



**District 105BS**  
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## ***DISTRICT NEWS***

District Governor 2015-2016 Lion Chris Aked

### DG Message for May Newsletter

Next week will herald one of the most momentous weeks in the history of our organisation. Delegates at our MD Convention in Eastbourne will decide whether to approve – or reject – resolutions which would change the way the organisation is run, in an effort to reduce costs.

During the past several months I have explained, in the Newsletter, at Cabinet, zone and club meetings, of the need to make our organisation more cost effective for the existing membership and for potential new members.

The background to this situation is that while membership has declined from more than 20,000 ten years ago to today's level of 15,000, little has been done to reduce our costs.

In the past 12 months the need has been made even more urgent by Ireland's desire to leave the MD which would reduce the membership "income" from dues by a substantial amount. We now face two choices: either raise MD dues or cut costs.

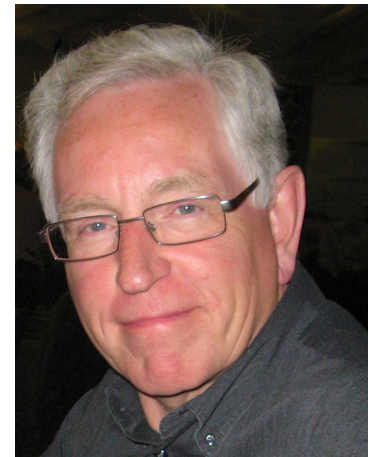
Each District within the MD has had extensive communication with its members. However, District EA raised an official dispute with the Council of Governors, covering various matters. Conciliators were appointed and they decided that the Council had followed the constitutional process correctly.

Part of the dispute hinged on the consultation period and potential implementation date for redistricting. The conciliators decided that an emergency resolution must be put by the Council to convention delegates, *instructing next year's council to carry out further consultation, delaying redistricting from 2018 to 2019.*

At Convention, a card vote will be used for delegates to either accept or reject the emergency resolution. If it is rejected the original redistricting resolutions (reducing the number of Districts to either eight or seven) will be voted on by secret ballot. My own view has not wavered since we began the cost review ...we should reduce the number of districts to *seven* to increase our savings.

It is, of course, up to club delegates to decide which way to vote – personally, I hope the emergency resolution will be rejected as I see no advantage in delaying the redistricting. All it does is further delay the inevitable ... and savings opportunities will be lost.

If any club delegate, potentially for or against the emergency resolution, or indeed any of the other resolutions, wishes to discuss the issues with me before Convention please do not hesitate to get in touch.



Best regards  
Chris



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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

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### **LIONS ARE TO CELEBRATE THE OFFICIAL FORMATION OF A BRAND NEW CLUB**

**HEDNESFORD BRANCH CLUB ARE TO BECOME  
“HEDNESFORD CENTENNIAL LIONS CLUB”  
DURING THEIR CHARTER FORMATION EVENING  
ON**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May**



**At**

**The Aquarius Ballroom, Victoria Street,  
Hednesford, WS12 1BT**

**Time: 7.30pm for 8.00pm**

**Cost: £6.00 per person to include a buffet - a  
bar will be available.**



Payment before event preferred, cheques made payable to Hednesford Lions.  
Payment on arrival will be available upon request and by prior arrangement.

Dress: Your club shirts and colours, no jeans please.

**To join us in celebrating this very  
special occasion contact**

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**Or post to**

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**Bev's PR Bit**

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Well busy time is here again mind you the weather is giving us a run for our money. Hope you enjoyed the forum and the social media session was useful. With only a couple of months to go to our year end, can you please make sure you have entered your events and donations on MY LCI , this gives a bigger picture of what we do as a collective organisation. A couple of months ago Barton Under Needwood Club Branch had their birthday. They managed to get Burton TV there. They are funded by the BBC and they came and reported on the event and a jolly good report was posted on their FB page. Here is the Link [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FJN8\\_zlwMrA&feature=player\\_embedded](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FJN8_zlwMrA&feature=player_embedded) It may be worth finding out if you have a local online TV station.

As you know I am on FB a lot of the time found these lovely photos



from Balsall Common Lions Club I know that they are not in our district. They show a donation of bean bags given to their local library for the Childrens' area. What a great idea.

Keep Roaring !!!!!

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

<b>Knutsford:</b>	David Briggs
<b>Llandudno:</b>	David Page
<b>Stockport:</b>	Sheila Rickman
<b>Uttoxeter:</b>	Liz Clutton
<b>Vale Royal:</b>	Susan Scott





## Barton under Needwood Branch Celebration!

Recently, the Holland's Sports Club saw 80 or so Lions and local dignitaries attend Barton's Lions 1st birthday bash!

Barton Lions formed as a Club Branch of Lichfield Lions over twelve months ago, and guests heard from President David Pomroy in a passionate address. David said how proud he was of their achievements during their first twelve months. This included giving out many free Message in a Bottle containers (MIAB). Distribution has been widespread throughout the village.



Lions and Guests enjoy the party with PDG John May, VDG Steve Shields and his wife Jean in the background.



Branch President David presents a cheque to the extremely pregnant Jenny Quadrado of CHICKS. Jenny gave birth about a week later to a bouncing baby boy.

The evening saw the club

donate £250 to CHICKS, a charity which provides respite adventure holidays for problem and disadvantaged youngsters. CHICKS have recently purchased a farmhouse retreat in Ashbourne. In addition £250 was donated to the Rugby Team youngsters of Barton for strips etc. Other service projects and fundraising opportunities are already planned for the next few months and helpers are needed.

David thanked Byrkley garden Centre and Holland's club for their vital support during the year.

One of the highlights of the evening was a presentation by Tamworth LP Pam Travena of a Lion Bank which will help their Tail

Twister to collect more fines at the monthly meetings.

A good time was had by all! There was even time for a pass the parcel game and the hot buffet was followed by jelly and ice cream! (Well it was a birthday party—that's what you do!)

The club meet at the Holland's at 8pm on the first Tuesday of the month, and are actively seeking new members.



Tamworth LP Pam Travena presenting David with the Lion Bank.

DO Lion Graham Stanyer



## **A brief reminder**

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

These are the targets we want to achieve by December 31<sup>st</sup> 2017 across MD105 – can your club help?

- Plant 100,000 trees and 100,000 bulbs
- Recycle 1,000,000 pairs of spectacles, 10,000 hearing aids and 1,000,000 batteries
- Fund 100,000 measles vaccinations
- Run sessions for 100,000 prostate screenings and 100,000 diabetes screenings
- Make 100,000 befriending calls to the elderly and donate 100,000 pints of blood
- Walk, swim or run for a good cause
- Feed 100,000 hungry people
- Use LEHP to refer 100,000 for sight tests
- Encourage young people to give 100,000 hours of service via YLIS
- Clear 100 miles of paths
- Sponsor training for 14 hearing dogs (2 in Ireland, 1 each in other districts)

Those highlighted in yellow have already been achieved but they are worthwhile projects so keep going on them.



Please remember to record any work towards centenary targets as part of your club's activities report. It is very simple;-

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.

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

### Lichfield Crack it With Giant Easter Eggs

In the run up to Easter, Lichfield Lions joined forces with Barton Branch to sell raffle tickets in the pubs in and around Lichfield and also 2 weekends at the Shenstone Wyvale garden centre. Despite falling membership and growing ages of those remaining, we raised just over £1,800. Our chosen charity this year was Disadvantaged Children.



Thanks to all the members of Lichfield and Barton Lions who worked darned hard to make this event so successful. LP John May said "Our charities account was in danger of going into the red but the exceptional effort of our loyal members mean that we can continue to support our community. Our next fund raiser will be 'Cars in the Park' in July for which we will require the assistance of other Clubs in our Zone."

When the draw was made on Easter Saturday, one of the winners kindly donated the egg back to us to distribute where we deemed suitable, so it was taken to Saxon Hill School for disabled children. It was enthusiastically received and soon disposed of!

VP Chris Prichard, Easter Egg Organiser



## TRAVELLING LIONS

District travelling/visiting lions competition. From 1st March 2016 until 19th

Stoke on Trent	35
Beaumaris Menai Aethwy	30
Ellesmere Port and District	19
Llandudno	19
Wilmslow and District	16
Leek	14
Telford	12
Newcastle	11
Uttoxeter	10
Tamworth	3
Congleton	2
Flint and District	1
Urmston	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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## **BE PREPARED" WITH CANNOCK CHASE LIONS CLUBS**

Scouts have been camping in and around Cannock Chase for exactly 100 years and to celebrate this centennial the local scout troops are organising a Big Camp at Shugborough Park in September.

To help fund this mini jamboree the Cannock Chase Scouts Executive Committee put out an appeal to local business providers and charitable organisations asking for help with sponsorship and in response the three local Lions clubs based at Cannock, Hednesford and Rugeley all made donations totalling over a thousand pounds.

These funds will help provide a variety of fun activities including zip-lines, kayaking, archery, climbing and circus skills and demonstrates Lions International commitment to helping positive young people and groups.

This project is a good example of how local Lions clubs can collaborate for the benefit of their immediate community and raise the profile of Lionism with an audience of potential members.



Cannock Chase Scouts District Commissioner, Phil Foster, receiving a cheque from local Lions Club representatives Cannock President Brian Ward, Hednesford Branch President Shaun Middleton and Rugeley Lions Youth Officer, Ed Rule.

There are 50 Clubs in our District **NOT** mentioned in this news letter.

**This could be YOUR CLUB's space.**

Tell us what you have been doing

We really do want to know.

**All Club Secretaries/Presidents please forward a copy (electronically if possible) to all Club members.**

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**GNOSALL LIONS CLUB UPDATE**

The end of March and early April period has been rather strange Lions wise around the village with success regarding the Easter Eggs in the various locations around the villages of Gnosall and Haughton bringing in a total of £210 less the cost of the eggs so thank you to all who supported us on this.

Successes in that there seems to be a noticeable increase in people attending the Table Top sales thanks, we think, are due to the new signage, the yellow roll out banners which are on display as you enter the village from either end on the A518. Thanks to Stuart Powell and John Ison for their efforts in this initiative as there is also an increase in number of stall holders, so please feel free to come along, as there is something there for everyone and all at great prices . Note that we also have a later start time start time of 10-00 am.

The Afternoon Tea Dances are also now settling down very nicely, again with numbers on the increase and we have now decided due to demand to run them throughout the year (excepting August) in the memorial hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month starting at 2-00pm. The music provided by Dave and Doreen is fantastic and the food provided by Joan and her team is beyond belief, and all for £4-00. Why not come along and join us for a lovely afternoons entertainment , either to dance to or just to take in the atmosphere.

At the same time we unfortunately had to cancel the Easter Bunny Hunt due to the weather, it was raining hard on the day and the paths were sodden so sorry about that.

Event wise coming up we are involved in the Staffordshire Day event taking place on the village Green, we will be organising Bowling for the Pig and also if the weather is good enough (not raining) then we may have a special guest for the children attending, so keep your eyes open on the day, and keep the rain away.

Our next big event following this is our Annual Golf Day, again taking place at Aqualate Golf Club, with a slight change of format in that it will be an Individual Stableford Competition, with the cost again at an amazing £19-00 per head, a price which has remained unchanged for the past 8 years. There will again be 10 or 11 trophies up for grabs and the price also includes a bacon Bap and Coffee after 9 holes so come along golfers and join us for this great and popular event

Rick Talbot

***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.

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