

DISTRICT GAZETTE

The Latest News from Around Your District

APRIL 2018



Welcome to new members:-
Bridgnorth - Kenneth Duffield, Matthew Mott
Cannock - Chris Pearce
Telford - Pauline Platford
Wallasey - Arthur Carter



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

DG Teresa

DG's CONVENTION SPEECH



And so it begins....

This morning I entered this room to the sound of Coldplay playing 'Adventure of a lifetime'.....the title seems apt, that and the fact that I was form tutor and biology teacher to the lead base guitar player. I know what you are thinking; it would have been far more impressive if I said that I taught him to play the guitar!!

This year has proved to be one of a personal low and some sad times with the passing to higher service of fellow Lions, some of whom have been good friends. This has been more than balanced by the highs of meeting visionary people, filled with compassion and eager to make their mark on their communities and make a positive difference.

Travelling the length and breadth of our District I have found myself bursting with pride and joy at being the administrative head of a community of people doing such good and varied work, service and fundraising projects, engaging with youth and enlightening the public about diabetes and other health related issues. Each club has its own unique character, with often its own unique characters. Ply me with gin and tonic later and I may divulge more!!

This weekend is a happy event and it signifies that I will soon be passing the reins of office on to DG Elect Steve and 1st VDG Elect John. So keeping very much in character I have written them each an end of term report!

Lion John entered the class late. With diligence, self discipline and personal commitment he will soon catch up on his studies and successfully reach his end goal and targets, building upon the foundations of all his previous work. He will go far!

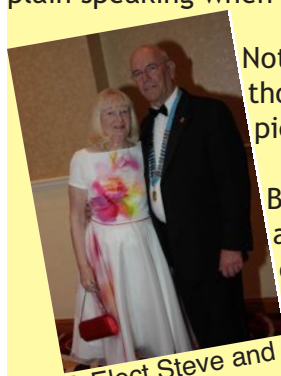
Note to self: Don't let him sit with Glyn in class; it brings out the naughty schoolboy in each of them.....in the nicest possible way.



1st VDG John

Now for the DG Elect:

Stephen Talbot has shown himself to be studious, dedicated and most definitely a team player. He is respected by his peers and his counsel is often sought. This he disseminates in a fair and sensible manner, plain speaking when needed.



DG Elect Steve and Ruth

Note to self: His recent attire of a multi-coloured wig proved somewhat disturbing... though he seemed happy enough! He also spends a lot of time on his phone gazing at a picture of an attractive blonde lady.....he's obviously smitten!

Both men are supported by their partners, Wendy and Ruth, who can appear quite quiet at first. Don't be deceived! They miss nothing and have made some very intuitive observations.

I commend all 4 to you. The District will be in safe hands.

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As for myself I shall continue to support them both, by serving on Cabinet, expressing my opinions and thoughts, when invited to do so. You can't keep a bad woman down!!

This speech is my opportunity to give thanks, but if I was to single everybody out by name, you would be here till the next convention!

Thank you to all those who have worked selflessly and tirelessly on cabinet for the good of the whole district. Thanks to all of you here today, giving up your precious weekend time. Thank you for still being awake!! Thanks to those who have worked so hard, often behind the scenes, to put this convention together and make it a success. We still have more fun ahead of us this evening.

I now know from personal experience and observation how much organisation has to take place, the endless emails, list and phone calls; A huge commitment of time.

Thanks to those who have provided us with biscuits, presentations, musical entertainment and especially good humour and fellowship! Last but most definitely not least, thanks to our guests Geoff and May for joining our business sessions and celebrations this weekend and our fellow Lions from other Districts, who have come along to support us. I think that they will agree we are not a bad lot?!



DG and her Minions

It has truly been an honour to serve you all this year. I can honestly say I have had the 'Adventure of a lifetime. Thank you all.....you are amazing!!

DG TERESA

MORE PICTURES FROM CONVENTION



Sober as a Judge?



Lion Cake



The Band



Dah Dah!



Little Orme Sparklers



Diamond thieves



BS + BN



Are you sharing Frank?



Sparkling Line-up

**For more pictures, contact
martinsmith-home@tiscali.co.uk
He took 625!**



Well what a busy time, starting with travelling down to London for the gathering of many Lions from our Multi District at the centenary celebration at Buckingham Palace in the presence of Her Royal Highness, The Countess of Wessex, our Patron. The evening was very well organised and I, as every other Lion, was, proud to be there amongst friends and fellow Lions from all over. The only part that wasn't well organised was the weather. Whilst waiting to enter the Palace we endured in true Lion spirit, freezing temperatures, strong winds and heavy snow, to say it was cold would be an understatement. However I did bring something back to remind me of the visit, a bad dose of the flu, which laid me up for three days. Obviously Flu of the highest quality.

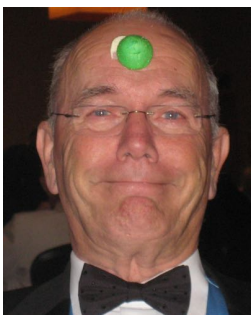
District Convention at Park Royal was well attended and most enjoyable, the one thing that really caught my attention, was the friendship which shone throughout the weekend, I was so proud to be part of it. Thanks must go to DG Teresa for the way she controlled and led the proceedings and to her team for their diligence and hard work.

A small matter within the Convention was the election of the DG & 1stVDG., I would like to thank everyone for their support and confidence in electing me as DG for our District 2018-2019. And I am looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead. I must also congratulate John on being elected 1st VDG ,we will be Working Together.

Well , that's enough about me (Hooray I here you say), I shall move onto something much more important. What about the two of the Brilliant Lions from Market Drayton Lions Club, namely Oliver Llewellyn and Jeff Murson. They have had the great honour of being made Honorary Townsmen by the people of Market Drayton and they were two of the four recipients. Huge congratulations to you both, District is proud of you. This is just one example our brilliant, dedicated members and the respect our communities have for our Lions Clubs. This can be seen by looking at the Lion Magazine and seeing our clubs being amongst the community in all the latest editions.

Spring is on the way (I think) and plans for events across the district are underway. What a great time to get out there and show the wider community what amazing people we are and the amazing things we do. Let's get out there aiming to bring new members into the fold and make some new friends of Lions. Our future relies on increasing our membership, we all know it isn't easy but we must keep trying with new ideas and even resurrecting old ideas.

Finally before I close, there are still four ZC vacancies to fill for Zones B. E. F. H. I really would like to complete my cabinet for 2018-2019. You will be part of a great team, you won't be on your own, you will receive the necessary information and training. Please give it some thought, "Your District Needs You"



Useless Information, The name for the shape of a Pringle Crisp is called "Hyperbolic Paraboloid"

**CAPTION
NEEDED
PLEASE**

DG ELECT STEVE

A RIGHT ROYAL DAY IN LONDON [1]

President Clive went to London with Pat,
'Twas very cold and they needed a hat,
A thick coat and scarf and warm gloves too.
The wind was so cold that it near turned them blue!
'Twas snow on the ground and up in the trees,
They'd never seen London in such a great freeze.

'Twas a grand royal evening that awaited them there,
They were right looking forward to this grand affair.
To get in the mood they decided some culture
Should first start them off on their little adventure.

So they went to Queens Gall'ry at back of the Palace,
Maybe Christopher Robin went in there with Alice?
The Exhibition was all about Charles number two,
His paintings and what-nots AND mistresses too!
How he'd started off short of many a thing,
That his father had gathered when he were the King

Them Parliamentarians had sold off Royal Loot,
And Charles number two had a sort of car boot,
Where those of the gentry that'd bought off the spoils
Had to sell them all back - especially the oils. [2]
Even the crown jewels had been melted down,
So he had to have someone to make a new crown!

Anyway that set them off in their royalty mood,
And they each went their way - Pat went first for some food.
But Clive to the Palace was booked to go now,
He wasn't quite sure whether he'd have to bow. [3]

The Countess of Wessex was Patron of do,
A Royal Reception and much great ado.
Lions had gathered from all fars and nears
To celebrate Lions first one hundred years.

The Countess she gave us a very fine talk,
And then through the gath'ring she made a walk.
Chatting to Lions in a most friendly way,
And posing for pictures as she held sway.
But we only got wine and a few nibbles there,
So afterwards Clive had to get better fare!

Outside snow was falling at quite a fast pace,
And the cold was really quite chilling his face.
But need for food is a driver that he feels quite strong,
So to get to a restaurant didn't take long!

Pat by this time had gone to a play,
Which was a tale of a right royal affray
Mary Stuart was on at the Duke of York
A very fine play with some quite clever talk.

Then after the play they met up again,
And returned to their hotel at well after ten.
So after Gall'ry, Reception and Play,
That was the end of their right royal day!



[1] Should be read in Stanley Holloway style!

[2] Oil paintings - many on show at Exhibition

[3] A Knutsford Club member suggested he should practice his curtsy!

REUBEN'S RETREAT

As members of a Lions Club, we are made aware of many worthwhile causes and Nicola Graham's "impossible dream" is one which we had to support. As soon as we heard what she and "Team Reuben" were attempting, we knew that we had to become involved and also encourage others to give their support. The situation that Nicola had found herself in when Reuben died was a nightmare that is admittedly endured by others but few of us would be able to react as she did. The way in which she has used Reuben as her strength and inspiration has given so many people encouragement and the will to control their own grief. Others, realising and appreciating how their lives could be similarly affected have thrown their weight behind the project and Reuben's Retreat has been transformed from an "impossible dream" into a "dream come true". The Lions will always be here to give whatever help we can.



Reuben's Retreat is, of course, only one of those worthwhile causes that I have mentioned but it is, perhaps, unique in the way it seeks to ease families and friends through the indescribable agonies of losing a child. Even now, the facilities offered are exceptional but I am sure that the range will increase over the years as more people become aware of the project. Finance alone is not what has been required and it has been wonderful to observe the way help has been given in so many ways – help that is always gratefully acknowledged by Nicola and her team. The whole exercise is a perfect example of teamwork, friendship and communication. Carry on, Nicola. The Lions will be with you all the way!

Reuben's Retreat is an incredible Victorian building set in parkland in the Peak District, just 25 minutes from Manchester and 40 minutes from Sheffield. It will be a place to relax, recharge and build memories for families to take breaks that have a child with a lif limiting/threatening illness. It will also serve as a bereavement counselling and support centre for parents and siblings who have suggested the loss of a child.

Just to keep you updated re Lions Club activities, please find the attached photograph taken as we collected an incredible £481 at ASDA last Saturday, for Marie Curie. Many, many thanks to all the wonderful people who so kindly donated their hard earned money. It is a pleasure and a privilege to be working with the people of Marple, helping them to support such a worthwhile project. Teamwork, friendship and communication.



TERRY HARDING ROMILEY & MARPLE

TRAVELLING LIONS



Congratulations to Stoke On Trent Lions - it was a very close call this year!

A number of Lions asked me at Convention if they could e-mail scans or photographs of their visit reports, and I would confirm that this is fine, and can save time, and a stamp!

This is the start of a new Travelling Lions year - let's get out there and have some fun!

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D.O. VISITING LION

CLUB NAME	POINTS
LLANDUDNO	26
SOUTH MANCHESTER	10
STOKE ON TRENT	9
NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME	2
LEEK	1

KEEPING BUSY

March meant to me, what I feel is possibly the most rewarding part of being Lions, the annual Waterworld Event in Stoke on Trent as part of our Zone team hosting in excess of 700 special needs children to an amazing day out at the Waterworld Swimming Pool Complex. There the children together with their Teachers and Care workers were treated to sole use of the pool and at the finish every child given a goody bag and their teachers and helpers an Easter Egg to take home. The look on the children's faces said it all, as to many it was the highlight of their year as well. Not only did they all get wet, but they were also greeted by the Lion Mascot, Mickey & Minnie Mouse Pottymus, the mascot of Stoke City and Boomer from Port Vale FC. A wonderful and rewarding day.



On 21st April we are having the return visit by the Military Wives Choir to the village. They didn't come last year as they were involved with someone called Lulu, whoever she is, although I do believe she can "Shout" Alongside them the compere is the amazing David Bartley, the Radio WM poet and wordsmith. Many have never seen or heard him before, well I can tell you, he is so funny (without swearing or being rude) and will have your sides aching. The Date, again 21st April, doors open 6-45pm, bring your own drinks and nibbles, the cost £10 per head for a great evening's entertainment in the Gnosall Memorial Hall. Teas & Coffee will be available free of charge with a donation always welcome. Make it a date. Tickets on sale from Rick Talbot on (01785) 823177 again £10-00.

As you can see we have been extremely active, with an increasing membership.

RICK TALBOT. GNOSALL & NEWPORT

RESTORING THE ANSTICE

Ironbridge Lions give its stamp of approval on a restoration project in Madeley Telford.

The Anstice standing right in the centre of Madeley is hard to miss. "The Anstice Workmens club and Institute" was donated to the the community of Madeley in 1869, the building is a memorial to Mr John Anstice a prominent and well respected mine owner and Philanthropist. Over the years The Anstice has been the host of the local library, Lloyds Bank, a Dentist and provided a place for improvement (education) of Workers. The working mens club during the 20th century became well known for its outstanding Ballroom, "the best outside Blackpool".

Sadly since then the Anstice fell into disrepair as income could not keep pace with the spiralling costs of maintenance. As soon as the building closed its doors local people started a save the Anstice campaign, from that came "ACT" Anstice Community Trust and gathered support from councils, local MP and other agencies. In April 2015 Madeley Town Council purchased the building "for the community" with a grant from the Borough Council's Community Pride Fund.

As part of their support Ironbridge Lions joined "ACT" to help bring the Anstice back at the heart of Madeley for the whole community, for sport, art, learning, health, family and friendship. Ironbridge & Severn Gorge Lions are proud to be helping and as such have presented a cheque for £1500 to Anstice Community Trust (ACT) all the proceeds from a Variety Musical Evening held recently in the Anstice. The Lions will be using the Hall again on the 26th March where they are carrying out their second Free Prostate cancer scening event and due recent National press coverage are gearing up for large numbers attending.

Photo shows President Charlie Miller presenting the cheque to Trustee Rita Mannering together with Karen Price (Treasurer of ACT)



**JOHN MARSH
IRONBRIDGE-SEVERN GORGE**

CONVENTION MEMORIAL FLOWER ARRANGEMENT.

During the recent 105BS convention, a single yellow rose was placed by Lions in an arrangement provided by DG Teresa, to commemorate each Lion that has passed to higher service since the last Convention.



The arrangement was taken at the close of Convention by Lions Pam and Geoff Trevena, and placed in the Lions Shelter at the National Memorial Arboretum, as a fitting tribute.

The Lions of Zone I of District 105BS make regular visits to the shelter, to keep the shelter neat and tidy for all visitors.

GEOFF AND PAM TREVENA



FLINT LIONS PROSTATE SCREENING

Pictured at Flint Golf Club is Past Captain Mark Bithell presenting a cheque to Flint Lions President Bryn Jones with current Captain Brian Roberts and Lion Peter McCracken Projects Chairman. Each year the Captain of Flint Golf Club has a nominated Charity. Mark chose Flint Lions Prostate Screening project which this year will be held at Flint High School on Tuesday



October 9th for men age 45 years and over. Some of Mark's relatives have benefited from the blood tests. The amount raised through various events was a magnificent sum of £2542.00

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ENVIRONMENTAL MONTHLY NEWS.

Articles about Environmental.

This month first article Alan Titchmarsh - Sir David Attenborough

This month second article Species Champions.

This month third article White Tailed Eagles.

This month fourth article Red Kites.

This month fifth article Globe Thistles.

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

Access under heading Community Projects, scroll down on drop down menu displays Environmental Newsletters

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**CHRISTOPHER EVANS
ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER.**



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