



DISTRICT GAZETTE

The Latest News from Around Your District

DECEMBER 2017



Welcome to new members:-
Cannock - George Adamson

Congleton - Patricia Mart

Gnosall & Newport - Ian Woodward



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

DG Teresa

As we all know the redistricting resolution was taken to MD Convention in April by the previous Council. It was approved at Convention and a submission was therefore made to the International Board of Directors to ratify that decision. They have now done so. It is now down to the current Council and next year's Council to implement the resolution, as the date set is July 2019. 1st VDG Steve and I are going to be very busy! As I write this I can see a rainbow through the window- symbolic?

Thanks to IPDG Steve Shields and PDG Chris Aked for all the ground work they did, during their time of office. It will prove invaluable as we start to move towards our redistricting goal. They gave over a lot of their time to this matter and will now see the fruits of their labours.



Thanks too, to all of you for your kindness and generosity. The District managed to pack over 160 boxes for our soldiers overseas. I know that they will be gratefully appreciated and prove a real boost to morale, as they spend Christmas overseas away from those they love.



Since my last entry in the Gazette, I have made club visits to Flint & District, Wallasey and Cannock Lions. I had the honour of seeing a new member being inducted into Cannock Lions. He has joined a wonderful Club and I welcome him into the family of 105BS. A trip to Cannock afforded me the opportunity to revisit the Arboretum. This is a place worth visiting. It makes one feel humble, sad and inspired by the service of others.



It seemed timely, in that the visit took place close to Remembrance Sunday. On this day I attended a Church Service and laid a wreath on behalf of the District, at the Cenotaph, in my home town of Mold.

I had the honour of attending Charters at Lichfield, City of Bangor, Macclesfield and District and Leek. They were all unique occasions, but the fellowship and friendship was common to all. My thanks for the kind and generous gifts of flowers and plants that I received, and, for the donations towards the LCIF measles initiative; this year's District Appeal.

The Cabinet meeting enabled me to present Guiding Lion Certificates to members of Beaumaris Menai-Aethwy and City of Bangor. Our Guiding Lion Officer Geoff has been busy.



I, in turn, was able to hear from Neil Holmes of Wallasey about an App that helps the public locate the Club's Santa Sleigh, This has increased the Club's fund-raising by a not inconsiderable amount. DO Dave Allen also made a short presentation about an inexpensive card reader, well within the pocket of most clubs. The benefits of this device are easy to see.

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MD CONVENTION 2018 –THE WESSEX WAY
4 – 6 May 2018

The MD Convention 2018 website is now OPEN! Book early and get free entry into our prize draw.

All you need to do is book online for either the Host Night or Banquet and Ball (both would be better!), and your name will automatically be entered in a draw for free accommodation for the weekend at the Convention hotel, two nights bed & breakfast for two.

Booking and payment must be by 31 January 2018. Members of the Host Committee, MD staff, guests, MD Officers required by MD to attend and District Governors/District Governors Elect are not eligible. Join us on the weekend of 4 to 6 May 2018 for a right royal occasion, with the usual Lions mix of work and fun.

Book online at: www.md105convention.uk



STEVE SPENCER

MD105 Convention 2018 Host Committee

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**VOTE FOR THE LIONS FILM PLEASE**

The Lions of MD105 need the help of you, your friends and family, work chums and any other contacts and networks you have. Fleet Lions in 105D have produced a film for the Centennial about what Lions do and have entered it in the documentary section of the Charity Film Awards. We need everyone to vote for it here : <https://www.charityfilmawards.com/videos/a-year-in-the-life-of-fleet-lions>. **Voting closes on 15 December.**

It's called 'A Year in the Life of Fleet Lions' but it could be about any Club in the MD. The public vote the top three films in various categories and then the experts judge from them which is the best. So winning would be great national PR for Lions.

**JIM STOREY**

**Marketing & Communications Chair  
Fleet Lions**

**ENVIRONMENTAL MONTHLY NEWS.**

Articles about Environmental.

This month first article grey seals.

This month second article coastal habitats.

This month third article sand hopper.

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.**



## MARTIN TOMLINSON

Local Winsford man Martin Tomlinson, a father of two, suffers with Ehlers-danlos syndrome, a condition which dislocates his neck. His condition began with severe headaches in 2003 and, over 14 years, got progressively worse. Without surgery he could have ended up with paralysis.

Vale Royal Lions have been serving the local community for over 42 years, and health is one of their main focus areas. When they read of Martin Tomlinson's story in the Guardian earlier this year, they immediately donated £1,000 to his fund. They also pledged that the proceeds from their annual Bowls Challenge Competition, held during September, would also be for the benefit of Martin.



On April 24th this year Martin had an operation which ultimately screwed his skull and top two vertebrae together with titanium rods. It was performed in Barcelona by the only surgeon in Europe who could accomplish it. Martin is now at home and, with physiotherapy treatment, continues to improve; he can now enjoy life more with his wife Gemma and two children. His treatment and after-care was estimated at a cost of £60,000 and, via his YouCaring.com website, he has now raised over £36,000.

The Lions generated over £600 at their Bowls event and all members agreed that this should be increased to £1,000. The cheque was donated recently to Martin personally by Lion Myra Sales, at Martin's home in Winsford, as shown below.

**ROB BROWN  
VALE ROYAL**

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## LATE NOVEMBER AND EARLY DECEMBER

are for the Lions, like all village organisations, a very busy time following a what was quiet in comparison month of October. However even then we managed yet another successful monthly Afternoon Tea Dance, to assist the Scouts with their Bonfire and processed an amazing 327 gents through a Prostate Testing event, most of which were clear, whilst those not so lucky are now taking the necessary steps. We also laid 3 wreaths in Remembrance of our fallen, in Newport and in Gnosall. Most of the work was done by our members in Newport and not only was it well attended but also well organised by the team from Newport under the control of Lions Peter Sterling.

Socially we also managed to enjoy ourselves with our annual Charter at the Moat House in Acton Trussell where the committee, under John Ison, did me proud, and the show of memorabilia put on by Pat Hunt, Janice Bleasdale and Elaine Copson was amazing and brought back many memories of our childhoods in the 50's, no computers, and the only tablets you saw were aspirin. Thank you all. Socially this month we are holding a members' Whist Drive (should be interesting), having a Christmas meal together in December and off to the Panto in Stafford in January, all courtesy of Lion Janice.



We are again involved with the Victorian Christmas market in St Lawrence's Church where we will again be having our popular teddies Tombola and also a traditional Tombola. We shall also be collecting outside Waitrose in Newport on Dec 2nd and hosting a Senior Citizens Christmas party at Burton Borough School on Fri 1st December featuring entertainment from the Burton borough Big band and the Newport Ukelele Gang. We are also assisting on the Seniors Over 85's party in conjunction with the Parish Council.



Finally we shall again be round the village accompanying Santa on his sleigh along with our friends from Eccleshall Mercia Rotarians.

Picture shows  
new Member Ian Woodward  
being inducted

**RICK TALBOT  
GNOSALL & NEWPORT**



## CHESTER LIONS CLUB 54TH FIREWORKS FUN NIGHT CHARITY EVENT.

Chester Race Course was the venue for the spectacular fireworks display. 2017 was the 54th year Chester Lions had organised the event, led by Lion Graham O'Reilly and supported by Lion Peter Bellion and Lion Peter Upton. Many thanks are extended to all members of the club, sponsors and volunteers.



Pictures show (1) LP Grace and Lord Mayor, (2) DG Teresa and LP Grace, (3) Fireworks and (4) DG Teresa, LP Grace, Lord Mayor of Chester Cllr Raiza Daniels and President Jean Daniels of Soroptimist International Ellesmere Port.



Chester Club have sponsored a Christmas tree in Chester Cathedral. This is the first time the club have been involved and decorated a tree promoting Lions organisation. Many other charities have decorated trees which are on display in the cloisters. A must see if you visit the city. The Lion was carved by PLP Phil Storry. Chester Club support Woodwork to Wellness, Men & Sheds based in Saltney.



## GRACE BROWN CHESTER

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## FUNFAIR, FOOD AND FIREWORKS



Crewe and Nantwich Lions celebrated yet another spectacular bonfire event with over 8,000 people attending Queens Park in Crewe. Fun fair, food and fireworks that lit the skies to an arrangement of music that kept toes tapping and warm.



Lions took 4 days building the bonfire with donations from local builders, butchers and community. Payback team gave man power to lifting pallets of wood.

Lion President Tom lit the bonfire with the assistance of MP Laura Smith and C&N Mayor Diane Yate.

The fabulous photographs were taken and donated to the Lions by PDPHOTOGRAPHY



**DEBBIE OWEN  
CREWE & NANTWICH**

# Centenary News



## The 28<sup>th</sup> and last edition

Over the last three years clubs have been giving service to centennial projects, some linked to International or Multiple District targets and some with a purely local focus.

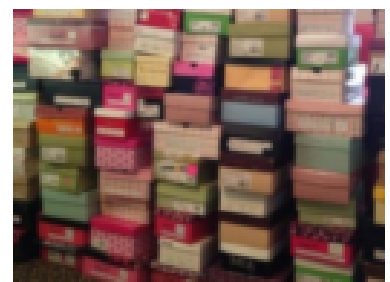
Internationally LCI set four targets originally to serve 25 million people in each of the chosen areas – hunger, vision, youth and environment. Diabetes was added later. Lions across the world have risen to the challenge with the results below.



You can continue report Centennial Projects for credit towards a banner patch until the end of this Lion's year– you will need to log on to MyLCI and enter activities by July 15, 2018. Remember you get a “jewel” for each of these headings covered by your club's activities.

District Governor Teresa launched an additional district wide centenary activity; an appeal to collect 100 boxes of goodies for serving forces personnel in time for Christmas. It is good to see the piles of boxes that were donated arriving at the last cabinet meeting. These are on their way to serving troops.

Don't forget that donations to the district Measles appeal will also contribute towards the MD centenary target of 100,000 vaccinations.



Look out for the booklet *The Centenary in 105BS* – a summary of what has been happening around our district – to be available from convention.

Please remember to let us know what your club is planning/has done for the centenary. If you want an item from your club to be included in “The centenary in 105BS” then I need information and photographs before 15<sup>th</sup> January, this is the final deadline.

For more information contact District Centennial Chair PDG Shirley Vaughan

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Members of Sale & District Lions Club enjoyed a lovely evening with friends in Rotary Club of Sale where Lion Helen Allen was presented with the Tom Morris Community Award, a "people's honour" which is awarded to someone who gives dedicated community service and goes the extra mile to help make Trafford a better place to live. To quote Rotary they look for a "local unsung hero who puts service above self".



The pictures show Helen being presented with the award by the Mayor of Trafford, Councillor Jonathan Coupe with Rotary President Barbara Blundell and a picture of Helen with the Mayor and Lady Mayoress, President of Rotary Club of Sale and Tom Morris's two daughters.

It was a lovely evening with Helen's husband and children George and Sophie, Lion President Peter and Lion Linda all being invited to the meeting and meal. Everyone got on so well that combining strengths for future joint Lions/Rotary projects were mentioned!

## LINDA CRESSWELL SALE & DISTRICT



## ZONE D's PROJECT

At their recent Zone Meeting, Zone D - Birkenhead, Chester, Ellesmere Port, Wallasey, West Kirby and Wirral Clubs, agreed that their Zone Project was to purchase a Bike for Merseyside and Cheshire Blood Bikes. Simon Dennett and Graham Douglas, from BBs, gave a talk to the meeting, explaining what a vital job they do. The bikes can deliver bloods, samples, baby milk etc more speedily and more cost effectively, saving the NHS the costs of couriers and, of course, saving lives.



Some of the clubs will raise money themselves with fundraising events and a Zone Social and Fun Race Night is planned for Friday 23rd March 2018 at Oldershaw Rugby Club. More details for that will be given in the New Year.

Both riders had arrived on their Blood Bikes as they were "On Call".

ZC Grace Brown couldn't resist the opportunity to sit on one of the bikes.



Our next ride could save your life



**MARGARET MARSH**  
Secretary to ZC



## BADGES FOR BIKES



As part of Ellesmere Port Lions' fundraising for the Zone Project, we are holding a Minions Tombola on Saturday 2nd December in the Port Arcades, Ellesmere Port, in aid of the Blood Bikes. There will, hopefully, be one of the bikes on display. We are also selling Club Badges, minimum donation 50p per badge and every penny goes to the appeal. They are 6cm dia with safety fastening. Thank you to Stoke-on-Trent, Wallasey and Birkenhead Lions who have already purchased some for their clubs. If any club would like some, please contact me - lionmargaret87@gmail.com or 01928 722121.

**MARGARET MARSH**  
**ELLESMERE PORT**



## DIWALI CELEBRATION

On October 28th Cannock Lions club held a Diwali celebration fund raising evening, instigated by one of the clubs newest members, namely Pavinder.

Club members, families, friends and fellow Lions from neighbouring clubs were treated to an evening of dance, music and colour with a delicious Indian buffet during the interval.



The event was started by the Griffin Dancers, from Cardinal Griffin Secondary School, whose individual dance routines to contemporary music was warmly appreciated by the audience of 120 people.



The audience was then treated to several dance displays performed by the Gabrhu Punjab Dancers and their traditional drum band. During one of these routines, members of the audience took part in the dancing with "step by step" tuition by one of the troupe's members.

Mahi, a traditional solo singer and dancer, completed the entertainment with a disco playing to the end of the evening.

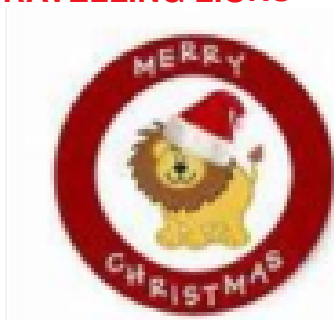


It was a wonderful evening which raised over £1700 for the club.

**BEV STANYER  
CANNOCK**

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## TRAVELLING LIONS



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| CLUB NAME                   | POINTS |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| STOKE ON TRENT              | 101    |
| LLANDUDNO                   | 85     |
| WILMSLOW                    | 75     |
| BEAUMARIS MENAI ATHWY       | 71     |
| TAMWORTH                    | 49     |
| ELLESMERE PORT AND DISTRICT | 46     |
| CANNOCK                     | 42     |
| STAFFORD                    | 29     |
| HEDNESFORD CENTENNIAL       | 21     |
| NEWCASTLE                   | 21     |
| TELFORD                     | 18     |
| LEEK                        | 14     |
| UTTOXETER                   | 14     |
| RUGELEY                     | 11     |
| PRESTATYN AND RHYL          | 10     |
| BURNWOOD                    | 7      |
| STONE                       | 6      |
| SALE AND DISTRICT           | 3      |
| BUCKLEY AND MOLD            | 2      |
| GNOSALL                     | 2      |
| URMSTON                     | 2      |
| ALSAGER                     | 1      |
| CHEADLE                     | 1      |

Some of you have been 'out and about' - well done all of you!

Wishing you all a 'roaring Christmas and New Year'.

**PAM TREVENA  
VISITING LIONS**

## EDITOR'S NOTE

CLOSING COPY DATE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE IS **22nd DECEMBER**  
THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS, I WANT TO ENJOY CHRISTMAS TOO!

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL YOU READERS  
AND A HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR**