



# DISTRICT NEWS

District Governor 2016-2017 Lion Steve Shields

## August News

As we have spent most of the last month in Japan it is



With 3<sup>rd</sup> International Vice President Gudrun Yngvadottir and DG Sue & Tom Tyson (BN)

still uppermost in my mind and although I don't want to bore you with loads of holiday snaps please bear with me with a short resume.

I must say that the eight 'Lions' days proved much more pleasant than I dared to expect. Although the first few days were spent in 'DGE school', our class had six of us from MD105, six from India and sixteen from three states in the USA. Some of the subjects had been covered at our UK training sessions. We, as a group, had a great rapport and some good humour.

Fukuoka is a big busy city and although the three main convention buildings were within walking distance of each other the main events were at the baseball Dome some miles away. However the shuttle buses to and from the various hotels to the venues were very efficient. The number of willing helpers always on hand was incredible.

The private part of the trip was organised by "Journeys a la Carte" of Uttoxeter who provided perfect itineraries and handbooks. We also had personal guides for

one day in

Tokyo and

one day in

Kyoto which

made the

best use of

time and

helped us to

understand

the culture –

even when

to slurp and

when not to!

Expensive, but well worth it for the once in a lifetime opportunity.



With Int. President Bob & Dianne Corlew

We felt we couldn't travel all that way without taking some time to be regular tourists and added three days in Tokyo before travelling to Fukuoka and a further six after convention, visiting Kyoto and Hakone before returning to Tokyo for the return flight. All internal travel was by public transport, Bullet trains, local trains and buses. We are now as confident on the Tokyo subway system as the London tubes.

Naturally we are now all fired up for the year ahead with the inspiring centennial messages from the new International President Bob Corlew. Each District Governor has been given a flag/banner which he or she is charged with getting every Lion in their District to sign and then take it to Chicago next year where, hopefully, all 743 will be displayed. I hope there will be good attendances at club meetings when members of the DG Team visit with the banner. How we get it between us is a tricky question.

Finally I hope to see many of you at the District Hand-over in Chester on 7<sup>th</sup> August and don't forget that the Cabinet Meeting a week later is not a closed shop, all Lions are welcome to attend.



Unnamed – but who could resist such an opportunity

Best wishes

Steve

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

Chester:-

**Patricia Langford**

Hednesford Centennial:-

**Malcolm Quimby**

**Dianne Quimby**



**Congleton Lions Say Thank You**

Congleton Lions would like to pass on their thanks to all the clubs that responded to their request for help and the volunteers that helped at Congleton Carnival with membership leafleting. It was a very wet day and therefore unfortunately not very productive, but we did promote ourselves and Lionism in general. Photograph shows a very wet Saturday in Congleton.

David Morris  
Congleton Lions Club



**Environmental News**

I have produced August 2016 second edition of the Environmental Newsletter to be published on the District Website my webmaster Dave Allen.

Please inform fellow Lion members.

Link for Lions Environmental Newsletters <http://www.lions105bs.org.uk/>

Access under heading Community Projects, scroll down on drop down menu displays Environmental Newsletters

Click on Environmental Newsletters Heading.

Displays Monthly editions newsletter.

Click on with mouse appropriate download edition newsletter access information.

Christopher Evans.  
Environmental Officer.



## Lions Youth Brass at Macclesfield

Last month it was reported that Lions Youth Brass had been very successful at the National Youth Brass Band Championships and Macclesfield & District Lions to hold a concert by All Three Bands of the LYB on 16 July. The concert was the 26<sup>th</sup> annual concert involving LYB held by Macclesfield & District Lions and organised by PDG Arthur Clenton – commenced in 1991

when Arthur was able to provide Bank hospitality!



### Lions Beginner Band

A great night and the Club President, Chris Oatway, presented its annual sponsorship cheque to LYB Musical Director, Nigel Birch.



### Lions Junior Band



### PDG Arthur Clenton Macclesfield Lions



# Centenary News

## Let's plan our celebrations

100 years of service to the community is something well worth celebrating . It is a great opportunity to let the public know more about who we are and what we do. Please continue to report your activities via MyLCI.

Get thinking what your club could do to focus a spotlight on our centenary;-

Plan a 1917 themed event

Plant 100 trees/bulbs/roses etc

Send greeting to local 100 year olds

Organise a party for 100 disadvantaged people

Cross 100 bridges

Collect 100 recipes

Set a 100 second challenge

Knit 100 squares

Give a school 100 books

Share a Lions 100<sup>th</sup> birthday cake

Do what Lions do best and use your imagination to create a unique club activity.



Keep looking out for photo opportunities. Our Centenary SNAP 100 competition is easy to enter. All you need to do is take a picture of the numerals "100" and send it in. Lions are known to be ingenious and inventive so let's see what unusual forms and positions we can find. Judges will be looking for creativity as well as quality prints. Full details were in the July mailing.

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

**For more information contact District Centennial Chair PDG Shirley Vaughan**



## Help Needed for World Record Attempt

Barton-u-Nedwood Lions branch Club are helping Barton Rugby Club attempt a world record rugby scrum. This will be in the Guinness Book of World Records. All money raised is being split 50% for Teenage Cancer & 50% to the Rugby Club funds. We need between 30 & 40 Marshals on 10th September from 9am to 12noon.

Please Contact David Pomroy (Branch President) at [bartonlions105@gmail.com](mailto:bartonlions105@gmail.com) or phone David on 07708 583193 with any commitments by end of August.

## TRAVELLING LIONS

District travelling/visiting lions competition up to 17th July 2016.

|                             |    |
|-----------------------------|----|
| Stoke on Trent              | 63 |
| Llandudno                   | 54 |
| Wilmslow and District       | 48 |
| Beaumaris Menai Aethwy      | 50 |
| Ellesmere Port and District | 39 |
| Telford                     | 34 |
| Cannock                     | 36 |
| Urmston                     | 23 |
| Tamworth                    | 28 |
| Leek                        | 19 |
| Uttoxeter                   | 16 |
| Newcastle                   | 12 |



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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Manchester.  
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Please note, one person can only claim for one event per day. I have had a few forms sent to me which cannot be included for this reason so, for example, if you claimed for the business meeting at convention you cannot claim for the banquet and ball for the same day .

### **Barton Stall at Alrewas Show**

Barton Branch Club may only have 6 members, but on Saturday 16 July, they set up a stall at a local village show. They were accompanied, for the first time, by a new prospective member Lenny Lion who was a tremendous hit with the children. Members and helpers



were busy running a tombola which raised over £150 for the charities fund. Other members gave away Message in a Bottle and leaflets promoting Lions in Barton.



The Alrewas Show is one of the largest in the area with various shows in the paddock and side stalls of crafts, food and entertainment. A good selection of classic cars was also there and an impressive display of farming equipment.

David Pomroy—Barton Lions Branch



***The copy deadline for the next issue of the District Newsletter is 22nd August 2016***

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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