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DISTRICT NEWS

District Governor 2015-2016 Lion Chris Aked

DG Message for June

This is my final Newsletter, and tempting though it is to *look back* on “my” 12 months at the helm, I’m more inclined to *look forward* to the new Lions year with renewed enthusiasm.

Yes, we have lost clubs such as Conwy, Holyhead, Shrewsbury and Wrekin...and sadly several Lions have passed to higher service. But whatever happens in our District in the next year or two there’s one thing I’m convinced of...that Lions in BS will ensure that our help in our communities will continue to make a positive difference to local people.

This past month has been a whirl of activities with the Council of Governors meeting quickly followed by the MD Convention. Although we, as a Council, did not get all that we hoped for, we did get several cost cutting items passed and a commitment for one more year of consultation on re-districting. Ireland’s desire to leave the MD was approved by Convention and will come into effect, subject to International Board approval, in July 2017.

During the month Gillie and I enjoyed wonderful Charters at Newcastle and Flint and have four more to come before the end of June. For many of us, the highlight had to be the opening of a new club, Hednesford, which had been sponsored by Cannock. The entire Hednesford team are to be congratulated for achieving their “independence” ...and for organising a wonderful party. Along the way they have been fantastically well supported by Cannock, as well as others such as DO Geoff Trevena.

I said above that I wouldn’t look back too much...after all, you can’t change the past. But you CAN change the future if you keep an open mind, show energy, determination and a willingness to change. Falling membership is our biggest challenge. Doing the same things – or doing nothing – aren’t good options...if we do nothing the results will be the same....and more clubs will close. With this in mind at the end of May the DG team met with more than 40 Lions from ten clubs in Llanwrst to discuss the future of Lions in North Wales. We had a very constructive meeting with lots of creative ideas and proposals developed in a good atmosphere. The DG and GMT teams will now follow up with recommendations for the future.

I’m very encouraged by DGE Steve’s plans for going forward and he’ll be backed up by a very strong team of 1st VDG Teresa and 2nd VDG Steve. I will offer whatever help I can, especially in plans for the re-districting.

It’s been a very enjoyable 12 months, especially the visits to 20 clubs, almost 30 charters and numerous other club, district or MD events. Thanks for the warm welcome I have received everywhere, for your desire to serve others and having fun and fellowship at every opportunity !

Best regards
Chris



Bev's PR Bit

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Well, the end of our year is nigh, and the sad thing is we have very few clubs telling us what they do. However, when I was at convention I heard quite a few things clubs that were doing. I asked why they have not sent an article to the News Letter for other clubs to try their ideas. It is such a shame.

I also heard complaints about why we don't advertise more. We could but It would cost £1000's which would impact heavily on our subs. This is why we need social media which is FREE. Here is the link to Stafford Lions Club's website, please take a look:-
<http://www.staffordlions.co.uk/> They had the winning District website. It is a great one. Let's see if we can get a selfie from this District on the LCI selfie page here's the link :-
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-media/lions-club-selfies.php> You may find out things you did not know.

Has anyone used the Toolbox yet? I would love to hear some feedback from you. It is on the District website.

I think I must be very sad as I went to the cinema and there was a building with a Lions' plaque and I got so excited seeing it on the big screen. I know we are proud to be Lions, so we must share our pride. We are not a Rugby club or like Rotary. WE SERVE let's Roar some more.

Aldridge Lions club have a the Lions logo on the welcome to Aldridge Sign. I am told it is the only one in this country. Has any other club got one ?

Roar some more !

Luv Bev

A Warm Welcome to A New Member in May

Llandudno:-

Keith Thomson



Knutsford & District Lions Club Young Leaders in Service Awards

At the Annual Town Meeting of Knutsford last Wednesday 20th April 2016, the first Knutsford Lions Young Leaders in Service awards were made. The scheme was inaugurated by Knutsford & District Lions Club in collaboration with Knutsford Town Council in November 2014 and forms part of a world-wide initiative by Lions clubs to engage young people in voluntary service. Each youngster who volunteers is given a logbook and a Young Leaders' badge, and the services they perform, from a very wide range of possible activities, is then recorded in the logbook throughout the year. Those reaching 50 hours in a year get a Silver award and those achieving 100 hours, a Gold award.



Knutsford Town Mayor, Cllr Tony Dean, with some of the YLiS award winners

At the beginning of the meeting, the first awards since the scheme started were presented by the Town Mayor, Councillor Tony Dean, and the Knutsford Lions Vice-President Sonia Amos, to the applause of those present.

Five Silver and four Gold awards in total were presented.

Michael Goldman, Knutsford Lions Young Leaders in Service team leader, said "We congratulate all these young people on staying the course and gaining an award. These awards are a way of engaging young people in voluntary service and enabling them to discover the satisfactions that such help to others can give. In addition an award formally recognises the efforts of the youngsters and forms a significant addition to their list of achievements within their scholastic records."

Frances Miller Knutsford Lions

Mike Goldman (standing in the background, Lions YLiS team leader), Knutsford Town Mayor, one of the YLiS award winners and Lions Vice President, Sonia Amos.



Centenary News

Why should we report on line?

The target numbers have been set as nice big round headline grabbing figures. To tell the local press you have recycled 253 pairs of spectacles is admirable but they are more likely to take note if you promote it as one step nearer to the 1 million we aim to process for the centenary. Every club that enters information helps to build the picture of the massive impact we can have when we work together for common causes. It's very easy to do;-

Go to MyLCI then to MY Club-Select Service Activity-Select Add activity-Select signature project – then a drop down menu will list all the MD targets-Select from the list and enter details then save.



Centenary year 2017 is getting ever nearer, many thanks to all those clubs who are already working towards them or pursuing other ways of celebrating and serving their community.

Sharing ideas across the Zones - this month Zone H focusing on Hearing dogs and Prostate cancer

Bridgnorth and Newport Lions Clubs have continued their prostate cancer screenings. As a result hundreds of local men have had the opportunity for a PSA test and a number were identified for further investigation. The early identification and treatment that come from the screenings can and does save lives. Prostate cancer kills 10,000 men every year. One man dies every hour and 41,000 new cases are diagnosed every year. This means that every single day about 110 men come home to tell their families that they have Prostate Cancer. This cancer is usually curable if diagnosed and treated early enough but currently there is no national screening programme in the UK.

Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions braved the weather on a wet and soggy Bank Holiday Sunday to collect their line of Silver over the Bridge from visiting tourists. They were joined by Hearing Dogs Piper and Harley. The result of their sterling efforts was a significant donation to Hearings for Deaf People.

Telford Lions and friends willingly sacrificed their waistlines when they attended *Afternoon Tea with LP*. They left behind a few crumbs, empty plates, a mountain of used teabags and another £215 for the club's Hearing Dogs fund. A Nearly New sale and a raffle bring the total raised to £540 for the cause.

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

Social Media the Old Fashioned Way!

Telford Lion John Vaughan spent the morning walking around Wellington town centre to promote the club's Nearly New Sale – he certainly attracted attention and brought in customers. He also gave directions, told the time and amused a number of children!

(The club had also used Facebook, posters and the local radio to advertise the event.)

PDG Lion Shirley Vaughan



TRAVELLING LIONS

District travelling/visiting lions competition up to 16th May 2016.

Stoke on Trent	63
Baumaris Menai Aethwy	36
Llandudno	38
Wilmslow and District	36
Ellesmere Port and District	28
Urmston	23
Leek	19
Telford	19
Uttoxeter	16
Tamworth	15
Newcastle	12
Congleton	7
Flint and District	4



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
22 Foxlair Road,
Manchester.
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The Peace Pole

The Peace Pole project was started in Japan in 1955 in response to the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. These hand crafted monuments have been erected all over the world as international symbols of peace in places where people gather. World political leaders and religious leaders like Mother Theresa, the Dalai Lama and Pope John Paul 2, have dedicated them to world peace.

The Justice, Peace and Integration of Creation (JPIC) of Alsager and Nantwich, under the leadership of Rev Dr B. Hudson and Mrs Bernice Halson acquired the Peace Pole with the intention of erecting it in Alsager Town Centre, but the Cheshire East Council was concerned about the insurance, the security and maintenance of this prestigious pole and were unable to take on the responsibility. The JPIC not being a funded organisation was unable to handle it and so it was temporarily forgotten. The pole was left in the safe keeping of Mr Geoffrey White of Alsager for its safe keeping, hoping that something could be done about it later.

At the beginning of this year Alsager Lions were contacted by Mr Geoffrey White to see if they would take on the responsibility of the Peace Pole and it was agreed that they would take on the installation of it and to seek final approval from the local authorities. The Town Council were contacted and were delighted that the Lions would take on the project and gave their approval for it to be erected and maintained and this solved the problem which had been in abeyance for a couple of years.

It has now been installed at the Alsager Peace Garden on Crewe Road by the White Moss Quarry Gate at Radway Green, for all those travelling from the Crewe direction into Alsager to see.

Alsager Lions wish to thank the Cheshire East Council and Alsager Town Council for their approval of the project, Geoffrey White for looking after it and mainly Lions Anton Selvadurai for leading the project on behalf of the Lions club.

We hope that the JPIC are delighted that after some 3 years their pole has found a resting home



This could be YOUR CLUB's space.

Tell us what you have been doing

We really do want to know.

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Langollen Lions Support Girl Guides

The members of the Vale of Llangollen Club recently decided to support a Youth Team in their area. That Team was the 2nd Johnstown Girl Guides who had asked for some sponsorship towards their August Girlguiding trip to World Centre, Adelboden, Switzerland.



22 members were planning to travel which included two guides who were finding difficulty in funding, one who was attending a Special school and one with family problems. We decided to donate £150 to each Guide. The Team had already

raised over £4594 from various efforts.

The Lions also decided to pay for a Welsh neckerchief with a Lions Badge embroidered for each Guide. We also decided to purchase 4 Welsh Guide badges for each Guide.

All this was concluded with a visit to a Guide meeting to make the presentations totalling £506.80.



We have also contacted the Local Lions club in Adelboden asking for an opportunity for the Guides to deliver our Friendship bannerette.

Photos show cheques presentations by President Carol and members. Guides also made such a fuss of "Leo" who came with us.

PDG Lion Derrick Francis

Secretary Vale of Llangollen Lions Club.

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

Please send everything in electronic format as attachments

(Word documents, with *separate* Jpegs)

But don't worry if you can't, just send what you have and I will sort it out. The most important thing is to send me your news so we can all benefit from your successes.

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

Stone Lions Club

The Lions held their annual street collection on Saturday 14th May 2016.

The amount raised from the donations amounted to £399.46 for which they would like to thank all those who gave so generously.

After publicity from Radio Stoke a resident in the area donated a mobility scooter and a shop walker, these will add to a mounting number of disable aids that the Club are able to loan out to residents in the area.

There are now over thirty mobility scooters in use by local residents and many other items out on loan.

During a conversation with Councillor Philip Jones the poor condition of the Club's wheelchairs was mentioned, and the suggestion was made that the Lions apply for a grant from the Community fund.

A grant of £1000 was received which was used to purchase 5 new chairs. On delivery six chairs actually arrived one being generously donated by Disable Aids of Cannock who support the club in many ways, especially with the maintenance of the mobility scooters.

Photo from left to right

Councillor Philip Jones, Lion Bob Mackie, Lion Margaret Leatt, Jill Ward, Lion Glyn Ravenscroft, Lion "Mike" Ward, Ethne Jeffs, Lion Syl Robinson, Lion President Chris Handley and Lion Neil Gater.

Front row

Diana Mackie, Lilian Ward at the grand age of 106 and Joe Jeffs.

Lion Mike Potter, Stone Lions Club PR.



Llandudno Lion Donate to Air Ambulance

On Tuesday 17th May the Lions Club of Llandudno presented a cheque for £250 to the North Wales Air Ambulance service. The members of the Lions met at the Gresham Tapas restaurant, Upper Mostyn Street, for a social evening then had a presentation by Mr Medwyn Hughes who is the Aberconwy Community Coordinator for the Air Ambulance. Mr Hughes gave a talk about the work the Air Ambulance carries out and showed the club a short promotional video. After a question and answer session Lion President Gordon Woodyatt presented the cheque. Lion Gordon commented on the work the Air

Ambulance does in the area saying what a vital resource the service is not only to Llandudno but the whole of North Wales.



Martin Smith
Lions Club of Llandudno

Advanced Notice

The National Commemorative Battle of the Somme Concert on the 1st July 2016 at Heaton Park in Manchester is home to this free concert and is suitable for all ages (under 14 to be accompanied by an adult)

Why not bring a rug and a picnic, or buy refreshments at the park and join in the unforgettable evening, marking the end of a day of remembrance across the UK and in France.

Presented by broadcaster Nihal Arthanayake, the FREE concert will feature Manchester's Hallé Orchestra along with music from a national children's choir, archive film and a dance piece performed by hundreds. The concert will also feature a range of letters and poems depicting the lives of those affected by the Somme, including a specially commissioned poem read by author and broadcaster Lemn Sissay. Although this is a free concert, tickets need to be booked, please visit http://www.manchester.gov.uk/events/event/3958/concert_at_heaton_park_a_collective_creative_commemoration

The concert site will be open at 6pm and close at 9.45pm sundown.

Prior to the concert from 4pm, the park will also host The Experience Field, an outdoor heritage event showcasing stores, artefacts and expert information about life on the home and western fronts a century ago. The Experience Field is also free.

The first 5,000 memory squares which Lions and other members of the public are submitting will be printed onto ceramic tiles and laid into a temporary path in Heath Park, as well as being featured on the website <https://www.1418now.org.uk/somme100/gallery> for others to see. The path will be able to be viewed on the evening.

Mandy Broadbent

GNOSALL LIONS CLUB

Our Annual Charter Dinner took place towards the end of April. As usual we did not adopt the traditional format of Lions Charter Dinner's, ours took the form of a Medieval Lunch at the Moat House in Acton Trussell. The vast majority of the guests dressing accordingly for the event as can be seen by the photographs. The afternoon culminated with 10year Chevrons being awarded to John Ison and Ann Meadon by our the president Pam Talbot's principal guest, IPDG Carole Godden. All in all it was a fabulous afternoon, under the stewardship of our Master of Ceremonies, Stuart Powell with good food, good company and amazing entertainment by the Jester from Warwick Castle, Dave Moylan.



Coming up shortly we have our Annual Golf Day, but the date has had to be brought forward 7 days to Thursday 9th June, still at the Aqualate Golf Club with an entry fee of only £19-00 and as usual with an array of prizes to be won. Entry includes coffee and bacon Butties after 9 holes. Interested?, wishing to enter?? then please call Rick talbot on 01785 823177 for further details.

Rick Talbot