

# Chicago Tribune



How quickly time flies! Chicago proved to be an amazing and interesting experience. A mixture of hard work, (yes I did have to work!) and an opportunity to see some iconic architecture and sights that I shall always remember. I have to include amongst these happy memories, a boat trip on the 4<sup>th</sup> July in the company of my fellow DGs, to watch a fantastic

firework display. The thing that remains with me the most however is the warmth of the Chicagoans and the pleasure of spending time with like-minded people from all over the world. The chance to talk with other Lions was invaluable, we may all be separated by air-miles, but we all have the same desire to serve and make a difference and sadly the same type of problems.

Our International President Dr Naresh Aggarwal was both fervent and generous, showering us with gifts. He gave us all, (DG Elects) a book of 'parable' type stories and cards based on the theme of good leadership, to inspire and motivate us. He has also made a video



in which he sings a new anthem, 'We are the Lions'. If anyone is eager to see this, I have posted it on the Lions Clubs of North Wales FB page! His theme for the year is 'We Serve' and this will remain the theme for the next three years. It reminds us all of the fundamental purpose of being a Lion, to serve our fellow man, Where there is a need there is a Lion and where there is a need there should most definitely be a Lion!

The International Convention afforded Lions the privilege of listening to several inspirational and motivational speakers, Al Gore, Nick Vujicic, Ban Ki-moon, Sr Shivani and Patti La Belle. We were privy to musical performances by Chicago, the Beach Boys, Charlie Daniels Band, Patti Labelle and a Blues Brother tribute act, to name but a few. This was interspersed with lots of dancing performances and film clips also. The Convention was very well organised, with the transport to venues running like clockwork - no leaves on the line or the wrong type of snow here!

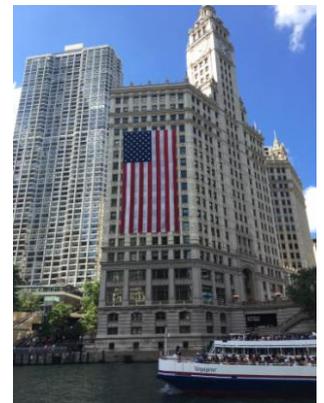


The Parade of Nations is something I shall never forget. The crowds gathered showered us with good will, shouts of welcome and encouragement. It was so uplifting to be walking with Lions from all over the world, united in a common purpose and goal!

Lions Clubs International has given thought to moving now into the first year of the new Century of Lions, by producing a new strategy called simply 'LCI Forward'. This initiative is designed to guide Lions for the next 5 years and it is hoped to have an impact on our humanitarian service, reshape public opinion and improve visibility, pursue Club, District and organisational excellence, improve membership value and research new markets - taking Lions quite literally forward in new directions. This initiative will be discussed at the Cabinet Meeting in August. Please remember that all of you have an open invitation to come to Cabinet should you wish to do so. You will always be made welcome.



Yesterday was the Handover Dinner. My thanks to all those who attended and those who helped to make it happen. I am grateful and humbled by all the good wishes I have received, and the many cards and emails. I thank all those who have agreed to serve on Cabinet alongside me, and IPDG Steve for his leadership and service in the past year.

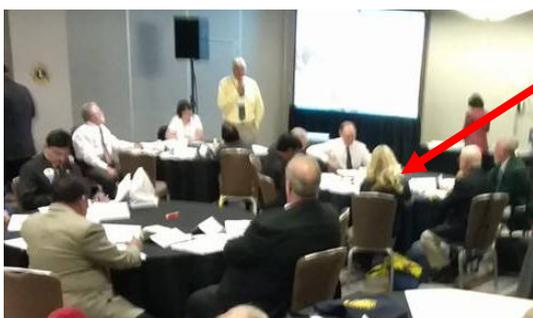


The dinner was preceded by a well attended Service of Rededication. The theme was quite naturally about the power of service and the strength that comes from working together to do such work. The grand finale to the day was a very solid and exciting performance by the Lions Youth Brass Band. All present, left feeling exhilarated and buoyant and in awe of the talent shown by the band members. They really were the icing to the cake, with a cherry on the top! I recommend everyone to engage in supporting them and attending their performances.

So finally, here we are, stepping into the first year of the new Century of Lions, exciting times. I shall close with a quote by Sr Shivani.

'Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing you will be successful.'

Based on this premise District 105BS will be successful!



**Me!**



**Work!**

DG Teresa

**Rest!**



# DISTRICT GAZETTE

*The Latest News from Around Your District*



**AUGUST 2017**



Welcome to the New Members:

Birkenhead - Frank Harrison

Leek - Colin Sheldon

Knutsford - Val and David Bryant, James Webster

Middle Marches - Mary Poval

Prestatyn & Rhyl - Kathy Mulgrew, Kevin Mulgrew, Adrian Raduta, Sarah Raduta

Tamworth - Frances Bragger

Vale Royal - Colin Mason



**Welcome to you all and I look forward to personally meeting you soon,  
at an event, a visit or a Charter.**

**DG Teresa**

## VDG STEVE'S BIT

It's me again. Well fellow Lions, I hope you enjoyed the first edition of the "District Gazette". I know there was lots to look at, with all the articles submitted, but that's what they are about.



I know every club has something going on, whether now or in the future, so please get the details to Editor Margaret, who will be only too pleased to include them in the next edition. It's your Gazette, so let us know what you are doing.

My fellow Lions and friends, the District Handover has come and gone for this year and I would like to congratulate Lion Teresa on becoming our District Governor for 2017/2018. I am confident she will do a fantastic job and I will support her and her team to achieve her goals. Thanks must also go to IPDG Steve for his service and commitment to the District during the past year.

I am looking forward very much to the visits I will be making to the clubs scheduled for me and meeting the Lions that I already know and the Lions I have not met so far.

Please enjoy this Gazette. Keep enjoying the friendship you share within your clubs and most of all remember, we are one big brilliant team and must continue to "Work Together"

Cheers

**Steve, VDG**

*Fact for the month . "The Nursery Rhyme Never Says Humpty Dumpty Was An Egg"*

**At the District Handover there were 10 Past District Governors.  
The question is - What is the collective name for a gathering of PDGs?  
Polite answers on a postcard please (email will do) to the Editor.**

## KNUTSFORD LIONS WELCOME THREE NEW MEMBERS



At our Club Meeting on 12 July we inducted three new members - Val and David Bryant and James Webster. We are delighted that they all decided to join, and wish them many years of satisfaction and fun from participation in our Club activities. James was at one time a member of Knutsford Leos and returned a few months ago from working abroad. David took a lot of pictures at our Centenary Fair - in particular the excellent picture of the large group of Lions (makes a great header for our Facebook page!) - so that skill will certainly be an asset!

**CLIVE HEATH  
KNUTSFORD**

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## NEVER SAY NEVER

Tony Norton has been a member of Macclesfield & District Lions Club for 28 years but, despite being a director, has never served as President...until now.



Twenty-four year old Christopher Oatway, who celebrates seven years of membership on his birthday, handed the President's chain of office to Tony whose first official engagement was the Club's Lions Youth Brass Band Concert at Kings School on Saturday 15th July

**CHRISTOPHER OATWAY  
MACCLESFIELD**

## A DUCK RACE WITH A DIFFERENCE

Many readers will be aware of the loss of all but a few of Stone Lions 1100 plastic ducks which perished in a barn fire at the beginning of June. Although their demise put an end to the Duck Race, at least for this year, the Lions were unwilling to 'duck their responsibilities' and decided to carry on regardless. Prizes had already been sourced for the winners of the race and therefore a draw took place instead.

At midday on Saturday July 8th 2017, in Westbridge Park, Stone Town Mayor Councillor Jim Davies led a group of Stone Lions as they observed a one minute silence in memory of the deceased ducks, as a recognition of their contribution to well over £20,000 that the Duck Race had raised for good causes over the years, before officiating at the Club's first ever Duckless Duck Race Draw.

The Duckless Duck Race Draw raised £1,365.69 and, as always, Stone Lions would like to thank everyone who supported the event by donating prizes and buying tickets.



Members of Stone Lions Club admiring their Centennial flowerbed in Stonefield Park, Stone. Thanks are due to Streetscene for an amazing display.

**CHRIS HANDLEY  
STONE**

## INTERNATIONAL CITIZENS SERVICE

Megan Preston recently gave a presentation to Alsager Lions Club on how she had been accepted and chosen to take part, during her gap year, as a participant for International Citizens Service (ICS). ICS is an organisation which will give the opportunity for young volunteers to help some of the poorest people in the world and for them to learn valuable skills at the same time.

Megan has been selected to go to Senegal, in West Africa, for three months, starting in September, during which time she will be living with a local family and will be involved in a community work project along with a Senegalese counter part volunteer. During her stay she will be working with young people in schools and youth clubs to help raise awareness on current health issues, employability skills and subsequently to help fight poverty.



She's hoping her studies in A level French, at Alsager School, will help her in the French speaking country.

Megan needs to raise £800.00 as part of her commitment to ICS and Alsager Lions unanimously decided to give her £150.00 to wards her financial goal. The club thanked her for her splendid presentation wished her well on her forth coming travels and look forward to her save return and to tell us how she got on.

## KEN LIVINGSTON ALSAGER

### PRESENTATION OF NEW MOTORBIKE FOR NORTH WEST WALES BLOOD BIKES

On Sunday, 4th June, at their Charter Lunch, Beaumaris Menai Aethwy Lions Club presented a new motorbike to Paul Kennedy and Gary Frost of North West Wales Blood Bikes. This group has only been going for a short length of time and was in desperate need of another motorbike having only one between the group.

This was the culmination of 9 months intensive fundraising and hard work by all the members of the club, who had very quickly decided that this was a project worth taking on, although it was expected to take about 12 months to raise the £5,000 needed.

The extra motorbike enables the group to have more availability and flexibility in transporting, for the NHS, blood supplies, plasma and premature baby milk, along with documents and other vital supplies, between hospitals across the country, where and when necessary.



The Club was given the honour of naming the bike. It was unanimously agreed that the bike should be named "Enfys" after one of our longest standing Lions - Enfys Hughes.



On the bike- Enfys Hughes. From the left - Carol Dawson, Gary Frost (Blood Bikes), Ed the Lion, Rochelle Stamper, Wendy Thomas, Gill Parry, Anita Wilkinson, LP Barry Stamper VP Denise Harris-Edwards

**ROCHELLE STAMPER  
BEAUMARIS-MENAI-AETHWY**

## TWO BECOME ONE - ITS OFFICIAL, WE ARE NOW GNOSALL & NEWPORT LIONS !

In late March President Lion Stuart Powell of Gnosall Lions received an email from our Mother Club, Newport Shropshire & District with a problem. They were in danger of ceasing to be, due to falling membership and no-one willing to take on the role of President. They still, however, wished to remain Lions and requested that they join us.

We held an Emergency Club Meeting and were unanimous that they not only join us, but that their name should also not disappear but should be incorporated into ours. Joint meetings of both clubs were held, views taken from both regarding meetings etc. So, in conjunction with District Secretary Rob Brown (Vale Royal), Club Secretary Lion Rick Talbot worked through the documentation to make a formal proposal to District Cabinet for the newly named Club. On June 22nd Gnosall, Newport & District Lions Club was confirmed as the new name for the Club by Oakbrook and since then we have been very busy.

We have raised over £1500 on 4 events, an Aldi Tin Rattle, the Newport Old Tyme Market, a Golf Day and Afternoon Tea Dances. These Tea Dances are so successful and popular that we are now continuing them throughout the year. We also have a planned stand at the Newport Show and in August; we are going to the VFest in Weston Park Staffordshire with Rotary collecting tents and discarded similar items for Christian Aid; Newport's Prostate Cancer Event in October; Gnosall's exhaustive Youth Programme, amongst other initiatives.

Socially we are also active going as a group to the Stafford Castle Shakespeare Festival, and have a BBQ coming up, and are in the process of planning a 12 months' Social Calendar with our Charter in October. This taking the theme of "An Afternoon Tea Dance".

As a joint effort we were mindful to look at both Clubs activities and have listened to each other. There are no ego worries or one Club trying to outdo the other and have supported each other. Newport's Presidential Chain was lost a couple of years ago so we have purchased the Presidents Bars of each of their Past Presidents who are still Lions and incorporated them into our Presidential Chain. All our Committees are now integrated involving members of both Clubs on Fund Raising, Youth, Welfare and other committees and it appears to be working well. Perhaps other Clubs should consider doing what we have done, forget petty differences as no-one is bigger than the Club. This applies especially on those Clubs with low numbers who are located close together.

Perhaps other Clubs in similar circumstances could possibly consider the Gnosall & Newport model as the way forward. Our activities are up, increasing our profile locally which, in turn, has led to more income and a larger local Footprint. Added to this we also have a busy and lively Social Calendar in which we are all involved.



Cruella de Ville aka Pam Talbot at Gnosall Carnival.  
LP Rick Talbot meets Indian visitors at the Eisteddfod



Lions and visitors to Gnosall Carnival enjoying the day

## GNOSALL & NEWPORT LIONS GOLF DAY 2017

Twenty Six intrepid golfers braved the rain on Thurs 29th June to compete in the latest Annual Golf Day held at Aqualate Golf Club and helped to raise an amazing £672 which will be used for local good causes in and around our locality



Trophies available on the day

The day had started quite good, grey sky with no rain forecast, but no, it had to happen for once and down it came making conditions difficult but there were a number of good scores recorded. In fact the overall winner was one of three who recorded 41 points, 5 over their handicaps. However, on count back, overall winner, Daz Saxon from Shifnal GC, and the winning Jo Cole from Lilleshall GC, of which both Clubs were well represented.

On the day we also had our usual OSWALD, Nearest the Pin, Longest Drive, Longest Drive Ladies, Fish & a Chip and most Golf Trophies which made for a fun day in spite of the weather. Pride of place must go however to Daz Saxon who, in addition to the Overall Winners trophy, was also presented with the Howlett Memorial Trophy. This Trophy presented by Shaun Howlett in memory of his twin brother and his son who both got into difficulties in the sea whilst on holiday in Majorca, and drowned.

The event, at which I was ably supported by fellow Lions Pam, Joan, John Slynn, Peter, Geoff and Nicola, made for a good day and we look forward to welcoming this year's and also future golfers to this annual event.



Lion Mike Ward with his Longest Drive Trophy

## RICK TALBOT GNOSALL & NEWPORT LIONS

### TRAVELLING LIONS



Hi, fellow Lions,

Stafford Lions are now on their travels, with their first form handed to me recently.

Let's have some more club additions to start travelling.

Fun, laughter and new friends is what it is all about.

To download forms, go to the 105BS website, go to the member's area, and select competitions header, and then the Visiting Lions form, and post or e-mail them to me - I will acknowledge forms e-mailed.

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CLUB NAME	POINTS
STOKE ON TRENT	69
WILMSLOW	49
LLANDUDNO	31
TELFORD	18
TAMWORTH	17
ELLESMERE PORT & DISTRICT	16
NEWCASTLE	16
CANNOCK	15
LEEK	14
UTTOXETER	14
PRESTATYN AND RHYL	10
BEAUMARIS-MENA-AETHWY	6
STAFFORD	6
STONE	6
RUGELEY	4
SALE AND DISTRICT	3
BUCKLEY AND MOLD	2
GNOSALL	r2
URMSTON	2
ALSAGER	1
CHEADLE	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>302</b>

**DON'T FORGET - YOUR EVENT COULD BE CELEBRATED AND SHARED IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF YOUR GAZETTE.**

**SEND COPY AND PICTURES TO ME AT:- [newsletter@lions105bs.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@lions105bs.org.uk)  
or post to Lion Margaret Marsh, "Thornfield", 7 Bank House Lane, Helsby,  
Cheshire, WA6 0PS**

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## “100 words for the World”

Lions Sue Fordham and Margaret Marsh, of Ellesmere Port & District Lions, visited several junior schools in the area promoting the District’s “100 Words for the World” competition. Reading the entries was very interesting, counting the number of words used was a bit time-consuming and some entries were eliminated because they had gone over the 100.

However, a winner was chosen to represent the club at District level, written by Katie Grogan, Year 6 at Helsby Hillside Primary School. She was presented, at a school Assembly, with her prize of a Family Ticket to the Cheshire Vue Cinema at Cheshire Oaks, worth £25.00. All the other winners, at the other schools, received the same voucher.

Her entry was then sent to D.O. Shirley Vaughan and Katie won the District Prize too, so another presentation was made. The Centenary News, on the following page, shows the wording of Katie’s entry. So many subjects, covered in 99 words, by an 11 year old.



The photograph shows Katie with Headmaster Craig Richardson, English Teacher Linda Thomas and LP Margaret.

**MARGARET MARSH  
ELLESMERE PORT & DISTRICT**

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## TAMWORTH GOES TUBING

Tamworth lions sponsored Tubing at the Tamworth Snowdome. This was arranged by Samantha Turnbull Team Co-ordinator for Staffordshire Vision Impairment Team. Visually impaired children from around Staffordshire enjoyed a session on the ski slope riding down in tubes. They also had a lunch and we also sponsored a goody bag for each child.



**Mark Kyte  
Tamworth**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL MONTHLY NEWS

Articles about Environmental.

This month’s first article Puffins facing severe decline.

Second article focuses on UK wild bird’s conservation Red, Amber, Green list explained.

**Christopher Evans  
District Environmental Officer**

### IT TIP - How to re-size your Photographs

Open your version of Microsoft Word

On the top panel, click on the 'Insert' tab and choose the icon for 'Picture'

Find the photo you wish to resize and click 'Insert'

If there are no dots around the picture, click it so that there are

On the top panel, click 'Compress Pictures'

When the box pops up, choose 'Screen' or 'Email' as target output. This will compress the file and make it suitable for use within a document without taking up lots of space in the file size.

Click 'OK' and right click the picture to 'Save as Picture' and choose the location where you would like to re-save the file.

**Christopher Oatway  
PR Team**

# Centenary News



## Appeal final total- We did it!!



Our District Hearing Dogs appeal for £10,000 to train a dog for someone in our district has been achieved and overtaken. DG's wife Jean Shields will be presenting cheques to Hearing dogs for Deaf People for £10,854.62 at District Handover. Thank you to everyone who supported this great cause.

## Competition results

Entries for our 100 Words for the World schools competition were of a very high standard, judging was extremely difficult with a result that all highly commended entries were also given a prize. As expected the children brought a fresh perspective to world issues.

The winning entry was from Katie Grogan sponsored by Ellesmere Port Lions Club

Treat everybody as equals.

Happiness is very important, smile and be happy.

End world hunger, make sure everybody eats.

Wars should stop! No one should argue, we should get along.

Or we could end poverty, so nobody is left out.

Racism is a no! Everybody is equal no matter what skin colour they have

Littering don't do it! Make the world a cleaner place.

Do not abuse animals! They are still a living thing and deserve to be treated with respect.

All of these will make the world a happier, cleaner and safer world for us to live in.



Second place –Alannah Shilcock sponsored by Leek Lions Club

Third place- Jack Pritchard sponsored by Beaumaris Menai Aethwy Lions Club

Giving and being kind

It's not always about the big things, it's small acts of kindness that will help the world. Donating foods to food banks so people aren't hungry. Giving clothes to people or charities. Saying hello to people and asking how they are to make their day that bit better so they don't feel alone. Asking people if they need help, if you can see they are struggling. Donating money to charities to support children or adults that have problems. I think its about giving and not expecting anything in return. Together we can make the world a better place!

If I was able to make the world a better place there would be no drugs nor alcoholic drinks. There would be no more wars or human slavery. All countries would be friens stopping terrorists. I would stop pollution, smoke, oil or exhaust pipes. Security on banks would get upgraded decreasing the chance of robberies. Abandoned pets would get treated better, sweets would have healthier recipes but taste the same. Smoke from factories would be converted to oxygen. Cures for cancers. Enhanced medicines. Bone serum for broken bones. And so that's how I would make the world a better place.

No centenary mug competition this month – watch out next time.

Please remember to let us know what your club is planning/has done for the centenary.

For more information contact District Centennial Chair PDG Shirley Vaughan

## BRIDGNORTH LIONS WALK RAISES MORE THAN £100,000

The Spring Bank holiday proved to be a fantastic day for Bridgnorth Lions with its biggest ever charity event raising well over £100,000 in a single day.

The club organised a one day 22 mile charity walk for more than 800 walkers who stepped out through the beautiful Shropshire countryside. The money was raised by the walkers on behalf of dozens of local and national charities while the Bridgnorth Lions obtained several thousand pounds of sponsorship from very generous local companies.

The walk is a long established event in Bridgnorth but had been in danger of ending as several of the existing Walk committee members were unable to continue.

Last October Bridgnorth Lions decided to step in and take over, and were delighted when key members of the previous committee decided to continue. In addition, an army of more than 100 marshals and helpers were recruited for the day.

PDG Chris Aked, chairman of the Walk's operations committee, said: "Every one of our club members played a significant role in organizing the event. It was an 'everyone's hands to the pump' event because of its importance to the town.



"But at the end of the day we had a brilliant result, with so many charities benefiting. We received plenty of compliments from the participants, the town council and many others. But we've already had a couple of meetings to see how we could do an even better job next year."

Left -Walkers streaming down Whitburn Street at the start of the walk

Right - Bridgnorth Lion member Mike Swales (left), the "most senior" participant, being congratulated by Bridgnorth Mayor, Cllr Ron Whittle. Also in the picture is Mike's son, Anthony, and the Mayoress, Cllr Carole Whittle.

Photo credit: Allan McMillan at Kovotography.UK



PDG CHRIS AKED

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## LIONS 'CHAINED UP' AT DINNER

Members of Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions saw five times President, John Marsh, hand over the club's chain of office this week, at a dinner held in the town's White Hart Inn.

Members of the club, together with a growing number of Friends of Ironbridge Lions, saw last year's vice president, Charlie Miller, get 'chained up' to take the lead for the coming year.

In his hand-over speech John Marsh thanked everyone for their efforts during his year of office. "I find it remarkable and admirable," he said, "that despite many members being of 'advancing years' the club has managed to put on 30 fundraising events during the year and raise almost £10,000 to spend on deserving causes and community projects."



Immediate Past President Mavis Derham presented the IPP award for the member who has made a significant impact on the club during the year to Lion John Boydell, for his innovative idea of collecting and selling scrap metal to aid the club's admin fund.

Before handing over to Charlie, John made one final presentation to Lion Gordon Weston for his 100% attendance at club meetings this year. The attendance award came as no surprise to club members, as Gordon can boast the magnificent achievement of not missing a single meeting for the whole 38 years he has been a member of the club. Could this be a Lions Club record?

ELAINE BRADBURN  
IRONBRIDGE & SEVERN GORGE