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District News

District Governor 2015-2016 Lion Chris Aked

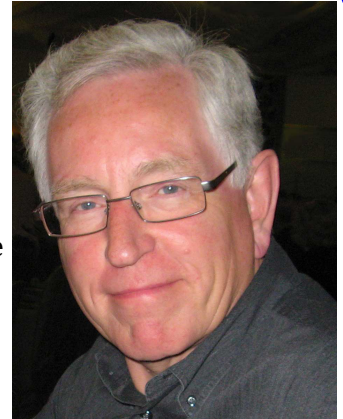
DG message for October

Dear fellow Lions

One of the best elements of being a member of the District Governor team is visiting clubs, either at their business meetings or at their social events.

Clubs run their meetings in many different ways...some are fairly formal or business like in the way they conduct their meetings with strict agendas and so on.....others far less so with almost an air of having a chat between friends ! For me, it doesn't matter what they do because they all have the same objectives...helping out in their communities and, occasionally, further afield.

This past month I have visited Alsager, Barton, Birkenhead, Hednesford, Sale and Wilmslow and attended charters at Cannock and Telford. Two of those visited, Barton and Hednesford, are branch clubs of Lichfield and Cannock respectively. In both places I was really impressed by the members who were very keen to expand their activities and eventually develop into independent clubs. Hednesford has been going for a while and is getting close to the magic number of 20 required to become a full club. Here's wishing President Shaun Middleton every success in reaching this number !



Talking of branch clubs, I must pay tribute to the team working on opening up a branch in Penkridge, near Stafford. Under the leadership of IPDG Carole Godden, several members of the Stafford club, especially Dave Lewis and Ron Martin, have done a fantastic job in developing and arranging the details of an info evening for potential members to be held in Penkridge on October 8th. We'll report back on how they got on next month.

I mentioned last month that discussions are taking place on the way in which our Multiple District (MD) is governed...and how many Districts we have (currently 13). Both of these topics are really important because they involve the future of Lions in this country in the long term, as well as the costs of running the organization.

Both 1st VDG Steve and myself, together with PDG Shirley Vaughan, attended a full day communication/information day in Solihull, with representatives from every District. 2nd VDG Teresa is also involved, liaising with 2nd VDGs from other Districts to make sure we get the widest input. Two working groups - one looking at the way the organisation is run, the other looking at the number of districts - will report back to the Council of Governors with their findings at the next meeting on October 23-25.

Finally, several clubs have asked what the overall Lions organisation is doing regarding the increasingly difficult situation regarding migrants, many of whom are now being housed in temporary camps. For information Lions has already provided \$250,000 specifically for refugee camps in Syria while LCIF has also provided grants to support refugee camps in Jordan and Lebanon. International President Yamada has challenged Lions in all countries that have taken refugees to contact national and local governments to offer assistance.

Best regards, Chris

Bev's PR Bit

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Well the Autumn is here and for lots of clubs they are approaching their busiest time, Christmas ! (94 days at the time of typing) Let us know what you are doing. We now have the dates for our stories to be in as circulated with last month's District Mail. Please send your articles to me and only Obituaries to Lion Editor. Do you like the new Lion Magazine ? The format has changed I think for the better. I now have to send our NL to the Editor.

Hope you watched the Rugby ? There is a Special Olympics Video with a team wearing shirts with the Lions Logo. A great PR video here is the link. https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=UYggrDmolp4



As you know it is Sight Awareness and Good Deed Week so let us know what you have been doing.

There are lots of Lions things on Instagram and Pinterest as well as Facebook. Really professional images that you can use. I want to know what you do to get the word out on your club. What is successful for you. We can share it with other clubs. Don't forget I have some pull up banners if you want to borrow them. We also have a Lions' Flag that can be loaned out if you have a flagpole for your event. Let me know. Bev

Cannock

Lynda Gethin

Linda Hopkins

Sue Lawlor

Ivan Poole

Sheila Shakespere

Alsager

Ronald Lucas

Ironbridge-Severn Gorge

Charles Miller

Uttoxeter

Christine Wischhusen

**A Warm Welcome to New
Members in September**



Sale & District Lions Club 35th Annual Golf Competition at Ashton on Mersey Golf Club was another resounding success, with teams of 4 hardy golfers braving the weather (the morning group got the sunshine, afternoon not so good!!) and raising over £2000 for local charities.

The Club was able to donate £1000 of this to Crossroads Care, a local charity which does great work supporting carers. Lion President Linda Cresswell and Lion Secretary Helen Tawil are pictured presenting the cheque to Tina Patterson, the Crossroads Care Registered Care Manager, and volunteers at their charity shop in Sale.



Goings on in Alsager

Not much excitement really but on Saturday Alsager Lions had a stall at the local charity market selling bric a brac, with the help of our Dalek Cyborg Sam and a raffle, the winning prize being a meal for two, generously donated by one of our local hostellers. Despite the late Indian Summer weather of rain and more rain, even the Dalek wanted to go home, we managed to raise some £150.00 which helped to make it a good day.

Ken Livingstone—Alsager Lions



Mrs Janet Dunning happily holding her winners prize.

Stoke on Trent Lions found out that severely disabled Cameron needed a special food blender which would make it easier for him to swallow more nutritious food. The said blender was duly purchased and presented to Cameron.



At the end of June 2015, Cameron and his family came to the special day out organised by the Lions of Zone G at Foxfield Railway. Very quickly, the little boy was surrounded by members of Stoke Lions. Cameron's mum told the lions that since the introduction of blended food, Cameron has made great strides forward at school. He is livelier, more willing to communicate and less frustrated. What a success story and how wonderful to be able to make life easier and more pleasant for the little boy.

Bev Stanyer

V-FEST 2015

Thirteen members of Gnosall Lions again for the 6th consecutive year, over the course of 2 days partook in the cleanup which followed the VFest in Weston Park, Staffordshire over 17th & 18th August. The local Rotary Club invited along Lions Clubs, Soroptomists, Freemasons etc to assist them in recycling various items left behind by Festival goers. On the first day they were looking which could be used by emergency agencies and Christian organisations. Items such as tents, bedding, chairs, airbeds etc. were rescued. These were all sent to a charity cleaning and



PDG LION and now Rotarian Malcolm Hallowell, DO Lion Rick Talbot and a Telford Rotarian at the site .

distribution centre for sorting and redistribution . At the end of the first day it came as a surprise e to meet up with an old friend and Past District Governor and now Rotarian, **Malcolm Hallowell** who was also involved on the day. Many of the items collected last year went to Nepal to aid in the disaster and one should imagine that many items this year are somehow destined for areas around Syria.

The following morning, clubs and organisations had the opportunity to collect for their own good causes and use for distribution within their own localities. On the day we collected tentage, chairs, trolleys, buckets, sleeping bags etc and also assisted the Stafford House of Bread which assists local homeless, which was a worthwhile exercise.

Our group included members of our club, led by DO Lion President Pam Talbot, members of our immediate family and a visitor from Spain. This was, well organised by Lion John Ison who liaised with the Rotarians. I should add that we have a very good relationship with a couple of local Rotary Clubs and also work together on other ventures such as Santa's sleigh.

We can fully recommend the initiative and would love to see other Lions Clubs apart from ourselves and Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions assisting. Well over 50% of the site was not cleared as we ran out of time. Once the site closed at 1-00pm on the Tuesday, any tents etc were bulldozed and went to landfill. I wonder if the same happens after the Chelmsford V Fest and the Reading Festival, if not then they should get involved.

Rick Talbot - Gnosall Lions.



Some of the Gnosall Lions having a break in one of the camp areas. Karen Ison, John Ison, Mel Watson Pam Talbot and RickTalbot

Stoke on Trent	115
Tamworth	57
Stone	52
Llandudno	37
Newcastle	35
Cannock	33
Leek	32
Little Orme	31
Ellesmere Port	31
Flint	9
Urmston	7
Congleton	2
Salt & District	1

TRAVELLING LIONS to 20th September



I have had it confirmed by multi district head office that Branches can compete in there 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
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TAMWORTH LIONS AND TAMWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL – WE LOVE TAMWORTH 2015!



The Lion of Tamworth, welcoming everyone to the event

In August, Tamworth Lions, in partnership with Tamworth Borough Council, held their annual 'We Love Tamworth' day.

This is the third such event that Tamworth Lions have participated in, and the event goes back around 20 years when the club used to run the annual Carnival and procession in Tamworth.

President Pam Trevena said "In the last few years, we have averaged around 40 participants, from fellow service clubs, youth organisations, charitable organisations and traders selling all sorts of goodies – this year, we had over 70 participants, and although it nearly doubled the workload in administration and organisation on the day, it was well worth it – we received lots of thank yous and praise for the running of the event, and we raised over £2,000.00 from exhibitors, and our own stalls, running a number of games and tombolas, and even the Mayor of Tamworth, Councillor Maureen Gant won a tombola prize!"



It was a lovely day, for the thousands of visitors, the exhibitors, and my fellow Lions and helpers on the day."

Lion Geoff. Trevena

Tamworth's Lion takes a bike ride on a Blood bike!



Tamworth Mayor, Councillor Maureen Gant with her Tombola prize

IPDG Is On The Move

Please note that from Tuesday 22nd September the new address for IPDG Carole and DO Edward Godden will be-

1, Kingsley Close
Talke Pits
Stoke on Trent
ST7 1RF.

We will have no landline until 20th October. We hope to retain our existing landline number.

Well done BS! We hosted nine young people this summer as part of the Youth Exchange program, 2 in Zone D and 7 in Zone G. That's 25% of the youngsters that needed hosting this year! This was a magnificent achievement by the host families and the Clubs in the District that supported them. Thank you all very much.



Llandudno and Chester made our visits informative and enjoyable for the young people, thank you. It was good to spend time with Lions from other Clubs and benefit from their local knowledge. It is good to have support in this way from Lions that cannot host, and it shares the enjoyment we get from having them here.

Hosting did not just involve going out, they joined in with whatever the host families were doing and were very appreciative of what we did for them.

'To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world' one of Lions Clubs International Purposes, is demonstrated brilliantly, by spending time with young people from different countries; getting to know them and seeing how well they get on with each other, as they learn about this country and each other's countries.

This is what Lions Youth Exchange is about.

Pauline Hodgkinson Stoke on Trent Lions Club DO Youth Exchange BS



These extracts from an e-mail from Margot show what they gain from it.

Dear Pauline and Bill,

I would like to thank you for everything you did for Simona and I. It was an amazing week with you. I really enjoyed everything we did, from going to Liverpool (!!!) or visiting the National Trust properties to cooking and preparing the delicious British scones ! You have a lovely house and you were very nice and lovely and I will keep a great memory of these days in England. My parents thank you as well ! I have brought home some crumpets and they like them very much !

I am sure Simona and I will keep in touch. Both of us really enjoyed the camp. Finally I changed room to join three girls, Thea from Norway and two other girls from Finland, Anni and Tina. We had a lot of fun together. It was exhausting but amazing as well. We did many activities and we helped with other Lions Club during the Fun and Sport Day for Disabled. The weather was very good. It was an amazing experience. I saw Carol and Edward again at the dinner. I learned many things about other countries and cultures and people. I am very happy about it.

I am going back to university in two weeks. Now I am at home and I start studying again and enjoying time with my family and my friends. I think I will cook some scones this week ! I have also bought some Yorkshire Tea. I am not very tanned but anyway the British weather was part of the experience ! And finally the weather got better at the camp. England is a great country.

Thank you again. I will miss you.

*Take care,
 Margot. :)*

Centenary News

Now is the time to think about and plan for the centenary planting targets.

- **Plant 100,000 trees and 100,000 bulbs**



Autumn is key planting time for both of these.

Trees may be single specimens or young saplings which can be obtained from the Woodland Trust in packs of 100 or 400, in a range of varieties to suit the chosen location. They will advise on appropriate species.



Most garden centres will offer bulk packs of bulbs or these can be ordered on line. Suitable varieties for naturalising include narcissi, crocus, bluebells (use the English variety if possible), winter aconite and wood anemones. The Royal Horticultural Society offers lists of species suitable for most areas.

Don't forget the actual planting is a great opportunity to involve the local community and youth groups in particular in doing something that will enhance the environment for years to come.

We have this year and next year to plant ready for 2017 and make a show for our 100 years, so major projects could be split to make them more manageable. If your club is not ready to plant this autumn start planning now for next year or look to see what might be suitable to do in the spring.

Please let us know if you are taking part in this activity or any other centenary project. Any photographs would be welcome for the special centenary edition of the newsletter for 2017.

For more information contact District Centennial Chair PDG Shirley Vaughan

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

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(Word documents, with separate Jpegs)

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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