



DISTRICT 105BS NEWSLETTER

District Governor 2014-2015

Lion Carole Godden



DGs October Travels!

October came in with something of a bang in the form of a noisy but very entertaining "Last Night Of The Proms", staged by Gnosall Lions Club. A colourful evening was thoroughly enjoyed by a packed house.

As I mentioned in a previous article, DO John Sanders is anxious to raise the profile of sight related activities and I am sure he will agree that BS rose to his request this year by holding Walks For Sight in two parts of our widespread district, thus enabling more lions to join in without the need for a long journey. The first walk took place in Lichfield on Sunday 5th October when more than forty of us took part. The second walk was held a week later, on Sunday 12th October in Llanberis with about twenty participants. The two excellent walks had much in common. Firstly, the weather was glorious for both. Secondly, the spirit of Lionism of both events was inspiring. Thirdly, both were followed by lunch when we all able to share in plenty of fun and fellowship. Grateful thanks must go to all who organised the events, and to all those who took part. Thank you also to the individual Clubs who held their own sight events. Let's hope the sun shines again next year on all who stage events to raise awareness of blindness and vision impairment.

Our caravan had another outing in October when Edward and I spent six nights in North Wales where we attended a charter, the Walk For Sight, a club business meeting and a club social. We had a thoroughly good time and we hope to be back out in the van again next month for another round of meeting our Lion friends.

October is a popular month for charter anniversaries. All the members of the DGE team have been wonderfully hosted and entertained in several parts of the district. A sincere thank you from us all for the hospitality and friendly welcome. I never cease to be amazed by the amount of thoughtful preparation that goes into planning and organising charter celebrations.

Next week is going to be very busy. Council of Governors meet on Tuesday and Wednesday, and this is followed immediately by Europa Forum. Edward and I are looking forward to hosting some of our international guests. Our International President Joe Preston will be there, as will IPIP Barry Palmer.

I shall no doubt, have a lot to report to November's cabinet meeting. I will be delighted to report that our membership numbers for the first third of the year are slightly up. A very big thank you to everyone and let us try to keep driving on upwards. It will be a great achievement if we can sustain positive growth by the end of the year. I know of several membership drives planned for the Spring. Good luck to you all on that score.

Zone meetings are scheduled to follow soon after cabinet. Lion Presidents please make sure your Clubs are represented so that information can be cascaded up to clubs and clubs can have their say.

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.....DG's Bit continued

As I write this, I am conscious that many of you are working hard in preparation for November 5th celebrations. May I take this opportunity to wish your club well with your fireworks events. As the saying goes, "Please to remember the 5th of November....." Please also to remember that there is great PR to be had when Lions are visibly enjoying working together for the good of their communities. Wear your hi vis jackets with pride and light up the name of LIONS in the November skies! Be safe, be seen and have fun.

See you at Autumn Forum on Sunday 23rd November at The Mercure Hotel, Chester.

Kind regards to you all,
Carole

LICHFIELD WALK FOR SIGHT – 2014

1300 is the number of blind and visually impaired people who live in Lichfield today. There are 2.2 million in the UK, a number that will grow by a staggering 300 each and every day.

Members of local Lions Clubs accompanied by a number of blind people and local politicians completed a short circular walk from the George Hotel to the Cathedral.

The ultimate aim of the Walk is to ensure the Lichfield City street- scape is accessible to everyone and future investment and development really does take account of the needs of those with a disability.

The blind told of their problems, but there were also six pairs of glasses to simulate the six main causes of sight loss. Some were scary; everyone that experienced wearing them got the message loud and clear!



Picture shows The Lichfield Lion assisting fellow walkers navigate what most sighted people would regard as being a safe and straightforward stretch of walkway

Travelling Lion Competition 2014-15

Top Ten TRAVELLING LIONS to 16th October 2014



PLEASE NOTE:

Send your Visiting Lion
Report Cards to:-

Lion Sarah Cowling,

22 Foxlair Road,
Manchester. M22 9RN

Stoke on Trent	150
Stone	84
Tamworth	67
Telford	60
Leek	47
Cannock	45
Little Orme	43
Llandudno	43
Ellesmere Port	42
Beaumaris	36



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GNOSALL ROARS AGAIN

Gnosall Lions recently held their 7th Last Night at the Proms raising over £800, with an amazing evening to boot. The evening was a sell out with music provided by the Rugeley Power Station Band and the brilliant Military Wives (Stafford) Choir with the event attended by an audience of 120. What was also fantastic was the support given by local Lions Clubs, 31 from Stoke on Trent Lions including the DG, and from Leek, Market Drayton, Rugeley, Ironbridge and Stone Lions Clubs in addition to the villagers.



The hall, decorated by the club, was bedecked with Union Jack bunting throughout. Flags and song sheets were issued at the door, tables decorated with gingham cloths to display Stoke's buffet, with a PR Stand and Friendship pennants also on display giving the room a feeling of warmth plus, of course, a raffle.



By the end of the evening most of the audience had sung themselves hoarse, waved flags like crazy, and shed a tear at various times during the evening of fun, and nostalgia. It was truly an evening to remember, with many people wanting to book for future concerts there and then. Everyone attending were full of praise and the following morning we received many calls of thanks from those in the audience.

To those who have never heard either act, then they have missed something special. The Band, with musicians of all ages from 13 to 70 plus, can draw on over 25 years of experience whilst the Military Wives have only been together for an unbelievable 12 months. If possible get and see them, if not then Gnosall Lions have rebooked them for future events, so don't miss out.

Rick Talbot

LIONS CLUB of LEEK

The club has just sent off a consignment of 6 boxes of spectacles (approx. 600 pairs) for use in third world countries. This is a great help to those less fortunate than ourselves. The club has also made a donation to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).



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

Please send everything in electronic format as attachments
(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:- Lion John Whitehouse bsnewsletter@lions105bs.org.uk

Many thanks to all our contributors & readers



FUN, FOOD AND FUNDRAISING IN ZONE E!!!

As the District sponsored walks for World Sight Day were a little bit too far for Zone E to travel (the driving is OK....but then I've got to WALK!!) so intrepid Lions from Zone E gathered on October 5th for a sponsored walk to raise money for the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital in Ghana. Armed with waterproofs and sporting our hi-vis jackets, complete with Lions logos, we raised a few smiles from fellow walkers as we ventured down the banks of the River Mersey for a 5k walk.



We wouldn't have won any gold medals for time as there was too much chatting and laughing along the way but after being prepared for the torrential rain of the previous day the weather was great and we thoroughly enjoyed it. Nine members, from Sale & District Lions and from Urmston Lions walked, and then we repaired to Jackson's Boat (a pub, of course) for Sunday lunch for 13 and a good chat.

So far we have raised over £400 and still counting, thanks to sponsorship from other clubs in the Zone, as well as friends and family. For some of us it was our first sponsored walk and we can't wait to do it again!

Linda Cresswell

The walkers: Neil Hensing, Linda Cresswell, Chris Evans, Sarah Waugh, Sarah Cowling, Anne Evans, Sheila Lee, Roy Groves (Peter Cresswell taking the picture!)



Alsager Lions Raise the Roof

Alsager Lions have just had their annual musical evening with Crewe Brass under the musical direction of Jamie Meredith, and this year for the first time a young lyric soprano, Rebecca Godley with pianist Ian White. Rebecca is attending a musical college in Glasgow and both her and Ian had their first practise together some 9 hours before the show and you'd never have known.

What a fabulous night, with music from the movies and shows featuring, Circle of Life (The Lion King), If I Loved you from (The King and I), the theme from the Magnificent 7 plus many more, all in the confines of St Mary's Church here in Alsager and the audience loved every minute of it. Think we've found a gem in Rebecca. Strictly and X Factor eat your hearts out.

The money raised towards "Good causes" from the show have yet to be totalled but a rough estimate, it could be in excess of £300.00.

Ken Livingston - Alsager Lions

Picture shows, Lions Sec Mel North, Rebecca, Ian, Lion Pam Lowerson and MC for the evening Lion Phil Westhead.





Pipes of Pan????

Lion Margaret "Wolfie" Marsh of Ellesmere Port Lions at an event on Saturday 18th October, showing her skills as an exponent of the Pan Pipes using MIAB bottles.

Is there no end to the talent in 105bs?

Steve Talbot - Ellesmere Port Lions Club.



Cheadle Lions Press Release

After reading an article in the local weekly paper, Cheadle Lions decided to sponsor 'up and coming' young disabled athlete from Cheadle. Shaun Burrows, 16, from Cheadle was born with Cerebral Palsy and mild Hemiplegia, which means he has significant learning difficulties and a reading age of five.

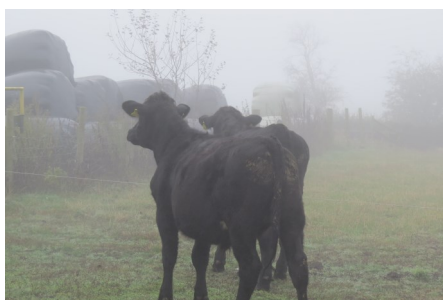
Last month he represented Great Britain in the Junior International Wheelchair and Amputee Sports Federation World Championships, which took place at Stoke Mandeville Stadium. Shaun was reclassified on an International Level before his races and he is now in the T38 class joining top athletes from around the world. He then went on to knock 0.11s off his best time in the 100m heat and another 0.12s in his final race time. Shaun is now ranked eighth in the world for his 100m, which includes athletes of all ages from around the world, Shaun is also 11th fastest in the world in this category.



Shaun attended our October meeting and showed us the two Gold medals he won for the 100m and 200m in the Sainsbury 2014 School Games in Manchester. Shaun's aim is to get to the 2016 Olympics in Brazil he really is a raw talent and is now being coached in Loughborough, he just gets faster and faster

Cheadle Lions wish Shaun all the best for his future and will be following his career with great interest. There seems to be a number of Lions from Cheadle who want to be his personal assistant when he goes to Brazil

Lion President Peter Kent presenting a cheque to International Disabled athlete Shaun Burrows. Photograph is Courtesy of the Cheadle Times and Echo



Lichfield Cow Pat Draw

Another year and another PAT on the back for so many local people that took part in Lichfield Lions "Cow Pat Draw". This year over £1300.00 was raised for Trent Valley First Responders, one of the main local good causes supported by Lions. The First Responders Team is so well regarded locally that James donated his first prize winnings of £100 - any Lotto winners out there may wish to do the same!

We decided not to show the winning pat so as not to spoil any one's tea but the picture below shows the "donor" looking pleased with its handiwork.

David Boylan - PR Officer Lichfield Lions

**Bevs Bit Nov 2014**

Well, by now you will have received your Community Report.

What do you think? Please give us feedback, we really need your opinion to pass on. Don't forget, read it and pass it on. If you want more copies let me know. I will be trying to get some magazines & more community reports and will bring them to the next cabinet meeting so contact your Zone Chair and I will hand them out.

There are very few articles coming in for the News Letter and I know you are all doing lots.

Why do you not want to share your successes?

Other clubs can learn from your ideas and activities. We have a core of 6 clubs who regularly send items in.

I know of several events in this District that would make great articles. If you have any ideas for the NL again let us know. I know you will be doing lots at Christmas so let's make it a jolly festive edition.

Have you seen the Lion in the Shelter at the Arboretum? Send us a photo if you have, he is a splendid fellow.

Congratulations to Lichfield Lions for getting an article in the Lion Magazine.

So come on 105BS Roar, be Loud & Proud !

New members in October

Buckley & Mold	John Yates
Burntwood	David Higgs
Cannock	Gail Korzonek
Oswestry	Lynn Strachan
Shrewsbury	Christopher Russell Kathleen Russell
Stafford	John Mason Jill Mason

