

# DISTRICT GAZETTE

*The Latest News from Around Your District*

**JANUARY 2018**



Welcome to new members:-

Llandudno - Alun Evans

Sale - Kailash Ahuj

Wirral - Gillian Williams



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

**DG Teresa**

I know how busy you have all been with Santa sleighs, concerts, carol services, bucket collections and Christmas dinners, so it is timely to say that I hope you have all had a peaceful and restful Christmas. The hard work and dedication of Lions in 'Busy BS' resulted in no fewer than 5 articles relating to clubs in our district in the most recent Lions Magazine! Well done! I know too that Lion Rick Talbot has been busily working with Staffordshire Police Cadets with regard to YLIS....I shall allow him to tell the story.

I am now half way through my term of office and still count my personal blessings to be the District Governor of such a wonderful, caring and hardworking District. My only sadness is the passing to higher service of some of our fellow Lions. The season of Christmas always seems to make this more poignant and the loss of their fellowship more keenly felt. My thoughts turn to them, in thanks for the difference they have made to the lives of so many, and, to their families, friends and fellow club members.

Since I last wrote, I have attended Charter Anniversary Dinners in the company of Vale Royal, and Alsager Lions. They were both very enjoyable occasions and a great opportunity to chat with the members of each club.

I have also attended Christmas Dinners with Anglesey Central and Ellesmere Port. My thanks to all the members of Anglesey Central Lions for singing the post-dinner carols 'yn Saesneg'. My Welsh reading skills would have been too slow to keep up and the less said about my singing skills, the better!

I have now made my official visits to Macclesfield and District and Wirral Clubs. At the latter I had the privilege of badging up the club's first female member!

In the best tradition of Lions, both clubs proved very busy, with projects also on the horizon for 2018.

Finally, congratulations must be given to Hednesford Centennial Lions for the successful completion of their project to install a sound system at their local cenotaph. On a cold, damp Saturday, it was officially launched and thanks given by the members to all those who had helped, which proved to be quite a few community organisations.

It serves as a good example of a club finding a local need and then working to fill that need. Well done, one and all! Thank you also for the hot chocolate and mince pies Hednesford!

**Teresa**

**DG 2017-2018**

**M**ay your troubles be less,  
your blessings be more,  
and nothing but happiness  
COME THROUGH YOUR DOOR!

**Happy 2018!**



Hello Everyone. That's Christmas over for another year, all the hard work and hours put in by our fabulous Lions will not have gone unnoticed in your communities.. The pleasure, happiness, the friendship and dedication and involvement is a true testament to who we are .

On a personal note, in December, I had the pleasure of visiting the Lions Clubs of Congleton and Stone, I also had a day to remember at Burntwood Lions Club when I had the wonderful experience of being part of their brilliant annual Santa Special, which saw nearly 300 individuals, children and adults with various disabilities and their carers enjoy a steam train ride around Chase Park Lake. They all had lots of fun, singing carols and receiving a gift from Santa, who was on the same train. The excitement and pleasure on their faces is something that will stay with me for a long time. Thanks must go to Lion Jayne Marton of Burntwood Lions and her team for their hard work.



I also had the great honour of presenting twenty two Young Leaders In Service Certificate Awards to Police Cadet Units from Staffordshire. The pleasure in seeing these proud young people who, between them gave many hours of service to their community, was an inspiration. Congratulations must go to DO Rick Talbot & Gnosall and Newport Lions, for the hard work done with the Police Authorities to make these presentations possible. Well done to you all.

As the new year starts, I will be attending a 1st VDG training weekend at Birmingham and another at the end of January. I am looking forward very much to these sessions which will help me to absorb as much learning as possible to do my best for our district and brilliant clubs and members. ( I just hope this old head will survive the input.) There are busy times ahead, what with re-districting being authorised and CIO implementation.

Unfortunately to date and following my past requests for applications / interest from Lions to fill the 2018/2019 vacancies for Zone Chairs in zones B. E. F. G. H. sadly there has not been any response. Again, I can not stress enough, the importance of the role of Zone Chairperson to allow and make our district 105BS function to its optimum. We are a big family of dedicated Lions, we need to be working together (there are those two words again) to fill these posts. Please give it some thought.

If you are thinking of or would like to know more about the Zone Chair role, please contact me by e.mail or even phone me, I am here to help and serve you.

Finally, I would like to thank every single Lion in District 105BS for their fantastic service during 2017 and wish everyone a Very Happy , Peaceful, Safe and Healthy New Year.

Best Wishes  
**VDG STEVE.**

*Steve`s Snippet ... Did you know, in Singapore it's illegal to sell or own chewing gum??*

## YOUNG LEADERS IN SERVICE AWARDS

At a ceremony held at Rodbaston Hall near Stafford, 22 Police Cadets from Cannock and Codsall received their well deserved Young Leaders in Service Awards from the High Sheriff of Staffordshire and the 1st VDG of 105BS Lion Steve Talbot. The ceremony, forming part of The Staffordshire Police Cadet Graduation Service took place in front of the High Sheriff of Staffordshire Humphrey Scott-Moncrieff, his wife Judy, the deputy Chief Constable of Staffordshire and the Cadets' proud parents.

Here the Cadets, in addition to the YLiS Awards, also made their Attestations to the Staffordshire Police Service



The event was one of a number of YLiS Award Ceremonies DO Lion Rick Talbot and the Gnosall & Newport Lions Club, will be taking part in with Cadet Units in Burslem and Longton , Stafford & Tamworth still to receive their YLiS Awards in further Ceremonies in the New Year where a many other Cadets will be receiving their awards.

The first Cadet Unit was set up four years ago, due to an initiative by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Staffordshire, Matthew Ellis and since then a further 9 have been set up in the County with the scheme going nationwide.

Lions Clubs across MD105 should look to contacting their local PCC Office, and get involved as it is an ideal way to publicise Lionism in your locality and to reach to the Lions of the future, the Young through the YLiS Awards, as not only have Gnosall & Newport got cadets involved, also 3 schools locally leading to a Young Ambassador Finalist last year, a number of Peace Poster Competition entries and involvement in initiatives with the school projects.

## RICK TALBOT

**GNOSALL & NEWPORT  
DISTRICT YOUTH CHAIR.**

### Environmental Monthly News.

Articles about Environmental.

This month first article basking sharks.

This month second article dolphins.

This month third article wildflower daffodils.

This month fourth article wildflower snowdrops.

This month fifth article planting wildflower bulbs.



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 Apology

The weird article-dividing fonts in December's Gazette were, on my computer, pretty Christmas decorations but, when converted to pdf turned into gobbledygook. Sorry.

## SWITCHED ON!

At the Alsager Christmas Lights Switch On, the club had a stall selling a warming liquid to make your toes curl up on a cold winter's night, the added bonus was a free mince pie for every cup sold. An offer not to be missed.

Pictured, from the left:

Lion Treasurer Geoff Rimmer, Lion Phil Westhead, at the back Lion Dave Nixon, Lion Secretary Mel North and Lion Pam Lowerson.



Happy to report that the Lions were kept very busy selling their wares and after some four hours we managed to make a nice profit of nigh on £400.00 towards future good causes.

A Very Happy Christmas to all Lions everywhere, especially in 105 BS and may 2018 be a special year for your club.

## KEN LIVINGSTON

### ALSAGER

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## NOT MERELY MINIONS

Ellesmere Port held a Minions Tombola in the Port Arcades at the beginning of December, in support of the Zone D Project to raise funds to purchase a motorcycle for Merseyside and Cheshire Blood Bikes, was . The shoppers were very generous giving donations and/or buying tickets trying to win a Minion. Graham Douglas, from M&CBB was on standby to answer any questions.



For safety reasons he was not allowed to take his bike into the shopping area but parked it outside where it gathered quite a lot of interested youngsters and some older bike enthusiasts. Within an hour we had 3 bikes parked outside which really did encourage the shoppers to come and support the appeal. The lady biker, seen in the picture, also brought cake and treacle toffee!

**MARGARET MARSH  
ELLESMERE PORT**

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## PIGS IN THE PROVERBIAL

Pam and Geoff Trevena, pictured with Tamworth's 'Pig-Ma-Lion', in the grounds of Tamworth Castle, during their recent bulb planting. Five Lions participated in planting over 300 bulbs in two locations



## TURNING ON THE HEAT

Following a recent request for support at a home for young mothers, Tamworth Lions donated the cost of a new tumble dryer to the home.

Pictured are: Lions Pam Trevena, Linda Hunt, Trish Lambert, and centre manager Dawn Candy, who proudly showed off the new machine to Lions.

**GEOFF TREVENA  
TAMWORTH**

## TRAVELLING LION



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I am sure that you are all very tired, having travelled about with Santa Sleighs, Santa specials and attending Father Christmas Grottos - I hope the elves have behaved this year!

Now put your 'paws' up, enjoy the rest of the Christmas season, and make ready for your travelling in the new year.

I wish you all a roaring new year.

CLUB NAME	POINTS
ALSAGER	1
BEAUMARIS MENAI AETHWY	79
BUCKLEY AND MOLD	2
BURNTWOOD	7
CANNOCK	52
CHEADLE	1
ELLESMERE PORT AND DISTRICT	49
GNOSALL AND NEWPORT	2
HEDNESFORD CENTENNIAL	21
LEEK	14
LLANDUDNO	94
NEWCASTLE	25
PRESTATYN AND RHYL	10
RUGELEY	15
SALE AND DISTRICT	3
STAFFORD	32
STOKE ON TRENT	101
STONE	6
TAMWORTH	57
TELFORD	18
URMSTON	2
UTTOXETER	14
SOUTH MANCHESTER [FORMERLY WILMSLOW]	83

## PAM TREVENA

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## FIRST LADY IN WIRRAL



At their December meeting, Wirral Lions inducted Gill Williams, the club's first lady member. Gill was presented with her badge by District Governor Teresa Nickson.

The club has been fortunate to have gained two new members in recent month.

Pictured L-R Trevor Evans (LP), Teresa Nickson (DG), Gill Williams (new Member), Graham Knights (Sponsor)

**TREVOR EVANS  
WIRRAL**

**EDITOR'S NOTE**  
**COPY DATE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE IS 22nd JANUARY 2018**  
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## FLUSHED WITH PRIDE!

Stafford Lions may be some of the country's oldest paper boys and girls when they deliver their local monthly magazine, the Stafford Directory, but they are putting the takings from their round to good use.

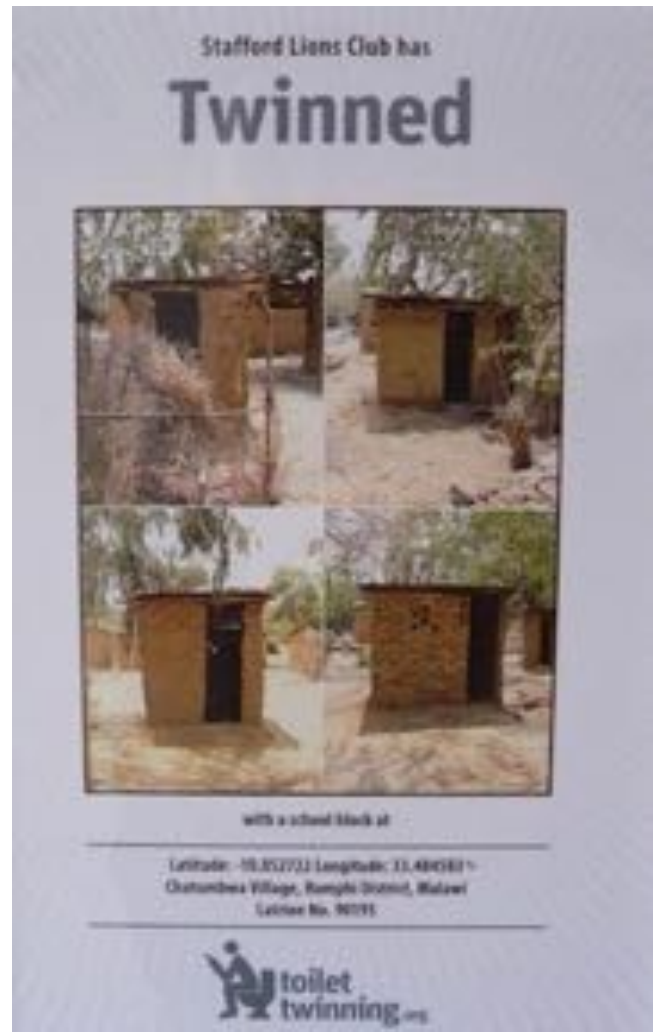
Cannock Lions are promoting across Zone I "Toilet Twinning" and after a frank and witty presentation by their President Elect, Alan Preece, Stafford Lions decided to donate the proceeds from their paper round to purchase a new toilet block for a school in Malawi.

Around a third of the world's population - 2.4 million people - don't have a loo and because of dirty water and poor sanitation every minute a child under the age of five dies. Women and girls are particularly vulnerable to be bitten by snakes or attacked as they go to the edge of their village to go to the toilet.

Toilet Twinning raises funds to enable people living in poor communities to have clean water, a basic toilet and to learn about basic hygiene. To directly help this worthy cause visit [www.toilettwinning.org](http://www.toilettwinning.org) or 0300 321 3217.

You can even buy a loved one a printed loo roll, a soap bar or give a Toilet Twinning Gift Box!

Sponsors receive a framed certificate with a photograph of your toilet twin and the latrines exact location so you can hang it in your loo and flush with pride!



**ED RULE  
STAFFORD**

### EDITOR'S PLEA

*As we go forward into the brand New Year  
Let's raise our glasses and give a cheer.  
Re-Districting has finally been approved  
We'll have to wait to see if it's improved.  
  
But let's look at BS, while it still exists,  
With over 50 clubs - according to reliable lists.  
My plea to you all is "Let me see more news,  
Your achievements, come on, share your views".  
  
It's the same few clubs who send their copy to me,  
Let's have some new ones, t'would be great to see!  
Thanks to all contributors who've kept it going,  
Happy New Year to you, please keep the news flowing.*

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