



DISTRICT GAZETTE

The Latest News from Around Your District



JUNE 2018



Welcome to new members:-

Cannock - Rhona Gudgin

Romiley & Marple - David Locke, Neville Walker

Uttoxeter - Andrew Godfrey

Wrexham Maelor - David Dale



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

DG Teresa

Well my year as DG is virtually at an end, but I continue to remain busy, with three clubs still to visit and a Cabinet meeting ahead of me. The year has passed by in the blink of an eye, proving to be interesting and fulfilling, with the unique opportunity to see and learn all the multifarious ways in which members serve and raise funds.

Since last I wrote I have visited Stockport and Stoke-on Trent Clubs, both very enjoyable; this was then topped up by attendance to a quiz night and 50th Charter buffet lunch, hosted by Stockport Lions, with a scrumptious cake, decorated by Joy, a member of the club.



Pictures show Joy the Baker, DG & LP Frank Glynn cutting the Cake and the Cake



At a Charter Anniversary Dinner with Stoke -on-Trent Lions I was greeted by a man in tights (and Shakespearean costume) and LP Carole kept her cool whilst toasting all the clubs present with a 'shot' of wine.

I also attended Charters in Newcastle, (as always an amazing tombola!) and Ellesmere Port. In the first I read an 'Ode to an oatcake' and in the latter I managed a short welcoming speech in German, to the guests from their twinned club in Reutlingen.

The journey to MD Convention in Basingstoke was a long one, but worth it in terms of the opportunity to catch up with other Lions and friends and see our very own DGE Steve take his 'walk' to the stage to be greeted warmly by MD. The Convention had several interesting guest speakers, in particular the winner of the Young Ambassador competition; other topics included a Sight Korle Bu update, ocean pollution by plastics and a proposal to fund Brain Tumour Research.

Naturally we were privy to a Centennial Achievements round -up, and, in those immortal words, "Didn't we do well!". We surpassed all the targets set - we can all feel very proud. This was achieved through your hard work, perseverance and determination. The weather could not have been better, but the bright sunshine did cause some issues with regard to the visibility of the presentations to the audience and a headache for Dave Allen.

On 18th May, I was invited by Oswestry Lions to present the BS winner of the Peace Poster competition with a voucher for £75 and her school with a voucher for the same amount. It was a lovely morning and Phoebe Shaw proved not only to be a great artist, but a very polite and delightful young lady who was overjoyed at the awards. Thanks to DO Rick Talbot I was also able to gift Phoebe a toy tiger - apt in the light of her beautiful illustration.

My last Cabinet meeting will take place on 10th June. Please remember that you are all very welcome to attend and listen to me provide updates on GDPR, redistricting and the resolution passed in Basingstoke.

Best wishes to all.
TERESA

**STEVE TALBOT
DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT**

The past twelve months have been quite eventful, with all the fantastic centennial celebrations, project and events which our clubs have produced. Whilst doing this, continuing with the regular community services, fundraising and support initiatives. Everyone must be congratulated on your efforts and hard work. Not forgetting PDG Shirley who has done an extraordinary job in and engineering the process, which at times seemed somewhat demanding.

During the year, my visits and attendances at our clubs meetings and Charter Anniversaries have been possibly the best experience. I have had a great welcome from each and everyone, with the continued commitment, dedication and friendship we all share whether the club is small or large in numbers. All are brilliant.

The very important issues regarding membership continually come to the fore when speaking to many members from across the district, I believe that we can stem the decline and build. When visiting clubs I very frequently find that there are prospective members in attendance, so there is some positive action being taken by those clubs. This year with the onset of the new GAT (Global Action Team initiative) and the committed members within our district, I am positive we can start to reverse the trend if we continue Working Together.

Sadly, over the past year, we have lost a number of fantastic Lions who have passed to higher service after giving many years of commitment and dedication to their Clubs, District and Lions Clubs International. They are all sadly missed and will not be forgotten.

At District Convention, I had the great honour of being elected District Governor Elect for 105BS together with Lion John Chambers as 1st Vice District Governor. The coming year is shaping up to be a very busy year with all the commitments that lie ahead. The main topic being re-districting and all the necessary arrangements going on behind the scenes with dialogue and communication with District BN and the other parties involved. There are also the very important issues namely CIO registration, and GDPR (General Data Protection Registration), which are both well under way.

As we move forward into the next 2018-2019 Lionistic year, which as we are aware, will be the final one as District 105BS, I am confident that the incoming cabinet of retained experienced District Officers and some new members, will take us forward to meet the challenges and new initiatives and leave us strong for the future. I thank each and everyone for their continued support and agreeing to take their place on cabinet. However, I feel some disappointment that there are still three vacant positions for Zone Chairs in Zones B, Zone F and Zone H. I find this very concerning and a great shame and as I believe, it is a most important role within the district regarding the flow of information to and from our clubs as well as other important issues to allow our district to function at its best. Your Zones and District need you.

Thank you to DG Teresa and the PDG`s for the help, advice and guidance over the last couple of years, and I know I can, along with 1st VDG John, rely on the same in the coming year. I also thank her for the commitment, dedication and diligence shown during her time as District Governor, a hard act to follow. Thank you also to each and every Lion within our district for your support and friendship and I look forward to many more years of the same.

In late June to early July I have the great privilege of attending International Convention in Las Vegas, which I am looking forward to very much. being part of the massive gathering of in excess of twenty thousand Lions from across the globe. If all goes to plan, I will have the greatest honour of returning as District Governor for the final year of District 105BS and along with our Lion friends from BN, cultivate a strong new district.

I am looking forward to a year of great friendship and harmony which can be carried on into the future. "Working Together" for the good of our clubs, Zones, District, LCI, and most importantly our members and communities.

Did You Know? "Where" "What" "When". If you swap the W for a T in each of these questions, you end up with the answer!!.

TRAVELLING LIONS

Hi all

It looks like some of you have had a very busy travelling month - we welcome Gnosall and Newport into the wandering pride!

Keep it up - happy travelling.

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CLUB NAME	POINTS
LLANDUDNO	39
SOUTH MANCHESTER	37
STOKE ON TRENT	18
CANNOCK	17
BEAUMARIS MENAI AETHWY	11
GNOSALL & NEWPORT	10
ELLESMERE PORT	9
LEEK	6
ALSAGER	4
NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME	2

ENVIRONMENTAL MONTHLY NEWS.

Articles about Environmental.

This month first article Future of the Declining Hedgehog.

This month second article Micro Plastic Pollution in Local River.

This month third article National Planning Policy Framework NPPF.

This month fourth article Future of the Dormouse.

This month fifth article Plastics – Companies.

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.

LITTER PICK LIONS

On the 21st of April, ten members of Cannock Lions volunteered to carry out a litter pick at Milking Brook valley, Heath Hayes. The Rangers who control the area provided the equipment. It was a sunny day and the pathway leading to the pool as well as the entire circumference of the pool was litter picked. Whilst the pathway was relatively free from litter compared to the pool area, it still yielded



some interesting trash items. The base of a shower unit being one such item.

A total of 20+ black sacks of rubbish were eventually collected. In addition a rusty old bicycle, a car wheel and hundreds of cans and many glass bottles were removed.

The Rangers were very pleased with our collection and have asked if we can go back September time whereby the leaves will be dropping off the bushes and should reveal other litter gems!

**GRAHAM STANYER
CANNOCK**

AND THE WINNERS ARE.....

Hi All, here we have a fine image of Lion Phil Cunnah of Flint & District Lions Club with the Lions Clubs' District 105 BS Convention Golf Trophy accompanied by Lion President Bryn Jones. Sorry for the delay in reporting, This event took place at the Lions District Convention in March this year.

**OSSIE CORBALLY
FLINT & DISTRICT**



IF MUSIC BE THE FOOD OF LOVE

Alsager Lions Club presented Lions Youth Brass under the direction of Nigel Birch also Virginia Meir and her ensemble with Karen Shutt on piano. The musical evening, at the Alsager Civic, attracted nearly a full house of music lovers who thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

At the end of the show, Lions President Geoff Rimmer handed a cheque over to Nigel for £400, and the singer received a fine bouquet of flowers and her pianist a bottle of her favourite red wine, in appreciation of their performances.

The evening was rounded off by a raffle thanks to local shops' donations and Tesco Kidsgrove and Krispy Kreme Doughnuts.



Why do gentlemen with receding hair always win the hairdressers voucher?

To the delight of the band the winners of the doughnuts kindly handed their prize over to them, knowing that they'd be in their safe keeping for all of 5 minutes.

Alsager Lions wish to thank all those who attended and made the evening special.

Photos show President Geoff Rimmer presenting the cheque; band member Ella with her boxes of doughnuts; band member Ami with her Tesco prize and some liquid refreshment for the senior members of her family,

**KEN LIVINGSTON
ALSAGER**



ZONE D - BLOOD BIKE PROJECT

On Saturday 28th April, thanks to the cooperation and support of Morrison's, New Brighton, the latest fund-raising event – a bucket collection – between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., occurred.

We were blessed with very good late spring weather which obviously helped, as on a cold, wet day New Brighton certainly has less appeal, to visitors.

Four of the Zone D clubs combined, i.e. Birkenhead, Chester, Wallasey and West Kirby, supported, for most of the day, by members of the Cheshire and Merseyside Blood Bikes and a couple of Birkenhead based Disney characters, managed with the exceptional generosity of the store customers to raise £ 881.20, which thanks to West Kirby being able to claim gift aid will swell to more than £1050.

When members of Wallasey Lions paid in this money, into their charity account in Barclays Bank, Liscard, the member of staff asked for details of the Blood Bikes (she was totally unaware of their activities and their contribution to saving the NHS £200,000 per year) she requested additional details, including their charity number, so she could refer our deposit for possible match funding. If this appeal proves successful, the day will have raised over £ 1900, a significant contribution towards being able to purchase a new motorcycle for the organisation.

On a very sad note, it was reported over the May Bank Holiday a 40 year-old Blood Bike volunteer, Russell Corwen, was tragically killed in Lancaster, whilst delivering blood, a terrible reminder of the dangers the volunteers place themselves in, in their desire to help their communities.

Morrison's have already offered Zone D a further opportunity, towards the end of the year, for another bucket collection.

**JOHN PULFORD
WALLASEY**

WORK AND PLAY

Uttoxeter Lions held their fifth Prostate Cancer Screening at the local Racecourse on 17th April. The large amount of national publicity concerning Stephen Fry and Bill Turnbull, on top of the usual efforts locally, had a great effect on awareness of the disease and numbers were 40% up on the previous year with 510 tests. The queues to register extended across the courtyard and the fantastic team of phlebotomists worked on for nearly an extra hour to make sure that everyone had the test.



26 Red warning letters were sent out with 13 'Ambers' so it was a very worthwhile event. On the night David Evans, who received a Red letter two years ago and has just had the all clear after surgery, came along to make a £100 donation and express his gratitude.

The following week it was fun time as the club's talented theatrical group staged the Murder Mystery play 'Who killed the hotel manager'. The sell out crowd was gripped in suspense, despite a few amusing moments in true am-dram tradition, and large portions of Pie, chips and peas before the final act.



The group are quite willing to put on the extravaganza for other clubs in reasonable travelling distance. Further afield such top class thespians would, of course, expect 5 Star accommodation to be provided.

**STEVE SHIELDS
UTTOXETER**

BRASS FOR REUBEN

One of our most recent "recruits" (albeit 78 years of age), Lion Dave McPherson, has liaised with Romiley Primary School Band to help them raise funds for Reuben's Retreat and it was decided that the Club would hire a suitable venue for them to perform in. Various formats were considered and a "small scale" Christmas event took place in Romiley, raising £300.

Since then, other ideas have surfaced and Marple Band have very kindly agreed to join us in planning what promises to be a wonderful concert of music in the Peter Barkworth Theatre, Stockport College, Wellington Road South, on Friday, 29th June.

We are currently celebrating the Lions Clubs International Centenary Year and as this date squeezes in before the 30th June, I am assured that we can class it as a Lions Centennial event. I feel sure that it will live up to such a billing, with DG Teresa Nickson and ZC Linda Cresswell attending. It is also hoped that the Mayors of Stockport and High Peak will be able to join us. The children are an incredibly talented group of musicians and Marple Band is one of the best in the business.

Dave McPherson now tells me that a local choir, the Varivocals will also be taking part and this should be a night to remember. Tickets will cost £5 and enquiries can be directed to me.

TERRY HARDING
ROMILEY MARPLE & DISTRICT

Romiley & Marple Lions Club
are proud to present

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A VERY SPECIAL CHARITY
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VariVocals

**ROMILEY
PRIMARY
SCHOOL BAND**

**MARPLE
BRASS
BAND**



**At Stockport College, Peter Barkworth Theatre,
Wellington Road South, Stockport
on June 29th 2018 at 7.30pm**

* Stockport College Car Parking available off Greek Street *

For ticket information please call Terry Harding on 0161 330 9494



Proceeds from concert and raffle go to Reuben's Retreat - Registered Charity Number in England & Wales: 1150436

CIVIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



On Sunday, 6th May 2018, 3 Lions from Macclesfield & District Lions, Vic Spurrell, Bill Hides and PDG Arthur Clenton, received from the Mayor of Macclesfield a Certificate of Civic Service for a Community Involvement Award and the Mayor's Civic Award badge, in recognition of a sustained and significant positive contribution to Macclesfield.

ARTHUR CLENTON
MACCLESFIELD & DISTRICT



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