



DISTRICT 105BS NEWSLETTER

District Governor 2014-2015

Lion Carole Godden



The DG's Bit



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The beginning of August saw lions of Zone G hosting seven delightful youth exchange visitors from all around the world. An interesting programme of visits was planned, including days in Chester, Liverpool and Manchester.

On behalf of 105BS, a big thank you to the Lions who hosted, and to those who took them out or entertained them. Thank you also to the Clubs which helped host families to fund the outings for these youngsters. I would encourage more Lions to host and be involved with this very worthwhile venture. It is a wonderful way of fostering international understanding and relations. Our new friends left us on 8th August to go down to Guildford for youth camp. I am told that a good time was had by all! Several films have been posted on You Tube and Facebook. They are worth watching. Thank you to the lions of District SE for running this year's camp.

On Sunday 3rd August we held our annual District handover. This year, we decided to hold the event at lunchtime, and to incorporate into it our annual act of rededication. The occasion was well attended, with over ninety of us sharing a very good meal, great company and a relaxed atmosphere. Our exchange visitors certainly enjoyed themselves.

As a bonus, the new format saved the District over £200. I would personally like to thank all those who helped to organise the day and all those who came to share in this important annual event.

On Sunday 10th August, we held our first cabinet meeting of 2014-2015. I was delighted that so many cabinet members were able to attend. Continuing with the practice of the last two years, the DG team met with Zone Chairs after the main meeting. This provided a good opportunity for new zone chairs to meet with their fellow officers and to experience the frank exchange of information, concerns and ideas. A number of our District teams met together for the first time too. Many of us enjoyed Sunday lunch at the hotel before leaving for home.

August tends to be a fairly quiet time for our clubs as so many members go away on holiday. Most clubs, however, continue to hold their meetings. This has enabled all three members of the DG team to begin their Club visits.

As DG, I am privileged to find out what our clubs have been doing and what they are planning for the future. I am pleased to say that I have noted plenty of enthusiasm for recruiting one new member each, and plenty of ideas as to how to achieve this. At this point, I would like to ask all Club secretaries to please submit details of all your club's activities on My LCI.

I was delighted to receive an invitation from PDG Bill Bowen of Oswestry Lions Club to go along to the Movement Centre based in the grounds of Oswestry Hospital. A cheque for £3200 was presented to this wonderful centre by IPP David Roberts of Keswick Lions Club in District BN. Edward and I were very impressed and somewhat overwhelmed by the Targeted Treatment programme which this wonderful centre provides for children from all over the UK, Ireland and beyond. They certainly put smiles on the faces of children with limited or compromised movement, many of whom are suffering from cerebral palsy or have had strokes. We look forward to learning a lot more about this fantastic centre over the next few months. We came away uplifted by the dedication and enthusiasm of the team of specialist physiotherapists.

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DG & Travelling Lion

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.....DG's Bit continued

Immediate Past District Governor David has been working hard over the last few weeks to try and lay the foundations for starting a campus club at Keele University. He is optimistic that we will have the chance to promote this at Freshers' week in a few weeks time. We are eagerly awaiting more news on this. It will fit in really well with the drive to attract some young members.

On a sobering note, I have heard mention of sleighs coming out of mothballs in preparation for the festive season! What happened to summer?

With my very best wishes to you all,
Carole.

Chernobyl Children's visit.



It was a very busy month for the Lions of Llandudno. On 1st August the Club hosted a party of children from Chernobyl. The Club arranged for the children to have dinner at the Links Hotel after their visit to the seaside. The Chernobyl Children's Project is a registered charity which organises annual trips for disabled and disadvantaged children from Chernobyl and Belarus. Lion president Tim Faulkner and members of the club enjoyed a pleasant afternoon with the children and their

families. Lion Roy Chambers, who liaises with the charity, thanked the management and staff of the Links for their support again.

Grateful thanks go to Mr Richard Moore RPS who was visiting Llandudno with his family and kindly took photos of the children's visit for the club.

Travelling Lion Competition 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 August 2014

Stoke-on-Trent	124
Stone	75
Telford	60
Cannock	45
Tamworth	42
Little Orme	40
Beaumaris	36
Llandudno	35
Leek	34
Gnosall	32



Lions Care for the Carers

Vale Royal Lions have a well-earned reputation for providing a service to those deserving members in our community. Cheshire Young Carers have a proven track record of delivering high quality young carers services; these focus on activities and projects which improve self-esteem, confidence and build resilience, reducing any negative effects of the caring role.

The Lions organised such an activity when they recently arranged for 21 local young carers, accompanied by 4 CYC Volunteers, to spend a day at Petty Pool.



As can be seen from the photograph, the youngsters had a fun-filled day rounded off with a barbeque and ice creams; a great time was had by all.



For more information on Cheshire Young Carers, visit www.cheshireyoungcarers.org

Busy Summer In Lichfield So Far!

Although July is the month when most people switch off and go on holiday the Club was hard at it!

As our picture shows, the annual Lichfield Cars in the Park was a huge success run by the Rotary Club that attracts over 1000 exhibitors and many envious admirers. For the second year running Lichfield Lions Club was invited to organize the car parking for the two day event. Ably assisted by "volunteers" from neighboring Lions Clubs over £5700.00 was raised from car parking alone all of which goes to local good causes and Lions charities.



Not content with one event that weekend the Club also ran a



stall at the Saturday Medieval Market that added to a great weekend of Fund raising.

The month was rounded off with the presentation of a cheque for £6000.00 to representatives from St Giles Hospice, raised earlier this summer by staging a joint Golf Day with Whittington Heath Golf Club. The date for next years event is 11 May and those interested in entering a Team of 4 players should contact the Lions at mike@mikeknight.co.uk

Bavid Boylan—PRO Lichfield Lions



ELLESMERE PORT LIONS CLUB FIREWORKS FESTIVAL FINDS ITS NEW HOME

SPECTACULAR fireworks display is on the move to Whitby Park.

Ellesmere Port Lions Club community firework display has become a very popular annual event, enjoyed by local people and attracting others from far and wide for the past four years, however the past venues have become too small to accommodate all our visitors.

After lengthy discussions with Cheshire West & Chester Council we are delighted to have secured Whitby Park in Ellesmere Port as the location for this year's event, which will take place on Friday 7th November.

We are very lucky to have the continued support from our local councillors and businesses, Police and Fire Service, not forgetting the generosity of the district community who all make the event so popular and rewarding. Also, at the event, will be a Fun Fair with local radio in attendance, other entertainment and refreshments.

Our display will continue to be a non-alcohol event to ensure a safe and secure environment for families and the community to enjoy.



The Great Vale Royal Lions Bake Off

A magnificent £523.50 was raised by Lion Penny Tatt when she recently arranged a Cake & Coffee Fund Day for Lions and friends. There was a very large selection of cakes, including scones with jam and cream, together with tea and coffee. Penny, on the right, was ably helped by friends, especially Sandra Mawson, pictured on the left.

Everyone had a great time, ate too much cake and donated to the Fund. Penny was congratulated by all for organising the day to augment the Lion's charity fund,

Alsager Lions Down but Not Out!

Unfortunately the number of teams taking part in this year's Golf Day was a tad down on last year, which was a bit sad but all taking part had a cracking day and for the second year running they all failed to do a "Hole in One," better luck next year chaps.

At the evening presentation Lions President Sam Alcock, thanked all at the club for their efforts and all the teams taking part.

Ken Livingston - Alsager Lions



The Alsager Golf Club Captain (3rd from left) Howard Jones prior to teeing off on Alsager Lions Charity Golf Day.



TAMWORTH LIONS AND TAMWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL – WE LOVE TAMWORTH!

On Saturday, 23rd August, Tamworth Lions, in partnership with Tamworth Borough Council, held their annual 'We Love Tamworth' day.

Despite a couple of heavy showers on a largely sunny day, the residents of Tamworth flocked to the Castle grounds to enjoy a day out, visiting the many stalls organised by Tamworth Lions and Tamworth Borough Council – this year, Lions had over 45 exhibitors, ranging from charity and service organisation stalls, a car display from a local major company, local businesses and many more organisations – President of Tamworth Lions, Trish Lambert said "It's really good to see so many people enjoying themselves and supporting the many exhibitors, from a local wildlife trust, to scouts and air cadets looking to recruit new members, a miniature traction engine giving rides to children of all ages, and of course Lions own displays.

Lions raised over £200.00 on the day from our own stand, which has swelled the amount raised by us for the event to just over £1,600.00 to benefit our charity fund."



Tamworth's Lion helps
release the Specsavers
Poppy Fields Appeal
Balloons launch.



Making friends -

Tamworth's Lions making a
new, furry friend!



Lions stand

Children of all ages enjoying
the ride on the miniature
traction engine



Lion President Trish Lambert,
with Tamworth's Lion, and
Tamworth Mayor Councillor
Richard Kingstone, and
Mayoress, Lisa Kingstone.



Geoff. Trevena Tamworth PR Officer



Coracle will be just dandy for Regatta, says Ironbridge Lion

'Dandy Lion', the mascot of Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions, has been to check out one of the many coracles that will be competing on the River Severn in Ironbridge at the Coracle Regatta.

Organisers are anticipating a bumper turnout, with coraclers coming from all over the country. And they say record numbers of charities and traders have booked stall space for this year's event which is set to place at Ironbridge Rowing Club, on Bank Holiday Monday.

A total of 44 stalls are expected to set out well before the first coracle race begins at midday on August 24th. Among them will be traders selling jewellery, handbags, books, cards, children's clothes and many other things. In addition, a number of charities have booked space, including Ironbridge Lions, Severn Hospice, Help for Heroes, Clic Sargent and Troop Aid.



Ironbridge & Severn Gorge Lions

Ebay sale benefits Lions' charity collection.

A local charity benefited at the weekend from a sale on ebay after the seller visited Ironbridge and came across a group of fundraisers collecting silver coins on a tape across the bridge.

Alan Johnstone had popped into Ironbridge for breakfast after visiting a property he rents out in Lawley. As he strolled over the bridge and saw members of Ironbridge Lions engaged in one of their regular summer 'Silver over the Bridge' collections he remembered his promise to make a donation to charity after selling his motor-bike knee guards on ebay.

Lion June Softley said: "After putting down several pound coins on the tape, this very kind gentleman said he had stated on his ebay ad that he would give a percentage of the selling price to charity. When he saw we were collecting for Air Ambulance and other Lions charities he took the opportunity to fulfil his promise."

"I am sure I got a higher bid on ebay because I had stated that I would donate some of the sale proceeds to charity," said Mr Johnstone, who lives in Penkridge, "and I would urge others to do the same. Lions do such good work, especially in the local community, and that together with the fact that some of the money collected this Sunday was going to Air Ambulance made them the ideal recipient for my donation."

Alan Johnstone of Penkridge





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=LvgfhQf40Yc> 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 !

New members in June ...

Gnosall	Janice Brailsford Kate Chapman
Newcastle under Lyme	Kenneth Wisbey
Wallasey	Fiona Dillon Neil Holmes
Wrexham Maelor	Luke Kettlewell



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