



DISTRICT 105BS NEWSLETTER

District Governor 2014-2015

Lion Carole Godden



DG's Bit

After the fun and hard work of the Christmas and new year period, our clubs are busy planning ahead for service activities for the remainder of this Lionistic year. There are two conventions to prepare for- our own from Friday 13th to Sunday 15th March. I am in regular contact with our international guest, PIP Jimmy Ross. He and his wife Lion Velda are really looking forward to being with us.

Booking forms are available on the web site and in District mailing. The Moat House Hotel should be booked direct. We now have their assurance that card details will be registered but no money will go from your account until two weeks before the date. Please do your best to make your social bookings as soon as you can. This will really help the hard working host committee. Plans for the business session are well on track. It should be a really interesting event with some excellent speakers on the programme. Precise details will follow next month.

So far, not many bookings have been received for the golf day on the Friday. Your convention committee would really love to see a good number of lions and friends joining us for what I am sure will be a great event. Again, booking forms are available in the District mail and I am sure DO Lion Rick Talbot of Gnosall club will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

The second convention is our MD one which will take place in May at the Hilton Metropole in Birmingham. I will include more details later but the dates for your diary are, Friday 8th May to Sunday 10th.

On Sunday 29th March, Lions of Zone C are staging UN Day in Wrexham. I attended a meeting at Zone Chair Teresa's house last Friday and was very impressed with the plan for the event which will be a little different, with a Barber's Shop quarter and a children's choir taking part. The venue for the day is:

THE LECTURE HALL, GLYNDWR UNIVERSITY, WREXHAM, LL11 2AW.

I understand the university is situated right next door to the football ground. Proceedings start at 2pm and will include light refreshments. It would be wonderful to have a good turn out. **Please encourage your clubs to send a representative.**

During the month of February, two of our youth competitions will take place. Our District young ambassador, Hannah, will compete in the MD finals in Dudley and our district music competition will be held in Oswestry on Saturday 21st of the month. It is unfortunate that there is a clash of dates but both will be supported by members of the DG team. This year's instrument is the clarinet. **Please consider finding a candidate to be put forward by your club.**

January has been a very busy month on the meetings front. On the 10th I attended an extra Council of Governors meeting which presented us with a new membership initiative. Next weekend I shall be going to Solihull for the regular council meeting where the above mentioned initiative will be further discussed and we shall decide if it is appropriate to offer to clubs. I will update this as soon as possible.

On Sunday 11th I went to a very successful GMT meeting held at The Watergate Inn. Many thanks to PDG Frank Marnell and his wife Paula for hosting us. We were pleased to hear that a new club branch looks a strong possibility in the Barton-under-Needwood area. I must express thanks to DO Graham Stanyer and his team who have driven this forward. Sadly, we noted a slight drop in membership overall. This seems to be the annual post December pattern. Onwards and upwards as the Spring approaches.

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**DG, Travelling Lion & News**



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On 20th January I shall be attending another very important meeting-to appoint a new editor for The Lion Magazine. Lion Margaret Kimberley has decided to take well-earned retirement after many years in the role. On behalf of us all, I wish her well as she settles back and puts up her feet.

The importance of communication in our District is key. At this point I would like to remind clubs of the importance of reporting on MYLCI. It is a great help to the DG team when we are monitoring progress and data. Could I also remind clubs to please use the good and sad news channels on the District web site so that appropriate action can be taken promptly by our District almoner, PDG Bill Bowen. I am further asked to remind everyone that we have a support officer in the District. That role falls to PDG Beryl Roberts who is always willing to help either clubs or individuals in any way she can

I shall conclude this fairly lengthy message by saying a massive thank you to the lions of BS for their incredible generosity. In October I launched an appeal for the orphans of the Ebola epidemic. I had anticipated raising around £1500 but so far, a figure approaching £6000 has been donated and money is still being received by DO Don Nickson and DO Graham Dow. This is just tremendous. Thank you all very, very much. The second thank you is for the money already donated to Edward's chosen charity, "Meningitis Now". Edward is extremely grateful to you all. We look forward to hearing more about this great cause at convention.

Countdown to convention begins. See you there!

DG Carole

**Leos Roaring Success**

The newly formed Leos club at Sir John Deane's College was very successful with its first fund-raising event, a cake sale in the college which raised £147. Phoebe Peachment, Beth O'Hanlon and Ruth Wilkinson are seen in the photograph and all cakes were baked by the Leos themselves, their relations and friends.

The Leos decided that the proceeds from their sale should contribute towards the cost of the Christmas Hampers that the Lions donate annually to local elderly citizens. The Leos are being sponsored and supported by Vale Royal Lions.

PDG Rob Brown



**Top Ten TRAVELLING LIONS to 16th December 2014**



Stoke on Trent	169
Stone	103
Tamworth	79
Telford	71
Cannock	62
Ellesmere Port	49
Llandudno	48
Leek	47
Little Orme	45
Beaumaris	36

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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## Burntwood Lions Annual Tin Collection

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January around 30 volunteers which included members of Staffordshire Search and Rescue, Hammerwich Scout group, local residents and of course Burntwood lions met on a cold and windy car park for the event briefing. This year's tin collection which is possibly the 28<sup>th</sup> (although no one can remember exactly) had been organised by one of their newest members Lion Mike Simms and as always it was good to see so many familiar faces but it was even better to see so many new ones amongst the volunteers.

By 10:00am all the volunteers were out on their patches collecting the donations. The leaflet drops in the previous week had clearly done the trick and a common sight throughout Burntwood was a pile of carrier bags with the yellow Burntwood Lions flyer attached. Going door to door around the area helped to maximise the collection as well as providing an excellent opportunity for Burntwood Lions to have a chat with the local residents and explain a little bit about what we do.

By lunchtime almost all the areas had been collected from and the driveway at 6 Boulton Close had disappeared under a sea of donations. The volunteers quickly fell into step upon their return to base helping with date coding and sorting the various food stuffs. They worked through the cold, the wind and at one point the rain and on many occasions volunteers could be seen running down the road chasing after rogue leaflets and carrier bags that had been whipped away by the strong winds.

With only a short break for some Chilli and a jacket Potato they pressed on and by 3pm over 5500 items had been collected, organised and stored.

Over the next few weeks these items will be made into around 200 Food Parcels and delivered by Burntwood Lions to those who need them in the Burntwood area.

Mark Evans, Burntwood Lions



## Sale & District Lions Working in the Local Community

Sale Club collaborated with the local Life Church to put on a Christmas lunch for 64 elderly people and carers, complete with crackers, music, presents and a free raffle.

The idea was to give something to elderly people who might not have much over Christmas and the Lions reached out to a number of organisations to make it happen, in the process making some really strong links within the community for the future.

The afternoon went brilliantly, with helpers including 3 Trafford Councillors, one of whom was the Leader of Trafford Council Sean Anstee. It was great fun and everyone worked hard to make the day really special.

A memorable moment was at the end, when an elderly gentleman went round hugging the helpers and saying "top day, top day...the food and everything". It made it all worthwhile.

Lion Chris Evans Sale & District Lions



### Bev's PR Bit.

Well it's convention time next month. If you are entering the Scrapbook Competition let me know please. LCI are asking members to send selfie photos for their twitter & Facebook pages. The photo must include the current Lions logo. I don't know if you are teasing me but I have noticed a few more out of date logos. Every time I see them I have palpitations. On any stationary and new regalia please be sure to use the current logo. No purple and no tongues!

There will be Lions Good Deed week in October so get thinking of what you can do. Invite the public to do a good deed and you can promote it. There are only about 5000 community reports left so if you have not had your 30 let me know and I will try to get some for convention.

I shall be looking at every club's website. There seems to be some out of date ones. If someone has started your 'e' club page and you no longer have the password for whatever reason, let us know and we will try to reset it.

Don't forget to send your articles to me as well as NL editor. I will forward them to HQ, Lion Mag & LCI. I love reading about what you do. It's the nosiness in me. You know not every District has a PR bit in their NL? You lucky Lions.!!!

Roar everyone it's what we do best. (well most of the time !)

Bev.

## A Warm Welcome to New members in January

Bridgnorth  
**Richard Stilwell**

Caernarfon  
**Hywel Owen**

Stoke on Trent  
**Dennis Allman**

Vale Royal  
**Ronny Spacey**  
**Sivakumar Venkatachalam**



### Barton Under Needwood Branch Club

It's looking very promising for the inauguration of a new Branch Club at Barton. We have around 10 prospective members and a couple of helpers.

Many thanks to Graham Stanyer, Ed Rule and Geoff & Pam Trevena who have all worked hard to make this possible.

Lichfield Club



Fellow Lions,

We are increasingly making use of social media to publicise our club successes and activities. I have been given details of the following social media site which reaches out to people in your own town, neighbourhood or postcode area. It could be a really useful PR tool and that it is very simple to register as an individual or as a club.

[www.streetlife.com](http://www.streetlife.com)

Kind regards,  
Carole

With thanks to Lion Ron from Stafford.

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### **A Message From Your Editor**

All the Festivities are long over, Blue Monday passed without too many disasters, but us Lions have still been working hard, looking after the frail and needy in our communities, planning those big money schemes for later in the year, so let's all shout about it.

Every Club needs a PR officer to keep our names in the local press and to keep articles coming to me and the Lion mag. We want to know what you are all up to and be able to share your successes (and disappointments) with other Clubs in our District.

**Let's make 2015 our Sharing and Shouting year!**

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

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