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DISTRICT NEWS

District Governor 2015-2016 Lion Chris Aked



DG's Christmas Message



Dear fellow Lions

Santa's on his way! By the time you read this clubs will be getting into full Christmas mode, offering support to those in need and raising funds for club projects later in the (Lions) year.

In the build up to Christmas the month of November has been very busy.... I made clubs visits to Llandudno, Vale Royal and Rugeley and enjoyed wonderful charters at Leek, Macclesfield, City of Bangor and Vale Royal.

One of the highlights of my entire time as a Lions member was attending, with several other District Governors, the Remembrance Parade along Whitehall in London...what a humbling experience to be walking alongside thousands of veterans who served their country.



Another special moment was during the quarterly Cabinet meeting when we saw three candidates for the Young Ambassador competition. All three young people were outstanding but the individual chosen, Drew Morgan from Rugeley, was nominated by the independent judges to represent our District at the national finals in Dudley in February. I hope as many people as possible turn up to support her...Gillie and I will be there, shouting our support from the roof tops!

For the past several weeks, the DGT team have all been involved in further discussions on the proposed redistricting and changes to how the Multiple District is managed, aimed at reducing, or at least containing, our costs. All clubs have had a chance to see all of the proposals...for those who find the online documents too lengthy to read through, I have reduced them to a much shorter presentation which is available from zone chairs.

In simple terms, your Council of Governors is recommending that the number of Districts be reduced to seven from the current 12 – leaving Ireland to one side as its clubs will be voting at a special convention on December 5th whether to stay inside the MD or leave.

As far as our district is concerned the key elements are that seven zones (A to G) will move into a new District called CN while two zones (H and I) will become part of CW. The impact of these proposals will be communicated in the coming months.

I appreciate that clubs may have various questions on the details – please ask your zone chairs for answers and if they cannot help don't hesitate to contact me, 1st VDG Steve or 2nd VDG Teresa.

Finally, on a sad note West Wirral Lions club formally closed on November 16th. I want to thank them for their many years of service and wish every member the very best for the future.

Best regards, *Chris*



Bev's PR Bit

It's Christmas!

Know you are very busy helping spread the good cheer. Have you had any articles in your newspaper? Let me know. With so much bad news at the moment get your good news in. I mentioned that MDPR have been working on a Lions Tool Kit. It is now live on the MD site <http://lionsclubs.co/MembersNews/pr-and-marketing/>

There are posters that can be personalized, tips on social media. The competition date for the Photographic Competition has now been extended to 31st December.

Branch Clubs from March 2016 after convention will now be able to enter the Visiting Lion competition in their own right to bring rules in line with MD.

Last week I had a go at a webinar for the first time. I missed the live one but the presentations are available later. I will see if I can get involved in a live one as I have been asked about them.



As you will be using music for your events I have detailed PPL & PRS rules below.

PPL - PRS Music Licences - What's the difference?

PPL collects and distributes money on behalf of record companies and performers.

PRS for Music collects and distributes money on behalf of songwriters, composers and publishers.

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Beaumaris Menai Aethwy:
Anita Wilkinson

Birkenhead:
Louis Courts

Lichfield:
Zoe Roe

Newport:
Ken Maidens

Also, not forgetting:-

Vale of Llangollen:
Adele Popham — joined in August

A Warm Welcome to New
Members in November



PPL

Lions Clubs International MD105 has secured an annual licence paid by MD on behalf of all Lions Clubs excluding Republic of Ireland to cover the PPL Licence. The Terms of our Licence are as follows:-

This fee will licence all recorded music usage by the club throughout the year except for events where the attendance is in excess of 500 persons which would then be licensed under the standard PPL tariffs.

The fees will increase annually on the 1st of January in line with the Retail Price Index.

Where a member club owns their own premises any use of the premises by third parties is not covered by this agreement.

PRS

PRS will not issue an annual licence as they appreciate many venues used by Lions already hold a licence for music.

However when individual Clubs contact PRS they will be treated as a charitable organisation and a more favourable licence rate will be given.

Please see the link below for more detailed information regarding their charity discount scheme and an on-line application form

Try this. <http://lionsclubs.co/MemberArea/index.php/2015-09-20-17-41-06/public-performance-licences>

Please note it has been agreed that all Lions Clubs in the British Isles and Northern Ireland collecting at Christmas "Santa Sleigh" events will be exempt from a PRS for Music licence under their discretionary policy. This may change from year to year and MDHQ will be checking with them each year.

We would appreciate Clubs informing us of any issues that arise.

If you require a copy of the license it is on the MD website it does expire December 2015 but a new one will be issued. So get your Christmas Music on.

Have had no videos yet of your Christmas activities - you are being as quiet as pussy cats.

Come on let's roar like the Lions we are!!! Bev.



WYN and BILL STRANGE TROPHY COMPETITION

IPDG Carole is very keen that numbers of entries for the Wyn & Bill Strange Trophy increase as it has been very apparent that all clubs do a tremendous amount of Youth Work but do not enter. Let's make this a bumper year by completing the entry form for ALL Youth work undertaken in the calendar year 2015.

The competition relates to all Youth activities, be they Lion Signature Projects and Competitions, or your own Club Youth activities or donations to youth work (Including to individuals) in your local community, or beyond throughout the calendar year 2015 (i.e. 1st Jan – 31st Dec inclusive). For an entry form, contact DO Lion Rick Talbot, Wits End, 56 Audmore Road, GNOSALL, Staffs, ST20 0HE pam@pleasemail.me.uk

Completed entry forms to be with me by 31st January 2016 to enable results to be sorted prior to the District Convention

Rick Talbot – Youth Team Chair

Gnosall Lions Club Activities.

Gnosall Lions have been very active in and around the village being involved in the Community Safety Day in the Grosvenor Centre, collecting for Children in Need, laying a wreath on Remembrance Sunday and forming links with the pupils at Stafford Grammar School. Our very popular Afternoon Tea Dances are now in full swing, taking place in the Memorial Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Likewise we continue with our monthly Table Top Sales in conjunction with the Memorial Hall Committee. Proceeds are shared, ours to local good causes, the Memorial Hall Committee's towards to upkeep of the hall.

December, apart from the Tea Dance and Table Top Sales, sees us involved with the Victorian Christmas Market in St Lawrence's with our ever popular 'Teddies Tombola'. This is followed, in conjunction with our friends in the Eccleshall Mercia Rotary Club, together with Santa and his Sleigh visiting the village on 9th, 10th and 12th December.

We are also, for the first time, attempting something new - A NEW YEARS DAY ONE-SIE WALK. It is a great way to cure hangovers, be it from over indulging or from TV fatigue. Registration commences at the Royal Oak from 11.00am until 1-00pm with the route being traffic free along the railway line towards Stafford. You can elect to walk as far or as little as you wish. We are raising money for equipment for Gnosall Surgery and welcome any sponsorship, however, if you have a particular charity of your own in mind which you wish to walk for then please feel free, we won't be offended. Entry is £2-00 for adults, with no charge for children and you can book in on the day. Blank sponsorship forms may be obtained from either Elaine Pearson on 01785 824386 or from Pat Hunt on 01785 780032. All taking part are encouraged (although not compulsory) to wear ONESIES, the more bizarre and colourful, the better with, hopefully, the press in attendance and taking photos. If successful then this may become an annual New Year's Day event.

Finally, we are at present involved in discussions to bring our friends from the Military Wives Choir back to the village for an evening concert in late Winter or early Spring. Watch out for further details.

Rick Talbot.



Stoke on Trent	146
Tamworth	72
Llandudno	55
Stone	52
NELlesmere Port	40
ewcastle	38
Cannock	37
Little Orme	35
Leek	32
Flint	28
Urmston	7
Barton-u-Needwood	4
Congleton	2
Sale & District	1

TRAVELLING LIONS to 20th November



I have had it confirmed by multi district head office that Branches can compete in their own name if they want to.

Please can you send the completed forms to myself within 21 days of the event so I can get them to MD by 28 days.

Lion Sarah Cowling
22 Foxlair Road,
Manchester.
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TAMWORTH LIONS AWARD YOUNG LEADERS IN SERVICE ANOTHER TWO FOR ONE!

Tamworth Lions have recognised three young people of Tamworth with Certificates, letters of thanks and pins for helping out at Tamworth's Talking Newspaper.

The three, pupils at Rawlett Academy in Tamworth, have accumulated 250 hours helping the Talking Newspaper produce news and magazines in audio form for blind and partially sighted residents of Tamworth.

President Pam Trevena commended pupils, Samuel Parkes, William Pritchard and Matthew Cook for their participation in a sight related project as their community service for their YLIS awards, giving Lions double value, in that both the Talking Newspaper that Tamworth Lions helped found nearly 40 years ago, and three young people in the area have been recognised for their community service.

Pam also commented that Tamworth Lions, as well as running YLIS, have also participated in the recent Peace Poster competition, as part of the club's ongoing commitment to young people in the Tamworth area.

L to R: - Lion Linda Hunt, Youth Team, Matthew Cook, Samuel Parkes, William Pritchard, Lion President Pam Trevena, and Lion Linda Kyte, Youth Team.

Lion Geoff. Trevena



TAMWORTH LIONS CLUB 1st ANNUAL WALK – WALK AWAY THE EXCESSES OF CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR! SUNDAY, 3rd JANUARY, 2016.

Following that long Christmas and New Year holiday break, why not come along and walk off some of those calories, and get a breath or two of fresh air, and maybe even find some byways and countryside in the Tamworth area you didn't know existed!

Tamworth Lions will be manning the start of the walks, from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m in our gazebo at the rear of Planters Garden Centre Car Park, Trinity Road, Freasley, Tamworth, B78 21EY, where parking is free.
[Gates close 4.00 p.m.]

Lions will issue each party with a map and easy to follow instructions, so you shouldn't get lost! Entry is free, but we would appreciate a donation for our Charities.

The short walk is approx. 2 miles, and the full walk is approx. 4.5 miles.

Both routes will suit most levels of age and ability, but are unsuitable for buggies and wheelchairs. Stout shoes/wellies recommended. Dogs on leads welcome.

When you return, you will be given a certificate, and a free voucher for a cuppa in Planter's new Coffee Shop, courtesy of Planters Garden Centre.

Like to know more? Ring: 07835425945 Or e-mail: june01676@gmail.com

Our friendly Lion would like you to join us for our first annual walk.

There's a choice of two walks, each exploring some of the byways of Tamworth, and a free cuppa at the end!

Lion Geoff Trevena



Is Your Club Up to Date with DBS ?

The Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) is an area in Lions that is thought by many to be intrusive and unnecessary. However in today's changing and challenging society, we must be seen to take all the necessary advice and precautions when working with vulnerable adults and children. We all undertake risk assessments for events that we carry out, of which DBS must be part of that procedure.

Many of our fund raising and community services are defined as "Regulated Activities", but what does this mean?

Regulated activities are services we provide on a regular basis such as:

- Providing transport for hospital appointments, GP appointments or visiting elderly partners in nursing establishments. Trips of days out are excluded.
- School involvement: whether it is classroom involvement or on the sports field.
- Transporting children to events.
- Chaperoning youths taking part in the Young Leaders in Service project.
- Youth Exchange
- Shopping for the housebound with their money.
- DBS to be taken into account in risk assessments.

Please remember, we can all become vulnerable at times, so be aware that what you think is a comforting touch when someone is upset, may be interpreted as an invasion of that person's individual space.

Unfortunately we have had claims made against Lions under the DBS scheme, and if prosecuted, this can affect your Club's insurance. It is recommended that, in order to comply with Lions guidelines, Club members register with the DBS scheme. It is an easy process, takes only minutes to complete and if you sign up to the "Up-Date" service and keep it valid, then there is no more application form filling. Using the "Up-Date" service also makes your certificate mobile, so if you should be in a position where a DBS is required, then the one you have could be used. However, always check that this is the case, because there are different levels to DBS.

One last word, with Santa waiting in the wings, as long as he isn't left alone with a child or invites children to sit on his knee, then he doesn't require a DBS. Always encourage Santa's helpers or a parent to be present.

For help or advice please get in touch.

Pam Talbot
District Vulnerable Persons Officer

Bridgnorth Club Exceeds 700 Men at PSA Screening

Bridgnorth Lions completed another successful PSA screening session with more than 700 men being tested in a single session. This is believed to be the largest session ever conducted in the United Kingdom.

After the results were analysed consultant urologist, David Baxter-Smith, estimated that at least 40 local men potentially have prostate cancer.

This was the seventh year that Bridgnorth Lions have organised the screening – during that time more than 4,000 men have been tested, an estimated 200 of whom have been found to have prostate cancer.

The vast majority of the men who attended were from Bridgnorth but there were some who came from nearby villages. More than half the men were between 50 and 70 years of age.

Bridgnorth Lions President, Tom Browne, said: “The club would like to thank all the sponsors of the evening which helped fund the event. We receive fantastic support from the local community which recognises that this is a potentially life saving programme for many local men.

“In addition we are delighted that other clubs in our District, such as Newport, Uttoxeter and Stone have developed their own screenings, providing the same service to their local men.”

Bridgnorth Lions have also sent information packs and offered practical advice and help to several other clubs throughout the country.

***The copy deadline for the next issue of the District Newsletter is 20th
December 2015***

Please send everything in electronic format as attachments

(Word documents, with *separate* Jpegs)

But don't worry if you can't, just send what you have and I will sort it out. The most important thing is to send me your news so we can all benefit from your successes.

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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A very happy Christmas to all our readers.

