



DISTRICT 105BS NEWSLETTER
 District Governor 2014-2015
 Lion Carole Godden



DG's March Adventures!

March has been a very busy but most enjoyable month. It began with a trip to Pwllheli to visit one of our smallest clubs, only to find that they are about to badge a new member, with another poised to join. That was a very positive start to the month.

March 3rd saw a very important District event, formation evening of our new club branch at Barton under Needwood. About sixty lions came along to support the new members and to wish them well in developing their branch. We had a most enjoyable evening. Grateful thanks to Lichfield Lions for sponsoring the branch and to the team of people who worked so hard to make this happen.

March 10th saw the arrival in our District of Past International President Jimmy Ross and his wife, Lion Velda. Along with DG Barry and Lion Erica from BN, they came to Zone G's Waterworld project. They thoroughly enjoyed watching hundreds of special needs children having a wonderful time in the water.



Without doubt, the highlight of the month was our District Convention and I would like to begin my description of this by saying a very big thank you to all the Clubs and Lions who organised, attended and supported our annual get together. It has to be said that we had a wonderful time.



The weekend began on Friday with the golf competition held at Stafford Castle Golf Course. Despite heavy rain, snow and sleet, 14 intrepid golfers enjoyed a great day. PIP Jimmy presented the trophies and prizes. Grateful thanks to DO Rick and the Lions of Gnosall for arranging the golf on our behalf.

In the evening, we took a fabulous trip to the Orient on when most guests donned very impressive Chinese costumes before receiving their passports to allow them through an impressive pagoda arch. Leek Lions your artistry knows no bounds.



Saturday's business session started with the presentation of flags escorted by 235 City of Stoke on Trent squadron ATC. These excellent Ambassadors for their squadron stood in for us with only a few days notice when our original flag party found they were unable to attend.



We proceeded to go through a full day of business with excellent speakers and presentations and a lot of fun. PIP Jimmy told us to relax about membership but to let our members see how much they and their skills are needed. He was thanked for his speech by PDG Frank. A very funny double act ensued!



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On Saturday evening, we dressed up in our finery and enjoyed a super banquet and ball with delicious food, good service and plenty of fun and dancing.

I really must thank the convention committee and the Lions of Zone G for their hard work in making convention a success. Watch out for the details of next year's event. We hope to see as many of you as possible at Cranage Hall.



Many congratulations to Chris Aked of Bridgnorth Lions Club who will be our DG next year; to Steve Shields of Uttoxeter Club who will be 1VDG, and welcome to the team to Teresa Nickson of Buckley and Mold Lions, our 2VDG for 2015-16.

A number of certificates and awards were given out to some Lions who have "Gone the extra mile." These are too many to list but included gifts for District Secretary David Slack and District Treasurer Rob Sunderland, both of whom are standing down in July.

We are all very grateful to these two officers who have given

many years of service to the District.

As I write this, I am looking forward to UN Day in Wales on March 29th. Chair of Council Michael Phillips is joining us to support the event which Zone C are working hard to organise.

Fellow Lions, Spring is round the corner and with it new growth and new life. I wish you all good luck with forthcoming Easter and summer events. Don't forget to tell PR Officer Beverley Stanyer and send her good quality photos of your projects.

DG Carole

Congratulations for Stoke on Trent winning the District Competition for 1/3/14 to 28/2/15.

Top TRAVELLING LIONS from 1st March 2015



Stoke on Trent	54
Tamworth	14
Newcastle	13
Ellesmere Port	8
Little Orme	8

Visiting/Travelling Lions forms need to be sent to me within 21 days of the event so that I can get the forms to head office within 28 days.

Lion Sarah Cowling
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Lions in China !

Lions of 105BS had a taste of the Orient on the Host Night to start the District Convention on Friday evening. With Peking Ducks, Great Walls, Noodles and a Dragon dance in the form of a Lion. From the origami table decorations, food ,fortune cookies and the beautiful room decorations, some on loan from Manchester Chintown Lions Club it was a like a night in Shanghai. The evening concluded with dancing and our international guest PIP Jimmy Ross hardly left the floor.



Saturday was the Business Session. It started with the opening ceremony with the flags and Sea Cadets of Stoke on Trent and rousing renditions of the National Anthems. A moving Invocation started the proceedings with an emotional one by PDG Lion John May and had a standing ovation. The emphasis of the weekend was good news. We are all very aware of membership declining (not in this District!) and other sad news so it was great to hear of the things that our District had achieved to the oohs and aaaaahs of the audience. We had a talk from Mr

Steve Dayman MBE from Meningitis Now, our DG's Partner Lion Ed Godden's charity for this year and then we heard from our fabulous Young Ambassador Hannah Telles who told us all about the competition and her good work in the community.

The afternoon Session we were advised how to get our stories on the radio by Jodie Looker from Radio Stoke and then an absolutely mesmerising talk about Prostate Cancer from Dr David Baxter-Smith. There were lots of laughter even though the topic was a serious matter. He said things that you would never think you would hear at a convention!



The man with the hat PIP Jimmy Ross enthralled the audience with his speech and generous nature. He worked the room tirelessly all weekend speaking to all, shaking hands and posing for photos. You had to be there to appreciate the new comic double act Jimmy and Frankie as laughter filled the room. Land of Hope and Glory concluded a great business session and Lions sang at the top of their voices.

The Banquet and Ball was a great finale to the weekend and DG Carole made an emotional speech thanking all who had made her convention a great one. Thanks to Zone G for all their hard work bringing this convention together. It rocked, but then we knew it would. Good luck Zone F for next year's convention we are looking forward to it already!

Bev—PR Officer.

**Bev's PR Bit.**


Well, Convention has been and gone what a grand one it was. Congratulations to Stoke on Trent Lions Club for winning the Scrapbook Competition, please take it to MD Convention, Ironbridge Lions Club for Kevron Trophy and Knutsford Lions Club for best Website. Great that it was an E club site that won <http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/knutsford/>

At convention Jodie Looker from BBC Stoke gave a talk encouraging Lions to send their stories and event details to your local radio. Most of the BBC local stations have people employed just to read emails from the public. She suggested that you try to sell your story from an unusual angle. With so much negative news about they are looking for positive stories. **Give it a try and let us know.**

Have you seen the video on our Centennial Challenge here's the link <http://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=lions+club+international+centennial+video&FORM=VIRE2#view=detail&mid=88982EB60561AE56C7A988982EB60561AE56C7A9>

There are lots of Lion's Club Videos that are really professional, **use them as a PR tool.**

Did you know we have a District Agony Aunt? Some members find it difficult to talk to their own club members on occasions, for whatever reasons, and need advice or just a sympathetic ear. Our Member Support District Officer is there at the end of the phone to help. The phone number is in the directory online and every call will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence. Sometimes a chat is all we need to put our minds at ease as it is important for us to look after our own members as well as attracting new ones.

(We love Auntie Beryl) 

Love Bev

A Warm Welcome to New members in March

Barton under Needwood Branch

David Pomroy (President)

Peter Jones (Treasurer)

David Bridges

Pauline Pomroy

Jilly Ritchie

Judy Wring

Lichfield

Gary Nye

Bridgnorth

Rob Brown

Neil Davies

Mal Tanner

Chester

Michael Foley

Ellesmere Port

Keith Major

Hednesford

Rob Blount

Emma Stackhouse

Mike Webster

Karel Yates

Pwllheli

Jonathan Garton

Vale Royal

Barrie Whittle





BARTON LIONS GET OFF TO A ROARING START!

This month the newest club in District 105bs - Barton under Needwood Branch - inducted its first six members in front of a packed gathering of District Officers, Zone I Lions and local civic leaders.



GMT Chair, Graham Stanyer, opened the proceedings by outlining the year long journey that had resulted in the inception of the new Club Branch and generously thanked those Lions who had helped along the way. However, he could not resist a jibe at IPDG Dave Hanley for having to be shown how to post leaflets through letterboxes!



DG Carole conducted the formal "badging-up", welcoming Club Branch President David Pomroy, David Bridges, Peter Jones, Pauline Pomroy, Jilly Ritchie and Judi Wring to the family of Lions - but there was a brief pause in the proceedings when the sponsoring Lions could not get the pins out of their packaging!

Lichfield Lions are acting as the parent club and they took this occasion to also badge-up their newest member – Gary Nye.

There are already in place several joint Lichfield/Barton service, welfare and fund-raising initiatives and the new Barton Club Branch treasurer could not resist this opportunity, with a captive audience, to sell Easter Egg raffle tickets. This was followed by the usual Lions big buffet.

This was a proud night to be a 105bs Lion and we wish Barton Club Branch every success for the future.

Ed Rule.



The copy deadline for the next issue of the District Newsletter is 22nd April 2015

Please send everything in electronic format as attachments

(Word documents, Calibri 11 pt. with separate Jpegs)

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



Parishioners' Prayers Answered

Although the members of Helsby and Frodsham Lions Branch Club have now joined Ellesmere Port & District Lions, they are still keen to support their local communities. One of the Lions saw an article in Helsby's Parish Church newsletter regarding the need to borrow, hire or buy a wheelchair to help parishioners get from the car park up to the church or the church hall. The church is built on the lower slopes of Helsby Hill and the car park is quite steep. The Lions stepped in and purchased one for them. This will be stored by the church to be available when needed. It has already been put to good use by several of the grateful parishioners.



Latest from Alsager Lions Club

At this time of the year we try to excite the people of Alsager and surrounding areas with our Easter Raffle Prize of a bottle of Scotch Whiskey, a box of chocolates and a cuddly toy. The majority of the raffle prizes are left with local hostellers, thanks to their owners/managers. Their customers then buy their lucky number, between 1 and 100 at a cost of a whole pound Sterling.



Two of the early winners; First picture shows Mrs Jean Bird our winner from the Bank Corner with her prize. The second picture shows Mrs Pam Woodcock the winner from the Royal Oak,

Both ladies had never won a raffle before and were obviously delighted with their prize, proving yet again **"You've got to be in it to win it"**, and you can always be a winner with The LI-ONS.



Alsager Lions hope to be able to raise some £700.00 plus for local good causes, with this years raffle and thank all those who have taken part and remember there's always next year.

Ken Livingston, Alsager Lions Club

Apologies and Amendment.



My apologies and sincere thanks to our District Secretary, Slacky who compiled last month's NL while I was lying in my sick bed, replacing decking boards in Cornwall and loosing a battle with an almost non existent internet connexion. I did, however, manage to (almost) complete the decking and came home for a long rest.



Ed.



Flint Raise £400 for Cancer Unit

Flint & District Lions Club recently visited Glan Clwyd Hospital in Bodelwyddan to present a cheque for £400.00 in answer to an appeal from their cancer Unit. The Hospital are looking to fund extra projects which are not covered under the NHS, however they would benefit patients attending the unit. The amount raised was from bucket collections by Flint members at two supermarkets Morrison's in Connah's Quay and Sainsbury's in Flint from the generous support of their customers and staff.



Pictured presenting the cheque is Flint President Lion Peter Leach (centre) with hospital administrator Dawn Prichard and Lions (left to right) Peter McCracken, Mike Emslie, Alan Moyes, Ken Greig and John Williams.

District Golf Day - Buddies Rule OK.

The change of format for the recent District Golf Day was a resounding success despite the appalling weather with 18 entries, treble the number of recent years. The BS Buddy concept was introduced to bring in none Lions as guests playing for their own trophy, and also competing as a pair.

As usual we all met up in the clubhouse dining room reserved for our own specific use. We were booked in and registered by the lady Lions of Gnosall Lions Club whilst simultaneously coerced into purchasing raffle tickets with whisky and golf goodies up for grabs. (Next year's organiser take note as they managed an £80 profit). At the same time we were served hot fresh bacon & egg baps and copious amounts of fresh coffee.

We teed off at 10:30 prompt in pouring rain but this abated as we went round and by the time we had finished we were bathed in sunshine. There we were greeted by DG Carole, husband Lion Edward and the International Guest, PIP Jimmy Ross. I don't know what he made of the weather but, in his hat, he was well prepared for any impending downpours.

Once everyone was in the Clubhouse PIP Jimmy went round introducing himself to all of the players and guests, and putting them at their ease before finally presenting the trophies to the days winners.

105 BS Golf Trophy Lion David Evans of Flint and District Lions Club who is to be congratulated on winning after such a long drive to support the competition.

105BS Ladies Trophy Mrs Lynne Stone – guest of Gnosall Lions Club- the trophy dwarfed her.

BS Buddy Trophy Mr John Hulme Guest of Stoke on Trent Lions Club

OSWALD Lion John Ison of Gnosall Lions Club

Most Golf Mrs Lynne Stone Guest of Gnosall Lions Club

Nearest the Pin DO Lion Dave Lewis of Stafford Lions Club

Individual Winner Highest Net. Mr John Hulme Guest of Stoke on Trent Lions Club

Longest Drive, Mr Gerry McGeown, Guest of Gnosall Lions Club



Finally my thanks must go to Stafford Castle Golf Club for their hospitality, the ladies of Gnosall Lions Club for their efforts throughout the day, to our kind sponsors who continue to support Gnosall Lions on their golf days, and finally to the players, the Lions of 105BS and their guests who rallied round on an atrocious day for golf. Long may it continue.

DO Lion Rick Talbot