



DISTRICT GAZETTE

The Latest News from Around Your District

SEPTEMBER 2018



Welcome

Welcome

Welcome to new members:-

- Birkenhead - David Taylor, Keith Taylor
- Ellesmere Port - David Edwards, Mary Buckingham
- Lichfield - Pauline May, Anne Whitehouse
- Little Orme - Francis Davies
- Wallasey - Teresa McDerment, Janet Robinson

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

DG Steve Talbot

Hi Fellow Lions,

Been quite busy over the last month to date. Three Re-Districting meetings with District BN, Weekend Council of Governors at Solihull, Visits to Lions Clubs of Alsager, Anglesey Central and Prestatyn & Rhyl. Cabinet at Mollington. I also made a visit to Hednesford Centennial



Lions Club, where I had the great honour of presenting Guiding Lions DO's Graham Stanyer and Geoff Trevena with Guiding Lions Awards which came from LCI for mentoring and guiding the club for the past two years. They have done a fantastic job in assisting in the making of a vibrant and enthusiastic club that will progress well into the future. Well done guys.



I again had another very pleasurable visit accompanying 1st VDG John to Urmston Lions Club,



where I presented them with a 100% Melvyn Jones Fellowship Award, which I received on their behalf from Past International President Bob Corlew in Las Vegas. The award is to recognise that every club member has an MJF. There are 7 clubs from MD105 who have gained this



award out of 540 clubs worldwide since the award came into being in 1988. Namely, 5 Clubs from District 105A in 1997,2000,2007,2009,2015. District 105E Derby 2015. And District 105BS Urmston. Congratulations Urmston Lions.

I am proud to announce also that three of our younger in age and younger in service years Lion members have registered for the MD105 Leadership Symposium 2018 in November 2018. Which will bring together other MD Lions for a wide ranging discussion, encourage lateral thinking to obtain the thoughts of the next generation of Lions/Leaders within the Multi District, to inform our thinking for the next five to ten years. This event will be extremely beneficial to the lions attending, the District and Multi District and the future of Lions in MD 105.

Whilst, sometimes we do have a grumble or complain about general things that do and do not happen within our District, we must not forget the great diversity of things that do happen through the dedication and commitment of our District Officers and Brilliant Members. Things such as the Environment programmes, Diabetes projects, Prostate Screenings, YLIS initiatives, Walk for Sight, Duck Races, Country & Western Weekends. And many more positive projects. We must be proud of what we are and what we do because we are all volunteers, giving our time freely to serve our communities. "Sorry little rant over".

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We have lots of Charter Anniversaries coming up, which are a great time to celebrate with each other the many years of Lions Clubs within our District. Whilst all the anniversaries are special, this year we have some very special ones, Telford Lions 50 Years, Crewe & Nantwich Lions 60 Years. Wirral Lions 50 Years. City of Bangor 50 Years. What a fantastic achievement.

Just a little more news which I think is encouraging... MD 105 is in Lions Area 1V-D, which takes in Netherlands MD110 Ireland District 133 (Rep. Ireland and Northern Ireland). Turkey MD118, Israeli District 128. MD105 are the only ones to have increased membership to date 2018/2019 by 36 with the exception of Israel who have increased by 1. 36 is not a lot but better than most. I just thought I would share that bit of information with you.

To all who have got events coming up, the best of luck, the best of weather and most of all enjoy.
DG STEVE

Well the beginning of the year seems to be off to a good start, meeting a number of you at the visits made to date. I had the pleasure of handing over the President's chain to Lion Teresa as the new Little Orme Club (soon to become the Bert Mason Internet Club) held their first meeting. They are now up to 7 members and 2 associates with 2 prospectives, well done.

It still amazes me at the diverse ways of raising monies clubs have, so good luck to Romiley & Marple with their Ball in the Bog - "don't ask".

A great job is being done by all those contributing to the redistricting team in BS & BN and the EXC in October is coming together well with plenty of information talks to take place and a chance to meet all our fellow Lions from BN, 2 Zones from E and Buxton. This will be our chance to lay the foundations for a great new future with the new District CN.

But enough of that now, let's enjoy and work together to make this last year of BS a great one. We have so much to look forward to, who said its only 16 weeks to Christmas and so many events to arrange and so much more to do this summer, can't wait.

Don't forget to come and join us on the 6th October in Llandudno for the Walk for Sight. I have managed to arrange it with a visit and tour of Blind Veterans UK and lots more to do, including light lunch.

It was wonderful to see that Lions' Youth Brass will represent England in the European Youth Brass Band Championships, in Switzerland in 2019. They deserve all the support we can give them. If you get the chance, do go and see one of their concerts.

Great to see so many clubs reaching milestones in charters this year 60 years, 50 years, 40 years, 30 years & 25 years. So wonderful to see and I hope I can find the time to come and celebrate with as many of you as I can.

1st VDG JOHN CHAMBERS



FIRST OF MANY



The picture, which looks like it was taken in the sun, is of Steve Talbot, 1st Vice District Governor handing his banner over to Alsager Lion President Geoff Rimmer. This was the first of some 27 proposed visits by Steve to clubs in District 105BS and the club wished him well and hoped that he would be looking as well at the 27th club call.

Yet again Steve was saying how difficult it is these days to attract new members, the loss of some clubs in Wales and wished us well with our efforts to recruit. He also hoped that Alsager would send a couple of members to the Extra Ordinary Convention in Warrington on the 13th October this year.

**KEN LIVINGSTON
ALSAGER**

LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE

Once again District BS welcomed guests from around the world to show them our part of the country and experience our way of life. Tatiana from Brazil hosted by Dave Jackson living in Ironbridge (no longer a Lion), Ivona from Croatia hosted by PDG Carole and Edward Godden (Stoke Club), Charlotte from Germany hosted by Lions John and Renee Gunn (Whitchurch and Malpas Club), and Zofia from Poland and Laura from Spain hosted by DO Bill Hodgkinson and myself (Stoke Club).



We tried to get together as much as possible for days out and social evenings, so that the five girls hosted here could spend time together, as well as sharing the friendship and fellowship of fellow Lions.

Our day in Liverpool included both Cathedrals and the Cavern Club, unfortunately we were there the day before Sir Paul McCartney paid a surprise visit! We had a guided tour of Lichfield Cathedral; the Bishop met the girls afterwards and was interested in talking to them. Chester is always a popular City and the Town Crier announced their presence to passers-by. PDG Carole Godden arranged for them to visit BBC Radio Stoke, where they were interviewed for a broadcast and given a tour of the radio station. This was followed by a tour of the Regent Theatre.

The 8 days passed very quickly and all too soon it was time to take them to Keele Services to join the coach taking students hosted in Dumfries to the youth camp in Sussex. We all enjoyed the time we spent with the girls, yes, we did feel tired afterwards, but would we do it again? Yes, if we are fit enough, and circumstances allow.

**PAULINE HODGKINSON
D.O. YOUTH EXCHANGE**



Planning convention 2019

1. Designing the pin

There are a lot of things to include in a convention pin - the Lions logo, a representation of the theme, the venue and the district - that's not easy to fit on a small pin. Plus, as this is the last, we wanted to include the district's dates.

The theme is *Around the world in 80 days* which gave us the globe and the idea of the balloon (those who remember the David Niven film will realise the connection), we tried the Lions logo on the basket but it was just too small so centralised it over the globe, we tried the word Telford in between the basket and the balloon to give the impression of people in it but that did not look right. The district dates are a unique feature and reflect that this is the last 105BS convention - does anyone have a full set of pins for all those years? If so let us know, it would be nice to display them for all to see.

Pins are available from Zone Chairs, DG, VDG and Telford Lions, price £2.

Shirley Vaughan

Host Chair Convention 2019

GOLF COMPETITION

Members of the Lions Club of Llandudno organised their third fund raising golf competition on Thursday 10th August at the North Wales Golf Club. This event raises much needed funds for the Llandudno Lions prostate screening clinic, which takes place on 10th September.

Golf Club Vice Captain Phil Holden, along with Lion President Graham Shimmin and event organiser Lion Stuart Lowndes, presented the awards to the winners of the completion. Lion Stuart said after the event "It has been a great day and everyone who took part have really enjoyed the event." Extended thanks go to the Golf Club members and management team for providing the facilities and making everyone welcome on the day. Also, thanks to the many sponsors of the holes and raffle prizes. Their support was very much appreciated.

The day has been very successful as not only has it raised £1,350 towards the prostate clinic but team player Mrs Kim Smythman won second place with Mr Martin Smythman. This was the first competition Mrs Smythman had entered.

Photographs show (1) Sarah Moss, David Webster, (2) Kim Smythman, Martin Smythman, (3) Mike Hamlett, Mike Whitfield, (4) Stuart Lowndes, Phil Holden, Graham Shimmin

**MARTIN SMITH
LLANDUDNO**



NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Friday, 29th. June, 2018 was definitely a night to remember. Throughout the school year, Liz Bexon and her Romiley Primary School Band have been raising money for their Charity of the Year, Reuben's Retreat, and Liz joined forces with Dave McPherson, of Romiley, Marple and District Lions Club to arrange "Brass for Reuben". This formidable duo took the Band along to the Peter Barkworth Theatre at Stockport College, where they were joined by the Varivocals Choir and Marple Band, to present a wonderfully varied and spectacular programme of music for every taste. Lion President Elect Phil Daniels introduced the evening and The Varivocals Choir (what an appropriate name) gave us some (Glen) "Miller Magic" and other musical treats, including their tribute to Louis Armstrong, which must surely have convinced us all that it really is a "Wonderful World". Nicola Graham (Reuben's mother) then spoke movingly about Reuben's Retreat and was presented with a cheque for £200 by Phil on behalf of the Lions. It was then time for Liz and her "Superstars" to entertain us. Lennon and McCartney would have been delighted to hear such an enthusiastic and accurate rendition of their music, complete with lookalikes. We had to try to remember "Supercallifragilisticexpialidocious" (I think I've got it right) from Mary Poppins and even Chitty Chitty Bang Bang got in on the act.

What a performance from an incredibly talented group of young musicians. It really was their evening. Following the interval and raffle, Marple Band took over and provided a perfect stirring finale to the evening, which included a never to be forgotten version of "Amarillo" - during which they were joined by members of the School Band. We had come to the end of a superbly entertaining evening and must now hope that it can be repeated. Over £700 was raised and will now be added to the other money raised throughout the year by the school. The Lions feel proud and privileged to have been involved in this project and thank all concerned for providing such outstanding support. Reuben's Retreat and Romiley Primary School are both very important to us and it was most fitting that the concert was arranged during the year that Lions Clubs International celebrated their 100th. anniversary. Romiley and Marple Lions were therefore able to class it as a Centennial Concert - what a title!

As one of our most prestigious events to date, we were delighted that the Mayors of Stockport and High Peak were able to join our Lions District Governor, Teresa Nickson, as our special guests for the evening. Although he was unable to attend, local M.P. William Wragg very kindly donated a raffle prize. Liz and the School Band actually appeared for their final concert of the school year on Friday, 20th. July and Liz retired the following Monday, 23rd. July, after 25 years of wonderful service to the School and local charities. I have attached a photograph taken at that morning's school assembly, when a cheque for £2,258.8, the full amount raised by the Band during the school year, was presented to Reuben's Retreat. In the photograph are Lion Dave McPherson ("Brass for Reuben" organiser), Richard Pennystan (Romiley St. Chad's Vicar), Liz Bexon, Lynne Redmond (Reuben's Retreat), Lion Bill Spencer, Lion President Phil Daniels, Liz Saxelby (Romiley Primary School Music Co-ordinator) and John Tomlinson (Romiley Primary School Headteacher). Many thanks to Anne Bennison Photography for this photograph.



On Friday, 6th. July, the Lions were at Romiley Golf Club for their annual Presidential Handover Dinner. Bill Spencer ended his year as President and handed over to Phil Daniels, who presented him with a painting of Greave in Romiley, the area where they both live, as a token of the Club's gratitude for his year in office. We now look forward to another successful and enjoyable year serving the community.



The Lions have also been out and about with their celebrated "Ball in the Bog" game enthralling the crowds at events in the Romiley and Marple area. Lions Pat Brady and Jack Farrell have been busy publicising the Lions' "Message in a Bottle" Medical Emergency Information Scheme and Pat even found time to call on Sue Thompson in the Motor Neurone Association's "Over the Rainbow" shop in Romiley, where he presented her with a cheque for £300 on behalf of the Club. Lion President Phil Daniels has chosen the Association as his "Charity for the Year".



TERRY HARDING
ROMILEY & MARPLE



Flint & District Lions club were proud to present new life saving equipment to the town of Holywell in Flintshire. A defibrillator was bought and installed at Panton Place near the top of the High street. It is situated outside a local jewellers shop and thanks to them are extended for their co operation. The local business group have praised the availability for 24 hours of the new equipment. Police and Ambulance authority are aware of the location and local people have been trained for its use.

The attached photograph is kindly presented by the Holywell business group.

**OSSIE CORBALLY
FLINT & DISTRICT**

A QUESTION FOR YOU ALL

A considerable number of stamps have been donated to a member of Stoke on Trent Lions Club. Does anyone know who deals with collection of stamps please?

Replies to:
Carole Godden
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Let your fellow Lions know what your Club has been doing to serve the community.

Or share any great fundraising ideas you have.

Do you have an event coming up?

Send your article to me:-
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**CHRISTOPHER EVANS
ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER**



DIY in the Garden

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TRAVELLING LION



It's been a very quiet month for roaming about - you've probably all been lazing about in the sun!

I'm hoping that next month you will all be roaming around, and hungry for travelling Lions points.

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D.O. VISITING LION

CLUB NAME	POINTS
SOUTH MANCHESTER	84
LLANDUDNO	68
CANNOCK	42
ELLESMERE PORT	28
BEAUMARIS MENAI AETHWY	25
STOKE ON TRENT	24
GNOSALL & NEWPORT	16
STONE	14
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

WHAT A GREAT START!

What better way to induct two new members into our club than in a beautiful garden with cream teas AND the DG. One of our annual summer socials was the scene for this event, courtesy of Lions David and Julie. This was the first induction of new members for DG Steve. Our new members are already working, in the spirit of Lions, and both of them have taken on tasks. *The picture shows DG Steve, President Margaret and new members Mary and David.*



August Bank Holiday Monday will see us at Whitby Sports and Social Club where we will be manning "Pick a Lucky Lolly", Teddy Tombola and our "Lotions and Potions" Lucky Dip. The latter proves very well received with the public, we even have Dads holding their children upside down in the tub!

This is a very easy, cheap fundraiser - all the unwanted little bottles of lotions and potions - the clue is in the name - that you get at Christmas, win in raffles or 'find' in hotels, are wrapped and put in a tub filled with polystyrene bits (bio-degradable of course). The 'tub' was a large container from a well-known supermarket that had been advertising whisky. It has large plastic 'feet', ideal for on grass, nice and sturdy cardboard and plenty of room for posters. It cost nothing - well, every little helps. Then all that is needed is people and fine weather!

MARGARET MARSH
ELLESMERE PORT