



DISTRICT GAZETTE

The Latest News from Around Your District

AUGUST 2018



Welcome

Welcome

Welcome to new members:-

Crewe & Nantwich - Margaret Sutton

Knutsford - Sandra Chapman

Little Orme - Graeme Lister, Sandra Lister

South Manchester - Linda Davies

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

DG Steve Talbot



TEAM WORK !

Well my fellow Lions, I have been, gone and done it.

I have had an experience I will never forget. Travelling to the International Convention in Las Vegas. Staying in the MGM Grand Hotel with its five thousand plus bedrooms (satnav needed to find mine), twenty four restaurants and bars and gaming machines, card tables, roulette, black jack etc.etc as far as the eye could see, which were all practically full twenty

four hours a day. Having said that, I was quite happy to watch the machines swallowing the punters' money faster than they could put it in.

Back to earth, my time in Las Vegas involved plenty of hard work and long days in training courses and seminars, which I can honestly say were quite enjoyable. "We were even given homework", can you believe that!

During my time there, I was overwhelmed by the friendship and fellowship of other Lions from across the globe, exchanging stories and learning about their own Lion experiences. We are truly a great organisation.



Meeting our new International President, Gudrun Ingvadottir from Iceland, who is the first female to attain this position. I found her to be a very inspirational Lion with true Lionistic values. She carries on the theme of "We Serve" with a personal vision of "Beyond The Horizon" which is both invigorating and encouraging, with the message to look to the future and beyond to fulfil our aims.

IP Gudrun gave an Icelandic quotation to consider, "Thetta Reddast" which means, "Everything will work out somehow, no matter how large a problem maybe, through hard work, trust and community" which I found inspirational.



As you are probably aware, there is an International Parade of Convention attending nations, which I understand totalled 147. This was an experience in itself, seeing and being amongst all the fantastic, colourful national costumes and noise. Due to the high temperatures on the day which varied between 105 and 115 degrees, "Phew" the parade was shortened, although there were mist sprays and copious amounts of water, some Lions did suffer heat problems.

Anyway, back down to earth as District Governor 2018-2019, I am ready for the year ahead and look forward to working with you all and visiting you at your Clubs and Charter Anniversaries.

I look forward to attending as many events as possible so please let us all know where and when.

DG STEVE

I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you over the last few months at Charters, Conventions, visits and events and it has been a great experience already to see all the different and diverse ways you have of running clubs and raising funds. I can't wait to meet many more over the coming year. I had the pleasure of going to the Eisteddfod at Llangollen and a great job is being done by a very small amount of people working hard to promote our organisation. By the way the ice creams were good you can ask PDG Teresa.



Had a great time also with Beaumaris Menai Aethwy at a Race Night where I had the honour of presenting an MJF to Lion Gillian Parry and watch as PDG Teresa badged up another new member, "which just happened to be my wife Wendy", for the new Little Orme Club, later to become The Bert Mason Internet Club.

Handover was a great success but sad that we still need 2 more Zone Chairman, but looking forward to serving together with the rest of the team. I am sorry I haven't been to more clubs but with me only starting late in the year it has been catch up and with the pressures of redistricting, which is going wonderfully well at the moment, Attending conventions plus I have been club President and Zone chairman not a lot of time left but that all changes from now - I will be giving my full attention to the District and will be assisting Steve in what, we hope and believe, will be a great year for the last one of 105BS on its own. Steve has put a great team together and I'm looking forward to being part of that and meeting you all at clubs and various events.

Looking forward we have our EXC on the 13th of October 2018 where I hope to meet many of you there. It is important that you try to attend not just to vote but our first chance to meet our new colleagues and fellow Lions from BN and of course from the 2 Zones from District E and Buxton. Having met a number of them after attending their Convention, they bring us many new ideas and expertise as hopefully we do for them. I can assure you we are in for some fun and look forward to joining with them in 2019.

There are challenges ahead with CIO, GDPR and redistricting but these are all in hand and I see no problems. We have a great team at District who are working hard to minimise the pressure on clubs to allow you to do what you do best, give service and fund raise. So carry on the good work and I hope to visit you soon.

1st VDG JOHN CHAMBERS

My fellow Lions

As IPDG, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your hard work, efforts and in many cases personal support and friendship for the Lionistic year of 2017-2018.

I have felt overwhelming pride at being part of such a wonderful District - you have all epitomised 'Love in Action' for your fellow man/woman. My gratitude for your service cannot be fully expressed - but it is heartfelt.

Thank you to all the members of cabinet, your support, knowledge, advice and counsel has proved invaluable- often helping me to make informed decisions and proposals.

Thank you kindly to all those who have offered or given me a bed for the night and /or fed and watered me - it has made my year less difficult and certainly more comfortable, than it might otherwise have been. It enabled me to break my travels and relax in the company of supportive friends.

Finally I give thanks to you all on behalf of the thousands of children who can now be vaccinated against measles. Your generosity and kindness has raised over £4000 for vaccines and as this is match funded, over 8000 children will receive a vaccination - a truly wonderful achievement and legacy for the past year. Your generosity has quite literally saved lives.

I wish you all continued success, good health and happiness. Long may we all continue to serve alongside each other? What we do does make a positive difference to the lives of others. I have had the unique privilege and honour of seeing this first hand.

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My thanks to all those clubs who have contributed towards the DG's gift. I felt humbled - my warmest regards and gratitude to you all. My best wishes to Steve and Ruth and John and Wendy. We have the highest form of special relationship!! You are all in good hands and the future will be bright.

Best wishes and sincerest regards,
IPDG TERESA CARBERRY



Crewe and Nantwich Lions
Diamond Charter Evening
of Celebration
6th October 2018

Ibis Styles Hotel
Crewe

Please join our evening and assist us to celebrate this achievement with Good friends , fine food , good music and laughter

contact Lion secretary - owendeb31@gmail.com

FOOTBALL FANATICS

Crewe and Nantwich Lions sponsored, for the third season, the strip for Crewe Athletic Lions team, supporting youth.



Celebration Flossing

The team has been named in honour of the support given by C&N lions towards the team since its begins three years ago . A child from any background can join the teams and, through the sponsors and parents, they have supported a number of children that this sport and being part of a team just would not be possible financially.



Lion Derek presents the new kits

The old kits are to be donated to a third world country.

DEBORAH OWEN
CREWE and NANTWICH

EDITOR'S NOTE

COPY DATE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE IS
22nd AUGUST 2018

ALL PHOTOGRAPHS, PICTURES AND EMOTICONS TO BE IN JPEG FORMAT PLEASE.

IF NOT, THEY MAY NOT BE PUBLISHED

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BOTTLE DELIVERY

At the request of Nurse Rachel Ainsworth of the Day Care Unit at St Ann's hospice we have just talked about and supplied Message in a Bottle there. Their publicity officer has sent a write up and a picture to the press and also published it on their website.



Laurie & Maureen Oatway
with Nurse Rachel Ainsworth

INDUCTION

South Manchester Lions Club inducted their first new member at their Handover on June 30th in the garden of Lion President Tony and Lion Ann.

Picture shows L.P. Tony, new member Linda Davies and her Sponsor, incoming President Lion Laurie Oatway.



**MAUREEN OATWAY
S. MANCHESTER**

LIONS PEACE POSTER COMPETITION 2018

There have been a couple of articles about this year's Peace Poster and the theme "KINDNESS MATTERS" in the District Gazette so I hope everyone is not bored with me already! It's a great way of gaining positive publicity for local Lions Clubs, giving you the opportunity to speak to a wide range of people in the local community, from parents and wider family members to school staff and of course letting the next generation know about Lions and our work. The weeks will fly by and I hope that many Clubs have already made their approaches to local schools or youth organisations.

Let's make this the biggest competition yet! If you need any help or information please contact me on lindacresswell52@btinternet.com or 01619762152 and if I don't know straight away I will find out for you.

Entries will be judged at Cabinet on November 18th so please try to send entries the week before to allow time for them to be checked and flatten out, to 49 Marford Crescent, Sale M33 4DL

**LINDA CRESSWELL
PEACE POSTER**

VIVA LAS VEGAS!

Lions Sarah and Margaret, from Ellesmere Port Lions, went to the 101st International Convention in Las Vegas to support incoming DG Steve and to "fly the flag". The hotel for Britain and Ireland was the NewYorkNewYork, just across The Strip from MGM Grand where the Convention was taking place. Not in reality - coaches were laid on to deliver us there as the MGM covers 60 acres AND they were air-conditioned, the SkyWalk wasn't.



We didn't march in the Parade of Nations but wore our colours with pride. We also were privileged to see the 1st Lady International President inaugurated, not as close up as DG Steve, it's a screen shot.

ELLESMERE PORT

HEARTS OF GOLD

Flint & District Lions Club have just completed a very successful year of fund raising and community projects which included the usual stewarding at the entrance gates at Caerwys Agricultural Show, the placement of defibrillators in Flint and Holywell (with others planned), their annual bucket collections at the various local stores and the annual plant sales campaign.



The handover of Lion Presidents took place at a social dinner meeting at Springfield Hotel where 'the Presidents chain of office was passed from Lion President Bryn Jones of Holywell to Lion John Gregory of Mold.

Two members of the club have been awarded the 'Melvin Jones Fellowship' plaque and pin for dedicated humanitarian service, the highest honour in the Lions' organisation



Photographs show John Gregory receiving the chain of office from Bryn Jones and Lion David Gregory and Lion Bryn Jones having received their awards from the District Governor Teresa Nickson.

As a matter for our Lions club friends, Do we hold a record for having a 'Charter Member' holding the position of 46th President? Any offers please.

**OSSIE CORBALLY
FLINT & DISTRICT**

LIONS STRIDE OUT INTO SUMMER

Summer rolls on and it is now time for a short break before we enter our autumn and winter programme after what has been a very busy time for us in Gnosall and Newport Lions Club dressed in our new Club Polo Shirts and High Vis Vests. In June and July we have been extremely busy in and around the community being involved in Newport Carnival assisting with escorting the floats, and running a bottle tombola and Lions Tombola for both the Carnival and the Friday evening Charity Market in Newport, replicated at the July Newport Show with all of these events raising money for our Charity Fund which we use supporting our local community. This was followed up supporting the Gnosall Carnival, again escorting the floats and running a couple of stalls this time to aid the upkeep of our wonderful and historic Gnosall St Lawrence's Church. We also, of course, held the last of the Afternoon Tea Dances of the Summer, as we stop these in August recommencing on September 11th after a short Summer Break.

Also in June we supported what to many Lions within our Club is one of the year's highlights, the Fun Day for Special Needs children and their families at the Foxfield's Railway where we joined our fellow Lions from other North Staffordshire Clubs in entertaining in excess of 450 visitors. The visitors had the opportunity to have a train ride on a steam train, with lots of free stalls and games for them to enjoy, together with face painting, a bouncy castle, roundabouts, a miniature train to ride on, all at no cost to the families. For some of our Lions this was their first experience of the day and I know that it will not be the last.

Coming up in early Autumn we are holding our Last Night at the Proms, tickets will be available in early September in the Gnosall Post Office, or from one of our members, more details next month.

Socially members visited Stafford Castle for the Shakespeare Festival to see Macbeth followed by the annual President's BBQ. Our Social Secretary has got a busy schedule planned for our enjoyment in the Autumn and winter months, as we don't just Fundraise, we also get out and enjoy ourselves as well.



**RICK TALBOT
GNOSALL & NEWPORT**

BUSY AT 50

Wirral Lions, who celebrate their 50th anniversary during 2018, have been busy in the last couple of months. They held their annual bedding plant sale, which they have held for more than 30 years now and it is estimated that they have raised a fantastic total of over £70,000 in that period.

Their annual weekend away this year was in Lichfield, where the group visited the Memorial Arboretum and were pictured, of course, at the Lions Shelter.



Another of Wirral's annual events for several years has been a charity walk, from "coast to coast", their local version being from the Mersey to the Dee. This is followed by lunch at the Boat House restaurant in Parkgate, making it a combined fundraising and social event. This year, it was decided that the walk would be in support of the Zone D project to fund a Blood Bike and the amount raised in sponsorship for the walk was rounded up by the club to a £2,000 donation to this worthy cause.

Wirral are, of course, making plans for their 50th Charter on Friday 12 October, which they hope will be a special event in the club's history. They hope to see many friends, both old and new, there to help them celebrate.

**GEOFF BOSWELL
WIRRAL**

ENVIRONMENT

First Article - Relaxation in the Woods - Forest Bathing.

Second Article - Forest School

Third Article - Sustainable Management - Lake Sofia - Madagascar

Fourth Article - Fresh Field Dune Heath Lancashire Wildlife Trust.

Fifth Article - Future Farming Policy DEFRA

Six Articles covers below all the following Environmental District Projects

Planting Tree Whips Information, Linked in with information about Free Supply from Woodland Trust and TCV Trust - OVO Energy.

Planting Wildflower Seeds

District 105BS Environmental Photographic Competition Information.

District 105BS Environmental Photographic Competition,

Photograph Wood Carving Oyster Catcher,

Presented as Overall Winner of 4 Categories.

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

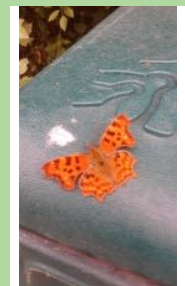
Access under heading Community Projects, scroll down on drop down menu displays

Environmental Newsletters

Click on Environmental Newsletters Heading.

Displays Monthly editions newsletter.

Click on with mouse appropriate download edition newsletter access information.



Comma Butterfly

**CHRISTOPHER EVANS
ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER**

THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT

Anglesey Central Lions undertook to donate all funds, after satisfying local needs, from 2017 fundraising to the Guide Dogs for the Blind. This amounted to £5500 and we were invited to name a dog, there was only one option "Mel" as in Melvin Jones.



Lion President Paul Smith is with, from left to right, Elin and her guide dog Georgie, Ray Barrett Anglesey Chairperson Guide Dogs, Madge Norden with retired guide dog Denby and Ronnie Thomas with Wesley, who will retire shortly.

**GWILYM PRITCHARD
ANGLESEY CENTRAL**

TRAVELLING LIONS



We have two more clubs prowling in the competition this month - welcome, and keep it up!

Happy travelling!

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D.O. VISITING LION

CLUB NAME	POINTS
SOUTH MANCHESTER	83
LLANDUDNO	63
CANNOCK	42
ELLESMERE PORT	28
BEAUMARIS MENAI AETHWY	25
STOKE ON TRENT	24
GNOSALL & NEWPORT	16
STONE	13
RUGELEY & DISTRICT	11
STAFFORD	11
TAMWORTH	9
HEDNESFORD CENTENNIAL	6
LEEK	6
NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME	6
ALSAGER	4
BARTON	2
LITTLE ORME	2
LICHFIELD	1

A PHOENIX RISES!

Little Orme has taken on a new direction and can now boast of 6 new members.

In June, all the members of Little Orme decided to resign en masse, following the passing to higher service of two members. In order to save the Charter, IPDG Teresa Carberry, transferred into the club, hoping to rebuild it.

Within a few days the club gained two members, and within the next 10 days, another two new Lions joined and finally Lion Sue Topping transferred in.

It is early days, but the club has already been busy - it has persuaded a secondary school to adopt School Aid as its charity for the year and will be organising an event to raise funds with the school's PTA. The members will also be supporting Prestatyn and Rhyl, with their forthcoming Duck Race and Llandudno Lions with the Honda Goldwing event. It is also hoped that the events held by former members, will with some organisation be continued.

The members have also applied to change the name of the club to the BERT MASON INTERNET CLUB, with the support and agreement of neighbouring clubs in Zone B. The intention is to have monthly online meetings, lasting no more than 90 mins - to focus the mind and reduce the need to travel.

As the members began with literally £0 in any account, they would like to thank Lions Sue Topping, Margaret Marsh and Rick Talbot for personally making a donation to start the Club's Admin Account. To further aid with this, the members will be holding a quiz night and raffle, inviting fellow Lions, to help raise admin funds - details to follow.

The club are having a meeting on 8th August to discuss in more detail its future plans, and will be welcoming PDG Beryl Roberts, as Guiding Lion and 1st VDG John Chambers, who will be joining as an associate member. The club has received a priority designation, to enable more support to be provided to it.

The members will be focusing on Service, wishing to augment the numbers and helpers at Lions events along the North Wales Coast, but they welcome requests for help and support from any club.

Watch this space!

IPDG TERESA CARBERRY
LITTLE ORME

