



DISTRICT 105BS NEWSLETTER

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DG's News and Thoughts



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The last month has seen some beautiful weather which has been a big bonus for some of our clubs and their late summer outdoor events. Edward and I were fortunate enough to be able to visit Stafford Lions Club as they took part in a free community event in a local park. They had a first class promotional stall and did sterling work in telling the many hundreds of visitors all about the work done by Lions. I only wish there was time to go and see more of District 105BS, "In action!"

One project I was delighted to be invited to was the unveiling of a memorial garden in Birkenhead, dedicated one hundred years on, to the memory of the fallen of WW1. Birkenhead Lions have done a wonderful job with the memorial. They should be proud of the garden which will provide a place for quiet enjoyment and reflection for years and generations to come. It was an honour to be presented to HRH Prince Edward who was relaxed, friendly and obviously happy to meet so many people.

I am so pleased that many clubs post photographs on Facebook as this helps me to know what is going on all across the area.

As has been stated previously, our International President's key message to us is to, "Strengthen The Pride." To this end, GMT are poised and ready with a recruitment drive in Barton-under-Needwood and I would like to thank local clubs and individuals for pledging their support to GMT in this. Since we sadly lost Burton on Trent, this part of our District has been missing out by not having a Lions Club. I have every confidence that we will soon have a new club branch in this area. We also have a new club branch in North Wales. The new branch is called North Marches and it will work largely in the area previously served by Hope Lions Club. At present, the new branch is small in number but keen to grow and become active. I am sure you will all join with me in wishing North Marches every success. It is sad to report that several of our Lions friends have passed to higher service since I last wrote. Our condolences go to their families, friends and Lions Clubs.

Our youth team is fast approaching a very busy time of year, with Peace Poster judging and Young Ambassador District Finals in November, and our District music competition taking place in February. If your club wishes to have further information about these very important events in our Lionistic calendar, please contact our District Officers who can be found in the District Directory.

The month of October will see two District Walks For Sight.

The first of these will take place on October 5th in Lichfield and the second will be a week later on October 12th in Llanberis. It is very appropriate that such an important part of Lions work should be promoted so I would urge as many of you as possible to support these District events. District Officer John Sanders can supply you with further details. May I take this opportunity to wish your club every success if you are staging your own event for World Sight Week.

I can scarcely believe that six months have passed since our last District Convention. This year's host committee are meeting regularly to ensure that Convention 2015 will be a great weekend. Booking forms have been sent out with previous mailings. It will be a great help if social bookings can be made as soon as possible.

On the Convention front, I received some excellent good news a few days ago. It has been confirmed that we are going to welcome Past International President Jimmy Ross as our International guest. PIP Jimmy is an inspirational speaker who will address Convention on the Saturday afternoon. He will hopefully be bringing his wife, Velda, but this is yet to be confirmed.

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DG & Travelling Lion

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.....DG's Bit continued

Also in the Spring, we will be staging our very own UN Day. This is being planned by the Lions of Zone C and will be on Sunday 29th March in Wrexham. Further details will follow. Please come along and support this important biennial event.

Could I also remind Clubs of the Autumn Forum which will be held at The Mercure Hotel, Chester on Sunday 23rd November. I know that our GLT have been working hard to make this an interesting and useful day. Club visits continue, as do charter anniversaries. On behalf of all members of the DG team, I would like to extend our thanks to the warm way in which we are welcomed by you all. Visiting clubs is not only informative and sometimes humbling, it is also great fun!

Finally, Christmas is even closer than last month! Good luck with your planning.

DG Carole

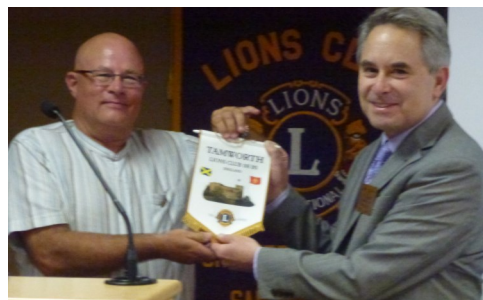
A LIONS CLUB WITH A DIFFERENCE!

Whilst on a recent holiday to the U.S.A, 4 Lions from 105BS Tamworth Lions Club visited an unusual Lions Club

Lion VP Pam Trevena, and husband D.O. Geoff, whilst travelling with the club's 2 newest Lions, Linda and Mark Kyte across America, made a visit to the lunch meeting of San Diego Downtown Lions, in their own meeting facility, in the San Diego Lions Manor building – yes, 131 apartments and a conference facility built, owned and run by the club, which meets weekly. The Club has around 125 members.

San Diego Lions Manor is a fourteen-story subsidized apartment building, built for low-income elderly and wheel-chair disabled citizens by the Lions Club of San Diego in 1981.

Each apartment has a living room, one-bedroom, bathroom, kitchen and private balcony. The first floor contains the building offices, a spacious lobby, a game room, a library and



TV area, and a large community room for resident use, all run by the club.

The 4 members from Tamworth were made very welcome, and enjoyed a lunch, whilst club business was conducted, followed by a guest speaker.

Needless to say, travelling Lions points have been applied for by Tamworth Lions!



The downtown San Diego Lions Club building

San Diego Downtown Lions President Peter Singer and Tamworth's Geoff Trevena

Travelling Lion Competition 2014-15



Top Ten TRAVELLING LIONS to 16th September 2014

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

Stoke on Trent	125
Stone	84
Telford	60
Cannock	45
Little Orme	43
Leek	43
Tamworth	42
Beaumaris	36
Llandudno	35
Gnosall	32

**WALTON PRIORY MIDDLE SCHOOL – LIONS VERY YOUNG LEADERS IN SERVICE**

A second presentation evening was held on 1st July 2014 to recognise those pupils who follow the Lions International Young Leaders In Service Award scheme.

This scheme was adopted for the school by the Headteacher (Ms Gilman) two years ago as it fits in well with the ethos of the school, rewarding pupils who undertake voluntary/community work.

This year four pupils achieved the Gold Award (100 hours completed within a year). They are Freya Barwell, Lucy Burgess, Katie Dudley and Ryan McMahon. Six pupils achieved the Silver Award (50 hours completed) – Leah Ransom, Becky Cooper, Rachel Smith, Antonia Masters, Mollie Key and Chloe Scott. Those pupils well on their way received special certificates made by the school. Congratulations to all of these pupils!

It was again a lovely evening with Mums and Dads plus brothers and sisters joining in the celebration, along with representatives of Stone Lions Club. Everyone enjoyed a lovely buffet, soft drinks, wine etc.

Ms Gilman gave a speech emphasising how special these pupils were along with details of the wide variety of voluntary/community work undertaken.

Stone Lions Club are also very proud of these pupils and thanked the school for making this such a lovely occasion. We are very pleased to have such a close relationship with the school and are hoping that even more pupils will become involved!

Glenys Sanders - Youth Officer - Stone Lions Club

Pedal pushing to Paris

Stewart Rickels, whose parents live in Sandiway and whose father was a Lion, received a great send off recently from Vale Royal Lions and friends as he left the Blue Cap car park on his charity cycle ride of almost 500 miles to the Eiffel Tower in Paris. For day 1 only, he was accompanied as far as Warwick by cycling friends David Rhodes and Tony King and he plans to cover the whole trip in 5 days.

The Lions presented him with their cheque for £250 on the day, plus £50 from Bridgnorth club. However since then 14 other clubs from 105BS have donated £1175 and his total raised to date is almost £5,000.

Stewart, who lives in Northwich and is a lecturer at the University of Central Lancashire, aims to raise awareness and funds for rare forms of cancer and specifically, brain tumours. He decided to take on the mammoth challenge after a close relative was diagnosed with a brain tumour; the beneficiaries of his trip will be **The**

Christie and The Brain Tumour Charity.

The 32 year-old said that although it is relatively rare with only approximately 4,500 people being diagnosed with a malignant brain tumour each year, this doesn't mean the investment shouldn't be made both through funding for treatment and support and also in raising the profile of the disease throughout the UK.

"I've set myself this challenge so I can try and raise awareness of the condition and help fund two great charities. I chose cycling as I could design and wear a



custom designed jersey to provide as much exposure of the causes supported by the challenge.

"Riding for five days on my own will be as much of a mental challenge as it will be physical" he said. "A huge support with this challenge is the amazing commitment made by my wife Sarah and my two children to encourage and motivate me to train for, and then undertake the challenge. My other close family and friends are providing support which is immeasurable and deserves a big thank you."

PDG Rob Brown—Vale Royal Lions



Macclesfield Lions on cycle with BikeFest

Macclesfield Lions, have raised over £5,000 through organising the Bollington BikeFest. Over 300 cyclists took part in the presence of Town Mayor Amanda Stott and Macclesfield MP David Rutley.

One rider said it was "definitely an enhancement" to the town's calendar and expressed "hope that it is on the calendar for years to come". The event attracted people from across Cheshire and even as far as Cambridge!

Be it for fitness or fun, participants took part in the town's third BikeFest which included three routes - the 75-mile Grimshaw Grueller over the Cheshire Plains, the 40-mile Bolly Bash through the picturesque country lanes and the Twenty Is Plenty course along the Middlewood Way Canal - with all circuits registered and starting from Adelphi Mill.

Beating last year's 270 entries, funds raised were in excess of £5,400 which will go to good causes including East Cheshire Hospice and Prostate Cancer. A BBQ, refreshments and bar were provided and the Girl Guides of Cheshire Border manned the food check points donated by The Co-operative.



Bollington Town Mayor Amanda Stott with organiser Lion George Cann



New Members in September

Burntwood Michael Simms
Yvonne Simms

Cheadle Geoffrey Riley

Leek Chris Gee

Oswestry Kieran Davies

The copy deadline for the next issue of the District Newsletter is 22nd October 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:- bsnewsletter@lions105bs.org.uk

Many thanks to all our contributors & readers



A Boost for Alsager Lions



Club Secretary Mel North enjoying the day with Lion Pam Lowerson and Lesley Livingston

We have just had the Alsager Charity Market, run by the local Rotary Club and thanks to our stall selling children's toys, home made cakes and bric- a- brak plus a raffle, to guess our Dalek, Cyborg Sam's age we raised nigh on £200.00 towards "Good 'causes" for a great morning. The prizes for the Dalek raffle were kindly donated by a couple of local hostelries, vouchers towards a meal for two and the winner for one of the prizes, a Mrs Jinks.



Ken Livingstone - Alsager Lions



Club Treasurer Geoff Rimmer making sure the Dalek doesn't "Zap" a couple of young ladies.

Lions Teamwork

Just before noon, the Secretary of Stafford Lions received a phone call requesting help. A foster carer was very concerned that an 18 year old former foster child was in a dire situation with no food or money. The carer had tried all the channels she knew to get help, including Social Services and the Crisis Support Team, but the young girl who had mental health issues, still had no food or money to buy food with.

Our secretary phoned our Welfare Chair who contacted the carer. Having assessed the needs as genuine he promised help would be given before the end of the day. He contacted Lion Lisa who just so happens to work for the charity House of Bread.

Before 5.30 p.m. food was delivered and the crisis was averted. Yet another good example of a Lions team in action. We serve!

Dave Lewis - Secretary of Stafford Lions



Wildwood Church "Fun in The Park", Sunday August 31st 2014

Stafford Lions were invited to take part in this event for the first time this year. After a cloudy and overcast start, the day blossomed into one of those English Scorchers. A fabulous time was had by all and our stall was besieged all afternoon.

We were honoured by the presence of DG Lion Carole Godden (Pictured with our mascot Lion) and The Worshipful the Mayor of Stafford Borough Councillor Ray Sutherland. According to the local newspaper, around 5,000 people attended so it is fair to say we achieved our objective of raising our profile and visibility in Stafford. Many thanks to all who helped it was a great example of our team working in harmony.

**BEV's PR Bit**

First of all, something that was mentioned in Cabinet about insurance.

Last year we had a small number of insurance claims.

The procedure to be followed in the event of a claim is -

1. Do not admit liability,
2. Let D.O. Lion Allan Gardener know as soon as possible,
3. Try to get witness statements,
4. Record full details of the incident,
5. Do not enter into any correspondence,
6. Take photograph evidence if possible. We are now self-insured regarding money and regalia. Losses should be reported immediately to MD insurance broker and a claim form can be obtained by accessing the web site. The broker will assist liability as to settlement by MD Insurance.

As you know **'Every Penny Counts'** campaign has started. Please let us know if your club has adopted it, and has it worked for you?

Are you sticking your pennies on? Do you like the way the District Mail is sent out, and the new format? If we have no feedback how do we know what works and what doesn't.

I would like to challenge every club to send an article to the N.L Editor we can't have him sitting twiddling his thumbs!

The new Lions **'Ask One'** a video about just asking one person to join. Here's the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LvqfhQf40Yc>

There are lots of Lions Club International Videos online why don't you have a look ? I am worried that if you don't let us know are you telling the Press ? So Let's Roar !



I put things on Facebook—do You or your club?

Leek's Newest Member

Starting off in DG's year, her first official club visit was to The Lions Club of Leek and kindly of badged our newest Member Chris Gee. Chris is one of our youngest members and is a fantastic addition to our club.

The photo shows L-R, PP Lion les Critchlow, DG Carole, Lion Chris Gee & LP Lion Edgar Goldstraw



Graham PRO Lions Club of Leek