



DISTRICT GAZETTE

The Latest News from Around Your District



FEBRUARY 2018



Welcome to new members:-
Flint & District - Terry Withington
Sale District - David Moss
Stafford - Jill Mason



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

DG Teresa

January for me has been a relatively quiet month. My club visit to Cheadle proved to be a wonderful evening, where I was able to present PDG Tony Gadsby a well deserved MJF. I am happy to say that I shall be enjoying their company again at their forthcoming Charter on 3rd February.

Sadly, but understandably, it is noticeable that Charter Dinners are becoming less well attended - rising costs are without a doubt the issue here. This is a reason for sadness, as there is nothing that can match the enjoyment and atmosphere of being at a lunch or dinner, with like-minded people who share a common purpose and goals.

The Council of Governors meeting at the end of January will be very interesting, and I am delighted to say that 1st VDG Steve will be joining me. It will not be long before the administrative reins are passed to him. He is more than able for the tasks he will face in his year of tenure.

I would like to publically thank PDG Shirley, who is currently preparing a booklet containing pictures and stories, of the service provided by members during our Centenary Year. As a District we have certainly risen to the challenge of serving more people, and focusing also on the five key areas of hunger, vision, environment, diabetes and youth.

Please remember that the District Gazette is another vehicle to highlight the work of a club and its members. DO Margaret Marsh is grateful to the 'regulars' that frequently send her articles - but there are over fifty clubs in the District doing an incredible amount of work in their own communities. Please share ideas and possible inspiration to others.

Plans for our District Convention are well advanced and will have a very strong focus on fun and fellowship and the sharing of expertise. The business session will be followed by short information sessions on the roles of club and District Officers, being a

Guiding Lion and how to access useful social media sites etc. Anyone thinking of taking on such a role can come along and chat with Lions who have had experience of such posts.

This year the Convention will be opened by none other than the auctioneer Cllr Anthony Parry, who



some of you may recognise from the programme 'Flog it'. Anthony lives in Mold, my home town, and he and I have worked on several community and fund raising projects together.

It is still not too late to book for what will hopefully be a memorable weekend.

PDG Carole also deserves thanks for giving up a precious weekend in order to meet up with GMT officers from other Districts. I can only hope that she returns armed with a wealth of new ideas that may be put to use by us all.

I began the month by attending the funeral of Lion Sue Fordham (Ellesmere Port), a beautiful person both inside and out, who will be sadly missed by so many, and in particular her husband Lion Rob. Sadly I was unable to attend the service for Lion Peter Allsopp (Vale Royal), as it took place on a day I teach. There are more funerals to follow: Lion Cliff Bagnall (Romiley and Marple), Lion Sandy Halliday (Little Orme) and Lion Joe Broadhurst (Leek). Our thoughts are with their loved ones. All of them have achieved and given so much to our organisation. They have our heartfelt thanks and will be sorely missed.

**TERESA NICKSON
DG 2017-2018**

BIG YELLOW BOX

Flint and District Lions President Bryn Jones chose to purchase a defibrillator for use in the town as his chosen charity for this year. The club was pleased to receive their defibrillator from Welsh Hearts representative Nick Atkin at the Town Hall, Flint.

The defibrillator will be sited outside the Library in the town. It will be available to the public by an access code. Many local businesses and other individuals will have the code as soon as the device has been installed, including the nearby public house, the Post Office, the Police Station and Council offices.



The Lions have arranged defibrillator and CPR training session in the town for any local businesses and organisations.

Flint Town Council expressed their thanks to the Lions Club that ensure that such a valuable device is now available to the town and the safety of residents and visitor was paramount.

Flint and District Lions President Bryn Jones receives their defibrillator unit from Nick Atkin of Welsh Hearts. They are joined by Mayor of Flint Cllr Vicky perfect, Lions Peter Leach, John Williams, Geoffrey Mitchell and John Gregory, Flint Library manager Susannah Hill, managing director of Aura Leisure Mike Welch and Welsh Hearts ambassador Anthony Parry

Pictured at the St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School Awards Evening, the recipient of Flint & District Lions' Shield for Outstanding services to the outer Community, student Mellisa Primrose. Also, l-r, Lions Roy Swinburn, Ken Greig, LP Bryn Jones and Peter McCracken.



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ENVIRONMENTAL MONTHLY NEWS.

Articles about Environmental.

This month first article bird feeders.

This month second article feeding garden birds.

This month third article common birds on decline.

This month fourth article woodland trust success

2017 planting of trees.

This month fifth article woodland trust challenge rotary plant trees.

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.



EDITOR'S NOTE

COPY DATE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE IS 22nd FEBRUARY 2018

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

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A BIRTHDAY PARTY

Ellesmere Port Lions paid for the catering at a 20th Birthday Party for 30+ members of the local OPAL group - Older People Active Lives. This is for older folk who find it difficult to take part in community social activities. Volunteers help to transport the members to the meetings and organise suitable activities to encourage them to stay physically and mentally active.

The drinks were either sherry or Schloer!



(1) Some guests, (2) Volunteers, (3) CEO Dr Brooks, LP Margaret, Charity Trustee Pat Holder, (4) more guests

MARGARET MARSH ELLESMERE PORT

LIONS ROAR IN

The Healing Voices Choir had a surprise visit to their meeting this week with the arrival of three men from the West (not the East) bearing a gift, not of frankincense or myrrh, but Gold in the form of a cheque. The three, all members of Gnosall and Newport Lions Club were responding to a request to them, from the choir, for contributions towards the purchase of uniform fleece jackets. These were for their members when performing outside concerts and the Club were only too pleased to help.

The Choir led by Musical Director Erin Hughes meet every Thursday evening between 7-00pm & 9-00pm at the Sandon Road Baptist Church in Stafford. It was formed a couple of years ago for people affected by Cancer in any way, not necessarily being sufferers themselves, and welcomes anyone of any standard who enjoys or would like to sing. The choir regularly sing locally in various venues and over Christmas sung on Radio Stoke.

The Lions were so inspired by what they stood for, and that they embodied Amazing Things, that they decided visit. Lion Club President Rick Talbot, Treasurer John Ison and newest member, Lion Ian Woodward, arrived at Choir practice this week for £250 towards the fleeces.



what the Choir did, what they embodied, the Lions motto, Ordinary People, to give the Choir an unannounced gift, accompanied by Club member, Lion Ian Woodward, and presented them with a cheque

To say that this was unexpected was an understatement, the response from them all was, to say the least very noisy, definitely not in tune, but received with much enthusiasm. The Chair, Mike Buck thanked the Lions for their most generous gift and said that not only would they be most welcome given the current weather, but would also make the choir look so much more professional when performing outside.

The photo shows Choir Chairman Mike Buck, accepting the cheque on behalf of the Choir from Lion President Rick, with Lions Ian Woodward, Lion John Ison and Choir Secretary Sue Rhodes and members of the choir looking on.

**RICK TALBOT
GNOSALL and NEWPORT**

TRAVELLING LIONS



The 28th of February is the closing date for the current competition.

To satisfy competition requirements, and so that we can announce the 105BS winner at our Convention I will need all forms by 11th March.

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Happy travelling!
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CLUB NAME	POINTS
STOKE ON TRENT	101
SOUTH MANCHESTER [formerly WILMSLOW]	95
LLANDUDNO	94
BEAUMARIS MENAI ATHWY	79
TAMWORTH	59
CANNOCK	52
ELLESMERE PORT AND DISTRICT	49
STAFFORD	32
NEWCASTLE	25
HEDNESFORD CENTENNIAL	21
TELFORD	18
RUGELEY	15
LEEK	14
UTTOXETER	14
PRESTATYN AND RHYL	10
BURNTWOOD	7
STONE	6
SALE AND DISTRICT	3
BUCKLEY AND MOLD	2
GNOSALL	2
URMSTON	2
ALSAGER	1
CHEADLE	1