



DISTRICT 105BS NEWSLETTER

District Governor 2014-2015

Lion Carole Godden



DG's Latest Ventures.

The last month has been exceptionally busy with club visits, team meetings, charters and tons of paperwork!

Two of the events stand out as being particularly enjoyable, inspiring and truly what Lions is all about.

The first of these took place in WREXHAM on March 29th when a good number of Lions from all around the District gathered together at the University to celebrate UN Day in WALES. We had a wonderful afternoon.

In the early stages of planning, many months earlier, I asked Wrexham Lions Club and Zone C if they would take on the organising and make it a celebration with something a little bit different. I envisaged celebrating our close relationship with the UN by reflecting our host culture through word and song, and by involving participants of all ages.

All these goals were fulfilled. There wasn't a dry eye in the house when the choir from The Rhoseymedre Community Primary School sang, "Let There Be Peace On Earth", then a lovely song in Welsh. More music followed with rousing songs from the Clwyd Clippers Barbers Shop Choir.

Throughout the afternoon, we took the theme of "Unity, Diversity, Humanity and Teamwork". The message was reinforced by spoken messages delivered by young people from local schools and colleges who gave moving accounts of their involvement with overseas community projects. Past Chair of Council David Firth told us about the 1-2-4 project to raise funds to bring destitute widows in some parts of India out of prostitution by supplying sewing machines to give them a means of earning the money to feed their families. Council Chair Michael Phillips thanked all the participants and organisers for an excellent afternoon. I must add my personal thanks and those of the District for all the hard work that went into our UN Day in Wales. Thanks also to the Lions who travelled to join us on the day. I am confident we all came away having shared in a great atmosphere of friendship, learning and fun.

The second very special day was also held in Wales, when the Lions Club of Leek took a group of children and teachers from Endon High School along with nine children and three teachers from their twin school in Nepal to the seaside for a wonderful day out. Llandudno Lions hosted the group. The day began with a tram trip up the Great Orme followed by a game of crazy golf in the fog! Great fun was had. Llandudno Lions then provided a picnic lunch before the group made their way down to the beach for a paddle in the very cold sea. Nepal is a land locked country so the children had their first view of the sea. They were not daunted by the chilly water! We all then walked along the prom to a local pub where we were joined by the Mayor and Mayoress of Llandudno. Delicious seaside fish and chips were on the menu. A healthy dose of sea air earlier in the day meant that plates were soon emptied! Leek and Llandudno's partnership clearly demonstrated how much can be achieved by working together. It was an honour to be invited to join in the day. We were only sorry to miss the early part of the day as traffic was heavy and it took us several hours to reach Llandudno!

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A question for your Club: have you found a team to take part in our District football competition to be held towards the end of May? Last year's competition was a great success but I am told by DO Frank that no teams have been booked in for this year. Please contact DO Frank Marnell as soon as you can if you have entries. A decision will have to be made soon about the viability of this year's event.

My year as DG is rapidly reaching its last few weeks. Plans for next year are well in hand, with 2VDGE Teresa already on board. Succession planning is so very important for our District.

Holiday season fast approaches. Have a wonderful time.

Carole



STOP PRESS — Important Announcement!

The DG has spoken to Frank Marnell and ascertained that he has had no interest in this year's competition, it has been cancelled.

Top 12 TRAVELLING LIONS to 16 April 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
22 Foxlair Road,
Manchester.
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Stoke on Trent	64
Stone	30
Leek	22
Llandudno	22
Tamworth	20
Ellesmere Port	18
Newcastle	17
Little Orme	9
Urmston	7
Cannock	6
Flint	4
Congleton	2

As you can see
Stoke on Trent are
taking an early lead.
Come on you travel-
ling lions and see if
you can put Stoke
down a peg or two
it's still early days!

Sarah



Chicks Tweeting for Lions

A group of Telford knitters have been frantically making scores of woolly Easter chicks to donate to their local Lions Club for a fundraising event this coming weekend in support Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Members of the "Get Knitting" group from the Park Lane Centre handed over 100 chicks to Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions President, Colin Thompson.

Lions Club members were standing on the Iron Bridge on Easter Sunday looking for visitors who could give the chicks and their accompanying Easter eggs a new home.



Edna & Carol with Colin Thompson

Lions President Colin said: "The 'Get Knitting' group do a great job, knitting various items throughout the year in aid of charity. At Christmas they donated hats, gloves and scarves they had knitted to assist with our contribution to Operation Christmas Child".

"The Easter chicks are really cute and each one comes with a little chocolate egg. We are hoping that lots of people will come along on Sunday to get one and help us support Marie Curie Cancer Care - an organisation that so many people come into contact with and rely on help from at some stage in their lives."

The 'Get Knitting' group are always on the lookout for donations of wool to assist with their charity work.

Tamed at Little Orme Charter!

Little did any of us expect to be kept under control by a pair of fearsome Lion Tamers when we arrived for Little Orme Lions Club's tenth charter celebration but that is exactly what happened!

Lion Tamers Lyn and Ginny suitably attired, cracked the whip throughout the proceedings.

They can be seen here keeping a tight rein on charter member, Lion President Sandy who was presented with a well-earned MJF by District Governor Carole Godden on behalf of the members of Little Orme. A great evening of fun and friendship was enjoyed by all.



Melvin Jones Fellowship for Ironbridge Lion

June Softley, was made a Melvin Jones Fellow at the AGM of Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions on Thursday April 9th after being nominated by the President Colin Thompson.

Speaking about the fellowship Mr Thompson said: "June has made an enormous contribution over the years, both to the club and to Lions International. The Melvin Jones Fellowship is a well-deserved and absolutely appropriate way to recognise that contribution."

June joined Ironbridge Lions in 2004 after attending a recruitment evening and almost immediately became engaged in the club's fundraising and other activities. She was Club President in 2007 and again in 2014, holding the post of Secretary and organising endless activities and fundraising in between.

Past President John Marsh said: "June's efforts to support and lead the club have been tireless from the moment she joined and she was the main thrust in getting the name of Ironbridge Lions more widely known in the Gorge area."



President, Colin Thompson and June Softley



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Bev's PR Bit.

Well, Summer is on it's way and I know you will all be busy with your fairs and service projects. Fingers crossed that the weather will be kind, but we do tend to get better headlines in the wind & rain. I have noticed more facebook pages springing up, which is a good sign. Please ensure they are public so anyone can see what you are up to. It is good manners to ask if you can share things on other club's pages before you do so. You can share anything within reason on the District Page.

Don't forget our Spring Forum later this month there is always something to learn. There will be a series of Centennial Videos, episode 1&2 is now available on You Tube this link takes you to the Impact of Melvin Jones.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI4mls1kw1nChubkbVeRLKw>

On the LCI site there are lots of resources for you to use. The link below tells you why we should be using social media.

<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/communicate-your-activities/social-media.php>

A while back I spoke to Pauline, the wife of Roger from Stafford Lions Club. She told me she had washed their mascot costume. As you all know that the mascot costume can start to smell like a real lion not that I have been that close to one. It was a beautiful warm day so it was with nerves of steel that I pushed the unsuspecting lion head first in my machine and watched him roll around surrounded by Stergene bubbles on a wool wash. Success he came out all fluffy. I was also told he tumble dries beautifully but didn't need to as he sunbathed all day you can see how happy he looks. He is rather handsome now and smelling of Fresh Linen. Who would have thought it? Thanks Pauline.

Love Bev. ❤️

Photo - Lion online !



A Warm Welcome to New members in April

Beaumaris Menai Aethwy

Burntwood

Macclesfield

Newport

Sale

Stafford

Wrexham Maelor

Ruth Williams

Pat Brookes, Glenys Higgs

Nigel Pearson

John Fullwood, John Slynn

Paula Lynch

Barry Smith

Ged Lloyd





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Flag of Nepal



The Nepali flag with its two overlapping red triangles has the distinction of being the only non-quadrilateral flag in the world. The flag in its current shape was adopted as the national flag on December 16, 1962, while it had been in use for over two centuries with two separate independent pennants. The crimson color of the flag denotes the bravery of the people while the blue border signifies the national ethos built upon peace and harmony. Likewise, the sun and the moon respectively stand for the eternal fire of life and the blissful serenity of the soul.

Green, Yellow, God, Mad Carew & North a strange collection of words. However, when put together it all forms part of the famous poem by J. Milton Hayes, The Little Yellow Idol to the North of Kathmandu. Something we know of but dismiss all too quickly. A strange opening to this article you may wonder. However all will become clear. Who would have thought a chance meeting in a supermarket could lead to the ensuing article.

In 2013 a member of our Lions Club met up with some students from Endon High School Nr Leek packing bags to raise funds to visit Kuleshwor Awas Secondary school in Kathmandu. It was decided by our club to offer some financial support in their endeavours. The following year a party of students and staff visited the school in Kathmandu as part of a global school partnership project.

We also started the Young Leaders in Service project with the school, as all their community work towards the trip would obviously count towards the award. In January of this year DG Carole presented 10 awards to the participating students, such was the success that another 20 are now engaged in the project for this year. It soon became clear from the headteacher that her opposite number at the Kuleshwor School was not only the headteacher but also a past president of the Eureka Lions Club of Kathmandu. He expressed a wish to get in touch with our club and form a formal communication partnership. So headteacher Megh Raj Dulal was given our contact details and has been receiving monthly minutes. PR reports and the District Newsletter over the last twelve months. At the end of March this year,



LP John presents a banner

Megh Raj along with 2 staff and 9 students made the trip to Endon on a reciprocal visit. All funding was provided by Endon High School. We had a great few days with them and Lion Megh Raj attending our April business meeting whilst he was here. It was a huge pleasure to meet my email partner after a twelve month period of electronic communication. The Nepalese are terrific people. They are so nice and extremely kind. The week culminated in a trip to the seaside for both the Nepalese and English students. This was supported jointly by Llandudno and Leek Lions clubs.



The Students



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Nepal Exchange continued



**The Tram on the way up
The Great Orme (Gr8 Day)**



The Full Party with Endon Students

We must say a massive thank you to LP Tim and his fellow lions and ladies of Llandudno for their support and organisation for the day. It truly was club inter-cooperation at its very best.

After arriving at Llandudno, the day started with a trip on a tram up the Great Orme and the weather was awful, wet, foggy and miserable.

However, undaunted, the young people had a great time and even played Crazy Golf at the summit. A picnic lunch was kindly provided by the lion's ladies of

the host club and very nice it was too. When they came back down from the Great Orme, the look on the Nepalese student's faces when they saw the sea and the beach was priceless, views of which none have ever experienced.

They then had a walk along the pier and played the amusement games (another first). This was followed by the obligatory paddle in the sea (again undaunted). The weather had still not improved much apart from the fog lifting, but you would never have known it judging by the

whoops and excited exclamations from the students. The day was rounded off with a Fish and Chip Dinner at the Links Hotel.

**Lions Graham & Pat Dow (Leek) DG LP Tim
Faulkner (Llandudno) Llandudno Mayor &
Mayoress Lion Megh Raj Eureka Lions Club**



Megh Raj with DG



Submitted by Lion Graham Dow The Lions Club of Leek PRO

Rusty Update

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!

Lion Maureen Hellyer-Brown



RUGELEY LIONS HELP PERU TREKKERS

When three high school students from Rugeley approached their local Lions Club asking for help to sponsor their expedition to Peru the trip seemed literally miles away, but now they are starting to pack their bags because this summer they are off on the trip of a lifetime.

Abbie16, Drew and Ruth both 17, have collectively put in nearly 300 hours of voluntary service to help Rugeley and District Lions deliver their various projects throughout the last year - from bag packing, selling raffle tickets, dressing up for charity or being Santa's little helpers the girls have all been a great asset to the club.

In recognition of their efforts they have all been presented with the Lions International prestigious Young Leaders in Service award and received their certificates at a formal luncheon attended by Rugeley Lions and the girls' parents and families.

Rugeley Lion President, John Holmes then gave each student a £500 cheque towards the cost of their month long working holiday saying that the girls had all been excellent ambassadors for the club, their family and themselves.

Ed Rule



TAMWORTH LIONS ANNUAL RACE NIGHT, 2015

Tamworth Lions have recently held their annual Race Night, this year graced with the presence of the Mayor of Tamworth, Richard Kingstone.

A full evening of racing, fish and chips, and good cheer was experienced by all attending.



Mayor Richard stressed the fortune of Tamworth, with service groups such as Lions raising funds for local, national and international causes.

The event generated just under £700.00 to help the club donate funds to worthy causes, primarily in the Tamworth area.



Geoff Trevena

Vice President Pam, race night support team Steve and Jayne Greenhall, Sue and Dave Ansell receiving appreciation from Lions and Mayor Richard Kingstone

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



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Hednesford Lions would like to invite any motorcycling Lions Club Members along with non Lion pillions and guest riders to meet with fellow Lions and friends whilst supporting the fantastic "Ride to the Wall" charity.

Registration to RTTW is now open and numbers are growing for this unique motorcycling event. Hednesford Lions will greet you on the morning of the 3rd October 2015 at the Hen House ph Hednesford at 8.30am for a hearty reasonably priced breakfast at 9.00am (safe parking is available). Lions and guests will have time to socialise and prepare for the day's events before a short briefing in readiness for our ride out.

We hope to make short visits to landmarks and local clubs in the area before we make our way to the National Memorial Arboretum and after the RTTW service we will have plenty of time to walk the grounds and view the very emotive memorial gardens and wall. Before we leave the Arboretum we will have the opportunity to meet

Lion representatives from our district at the Lions International shelter situated in the grounds.

We hope to welcome Lions from all over the Country for this very unusual and worthwhile social event so please forward this invitation to all your Lions contacts near and far.

(Visiting Lions from afar that would like to stay locally the night before, please ask for details of local hotels.)

To join us for this wonderful event please see the details below:

Riders and pillions **MUST** register with Ride to the Wall using the registration form found on www.ridetothewall.org.uk entering "other/making my own way to the NMA" in the "Start location" section of the form.

You will receive your registration number, wrist band and 2015 pin badge direct from RTTW within a few days.

(feel free to purchase merchandise at the same time, every penny helps)

Once you have registered with RTTW please forward the following information to Hednesford Lions at: info@hednesfordlions.co.uk

RIDER NAME & RTTW Order Number : RIDER ADDRESS : RIDER TELEPHONE NUMBER : RIDER MOBILE NUMBER :

RIDER LIONS CLUB : PILLION NAME & RTTW Order Number : MAKE OF MOTORCYCLE / TRIKE :

RIDER : I require breakfast (x1 or x2) I require late afternoon lunch (x1 or x2) on Saturday 3rd October.

Full details of the day's events will be posted closer to the day.

Related links and information :

info@hednesfordlions.co.uk

www.ridetothewall.org.uk

goo.gl/wsYhxP

goo.gl/MoTNPG

goo.gl/bIDtI8

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