



DISTRICT GAZETTE

The Latest News from Around Your District

APRIL 2019



Welcome

Crewe & Nantwich - Katy Tebay
Newcastle-under-Lyme - Rachel Dowson, Terry Dowson
Rugeley - Lorraine Evans

Welcome

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

DG Steve Talbot

Hi Everyone.

This month, I would like to share with you, especially those who were unable to attend our final 105BS Convention at Telford, my personal presentation. The weekend was amazing, with the three F's in abundance, Fun, Friendship and Fellowship. We certainly said goodbye in great fashion. Talking about fashion, Host night was fantastic, the ingenuity and effort that was put into the fancy dress costumes and sketches was amazing. (I never thought that I would ever wear gold lame attire and head-dress!!)



Next is MD Convention at Swansea, which again will be a milestone in District 105, when the eight DGE's for the new District CN will be introduced to Convention. Amongst them will be our very own 1st VDG John Chambers of Llandudno Lions Club. I am sure you will all join me in wishing John the very best of luck and success in all his endeavours. I have completed all my club visits and would again like to thank you all for your hospitality and friendship. Earlier this month I attended WaterWorld at Stone and witnessed the fantastic annual event organised by Zone G. To see the effects and joy on the faces of the children (which I believe was approximately 800) was something I will remember for a long time . Definitely a fine example of Lions Working Together. Well done.

My Little bit,..... In three words, I can sum up everything I've learned about life. " It Goes On"

**STEVE TALBOT
DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

DG STEVE DISTRICT 105BS CONVENTION PRESENTATION.

PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR PHIL, HONOURED GUESTS, MY FELLOW LIONS

WELL FELLOW LIONS , HERE WE ARE THE LAST CONVENTION OF DISTRICT 105BS.

THE END OF AN ERA. A GREAT ERA SPANNING 36 YEARS..... THOSE 36 YEARS HAVE SEEN MANY CHANGES.....THERE HAVE BEEN VERY HAPPY TIMES INTERSPERSED WITH SOME SAD.....THERE HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTMENTS ...THERE HAVE BEEN FAILURESBUT ANY NEGATIVE EMOTIONS HAVE BEEN OUTWEIGHED BY THE MANY POSITIVE ACHIEVEMENTS AND FANTASTIC SUCCESSES OF THE DEDICATED CLUBS AND THEIR TRUE LION MEMBERS AND THE FELLOWSHIP WE ALL SHARE.

I FEEL NOTHING BUT PRIDE AT BEING YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR,.....HOWEVER THERE IS A TINGE OF SADNESS, THAT MY TERM IS REACHING ITS CONCLUSION AS THE FINAL GOVERNOR OF DISTRICT 105BS BUT ALSO HONOURED AT BEING SO.

ON A HAPPIER NOTE.....AND AFTER MANY MEETINGS AND MILES,.....THE BIRTH OF THE NEW CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT CN IS VERY CLOSE.....AND WITH IT COMES NEW HORIZONS.....TO GUIDE AND STEER THE DISTRICT CN TOWARDS THOSE HORIZONS IS A DEDICATED AND COMMITTED LION IN DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT LION JOHN CHAMBERS OF LLANDUDNO LIONS CLUB. TOGETHER WITH HIS GREAT TEAM ,...THE DISTRICT WILL BE IN SAFE HANDS.

WE MUST ALL LOOK TO THE HORIZON WITH GREAT OPTIMISM, IN ORDER TO MOVE FORWARD..... AND SPREAD OUR MOTTO WE SERVE TO THE WIDEST POSSIBLE AUDIENCE.

I WOULD NOW LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE A SINCERE THANK YOU.....TO EVERY LION IN 105BS FOR THEIR FELLOWSHIP AND SUPPORT.

TO THE TEAM WHO HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY TO PULL THIS CONVENTION TOGETHER AND MAKE IT THE SUCCESS IT IS.

TO CABINET FOR ALL THEIR SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

TO PID PHIL AND HEIDI FOR BEING HERE TO SHARE OUR CONVENTION

TO FELLOW LIONS FROM OTHER DISTRICTS FOR BEING WITH US.

TO THE BRILLIANT SPEAKERS FOR THEIR INSIGHT AND INTERESTING PRESENTATIONS.

DISTRICT 105BS, I CAN HONESTLY SAY TO YOU ALL THAT IT HAS BEEN A PRIVILEGE AND AN HONOUR TO SERVE AS YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR THIS YEAR. THE MEMORIES I HAVE SO FAR WILL REMAIN WITH ME ALWAYS. THANK YOU TO EACH AND EVERY MEMBER OF OUR PRIDE.

FINALLY FELLOW LIONS. I NOW HAVE THE PRIVILEGE AND HONOUR TO MAKE PRESENTATIONS TO THREE LIONS WHO HAVE GIVEN SO MUCH OVER THE YEARS TO OUR DISTRICT, MULTI DISTRICT AND LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL.

FIRSTLY I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT AN INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR THE OUTSTANDING WORK AND DEDICATION OVER THE YEARS AS DISTRICT AND MULTI DISTRICT OFFICER FOR SIGHT FIRST AND SIGHT PRESERVATION TOGETHER WITH DIABETES AWARENESS TO LION JOHN SANDERS . OF STONE LIONS CLUB.

SECONDLY, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO PRESENT AN INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP MEDAL, TO A LION WHO HAS OVER THE YEARS GIVEN SO MUCH IN THE PAST TO LEADERSHIP INITIATIVES AS GLT COORDINATOR ON TWO OCCASIONS.. MULTI DISTRICT YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES, DISTRICT CENTENIAL COORDINATOR. THE LIST GOES ON.. THE AWARD GOES TO PDG SHIRLEY VAUGHAN OF TELFORD LIONS.

AND LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, A PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL TO A LION WHO HAS, OVER THE YEARS, DONE SO MUCH. FOR NOT ONLY HIS OWN COMMUNITY BUT FOR COMMUNITIES IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD FOLLOWING SOME TERRIBLE DISASTERS AND ALSO RETURNING AT A LATER DATE TO CONTINUE THAT WORK. THIS AWARD GOES TO 1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR LION JOHN CHAMBERS.



Well, first of all I think congratulations to all the team that put together and worked on the 105BS' last Convention in Telford. What a great job they did. We had some excellent and thought provoking presentations and Steve held it together without any red cards. We had a great Host night with both Graham Stanyer and David Handley putting in some great performances that left us all wondering. Well done. The Banquet and Ball was topped off with another great performance from the Barber Shop Singers that made the night.

Our International Guest was on form and has always got words of wisdom for us all. So altogether a great weekend, well done and hope we can carry this on next year in Liverpool. We have a really good venue right in the heart of the city and some great prices, all will be available soon.

Earlier in the month I went off to our friends in 105BN also having their last Convention and had a great time at the Park Royal and that also went off with a bang with loads of fun and friendship and some great presentations. I am always amazed at the amount of causes you think you know about but then there is always more behind the scenes and the amount of work that volunteers do. Where would we be without Lions and all the other groups that volunteer?

Last but not least also attended the 105E Convention in Nottingham to welcome all our friends from the 2 new Zones that are coming across to join us and looking forward to all the new ideas they can bring. I really think between us all we have the making of a great District.

The time is moving fast now and there never seems to be time in the day to speak to everyone so if I haven't got round to you all sorry I will get there. Things are going well with the formation of the new district and the team is growing every day, many people have put a lot of effort into making sure we have a smooth transition and I thank you all. The new site for 105CN is up and running and further information will be going on there in the near future.

Well this next month you will be making all your decisions for your own club elections don't forget to get them on to the MYLCI as soon as possible so when we start the new year so our team can have all the information they need to let you know what is happening as we consolidate into our new District 105CN.

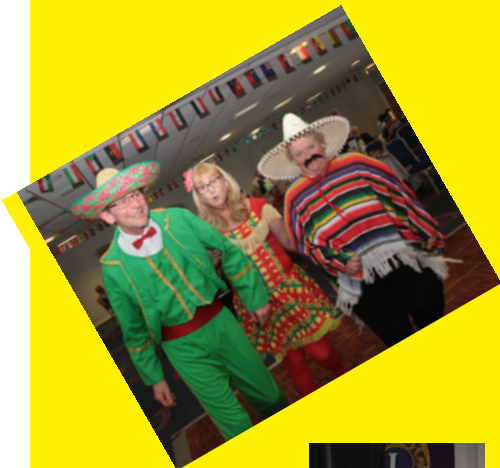
I have noticed the increase in activity as we approach Easter, it's like everyone has come out of their winter shell and sprung into action as all your projects take shape again ready for another fun packed summer. I am hoping to get round and visit as many events as I can. Let's hope we have a good summer with lots of fun and service as we go forward together for the future.

JOHN CHAMBERS
1st VDG 105BS
DG ELECT 105CN

**ON THE NEXT PAGE ARE A FEW OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS, TAKEN BY MARTIN SMITH,
ON HOST NIGHT OF THE LAST DISTRICT 105BS CONVENTION**

FOR MORE PHOTOGRAPHS USE THE LINK BELOW

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32 AND STILL SWIMMING STRONG!

On 25th November 2018 Macclesfield and District Lions Club held their 32nd Charity Relay Swimarathon at Macclesfield Leisure Centre.

The brainchild of PDG Arthur Clenton, over the years this event has raised over £150,000 for Children in Need, Middlewood Riding for the Disabled Association as well as local Charitable causes.

The event is supported by local schools, guides and scouts, Macclesfield Swimming Club and Poynton Dippers as well as individual teams. All age groups are catered for with categories of Primary School Age, Year 7, Under 19, Mixed and Adults. There was also a Lions Pride and Lions Ladies team. All participants raise their own sponsorship and in November the total raised was almost £2,800.

There are trophies and medals in various categories and as well as fund raising the event inspires team spirit and supports activity in the community.

(Picture shows President Alex and PDG Arthur Clenton with swimmers)



**TONY NORTON
MACCLESFIELD & DISTRICT**

FANCY A CUPPA?

Barton Lions recently held a can-shake at Byrkeley Park Garden Centre, to raise funds for not one but two Seniors tea parties in Barton under Needwood.

President Judi said "We organised a tea party for the seniors last year, and they loved the event, giving them the opportunity of getting together for a cuppa, sandwiches and a piece of cake, so we thought we could do no more than organise two!

We raised over £400.00 in the two days we attended.

(Picture shows Lions Geoff and Pam Trevena, PDG John May and President Judi Wring.)



**GEOFF TREVENA
BARTON-under-NEEDWOOD**

ANY ONE FOR SECONDS?

At Whitchurch we are somewhat famous for our home made desserts. Most people go home with a second or third helping. But the highlight of the 40th Charter Lunch in February was the presentation, of their 40 years Chevrons, to two Charter Members. *(Pictures -The tall one is Dennis Woodfine, and the other is John Bailey. and you know the DG.)*



**RENEE GUNN
WHITCHURCH**

Editor's Note - the desserts are amazing!

LIONS ANNUAL BEACH PARTY



The annual North Staffordshire Lions Clubs Beach Party took place on Tuesday 12th March, when 725 children with special needs, from 19 schools, battled through gales, torrential rain and floods to arrive at WaterWorld, Festival Park, ready for a day of fun in the pool.

The event, now in its 20th year, started when the Lions Clubs of North Staffordshire Cheadle, Gnosall and Newport, Leek and Biddulph, Newcastle under Lyme, Stone, Stoke on Trent and Uttoxeter - held the first of what was to become an annual event. Each club made a financial contribution and invited local schools catering for children with special needs to come along to enjoy a fun-filled experience. The day proved so

popular with the children, teachers and Lions themselves, that it was decided to make it an annual event.



A team of Lions arrived on the Monday evening to decorate the pool area with balloons and bunting and to make up a goody bag for each child. With a large number of children expected to attend, it was a mammoth task but teamwork ensured that all went smoothly and a goody bag was available for each child at the end of their session.

As the children arrived, they were greeted by an assortment of Lions in fancy dress, who were there to make everyone feel welcome. Many of the children are regular attendees at the Lions Beach Party and recognised the characters from previous visits, often 'high-fiving' and shaking hands with them.



Radio Stoke were in attendance and chatted to Lions, school staff and carers and a number of children who were all delighted that they were going to be on the radio! DG Steve came along, plus Lions from Lichfield, Stafford, Hednesford and Vale Royal (sorry if we wore you all out guys but thanks for all your help on the day).



The changing rooms were full of excitement as school staff helped the children prepare for their time in the pool (usually a session of 1.5 hours). The pool area was a hive of activity and the decibel level was unbelievable! At the end of their session, the children returned to the changing rooms to dry off and get ready for the return to school. For those who were reluctant to leave, the goody bags proved a great incentive to get dry quickly and find that lost sock!

For many Zone G Lions, the day at WaterWorld is one of the highlights of the year. Zone Chair Lion Chris from Stone Lions Club commented "As Lions we do a lot of things that make us 'feel-good' and the day at WaterWorld is one of those events. Yes, it is costly and yes, we are all worn out at the end of the day but the smiles on the faces of the children make it all worthwhile! We are proud to say that we have never turned away a school; we feel that the experience for the children is extremely worthwhile as a confidence builder, as well as being great fun, and provides them with the opportunity to use the facilities at a time when they are closed to the general public."



Each year the cost of staging the event increases and this year Lions were very fortunate to receive help from Staffordshire County Council, by way of a Community Grant made available by Councillors Jill Hood (Stone) and Jeremy Pert (Eccleshall), plus donations from Lions Clubs in South Staffordshire and Cheshire who all had schools from within their area attending on the day.

**CHRIS HANDLEY
NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE LIONS CLUBS**

LIONS FEEL THE PAIN OF THE PANE

On hearing from the Mayor of Newport, Councillor Peter Scott, at our PSA Testing Event in the Cosy Hall in Newport in October, about the plight of the 1st Newport Scout Group, of the condition of their hut on Longford Road in Newport and what these youngsters were meeting under, made Gnosall & Newport Lions realise that they had to do something to help out.

The Hall, a prefabricated building of a certain age, was in an awful condition, leaking roof, no heating, and windows where some of the panes were either broken or taped up. We knew immediately we had to do something to help in supporting the mayor and his quest. Since that meeting the roof has been replaced but the building is still very cold and the windows are still in an awful condition. To say that these youngsters are hardy souls is an understatement, and as Rick Talbot, pointed out, "If adults had to work in these conditions then they would go on strike."



The Lions have recently donated £500 towards the cost of £4500 to replace the windows and, through the generosity of local organisations, the Scouts are on the way but still £2000 short of reaching their target. The Lions are therefore calling and challenging other organisations, or individuals to also support

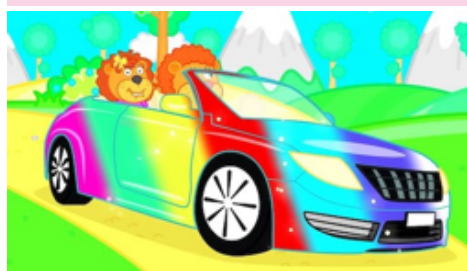


these wonderful youngsters and their leaders giving them somewhere to be proud of, to meet in and carry out their work. This year alone, as this article is being written, the youngsters have been caving, climbing and working on badges and are working hard at becoming pillars of the community.

The attached photos show Lion President Rick Talbot, and Secretary John Slyn, Welfare Chair Elaine Pearson and Social Chair Pam Talbot handing over the cheque for £500 to Group Scout Leader Liz Metcalfe, Scout Leader Mike Musters, Assistant Scout Leader Angela Murray, Benedict Churchhouse and members of 1st Newport Scout Group at a recent Group Meeting.

**RICK TALBOT
GNOSALL & NEWPORT**

TRAVELLING LIONS



Welcome to the new Travelling Lions Year!
Let's all get out there, 'roaming around'
We've had a good start to the year.....

Happy roaming!

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STONE	32
BERT MASON INTERNET (LITTLE ORME)	23
STOKE-ON-TRENT	21
LLANDUDNO	18
CANNOCK	11
ELLESMERE PORT	11
SOUTH MANCHESTER	10
LICHFIELD	8
BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD	6

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