



# DISTRICT GAZETTE

*The Latest News from Around Your District*

NOVEMBER 2017



Welcome to new members:-



Stone - Rosmund Smith  
Urmston - David Bytheway and Jane Bytheway  
Wirral - Michael Douglas



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

**DG Teresa**

Another month down, and yes, it has been busy! I have so many Lions and Clubs to give thanks to, for their unstinting service, dedication and commitment.

On the 25th September, I was fortunate enough to meet and speak with our Patron, Sophie, Countess of Wessex, at the launch of the Lifeskills publication, 'Loss, Change and Bereavement'. This publication will be used to help students affected by the Grenfell Disaster in London. In addition, Lions will support the training of teachers to deliver this invaluable resource. I was very impressed with the way in which our Patron actively engaged with members within the room, and the obvious interest and knowledge that she has on our Organisation. We are fortunate to have her as our Patron.



I myself have been royally treated and spoilt at several Charter Anniversary Dinners - Telford, Crewe and Nantwich, Wirral and Tamworth. They were all very different occasions, but all very enjoyable. The best part of being a DG has to be the opportunity to meet with fellow Lions from all parts of the District and finding out what they are up to and what motivates them personally. ZC John Chambers kindly chauffeured me to two of these events.



This is an opportunity relished, when I visit Clubs. This month I have been to Ellesmere Port, Prestatyn and Rhyl, Telford and Uttoxeter. My gratitude to the inventor of the SAT NAV is immense. My geography and navigational skills are slowly improving!



At the risk of repeating myself, yet again, I still remain amazed and proud of how much the Lions of BS manage to do. Everybody is gearing up for Bonfire Night and Christmas. Santa seems to be appearing simultaneously across the land.....part of the magic of Christmas.





A special thank you to DO John Sanders and DO Simon Smith, for their input and participation in the 'Walk for Sight' events, held in both the North and South of the District, on separate weekends, in Holywell and Lichfield respectively. Thanks to the members of Flint and District and Lichfield Lions for acting as hosts. Both events proved successful and served to convey a strong message to the public.



I still have an evening in the company of Flint and District Lions to look forward to. Sadly I am unable to attend the 40th Charter Anniversary of Birkenhead Lions, or the 48th Charter Anniversary of Prestatyn and Rhyl Lions, as I am attending a Council of Governors meeting that weekend. I send my congratulations to both Clubs and heartfelt thanks to all the members for their service.

Plans for Convention continue apace - it is my fervent hope that you will all make time to join with fellow Lions from across the District, mixing business with pleasure.



Finally two birthdays to mention - that of PDG Eric Foster of Wallasey Lions, who celebrated his 95th birthday on 7th October, and LP Rebecca Hall, (whose age shall remain a mystery) celebrated hers on 23rd October.



Please remember that all are welcome to attend Cabinet, on 19th November. This will be a busy morning as the Young Ambassador and Peace Poster Competitions will be judged. DO Dave Allen will be discussing the use of card reader machines and how they can be used effectively and more importantly cheaply, at fundraising events, and, hopefully 100 shoeboxes will be ready to send to our soldiers in Sudan, providing a morale boost at Christmas.

Till we meet, wishing you all a happy Halloween and safe bonfire night.

Teresa

## EDITOR'S NOTE

**COPY DATE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE IS 22nd NOVEMBER.**

**All photographs, pictures and emoticons to be in JPEG format please.**

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Guess Who?

**My** bit for the Gazette, it's now the fifth time, so I thought I'd be different and put it in rhyme.

It's quite hard to do because a poet I'm not, but I'm going to do it and cram in a lot.

**My** VDG visits are going well so far, with lots of mileage being put on my car

The miles are worthwhile as I enjoy every run. The welcomes friendships are really good fun.

**Membership** issues keeps raising it's head, it's going to be hard to put this to bed.

New members are there, so let's look around but I believe to find them we must cover some ground.

**LCI** Forward and CIO, are questions members seem to ask, I don't know it all as it is all quite a task.

CIO is the Law I'm afraid to say if I can, LCI is the Lions new Five year plan.

**In** the very near future there will be plenty to do, things about my future as DG and you.

We are all a great team, I don't say that in jest, the bottom line is you're simply the best.

**I will** be seeking your support to fulfil some new roles, like Zone Chairs etc to help District with goals.

**Working together** those two words we know, help us stay strong through hail, rain and snow .

**Don't** be reluctant and put your head in the sand, please step forward and give me a hand.

I need your support, the District does too, please give it some thought, we really need you.

**My DG** training is going well at this stage, doing quite well, considering my age,

Sometimes the sessions are really intense, with no time at all to sit on the fence.

**Vice** District Governors together to learn, whilst family at home await their return.

**Teamwork works** I have quite often stated, please believe me it's not over rated.

**Keep working together** and the results will be great. Will have to go now, my tea's on the plate.

Sorry about that but I have run out of rhyme. Ta Ta for now, so see you next time.

**Steve's weird fact...** Did you know that goats eyes have rectangular pupils?

( must watch too much television ! )

**VDG Steve Talbot**

## HANDY TIPS

Use the Gazette to pass on any tips that you have found useful,  
whether in relation to Lions or your home.

For instance - Ants don't like Baby Powder or Cinnamon and  
especially hate Vinegar (this also kills weeds but your patio  
smells like a chip shop!)

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## "RIDE TO THE WALL"

Two members of Vale Royal Lions Club joined this year's charity Ride to The Wall event, which sees around 20,000 bikers from across the country join together at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire.

Lion David Mawson, who is Vice President of Vale Royal Lions Club, and his partner Lion Sue Scott joined the event at Knutsford Services on Saturday 7th October where around 500



bikers gathered to begin their journey.



This year is the 10th anniversary of the Ride to the Wall charity when bikers and their passengers gather at the memorial, which is engraved with the names of more than 16,000 service men and women killed since the end of the Second World War, for a service of commemoration.

"Ride to The Wall" is founded on the principles of Remembrance and Respect to remember those that can no longer ride by the side of bikers and to give all motorcyclists an opportunity to pay their respects to the memory of the fallen and express their gratitude for their sacrifice. It allows motorcycle enthusiasts show support for the Armed Forces currently serving both at home and abroad and to raise money for the upkeep of the venue that serves to perpetuate the memory of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

**BOB MAWSON  
VALE ROYAL**

## CHRISTMAS COMETH

It would have been nice to be telling you about a 100th. Anniversary Special Christmas Concert by Marple Band and Romiley School Band, raising funds on behalf of the Club for Reuben's Retreat. We had booked the date and venue but it became obvious that the school's young musicians were becoming over-committed and the event had to be postponed. It has now been rearranged, presumably minus Christmas music, for 29th June next year. So we can still class it as a 100th Anniversary special - just!

Although the concert will not be one of our Christmas events, the Club will still be as busy as ever during the Festive Season. The date of this year's Marple Santa Dash is Sunday, 3rd December. This year we have teamed up with Kidneys for Life. We are hoping that some of the 'Dashers' will get sponsorship.

**TERRY HARDING  
ROMILEY & MARPLE**

**FOR THOSE OF YOU WITH  
GRANDCHILDREN**

On 1st November, Christmas Eve will be just 54 sleeps away!

Romiley and Marple Lions proudly present their annual

# Santa Dash

on Sunday, 3rd Dec 2017



Santa Dash is a fun run supporting Kidneys for Life

Please join the fun starting at 12 noon from Marple Memorial Park to Marple Garden Centre on Dooley Lane (approx 2 miles)

Registration is £10 (includes your Santa Suit)

Contact Terry Harding 0161 330 9494  
e-mail: lionterry1@btinternet.com  
www.romiley-marple-lions.org.uk

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## ENVIRONMENTAL MONTHLY NEWS

Articles about Environmental.

This month first planting tree whips.

This month second article animal tracks and home

This month third article grey squirrel.

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**

## TRAVELLING LION



Come on, let's get some new clubs 'on the road' - remember it's not just about the winning, it's about the travelling.

Please be aware that all forms should be received by me within 21 days of an event.

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Tel: 01827 706 59

4 Morston, Dosthill, Tamworth,  
Staffordshire, B77 1PP

Happy travelling!  
**PAM TREVENA**

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RUGELEY	11
HEDNESFORD CENTENNIAL	10
PRESTATYN AND RHYL	10
BURNTWOOD	7
STONE	6
SALE AND DISTRICT	3
BUCKLEY AND MOLD	2
GNOSALL	2
URMSTON	2
ALSAGER	1
CHEADLE	1

## MIDDLE OF WHERE?

1st VDG Lion Steve Talbot drove down to the southern outpost of our District on his official visit to Middle Marches Lions Club, accompanied by Ellesmere Port President Lion Margaret Marsh. Having shared his vision for the future, he presented Lion Jennie Clarke with her 10 year chevron (photo1). And thanked our Vice President Lion Lesley McKnight for the way she chaired the meeting (photo 2)



**BRIAN DAWSON**  
**MIDDLE MARCHES**



## THE BIG RED HOUSE

Earlier this year we were walking by the Big Red House and we decided to pop in and see if they would display a poster in their window. Also to see what this new cafe was about as it looked so different. We met Simon Tooth who runs the place he told us about he set up the place and how he wanted to help other like himself who had suffered mental health issues and depression.

The community café was set up so people could drop in and talk in confidence. At the Big Red House they offer support and encouragement with life's ups and downs, sometimes all that is needed is someone to listen to them to get back on track, Simon told us that Suicide is the main cause of death for men under 30. So if they can talk things through with someone who does not judge or ask them loads of questions, in a comfortable environment, and with Eric the dog to keep them company they can have a drink and relax.

Whitchurch and District Lions Club decided to help by supplying a Cooker Hood, 36 Dinner plates, side plates, Bowls, Knives, Forks, spoons and tea spoons. A 12lt Saucepan, a soup ladle, a set of 4 chopping boards and a stainless steel table.

Picture shows the "Suicide Pack".



**RENEE GUNN**  
**WHITCHURCH**

## WALK FOR SIGHT

Stone Lions Club Walk for Sight took place on Tuesday 10th October in Stone High Street. Town Mayor Councillor Jim Davis joined members of the Club, plus children from St Michaels First School, Christchurch First School, Walton Priory Middle School and Guide Dog Tango in a blindfold walk to collect used spectacles for recycling from two local opticians, Peter Bowers and Nusyte.



**CHRIS HANDLEY**  
**STONE**

## DG'S VISIT

Ellesmere Port & District were visited by DG Teresa at their last meeting, along with a speaker from Cheshire Blood Bikes, his colleague AND bike. The club is joining with other clubs in Zone D to, hopefully, raise enough money to purchase a bike for this invaluable service. During a short break in proceedings, several members went outside to look at the Blood Bike and VDG Steve just couldn't resist it!



Past President Lisa Binfield and President Margaret Marsh were presented with Centennial pin badges from Oakbrook for increasing membership.

**MARGARET MARSH  
ELLESMERE PORT & DISTRICT**

## LESLEY RIMMER MEMORIAL SHIELD

On the sad death of Lion Treasurer, Geoff Rimmer's, daughter Lesley. She generously left Alsager Lions Club an amount of money in her will.

After some discussion by the members, it was decided that we should approach Alsager School to offer an annual prize and trophy to a pupil who had achieved, in their opinion, a successful year despite any problems of their own and it was what Lesley would have wished.

Deputy Head Teacher Mrs. Andrea O'Neil was delighted to receive this offer, as the school was in the process of working towards a similar idea, to be called "Resilient" as part of Alsager School's Spirit Values. After consultation with her fellow colleagues, they believed the best way forward was that a successful pupil would be chosen from each of the four houses annually, each would receive a £50.00 voucher from Alsager Lions Club and the Lesley Rimmer Memorial Shield would be presented to the pupil who in the opinion of the staff had achieved the most. These prizes would be presented at the school's annual award ceremony in September.



Attached photograph shows Mrs O'Neill receiving the shield from Lion Treasurer Geoff Rimmer.

PS Doubt if we'll have much news (?) before Christmas so can we wish you all a pretty early Happy Christmas and keep up the good work in 2018

**KEN LIVINGSTON  
ALSAGER**

## THREE LADY LIONS BECOME "FELLOWS"

At the recent Vale of Llangollen Club's Charter evening our DG Teresa presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship on behalf of the club to IPLP Christine Holmes and to PP Carol Jones for their support to the club, and also a Fellowship presented on behalf of the club and her husband for support to Lions for many years—Valerie Francis. Unfortunately due to illness this last presentation was completed at our October Club Meeting by LP Ian.

**DERRICK FRANCIS  
VALE OF LLANGOLLEN**



# Centenary News

## Planning ahead for Christmas?

Why not include 100 somewhere to build on the impact of our centenary?



Food banks and homeless shelters all need extra supplies to support those in need. Donate 100 items, check what they might need most first but you could provide 100 packets of biscuits, 100 cakes, 100 tins of ham, 100 bars of chocolate; or shelters might appreciate pairs of socks, woolly hats or toothbrushes. A simple way to make a difference to many people.

District Governor Teresa has 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 another very accessible project that all clubs could easily get involved with; just 2 boxes per club would reach the target. See mail from District Secretary 3<sup>rd</sup> October for details.



### Centenary news from LCI

LCI have now added Diabetes to the Centennial Service Challenge, so please remember to report your club's diabetes awareness, screening or support activities on MyLCI. There will be a special banner patch for all those clubs who get involved.

This year is your clubs' last chance to earn Centennial Service Challenge and Legacy Project patches. All you need to do is report your clubs activities on MyLCI, those relating to centenary service projects will automatically be credited towards a patch.

There is a new series of videos being launched; *Reflections from the Presidents*, a collection of videos featuring past presidents sharing key Lion milestones. Topics showcase historic Lion achievements, such as efforts to prevent blindness and end diabetes, our partnership with the United Nations and worldwide refugee aid programs. Subtitles are available in all languages. The first is out now; the rest will be rolled out in the coming months.

Please remember to let us know what your club is planning/has done for the centenary. If you want your club to be included in "The centenary in 105BS" then I need information and photographs before 1<sup>st</sup> January.

For more information contact District Centennial Chair PDG Shirley Vaughan





## BROWNIE PACK RESCUED BY LIONS

Ironbridge-Severn Gorge Lions Club came to the rescue of a group of Brownies who were told they would have to miss out on an annual September camping trip due to their leader's illness. 1st Randlay Brownies had been preparing to set up camp at their usual Guiding accommodation when they were told this would no longer be possible as their only qualified leader, Brown Owl Pam Rollings, was too poorly to accompany them. Trainee leader Kerry Middleton immediately set about looking for alternative accommodation that could provide a fully trained team on site. A PGL Camp near Shrewsbury proved to be the ideal solution. The problem was that it came with a price tag way above the Brownie pack's budget.

Charlie Miller, President of Ironbridge Lions, said: "Determined not to disappoint the girls, Brownie leaders and parents started a massive fundraising exercise and Ironbridge Lions were delighted to respond to their appeal, offering the final helping hand that secured the deal."

Speaking after the trip, Brown Owl Pam Rollings said: "We had 18 Brownies attend the trip, aged between 7 and 10 years old. The girls had a fantastic full on time with activities such as abseiling, raft building, giant swing, tunnel trail, zip wire and challenge course and airball. In the evenings they enjoyed a campfire and disco.



"There were too many highlights to mention but raft building was the activity that everyone took part in and really enjoyed. The girls had to build a raft in two teams and then test out its sea (lake) worthiness."

**ELAINE BRADBURN**  
**IRONBRIDGE-SEVERN GORGE**

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**GNOSALL LIONS** are now well into their Autumn and Winter programme having already held two Afternoon Tea Dances which continue to become more and more popular. They include Tea & Coffee, Sandwiches & Cakes, delightful music and good company.

 GNOSALL & NEWPORT LIONS CLUB PROUDLY PRESENT



**OLD TIME LATIN, SEQUENCE & BALLROOM**  
**AFTERNOON TEA DANCE**

FEATURING  
**MUSIC BY DAVE & DOREEN**

**£4-00** (Including Refreshments)  
**TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**



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

The next event will be our Annual Last Night at the Proms on November 25<sup>th</sup> with the ever popular Lea Hall Brass Band, (formerly Rugeley Power Station Band) Unfortunately the Military Wives Choir (Stafford) will not be on the bill at this event but the good news is that they will be putting on a concert for us on 21<sup>st</sup> April next year.

Health-wise our first Prostate Cancer Testing Evening is being currently held as we go to press and details as to its success will be brought to you next month. Before

Newport Lions joined us they had been doing this testing for a number of years and we felt that it was so important that we decided to continue. We shall also be laying wreathes in both Gnosall and Newport on Remembrance Day Sunday.

Our Youth work also continues with Stafford Grammar School with Young Lions in Service They also entered the Annual Peace Poster Competition.

**RICK TALBOT**  
**GNOSALL & NEWPORT**

 GNOSALL & NEWPORT LIONS CLUB PRESENTS



**LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS**

The Royal Albert Hall comes to Gnosall  
**YES THEY ARE BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND !**

**THE LEA HALL BRASS BAND**

With our Special Guest Comper  
**DAVID BARTLEY (BBC Radio WM)**

Gnosall Memorial Hall  
**SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016**  
6.45pm for 7.30pm

Please feel free to Bring your own Snacks& Drinks  
Raffle

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or from Rick Talbot (01785) 823177