



DISTRICT GAZETTE

The Latest News from Around Your District



OCTOBER 2018

Welcome

Welcome to new members:-

Crewe & Natwich - Arran Colclough

Gnosall & Newport - Colin Henrys, Eileen Henrys

Ironbridge Severn Gorge - Carol Powell, Graham Powell

Knutsford - Goeff Holman, Jennie Holman

Uttoxeter - David Watts

Welcome

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

DG Steve Talbot



Well fellow Lions, it's October and Autumn seems to have arrived after the great summer weather we have experienced. Which was great for the events that had been carefully organised by our brilliant Lions Clubs. Now the weather is cooling and the nights are drawing in we are giving our thought to organising and preparing for our seasonal events, such as Bonfire Night and shortly after Christmas (which is only 13 weeks away). It's all go.

Since I took office, I have had the pleasure of visiting ten of our brilliant clubs and have really enjoyed everyone of them. The hospitality and friendship cannot be measured. One of the outings



I had was to Congleton Lions Annual Duck Race, which was well attended and Ruth and I witnessed hundreds of little plastic ducks, each with a number on them, being tipped into the flowing River Dane and were herded by a floatilla of canoeists towards the finishing post. A fun day which ended on a great note with Ruth being presented with a cheque for her Partner's Appeal "Adoption Matters" by Lion President Pat Wiltshier.

On a visit to Wrexham Maelor Lions Club, I was privileged to witness the presentation of a crystal vase by President Richard Huelin on behalf of the club members to Joan Williams on her retirement from mainstream lions and who was a stalwart of the club over many years holding the rolls of President, Secretary, Treasurer and others. Joan said she will continue to help the club when she can. Thank you Joan for your commitment over the years and we wish you all the very best for the future.



Please let me know of any events you have, I would love to come along to share it with you if I possibly can.

Still plenty going on as you are all probably aware, what with Data Protection and CIO. Not to mention Re-Districting. On the Re-Districting front, all is going well, the Extra Ordinary Convention is on Saturday October 13th at The Park Royal Hotel Warrington, where our 1st VDG Lion John Chambers of Llandudno Lions Club is up for election for District Governor of the combined BS & BN namely District CN. Please, give John all the support you possibly can.

DG STEVE

Fact. The film Pearl Harbor cost as much as the re-building of Pearl Harbor and lasted an hour longer than the attack.

1st VDG's BIT

Well off and running now, enjoying every minute from those I have already visited to the upcoming visits, meetings & charters my diary is filling up. Had a great time with Prestatyn & Rhyl with their Duck Race. Unbelievable all the rain we have had lately and they had to move the day because of the weather and still not enough water to get the ducks down the river scrapeing their bottoms along and prodded and poked by Lion Pam & Lion President Dee. But all went off great and everyone seemed to enjoy.

Llandudno had a great day and night with the Goldwing Light Parade over 150 bikes lit up the town as they paraded through the streets and Lions from all over North Wales helped out and had a great time.

We must not forget that we have the District Walk for Sight at the Blind Veterans at Llandudno on the 6th of October a great opportunity for everyone to see the work that is done there and where all the monies have been spent donated by Lions. Don't miss this unique opportunity.

Don't forget the chance to meet our friends from BN, E & C at the EXC in on the 13th October a great chance for a get-together for an exchange of ideas and make new friends. Besides the short business there will be a number of interesting presentations in the afternoon.

Now looking forward to October & November where my diary is full with many visits and charters and I'm looking forward to meeting many of you and joining in some of the fun you have planned.

1st VDG JOHN CHAMBERS

CHARITIES MARKET

On Saturday the 15th September the local Rotary Club (They are alright really) held their annual morning Charities Market for, obviously, any charity clubs in Alsager who wish to take part. Our stall, as the picture shows, was of mainly kiddies toys, (Not required anymore), some fine plant pot holders and what ever else we thought might sell.

We also had a pretty good selection of raffle prizes, kindly donated by a couple of our local pubs and the flower shop. For whom we are ever grateful. Although the weather was fine and clear the people of Alsager seemed to be a tad slow getting out of their beds, on this particular Saturday. Fortunately as the morning progressed the market slowly came to life, it must have been our fine raffle prizes and by closing time, mid-day, we had made over £130. Not a great sum but anything gained these days, cannot be bad.



Picture shows on the left Lion President Geoff Rimmer, Lions Secretary Mel North, Lesly Livingston and front row Mel's grand-daughters Claudia and Ava who did sterling work setting out the stall.

KEN LIVINGSTON ALSAGER

ENVIRONMENTAL MONTHLY NEWS

This month first article Marvellous Moss Planted on Moorland to help Combat Flooding.

This month second article Why we need a city of trees.

This month third article Butterfly Conservation.

This month fourth article Speckled Wood Butterfly Information and Identification.

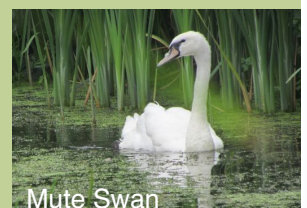
This month fifth article Butterfly Conservation Garden Butterfly Survey.

Link for Lions Environmental Newsletters 105BS

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.



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**CHRISTOPHER EVANS
ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER**

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE



At Barton under Needwood's Annual Health day event, Barton Lions again gave away Message in a Bottles to residents, and discussed the scheme with health professionals.

A number of people complimented Lions on the MIAB scheme, as a useful tool to help the emergency services when they respond to people who are taken ill.

Pictured, from left to right, one of Barton's new members, Lion Pam Trevena, with Lion President Judi Wring.

**GEOFF TREVENA
BARTON-under-NEEDWOOD**

WORLD'S SHORTEST FUN RUN 2018

After a gruelling and intensive fitness programme which lasted 12 months, which included daily workouts in the gym followed by long distance runs, the day finally arrived.

The date, Sunday, September 9th 2018, the time 1.15 pm, the place, the smallest park in the UK. After a 30 minute warm-up Lion Dave Marston, in the Lion suit and President Mike Simms from Burntwood Lions approached the starting line. After a quick check on wind speed, and with tension rising, the claxon sounded, after 12 months of preparation the run was over in 16 seconds, it would have been quicker, but Lion Dave kept stopping to have his photo taken. After the medal presentation and a 30 minute warm- down, it was back into training for next year.



**MIKE SIMMS
BURNTWOOD**

LIONS EN“CAGE” IN LOCAL CITIZENSHIP AWARD INITIATIVE

Caring Local Youngsters working on the National Citizenship Scheme at short notice organised and ran themselves an amazing, very well attended, and very successful Quiz Evening at the “Phez” (Pheasant Inn in Newport) who's owner, Paul Quinn, very generously allowed them to use for free. The 15 youngsters were from the Secondary Schools in the locality, namely Burton Borough, Adams Grammar and Newport Girls High School and prior to the start of the course, a week in Wales doing ‘Outward Bound type activities, a week at the Staffordshire University developing a social action plan they are passionate about and then back to Newport getting the project off the ground and putting the project into action. The project in support of the MANINPLACE Charity which reaches out to the Homeless in Telford, was to raise funds to purchase items to make up emergency kits for the homeless on their arrival into emergency accommodation.

Their first project activity was to organize a Quiz Night in the town. Gnosall & Newport Lions Club on learning of the event at short notice held an emergency meeting pledging 100 pounds to it to get it off the ground. The Club, which meet monthly in Gnosall are currently the holders of 2 Regional Lions Youth Work Awards and work on local projects in conjunction with Burton Borough School amongst others, also support work carried by young people locally through their Young Leaders in Service Award Scheme. The President of the Gnosall & Newport Lions, Lion President Rick Talbot on handing over the cheque for £100 to Jess Benham, Senior Mentor of Team 8, highlighted the fact that these amazing young people had managed, in 3 days, to put together a well organised and run event from a standing start. It was a lesson to the people of Newport as to what young people are capable of, how lucky we are to have them in our midst and are to be commended.



The photo shows, from left to right, Jess Benham (Senior Mentor Team 8) Tyler Buckler Green, Josh Rollinson, Matt Fundell, Vicky Elsmore, Amber Jones, Rhiannon Bowen and Gnosall & Newport Lions President Rick Talbot handing over the cheque to Team 8

Particularly gratifying about the evening was that the majority of the young people had put themselves out on a day when perhaps they should have been out celebrating with their families, having earlier in the day received their GCSE Results but instead thought of others more needy showing their calibre. Part of the evening also involved a cake sale, a bucket collection and next week they are all sleeping rough in order to see what the homeless go through on a daily basis. We stand in good stead for the future with youngsters like these.

**RICK TALBOT
GNOSALL & NEWPORT**

ALL GOING WELL

September came in with a bang commencing with our Annual Zone Chair's visit. This year Lion Chris Handley from Stone Lions coming to see how we were progressing as a Club, especially given that just over 12 months ago Gnosall Lions joined forces with Newport. I am please to say that all was fine, with the Club settling down well. As part of the visit we were very pleased for her to Induct into the Club, as part of the evening, our two newest Lions, Eileen and Colin Henrys sponsored by Lions Pat Hunt and John Fullwood. With them now part of the Club that actually shows a growth in the past 9 months of 6 new Lions.



September was also the start of our Autumn / Winter programme with our Annual Last Night at the Proms Evening, and start up again of the Afternoon Tea Dances, with them now taking place on the 2nd Tuesday of each month starting at 2-00pm in the Gnosall Memorial Hall until July at an amazingly good value cost of £4, featuring the music of Dave and Doreen.

In October we are holding what is probably the most important event of the year for the gentlemen in our community, our ANNUAL CANCER AWARENESS EVENT offering free PSA Testing for all males. Last year of the 325 tested a small number were alerted that they may have a problem and were able to contact their GP's.

**RICK TALBOT
GNOSALL & NEWPORT**

LIONS GOT TALENT....

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 will be 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, (next page) 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.

**CARLY TRUSLER
HEDNESFORD CENTENNIAL**

**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: _____
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Telephone number of Lions with Talent: _____

Name of nominated charity/good cause _____

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Description of charity/good cause: _____

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

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(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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Hednesford, WS12 4SS
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LIONS TACKLE “PERIOD POVERTY”

When Ironbridge Lions heard a news item on local radio highlighting the problem of “period poverty” they immediately sprang into action. They investigated and found out more and discovered some disturbing facts which “The Red Box Project” aims to address. The “Red Box Project” is a nationwide initiative “quietly ensuring that no young woman misses her education because she has her period”.

PROBLEM:- In the UK particularly in low income families young women in our schools are finding it increasingly difficult to access sanitary products.

RESULTS:- Tearful panics in the loo. Wadded up toilet roll. Anxious embarrassment, missed lessons. Missed education.

SOLUTION:- The community sponsor and stock a red box with sanitary products and spare pants for use in a school under supervision. The red box will support disadvantaged young women throughout their entire period.

Ironbridge Lions, with the aid of “Inkinddirect”, were able to secure and supply their newly formed local Red Box scheme with 6480 sanitary towels, thus ensuring our local scheme gets off to a flying start.



Photo of President Jim Philbin presenting some of the products to local Red Box organiser Lindsay Oliver

JOHN MARSH IRONBRIDGE SEVERN GORGE

EMERGENCY PACKS



President John Whitehouse making a presentation of 50 emergency toiletries packs to Lichfield's Samuel Johnson Hospital.

President John advised that the packs are designed to be given to inpatients that arrive in hospital without any toiletries, to help them over the first 24 hours in hospital.

GEOFF TREVENA
pp LICHFIELD



WELCOME LADIES

At the recent meeting of Lichfield Lions Club, President John Whitehouse enrolled two very well known ladies into Lions - his and club Secretary John May's wives!

The two ladies have recently decided that their husbands should not have all the fun of being a Lion, so decided to join the club - well done girls - you are very welcome to the family of Lions.

GEOFF TREVENA
pp LICHFIELD



Left to right - Secretary John May, Pauline May, President John Whitehouse, mentor Nick Lamb, and Ann Whitehouse.



Gold Wings on Prom

GOLD WING PARADE

Saturday 1st September started grey and overcast in Llandudno. While a warm breeze made for a pleasant day by the seaside, the rainbow array of colour forming on the promenade was amazing. This was a portent to the colour yet to be seen this evening.

The day saw 152 Honda Gold Wing motorcycles on smart parade. The largest display in the event's seven-year history, according to the team registering the “Gold Wingers” during the morning. “It is possibly the largest on display

in the UK” says Dave Crowley, Chairman of the Light Parade committee. Dave explained that “This year’s event has been fantastic. We have had that largest number of registered Gold Wings and so many more spectators on the prom and lining the parade route. More than I’ve seen in the past”.



Gold Wings ready for Parade

Asking about what draws the Light Parade committee to keep returning to Llandudno, Dave Crowley said it was the “friendliness, the warm welcome and the support from the Town and County Council and local organisation.” Dave went on to say, “The promenade, at a mile long is perfect for the display and parade. There’s not many locations that can accommodate this number of vehicles.”

Asked about the actual motor cycles, Dave Crowley explained that the oldest bike is a 1977 Honda 1000 and the newest was 2017. “You are looking at vehicles costing just under £30,000 for a motorcycle.” Dave said. However, for a trike you are looking at £46,000 as Gold Wings must be converted to trikes. If you consider there are 152 Gold Wings on display you are looking at over £5 million worth of vehicles. Also supporting the event were Shinywing and Doble Motorcycles, two of the UKs largest Honda motorcycle sales companies.



RNLI Mascot ready to ride

The Honda Gold Wing Light Parade not only gives visitors and residents of Llandudno a spectacular light show, but there is a serious side to the event. It raises money for three charities - the Llandudno RNLI, Blood Bikes and Llandudno Lions Club’s good causes.



Blood Bikes display

President of the Lions Club of Llandudno, Mr Graham Shimmin said “I don’t know the final sum yet, but we have raised thousands for the charities benefitting the Light Parade. Apart from the money raised from the sale of raffle tickets, the collection buckets have been the heaviest I have known for this event.” Lion Graham was in for another treat as he took a seat on the back of a Gold Wing during the parade. “I couldn’t stop smiling all through the parade.” Graham said. “I won’t get a chance of doing anything like this again. It was amazing.”



Representing the Llandudno Town Council, the Mayor and Mayoress of Llandudno, Cllr David and Mrs Amanda Hawkins took time out of their busy schedule to spend the day with the Gold Wings. Alongside Dave Crowley, Lion President Graham Shimmin and Llandudno’s Miss Alice, Miss Carys Aurelia Lambe, viewed the display of Gold Wings during the day as part of judging the best Gold Wing. After the parade the group

had to judge the best illuminated machine and the best fancy dress. The Mayor, Cllr David said of the whole event, “It was a fantastic day in Llandudno. The bikes and trikes on display on the promenade looked amazing and the crowds and visitors they attract is fantastic for Llandudno. This event is a real boost to the local economy and it helps make Llandudno that special place to live and visit.” On judging the Gold Wings, he said “Myself and Graham, the Lions president, had a difficult task of judging the best bikes and trikes, there were many worthy winners. We also had to pick the best fancy dress and it may not surprise you but the winner for that one was the pair dressed as Ken Dodd’s Diddy men. It must have been the love of jam butties that swayed that?”



Town Crier Billy Baxter & Lion Ian Turner

The Mayor also commented on the fund-raising aspect of the event and the hard work put into its organisation. “I would like to thank Dave Crowley (Gold Wing committee chair) and his lovely wife Lyn and his whole committee for putting this event on in our town and the unsung backroom workers who marshal, put out barriers, look

after registration and so on.” Finally, the Mayor said, “It really is a key event in the mayoral calendar. Every mayor looks forward to this event as fellow councillors look on with envy or with fond memories as you’re whizzed through the town waving at everyone. I look forward to seeing them all again next year and the one thing they can be sure of is getting that warm Welsh welcome when they return.”

Please note that, while the Lions Club of Llandudno benefit from some of the money raised from this event, this is not a Lions organised event. We are part of a much larger committee of volunteers. Credit for this event must go to the Light Parade team and not to individual organisations.

**MARTIN SMITH
LLANDUDNO**

PSA TESTING

Monday 10th September saw over 360 men screened for prostate cancer during the clinic arranged by the Lions Club of Llandudno. This is the second year the Llandudno club has organised the clinic and it follows in the footsteps of many other Lions Clubs around the UK. To date, some 1200 men’s lives have been saved via Lions Clubs running screening clinic. Llandudno playing a small part in this statistic.

The organiser of the event, Lion Stuart Lowndes, stressed throughout the screening clinic that “this may not be the best test and the, experts tell us this, but between 8 and 10 men per clinic will have prostate cancer. And they would not have known it.

Thanks were extended to the team of eight medical professional who, none stop, took the blood sample. The Lions Club of Llandudno are most grateful for the time given. Also, thanks have been extended to the management of the Trinity Centre for allowing us to use the facilities and to Tesco’s Llandudno Junction for donating the supplies of refreshments the Club provided to those waiting for their test.



The Mayor of Llandudno, Councillor David Hawkins, was first in line to give a sample and spent some time at the clinic to talk those waiting. Councillor Hawkins thanked the Lions for organising the event and wished the club success for future event.

**MARTIN SMITH
LLANDUDNO**

SANTA DASH

The Dash Enjoy a family fun day in Marple. The Dash is about 2 miles long, mostly downhill and along footpaths – and don’t worry if you can’t manage a dash! You can run, walk – or even crawl!

The Route Having been expertly prepared by our specially recruited Personal Trainer, you will leave Marple Memorial Park at 12 noon and make your way to Marple Garden Centre (Wyevale) on Dooley Lane, where your arrival will be heralded by Marple Band playing Christmas Carols. There is no need to worry about getting lost, as marshals will guide you along the route. Just be sure to heed their advice and take care at all times. The roads can be extremely busy and some sections of the pavement are very narrow.

Register Now! The Registration Fee is £10.00, which covers the cost of your Santa Suit and also helps the Lions to organise this event, whilst continuing their support of worthy causes locally, nationally and internationally. One such worthy cause is Kidneys for Life – please see below.

On the Day The Scout Hut in Marple Memorial Park will be open from 11 a.m. onwards for you to check in and collect your Santa Suit. There will be a changing area but please note that all personal belongings must be taken with you, as security cannot be guaranteed in the Hut.

Limited parking is available in the Memorial Park but there is adequate public parking nearby in Marple. Courtesy transport is being provided by Smiths of Marple for your return from the Garden Centre.

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All Dashers, wearing their Santa Suits, will be served with complimentary refreshments at the Garden Centre and will then be entitled to a ride on the Dragon Miniature Railway.

In addition, all Junior Dashers, under 11 years of age and wearing their Santa Suits, will receive an early Christmas Present as a special thank you from the Lions.

Fundraising As a participant in this event we would be extremely grateful if you could raise sponsorship to help Kidneys for Life and you will therefore receive a Kidneys for Life Sponsor Form. This is our tenth Santa Dash and we hope that it will repeat the success of the nine previous events, whilst again increasing awareness of and support for the campaign. Help achieve the goal and fund kidney research to save lives!

For more information contact 0161 330 9494 lionterry1@btinternet.com

TERRY HARDING
ROMILEY MARPLE & DISTRICT

STUDENT SPONSORSHIP

Recently the Vale of Llangollen Lions Club supported a student from Ysgol Dinas Bran, Llangollen who is raising funds to join an expedition next July to South Africa. He has been doing this for many months selling T-shirts, bags, working in a pub dish washing and recently he had a stall at the International Eisteddfod. He has the full support of his parents Mark and Rachel.



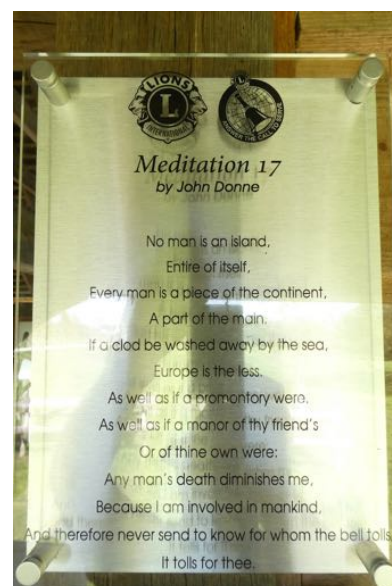
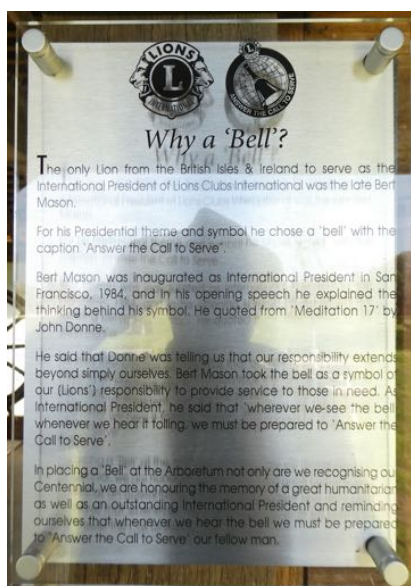
Tom had a target of £4300 for the expedition raising to £6K with medical and other costs and he is supporting the Charity "Food4Africa" with a donation of 20% from all funds. The club decided in March to donate £600 to his fund but when we learnt of all he has achieved on his own, some £3500 we decided to present him with a cheque for £1000."

DERRICK FRANCIS
VALE OF LLANGOLLEN

NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM

Zone I, 105BS, was recently advised, following a regular 'clean-up' visit, that the Lions Centennial Bell has now arrived at the Lions shelter at the National Memorial Arboretum.

Clubs in the zone visit the Lions shelter on a monthly rota basis, to help keep the shelter, and it's various displays clean and tidy, for the benefit of visitors to the NMA.



GEOFF TREVENA
ZONE I

TRAVELLING LIONS



This month shows you are all getting busier - as we are now getting into the Charter season, I hope to see an increase in the number of clubs participating

Happy travelling!

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PAM TREVENA

D.O. VISITING LION

CLUB NAME	POINTS
SOUTH MANCHESTER	89
LLANDUDNO	88
CANNOCK	42
ELLESMERE PORT	28
BEAUMARIS MENAI AETHWY	27
STONE	27
STOKE ON TRENT	24
GNOSALL & NEWPORT	20
RUGELEY & DISTRICT	11
STAFFORD	11
TAMWORTH	9
LITTLE ORME	7
HEDNESFORD CENTENNIAL	6
LEEK	6
NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME	6
ALSAGER	4
BARTON	2
LICHFIELD	1

EDITOR'S NOTE

I apologise for the fact that this issue is larger than some previous issues.

This is because several clubs sent their copy in, last month, after the copy date and they had to be included this month.

COPY DATE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE IS

22nd OCTOBER 2018

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