



DISTRICT GAZETTE

The Latest News from Around Your District

FEBRUARY 2019



Welcome

Welcome

Welcome to new member:-
Hednesford - Robert Pitcher, Geoff Sindrey
Macclesfield - David Dawson
Middle Marches - Rita O'Driscoll
Prestatyn & Rhyl - Wendy Bowden
Stafford - Jean Hay, David Redpath, Janet Starkey
Stoke-on-Trent - Margaret Gratton
Stone - Matt Plant, Hannah Shingler, Beth Tomasik
Uttoxeter - Penny Krupski, Zdzislaw Krupski
Wallasey - Kevin Hogan

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

DG Steve Talbot

DG STEVE'S LITTLE BIT

Hi Fellow Lions.

As we are all probably recovered from the very busy past couple of months, with Christmas and New year events, we find ourselves gathering thoughts and momentum to embark on the events planned for this year for our clubs and zones. Its like the painting of the Forth Bridge, continuous. However, it's something Lions do, continuous support and service and fundraising. What a Team. Entering this new year of 2019 sees the birth of District CN, with our 1st VDG John elected to be District Governor. John has a very busy time ahead and I am sure we wish him every success in all his endeavours.

Also we must not forget that 2019 is the final year of District 105BS, which will go out with a bang and the celebrating of 36 fantastic years at our District Convention in March at The Whitehouse Hotel in Telford. The Host team being Telford Lions Club have given many hours into ensuring a great unforgettable weekend. Not to be missed.

Once again I have travelled around, visiting our great clubs and seeing and hearing about the brilliant work, time and fellowship given by their Lion Members. I also have attended a number of Charter Anniversaries, which I must say have all been very enjoyable, with fantastic meals, entertainment, friendship and the fellowship of our family of Lions. I am looking forward very much to the Charter Anniversaries I will be attending in the coming weeks.

Only a short article from me this time, "hooray" I hear you shout but, before I sign off, I would like to thank you all so much for your support and friendship you have shown to me during the first half of my term as DG.

You are all brilliant.

Bye for now.

DG STEVE

Thought. Inside every older person is a younger person -wondering what the hell happened ?

Well this must be the calm before the storm.

Although not as many events in January, the work continues as I see everyone preparing for the year ahead with preparations for Burns nights, Valentine nights, and Easter of course. The amount of Easter Eggs I have seen being ordered by clubs must keep our chocolate manufacturers going.

We are also entering the Charter and Convention season, there seems to be one or the other every weekend for the next 3 months. Of course our Convention must not be missed, our last one as 105BS. It looks like being full of fun and a celebration of our past, I'm looking forward to a great time and re-acquainting with many friends.

We still have the serious stuff to get through and you will notice that we have been sending out invites to you all to volunteer for positions on our new cabinet of 105CN. This is to give everyone a chance that wants to be involved in this exciting change. We have many exciting new positions that need filling and need people spread over the whole district. So if you have never served on Cabinet before this is your chance to get involved in our new exciting future, helping us go forward together to form a new look Cabinet. We need to lay the foundations for the future to allow our new District to grow and prosper. We have been working hard and have held a number of meetings to move things forward and will be announcing, at Convention, our venues for the following year plus the layout of the new Cabinet and what we hope to achieve. I hope to report back to you, next month, how the new training programme for new District Governors went after I attend the new look programme in Chicago and look forward to hopefully visiting Oakbrook.

Back to the present and it's time to look at this New Year and look forward and, as I travel round and visit more of you, I can see that many of you are busy making plans. I wish everyone success and let's make 2019 a year to remember.

JOHN CHAMBERS
1st VDG 105BS
DG ELECT 105CN

WYN & BILL STRANGE COMPETITION 2019

To All Club Youth Chairs

Dear Fellow Lions,

It is now that time of year for submission of Club entries for the Wyn & Bill Strange Youth Trophies. I apologise for the late notice (call it a Senior Moment as it is Blue Monday as I write this) but could you please fill in the form and return it to me poste haste if possible.

It covers the period 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018 and is for Youth work regarding both Lions Competitions and other outside youth work as well.

Due to my lateness the closing date for receipt of entries is Tuesday 26th February Please give this, our final year of the competition, a good send off.

Yours in Lionism

Rick Talbot

Youth Chair 105BS

NB: THE COMPETITION FORM WAS EMAILED TO EVERY LION 22nd JANUARY

LION CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

***What has LCIF done with your donations over the
last 50 Years?***



**THIS IS JUST A SMALL SNAPSHOT OF THE WORK THAT LIONS DO THROUGH LCIF
REMEMBER ~ WHERE THERE IS A NEED THERE IS A LION**



***This is just a small sample of where your donations go. If any
club wishes to know more on the Campaign 100 then please
contact me.***

***District Officer LCIF Graham Dow
grahamandpatdow@hotmail.co.uk***

NEW FOR CREWE

Crewe and Nantwich Lions President Debbie inducted 10 new Lions on 27th December with more to follow. This is the start of Crewe and Nantwich Branch club.



LP Debbie stated that
“It was amazing to feel the energy and excitement of these people And knowing what a difference they will make to our local and international communities just gives us all an amazing BUZZ.”

The evening was supported by DG Steve Talbot



AND THERE'S MORE

Crewe and Nantwich Lions have had a run of new Lions since the new year with the commencement of their branch Club. Lion President Deb is in her element, but nothing topped the Lion she invested and sponsored at the first business meeting of the new year. Her son Macauley joined. Macauley has been helping with C&N lions since Debbie's Involvement 8 years ago and he gained his YLIS gold award.



DEBBIE OWEN
CREWE & NANTWICH

CONVENTION HOST NIGHT COMPETITIONS

Host night is an opportunity to have a lot of fun and marvel at the fantastic costumes Lions manage to put together, though fancy dress is optional.

The theme for the evening is “Around the world in 80 days”.
Details of the competitions are below.

There are 4 trophies to be won;-

Best dressed individual -female

Best dressed individual -male

Best dressed club

These three will be judged during the parade of clubs.

Best performance - this could be a single club or an amalgamation of clubs. To ensure good time keeping performances are strictly limited to **3 minutes**. Accompanying music should be given to the DJ at the beginning of the evening on a CD or memory stick (he will cut after 3 mins). Clubs will be called in alphabetical order and should ensure they are ready on time. Any club wishing to take part should give their name to PDG Shirley Vaughan at the start of the evening.

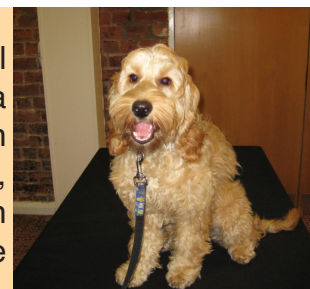
Judging will be by the DG, the International guest and their partners.



SHIRLEY VAUGHAN
HOST CHAIR CONVENTION 2019

SAY HELLO TO ROCKET

Ellesmere Port Lions received a request for some financial support for a local primary school teacher who was purchasing a puppy to be trained as a Therapy Dog. Rocket works with children who have problems, autism, speech problems etc. He, and Nicola, visited the club to thank us for the donation, which covered Rocket's expenses for his first year. He has already been introduced to the school where Nicola works and all the children love him, he proves to be a calming influence. Eventually he will also go to nursing homes, where it has been proven to help dementia patients.



**MARGARET MARSH
ELLESMERE PORT**

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS

We are holding a Craft Fair on Sunday 7th April, at Whitby Club in Ellesmere Port. If you have any crafters in your club, or know of anyone who might be interested, please give them the details. The tables are £10 each plus a raffle prize, which can be for the crafter's products.

Booking forms need to be completed by 28th February, the date on the poster is for non-Lions.

**MARGARET MARSH
ELLESMERE PORT**



**ELLESMERE PORT
LIONS CLUB** (C.I.O.)



are holding an
EASTER CRAFT FAIR

at
Whitby Sports Club
Chester Road, Ellesmere Port, CH65 6QF
on
Sunday 7th April, 10 am - 4 pm
Craft Stalls, Easter Bonnet Competition
Easter Egg Raffle

Crafters interested can get a booking form
by emailing: lionmargaret87@gmail.com

Booking forms need to be completed by
31st January, please.



**Happy
Easter**

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TRAVELLING LIONS

I hope that you are not shivering in the cold.

It's been a quiet month - have you all been hibernating after Christmas, toasting your paws in front of the fire!

Please note that to be eligible for inclusion in this year's Travelling Lion Competition, I must have received your forms by Tuesday 5th March.

Happy travelling!

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Tamworth,

Staffordshire, B77 1PP

**PAM TREVENA
D.O. VISITING LION**



CLUB NAME	POINTS
LLANDUDNO	182
SOUTH MANCHESTER	115
CANNOCK	61
BERT MASON INTERNET (Little Orme)	59
BEAUMARIS MENAI AETHWY	58
ELLESMERE PORT	58
STONE	54
STOKE ON TRENT	43
STAFFORD	39
GNOSALL & NEWPORT	22
RUGELEY & DISTRICT	21
TAMWORTH	20
HEDNESFORD CENTENNIAL	17
BARTON	16
NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME	16
SALE & DISTRICT	10
LEEK	6
ALSAGER	4
LICHFIELD	4
CREWE & NANTWICH	2
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ENVIRONMENTAL MONTHLY NEWS.

Articles about Environmental.

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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

KEEP IT CLEAN

As part of Zone I's regular cleaning and maintenance of the Lions' shelter at the National Memorial Arboretum, this month saw Barton under Needwood Lions taking turn in giving the 'once over' to the shelter.

Picture 1: David Pomroy applying elbow grease polishing the Lions plaque

Picture 2: Pauline Pomroy sweeping all before her

Picture 3: Pam Trevena dusting up a storm

Geoff Trevena? behind the camera, carrying the brooms, and generally being a nuisance!



GEOFF TREVENA
BARTON-under-NEEDWOOD

LIONS AND LOCAL COMMUNITY COME TOGETHER IN FOOD COLLECTION FOR ELDERLY AND NEEDY
Epitomising the Lions motto ' We Serve' and with an outstanding contribution from the local community Macclesfield and District Lions were able to provide food parcels to over 150 individuals as a result of their annual request to customers of the Sainsburys and Tesco supermarkets in Macclesfield to consider purchasing one extra item as part of their shopping.

During four days in early December (two days at each supermarket from 9am to 5pm) members of the Macclesfield & District Lions, with substantial support from the Bollington Senior Citizens group (including the Mayor and Mayoress of Bollington), issued leaflets to customers entering the store asking for their help in donating food which would then be distributed to the elderly and needy in the Macclesfield area.

The customers responded magnificently and the amount collected exceeded expectations. It was estimated that the value of food donated was in the region of £5,500.

In addition to the distribution of individual food parcels, the Club was also able to distribute food to several charities including the 'Just Drop in Centre' in Macclesfield, the East Cheshire Hospice Childrens Section.

Our sincere thanks to all people who donated and to those Lions and members of the Bollington Senior Citizens group (some of whom we hope will become ' Friends of Macclesfield Lions Club') who not only helped at the supermarkets but also transported the food from the supermarkets to the central storage point in Bollington and then sorted the food prior to it being made up into individual parcels.

The final step was taking the individual bags/parcels to each recipients home. A fine result and a great example of the community in action.

**TONY NORTON
MACCLESFIELD & DISTRICT**

THE RESILIENT AWARD

Alsager School recently held their GCSE Awards Ceremony at Christ Church, here in the town. A new annual award, "The Resilient Award" was presented to a student, from each house who had achieved good results, despite encountering some problems throughout the year. Each of the four award winners received a £50.00 voucher donated by the Alsager Lions Club and the outstanding student received the Lesley Rimmer Memorial Trophy.



Alsager Lions would like to thank Mrs Andrea O'Neil, Head of School, for her help in setting up this award, with the club.

Top picture - Olivia Neagus, Will Jones and Esmae Doig, Ben Adams was absent.

Lower Picture - Lion President Geoffrey Rimmer and Will Jones

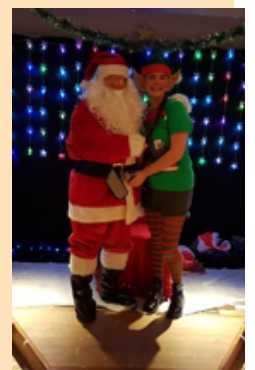


CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Alsager Lions had a fabulous bucket collection at Tesco Store in Kidsgrove, just prior to Christmas, collecting nigh on £300.00 in a Sunday stint and for that we'd like to thank Richard Evans, Group Community Champion and the store staff for the day and especially the generosity of their customers.

The Linley Tavern, Alsager, had a very special visitor, Father Christmas and his pixie helper Zoe who were in Alsager asking the children and their Mums and Dads as to what they were hoping to receive on Christmas Day. Lions President Geoff Rimmer, for what ever reason, failed to help his wife Jean do a bit of Christmas shopping that afternoon?

**KEN LIVINGSTON
ALSAGER**



DASHING SANTAS

Now that things have settled down after a somewhat hectic but very satisfying Christmas season, I am delighted to be giving you an update on the Romiley and Marple Lions Club activities. I have waited for details of the sponsorship money raised on behalf of Kidneys for Life so that I could report as accurately as possible on the totals raised by or on behalf of the Club.

There were 232 people who took part in the Marple Santa Dash (the most we have ever had), enabling us to pay £2,320 into the Lions Club Charity Account. £2,000 was raised in the Dragon Miniature Railway's Father Christmas Grotto and a further £840 hosting breakfast and teatime sessions with Father Christmas in the Marple Garden Centre (Wyevale) Restaurant. As usual, I have to say thank you to so many people and I have attached copies of the "thank you cards" I have left at the Railway and the Garden Centre, together with a list of a few of the worthy causes we supported in 2018.



I think it is most important that we should acknowledge the wonderful support we receive every year and also let people know what we do with the hard earned money that they so kindly donate to us. The Santa Dash was a wonderful success in 2018 and I must put on record my personal thanks to Carol Bonham and Victoria Thomson, of Kidneys for Life, for all their help and support. Over £2,000 has already been received by them in sponsorship money (maybe with more to come), which indicates

that the Lions were involved in raising over £7,000 during the Christmas period. For possibly our best Dash ever, we had our usual "Dream Team" on duty.

The local Air Training Corps performed marshalling duties along the route and Sarah Dalby, our expert trainer, made sure that everyone was fully prepared for the Dash. Changing facilities were kindly provided by Marple Scouts in their hut in the Memorial Park and Lawrence Ferneough (Crabtrees of New Mills) had his flat back lorry ready for Sarah to use as her "stage". Marple Band provided the perfect musical welcome at the Garden Centre and Paul Cain (Smiths of Marple) was on hand to transport the weary Dashers back to Marple. My thanks to everyone, including Tina Bowker (M.C. Catering) who supplied the mince pies. If I have forgotten anyone, please forgive me. All the Dashers were wonderful and I hope they will be joining us again for an even better Santa Dash on Sunday, 1st. December, 2019.

Santa Dash photographs can be found on the Kidneys for Life website - <https://kidneysforlife.org/festive-santa-dash-photos-2018/>.

TERRY HARDING
ROMILEY MARPLE & DISTRICT

GOING FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

Gnosall & Newport Lions Club rounded off, like many other Lions Clubs, an extremely busy Christmas Programme. Every member of the Club involved in 17 events, including at 5 of 8hrs duration or more serving our local community, whilst also having fun with a Christmas meal at Telford Utd FC and a visit to the Adult Panto (Oh yes we did!)

A key element of this is in publicising, at every opportunity, as this is a question which we are regularly asked "what are Lions and what do you actually as a group do?". What has this approach done since the original clubs merged becoming Gnosall & Newport Lions? Well it initially brought us 10 new friends, as one should never forget partners but, in addition, new life into the Club, losing no members in the process but, since inception, 6 new members have joined us increasing our local footprint.

We are at looking at new ideas, given the demise of the Afternoon Tea Dances and hope to bring details in next month's Press Release, although definitely on are the Annual Golf Day at Aqualate GC on Thurs 13th June and the Last Night at the Proms on September 21st and the Prostate event is on for October. Possibilities are Wheely Bin Racing and Maggot Racing but they are only in the embryo stage at the moment but watch this space.

RICK TALBOT
GNOSALL & NEWPORT

Giving is not just for Christmas !

Once again the residents of Baswich, Saxonfields, Knowle Rd and Hillcroft Park Stafford have kindly donated food for the needy of Stafford and surrounding areas.

On Sunday January 13th, members of Stafford Lions Club, Friends of Lions and Stafford's 21st Century Explorer Scouts were out collecting, sorting and delivering the food that kind people had left out at the end of their drives.

In all, 111 bags were filled and numerous large boxes were made up. These were then delivered to some needy and elderly of Stafford and surrounding areas; to young people who were starting out on their own after leaving Foster Care; to Social Services and the Probation Service. There were also a number of boxes taken to The Salvation Army, Women's Aid and to the Signpost Food Bank at Highfields.

Thanks once again to St Anne's RC Church for allowing us to use their church hall.

For Stafford Lions along with the lovely young people from the Scouts, it's a full day of working together, enjoying good company, and helping people in need.

Fulfilling our pledge -

'Ordinary People doing Amazing Things'



**PAULINE GAY
STAFFORD**

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