



DISTRICT NEWS

District Governor 2016-2017 Lion Steve Shields

DG's Message for March

I write this piece following a rehearsal at the Moat House in preparation for our District Convention. The team have done a magnificent job in planning everything down to the last minute. The speakers are all aware of their time slots and that we must not be late in cutting the Centennial Cake. I hope you have booked in with PDG



Shirley – the size of the cake depends on numbers submitted to the hotel in advance. I have spoken with our International guest PID Kenneth Persson from Sweden and he and wife Eva are really looking forward

to seeing the area and enthusiastic about meeting the Lions of 105BS.

Tickets for the River Dee Cruise in April with International President Chancellor Bob Corlew have been taken up very quickly, with only a few left, so don't delay if you would like to join us. IP Bob is of course in Blackpool over the weekend for the Multiple District Convention and I hope our District will be well represented, especially at the Business Sections to support the important resolutions that will have an impact on the future direction of the organisation.

We are now well into the 2017 Charter season and we would like to thank everyone for their great hospitality to date. It is so good that clubs continue to support one another's events. I must mention Dame Lorna Muirhead, Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside, the guest speaker at Wallasey who gave us an insight into her duties and royal contacts. She quipped "Isn't it great when your line manager is the Queen!"

We are really sorry to miss the Young Ambassador Finals at Dudley this year and wish our representative Megan Montford every success. One thing I do know for sure she will have a great time with the talented young people from the other Districts. All the officers put in a tremendous amount of time to ensure that it is one of the highlights of the Lions year and deserve full credit.

Best wishes Steve



**The ATC 235 Squadron, City of Stoke on Trent
– hoping to get it right on the day.**



An Apology from the Editor.

Last month I put this article in the NL with the wrong picture. No excuse, just abject incompetence. It was quite obvious that a photo of Barton-u-Needwood's OAP's party did not match this article, but I failed to notice. My full and unreserved apology to Ken Livingstone of Alsager Lions who regularly sends me great articles for our NL. ED.

Children and some parents at the Linley Tavern, here in Alsager, had a big surprise, when who should call in to say a big, "Ho Ho Ho" but Father Christmas. Alsager Lion Phil Westhead helped Father Christmas a little bit, in handing out presents to the excited children, as can be seen in the attached photograph. Alsager Lions would like to thank everyone at the Linley, management, staff and customers, especially the children for a fabulous evening.



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

Please identify key people in any relevant photographs otherwise the impact of the story line may be lost.
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Environmental Monthly News.

Articles about Environmental.

This month article making nesting boxes for birds and conservation measures to protect the decline in Bewick Swans.

Link for Lions Environmental Newsletters <http://www.lions105bs.org.uk/>

Click on "Community Projects" and then "Environmental Newsletters"

Copious cuppas in Telford

It must have been fate! As Telford Lions left their regular meeting the production team of DIY SOS was also coming out of a session with construction trade volunteers.



Club members knew a programme was planned in our area to help a young boy get home from hospital by converting his house to make it suitable for his needs. Lion Carole Williams took the opportunity to introduce herself, explain who we are and ask if there was any way we could help. After some discussion and a couple of calls Telford Lions were given responsibility for keeping the workforce hydrated by running the tea/ coffee/cake station. As this is for 10 hours a day for 9 days, with between 50 and 150 people on site, it is quite a commitment. Lion Steve Beach took on the role of scrounger and set to work asking local businesses for support – he quickly got promises of coffee, sugar, milk, tea bags, biscuits and cakes. Meanwhile Lion Carole started putting together a rota of helpers and made a set of snazzy aprons for the team. The club's lion mascot has been fitted with his hard hat and hi viz vest so we are ready to go.

Find out next month how things went. Any guesses how many cups of tea we will have to make?

Beaumaris Menai Aethwy:-

Alicia Dawson

Bridgnorth:-

Barry Haywood

Richard Wills

Congleton:-

Don Mellows

Vale Royal:-

Andy Benson

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



Centenary News



See you at convention

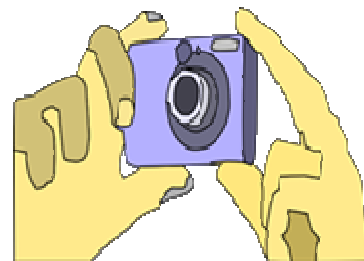
Look out for the centenary stall at convention, there will be information about all our targets and progress towards them. You can pick up a centenary button badge, look what other clubs are planning and add your own events to the list.



Please collect your Tea Party tickets from the stall at the back of the main hall. The party will take place immediately after the end of the business session to allow those who are travelling to join us before they set off for home. If you haven't booked a ticket yet please contact PDG Shirley Vaughan a.s.a.p.

The winner of the Snap 100 competition will be announced during convention, entries will be displayed on the stall.

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.



As well as running our appeal to raise £10,000 to fund a hearing dog for someone in our District we are still gathering used postage stamps for Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. You can bring them to convention to add to the general pool or pick up a freepost envelope and organise your own collection.

A number of clubs have reported significant interest from their local schools in the 100 WORDS FOR THE WORLD competition, details in December mailing. It could be a great opportunity to develop links to primary schools in your area.



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.



For more information contact District Centennial Chair PDG Shirley Vaughan

TRAVELLING LIONS

Stoke on Trent	111
Llandudno	84
Ellesmere Port and District	79
Beaumaris Menai Aethwy	78
Wilmslow and District	75
Cannock	50
Tamworth	50
Telford	37
Flint and District	33
Urmston	23
Leek	22
Newcastle	21
Uttoxeter	19
Congleton	7
Prestatyn & Rhyl	7
Sale & District	5
Wallasey	5
Stafford	1

District travelling/visiting lions competition up to 20th February 2017.



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 .

Lichfield Lions Support St Giles Hospice

Lichfield Lions Club, working with Whittington Heath Golf Club, raised a total of £8,475 for St Giles Hospice. This was one of the best results in the history of the annual Golf Competition held here.

Left to right, Lion President Chris Prichard, Event organiser Lion Mike Knight, Richard Philips from St Giles Hospice, and Lion John Cassie.





Convention 17 Newsletter



Your Weekend Looks Like This:

Friday 10th March – from mid-day onwards

Arrive – you are met at the hotel, helped with registration, settle in to your room, find your way around and meet friends in the bar

NOTE 25% reduction on bar prices in the Convention Bar only (7pm to Midnight)

Host Night – party themed 2-course Buffet Meal in the presence of PID Kenneth Persson and Mrs Eva Persson, the Lord Mayor of Stoke on Trent Councillor Anthony and Mrs Munday, and Andrew Griffiths MP for Burton upon Trent – Fancy Dress if you want, partying with ‘Paul Gibson’ - a 60s/70s/80s tribute act.

Saturday 11th March

Breakfast - for Hotel Guests **from 7am**,

Arrive – day delegates met at the hotel and helped with registration, **Coffee** – available **from 9am**. Time to browse the displays and stalls

Business Session – **from 9.25am**. Introductions, flag ceremony and formal opening by Ian Dudson CBE Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire – coffee break (small charge for coffee), morning business - lunch (if pre-booked or order from bar) afternoon business and finish by 3.30pm approx. Guest speakers from Hearing Dogs for Deaf People and Blind Veterans UK.

Centennial Birthday Party free & open to all convention attendees – *please remember to book your ticket.*

Banquet and Ball – formal 3 course meal in the presence of the Lord Lieutenant, International Guest, dancing to ‘Blue Serge’

Sunday 12th March – 10am Open Forum with the International Guest



H H H How to get there H H H

For Sat Navs - ST1 5BQ



The venue is located just off the A53 in Hanley on Festival Park

From the North: South on M6 to Junction 16, first exit on to A500, come off at A53 exit signposted on BROWN signs for Festival Park, stay left hand lane (DO NOT go on the flyover), first exit at the roundabout brown signposted for Festival Park and straight on at the roundabout and, after approx 30metres, the convention venue, the Best Western is on the left.

From the South: North on the M6 to Junction 15, follow the exit road on the A500 until A53 exit, take 4th exit signposted on BROWN signs for Festival Park and then follow directions as for the **From the North** route.

From the East or West: It depends on which 'A' road you follow. Follow signs for Hanley City Centre and then the BROWN signs for Festival Park.

PARKING: **YOU MUST** enter your car registration in the terminals located at Reception, the Main Bar or the Lions hand-held terminal or you will be hit with excessive penalty charges – please DO NOT park in the adjacent WaterWorld car park -that is now an expensive Pay and Display car park.

Tea Party Tickets: Please, PLEASE, **PLEASE** make sure you collect your tea party tickets from the centennial stand (no ticket, NO CAKE!)

Delegates: Please check you receive your delegate cards on registration.

Late Booking: Late hotel booking may still be available, but Convention preferential rates are not – market rate will apply. Social event booking, speak with PDG Lion David Morris (01260 274758)

Friday Late Arrivals: Go to the Hotel Reception, refer to the Lions Notice Board in the foyer, complete registration (if applicable) Saturday am.

Thanks for Coming - Safe Journey Home