughly enjoyed visiting two thirds of our clubs and I am looking forward to visiting the remaining ones in the next few months. Visiting our clubs has given me a clear insight into what we all do so well in BS. WE SERVE. No matter what size our clubs are, they all fulfil our motto in so many ways. Many, many communities in our district gain so much from the wonderful work carried out by our lions. We must make sure we can continue to give this excellent service and to do this, I am sure we all realise that we need to try and increase our membership and strengthen our district. You will hear me say many times that numbers are not the be all and end all. I do sincerely believe this to be the case, but in order to continue to serve, we do need to grow. To this end, I would like to ask every club in 105BS to do their best to recruit a minimum of one new member during the year. This would add around sixty new lions and would be a flying start to moving forward.

As you read this, Edward and I will still be in Toronto for our international convention and DG training. We are delighted that a small number of BS lions are coming to Canada with us and it will be good to share the experience with them.

More about that when we all return. I hope that doesn't sound too much like a threat!

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for being members of our district in whatever capacity. Thank you for the work you have done in the past and for the work I know you will continue to do.

Please enjoy being a member of you club and have a lot of fun with your friends in lions.

Have a very happy new lionistic year.

Yours in Lionism,
Carole





Sainsburys support Leek Lions Club

The club has an excellent relationship with Sainsburys and was asked to provide a display acknowledging 145 years as a trader. The photo shows our display featuring, our rustic look with cows Daisy and Maisie and Dolly the chicken, sacks of produce and a basket of bread. Our shop 'counters' also featured items which would have been sold in the 19th Century and typical items on sale in the store today. Sainsbury Staff and customers were very complimentary about the display, which remained in store for 2 days.



Travelling Lion 2014-15



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

Top Ten TRAVELLING LIONS to 16th June 2014

Stoke on Trent	80
Telford	55
Stone	49
Beaumaris Menai Aethwy	36
Tamworth	36
Leek	34
Little Orme	33
Gnosall	32
Ellesmere Port	26
Llandudno	25

PLEASE NOTE: At the May Cabinet meeting it was decided that the rule for scoring points for the DISTRICT competition remains as "Points will be awarded to each visiting Club on the basis of ONE point for EACH visiting Lion per VISIT wherever in the world the visit takes place."



Police cadets honoured by Ironbridge & Severn Gorge Lions

Eight young police cadets from Telford have won recognition for their outstanding service to the community.

The youngsters were selected to receive Young Leaders in Service Awards, after completing a two year programme that encourages young people to participate in youth volunteer opportunities and continue their service to the community.

Presenting the awards at the town's Malinsgate Police Station, June Softley, President, said: "On behalf of Ironbridge Lions it gives me great pride and pleasure to present these awards to a group of young people who, on top of their school work and other commitments, have found, and willingly given, an extraordinary amount of time to working in their local community in a variety of ways."

Three Gold Seal Awards and five Silver Seal Awards were made. Seen in the photograph are gold winners Angela Kelly (18) and Abigail Jones (18), with silver winners Jake Garbett (18), Nicky Emery (19) and Nikita Homer (18).

Superintendent Nav Malik, Divisional Commander of Telford and Wrekin Police, said: "All this year's award recipients started community service at aged 16 and passed out in September 2013. They come from diverse backgrounds and have all worked hard to achieve these awards. The fact that every one of them is now either in employment or at university is testament to the benefits of participating in volunteer activities."



FLINT & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB BEDDING PLANT PROJECT

Flint Lions recently celebrated their 12th year of supplying bedding plants to customers within their local community. Orders totalling £10,500 were received and on Friday 16 May 2014 - 2184 trays of bedding plants, 76 large planters and 264 Hanging Baskets were delivered to the gymnasium of a local school and stored overnight ready for packing.



Lion Harry Hughes making up orders.

At 6am the following morning members of Flint & District Lions Club, their partners and helpers began making up orders for 360 customers, which were delivered in a number of hired vans.

The operation was concluded by 2pm in the afternoon when some very tired but happy people went home





ZONE 10 HAS A FLING!

The Carers Association South Staffordshire (CASS) has been a cause that clubs across Zone 10 have made one of their projects for a number of years and this year Lions once again funded a big party night– the “Spring Fling”.

Planned to coincide with Carers Week and the first national young carers awareness day on 13th. June this event was held at Tamworth and hosted nearly 150 young carers from 6 to 18 years of age.

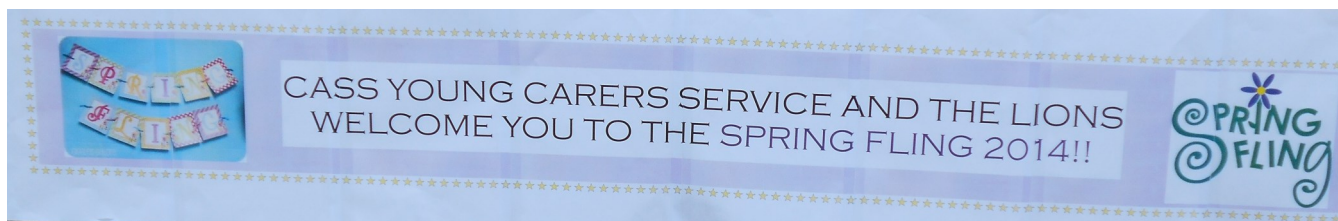
As well as all the usual youth club activities special events included bouncy castles, a photo-booth, face painting, hands on arts and crafts, live music making sessions and probably the world’s loudest disco!

The atmosphere was electric with so many excited young people having a well deserved break from the strain of constantly juggling school, their personal life and looking after a dependent mum, dad, brother or sister.

Carers Trust estimate that there are 700,000 young carers and this awareness day was intended to highlight the extraordinary role of these young people, the challenges they face, the importance of supporting them and ensuring that their own futures are not limited.

On the evening Zone 10 Lions were thanked by the CASS chief officer for their continued support but the best accolade came totally unsolicited from a little girl who said “I’ve had the best night of my life!”

In true Lion tradition the event finished with a massive party buffet, votes of thanks and loads of raffle prizes before all the happy youngsters were transported back to various parts of Staffordshire to resume their often unsung roles as young carers.



Rugeley Lions support Diabetes UK at Tesco

Last year Lions Clubs across the United Kingdom helped Diabetes UK raise nearly £25,000 in a weekend collection at Tesco Stores and this year they were again asked to support them over the weekend of 13th – 15th June to help raise £300.000 to:

- support the millions of people who have to live with diabetes every day;
- help hundreds of thousands of people take action to reduce their risk of Type 2 diabetes; and
- fund investment into ground-breaking research for a Type 1 vaccine.

With the recent opening of the new Tesco Store in Rugeley, Rugeley & District Lions were able to step in to support the plea so, wearing silly blue wigs, members and friends manned the collecting buckets over the three days. The total amount raised was £300.11.

Rugeley Lion President said “Once again members of Rugeley & District Lions Club were delighted to join in this very worthwhile cause. All monies collected by us will be passed to Diabetes UK without any deduction as always happens with Lions Clubs. I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who contributed and also to Tesco Stores for allowing us the use of their premises”.



The picture shows Lion President Tim Burgin with Lion Jill and helper Donna.



Leek Lions Support School Project

The letter below was from a pupil at Endon High School Nr Leek. Leek Lions club have been and are continuing to support the school project to Kathmandu Nepal.

The Endon students involved are absolutely fabulous and a credit to both school and parents. They are also using their efforts in the YLIS project.

Lion Graham Dow, Lions Club of Leek PRO

Kathmandu 2014



After months of preparation and personally fundraising £1500 each, on Wednesday 19th February this year 13 pupils and 3 teachers from Endon High School set off on a once in a lifetime adventure to Kathmandu, Nepal with enough books to equip a library and the anticipation of exploring their culture! Around 24 hours later we safely arrived to the hustle and bustle of Kath-

mandu, the sounds and sights of which we could never have imagined. After a much needed good night's sleep we attended Kuleshwor Awas School where we were so overwhelmed by the truly welcoming reception and were amazed by how quickly we bonded with our new friends!



During the course of the next few days we felt very privileged to spend our time with the Grade 9 students both in the school as well as exploring the city together, learning so much from their knowledge and enthusiasm of their own countries history. Whilst visiting Kathmandu Durbar Square we entered the Kumari Gahr where we luckily saw the Living Goddess who is only allowed to make an appearance to the public 13 times a year and will only remain the Goddess until she starts puberty or is injured. We also visited many Hindu and Buddhist temples including: Swayambhunath, Budhanilkantha, Boudhanath and Pashupatinath.



Within the school many programmes had been arranged for everybody to participate in including an art competition, volleyball matches, presentations as well as a Talent show which was open to the whole school community to showcase their talents and traditional Nepalese dances and songs. Of course all of the Endon High school students joined in with the Nepalese entertainment as well as performing British dances and songs for them too. On one afternoon at the school we were honoured to have the opportunity to plant trees in a friendship garden to make sure that we left a lasting impression at the School and showing that a true friendship had definitely been formed!

Our time in Kathmandu went so quickly but in such a short period of time we built such strong friendships which we hope will last a lifetime. It is now our aim to raise enough money for 15 students from Kuleshwor Awas School to come on a return visit in March 2015 when we would very much like to return their hospitality and give them an opportunity which without our help they wouldn't be able to achieve.



Kuleshwor Awas School, Kathmandu – we shared such amazing memories together we are committed to our friendships and we look forward to seeing you again soon!

By Hannah Latham



TAMWORTH LIONS MEET THE MAYOR

The new Mayor of Tamworth, Councillor Richard Kingstone, on his first official occasion as Mayor, visits Tamworth Lions display at the Tamworth Volunteers fair, with Tamworth Lions President Linda Hunt.

Tamworth Lions have worked closely with the other service clubs of Tamworth [Soroptimists, Rotary, Round Table and Inner Wheel], and Tamworth Borough Council, to provide funding for a new ambulance car for Tamworth Community First responders, which it is hoped, will be purchased shortly, as the bulk of the funds have now been raised for the vehicle.



Sweet treat from Lions delights Ironbridge youngsters



Children from an Ironbridge school got an unexpected treat this week when members of the local Lions Club turned up to present them with a basket of Easter eggs nestling in little yellow knitted chicks.

The eggs, which were left over from Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions' annual Easter Sunday 'Silver over the Bridge' collection, were a sweet delight for the children in the nursery department at Coalbrookdale and Ironbridge CE Primary School.

After receiving the eggs from Lion Dave Pritchard and his wife Sue, parents of a former pupil of the school, Paula Lovewell, head of the nursery department, said: "The children are all really 'eggcited' about receiving the eggs and they will be able to keep and fill the knitted chicks again next Easter."

A Murder Mystery and Flower Power

The members of Buckley and Mold Lions Club have kept very busy over the last month. Beginning with a Plant Sale that served to raise £1100 for Hope House Hospice, this was then followed by a Murder Mystery. The latter was entitled 'Peril on the Prom' and one of the leading roles was played by no other than Zone 2 Chair, Kevin Otley! The evening proved a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present; it also served to raise £350 for the Zone 3 project, to raise funds for the Bone Cancer Centre Appeal in Gobowen.

Extreme left ZC Teresa Nickson, 3rd from left ZC Kevin Otley and the cast of 'Peril on the Prom'.





TAMWORTH LIONS TEN YEARS SERVICE AWARDS



Three Tamworth Lions have been awarded ten year service chevrons.

At a recent meeting, President Linda awarded the chevrons to Lions Trisha Lambert, Pam Trevena and Geoff Trevena.

The attached photo shows from left to right:

Lion Trish, Lion President Linda, Lion Pam and Lion Geoff.

New members in June ...

Cannock	Shirley Brown June Fox
Ironbridge & Severn Gorge	Malcolm Appleton Garry Fellowes
Llandudno	Norman Mylchreest
Wrexham Maelor	Catherine Powell



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Many thanks to all our readers.

John Whitehouse (Ed)



LIONS CLUB MEMBER OPENS ASDA SUPERMARKET

Cutting the ribbon to open a new supermarket is a sign of celebrity status as surely as an appearance in the tabloid newspapers.

But now, an international retail giant has decided to shun celebrities in favour of associating its brand with the local Lions Club.

Asda chose a Lion to open its first store in the Staffordshire market town of Uttoxeter after consulting the club as part of a search for a local hero to cut the ribbon at the store's official opening.

The supermarket chain said they were looking for someone who makes life better for people in the Uttoxeter area, someone who goes that extra mile for a particular cause or person, or an individual renowned for their local charity work.

The Lions Club did not come up with a suggestion, but Asda had been asking around and decided that a Lion was the best person to do the job.

Steve Shields has served three terms as President of Uttoxeter Lions and as District Officer for Speech & Hearing and Physical & Learning Disabilities for six years. He is currently Zone Chair and 2nd Vice District Governor.

He has also chaired local sports clubs, including junior football teams and a running club. He has run 22 marathons with a personal best time of two hours 54 minutes.

As a Lion, he helps organise the annual Christmas Cracker night, an evening of festive entertainment and late-night shopping, and a summer beer festival.

He also took over the running of the talking news service for the East Staffordshire area, started by PDG John May of Lichfield Lions. Steve formed a separate trust with District Treasurer Rob Sunderland, ten volunteers were recruited and now nearly sixty visually impaired people get the weekly free service in East Staffordshire.

Lion Steve said: 'This is a great honour, and it's a tribute to all the work the Lions do in the town. It's great to see that being recognised, even if it is in an unusual way.'

Steve was joined at the supermarket opening by the town's mayor and the executive director of the nationally famous local racecourse. Proceeds from the beer festival were used to organise a prostate screening event at the racecourse in April, and another is planned for next year.

