



DISTRICT GAZETTE

The Latest News from Around Your District

JULY 2017



Welcome to the New Members:



Burntwood - Frances Carr and Betty Lindon
Romiley Marple & District - David McPherson
Wrexham Maelor - Paul Fewings



DG TERESA'S BIT

Our incoming International President, Dr Naresh Aggarwal, has chosen a theme that will continue for at least 3 years rather than the usual 1 year. The theme is - "We Serve". He has made his choice on the premise that "We" is the most powerful word in the English language and "Serve" is the most powerful word for Lions or any illuminated mind that cares about the future.

This simple but powerful phrase underpins our mission of global humanitarian service. "We Serve" is a powerful expression. "We" symbolizes the power of our 1.4 million members, while "Serve" expresses our clear, decisive action - how we convert every penny into service for the most urgent needs around the world.

"We Serve" defines our commitment of service to others and further signifies our connection to each other as Lions, and to the communities we serve.

As for myself I am minded of the quote by Helen Keller, "Life is either a daring adventure or nothing." Well I am most certainly about to embark on an adventure, travelling tomorrow morning (22nd June) to Chicago! I am aware of the honour and privilege of becoming the District Governor for 105BS, and ready to assume, to the best of my capabilities, all the responsibilities associated with the role. I have the support of 1st VDG Steve and the Cabinet. Together as a team, we will serve the clubs in this forthcoming year.

We both look forward to the possibility of electing a third member to the DG Team and visiting the clubs throughout the District. We are both constantly amazed at the quite literally 'amazing' things that the members and clubs of BS undertake in order to serve their communities. Long may it continue!

This year I have decided to have a Service of Rededication, as for me, it is a coming together of the members, in friendship and fellowship, and a chance to reflect on the good we do and commit ourselves to another year of industrious service. This will be followed by a dinner and an early evening concert led by the Lions Youth Brass Band. I shall finish now, as I still have another 3 pairs of shoes to ram into my case!

Regards to all,
Teresa

VDG STEVE'S BIT



Greetings and welcome to the new look District Gazette.

Teresa, myself and Editor Margaret thought it a good idea to re-hash the District Newsletter. The aim being to make it more attractive, interesting and enjoyable to all members in 105BS. Teresa and I believe in the necessity of good communication and sharing of efforts and successes to help keep our great clubs together and promote harmony.

We hope you enjoy this new look edition with its stories from the clubs, together with the other columns. We all need to take an interest in each other to help with the survival and continuity of the brilliant clubs and dedicated Lions in 105BS.

Please let us know what your club has done or will be doing plus any individual stories. Let us know of any ideas you have that you would like to see in YOUR newsletter.

Happy Reading
Steve T

Fact for the month. Did you know that months that start on a Sunday will always have a Friday 13th?

NEW FEATURE - CLUB ADVERTS

The concept is to advertise your forthcoming event AND inspire other clubs with your fundraising ideas. Future issues will include a Personal Ad section - not that sort!



£4-00 (Including Refreshments)

TUESDAY 11th JULY



2-00 to 4-00pm.
GNOSALL MEMORIAL HALL

If you have anything to sell or a holiday place for rent - advertise it here amongst your fellow Lions.

For example:

Golf Clubs - half set in caddie bag, would suit beginner. £50 Tel: 01928 722121 (This is for real, by the way)

There will also be information from the P.R. Team including an IT Top Tip each month.

And a CONGRATULATIONS section
Celebrate your Wedding Anniversary
or the birth of a new grand-child
or any other GOOD NEWS

LIONS CENTENARY FAIR

In early 2016 Ian Young, one of our longest serving members, challenged Knutsford Lions to turn the Street Fair, which we have held annually for over 20 years in King Street, into a much bigger Centenary Fair in 2017. Ian was full of ideas and was instrumental in securing the use of Knutsford Heath with the aim of involving other Lions Clubs and creating opportunities for others to raise funds for their own charities or local organisations. Unfortunately he passed away last December after a long battle with cancer – leaving the Club and his family with a legacy to fulfil!

After a lot of work by the Club, with support from District Officers, the Lions Centenary Fair took place on Bank Holiday Monday 29 May and turned out to be one of the most successful Lions events that Knutsford have ever organised! Most of all we are grateful for the support of all the Lions Clubs who turned out in force on the day with their gazebos, games and wide variety of activities. It was also great to see so many Lions in costume entering into the spirit of the day by joining in the Tug of War, participating in the “Pride of Lions” Competition (thanks to Carole Godden for the idea and implementation) and parading for the “Big Friendly Lion” Competition.

Ian Young’s family took an active part on the day by setting up and manning a number of activities in the Childrens area – including taking up our Welly Wanging theme with a children’s “Design a Welly Painting” Competition

As the organisation progressed Knutsford Lions were amazed at the local response when we mentioned that the Fair this year marked the Centenary of the Lions Organisation. The Knutsford Heritage Centre offered to put on an exhibition for the Centenary and local businesses were incredibly generous in donating a wide variety of prizes for our Lions Centenary Raffle.

The local Mayor and Royal May Queen regularly attend our Street Fairs – this year Ruby Barnhill (Sophie in BFG) joined them to judge the “Big Friendly Lion” Competition.

With the larger venue we were able to create a much bigger Community Event involving Lower Moss Wood Nature Reserve/Animal Hospital with Birds of Prey, Friends of the Moor with various large scale childrens games, Scouts help with car parking, tents and barbecue, Knutsford SciBar with their rocket launcher, as well as the usual local charities, organisations and traders with their market stalls. Then there was also the Welly Wanging which had over 250 competitors throughout the day, and many entries into our Pooch Competitions which was organised by our two youngest members.

So thanks to Ian’s initiative we had a great celebration for the Centenary of Lions and we hope all the other Clubs who took part enjoyed the day – some might even return to our Fair again next year?

Clive Heath
Knutsford & District Lions Club

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KNUTSFORD'S CENTENARY FAIR



THE PRIDE OF LIONS



For lots more pictures of this fantastic gathering of Lions go to the following link:
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/u5vzbckfzkgd3ro/AABwT-4UkKkMrVRWI7ISyCZSa?dl=0>



This brilliant day, organised by Knutsford Lions, was supported by the following clubs:-
 Beaumaris-Menai-Aethwy, Buckley & Mold, City of Bangor, Congleton, Ellesmere Port & District,
 Hednesford Centennial, Knutsford, Leek, Macclesfield, Sale & District, Stockport,
 Stoke-on-Trent, Stretford (BN), Telford, Urmston, Uttoxeter, Vale Royal and Wrexham Maelor.



IRONBRIDGE-SEVERN GORGE LIONS

Unique Silver over the Bridge fundraiser attracts US visitors



Members of Ironbridge Lions Club braved the heatwave yesterday to stand on the historic Iron Bridge for six hours raising more than £300 for Air Ambulance.

Despite the weather the town was unusually quiet due to it being Father's Day which many families were celebrating with a barbeque lunch at home.

Those visitors who were about eagerly supported the cause by laying coins on a tape laid across the bridge, along with local people who regularly visit the 30 year 'Silver over the Bridge' event which takes place throughout the summer.

Among Sunday's visitors were two ladies from a Lions Club in Houston, Texas, who were eager to take the unique fundraising idea back to their own club.

Elaine Bradburn

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**GNOSALL & NEWPORT LIONS** have already held a couple of events, firstly at our recent joint Quiz Night our 2016-17 President Stuart Powell was presented with a cheque for £100 from Nina Geraghty, the National Consultant for Food & Nutrition which will be put to local good causes .

Stuart also represented the new Club at the Newport Civic Sunday recently. Together we were also successful in raising in excess of £500 for local good causes, courtesy of Aldi in Newport. Here we had our Club Display board on show, depicting activities which we have done over the past 12 months or so

We will also be joining the procession at the Gnosall Carnival, working at the Newport Show , and putting on a stand for the families of Children with special needs at Foxfield Railway along with other Lions Clubs locally.



The photos are as follows:

The first one shows Lion President Andy Burns and John Fullwood of Newport and Lions Rick & Pam Talbot of Gnosall Lions collecting at Aldi in Newport where we collected just over £500 as a joint effort.

The other photograph shows Lion President Stuart Powell (Gnosall Lions ) accepting a cheque for £100 from Nina Geraghty of Good Food & Nutrition, for local charities.

**Pam Talbot**



## LITTLE ORME LIONS

Lion Jean Woosey a member of Little Orme Lions for a number of years celebrated her 90th birthday on May 31st 2017. She celebrated her birthday with her family which included her identical twin sister Joyce.

Lion Jean enjoys the friendship lions has provided and she attends meetings charters other club social events as well as helping with fund raising and she still drives. Lion President Lynn and all members of Little Orme Lions helped her celebrate at our June meeting.



In the photo from left to right is President Lynn Jackson, Lions Steve and Christine Savory, the birthday girl Lion Jean cutting her chocolate cake made by Lion Ginny Brownsett and Lions Janet and Tudor Jones. Best wishes Lion Jean You are amazing!

Joyce Jones



## Environmental Monthly News.

Lions clubs become involved in the new fiscal year.

This month first article planting tree whips, second article planting wildflowers seeds.

Third article focuses on individual lions have wonderful opportunity participate in Environmental Photographic Competition with 3 prizes to be won.

**Christopher Evans**  
**District Environmental Officer**

## TRAVELLING LION

Hi, fellow Lions,

Why not try a 'Travelling Lion' experience - all you have to do is visit another Lions club event, or a zone meeting, or convention and get a travelling Lions form completed and sent off to me.

Not only is it good fun, you get to meet fellow Lions, make new friends, and even pinch their fundraising ideas!

Simply complete a travelling Lions form, and send it off to me.

Come on fellow Lions, get travelling!

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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PAM TREVENA



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| Stoke-on-Trent            | 69 |
| Wilmslow                  | 37 |
| Llandudno                 | 25 |
| Telford                   | 18 |
| Ellesmere Port & District | 16 |
| Newcastle-under-Lyme      | 16 |
| Leek                      | 14 |
| Uttoxeter                 | 14 |
| Cannock                   | 13 |
| Tamworth                  | 12 |
| Prestatyn & Rhyl          | 10 |
| Beaumaris-Menai-Aethwy    | 6  |
| Stone                     | 6  |
| Rugeley                   | 4  |
| Sale & District           | 3  |
| Buckely & Mold            | 2  |
| Gnosall & Newport         | 2  |
| Urmston                   | 2  |
| Alsager                   | 1  |
| Cheadle                   | 1  |

## ANGLESEY CENTRAL LIONS

have been busy in the last few months.

As it is the Lions Centennial Year, the club decided to donate some of our charity money towards the training of a guide dog. We arranged with our local Welsh Assembly Member, Rhun ap Iorwerth, to help us out walking around Llangefni in a blindfold to simulate what it was like to be blind. We also had the assistance of a local blind chap who has a guide dog, called Wesley. The event went off very well with local shopkeepers allowing Rhun to go into their shops and identify certain items such as fruit and vegetables etc.

We were delighted to receive the **Silver Sight First Award**, and congratulate the other two Clubs in our district who received their Gold and Bronze Awards.

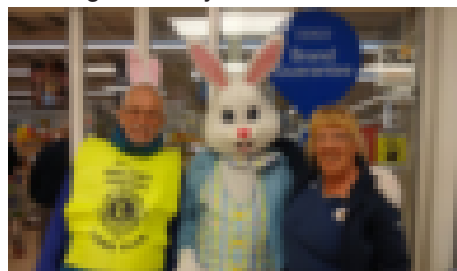
Pictured with the then DG Elect Teresa Nickson are Lion President Paul Smith and Lion Gwilym Pritchard.



Here are some photos of our recent **Country and Western** event in Llangefni football club. Yet another spectacular event for the club! For your information, I'm the normal one with the broom in the first photo. Lion Mike Taylor is the "man in black" in the second photo.



Just been reminded to send the photo of our Easter Bunny at Tesco Holyhead this year. The clown in the bunny outfit is me. Lion Wally Walton is on the left, and on the right is Mary Kitchen of Tesco's.



**Lion President Paul Smith  
Anglesey Central Lions**

## Llangollen International Eisteddfod

It commences on Tuesday 4th July until Saturday 8th July and is visited by people from all over the world. It is a week of song, dance and colour.

The Lions hospitality tent welcomes many of these visitors, where they can sit and chat and learn about the work Lions do in the UK and their own countries.

To achieve this we need help from other Lions Clubs, if only for a morning or an afternoon. It is a jolly experience, and we would like to hear from you.

**If you have time to spare please contact Joan Williams  
on 01978 356802 or [joanwilliams736@gmail.com](mailto:joanwilliams736@gmail.com)**

# Centenary News

**Don't miss out on recognition for your club.**



Centennial Projects reports now due– you will need to log on to MyLCI and report all of your Centennial Service Challenge activities and Legacy Projects by July 15, 2017 in order to receive your exclusive Centennial Banner Patches for the 2016-17 year.

Remember you get a “jewel “ for each of these headings covered by your club’s activities.



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. Any club member can do it though they will need a password from one of the club officers.

**Win a Centenary Mug-** no-one has so far claimed the prize for June so there may be two mugs available for July. This month – the wittiest version of this limerick will take the prize(s)

*There was a bright Lion in our club .....*

Judge's decision is final, hint -including mention of centenary/hundred may go down well; versions entered may appear in future Centenary news.



**Coming next month** - Our Hearing Dogs appeal is inching closer to the £10,000 we need, look out for the final total.

The **100 words for the world** competition will be judged at the beginning of July, the winning entry will also be included in the August Centenary News.

Please remember to let us know what your club is planning/has done for the centenary, ideas shared can often be an inspiration to another club. Don't forget to send in pictures and write ups of any of your centenary events to be included in a special edition centenary newsletter later this year.

For more information contact District Centennial Chair PDG Shirley Vaughan



## ELLESMERE PORT & DISTRICT LIONS

Our Easter Egg Raffles and the Brass Band in Concert in April helped to boost our Charity Pot. Some of the monies from these events went towards funding the donation that was made to 1st Helsby Scouts who are taking part in the Jamboree in Bodø, Norway in the Arctic Circle later this year. The day that we made the presentation they were busy making night-masks so they could sleep in the permanent sunlight!



Farndon & District Brass Band



Lions Steve Talbot and Margaret Marsh with Mersey Weaver District Scouts

## MARGARET MARSH

## NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME

May 2017 saw Newcastle Lions achieve 30 years as a Lions Club. A huge variety of fundraising activities have been undertaken in that time, as well as a diverse range of donations made to organisations and individuals. The 30 years of the Club and 100 years of Lions International is being celebrated by thirty grants of £100 being made over the year. These are available by application, to organisations based in the Ancient Borough (Newcastle's Market was Chartered in 1173). Two presentation nights have already taken place, on the occasions of the Club's birthday and Lions International's birthday and the scheme will be completed in Lions Awareness Week in October.

There are four Charter Members still active in the Club and one of them, Lion Treasurer John Jones (pictured with DG Steve) received a 30-year perfect attendance award. A rare achievement and a rare presentation for the Governor to make.



Pictured are the first recipients of Newcastle Lions birthday grants and Charter Lion John Jones receiving his 30-year perfect attendance award from DG Steve.

**JOHN LEIGH**

# LICHFIELD LIONS' 100 Metres of £1 Coins

Spring bank holiday Monday is Bower Day in Lichfield. The origins of the bower go back many centuries to the time of Henry II (1145-1189) and the Courte of Arraye. Today we have a procession of tableaux, Morris Men and marching bands.

Lichfield Lions have, in recent years, helped with marshalling duties, but this year we decided to celebrate our Centenary with a quest for 100 metres of £ coins. We were very grateful to Midland Building Plastics (with branches in Lichfield, Burton, and Derby) who supplied us with all the plastic strips and volunteered a £100 donation to get us started. With some quite considerable effort, by our President and a couple of members, we secured another 30 sponsors of 1 metre - £45.

Our stall was set up in Beacon Park with all the sponsors' money displayed securely. With help from 7th Lichfield Scouts group, we were kept quite busy with members of the public adding their £coins to the 30 or so metres on display until the rain came down at about 2:30. Umbrellas went up and people took shelter under the trees, but after half an hour of very heavy rain, there was a scurry to the exits and the Bower celebrations came to an untimely end.

We had collected around £300 (6+ metres), but had the weather held up, we think that we would have collected somewhere around £1000.

Our quest will continue throughout the year at other events. We are quietly confident that our 40+ metres will grow to 100, bringing us an income of more than £4,000.



## JOHN WHITEHOUSE



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

**SEND COPY AND PICTURES TO ME AT:-**

**newsletter@lions105bs.org.uk**

**or post to Lion Margaret Marsh, "Thornfield", 7 Bank House Lane, Helsby, Cheshire, WA6 0PS**

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