



DISTRICT NEWS

District Governor 2016-2017 Lion Steve

DG's Message



I am sitting down to write this after a very full weekend at the Council of Governors, much of the agenda was interesting and the decisions necessary, but being effectively imprisoned in the St. John Hotel for over 24 hours, it will be a pleasure to mow the lawn this morning.

Compared to my colleagues the journey to Solihull and back at just over an hour is nothing.

A source of amusement through the weekend came from a colleague who reported that on one of his club visits, he had been strongly pressed by a Lion to tell the club what salaries District Governors get. In case there is any doubt, it is exactly the same as every other Lion. There are expenses from Oak Brook for some travel and hotels, helped at the moment by the weak pound, but well short of the true cost. Not that I am complaining, I was fully aware of the implications when I stood for election and am thoroughly enjoying the job, especially the Charters and the hospitality Jean and I receive.

By the time the Newsletter is published, the Council's recommended redistricting plan will have been sent to all clubs for final comment before the Resolution is put to the MD Convention. The International Board have approved Ireland's application to become a single district and from 4th July 2017 District 133 Ireland will be in existence. This means that MD 105 is in a redistricting situation and in my view imperative that we adopt the 8 District plan to keep the Multiple District viable.

This leads to the MD Convention which will take place at the Norbreck Castle in Blackpool and forms will be issued shortly. The organising team were charged with producing a less expensive package than in recent years and have done so. This is a significant year on so many fronts and Council hopes for a large turnout for the convention part and for the Banquet & Ball, there is no Host Night. International President Bob Corlew will be with us at the Norbreck and we have the pleasure of hosting an opportunity for the Lions of BS to meet with IP Bob and his wife Dianne on the evening of Monday 24th April in Chester, after his visit to the Blinds Vets UK in Llandudno earlier in the day. Details will be issued shortly.

Talking of Chester, the Walk for Sight was very disappointing in terms of numbers, and the heavy rain



early in the morning didn't help. The guided tour was excellent and the buffet, beer and banter at the Watergate were great. Many thanks to DO John Sanders and of course mine host Frank Marnell.

Going round the District I am impressed by how many Lions are taking advantage of the centenary to try new things and get extra publicity which can only help with recruitment.

Finally as the next Cabinet Meeting includes the Youth competitions it would good to see more Lions there, if so we will keep the business sections to the minimum, I promise!

Best wishes

Steve

A Warm Welcome to New Members

in October

Newcastle under Lyme

**Trevor Hambleton
 Sandra Hambelton**



Alsager Kick Off

Alsager Lions Club presented an evening, with Soccer Legend Mr Lou Marcari and ex Stoke City kit man Neil Baldwin plus a Pie and Pea Supper

Picture shows Lou and Neil with Lion Anton Selvadurai and his wife Leila.

Thanks to Lion Kath Morris and the 13 Club here in Alsager, Alsager Lions had nigh on a full house to listen to both Lou and Neil bringing back happy memories of their days together at the Stoke City Football Club plus Lou's days as a professional footballer and manager. One of Lou's favourite stories was the day Stoke City beat Sir Alex Ferguson's Manchester United when he was manager and Neil the kit man, and how Lou managed to keep Neil away from Alex, (who hated loosing), for all the game until the final whistle was blown and in the joy of winning Neil escaped Lou's attention to say to Sir Alex " Welcome to Stoke City."

There were many hilarious stories of their time together all to be repeated in the award winning film MARVELLOUS, all about Neil's roller coaster life. For those who haven't seen the film, it's well worth a look.

Lou finished the evening with how his "Marcari Centre for the Homeless" works in Hanley, Stoke on Trent



Alsager Lions raised some £900.00, for good causes, thanks to the people attending who were also very generous buying raffle tickets.

Alsager Lions presented Lou with a cheque for £150.00 to help with his centre in Hanley with thanks to both him and Neil for a splendid evening. Ken Livingstone—Alsager Lions.

Environmental Monthly News.

Articles about Environmental Lions.

Start planting bulbs and those Lions interested in taking photographs, November is a good month to be involved with the District Photographic Competition.

Link for Lions Environmental Newsletters

<http://www.lions105bs.org.uk/>

then click on Community Projects.



Christopher Evans. Environmental Officer.

Flint & District Lions Centennial Project

Flint & District Lions Club held a prostate awareness test recently (Oct11th) at Flint high school which proved to be an overwhelming success---so much so that some 60/70 men went away disappointed. 163 people were ticketed to have the PSA Test. There were 3 phlebotomists on hand to take a simple blood test to work tirelessly from 5pm to 8.15pm---free coffee /tea & biscuits were served by several lions members. This is Flint Lions main project in their centennial year hoping it will go along way to eradicate this form of cancer .



Such was the success of this event they hope to repeat it next year.

Ken Greig—Flint & District Lions

Stone Lion’s Prostate Screening Evening.

On Tuesday the 27th September Stone Lions held their second prostate screening evening, having held the first event in 2015 when 140 turned up it was with a certain amount of trepidation wondering how many might actually arrive this year.

After a lot of advertising in the local area it was very pleasing for the organisers that the number far surpassed last year with a grand total of 220 men arriving for the test.

The two Lions mainly involved in the organisation were Glyn Ravenscroft and Mike Ward who were supported on the night by a number of fellow lions who dealt with the administration and general running of what turned out to be a very successful evening.

This year things ran very smoothly, having noted some minor problems in 2015 the processing of forms and general administration was improved upon and the tests were carried out extremely efficiently.

A very big thank you must go to all the nurses who came to support the lions and with their expertise, there was very little time actually spent waiting to be called forward.

There are a number of people who the Club would like to thank and these include the following:-

Regent Travel, Cllr. Philip Jones (Local Community Fund), Stone Town Council, Stone Festival Committee, Dave Fox Cars, Stone Tyre Repairs, Canal Cruising, Whitebridge Estates, Walton Stores, Mountford’s Ironmongers, Andy Osiecki (ABB) plus of course Stonehouse Hotel for the free use of the ballroom.

Also many thanks to all the local shops and pubs for allowing the display of posters advertising the evening.

Photo from left to right

Nurses Jane Smith, Pam Maden, Consultant Urologist Chris Luscombe, Nurses Jeannette Barrington, Julie Rich, Sharon Bowers and Ashleigh Dawson and Ian Challinor who has just had his blood taken.

Lion Mike Potter, Stone Lions Club PR.



Ironbridge Lions win National Lottery Grant for Prostate screening event

A Shropshire Lions Club has secured Lottery funding to help stage a Prostate Cancer Screening event next year that aims to test several hundred local males for the killer disease.

Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions have received a National Lottery Grant of £4,487 after successfully jumping through the many hoops posed by the lottery team in the wake of their funding application.

The Club has also approached local companies for sponsorship and donations to help them put on the event which is scheduled to take place on Monday 13th March at Jubilee House, High Street, Madeley, Telford.

Members of Ironbridge Lions voted to stage the event after discovering the heart-stopping facts about prostate cancer from retired Consultant Urological Surgeon, Mr David Baxter-Smith, who has agreed to help out on the night.

As well as covering the cost of the venue the Club needs to raise funds for a major publicity drive as well as to cover the £15 costs of the test for as many men as possible.

The tests will be provided by Mr Baxter-Smith, an authority on prostate cancer who has worked closely with Lions clubs across the country to make screening more widely available, and professional Phlebotomists will be on hand to take blood samples.



Ironbridge Lions President, John Marsh, said: "It has been proven that early diagnosis of prostate cancer results in better outcomes and that is why every man in an 'at risk' category should get checked.

"This will be a major event for a small club like Ironbridge and the lottery funding has given us great comfort as we want to test as many men as possible and have no idea how many people will turn up on the night.

"Local businesses have been very supportive, as have the local media in taking up our press releases and publicising what we are doing. In addition we have had a donation from our local Prostate Cancer Support Group and a promise of help from Rotary."

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**** Important message from your Editor. ****

Next month I will be visiting my daughter in Thailand and so will not be able to compile the December edition of our News Letter. I would, therefore, ask all correspondents to email their articles to District Secretary Rob Brown at lionbssec@outlook.com

Regards, Ed.



Centenary News

Only 2 months to go

How will your club celebrate/commemorate 100 years of service?

Plant 100 – trees, bushes, roses, bulbs?

Feed 100 – children, senior citizens, homeless people?

Entertain 100 – support a concert for/with local groups

Give away 100 – books to a school, pairs of socks to a shelter?

Lions are ingenious and inventive – let's hear some of your ideas.

The tail and back legs so far

One of our targets is to raise £10,000 to fund the training of a Hearing Dog to be allocated to someone in our district area.

So far just under 25% of our clubs have contributed and raised a total of £3,433, well done to them, a great start. Remember this cause has also been chosen by DG's wife Jean as her charity for the year, an extra reason to support it.

If your club wants to help move the thermometer farther towards our goal –just send your donation to the District Treasurer made payable to Lions District 105BS endorsed Hearing Dogs on the back.



Don't forget to keep the camera handy

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 can be very creative so let's see what unusual forms and positions we can find. Full details were in the July mailing.

100 years of service to the community is something well worth celebrating . Please continue to report your activities via MyLCI so we can gather some impressive figures of what we achieve altogether.

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

BS SUCCESS IN YLIS

No matter what the size of your Club, it is worth all of the endeavour in bringing the YLIS Award scheme to the young people in your locality.

Rick Talbot (Gnosall Lions Club) in conjunction with other local clubs, has recently made a number of presentations to local Police cadets, Guiders, and local pupils resulting in excess of 150 young people taking up the challenge.

The setting up involving the Staffordshire junior Police Cadets initially commenced about 18 months ago for the Staffordshire Junior Police took longer than anticipated as each of the six units in the County in turn were set up, settled in and then became active.

Once that was accomplished Rick Talbot, Secretary and Youth Officer of Gnosall Lions Club, the current 105BS Chair addressed a meeting with the Staffordshire Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Sue Arnold, the County Cadet Admin Officer, Carol Barrs, Cadet Leaders of all six Units and serving Police Officers.



Each Unit in turn was then visited and given a YLIS presentation to launch the Award. Rick was accompanied by the Lion Youth Officers local to each unit, namely Stoke on Trent Lions Club (Burslem and Longton Cadets) Cannock Lions Club (Cannock and Codsall Cadets), Tamworth Lions Club (Tamworth Cadets) and Gnosall Lions Club (Stafford Cadets). In each Unit the Award presentation was met with much enthusiasm resulting in excess 130 cadets registering and receiving their YLIS Log books. To see how things were progressing and to get feedback Rick returned a fortnight later observing it had really taken off with a vengeance.

Once the 12 months have elapsed it is planned to have an Awards ceremony at County Police Headquarters where the successful recipients will be presented with their well deserved awards from the Staffs PCC, the District Governor, in front of their parents and friends and invited dignitaries.

Sue Arnold of the Staffordshire PCC's Office can see only good coming out of the scheme as it has such a positive influence on the lives of young people, many of whom come from challenging backgrounds. To date one young Cadet is now a Special Constable with another cadet Megan Montford (Burslem) has recently returned from South Africa working in a township and has entered the Young Ambassador Competition.



Stafford Grammar School have also adopted it, with the Year 8 pupils competing for a trophy presented to the winning House by Gnosall Lions. The 6th Form are also adopting the qualification as it is perceived as an excellent 'value added' item to put on their CV's and UCAS applications.

Finally Gnosall Guides are also taking up the Award which means that in the past month in excess of 150 young people have commenced the YLIS Award, with the bonus for Gnosall in that they have got a Young Ambassador candidate and a number of Peace Poster entrants, not bad for one of our smaller clubs.

Rick Talbot (Gnosall Lions Club)
Youth Chair 105BS

TRAVELLING LIONS

District travelling/visiting lions competition up to 20 September 2016.

Stoke on Trent	84
Ellesmere Port and District	70
Llandudno	69
Wilmslow and District	56
Baumaris Menai Aethwy	53
Cannock	46
Tamworth	41
Telford	37
Flint and District	25
Urmston	23
Leek	19
Uttoxeter	19
Newcastle	12
Congleton	7
Prestatyn & Rhyl	2
Stafford	1



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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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 .

Little Orme Lions See the Way

6 members of Little Orme Lions including President Lynn Jackson spent a pleasant afternoon on October 3rd sorting and packing donated spectacles. 550 pairs were packed in boxes ready to be sent to Chichester Lions club who then ship the spectacles to 3rd world countries.

The photo shows from the left Treasurer Lion Steve Savory President Lion Lynn Jackson and past President Lion Sandy Halliday.

Joyce Jones Little Orme Lions



Vital Shropshire Cancer Unit Gets Financial Boost from Lions

Members and Friends of Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions visited the Lingen Davies Cancer Centre at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital last week to present a cheque for £500 to Radiotherapy Manager, Louise Killey. The money will go towards the purchase of a new Linear Accelerator for the unit.

Club President, John Marsh, said: "On the day of the presentation we were given a full tour of the centre which took almost two hours, with staff answering our many questions despite being busy dealing with patients. I don't think any of us had realised just how amazing the work they do there is, or how important the unit is for cancer sufferers in the area."

Providing specialist equipment housed in purpose built buildings, the Lingen Davies Cancer Fund has invested millions over almost four decades to improve the facilities for cancer patients.

Work on the cancer unit began in 1979 when Bernard Lingen, the then Mayor of Shrewsbury, launched the Cobalt Unit Trust Fund with the help of local accountant Frank Davies. Their aim was to build and equip a new Radiotherapy Department so that people with cancer in Shropshire and Mid Wales could receive their treatment and care locally.

Since its inception the charity has remained committed to providing new buildings and equipment to give a more comfortable and suitable environment for local cancer patients. In 1994, the charity changed its name to the Lingen Davies Cancer Relief Fund, in recognition of the hard work and dedication of Bernard Lingen and Frank Davies and in April 2013 it changed its name again to the Lingen Davies Cancer Fund to emphasise the work it still needs to do to help improve facilities for cancer patients across Shropshire and Mid Wales.

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From left: John Marsh (President of Ironbridge Lions), Louise Killey (Lingen Davies unit Radiotherapy Manager), Jill Marsh (Treasurer of Ironbridge Lions).



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

Please identify key people in any relevant photographs otherwise the impact of the story line may be lost.

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Go on, send Rob some news about YOUR Club!