



DISTRICT GAZETTE

The Latest News from Around Your District

DECEMBER 2018



Welcome

Welcome to new members:-
Alsager - Ian Hodgkinson
Bridgnorth - John White
Congleton - Pamela Lovett

Welcome

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

DG Steve Talbot

Hi Everyone.

November has gone, the rockets, bangs, flares and bonfires are a distant memory. The thoughts of our communities are of the fantastic firework displays and bonfires staged by the Lions in their area and are looking to the same next year. To me, as I am sure we all are, the success of an event, what ever it is, is worthwhile, not only for the funds and donations received but the satisfaction that we have given our communities a memorable occasion. As far as the Firework Displays go, the look of amazement and happiness on the faces of the children and their parents makes the effort even more worthwhile.

Now it's December and here we go again, do we ever stop? The answer is no, we are Lions. Christmas is not now Beyond the Horizon, it's on the horizon and getting closer. Sleighs are being cleaned or painted ready for Santa, Santa suits and beards are being checked. Thermals are being got out of the drawers. This is a great time of the year to bring communities together along with families, both our own and our Lion family to enjoy this important time in our calendar.

During November, visiting numerous clubs within the District has been such an inspiring and enjoyable duty and I thank them all for the hospitality and friendship that greeted me, you are all amazing. I have had the privilege and honour also, to attend four Club Charter Anniversary Celebrations, Prestatyn & Rhyl, Macclesfield, Lichfield and City of Bangor. Each one was graced with Friendship and Fellowship and wonderful meals. Whilst at Macclesfield Charter Lunch, again I had the enormous pleasure and honour to present a truly deserved MJF Fellowship Award to Lion President Alexander Price as well as five Service Chevron Awards to other club members. Congratulations to you all. Thank you all so much for inviting myself and Ruth to share your celebration.



At City of Bangor's 50th Anniversary I had the great honour of presenting, on behalf of our International President Gudrun, a 50 years of Service" Certificate of Appreciation Award", signed by our patron Her Royal Highness Sophie, Countess of Wessex. Congratulations. During the visits and Charters attended throughout November alone, myself and 1st VDG John have had the pleasure of presenting, in service terms, Service Chevron Awards totalling 895 Years to our deserving members. Again Congratulations from us both.

We are nearing the end of 2018, which has seen lots of necessary action with regards to Re-Districting arrangements and the Extra Ordinary Convention, GDPR and CIO initiatives which are all on going and still require plenty of hard work to complete and meet the deadlines. However, our district is well positioned to achieve them, thanks to the work, long hours, meetings etc. by our dedicated District teams.

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I said in the last Gazette that this month's piece would be shorter, so I would like to wish each and everyone and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Peaceful, Healthy and Prosperous 2019. Thank you for the commitment to your communities, not forgetting the commitment you give to your own clubs.

Please be proud of what you do, stay proud and keep "Working Together".

DG STEVE

Here is some very useful information for you. (Not)

Did you know. US scientists calculated that SANTA would have to visit 822 homes per second to deliver all the world's presents on Christmas Eve, travelling at 650 miles per second.



'Well, 25 Days to Christmas, a day off we all shout! Well not completely, as I have seen on my travels some of you are giving your service on Christmas Day & Boxing Day helping others less fortunate. What an advertisement for the way Lions are. On my travels you have all made me proud to be a Lion and part of this great organisation. The amount of work that is going on this month on the run up to and over Christmas, not to say what went on last month with Bonfire night and firework displays I only hope you have all logged your activities on MYLCI as the hours worked must be going through the roof.

On my travels this month I have met many of you and was humbled by the enthusiasm many of you have for what you are doing and, on behalf of Steve, have given out chevrons for hundreds of years of service which Steve has recorded. But that still means we need to keep our eye on our membership as those who are reaching 45 & 50 years of service need help from some younger blood. I have noticed quite a number of clubs have prospective members, let's get them out helping, having fun on the run up to Christmas, make them feel like part of the family of Lions and help us go on to the future.

Have had fun myself at a number of events. Ellesmere Port Fireworks was a great success and an example of how many organisations can work together to put on a great event and so many Lions from all over the district came together well done! But not to forget all those other displays I saw. Reports from all over the District, about all the great events you held over that period, you all deserve a pat on the back.

I have attended a number of Charters this last month, celebrating many milestones but I am sorry to have to say that I have never been so well fed as at Bangor City 50th Charter the largest carvery I have ever seen with a Welsh folk band to help digest it all - we didn't eat again for 2 days. But well done and I hope many more years to come for all of you.

That's enough on celebrations, how are other things getting on? Well the formation of the new district is going well, we have had a number of conversations to organise everything with a full meeting on the horizon. Hopefully there will be a new site up and running in the near future which you will be able to access to get all the up-to-date information about what is happening. This will also be used to gain opinions on alterations to constitutions, zones and new regions. Everything will be up for discussion and consultation nothing, will be final yet. Just remember your opinion matters.

Well that's all for now may I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

1st VDG JOHN CHAMBERS



WELCOME TO THE PRIDE

Alsager Lions are happy to report that we have new club member, Ian Hodgkinson, who was welcomed into the club by Lion President Geoff Rimmer and fellow Lion members at their recent meeting at the Alsager Cricket Club.

Picture shows from the left, Lion Pam Lowerson, Lion Dave Nixon, Ian, President Geoff, Treasurer Doug Byrne and Secretary Mel North.



**KEN LIVINGSTON
ALSAGER**

RECORD TURNOUT AT 2018 BRIDGNORTH LIONS PROSTATE CANCER EVENT

Several Lions clubs in the District are now doing PSA screenings but Bridgnorth's recent event was probably the largest of its type in the country with a record number of men turning up to be tested.



During a three and a half hour period 1132 men were tested, an increase of more than 200 on last year. More than 50 of those tested are expected to be found to have the disease.



Bridgnorth Lions started the screening in 2009 and since that time more than 7,000 tests have been carried out with more than 350 men being found to have the disease. The club has shared its experience around the District and in many other parts of the country.



Bridgnorth Lions President, Richard Stilwell said: " More and more men are realising that this simple test, while not 100 per cent accurate, can be an indicator of the need for further investigation.



"It was a fantastic effort by our members and by the community as a whole. The blood tests were carried out by the phlebotomists from our own Bridgnorth Hospital while several local companies contributed towards our cost by sponsoring the event."

**PDG CHRIS AKED
BRIGNORTH**

"KINDNESS IS A BOOMERANG AND WILL COME BACK TO YOU"

This is the quote on the back of the winning entry in this year's Peace Poster Competition when the theme was "Kindness Matters", written by an 11 year old. His name is Harry Gosling and he was one of the 263 entries submitted by Year 7 of Whitby High School in Ellesmere Port.



Having been chosen by Ellesmere Port Lions to represent us at the District level, we were thrilled to bits when Harry's picture was chosen, at Cabinet, to represent the District at MD level. Sadly, it was only one of seven being submitted out of 52 clubs, and two of those were disqualified for being either too small or having writing on them. The judges, Lion Ann Evans, Olive Mitchell and Michael Davies of Alun School, Mold, chose it because of its simplicity and the message. Most of the others had flags, doves, hands and the CND sign. We wish Harry good luck for the MD competition.

**MARGARET MARSH
ELLESMERE PORT**

ENVIRONMENTAL MONTHLY NEWS.

This month first article -

UK air pollution removal: how much pollution does vegetation remove in your area?

This month second article -

Wildlife Friendly Housing for Future Generations

This month third article -Why do a Litter Pick?

This month fourth article -Trees for Learning

This month fifth article -The Contribution of Trees and GI (Green Infrastructure) to Creating Resilient Cities

This month sixth article -Manchester City of Trees – Tree Planting Project

This month seventh article - Heroes Wood

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



BURTON BOROUGH PUPIL SCOOPS A PEACE AWARD.

Borough School in Newport this year, for the first time, entered the Peace Poster competition representing the Gnosall & Newport Lions Club. The competition although new to the school has been running for a number of years, attracting in excess of 2 million entries worldwide with the theme this year being 'KINDNESS MATTERS'.

Not only did the youngsters have to design a poster based around the theme but support it with an original quote on peace. Their Art Teacher, Amanda Corbishley said that the competition had generated much interest and enthusiasm amongst the current year 7 pupils with a large number of entrants, with the overall winner of the school round being Isobel Pessoa of Greenvale in Church Aston, closely followed by the Runner up William Arnold. Isobel's quote on Peace was amazing, *"Kindness is free to give to all. It comes from the heart, no matter how small!"*

Both pupils received gift vouchers as their prize and the photograph shows Isobel, their Art Teacher Amanda Corbishley, Rick Talbot, President of Gnosall & Newport Lions Club and William with their entries.

Isobel's entry was then judged at the District competition at Cabinet, where her entry was up against other entrants from across the District, Staffordshire, Shropshire, Western Greater Manchester, Cheshire, the Wirral and North Wales. In competition with in excess of 400 entries she was judged as Runner Up, an amazing result which the Principal Raymond Hall, on hearing of the result, commented, "This is incredible news, and for our first attempt, an amazing result which we are so proud of as a school".



Lion President Rick Talbot commenting on behalf of Gnosall & Newport was equally ecstatic, having seen the quality of all finalists, adding "this year's entries were the best that he had witnessed over the 10 years he had been involved" and thinking, "Next Year Burton Borough, Onwards & Upwards".

Photos show Left to Right William Arnold, Lion President Rick Talbot, Art Teacher Amanda Corbishley & Isobel Pessoa, the Winner of the School Round of the competition and Runner up in the District Round at the school's first attempt. 2nd Photo is a close up of Isobel's poster.

RICK TALBOT
GNOSALL & NEWPORT

LOOKING FOR LIONS WITH TALENT 2019

An evening of variety, fun and entertainment.

Hednesford Centennial Lions Club is to host a fantastic "Lions Got Talent" variety night, a fun filled evening of music, fun and laughter based loosely around the TV show BGT. An evening bringing together Lions from all zones for a show packed full of surprises, guest entertainment, live concert band and a panel of distinguished judges.

Lions clubs from all zones are invited to nominate a fellow Lion with a hidden talent who will represent them and a good cause in a fabulous night of variety and fun. Do you have a singer, story teller, comedian, musician, fire eater, unicyclist, juggler, dancer, magician or any other talent that can entertain an audience of Lions during a short performance. Clubs are encouraged to register a 'Lion with talent' using our registration form, the form will have full details and the criteria needed to enter. The fantastic part of this event is, clubs will be asked to nominate a charity or good cause chosen by their own members that will benefit from prizes during the evening, and of course a special prize for the charity and winner of the "Lions got talent" show.

Clubs will have the opportunity to come along and support their Lion by ordering tickets, the more support the better, not only will the entertainment be wonderful but we hope to have a lively and enthusiastic audience to go with it. The date of the 'Lions Got Talent' variety evening will be Saturday 6th April 2019 at the function room, Keys Park. The home of Hednesford Town Football Club.

Details of all production requirements will be within the registration form, if you have a candidate that would like to take part but is unsure about music choice or the technical side of a performance, we can help with that, we have lots of time to help them. Registration is open to all Lions Club Members, it is an amateur show for the fun and enjoyment of fellow Lions and their guests.

Good luck everyone.

For more details please contact Shaun Middleton on 07973408036 or smidd1@yahoo.co.uk

CARLY TRUSLER
HEDNESFORD CENTENNIAL

Registration is open to all Lions Club Members, it is an amateur show for the fun and enjoyment of fellow Lions and their guests.
Good luck everyone.



Hednesford Centennial Lions
Presents
Lions Got Talent

An evening of variety, fun and entertainment.

Talented Lions showcasing their hidden talents, competing for a special prize for their chosen charity and to be crowned the winner of Lions Got Talent 2019.

Don't miss out on this fabulous evening

Saturday, 6th April 2019	Function Room @ Keys Park, the home of Hednesford Town Football Club	Show starts at 7pm
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PLEASE RSVP TO: Shaun Middleton
07973408036 or smidd1@yahoo.co.uk

HEDNESFORD CENTENNIAL LIONS CLUB

LIONS GOT TALENT 2019

Saturday 6th April 2019

REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Lions Club represented :

Secretary Contact : Email:

Name of Lions with Talent :

Stage Name :

Contact : Email of Lions with Talent:

Telephone number of Lions with Talent:

Name of nominated charity/good cause:

Description of charity/good cause:

Description of Talent: (musician, singer, comedian etc.):

(Description of performance: (music/song choice, story content etc)

It may be we have a small selection of songs that could be played by the live band for entrants to sing or perform along to, please ask for details.

Stage and production requirements: music playback, microphones, instruments, props, size of stage required. (please feel free to contact us with any concerns with these details, we will be happy to help you) :

We may dedicate a short time during the evening for any individual Lions awards, If any club would like to take this opportunity please give details below.

Time will be limited so we will inform you well in advance if your presentation will be included during the evening.

Member name:

Description of award:

To be presented by:

Registration forms to be returned to:

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LCI CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

As part of the Lions Club International Centennial celebrations, clubs in the UK were given the opportunity to nominate up to five individuals from their local community to receive a special award. The Club made the presentations on Thursday 22nd November at an event hosted by the St Georges Hotel. The recipients of the awards had been invited to the event under the pretence on taking part in an PR event and had no knowledge they were receiving an award.

First Vice District Governor, Lion John Chambers, MC for the event said "These awards are to recognise those people who are not Lions but give of their time unselfishly to help other in our community. These are a one off awards to celebrate our 100 years of service, they have been endorsed and signed by Sophie Countess of Wessex who is the patron of our organization". Presenting the awards were Mayor of Llandudno, Cllr David Hawkins and Lion President Graham Shimmin.

Centennial Certificate for Outstanding Contribution to the Community signed by our patron Sophie the Countess of Wessex were presented to:

Mrs Teresa Evans.

People who help change lives for each other and make life better by their involvement in our communities. The recipient of our first award has done that. By setting up support groups in the town actively supporting others and other groups and individuals and although suffering their own tragedy supports our forces in many ways but especially at this time of year with the with boxes for our troops abroad through the welly appeal.

Miss Clare Forrester

Who volunteers for everything certainly nearly every event we hold, she comes along either in her official capacity or just to shake a bucket and not just for us for many other organisations. But her main passion is the St Johns ambulance which she brings her team to all events all over the area. A great service we need and our thanks

Miss Diane Salisbury MJF

A familiar face in our community seen at many events and collections she volunteers for everything coffee morning's, jumble sales and collecting in all weathers at our Boxing Day Dip and many more. Despite some disadvantages she puts many of us to shame with her Will, Witt and determination, and in the past has been a recipient of Lions highest award an Melvin Jones Fellow

Mr Les Smith MJF

An outstanding Gentleman. He has spent many years, to many to recall helping others and with all sorts of events in the town and has appeared in many guises He has also spent many years as a Lion but since leaving us has received Lions highest award a Melvin Jones Fellowship the highest award Lions can give. But during his time people will remember him as the Sergeant of Arms to many a Mayor here in Llandudno but others will remember him as Santa Claus.

A special cut glass award presented to:

Mr Billy Baxter MJF

A gentleman who is an absolute inspiration to us all. Although he will tell you himself that was not always the case, but he overcome his disability to inspire others in many ways, So many I couldn't list them all. The amount of amazing work he does behind the scenes which we don't see and the work he does for our and his adopted community Llandudno. You all probably know this gentleman as our very own Town Cryer, The only Blind Town Cryer. An Ambassador for the town and must not forget his work at Blind Veterans UK, Where he works tirelessly to help others overcome their own problems. Again he has also been a recipient of Lions Highest award a Melvin Jones Fellow.



**LION MARTIN SMITH
LLANDUDNO**

MOMENTOUS DECISION, TRIBUTES and AWARDS

At the 46th Annual Charter Lunch for Macclesfield & District Lions, in the delightful surroundings of Davenport Golf Club, Poynton, Lion President Alex Price, when proposing the toast to LCI and Macclesfield & District Lions, announced that the Club had taken the momentous decision to invite ladies to join the Club. Several ladies have already expressed an interest.

Because of calls to higher service, reasons of ill health and resignations, the Club membership has declined by almost 50% since 2015 and so it is important that the Club attract and retain new members. The Club will be inducting a new member later this month and there are a group of young people who are keen to volunteer but not able to commit to full membership at present. Perhaps it is a way forward for Lionism to attract youngsters to volunteer for fund raising activities and over time to encourage them to take full membership.

The Club extended a very special welcome to their Charter to District Governor Steve Talbot, First Vice District Governor John Chambers and his wife Wendy, Former District Governor David Morris, District Officer and Lion President Margaret Marsh and the Town Mayor of Bollington, Councillor Jon Weston and his wife Mrs Helen Weston, Mayoress of Bollington. Also welcomed were Lions from Congleton, Ellesmere Port, Little Orme, Llandudno, South Manchester and Stockport.

Lion President Alex emphasised that Club members, through hard work, commitment and friendship and with the support of the Lions Ladies had gained a credible record in the provision of welfare support and charitable donations based on an ongoing programme of fund raising activities.

The Lion President paid tribute to Lion George Cann, PP MJF, who passed to higher service in February 2018. George was a pillar of the Club embodying the best of Lionism through fellowship, friendship and selfless commitment. He organised the Club's Annual Golf Tournament for several years and for the past five years was a key figure in setting up and running the Bollington Bike Fest, one of the Club's biggest fundraisers with proceeds to East Cheshire Hospice and Girl Guides. He always had the strong support of his wife Heather and we are immensely grateful to Heather for taking over much of the running of the Bike Fest, with the support of David Naylor, Town Clerk of Bollington Council, through to a successful conclusion in September.

It was fitting that David Naylor received a Lions 100 Centennial Certificate, for which he had been nominated by the Club, for the support that he has given to Lions in their work in the Bollington Community.

Lion President Alex also paid tribute to Lion Treasurer Arthur Clenton PDG MJF for his commitment to the role of Treasurer over many years and for the time and effort in co-ordinating the annual Swimathon for nearly forty years. Through this one event the Club has raised in excess of £150,000. We must not forget the support provided by his wife Joan not only in the swimathon (even being part of the Ladies Swim Team) but in many other fund raising and social events.

A tribute was also paid to Lion Vic Spurrell PP MJF and his wife Sylvia for all the time and effort in planning and arranging the Charter Luncheon. We are very grateful that they step up each year to arrange this event. Vic also arranges the monthly dances for senior citizens and plays a leading role in the Christmas Food Collection for the old and needy in the Macclesfield Area. Over the years thousands of food parcels have been distributed. He is very much involved in all the Club's fund raising and social activities.

Finally Lion President Alex paid tribute to all his fellow Macclesfield Lions for their whole hearted commitment in supporting the Club's fund raising and social events.

In response District Governor Steve Talbot thanked the Club for the invitation to the Charter Lunch and apologised that his wife Ruth was unable to attend due to ill health. He described Macclesfield and District Lions as a very busy club with a strong commitment to fund raising and service to the community.

November 4th was ADOPTION SUNDAY. The District Governor spoke eloquently and passionately about the work of the charity 'Adoption Matters' which is the charity adopted by his wife during his term of office. As we are aware, as the parents of two adopted children, this is a charity very close to the hearts of Steve and Ruth. The DG thanked all those Clubs who have donated to the appeal and was then presented with a cheque for £300 by Joan Clenton being money raised by the Macclesfield Ladies, for which he expressed his heartfelt thanks.

DG Steve then presented the following awards: -

A richly deserved Melvin Jones Fellowship award to Lion President Alex Price.

Long service awards for 45 years service to Lion Vic Spurrell, Lion Barry Cooper, and Lion John Oatway. Service awards for 20 years service to Lion Tony Norton and Lion Ashley Canham.



Lion Secretary Tony Norton then proposed the toast to The Ladies and Our Guests. He thanked the District Governor for his kind remarks and gave a brief pen portrait of the Principal guest.

Jon Weston is passionate about Bollington and is a Trustee of the Bollington Initiative Trust and their objective of saving land and buildings in Bollington for the Community. He is an avid fund raiser for community good causes.

Given that Macclesfield and District Lions have developed close ties with the Bollington Community over the years and have provided funds to the local community good causes of over £3500 in the past year, it is good to know that the Mayor will be very supportive of our fund raising efforts.

The Club acknowledged the outstanding effort and commitment of the District Governor and First Vice District Governor and wished them well during the remaining time of District 105 BS.

It is very true to say that Macclesfield and District Lions depend very much on the contribution made by their wives both before, during and after the various fund raising and social events. A brief snapshot would include assistance at the Youth Brass Band Concert, making cakes for the stall at the Astle Park Steam Rally, sorting and selling at our Jumble Sales, providing drinks and food at the Bollington Bike Fest and at the Bollington Christmas Lights, administration work and lap checking at the Swimathon (including having their own swim team) and their separate fundraising efforts. We are very grateful for all their help and support.

In his response, Councillor Weston thanked the Club for the invitation said how much he and his wife had enjoyed the occasion. He paid tribute to the commitment and dedication of Macclesfield Lions and their Ladies .

**TONY NORTON
MACCLESFIELD & DISTRICT**

EDITOR'S NOTE

**COPY DATE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE IS
22nd DECEMBER 2018**

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JPEG FORMAT PLEASE.

IF NOT, THEY MAY NOT BE PUBLISHED

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ANSWERING A CALL FOR HELP!

When Stafford Lions received a request from Spinal Muscular Atrophy Support UK requesting financial help for a local young man, the club was only too happy to help.



Seventeen year old Andy Speke a sixth form pupil at Wolgarston High School Penkridge is totally dependent upon his powered wheelchair for all mobility but desperately needs a powered centre leg rest. This will allow him to independently adjust his leg position throughout the day for both comfort and pressure relief. The cost of a leg rest is £3104.56.

Chris and Dave Lewis, both members of Stafford Lions Club visited Andy, who is hoping to go to University to study Sports Sciences and Media with a view to becoming either a football coach or work in sport media. They were welcomed into his 'man cave' where they presented him with a cheque from Stafford Lions which will help towards the cost of his leg rest.

**PAULINE GAY
STAFFORD**

WUNDERBAR

Stafford Lions Club recently went international when they visited the Rimbach-Weschnitztal Lions in Germany.

Five intrepid Lions, including a member from Rugeley Lions, were invited to join in with a long standing exchange group, the Colwich and Haywoods Twinning Association, who have been visiting host families in Rimbach for 35 years. Our German hosts, who were all Lions, made us exceedingly welcome and we quickly became good friends.



Day trips had been arranged by the Twinning Association to Bensheim and Heppenheim, Koblenz and Erbach (with plenty of wine and beer tasting!) whilst the Rimbach Lions organised a breakfast in Weinheim with a full days visit to Heidelberg.

The evenings were spent socialising with fellow Lions discussing how, as an organisation, we have a lot in common but learning from each club how we do things different to serve our local communities. German Lions club often produce an "Adventskalender" which is just like a daily raffle for the twenty-four days before Christmas and Rimbach Lions annually raise 25,000 euros from this one event! Another novel idea they pioneered was putting a small cartoon character outside all the local kindergartens to warn motorists to reduce speed.



The week concluded with a service of Remembrance to commemorate the 100th. anniversary of the end of World War 1 and a gala dinner. This farewell event was attended by over one hundred guests and the town's Burgermeister and with an exchange visit it was most appropriate that the leaders of the Rimbach and Stafford Lions made their respective vote of thanks not in their mother language.



The mission statement of Lions Club International concludes with ".....(to) encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions Clubs" and this exchange certainly did that. So successful was this experience that we are now planning for our Rimbach fellow Lions to make a return trip to Staffordshire next year so Stafford Lions are currently having German lessons!

**ED RULE
STAFFORD**

TRAVELLING LIONS



Welcome to the Middle March club, who have just submitted their first report - well done - keep it up!

I am being given forms at every event I have attended this month, which is great - keep them coming!

One 'little moan' - please ensure that the forms are dated and signed, and I receive them within 28 days of the event.

Happy roaming!

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PAM TREVENA

D.O. VISITING LION

CLUB NAME	POINTS
LLANDUDNO	142
SOUTH MANCHESTER	113
CANNOCK	51
ELLESMERE PORT	51
STONE	48
STOKE ON TRENT	41
BEAUMARIS MENAI AETHWY	39
LITTLE ORME	39
GNOSALL & NEWPORT	22
STAFFORD	18
NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME	16
RUGELEY & DISTRICT	16
TAMWORTH	15
BARTON	10
HEDNESFORD CENTENNIAL	6
LEEK	6
SALE	6
ALSAGER	4
LICHFIELD	1
MIDDLE MARCHES	1

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP

Francophiles Lions Pat & Graham Dow of Uttoxeter Lions Club, tour France each year and invariably end up in the Loire Valley. After contacting Amboise Lions Club, arrangements for a visit were made via IPP Nathalie Courvalin resulting in an invitation to the club's Annual Garden Party (including transport). Which was held in splendid surroundings (it did help enormously having a butcher and wine merchant as members) The reception from the club was fantastic with everyone, including friends of Lions, queuing up to meet our intrepid travellers. The evening started with nibbles, pate and French bread and a copious selection of wines (including Champagne) and gradually moved on to hot snacks before sitting down to a four-course meal again accompanied, of course, by even more wine. This called for severe intake management to maintain dignity and remain upright. The evening was truly delightful and also included the exchange of Bannerettes. We have been invited for a return visit in 2019 which we look forward to. We were eventually taxied back to our campsite at midnight.



L-R, IP President Nathalie, Interpreter, Lion Graham, Amboise Lion President Guy Houssaye & Lion Pat

**GRAHAM DOW
UTTOXETER**

MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAVE A WONDERFUL FESTIVE SEASON WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

EDITOR MARGARET