



DISTRICT GAZETTE

The Latest News from Around Your District

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Well a lot has happened since my last entry into our Gazette and I can honestly say that I have enjoyed every minute!

My first stop was a visit to the members of Birkenhead Club. It was interesting to hear about a forthcoming ceremony to honour Ellis Humphrey Evans - Hedd Wyn.



The story of Hedd Wyn is one of Wales' enduring tragedies. A young man with little or no education, he succeeded in winning The Chair, one of the main literary prizes at the National Eisteddfod, held in Birkenhead in 1917. After the adjudicators announced the entry submitted under the pseudonym Fleur de Lys was the winner, the trumpets were sounded for the author to identify themselves. After three such summons, Arch-druid Dyfed solemnly announced the winner had been killed in action six weeks earlier. Sadly he fell on the first day of the Third Battle of Ypres, better known as Passchendaele. The empty chair was then draped in a black sheet. It was delivered to Evans' parents in the same condition, "The festival in tears and the poet in his grave," as Arch-druid Dyfed said. The festival is now referred to as "Eisteddfod y Gadair Ddu" ("The Eisteddfod of the Black Chair"). I was heartened to hear that the club would be providing prizes for young people on the day, and, that the Lions of Flint had contributed monies towards this.



I would like to wish the new president of the club John Cecchini, a successful year. Sadly I am unable to accept the kind offer of being a guest at the club's forthcoming 40th Charter, as I shall be attending a Council of Governors, but am happy in the knowledge that 1st VDG Steve and his lovely wife Ruth are able and very happy to take my place.



My next visit was to Anglesey Central, accompanied by DO Carol Dawson and Lion Sue Topping. My lady companions expertly organised the completion of DBS forms and it proved painless to the members - no one being hurt in the process. Having a DBS certificate is becoming increasingly important with the greater emphasis today on safeguarding issues. It costs nothing, needing only proof of identity and address, so I would ask everyone to consider having one. Simply contact DO David Pomroy, or Carol or Sue and they will arrange it for you.

Whilst there, I learnt that the members were having their annual Country and Western Festival in Llangefni, that very weekend, their 14th to be exact. Ebay provided the hat and I went with Lion Sue Topping! I recommend members to visit next year's event. Great music, food and camaraderie will be waiting for you. There will be "a welcome in the hillsides".



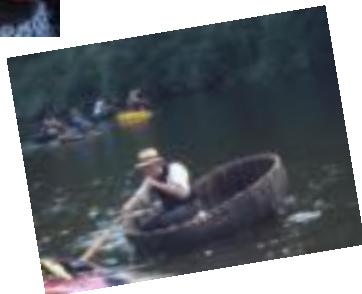
The following day, I drove to Birmingham to meet Lion Mandy Broadbent. We had a great chat over several cups of coffee, discussing a wide range of topics including the Arboretum and concerns expressed by members, Lifeskills, PR opportunities and membership. Mandy proved to be humorous, knowledgeable and informative, providing me with a lot of answers to my queries and ideas to ponder upon.

After such a long journey, it was of course necessary for me to relax a little.



Afternoon tea at the Richmond Tearooms in Manchester seemed just the ticket! DO Chris Oatway, my daughter and I, ate cake and drank tea, discussing matters relating to the formation of a new club and how best it might be done.

the members of Gorge. It was a members worked tents that had V-Fest.



This event was followed a few days later to Dale End Park and a coracle race, hosted by Ironbridge and Severn beautiful day and the hard selling chairs and been collected from the



In keeping with my desire to visit members and Clubs, I shall be helping Chester Lions with their Firework Extravaganza, hearing all about it on my visit. I was unable to attend their Musical Evening, as I had promised to induct a new member at Beaumaris Menai-Aethwy on that date, which I did. A warm welcome into the family of BS, to Lion Richard.



My final club visit to be mentioned was to Market Drayton. We shared a meal and the Club, though small in numbers is very active. I saw this first hand at the Calverhall Family Day, where they raised much needed funds using a peg-board game and selling their scrumptious baked potatoes.



I had the pleasure of attending 2 charters; one with Cannock Lions, the other with the members of the Vale of Llangollen. I was royally treated at both and made very welcome- memorable events in the company of friends. Whilst at the VOLL Charter I was privileged to bestow 3 well deserved MJFs to Lions Carol Jones, Christine Holmes and Val Francis.

Congratulations too, to the members of Beaumaris Menai-Aethwy and City of Bangor Lions who have undertaken the Guiding Lion course.

So all in all a busy time, but I wouldn't change a thing!

DG TERESA



Welcome to the New Members:

Beaumaris-Menai-Aethwy - Richard Micklethwaite
Wallasey - Amanda Evans



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

DG Teresa



Gazette time again, where does the time go to?

During September, I will have had the great pleasure of visiting the Lions Clubs of Lichfield, Colwyn Bay, West Kirby, Tamworth, Wrexham Maelor and Rugeley. The welcome , hospitality and friendship I have encountered so far has been brilliant and I thank you all very much.

Visiting our clubs, meeting and talking to fellow Lions has to be the best experience. Listening to all the amazing things being done to help and support our communities. Also listening to any concerns your club may have or questions to ask regarding the future issues or other items involving our district or beyond. I will , as will DG Teresa , endeavour to answer those questions, if we don't have the answer , we will make every effort to find it. After all, isn't that all part of Teamwork (There's that word again).

It never ceases to amaze me , the amount of effort, time and dedication which is put in by our clubs and brilliant members, supporting and serving their communities. We only have to browse the latest Lions Magazine, which has **seven** articles of great interest and importance involving clubs from 105BS. Let us not forget Our Gazette and the clubs who have already placed such interesting items in the last two issues. A lot of work goes into getting the gazette to you , so please support it by getting your photo's, articles, celebrations, anything which may be of interest to your fellow Clubs to Editor Margaret before the 22nd of each month. Your Gazette Needs You.

You may say that I am repeating myself with some aspects of my articles I have put into the Gazette but I am not going to apologise , because I am so proud to be part of our District and Lions Clubs International as I am sure we all are.

As with any organisation, moving forward is the only way to be successful and survive. New initiatives like "LCI Forward", which has been designed to take us forward with a five year strategic plan, to guide and to enable us to do just that.

There is also the issue of C I O (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) which is something we cannot ignore. We are now legally bound to be registered with the Charity Commission or C I O if your club has a gross turnover of more than £5000. The MD are working with the appropriate bodies to ensure the smooth implementation . Training Seminars are being arranged to help with this important issue.

What about Membership ? Unfortunately we are still in decline due to various reasons, some beyond our control, However, one of the reasons is sometimes due to clashes of personalities and disagreements within a club, which can only " Destroy and not Build Up " ! We are a TEAM of fantastic individuals who come together in harmony to do what we do "serve ".

There we are , I have said my piece and again I make no apologies for what I believe.

Until Next Month .. Bye Bye.

Steve`'s weird bit. At least 75% of people who read this will try and lick their elbow..

VDG STEVE TALBOT

ALSAGER LIONS TO THE RESCUE

In mid April Neve Ryles (Volunteer and picture taker) and Mr Darren Hughes (Chairman of the Trustees and Parent) approached Alsager Lions Club for some financial help towards their HANFA (Helping Additional Needs Families) summer scheme which would take place at the Wesley Centre in Sandbach from the end of July though to mid August.

During this 16 day period, children with additional needs, some with quite complex requirements, are cared for under the guidance of the scheme leader and carers, who are backed up by a number of volunteers, mainly from schools in the Alsager, Sandbach and Crewe areas.

It was pointed out by Darren that at that time the scheme had a shortfall of close to £5,000.00 and Alsager Lions unanimously agreed to donate £500.00 towards the project.

Lions Ron Lucas and Ken Livingston recently visited the Wesley Centre and were very impressed with the care and attention given by the volunteers towards the children and all were having a really great time together.

For more information please go to the HANFA web site, <http://www.hanfa.org>



Picture shows from the left, Ryan, Libby, Joel, Lorna, Elizabeth, Joe, Anaia, Alex, Esme, James and Finley with Lions Ken and Ron.

Ken Livingston
Alsager Lions

LIONS CLUB HONOURED IN ACTIVE LIFESTYLE AWARDS

Ironbridge Lions Club was honoured as runner-up at the Telford & Wrekin Active Lifestyle Awards ceremony last week, for their highly successful prostate cancer screening event staged in Madeley earlier this year. The Awards aim to promote and recognise Health and Wellbeing through an active lifestyle. Recognition was given to those who encouraged healthier lifestyles, improvement of mental wellbeing and mental health and strengthening of communities and community based support.

Mavis Derham, President of Ironbridge Lions in 2015-16, came up with the idea for the event after speaking to Mr David Baxter-Smith, a retired Consultant Urological Surgeon who to date has arranged over 76,000 PSA blood tests for organisations such as Lions Clubs.

To stage the event Ironbridge Lions raised more than £7,000 which provided a venue, PSA blood tests and associated administration costs for 420 men, all keen to take advantage of the opportunity to be tested in the absence of a national screening programme.



Of those men tested, around 15% were advised to seek further medical advice and at least one case of a highly aggressive prostate cancer was detected in a man who previously had presented no outward symptoms.

"Nationally, one man an hour dies of prostate cancer," said Mrs Derham, "and in Telford and Wrekin 250 men each year are diagnosed with the disease which is known as the 'silent killer' because it rarely displays outward symptoms until it has taken an aggressive hold. Currently there is no national screening programme for prostate cancer, despite it having been proved that with early diagnosis there is a high chance of survival. I was pleased to have the opportunity to instigate such a worthwhile project and its success has moved the club to start fundraising for a repeat event to be staged on 26th March 2018."

From left: Cllr John Minor (Telford & Wrekin Council), Mavis Derham (Past-President Ironbridge Lions), Charlie Miller (President Ironbridge Lions), Cllr Angela McClements (Telford & Wrekin Council)

ELAINE BRADBURN
IRONBRIDGE SEVERN GORGE LIONS

TAMWORTH LIONS ON THE WAY TO 100,000!

Recently in the Lion Magazine, mention was made of clubs collecting spectacles for recycling by Chichester Lions.

To date, Tamworth Lions Club have collected over 73,000 pairs of spectacles from their local collection points.

Lion Geoff, pictured with the latest batch of spectacles, has also collected nearly 50 hearing aids for Chichester Club, and over 6,800 batteries for safe recycling.

GEOFF TREVENA
TAMWORTH LIONS



Centenary News

Have you got photographs of your club's centenary activities?



If so please send them in to be included in a special edition of the Centenary News, rounding up information about events across the district throughout the year. Many thanks to those clubs who have already sent me copy.

Remember your club can only be featured if I have the information- so stop hiding your light under a bushel and let us all know what you have been doing.

It's not too late to support our centenary planting targets and improve your local environment at the same time.



Autumn is key planting time for both trees and bulbs.

Trees may be single specimens or young saplings which can be obtained from the Woodland Trust in packs of 100 or 400, in a range of varieties to suit the chosen location. They will advise on appropriate species.

Most garden centres will offer bulk packs of bulbs or these can be ordered on line. Suitable varieties for naturalising include narcissi, crocus, bluebells (use the English variety if possible), winter aconite and wood anemones. The Royal Horticultural Society offers lists of species suitable for most areas.

Don't forget the actual planting is a great opportunity to involve the local community and youth groups in particular in doing something that will enhance the environment for years to come.



Please remember to let us know what your club is planning/has done for the centenary. For more information contact District Centennial Chair PDG Shirley Vaughan

105BS CERTIFIED GUIDING LION SEMINAR, held at 105BS DG Lion Teresa Nickson's home.

The purpose of the training was to develop a pool of experienced, certified Lions who may be able to help new and existing club development.

After the processing of CGL applications, we all had a very pleasant 'Safari' supper, and a natter, which made the event very social, as well as educational.

The picture shows, from left to right: Geoff Trevena, CGL Training officer, Carol Dawson, Sue Topping, Ken Topping, Barry Stamper, Denise Harris-Edwards, DG Teresa Nickson, Rochelle Stamper.



GEOFF TREVENA CGL TRAINING OFFICER

LLANDUDNO LIT UP

Llandudno came alight on Saturday 2nd September with 120 illuminated Honda Gold Wing motor cycles parading along the promenade and Mostyn Street. Over 2000 spectators lined the route to watch the spectacle. Joining the parade was the Mayor of Llandudno, Councillor Francis Davies. Earlier on in the day the Mayor along with Lion John Chambers, president of the Lions Club of Llandudno judged the Gold Wingers fancy dress competition.



The Light Parade is an annual event organised by the Llandudno Light Parade which consists of a group of Honda Gold Wing owners. These

volunteers take the time to organise Llandudno town council, Conwy Lions Club of Llandudno. The proceeds go to support the Llan-Bikes and the Lions local charities. Crowley congratulated those who the Evans hotel who host the event and prizes.



this event supported by the County Borough Council and the proceeds from the raffle and buckets dudno RNLI, the North Wales Blood The chairman of the LLP, Mr. Dave took part in the parade and thanked and to all the sponsors of the event

Attached photos - Lions President John Chambers and Cllr Francis Davies with some of the Gold Wingers in fancy dress. One of the illuminated motorcycles driven by Parade Chairman Mr. Dave Crowley. Some of the Gold Wings parading down Mostyn Street.



**MARTIN SMITH
LLANDUDNO LIONS**

ENVIRONMENTAL MONTHLY NEWS.

Articles about Environmental.

This month first article focuses on future swifts.

This month second article focuses on signs of autumn what to look for.

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.**

NEW GAZEBO AT WYTHENSHAWE HOSPITAL

MP Mike Kane opens the new gazebo at Wythenshawe Hospital with UHSM CEO Silas Nicholls, staff and a patient from the Burns Unit with Lion President Peter Cresswell and representatives from the Sale and District Lions Club who donated the gazebo to the Burns Centre to help improve the experience of patients recovering from severe burns-related injuries

The UHSM Adult Burns Centre is a purpose-built facility providing care for adults with minor burn injuries from the Greater Manchester and Cheshire areas, and for patients with major burn injuries from across the whole of the North West. The club chose to donate the covered structure as part of their 'legacy project' to mark the Centenary of the organisation. It will provide a comfortable and sheltered space within the grounds of the Burns Centre at Wythenshawe Hospital, for those patients who often face a long hospital stay, giving burns patients a private and shaded space to enjoy fresh air during their recovery.

Sue Gibbons, Burns Centre Ward Manager said; "We are extremely grateful to the Sale and District Lions Club for this generous donation. The gazebo is such a welcome addition – it has really put the heart back into our garden and will provide our burns patients with a comfortable, shaded area to enjoy during their recuperation, which can be over several months."

Linda Cresswell, of Sale and District Lions Club said; "Sale and District Lions Club have a long history of supporting Wythenshawe Hospital and we are delighted to have been able to mark the Lions Club Centenary with this legacy donation to the Burns Unit. We hope that it will provide a restful and scenic space for patients to be able to enjoy some fresh air while they begin to recuperate."

Mike Kane, MP for Wythenshawe and Sale East added; "It was a pleasure to take part in the ribbon-cutting ceremony and recognise the important partnership working between Wythenshawe Hospital Burns Centre and the Sale and District Lions Club. This gazebo will really help improve the experiences of patients at what is already a top class facility."



Opening picture Lion Helen Tawil, Consultant in Charge of the Burns Centre, Lion Geoff Homer, Chief Executive of the Trust Silas Nicholls, Lion President Peter Cresswell, MP Mike Kane, a patient. Presentation picture of a plaque being awarded to Lion President Peter



**LINDA CRESSWELL
SALE & DISTRICT LIONS**

SEA CADETS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Ellesmere Port & District Lions have had a long standing relationship with Ellesmere Port Sea Cadets, helping and supporting them where we can. In return the cadets help us with the marshalling of our Community Fireworks Spectacular. The Sea Cadets celebrated with their 75th Anniversary Dinner in Ellesmere Port in September, to which Ellesmere Port Lions were invited to attend.



A 75th Anniversary Plaque, made from oak and embellished with the Lions Logo, was sponsored by Ellesmere Port Lions and presented to Commanding Officer Lee Grounds by 1st VDG Steve Talbot and Lion Peter Wells.

**STEVE TALBOT
ELLESMORE PORT & DISTRICT LIONS**

EDITOR'S NOTE

COPY DATE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE IS 22nd OCTOBER.

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

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TRAVELLING LIONS



Now we are moving into the 'Charter Season, you can easily start accumulating points, or why not just visit another club in your zone, make new friends and contacts, and you could even team up with other clubs to help run their and your events!

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Happy travelling!
PAM TREVENA

CLUB NAME	POINTS
STOKE ON TRENT	74
WILMSLOW	61
LLANDUDNO	51
TAMWORTH	35
BEAUMARIS MENAI ATHWY	33
ELLESMORE PORT AND DISTRICT	32
CANNOCK	30
STAFFORD	24
TELFORD	18
NEWCASTLE	16
LEEK	14
UTTOXETER	14
RUGELEY	11
HEDNESFORD CENTENNIAL	10
PRESTATYN AND RHYL	10
BURNWOOD	7
STONE	6
SALE AND DISTRICT	3
BUCKLEY AND MOLD	2
GНОSALL	2
URMSTON	2
ALSAGER	1
CHEADLE	1

GNOSALL & NEWPORT LIONS NEWS

Within the Club we have been out and about to pastures new in that four members Gnosall and Newport Lions Club were lucky enough to assist at the Special Olympics Opening Ceremony in Sheffield . On arrival we were kitted out in Official T Shirts, given a briefing (or two) split into teams, allotted tasks and off we went for the start of an amazing experience. To say it was 'special' is understated, awe inspiring being nearer the truth with the ' stars' being the youngsters themselves.

The 2500 competing youngsters came into a packed Sheffield Utd Football ground , in the same style as in the london Olympics in their respective teams, Wales, West Midlands, Grampian Region , West of England, etc, etc, even a team from Australia all in their team coulours following their Regional banners to a cacaphony of sound. And to the applause of proud parents and supporters. Oh yes, I forgot to mention the fact that the weather was awful with parts of East Yorkkshie badly flooded but did this dampen the competitors enthusiasm, not a jot.

Our task was to get them seated in their allotted area in prepoaration for the official opening by a number of celebrities led by TV stars Suzy Perry and Chris Kamara. It was so moving and the parade in took the best part of 90 mins. Once seated we had wall to wall music by well known DJ's with all the kids joining in singing and dancing followed by a cabaret opening with Tony Hadley. It was brilliant andd the time went so quickly, and in answer to the question , Wopuld we do it again, the answer is a resounding yes, although it will be 4 years until it happens again.

Following the Special Olympics Eight of us assisted in clearing up after the V Fest collecting tents, sleeping bags, chairs etc left behind by the Festival goer's, on the Monday for Christian Aid for use for International Aid and on the Tuesday in the main for local groups. These were brought back, cleaned, checked and then ready for distribution. Ours actually were donated to a scout group in Burslem as we read a report on our return that some low life had stolen all of their equipment and trailer from Kibbleston Scout Camp over the weekend, and being LIONS , following our Motto, ORDINARY PEOPLE< AMAZING THINGS. we as a Club decided to donate them to the youngsters.

We have now also commenced our Autumn programme, with monthly Tea Dances in the memorial Hall on the 2nd Tues-day commencing at 2-00pm, with a very special event taking place in Newport which every male should look at. We are holding a Prostate Cancer Testing Evening on Monday 16th Octoberin the COSY HALL in Newport commencing at 7-00pm. Although it costs us £15 -00 a head for each person tested there is No Charge although we would appreciate any donations made which we can use for future testing next year. So Gents, please come along, it does make sense and a number of gents from Newport who attended last year are so pleased that they did for obvious reasons.

We also have been out enjoying ourselves as a group, going out for a meal at the Navigation in Gnosall and also attending the MIKRON Theatre event at the Anchor at High Offley. With Social Events planned throughout the year.



RICK TALBOT
GNOSALL & NEWPORT LIONS



MORE FROM DG TERESA

My input to help with Digital Competency, one of my targets, and a great poem by Dennis.

Email and tone of voice: Top tips

Email has now become the default mode of communication for many people. It's quick, efficient, and one doesn't have to engage in live, real-time emotional responses to the message.

In face-to-face communication, we rely heavily on non-verbal information like facial expression, body posture, gestures, and voice tone to interpret and predict other people's behaviour. Without these important non-verbal cues, our imaginations fill in the blanks of what the person sending the message intended, and how they felt about the communication. We rarely fill in the blanks with positive intentions.

People will remember the emotional tone of an email more vividly and longer than the content.

When we read an email, we attempt to read intention and tone into the words.

Example 1

What was written: If you don't get that to me by 1:00 pm today, we're going to miss our deadline.

Tone Interpretation: Hey dummy, we're going to miss the deadline and it's your fault.

What could have been written: Today's 1:00 pm deadline is particularly critical. It's very important that I get your feedback today, so we can deliver to you on schedule. Thanks for your help!

Example 2

What was written: That's not what we agreed to in our meeting.

Tone Interpretation: I know you weren't paying attention and you're trying to pull something over on me, so let me set you straight.

What could have been written: In taking a look at my notes, I've come to a different conclusion. Would you have a few minutes for us to talk on the phone and figure this out today? Thanks!

Top Tips:

- Assess your relationship with the receiver. Adjust your level of writing formality to match the relationship.
- Email is more than just the transmission of information. It is about managing a relationship remotely. Consider leading with a social comment like you would if you were talking face to face. For example, "I hope you enjoyed the long weekend," or "I'm looking forward to working with you on this project."
- If you think there is room for misinterpretation of your message, take the time to craft the email to make sure your message is more likely to be received with your true intention. This might make the email longer.
- Do not use text speak like "lol" or "BTW" unless you know the person really well. The same goes for using emoticons.
- Be careful with cc's and bcc's, as different interpretations can be made about what copying people on the email implies.
- Most people know by now that typing in ALL CAPS is the same as screaming at someone.
- Don't overuse punctuation!!!!

- If you are not sure about the tone of an email you are sending, have someone else read it and give you feedback before you send it. If no one else is available for a tone check, park the email in your draft folder and come back and re-read it a couple of hours later before sending it.
- Most importantly, know when to pick up the phone or meet face-to-face to discuss an issue.



Embarrassing Modern Technology

Cattle feed rep. and Mrs Jones in the farm kitchen.
 My word Mrs Jones ! that's a smart television !
 Aye ,We got it in time for the "OWD" KINGS funeral.
 We could have had a Bush or a Ferguson
 But we got a Ferranti,
 And its given a lot of pleasure to Harry and me
 and to all the family ,
 But it took a lot of saving and a lot of work! And we sold two heifers.
 and a Stirk!
 But as Parson said when he called the other day.
 You have got to EMBARRASS MODERN TECHNOLOGY,

Mrs Jones now about this outstanding feed bill
 £85.00 is a scary amount
 My father has instructed me that if you cant settle ,today in full!
 I have got to close your account
 Now look here yer know we wunner let yer down
 But as it happens Harry's got the cheque book and he has gone to town.
 Rosie! Rosie,Come here and take young Mr Pritchard,
 For a walk down the orchard
 Its cosy on that seat under the lilac tree
 And yer can swap some jokes
 I will make him some tea,
 And get a bit friendly!
 but Rosie Dunner get squealing and ah! and hooing
 Or folk going past will wonder what you are doing,

When they returned they both looked a bit pink!
 mother and daughter exchanged a crafty wink
 There then !you tell your OLD FELLER we have been short delivered.
 Next month wen we have sold corn every thing will be covered.
 When Pritchard closed the farm gate
 The cockerel on the mixen crowed
 Nice young fellar that! I hope we can pay him everything he is owed!
 "Rosie I think you have earned a rest".

Floe shuffled about as she turned the eggs in her nest
 And Mrs Jones folded her arms across her ample chest
 "Aye", she said these days "You have got to embarrass modern technology!"