



# ***DISTRICT NEWS***

**District Governor 2016-2017 Lion Steve**

## **DGs New Year Message**



May I wish everyone associated with the Lions Clubs in our District a very happy and prosperous New Year. December is always such a busy time for service clubs and I hope that after all the extra effort most have been able to relax and enjoy the company of family and friends.

January for me is a Charter-free month when hopefully I can burn off some of the excesses of the festive season before we start in earnest with Cheadle Charter on 4<sup>th</sup> February. It certainly gets harder for clubs to put on their anniversary bash with rising costs and us all getting older and attending fewer functions. However whether it be lunch or dinner every one that we have attended has had a great atmosphere and been really enjoyable.

The Council of Governors meeting at the end of January will be very interesting, as it is when we have to agree the resolution on re-districting. I do hope that whatever is agreed, everyone will make sure that it goes through at Blackpool, otherwise Teresa and Steve are going to face very difficult years.

International President Chancellor Bob Curlew will be at Blackpool and will be visiting the Blind Veterans UK facility at Llandudno on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April. He has asked to meet the Lions of 105BS so we have arranged a cruise aboard the Lady Diana along the River Dee in the evening. PDG Frank Marnell has used all his influence to make it happen and full details and tickets will be available in the next few weeks so please put the date in your diary. As you know IP Bob's theme is 'New Mountains To Climb', at least from Chester he will be able to point towards the Welsh hills when he gives his rallying talk.

My club colleague Terry Adams and I helped eight volunteers from the Blind Vets. with a bucket collection at the Stoke City v Leicester game. Thanks to the Potters fans for their donations. On the way back to the car we caught a glimpse of the game through the open corner of the ground and I spotted No. 9 Jamie Vardy, it was a surprise when I got home and put on the Radio Leicester commentary to hear that he had received his marching orders a few minutes later. Happy New Year referee!

Congratulations to Cannock Lions for winning the District Peace Poster competition with the entry by Grace Medley aged 12. But even better Grace's wonderfully colourful composition has now won through at Multiple District. President Graham Stanyer has been trying to arrange for us to make the presentation to Grace at Cannock Chase Grammar School but expect now to be out-ranked!

For many people 2016 has not been the greatest although for me personally it was a very good year completed when our first grandchild Olivia arrived but now it is 2017, our centenary, let's 'take it on' and make it truly memorable.

Best wishes

Steve



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## Santa Flight Event

On Monday 5th December 2006 a group of Wrexham Maelor Lions Club members had the pleasure of taking five deserving children to Manchester Airport for the annual Santa Flight event.

At The Gresford Colliery Sports & Social Club, the Children and their families were greeted by The Mayor of Wrexham, Councillor John Pritchard, where he presented a bag of goodies donated by local business to each child.

On arriving at departures at Manchester Airport the excitement started to build up as the Children were greeted by members of the Santa Flight Team who were all dressed as Pantomime and Disney type characters. Accompanied by Lion Amelia Lloyd they boarded an aircraft kindly made available by Thompson Airways.



Front Row, the five children who went on the flight, all others are their parents, guardians or relations

Having flown over the North Wales Coast and the Irish Sea in search of Santa, and despite an attempt at landing his Reindeer and sleigh onto the top of the aircraft, he felt that it would be safer to make his way directly to Manchester Airport, where he arrived in good time at the grotto which had been prepared by his Elves to await the return of the children.



The Lion in the photo is Amelia Lloyd our youngest member.

On exiting into the hall and seeing that Santa was waiting for them, the children's faces lit up and their excitement was abundantly apparent, each child was individually greeted and presented with a sack of presents by Santa and his helpers.



## Environmental Monthly News.

This month article all about importance of bees and how we can help them by planting wildflowers.  
Link for Lions Environmental Newsletters <http://www.lions105bs.org.uk/>

Christopher Evans. Environmental Officer.



## ELLESMERE PORT LIONS COVER ALL AGES

Ellesmere Port and District Lions have been very active in the past couple of months, serving their community. On Friday, 4th November, we gave Ellesmere Port their largest community event on the calendar - the Fireworks event. With fairground, food stalls and amazing fireworks, we were helped by Lions from local clubs, Air Cadets, Sea Cadets, Soroptimists and Rotary. We could not run the event without their help as we think that about 6,000 people attended.

We presented a cheque for £600 to Deevine Dancing Group so that they could buy a new Hi-Tech Music Centre. They needed this for when they attend competitions around the country. The picture shows IPP Malcolm Legg with some of the dancers. Several Lions visited the Dance Group once they had purchased the Music Centre and watched some dancing.



A presentation of 6 YLIS Certificates was held at Helsby High School on 17th November. This is the 6th year that the school has participated in YLIS. The photo shows YLIS co-ordinator Mrs Robinson and Lion Margaret Marsh. (one certificate was presented later as the pupil was ill).

A special MacLaren buggy was purchased for a family with a young boy who, having suffered some seizures when he was 2, has lost his power of speech and has developed Autism. The buggy means that he can be taken out safely as he is now too big to be carried but is very fast when he decides to escape! The photograph shows Lions David and Julie Rattey with Jacob and his Mum.



On the 8th December the Lions hosted a Christmas Lunch for senior residents of a local sheltered housing association along with members of OPAL and several carers. The Lions acted as waiters and the meal was much enjoyed by all who attended. The picture shows several of the diners and Lion Jo Bott as their waitress.

Thursday 15th December saw Santa Frank dishing out selection boxes to some Cheshire Young Carers, he even let them ring his bell!!! The youngest carer there was just 6 years old. Lions Sarah Cowling and Margaret Marsh acted as Santa's helpers. Then the Lions went off for a well deserved Christmas meal at a local hostelry - and why not? Jobs well done!

Margaret Marsh - Ellesmere Port & District Lions



### Tamworth YLS

Tamworth Lions president Lion Mark Kyte presents 2 of our young leaders in service with their silver young leaders in service certificates. Congratulations to Ethan Woolton and Sian Parker in achieving this award.

## GNOSALL LIONS IN DECEMBER

Gnosall Lions Club as with a number of other Village Organisations rounded off the calendar year with a very busy programme.

We started with our Two Tombolas, one at the invitation of the Parish Council for the turning on of the Christmas Lights, and the other was our annual Teddies Tombola in the Victorian Christmas Event at St Lawrence's Church. Both were very well supported, and both sold out so a big thank you must go to Lion's Pat and John for organising them, and to all Lions who helped.

We also had a Christmas tree on display in Bradley Church, for their Christmas festival. The theme was based around the 1914 Christmas Truce and the Football match which took place on the Western Front between the opposing forces. Very poignant and it looked fantastic. We also had our new display board up for the first time showing what we get up to around the area and beyond, and it's not all work either. Many thanks again to Lions Pat, Doreen and Pam for their fantastic efforts.

Our events in the Memorial Hall had mixed results. The Table Top Sale attendances in the Memorial Hall were down although all stall holders did well. The other event, the Afternoon tea Dance continues to grow in popularity and will now continue throughout the year.

We should also like to thank our friends at Eccleshall (Mercia) Rotary Club who we joined forces with in and around the village for Santa's Sleigh. The advanced warning in the GPN of the routes definitely paid off as on all days there were excited children waiting enthusiastically for Santa and the donations were well up on last year, even in the awful weather.

On behalf of our President Stuart Powell and all members of Gnosall Lions Club may I wish you all a safe and Happy Christmas and even more so a safe and Successful New year





### **Barton -u - Needwood Christmas Tea Party.**

On Sunday 18th December, Barton Branch Club held a Christmas Tea Party for 58 senior citizens of the village.



A tremendous amount of organisation by the 6 members of the Branch Club was made, involving the Parish Council, the Women's Institute and several other organisations, to make this afternoon a truly wonderful success. A number of Lions from neighbouring Clubs turned up at 1:30 pm to go out and col-



lect the seniors while Barton Club members stayed at the village hall to put in the finish touches and to welcome the guest as they arrived.

After the guests had enjoyed their fill of tea/coffee and a sumptuous array of delightful sandwiches and cakes supplied by the ladies of the WI, they were entertained by the local village choir (some of whom were actually the guests). A fine repertoire was brilliantly executed with some help from the guests and helpers with the Christmas carols.



Of course Santa was there to hand out gifts to all the guests.

Huge congratulations for a splendid event, organised by the Club members, which ran without any glitches! It is hoped that this will now be an annual event.

John W. Barton Branch Club Advisor.

## TRAVELLING LIONS

Stoke on Trent	101
Llandudno	84
Ellesmere Port and District	75
Wilmslow and District	64
Baumaris Menai Aethwy	53
Cannock	50
Tamworth	50
Telford	37
Flint and District	33
Urmston	23
Leek	19
Newcastle	21
Uttoxeter	19
Congleton	7
Prestatyn & Rhyl	7
Sale & District	5
Wallasey	5
Stafford	1

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



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.

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Manchester.  
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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 .

***The copy deadline for the next issue of the District Newsletter is  
22nd January 2017***

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

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**Go on be brave, send me some news and photos about YOUR Club!**  
**We are all very interested to know what you have been doing.**



**Wishing all of our readers a truly successful New Year.**

