



DISTRICT GAZETTE

The Latest News from Around Your District



MARCH 2018

Welcome to new member:-

Congleton - Neil Monington



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

DG Teresa



I write this in anticipation of a knock on the door by the postman and the arrival of my invitation to Buckingham Palace. What a significant honour to the Lions of MD105, to be granted such a reception, with our patron, as part of our Centennial Celebrations. In total 450 Lions, from around the MD will be attending. I shall personally be joined by 28 other Lions from across our own District - a shared memory for all of us.

Since last I wrote I have attended a Council of Governors meeting in Solihull, accompanied by 1st VDG Steve. This is in fact my last such meeting in Solihull, giving way to a tumult of mixed feelings and emotions, but the certain knowledge that I am handing the reins of DG onto an exceptional Lion. New to the DG Team and now to be called 2nd VDG is Lion John Chambers of Llandudno Lions Club. He was voted in, after the recent Cabinet Meeting. My thanks to all those who attended and those who organised the electoral process.

My waistline has increased a couple of inches following two truly memorable Charter Dinners, hosted by Cheadle and Stone Lions. I thoroughly enjoyed myself on both occasions and still delight in meeting members from other clubs, sharing an evening of fellowship and friendship.

This month I hosted a 'Bling a Jar' and shared supper evening at my home, attended by kind volunteers from Beaumaris Menai-Aethwy. Our creative efforts will be available for viewing on the Host Night of Convention!

With regard to the Convention, the final arrangements are now being put in place. I hope that as many as possible of you attend for what promises to be an unforgettable experience - on so many levels!

Arrangements are also underway for the forthcoming International Eisteddfod in Llangollen. A meeting was held on the 9th February by the Eisteddfod Committee. Though advertised as open to all, it was sadly poorly attended. Despite this several positive decisions were made. I thank all those involved in that evening and the clubs who have already made a generous donation towards the event. This event is a unique showcase and PR opportunity for Lions and the work we undertake - all offers of help will be gratefully and kindly received.

Meetings are being planned between the DG teams for BN and BS with regard to redistricting. Obviously all members will be kept informed of the process with updates from the teams and MDHQ. Good luck to all of you attending the forthcoming CIO training in Bury. Be your club small or large, the process will be much the same to achieve this status. Support and guidance will also be provided by PDG Frank Marnell and Lion Geoff Trevena to clubs. Whatever your view, as an organisation need to move with the times and accept the scrutiny of the Charity Commission and HMRC. Transparency within charitable organisations is very pertinent at present.

TERESA

HELLO!

Sorry everyone about not writing in the February Gazette but time just overtook me. (I am sure you all missed me ?) At the beginning of January I was at DG training sessions at Solihull for the weekend. Unfortunately it was Ruth's 80th Birthday so I could not celebrate with her. So we flew out to Madeira to make up for it and try to be Lion free for a week. Upon return I was off again to sunny Solihull to sample my first Council Of Governors Meeting under the watchful eye of DG Teresa.

So January was gone in a flash. However, my experience at my first COG meeting was very informative and helped greatly to put me in a good place should I be elected as DG for 105BS 2018/2019

If I am elected, there will be plenty to do especially with regards to preparing for redistricting with regards to planning, meeting and discussing and everything else that will allow a smooth joining with District 105BN.. 2018/2019 will be the last year of an era as 105BS, an era that has seen numerous DG's who have done brilliant service with their team, to guide us through both good and difficult times.

I have almost completed my club visits, with just three to complete, which again I am looking forward to very much. Every visit I have made so far have been very enjoyable and I thank everyone for their friendship and hospitality.

I have had the pleasure of attending numerous Charters in the past and am looking forward to lots more, as I find them a great opportunity to come together and celebrate our great clubs and organisation.... Unfortunately, as DG Teresa pointed out in her February article, there is a decline in numbers attending Charter Dinners which due to reasons that are understandable. It is sad because Charter Dinners are a celebration of our fellowship and joint love of our great organisation.

On the 17th February I had the honour, whilst attending Wallasey Lions Club Charter Dinner, of presenting an MJF award to Lion President John Pulford, a truly dedicated Lion and so deserving of the award.



District Convention is nearly upon us and I am looking forward very much to seeing so many Lions and friends. It will be a great weekend of coming together in true fellowship, See you there.

Oh! And please don't forget to keep your articles landing on Lions Margaret's desk. The Gazette is yours to share your events, past present and future. Photos, Stories etc. So please let us know what you are up to. It is so easy to submit an article.... Try it.

My Fellow Lions, I am sorry to keep on repeating this request, but I am still looking for 4 Zone Chairs to complete my Cabinet if elected for 2018/2019. Zones that require a Chairperson are ZONES. B, E. F. H.

It will be a great shame if these positions are not taken up, as this means that the clubs and members will possibly not receive upto date information following cabinet meetings and will not have that important link to convey any issues. A Zone Chair is a very important link in the chain and it will be detrimental to our district health if the chain is broken, Our district has some great talent to fulfil these positions and would be an asset to us all. Please give it some thought.

A bit of useless information. Did you know that pearls dissolve in vinegar. !! VDG STEVE TALBOT

Lions Clubs International Foundation

Once again, Thank you for the superb support to LCIF in the current Lionistic year, it has been fantastic, and overtakes collections to date from the last Lionistic year. I wish to say again a huge thank you to all clubs that have supported LCIF.

On June 13th 2018 Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) will officially celebrate its 50th anniversary. During these 50 years, so much has been accomplished. We have supported the service of Lions with more than 13,000 grants totalling over \$1 billion. We have made a profound impact in areas of sight, youth, disaster relief and humanitarian work. There is so much to celebrate.

In the coming months you will hear about many ways to celebrate this momentous occasion. A website is being created (LCOF50.org) that will give details of many stories of what has been accomplished over those 50 years. With photos and video information available. In addition, there will be fresh information each month on LCIF achievements.

PLEASE NOTE:

All LCIF Donations should be sent to your respective LCIF Coordinator. Clubs within the **SOUTH** of the district, ie; Zones F G H & I please send donations to DO Graham Dow and Clubs within the **NORTH** of the district ie; Zones A B C D & E please send donations to DO Barry Stamper

Also, please NOTE; it is most important that all donations (cheques) should be made payable to **LCI MD105 Appeal Fund** and endorsed on the reverse as to where clubs wish the donation to be placed. We have had many cheques that have to be returned as they are not correctly made out. Then this causes unnecessary delay and extra postage.

Donations should be posted to your respective coordinator:-

**LCIF South DO Lion Graham Dow, 7 Wade Close, Cheadle Staffs ST10 1HR or
LCIF North DO Lion Barry Stamper 11 Rhos Fawr Abergele LL229YH**

NB: PLEASE DO NOT SEND LCIF DONATIONS TO THE DISTRICT TREASURER

Thanks again for the magnificent continued support from all clubs in BS.

Please do not confuse LCIF and special separate appeals (ie Syrian Children and other suchlike) that come up occasionally. They should be sent to the appeal source.

Barry and I only wish to receive LCIF donations. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Lions Clubs International Foundation

**D.O. GRAHAM DOW
LCIF CO-ORDINATOR**

CHRISTMAS BY THE SEA

Christmas for many organisations is not a holiday but a very busy time of the year not only for community service and fund raising. The Lions Club of Llandudno have again been out in numbers supporting not just their good cause for their Christmas Charity, St David's Hospice, but also helping to marshal the Llandudno Town Council with their Christmas Parade.



December 26th was cold and wet – for the 130 dippers who took part in the annual Boxing Day Sea Dip organised by the Llandudno Lions. This year's dip was started by Mayor of Llandudno Cllr Francis Davies and Club President Lion John Chambers. Again the St Georges Hotel hosted the event in its Menai Suite.

On hand to make sure the dippers were safe was the Llandudno Lifeboat and St John Ambulance. While in the hotel the Llandudno Town Band was keeping the spirits high playing a selection of Christmas Carols. The singing being lead by Lion Terry Twyford.



During the week leading up to Christmas day the Lions had their Santa's Grotto outside Asda. Santa arrived in style via an open topped Porsche and was met by Leo the Lion and Lion Ian Turner was at hand to supply festive music. Store Manager Adele Quinn popped into the Grotto to meet Santa for a quick chat and no doubt check up on her Christmas list. The Lions Club of Llandudno thank Adele and Kathleen Holt, the

Community Champion at Asda Llandudno, for their support. The Club also thank North Wales Honda for safely delivering Santa to his grotto.



**MARTIN SMITH
LLANDUDNO**

ENVIRONMENTAL MONTHLY NEWS.

Articles about the Environment.

This month first article Butterfly Conservation Charity Butterfly Count 2017.

This month second article The Future of Europe.

This month third article Marsh Harriers targeted in Yorkshire.

This month fourth article Marine Conservation Society - Brexit and our seas June 2017.

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**



ANYONE FOR TABLE-TENNIS?

Here in Alsager, on behalf of Alsager Partnership we have a Dementia Friendly Working Group to help make the town a Dementia Friendly Community.

The Project Leader of the working group, Kath Reader, was looking for funding towards the purchase a Bat Foundation Table Tennis Therapy Table. The table, which is quite expensive, is to be the focal point around which they would set up an activity session for people affected by dementia and their carers.



Alsager Lions Treasurer Geoff Rimmer was made aware of this requirement by Kath and the Club were delighted that £100.00 was to be made available towards the purchase of the table. Picture shows Geoffrey presenting a cheque to Kath, at the working groups gathering, at the United Reform Church, here in Alsager.

DALEK FOR SALE

Cyborg Sam, Alsager Lions' very own Dalek is looking for a new home.

Restored in 2006 by its previous owner, this full size Dalek was originally constructed in the early 1970's.

The original TV and film props (which can now fetch in excess of £30,0000) were operated and moved around by the person inside with their feet, although many are now motorised like this one but are still operated be the smallish person inside.

The head rotates, the flashing lights, gun and arm are all operated from inside. It has since been updated for sound and all is needed is an MP3 player.

During it's life time this Dalek has raised many hundreds of pounds for various charities.

At a cost of only £1,500 we are sure Cyborg Sam will bring many happy times for whoever has the nerve to house their very own Dalek. Any Lions club interested please contact Ken Livingston on Tel 01270 884599 or any Alsager Lion.



**KEN LIVINGSTON
ALSAGER**

FLINT'S BUCKETEERS

The Lions Club of Flint & District have recently carried out their annual fund raising service for the MARIE CURIE foundation. This was done with the kind permission of the TESCO store at Holywell. This is an eight hour shifts event always manned by a group of very keen supporters shown in the enclosed pictures.



**OSSIE CORBALLY
FLINT**

KNUTSFORD LIONS FAIR – BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 28 MAY

Knutsford Lions have been given permission to hold a fair on Knutsford large Heath again this year. All Lions Clubs are cordially invited to join us – last year it proved a great chance for Lions from many different Clubs to have a fun day together (see photo below) and the Lions in costume created some brilliant PR photos.

Attractions this year will include a mixture of Charity and Trade stalls, food and drinks stalls, music, childrens activities (including some fairground and donkey rides, bouncy castle etc.), welly throwing and an “It’s a Dog-Knockout” obstacle course and other dog competitions.

Booking information will be sent out to all the Clubs that participated last year and will be put on our website. If any other clubs would like more information about the event please email knutsford.lions@virginmedia.com or contact Clive Heath on 01565 653103. There is more information about the 2017 Centenary Event on our website www.knutsfordlions.org.uk.



KNUTSFORD LIONS SENIOR CITIZEN’S VARIETY SHOW

Knutsford Lions staged their annual Senior Citizens Variety Show at the Knutsford Methodist Church on Saturday afternoon 3rd February, in front of an audience of more than one hundred and fifty, including the Town Mayor and Mayoress. The show was expertly compared by Lion Mike Goldman, who interspersed the acts with a wide variety of jokes.

The first act was the Lions representation of the ‘Two Ronnies’ played by Lion Peter Willgoose and local actor Geoff Holman a good friend of the Lions. Their rendition of ‘Four Candles’ produced a lot of laughter and got the show off to a great start.



This was followed by ‘Ageless Ukes’, a large group of Ukulele players, who thoroughly entertained with a medley of new and old songs, audience participation was encouraged and everyone happily sang along.

During the interval tea/coffee and biscuits were served by a large group of Lions and friends, and the Mayor drew the free raffle for the lucky winners.

The second half started with Jonathan Kent, a keyboard vocalist, and extremely experienced entertainer. He has performed all over the world, including top cruise lines, and the audience loved his big sound, popular music programme.



To conclude the Show the Lions performed their usual comedy sketch – under rehearsal since the New Year! This year the theme was the ‘The Mad Hatter’s Tea Party’, with many a twist, including ‘Lewis the Lion’ as narrator, the grand entrance of a well inflated ‘Uniqueorn’ to help make ‘Alice’ happy, and a final sing along.



A great time was had by all, and it was all totally free!

**CLIVE HEATH
KNUTSFORD**

105BS DISTRICT CONVENTION

MARCH 16-18 2018

PARK ROYAL HOTEL

**DON'T FORGET TO WRITE YOUR LIMERICK
AND SEND IT TO DG TERESA
t.m.nickson@btinternet.com
THEY WILL BE JUDGED FOR THE HOST NIGHT**

**ALSO
IF YOU ORDER YOUR WINE THE DAY BEFORE
YOU WILL GET 10% OFF THE PRICE**

MD CONVENTION 2018 –THE WESSEX WAY

4 – 6 May 2018



Roll up! Roll up!

Oh alright, what CAN I say about Convention?

I think it is what you make of it. It can be a quiet weekend, going

with the flow of events, in a pleasant part of the country, and adding on whatever fun activities you want. Or if you are involved as a delegate, or like me in the administration, it can be fun in a more active, even frenetic way.

You make your choice and take your chances. But one thing you can be sure of: you'll meet loads of people from all over the country who share your passion, and who may well give you some great new ideas - or at least some good conversation.

But to benefit you have to be there.

Join us on the weekend of 4 to 6 May 2018 for a right royal occasion.

Book online at:

www.md105convention.uk

Steve Spencer

MD105 Convention 2018 Host Committee

WHAT'S ON in BS?

Tamworth Lions
2018 RACE NIGHT &
JACKET POTATO SUPPER

7.00 for 7.30pm
Friday, 9th March 2018

Wilnecote Working Men's Club
Hockley Rd, Wilnecote
Tamworth
B77 5EE

£9.00

Licensed Premises

Ice Cream

Contact

corey.keeling@tamworthlions.org.uk

All drinks must be bought from the bar

ZONE D'S PROJECT

in aid of
Merseyside & Cheshire Blood Bikes
To purchase another motorcycle
for them.

Novelty Race Night



In Aid of the

The Blood Bikes

At Oldershaw Rugby Club
Belvidere Road, Wallasey, CH45 4RZ

on

Friday, 23rd March, 2018

7.00pm for 7.30pm

Entrance £7.50 including pre-ordered supper

 **Burntwood Lions Club** 

60's Night
Featuring....

The Fabulous
Foottappers



Saturday 3rd March 2018

7:30pm – 11pm

At St Matthews

Sports & Social Club

Tickets £6

For Tickets-Ring Mike 01543 672275

Proceeds in aid of Local Charities

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COULD
BE
YOUR
POSTER
FOR YOUR
EVENT

SANTA DASH

It was a bright, chilly Sunday morning in December when we were delighted to meet the 221 Santa dashers (and numerous dogs in Christmas outfits!) who were taking to the streets of Marple to participate in the 9th Annual Romiley and Marple Lions' Santa Dash.

It was a fantastically festive event with over £4300 being raised for Kidneys for Life. One of our youngest Santas is Ethan who is just 5 years old. Ethan took part with his mum and through fundraising at school and via an online page he raised an amazing £255.81. He has since taken his very well deserved fundraising medal and certificate into school to share his success story with his classmates.



Little Santas



Oodles of Santas



Lady Santas

"Well done to all our Santa Dashers from all of us at Kidneys for Life and a very big thank you to Terry and the team at Romiley and Marple Lions Club for selecting us as your charity and for all the hard work in putting the event together."

Plans are already underway for a special 10th anniversary Santa Dash which will take place on Sunday 2nd December so keep the date free!

**TERRY HARDING
ROMILEY & MARPLE**

TRAVELLING LIONS



This report is the last for this year's competition, in 105BS.

This means that I have reset my Abacus for the next competition.

Let's see if we can't encourage more new clubs to travel.

Happy travelling!

**PAM TREVENA
D.O. Travelling Lion**

CLUB NAME	POINTS
SOUTH MANCHESTER [FORMERLY WILMSLOW]	109
STOKE ON TRENT	107
LLANDUDNO	103
BEAUMARIS MENAI ATHWY	79
TAMWORTH	63
CANNOCK	52
ELLESMERE PORT AND DISTRICT	50
STAFFORD	49
NEWCASTLE	32
HEDNESFORD CENTENNIAL	25
CHEADLE	21
RUGELEY	19
TELFORD	18
LEEK	14
UTTOXETER	14
PRESTATYN AND RHYL	10
BURNWOOD	7
STONE	6
SALE AND DISTRICT	3
BUCKLEY AND MOLD	2
GNOSALL	2
URMSTON	2
ALSAGER	1

BEI- JINGO , IT'S THE CHINESE NEW YEAR.

Gnosall & Newport Lions Club helped recently in assisting Newport's Chinese community by not only giving them sponsorship for the second consecutive year to assist in the funding of their Chinese New Year Celebrations but also by assisting the organisers in setting up the site for store holders prior to the event.

Once set up and, despite the rain and the cold, the area on the cobbles of St Mary's Street in Newport became alive with Chinese lanterns swinging from the stalls, of Chinese music and dancers and, of course, the Chinese Dragon as the community celebrated and shared with the town the commencement of the Chinese New Year, the Year of the Dog.

(The photo shows Lions Peter Sterling, John Slynn, John Fullwood, Rick Talbot and John Ison by the Dragon.)



The organiser Lucy Luk said that, although the weather was awful, the event was a big success and had grown in support from both traders and townsfolk with numbers on the increase, thanking the Gnosall & Newport Lions Club for their on-going support of what she hoped would be an even more successful event next year.

UNITED AS ONE

Given that Gnosall Lions and Newport Lions joined forces in June to become one, it is great to report that we have gone on from strength to strength increasing in numbers, with 1 new member in November and, hopefully, another 3 in the very near future. We like to think that the attraction is that not only are we raising money for local good causes and by keeping people in our locality aware of what we have done or are doing but that we also enjoy ourselves socially. Every month we try and hold a social event where we go out as a group to enjoy ourselves and since Christmas we have been to a Panto, to a Folk Acoustic Evening amongst other things. These are events suggested by members, so that hopefully through the year everyone is happy socially, a most important thing to Lions, Team work.

Coming up we also have the Annual Military Wives Choir Concert, this year on the 21st April in the Memorial Hall followed by our Annual Golf Day . More details on the Golf Day will appear in a future update nearer the time. Needless to say the proceeds of all of our events go to supporting local good causes.

NEW LIONS' SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

Gnosall & Newport Lions Club & Burton Borough recently held what the first of what is hoped will be many events in the Partnership between them. Following a successful meeting with Principal, and members of the School Senior Management Team lion President Rick Talbot was invited along for the day by the Head of Professional Studies, Mrs Lisa Kane to head the judging panel for the School Olympic Games Challenge 2018 Enterprise for the entire Year 10 students.



Each of the six Classes of Year 10 pupils were divided down into small sub groups, selected a country who they felt should host the 2028 Olympic Games and in 1 hr had to design a poster, an advert, a mascot, select a sponsor (we had everything from Rolex, to Coca Cola) work out a strategy to support their country and make a pitch to their classmates to host the games. Following this the pupils then moved to the Main Hall not knowing which team from which class had been selected to make a pitch to a team of judges from outside the school. They then had to stand on stage and make their presentations.

They certainly set a high standard, with everyone in business suits, looking highly professional and delivering some really high quality work which made the judges work very hard.

RICK TALBOT

GNOSALL & NEWPORT

OUR LEGACY FOR THE CENTENNIAL.

Twelve months ago, members of Stoke on Trent Lions Club decided to celebrate the centennial of Lions Clubs International by buying and installing a life saving defibrillator in each of the six towns which make up the City of Stoke on Trent The towns of Stoke, Hanley, Fenton, Longton, Burslem and Tunstall now have a fully operational defibrillator.



Today saw the celebration of the installation of all six life saving devices- a true legacy for the people of Stoke on Trent. Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire, Lion Ian Dudson, joined Lion President Carole and fellow members of Stoke Lions to dedicate the defibrillators.

As a Lions Club, we work hard to serve our community and we feel that this project "gives something back" to the citizens of our City.

The scheme has the full backing of West Midlands Ambulance Service and we are working with AEDdonate to ensure that training will be made available to anyone wishing to learn how to save lives in the event of cardiac arrest.

**CAROLE GODDEN
STOKE-on-TRENT**

LIONS DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The other morning, I was shopping in my local Tesco and met up with a friend, who asked me what the Lions were up to these days. She remembered from when I was in Helsby and Frodsham Branch, before I joined Ellesmere Port Lions. I noticed that a guy in leathers walked past us as we stood there. We chatted for a couple of minutes and then the guy re-appeared, tapped me on the shoulder and said "Excuse me but did I hear you say that you are you a member of Lions?"

Slightly mystified I answered that I was and pointed to my lapel badge. He asked if he could shake my hand and thank me! Apparently, the previous week he had been talking to Simon and Graham from Merseyside and Cheshire Blood Bikes and he had heard about our Zone Project to raise money to buy them another bike. He, too, was a Blood Biker from Staffordshire and Cheshire Group, just calling in to buy his lunch en route from Clatterbridge.

**MARGARET MARSH
ELLESMERE PORT**

EDITOR'S NOTE

COPY DATE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE IS

22nd MARCH 2018

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

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