



## DISTRICT 105BS NEWSLETTER

District Governor 2013-2014

Lion Dave Handley



## The DG's Bit

## Special points of interest:

New MD resource  
 "Up In Smoke"  
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## International

Our International President is focusing on the forthcoming LEOs convention programme and stressing the need for our Lions Clubs to be 'youth aware' as, and it has been said before, youth is our future. We need to be looking at what Lions Clubs International offers to the young people of today, the future leaders of our communities tomorrow, rather than asking what they can bring to Lions. Personally, I think it is a two-way street; we have to have an opportunity for mutual benefit for any and every individual who joins our organization.



## Re-Zoning

It is fair to say that I have had some negative feedback from the recently announced re-zoning. The essence of the adverse comment is that I have disregarded existing inter-club relationships established over many years. I would suggest that the current Zone boundaries are an equally artificial line drawn to meet the needs of the District as a whole as are those coming into effect on 1 July. The last time Zone boundaries were revised was from a position of growth in membership numbers and the number of clubs was increasing. Also, it was at a time when the average of the membership was some 20 years lower than it is today. My final point is that in the changes I have proposed there is nothing to stop a club maintaining existing relationships whilst establishing new ones within the revised Zone structure. However, it is equally fair to say that the adverse comments are far outweighed by the positive comments I have received. All I would ask is that all Lions and Clubs approach the changes with a positive attitude and remember if it shows in time that my decisions were in any way flawed further change can be made in the future.

## Conventions

Manchester 2014 is fast approaching. This is your wider AGM and it is your chance to influence the direction your organization will take for the immediate and medium term future. The resolutions that will be debated have been circulated to clubs and it is your opportunity to present your views in the wider forum of the Multiple District. Full details of the timings and events are on the MD105 webpage and have been published in previous editions of the Newsletter.

## Football

Our football competition is on track for Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2014 and the hope is we will all have a good day as we bring the name of Lions Clubs International and our own District to the attention of a good number of moms and dads around our area. If clubs on our district borders would like to throw entry open to their neighbouring Districts, please feel free to do so. The aim of the game is to give young people a competition that they can enjoy and for Lions Clubs to meet younger people in their communities. The more the merrier!

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DG Dave



The item below is a copy of a press release from a successful event for the Districts newest group of Lions — Well Done Hednesford (Ed)

### **ROARING SUCCESS FOR NEWLY FORMED HEDNESFORD LIONS**

Hednesford Lions was recently formed as a branch club of Cannock Lions to become the area's newest Lions club and has topped their first 18 months of fundraising off in style with a fantastic free event for the senior citizens of Hednesford. "Putting on the Ritz" afternoon tea was held at the new Aquarius ballroom Hednesford on the 30th March and proved to be a wonderful end to this year's Mothering Sunday, with over 120 local senior residents joining the Lions for an afternoon of live music, bingo, raffle and a fantastic afternoon cream tea, all served by the Lions themselves.

The small but enthusiastic group of lions have worked hard to put the event together over the past few months, invitations were delivered to over 150 local residents and care agencies and they were overwhelmed by the enthusiastic response.

Guests were greeted personally at door of the ballroom by doorman and of course by the Lions mascot; many of the guests that found it difficult to get to the event had transport arranged for them by the Lions who were extremely grateful to local taxi firm Almar cabs for the professional and courteous service they provided.

On entering the ballroom guests were served fruity Champagne and had the opportunity for individual photos to be taken that were later printed, framed and taken home by guests as souvenirs of the day.

Music was provided by local young musicians Jordan and Jak and again later by Ron, a short bingo session provided by Hednesford bingo club followed before the wonderful afternoon tea including traditional sandwiches, scones and cake that were served along with teas and coffee. A raffle was drawn and first prize of a gallery framed portrait was won by guests from School court and generously donated by JohnD photography of Cannock.

On leaving the event one guest commented "It's so nice that someone has taken the time to do this for us, I even had a personal invitation" and another guest said that she "was treated like royalty" and "can't wait till next year's event".

Hednesford Lions would like to sincerely thank our supporters for this event, the Staffordshire community fund and Almar cabs, we would also like to thank the community of Hednesford for being so generous during our recent fundraising events.

The members of HEDNESFORD LIONS are a group of men and women bonded together to do things for our community that cannot be done as individuals. We are at the very start of an exciting journey in building our group into something our community can be proud of, we have in our short time already seen the benefit of our work and we hope that you, as we have, discover the great satisfaction that comes from sharing in our effort.

Members of Lions Clubs are ordinary men and women who have the desire to put something back into the community by making a difference to the lives of others and have fun in the process. Our primary focus is always to serve the needs of the local community.

***Lions Clubs International - Multiple District 105***

***63rd Annual Convention - Manchester –***

***10th & 11th May 2014***

***Convention Papers on MD web site***

**FLOWERS AND FASHIONS AT SANDON HALL – AN UPDATE FROM CHRIS**

On Tuesday June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Stone Lions Club is hosting a very special evening of Flowers and Fashions, entitled "Follow your Dream – a Tribute to Children". The event, in support of my nominated charity The Newlife Foundation, will take place at Sandon Hall, near Stone, and is by kind permission of the Dowager Countess of Harrowby.

In addition to floral arrangements, which will be raffled on the evening, Newlife will also be bringing a selection of fashion accessories, jewellery, handbags, scarves, gloves etc, which will be on sale at prices well below those on the High Street. With Newlife's 100% funding guarantee, all proceeds from the evening will be used to help a child or children in our area.

The appeal for Newlife is being very well supported across the District and individual Lions Clubs have already helped with the purchase of specialist wheelchairs for youngsters in the Vale Royal and Telford areas and we are half way to raising the funds for a special walking frame for a 2 year old near Flint. In addition, we have already funded 3 Play Therapy Pods (Kit Boxes) containing specialist play equipment through the sale of jewellery. Every Play Therapy Pod provided with Lions funding contains information about our organization and details of the District Web Site.

Tickets for 'Follow your Dream' are available at £10 each, which includes a glass of wine. It promises to be a very enjoyable evening. If you would like more information, or to order your tickets, please contact me on 01785 812027 or by e-mail on [djhandley@btinternet.com](mailto:djhandley@btinternet.com)

**BURTON STILL GIVING SUPPORT**

Lion President Eileen and Lion Tony of Burton Lions Club presented a cheque [£750] to Burton Guides for essential equipment for their outdoor centre. This is in line with their philosophy of supporting local youth. They have also given a local Rainbows group £250 for transport costs to their 'centenary' away day celebrations.



Congratulations to Burton Lions for a separate full page article in their local paper outlining their history, and appealing for support to continue serving their local community, best wishes for its success.



## MUSIC COMPETITION

Olivia Gandee was the winner of 105BS music competition sponsored by Sale and District Lions.



She is a 13 year old young lady who joined Chetham's in September 2008 and has been playing the French Horn since she was 8 years old initially being taught by her father.

She has been a member of the National Youth Orchestra since October 2013 when she was awarded the Wolfson Foundation Scholarship.

Olivia represented District 105BS in the Multiple District Music Competition on the 6th April 2014 and was competing with 10 other French Horn Players who ranged from 3 to 10 years older than herself.

I am very proud to announce that she was awarded 3rd place overall and received a prize of £100. Sale and District Lions wish her all the best for her future.

Submitted by Lion President Sarah Cowling, shown with Olivia (centre) and DG Dave Handley

### Welcome to the new members in

April ...

Debbie Farrell - Knutsford

Sue Colman - Little Orme

Valerie East - Urmston

Sarah Waugh - Urmston



**Elected to take office in your club for 2014-15?**

**A reminder of sessions especially for you.**

**Updates and information workshop for CLUB OFFICERS**

Tuesday 13th May: Holy Trinity Community Centre, Newcastle under Lyme ST5 1LQ. Start time 7.30 p.m.

Thursday 22nd May: Queens Hotel, Llandudno LL30 2LE. Start time 7.30 p.m.

Sunday 25th May: Mercure Hotel, Chester, CH3 5QL. Start time 2.00 p.m.

At each there will be sessions for incoming Presidents, secretaries, treasurers and membership chairs. If you are new to the job come and find out more –if you are currently in post come and hear the latest updates and share the benefit of your experience. This is also an opportunity to meet members of the DG team and hear about plans for the year ahead. **N.B. stop press** – find out the latest news about changes in Charity Commission requirements.

**Feel free to attend whichever session is most convenient to you.**

**Attendance by any Lion, especially anyone considering taking these roles in future, is welcome.**



Please send all Travelling Lion forms to Lion Sarah Cowling, 22 Foxlair Road, Manchester. M22 9RN.

Many thanks to Tricia Morris for all her work with Travelling Lion.

#### TRAVELLING LION UPDATE

Points as at 22nd April	
Club	Points
TELFORD	37
STOKE ON TRENT	31
LEEK	20
STONE	18
TAMWORTH	17
FLINT	14
GNOSALL	11
CANNOCK	10
LITTLE ORME	8
BEAUMARIS MENAI AETHWY	7
IRONBRIDGE & SEVERN GORGE	2
NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME	2

#### PUZZLE CORNER

Apologies to the regular Puzzlers, due to a PC problem the answers from last month will be given in Junes edition.

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

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 to all our readers. John Whitehouse (Ed)**



**GOT A SPARE BRIDGE ANYBODY??**

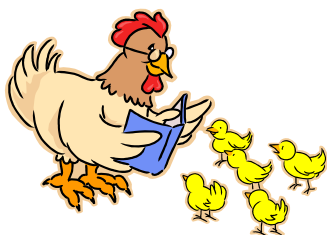
Look out for the yellow chick brigade on the Iron Bridge!

The little yellow chick brigade were out in full force on the Iron Bridge on Easter Sunday, cosying up to a host of chocolate crème eggs being sold for charity.

Every year Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions sell the eggs to raise money for Marie Curie Cancer Care and other local charities.

Helped by members of the 'Get Knitting' group from the Park Lane Centre who supply the woolly chick jackets for the eggs, Ironbridge Lions once more combined the proceeds of the egg sales with their regular Easter 'Silver over the Bridge' collection.

Lions President June Softley, said: "The Easter chicks are really cute and are always popular with visitors to the Gorge. We were hoping the sun would shine and lots of people would buy a chick and help us support Marie Curie Cancer Care, an organisation that so many people come into contact with, and rely on help from, at some stage in their lives."



The chicks receive their  
Health & Safety briefing

"Our club buys the eggs and the lovely ladies from Get Knitting donate the chicks every year, so every penny we raised from egg sales and people putting coins on the tape across the bridge goes to charity. The monies raised on Sunday were split between Marie Curie Cancer Care and other local Lions charities."

**UP in SMOKE**

This is our very up-to-date smoking prevention resource for secondary schools which is now available and it is beginning to be used across the MD.

Remember that smoking cessation targets in schools have not met Government requirements and also that smoking is the single biggest cause of preventable disease.

What better community service could we provide to our children then than to ask our Club Youth Officers to call on the PSHE teachers in our secondary schools and offer support with this resource?

If we do it now we could probably have the resource in place for the start of the next school year and let us also mention our other Youth programmes when we are there.

This resource is now available at a cost of £49.95 for the hard copy or £39.95 for the CD and there is a promotional price of £69.95 for both ordered together. Full details and brochures are available on the Lifeskills website [www.lionslifeskills.co.uk](http://www.lionslifeskills.co.uk)

Ed Rule

DO Youth Liaison