



## DG's message.

Dear fellow Lions

Warm greetings to all members, especially those who have joined in recent times.

I am writing these comments before my wife Gillie and I leave for the International Convention in Hawaii. It promises to be a fantastic experience...I'll report back next month on how we got on!

As we embark on a "new" Lions year I want to express my thanks to outgoing DG, Carole, for all her support and guidance during the past two years. I've loved her enthusiasm and energy for everything Lionistic. From time to time issues crop up which require careful handling. But Carole has shown us how to face such issues, even though they were not always easy.

I also want to offer my thanks to the members who have agreed to take District positions, some of them for the first time. At heart we are all club Lions who want to do two things – help our communities and enjoy fellowship with other Lions. By taking on broader or specific roles at the District level these Lions are showing that they see the value of sharing their skills and experience beyond their individual clubs and making an effective contribution to the organization as a whole.

Many of you will know that I am a believer in adapting to changes in today's society, especially in how we raise funds, membership retention and recruitment, and the service we provide.

This doesn't mean that I think that we need to change everything that's being done...it's more a question of "keep the best, improve the rest !"

My theme this year is "Evolving together – we serve". I use the word "evolving" quite deliberately because the word "change" can be sometimes seen as too strong. Successful organizations do evolve...in other words, make improvements on a gradual basis.

Lions is a fantastic organization but we need to evolve if we are to continue stepping up to our commitments to our communities. To do so, we need to have sufficient members who can fulfil these commitments. Adding to our membership IS vital...among other things we must look at opening clubs in different locations...and perhaps more at the diversity of our membership.

Finally, I want to assure you that the "team" approach adopted by Carole will continue... and I am delighted that the membership has chosen Steve and Teresa for the Vice District Governor positions. They are both experienced people with ideas and energy to keep our District moving ahead....and evolving.

I look forward to sharing more with you next month.

Best regards, Chris

**Chris Aked—District Governor**

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### RUGELEY LIONS LEADING THE WAY

When veteran long distance walker, Keith Ogley, from Kettering and District Lions asked for support with his Lands End to John O'Groats end to end walk for charity Rugeley Lions were one of the first clubs to respond.

So when Keith entered our district early in June he was greeted at Penkridge by Lion Ed Rule who had planned the next two days walking up to Abbots Bromley and from then onwards to Ashbourne.

Keith, a very fit seventy-two year old, continued on his journey along the Staffordshire Way and onto the Limestone Way receiving sponsorship and encouragement from other Lions as he passed through Zones I and G.

According to Keith the hardest part of this epic trip is not the walking but arranging the logistics of getting his kit relayed along the route and sorting out accommodation.

105BS certainly did their bit and wish Keith a safe and speedy journey to his final destination, John O'Groats in early August.

You can follow his progress by logging onto his Facebook page - Lands End to John O'Groats charity walk- and still make a donation to his chosen charities, his Lions club charity account and the Cransley Hospice, by using the "just giving" facility.

For Lion Keith Ogley read "IRON" man!

Ed Rule

Rugeley & District Lions



### Top 10 TRAVELLING LIONS to 20 June 2015

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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Stoke on Trent	87
Tamworth	47
Stone	38
Llandudno	37
Ellesmere Port	26
Cannock	25
Leek	22
Newcastle	21
Little Orme	9
Flint	9





### Knutsford Lions Celebrate Magna Carta at Street Fayre

Knutsford & District Lions promoted President Peter Willgoose to the role of "King John" at this year's Street Fayre on Bank Holiday Monday 25 May, with members supporting him (or otherwise?) as "Barons", "Ladies" and "Villein Paul de Beer" (Not villain! – who considered he was not dressed smartly enough to be a "Baron"). The theme was 800 years since the Magna Carta - special costumes were obtained from the local Little Theatre (including a colourful "Jester to King John"! ) and the Club involved the Knutsford Academy Studio to convert the Lions stall into a mini Castle. As usual other stallholders were encouraged to support the year's theme, and after a tour of the street by the judging panel – "King John", "The Earl of Knutsford" (Knutsford Town Mayor) and "Queen Sofia de May" (Knutsford Royal May Queen) a prize was awarded to the Knutsford Promenades stall which was deemed most appropriately adorned.



Queen Sofia de May, Baron Paul de Stockton Heath (lion), King John, Jester to King John and Tony Earl of Knutsford (one day only!)



Knutsford Academy Studio students after erection of King John's Castle in the street.

It is 25 years since Knutsford Lions first started their Annual Street Fayre in King "John's" Street and it is now well established as a popular Community Event involving many local organisations/groups. In particular many local charities/community groups regularly take stalls to raise funds for their organisations - this year including the Knutsford Scouts who ran the popular street barbecue and a group from a local Pre-School providing excellent face painting which included that of our own Lion and a beard for "King John". Other stallholders included Urmston and Wilmslow Lions Clubs, the Town Council promoting their Town Awards scheme and a mixture of Traders – many of whom come regularly because they enjoy the atmosphere! We arrange for various street entertainments which this year included "Jongleur Eckie de Thump", three Minstrels (Gary de Lute, Ian de Fiddle and Tony de Bass) and a traditional street organ grind-

er.

Our main source of income from the event is from donations for programmes. This pays for the entertainment and also allows us to promote the work of the Club in our local Community. This year we received valuable help from local Guides and Scouts, and members of the Knutsford Hosts who provide manpower support to a large number of local events.

The real King John would no doubt have been irritated that so many people came out to celebrate 800 years since the Magna Carta – with which he never really wanted to be involved. Needless to say Lion-King John and his Barons and Ladies were delighted with the turnout! Overall the event raised a surplus of over £2000 for the Club's "coffers", but more importantly it allowed many other local groups to raise several thousand pounds, as well as providing family entertainment for thousands of people over the day.







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### **News from Clubs & District**

#### **Rusty Update**

Fellow Lions

During my year as the DG's partner in 2012/13, my charity was Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, which is a national charity and centre of excellence for training hearing dogs to alert deaf people to everyday household sounds such as the alarm clock, doorbell, and telephone as well as danger signals like smoke alarms in the home, workplace and in public buildings. Hearing Dogs was launched in 1982 and since then, they have created over 1,600 life-changing partnerships between deaf people and hearing dogs in the U.K.

I selected this charity as it fits in well with Lions focus on Health issues and on those people with disabilities. Your generous donations enabled me to pass almost £8,000 to this charity and it was used towards the costs of training a puppy called Rusty with the skills needed to become an effective companion for a deaf person and radically improve their standards of life.

I am pleased to report that Rusty has progressed well and will soon be fulfilling his role as an efficient aide for a deaf person. He has certainly become a handsome young pup!

Yours in Lionism Lion Maureen Hellyer-Brown



#### **International Club Visit**

What an interesting club visit! My daughter Sarah and I visited a club in the middle of the Dominican Republic whilst on holiday there. It took almost two hours to get there in a taxi, through many villages full of abject poverty but filled with smiling people. In one such village we passed a small motorbike with a man collecting his 3 children from school, they looked immaculate in their school uniforms. We also passed many lottery booths - these people live in hope.

Arriving at the meeting place, we were greeted by the President of the El Seibo Lions Club, Guillermina Mercedes Avila and several other Lions. We spoke little or no Spanish, and they spoke no English. Fortunately, through a very helpful receptionist at our hotel, who had also organised our taxi driver, they had arranged for a lady to come to the meeting to act as a translator - what a relief!

The meeting place was open on 3 sides so we had an alfresco meeting. We were served with local drinks and biscuits. They asked many questions, as did we, and the young translator learned a lot about Lions Clubs International as she translated for us all. The building had been given to the Lions Club and they were wanting to transform it into a Vision Centre and Medical Walk-in Clinic for the local community. The club has 34 members but, despite this, their fundraising efforts are very limited because of the very nature of the community in which they serve.

We went back to our respective clubs, told them our story and are looking into ways that we can help the Lions of El Seibo Club to achieve their aims. Watch this space!

D.O. Margaret Marsh - Ellesmere Port & District Lions,  
D.O Sarah Cowling - Sale & District Lions,







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#### Supporting Alzheimer's 100

Lion secretary Debbie Owen supported another charity this month by volunteering as a Marshall for the Alzheimer's 100 cycle ride. Debbie from Crewe and Nantwich Lions teamed up with over 20 other volunteers and 250 cyclist to raise £20k plus - final figures not available yet for Alzheimer's society.

Her cousin Darren Greatbanks has been the brain child and chief whip- Debbie States he is a whip as he has height standards and expectations from all involved.

This is the second event and we're all looking forward to next years bigger better event.

It's just shows that working together can make a big difference says Debbie  
For more information and photos please see Facebook Alzheimer's 100.

Crewe and Nantwich Lions



#### Lions helping in the community

After learning of the costs of regular swimming sessions for Luke and his two carers, Vale Royal Lions agreed to provide support by financing the next twelve months of swimming for the three of them at the new Memorial Court in Northwich.

Luke is a delightful child but he does face serious difficulties and great challenges on a daily basis. His disabilities affect his capacity to communicate which makes socialising a problem. However he really enjoys swimming which, apart from the exercise, allows him to be calm and happy. But this activity does require the constant attendance of two family carers, resulting in considerable expense for the worthwhile swimming sessions.

PDG Rob Brown Vale Royal Lions

**Luke, seen here with mother Amanda and Lion Rob Brown, can now enjoy and benefit from regular swimming throughout the year.**



**The copy deadline for the next issue of the District Newsletter is 22nd July 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](mailto:bsnewsletter@lions105bs.org.uk)





## Centenary News

To celebrate our first 100 years of service as Lions a list of targets has been put together to give even more service to those in need. Each month details of one of them will feature in the newsletter but to begin here is a list of what we, as a Multiple District, aim to achieve by the end of 2017.

- Plant 100,000 trees and 100,000 bulbs
- Recycle 1,000,000 pairs of spectacles, 10,000 hearing aids and 1,000,000 batteries
- Fund 100,000 measles vaccinations and 100,000 Ebola vaccinations
- Run sessions for 100,000 prostate screenings and 100,000 diabetes screenings
- Make 100,000 befriending calls to the elderly and donate 100,000 pints of blood
- Walk, swim or run for a good cause
- Feed 100,000 hungry people
- Use LEHP to refer 100,000 for sight tests
- Encourage young people to give 100,000 hours of service via YLIS
- Clear 100 miles of paths
- Sponsor training for 14 hearing dogs (2 in Ireland, 1 each in other districts)

These are ambitious targets but remember they are for all Lions across MD105 between July 2014 and December 2017. The broad range of topics should ensure there is something for all interests. Clubs are of course also free to pursue other localised activities. If you do please let us know as we will be compiling a special edition of the newsletter for 2017 to include as many projects as possible.

For more information contact District Centennial Chair PDG Shirley Vaughan



Attached on the inside of a door in a church in a very lovely Italian town/village Colle di Val d'Elsa in Tuscany. The Livingston interpretation, a contribution to the making/repair of a door. Where are the Italian speaking Lions of 105BS?

Alsager Lions recently had their Hand Over Dinner at a local hostelry when President Sam Alcock handed over the reigns of power to Lion David Nixon. President Sam's last duty was to welcome into Alsager Lions, Ron Lucas who was previously a Lion in Spain and the South of England. What a great way to end your term of office by increasing the club membership.

Ken Livingston Alsager lions Club







### TAMWORTH LIONS 2 – 4 – 1 !

#### **Tamworth Lions make a 2 – 4 – 1 visit!**

Tamworth Lions recently awarded 2 Young Leaders In Service their Silver certificate, recording 50 hours of community service work in the Tamworth area.

Rawlett's School pupils James Mortimer and James Lloyd where awarded their certificates by Lion President Patricia Lambert [prtn1] when Lions visited the Talking Newspaper, to show Lions appreciation of the service work given by the two James at Tamworth Talking Newspaper's office in preparing the weekly sending to the blind and partially sighted of Tamworth.

President Patricia announced that Tamworth Lions are working on further promoting the Lions Young Leaders in Service scheme, where young people can achieve a silver certificate for 50 hours service, and a gold certificate for 100 years' service, and are looking to work with any youth based organisation in the area to award the certificates.

The surprise came for members of the Talking Newspaper team, when President Patricia produced and handed over, a cheque for £500.00 for the audio box refurbishment/replacement programme that Talking Newspaper where embarking upon.



**President Patricia with the two James, being awarded their certificates.**



**The cheque for £500.00.**

per members look on.

President Patricia, announcing the presentation, said that Tamworth Lions where proud to have helped start up Tamworth Talking Newspaper nearly 40 years ago, and have supported them with service and donations on a regular basis.

The latest presentation came about from Tamworth Lions making regular collections of used spectacles and hearing aids from Opticians and Charity shops in and around Tamworth.

Pictured [prtn2] are Talking Newspaper Chairman Richard Hughes receiving the cheque from Lion President Patricia Lambert, with Lions and Talking Newspaper members look on.

Recycling officer Geoff Trevena explained that as part of the spectacles and hearing aids collected, and sent off to Chichester Lions for sorting and onwards transmission that the Lions International Sight programme uses to benefit third world countries sight schemes, damaged spectacles are recycled, and a fund is generated to go to sight related projects. Having collected over 50,000 pairs of spectacles in recent years, Tamworth Lions became eligible for a £500.00 grant, which of course we wanted to donate to The Talking Newspaper.

**DO Lion Geoff. Trevena. Tamworth Lions**





## ELLESMERE PORT LIONS CLUB HELP AIR TRAINING CORPS

A cheque for £500 was donated to 1074 (Ellesmere Port ) Squadron Air Training Corps by Ellesmere Port Lions Club

The Club made the presentation to enable the squadron to provide the cadets with outdoor pursuit clothing for squadron exercises.

Lion Steve Talbot said “ The Squadron is led by Officer Commanding Carol Shickell, together with her supporting officers, guiding and instructing the cadets.

The dedication of these officers, the enthusiasm and enjoyment of all the cadets we met gave us great pride to help such a fantastic, worthwhile organisation for the youth in our community to participate and enjoy.

In the picture are, Carol Shickell, Officer Commanding, Lions Steve Talbot, Malcolm Legg and Julie Rattey from Ellesmere Port Lions Club with Air Cadets from the squadron..

This article also appeared in two local newspapers with whom we have an excellent relationship.



**Steve Talbot Ellesmere Port Lions**

**Beaumaris Menai Aethwy**  
Paul Eales

**Chester**  
Grace Brown  
Neil Mortimer

**Ellesmere Port**  
Pamela Dean

**Knutsford**  
Sarah Flannery

**Rugeley**  
Debra Coburn

**Wallasey**  
Vishnu Joshi

## A Warm Welcome to New members in June

