

DISTRICT GAZETTE

The Latest News from Around Your District

JULY 2018



Welcome to new members:-
Little Orme - Wendy Chambers, Martin Davey
Newcastle-under-Lyme - Celia Jarrett
Stafford - Pauline Fallows, Christopher Price



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

DG Teresa

This is my final contribution to the Gazette as the DG of 105BS. One might assume that this has been a quiet month – but there you would be wrong. This month I have attended Charters at Beaumaris Menai-Aethwy and Rugeley, as well as making Club visits to Stafford and Leek. My thanks to all the clubs named, for their warm friendship and kind hospitality. The visit to Leek has resulted in a new addition to my household.....a blue budgie, whom I have called Les, after none other than our very own Les Critchlow, the breeder of my new pet. His middle name is Houdini, as he somehow got out of his cage on the first day in his new home, and then put himself back! The cage door was not open!!!????

On 12th June I attended a commemoration service for 1100th Anniversary of Aethelfraeda, Queen of Mercia and daughter of King Arthur. Thanks to Lion Mark Kyte for arranging the invitation to this wonderful event and to Lion Geoff Trevena for placing me in the front row, and therefore privy to the best views of the Ceremony, and Prince Edward; husband to our excellent patron Sophie, Countess of Wessex.

On the home front I joined Buckley and Mold Lions in presenting some YLiS Awards to 6th Formers of the Alun School. My thanks to Lion Rick Talbot for showing a PPT on this subject to all those present, students, parents, teaching staff and the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Mold. There was an opportunity for all to have a chat over a cup of tea and a slice of cake afterwards, courtesy of the Club. I cannot recommend this scheme highly enough, as it engages with youth – our future new members, and also provides a showcase for the service we do as members.

At the end of the month I shall be attending a dinner to present an MJF, to an unsuspecting member of Flint Lions. This is followed by an attendance to a Healthy Schools event at City Hall, London. There I shall be representing the Trustees of LifeSkills. LifeSkills is continuing to publicise the publication of Life Changes 2, that I am pleased to report has been used in schools in and around Grenfell, as it deals with subjects such as bereavement and loss - a valuable resource for any community suffering the trauma of unexpected deaths.

They say, "It's not over till the fat lady sings!", so in the words of Frank Sinatra.....

"And now, the end is near *(June 30th!)*.

And so I face the final curtain

My friend(s) *(all 700 of you!)*, I'll say it clear

I'll state my case, of which I'm certain

I've lived a DG's life that's full

I've travelled each and every highway *(North Wales, Wirral, Cheshire, South Manchester, Stafford and Shropshire with the much needed aid of a Sat Nav).*)

But more, much more than this

I did it my way *(with the help and support of all of you, and a dedicated Cabinet, whom I cannot thank enough).*



Regrets, I've had a few
But then again, too few to mention (*Fortunately!*)
I did what I had to do
And saw it through without exemption (*CIO, Redistricting, GDPR, Club closures, Presenting MJFs, Visiting Clubs, attending Fund Raising Events, Civic Ceremonies, Visit to Buckingham Palace, attending CoG meetings, District & MD Convention, International Convention, meetings with BN, becoming a Trustee for LifeSkills and the MD Officer, attending Healthy Schools event in City Hall, London and Portcullis House to launch the Lifeskills' publication Life Changes 2*).
I planned each charted course (*With the help of Cabinet, and their agreement and votes and support of the members and DG Team*).
Each careful step along the byway
And more, much more than this
I did it my way (*Hopefully with humour and tact, where required?*)
Yes, there were times, I'm sure you knew
When I bit off more than I could chew (*Juggling home life, working part-time as a teacher, being a Town Councillor for Mold and being DG*)
But through it all, when there was doubt (*What have I taken on moments??*)
I ate it up and spit it out (*Metaphorically speaking – I was well brought up!*)
I faced it all and I stood tall (*Actually not as tall as I used to be, by 3inches!!*)
And did it my way
I've loved; I've laughed and cried (*Very true!! A lot has happened this year. I now have a lot of unforgettable memories, gifts and mementos, together with respect and gratitude to so many lovely people*).
I've had my fill my share of losing
And now".....

I pass the baton to Steve and John, wishing them every success for the future, sure in the knowledge that we find ourselves in dedicated, kind and supportive hands. My regards, sincere admiration and thanks to you all, for your generous gifts of time and service for your communities and those in need of help, both near and far. You all make me proud to call myself a Lion and be part of this great organisation.

Thank you.

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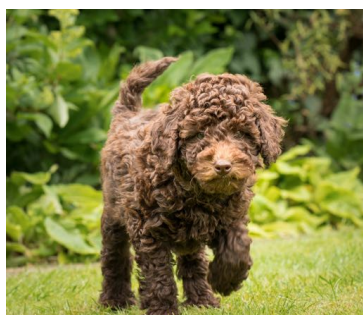
DG 2017-2018



APOLOGIES
NO ARTICLE THIS TIME AS I AM BUSY PACKING TO GO TO
THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN LAS VEGAS
I'LL BE BACK! - AS YOUR DG

STEVE TALBOT
DG ELECT

INTRODUCING ESTER



This is the BS Hearing Dog, Ester, who is now eight weeks old and just been placed with her volunteer socialiser.

Thanks to the generous donations over the last couple of years to the 'Centennial Appeal and Jean's Partner's Appeal, the £10,000 needed to support a Hearing Dog was surpassed. We had the privilege of supplying names of two syllables and, if it had been male, it would have been Lester, guess why!

We will be kept informed of Ester's progress and fingers crossed she makes it through and some lucky person gets the benefit and a gorgeous pet.

STEVE SHIELDS

“TOOLS WITH A MISSION”

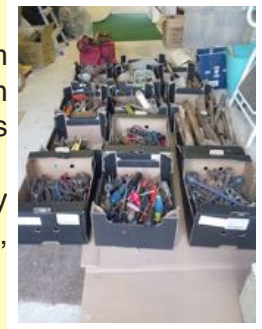
In 2017, to celebrate the Centennial, the Clubs of Zone E decided to work together to collect 100 tools to donate to a charity called “Tools With A Mission”.

They “collect unwanted tools, refurbish them, sort them into trade kits and send them across the world for livelihood creation,” their ethos being that “there is dignity through work and the ability to provide for yourself and your family. We believe entire communities can be transformed through training and the provision of tool kits and equipment.”



The project has now been completed, Zone E well and truly smashed the target of 100 as you can see from the photos, collecting so many we didn't even have to count them!

Lion John Jones and Lion President Alan Gallagher, both of Urmston Lions, hard at work sorting the tools



**LINDA CRESSWELL
ZONE E CHAIRMAN**

FATHERS' DAY FETE

Every year Sale Club holds a Fathers' Day Fete, enabling local people to have fun and lots of charities to fund raise and raise awareness in the local community. Last year it was too hot, the bouncy castle for littlies had to close as children were getting burned and none of the food vendors were happy, apart from the ice cream stall, which sold out! The year before torrential rain at the end meant that the team running the bouncy castles couldn't put them away without help due to being waterlogged.

This year the rain held off, it was warm enough but not too warm, lots of people enjoyed the afternoon and with the help of Sale Wombles and the Guides packing up and cleaning the park was done in record time. A good day was had by all!



The Mayor of Trafford, Councillor Tom Ross and Deputy Mayoress Anne Duffield with Sale President Peter Cresswell and Sale's very own Lion

**LINDA CRESSWELL
SALE DISTRICT**

TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

There was a special teddy bear's picnic in Telford Town Park as one of a range of events celebrating the town of Telford's 50th anniversary. It was organised by Telford Lions Club who are also celebrating their 50th anniversary in 2018.



With the help of a Telford@50 Celebration grant the club set out to organise a family fun afternoon that would really be free. “We are very conscious of financial constraints on families so we deliberately had no fun fair, bouncy castles, burger vans etc., instead there were craft stalls and fun activities for children to have a go at. In addition there was a circus skills workshop, a magician and arena competitions, as well as all the usual attractions of our great park. Everything free for all. We invited people just to bring a bear and a picnic” said LP Sheila Hester.

All bears attending were invited to collect a free raffle ticket and a chocolate teddy bear for their owner; three lucky numbers were drawn at the end of the afternoon for bear related prizes. Local teddy bear manufacturers Merrythought loaned one of their large bears dressed as a Beefeater, this was immensely popular for photographs. “The only difficulty was transporting it” said organiser Lion Shirley Vaughan “a six foot tall bear that does not bend presented quite a challenge but Lion spouse Paul Wordsworth coped brilliantly.”



Neighbouring club, Ironbridge and Severn Gorge, brought their football skills game; Friends of the Park made bugs hotels with the children; Guide Dogs brought some identify by touch and smell items; Signal, a local hearing charity, taught children some sign language and finger spelling; all keeping to the free

activity theme. Tesco provided fruit to give to the children and a local business supplied boxes of biscuits to give away.

The weather was kind and the first families arrived early with their picnics, in time to watch the Lions setting up the gazebos, and the last were still around when the ground was cleared at the end of the afternoon. An estimated 1,500 attended.



Children had great fun making badges, bracelets, bookmarks and decorated bears. They created bears with dough, found the way through mazes, danced, sang, practised existing skills and learned new ones. They also enjoyed family picnics and played happily around the field. Low key and low cost activities produced a great afternoon- all the Lions helping out agreed it was great to simply be providing a service for families rather than fundraising as is usually the case at such events.

**SHIRLEY VAUGHAN
TELFORD**

VISITOR FROM DOWNUNDER

At Zone I's recent meeting, attended by nearly 50 members, we were honoured by the presence of Australian PDG Eric from Northcote Lions Club, Victoria, District 201V-4.

Following a very tasty buffet, laid on by Rugeley's birthday girl, President Jane, the meeting featured a visit from a PDG from the other side of the world.....

Naturally, coming from Victoria, Eric had to judge the Victoria sponge competition, which was won by Lichfield Lion President Chris Pritchard.



PDG Eric called Cannock President Graham and Hednesford President Rob to exchange banners, explaining that he had spent many of his younger years in the Cannock and Hednesford area.

Eric then made presentations of his banners to the following: President David, Barton Branch; President Chris, Lichfield; President Jane, Rugeley; President Glenda, Stafford; President Becky, Tamworth as shown below.



PDG Eric then gave a brief background of Lions in Australia.

Cannock President and Zone Chair Beverley were then presented with the "Valrick" Trophy for Best Zone in District BS, Awarded for 2016-2017.

**GEOFF TREVENA
ZONE I SECRETARY**



EDITOR'S NOTE

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

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WILLKOMMEN

The town of Ellesmere Port is twinned with Reutlingen in the Swabische Alps, Germany. Ellesmere Port Lions are twinned with Reutlingen Lions and, alternate years, the Reutlingen Lions fly over to attend our Charter. This year a group of five, 3 Lions and 2 wives, came over for our 44th Charter Dinner.

They were treated to a tour of Liverpool by PDG Frank Marnell on the Saturday, dropping them off first at the Birkenhead Ferry, dashing through the tunnel, and meeting them at the other side. They were very impressed arriving at the Waterfront, then seeing the Bill Shankly Gate, the two cathedrals and a guided tour of St George's Hall.

DG Teresa welcomed them, at the charter evening, with excellent German. All the guests enjoyed a lovely meal followed by a disco and, of course, the usual Lions' friendship. They weren't too tired out by their busy day as they were still in the bar at 1.30 am!

Photograph shows Ursula and Wilhelm Borth, Caroline and Paul Donovan (Deputy Mayor and Consort), LP Margaret Marsh, Erich and Ingrid Möck and Christian Malycha.



**MARGARET MARSH
ELLESMERE PORT**

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

Please consider as we get up and running in this new Lions Year, that LCIF still continues to support those both locally and worldwide that are less fortunate than ourselves. It is a hard job continually trying to find new ways of raising support that may appeal to our most generous public not forgetting our lions club in 105 BS. In my particular club we are always working hard as all clubs in raising funds to give support as and where necessary.

I am often asked what does LCIF do?

WHAT LCIF DOES

We give sight; by combating eye diseases, creating infrastructure to improve eye care and delivery, increasing the number of trained eye care professionals, and making vision care more equitable and sustainable.

We support youth; by helping children learn to work together, make positive decisions, and serve their communities, and by constructing schools, youth centres and vocational training centres.

We provide disaster relief; by helping devastated communities survive after disasters and by bringing hope through assistance in long-term efforts to rebuild homes and lives.

We address humanitarian needs; from global health issues such as measles, diabetes, hunger, and childhood cancer to empowering those with disabilities to lead more independent and fulfilling lives.

LCIF has donated over 1 Billion Dollars over the 50 years of its existence and continues to give grants worldwide.

In this last Lions year (2017-2018) District 105 BS did a fantastic job in supporting LCIF it is my greatest hope that we can continue in this way and even surpass our district total in this forthcoming Lions year.

When making donations to LCIF please ensure that the payee line is completed as follows;
LCI MD105 Appeal Fund.

And send to DO Lion Graham Dow 7 Wade Close Cheadle Staffs. ST10 1HR

Please remember to endorse the reverse of the cheque to the area you wish the donation to go to, ie; Sight, Youth, Humanitarian (Measles) or Disaster.

Please accept my deepest gratitude for your continued support to LCIF

**GRAHAM DOW
LCIF 105BS**



What a busy travelling month we have had!

We have been prowling here, there, and everywhere!

Keep it up - happy travelling!

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D.O. VISITING LION

CLUB NAME	POINTS
SOUTH MANCHESTER	60
LLANDUDNO	55
CANNOCK	40
BEAUMARIS MENAI AETHWY	25
STOKE ON TRENT	24
GNOSALL & NEWPORT	16
ELLESMERE PORT	15
RUGELEY & DISTRICT	11
STAFFORD	11
TAMWORTH	9
HEDNESFORD CENTENNIAL	6
LEEK	6
NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME	6
ALSAGER	4
LICHFIELD	1

COME FOR COFFEE?

After more than a few weeks of glorious summer weather, on the morning of Lions Kath Morris's Coffee Morning the weather decide to break and we had the first sign of rain in weeks. Despite the disappointment of the British weather, can it ever be trusted, Lion Kath held a very successful event at her home and garden here in Alsager, with delicious cakes, a superb raffle and a small bric-a-brac stall.



Thanks to Kath's efforts she raised some £180 towards Alsager Lions Club funds.

Earlier in the month Alsager Lions had a local street collection and managed to collect nigh on £120.00 towards good causes on a Saturday morning.



Dedicated Lion Phil Westhead carrying the Lion's Flag!

KEN LIVINGSTON
ALSAGER

BOYS AND GIRLS' FOOTBALL

City of Bangor Lions were invited to present the trophies, which we had purchased, to the boys and girls' football teams.



We have also helped out with donations for equipment in recent years.

Pat Gadd and Beryl Roberts presented the trophies.

Six of us attended in all.

Good PR.

Permission was given, by the parents, for these pictures to be printed



BERYL ROBERTS
CITY OF BANGOR

UKULELE CONCERT

IN SUPPORT OF HENRY
RAISING MONEY FOR



Saturday, 14th. July 2018

AT STAFFORD RANGERS SOCIAL CLUB, ALSTONFIELDS ROAD, STAFFORD ST16 3UF

Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm start

£10 including a buffet



Contact Lion Ed Rule for tickets - 01889 574122



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LIONS CLUB
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by

All Three Bands of
THE LIONS YOUTH BRASS
Youth Band – Second place
Junior Band – Silver
Beginner Band – Cert of Merit
in National Youth Brass Band
Championships of G.B. 2018

7.30pm

Saturday, 14 July 2018

King's School, Macclesfield
Car Parking – Rock Block – Westminster Rd.

Tickets from :
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Macclesfield & Dist. Lions Club
Charity Trust Fund No. 518400



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This month second article A New Plan for Nature.

This month third article The Future of Black Tailed Godwits.

This month fourth article General Information about the Black Tailed Godwits.

This month fifth Change in Farming Legislation Improvement for the Environment.

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CHRISTOPHER EVANS
ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER



COAST TO COAST

This year Wirral Lions club allocated proceeds of its annual sponsored Coast to Coast (Eastham Ferry to Parkgate) on 25th April to the Zone D Project in aid of Blood Bikes.

Sponsorship generated in excess of £1500 and, at the last business meeting, the club agreed to round up the contribution to £2000.

The club thanks all who contributed to the success of the walk.

TREVOR EVANS
WIRRAL

GOLF DAY 2018

Twenty four intrepid golfers joined us at Aqualate Golf Club on Thurs 31st May to compete in the latest Annual Golf Day raising in excess of £750 which will be going towards our Annual PSA Prostate Checking Event in October and for other local good causes in and around our locality.

The day had started quite good, murky with rain forecast for the afternoon which in fact failed to materialise. This led the way to some outstanding and some may say unbelievable scores.

The winner was Robert Carter, a newcomer to golf who in addition to receiving the winners trophy also received the Howlett Memorial Trophy amassing an amazing 50 points, His card was obviously duly handed over to the Club Handicap Secretary for what I am led to believe will be quite a cut.. For those who do not know the Howlett memorial Trophy is in memory of a past competitor of the event who drowned whilst on holiday in Majorca attempting to save his drowning son.

On the day we also had our usual OSWALD , Nearest the Pin, Longest Drive, Longest also presented with Drive Ladies , Fish & a Chip and most Golf Trophies which made for a fun day for everyone.

I should like also to thank the staff at Aqualate Golf Club for their assistance , Danny & his team for their work on the course, it honestly gets better by the year, Our thanks for the event must also go to Harold, and Colin both on the Front Desk , and to John Good and the other greenkeeper's or all the work they and others do in and around the Club, it just gets better every year.

We could not have got by, of course, without the support of our sponsors so a special thank you must go to the following local businesses and individuals who regularly support us. Please support them they are all local, and still continue to support us in these difficult times. If they go then the village will look like a local town centre not too far from us.

SOS Howlett Brothers Plumbers	Navigation Inn Gnosall	Royal Oak
Janice at Aspire	Swan Pit Nurseries	Pat at Autosparkle
Lilly's Secret Tearoom	Joan Brown Not Just Curtains	Bank Top Garage
NCA Embroidery of Derrington	The Horns Gnosall	M Bissell
The Bakery Wharf Road	The Home & Decor Newport	Gerry McGeown MBE
Glenn Ward Decorators	Gnosall Fish Bar	Gnosall Service Station
Stuart Powell at Roadside Safety	Mincher Lockett Opticians	Mike Jenkins
So Gorgeous on Gnosall High Street	Taylor Brothers Motorcycles	Swan Pit Kennels
Tony Wright Motor Engineers	Gnosall Barbers Shop	
	Joe of First Impressions Window Cleaning	

The event, which I was ably supported by fellow Lions Pam, Tracy , John Slynn, Peter, Geoff and John Ison made for a good day and we look to welcoming in future years and also future golfers to this annual event.

RICK TALBOT
GNOSALL & NEWPORT

YOUR CLUB COULD SHARE YOUR NEWS IN THIS SPACE

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Gazette for the last year. This first Edition for the new Lions' year is one of the busiest, with nine Clubs sending in articles, plus some from District and a couple of Zones. There are still 21 clubs in the District that haven't sent anything in during the last year. What a shame that they don't use this way of letting their fellow Lions in the District what they are doing.

MARGARET MARSH
EDITOR