



DISTRICT GAZETTE

The Latest News from Around Your District

JANUARY 2019



Welcome

Welcome to new member:-
Wallasey - Vivar Gestler

Welcome

**Welcome to you 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

Hello. By the time you read this Christmas will be over for 2018 and a new dawning of 2019. (Where did the year go?) I hope you all had the best Christmas possible and I would like to wish you a very Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year

Whilst it has been a very busy time for us all, I trust the many events and fundraising collections were successful with donations and equally important serving and being there amidst the Community doing what we do best. All the sleighs, santa outfits, decorations etc., will all be cleaned and stored away until next year.



It has been an interesting year, so far we have seen both good and not so good news. Lets look at a couple of good news items. Firstly Membership. The formation of The Bert Mason Internet Club headed by IPDG Teresa as President. The club (formerly Little Orme) is going from strength to strength, congratulations and very best wishes for the future, Secondly, straight off the press, Crewe & Nantwich Lions have formed a Branch Club and will be inducting the 10 plus New members on 27th December 2018 at an arranged event. I am sure we wish both clubs every success for the future. Let's hope these two pieces of very encouraging news are a good sign of things to come. There are plenty more positive news items that have occurred this year and it would take up a lot of space and ink to include them. However, Well done everyone. Be Proud of what you have achieved.

The not so good news is that you will have been notified that it was necessary to withdraw and disqualify the Peace Poster winner from District 105BS and MD105 due to non-compliance of the competition rules. The criteria is laid out to all applicants and must be complied with to ensure fairness to all participants. This news is a great disappointment to us all, not forgetting the Host Club Ellesmere Port Lions and our Peace Poster Officer Linda Cresswell.

On the Club visiting side. So far I have visited 20 Clubs within the District with 7 more to attend in 2019. I have enjoyed each and everyone and can't thank the members enough for the hospitality and welcome I have received at them all. It makes me feel even more proud to be a Lion. The Charter Anniversaries I have attended have all been filled with Fellowship and Friendship, the meals have been fantastic. I have had the honour so far of presenting Service Chevron Awards with a combined total of 825 years of service to club members and more to come in the new year. I have also had the honour of presenting three MJF awards.

The first half of my year has been very enjoyable with some ups and downs but with teamwork and Working Together we continue to be great Lions in a great District. Proud to Serve.

Let us not forget the Last District 105BS Convention at Telford Whitehouse Hotel in March,. There is a lot of hard work going on behind the scenes to make this an unforgettable weekend of a little business and loads of fun. Don't miss it.

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I will sign off now but not before I wish you all a Very Happy and Peaceful New Year and thank you all for your hard work, support and friendship.

Doh!! I went to the book shop and asked the saleswoman "Where's the self help section?" She said, "If I told you that, it would defeat the purpose".... I thought it a reasonable question. She obviously thought it a reasonable answer.. Ho Ho Ho

DG STEVE



ANOTHER YEAR OVER AND WHAT A YEAR!

I started the year as President of my club Llandudno and Zone B Chairman, then in January became 2nd Vice District Governor 105BS followed by becoming 1st Vice District Governor 105BS and, at the Special Convention in October, District Governor Elect of our new consolidated District 105CN.

What a whirlwind but have enjoyed every minute, attending numerous training sessions and district meetings and preparation meetings for the new District. But the most enjoyable has been visiting clubs and attending Charters, over 30 club and Zone meetings and over 20 Charters, meeting many of you and those I have not managed to get to this year I hope to visit in some capacity next year.

Wonderful to see all the diverse ways you all have of giving service and raising monies for so many good causes you all deserve to give yourselves a pat on the back for all the work you have done and, by the way, don't forget to update all the hours you have put in especially over November and December on MyLCI.

I keep seeing all those wonderful floats going round and outside department stores and garden centres, The Santa Dashes - sorry Romiley Marple & District I won't be running next year but look forward to coming again, had a great day, The Boxing Day Dip in Llandudno - no I didn't go in the sea. The amount of work on Bonfire Nights, had a great night at Ellesmere Port, opened my eyes to the amount of work that goes into some of these events not just for the money but the enjoyment it gives to the community. All the Duck races and fetes during the summer including the hardships after helping out at Prestatyn & Rhyl despite all the rain, I hope you get more water in the river next year. The Easter Egg challenges, guessing the weight rolling them down hills, it's exhausting just thinking about it. £1000's and 1000's of hours of service, how can the public not know who we are I ask myself. But some don't and we must keep up the pressure in the press and social media, it's time to shout out who we are and blow our own trumpet.

Now for the New Year and it all starts again and what a year we have to look forward to, the amalgamation of our Districts and have to put up with that new District Governor. Oh yes that's me! But first we will be celebrating our last year as 105BS at Telford with my great partner in crime, our District Governor Steve, who has helped me and all of us go forward to a new beginning with the new District. It looks like being a great party which I am looking forward to. Many more challenges lay ahead but with co-operation, working together with our great family of Lions and may that fellowship continue into hopefully a prosperous New Year for us all.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year and good health for 2019.

JOHN CHAMBERS
1st VDG 105BS
DG ELECT 105CN

HAVE YOU SEEN US ?

Members of Stafford Lions were out and about in Penkridge and Stafford over the Christmas period asking local people for their support.

We would like to thank most sincerely, all who contributed to our collections.

In 2018 Stafford Lions (with your help) financially supported.....



The Mayor's Charity at Christmas

Walton Hall Academy School

A free diabetes health check clinic

Local disabled individuals

Stafford Lions party for 90 Carers



Local Scout and Guide groups

Children in remission from Cancer who are visiting from Chernobyl

Lions Young Leaders in Service



Local young people working in the Third World

Local children with 'special needs'

Local young people leaving care



International Earthquake rescue appeals

Stafford Lions have also

Delivered Food Parcels (food donated by Baswich and Wildwood residents) twice a year to disadvantaged families, elderly, young people leaving Foster care and Charitable groups eg Signpost, Salvation Army and Women's Refuge

Collected used spectacles for use in Third World Countries

Distributed Message in a Bottle, Plugsters and Aspods

Helped to run events in aid of other organisations eg Samaritans

**PAULINE GAY
STAFFORD**

BURNTWOOD'S BEEN BUSY

In September, Burntwood Lions Club held a Fundraising night on behalf of Cannock and Burntwood First responders Team, a cheque for £1000 was handed to the team to help their appeal for a new vehicle. On Friday 30th November, Lion Yvonne Simms and President Mike Simms were invited by the First Responders to the presentation of The Queens Award for Voluntary Services being made to the team for their work within the community. At the end of the awards to the team, by the Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire, Ian Dudson a special award was presented to Burntwood Lions in recognition for their support to the First Responders.



On Sunday November 11th, Burntwood Lions marshalled the Annual Remembrance Day parade, which they have done for the past number of years. The parade left Burntwood Institute and marched round the local area before arriving back at the Institute for the Service of Remembrance. The event was again well attended by local residents who came to pay their respects and homage to the fallen. President Mike Simms then laid a wreath of poppies on behalf of Burntwood Lions and Lion Clubs International.

On Saturday 17th November, the Lions held their Annual Craft Fair, this event has taken place for a number of years and raises funds for the Santa Special with takes place the following Saturday. The event was very well attended many Crafters attending year after year and commenting that it is always well organised. The event was opened by Councillor Sue Woodward, who also judged the poster competition, with entries from 2 local infant and junior schools, the competition was organised and run by Lion Frances Carr who was surprised at the number of entries, 260 in all. All entries were on display for families to see, and in the week following, members of Burntwood Lions attended the schools assembly to present prizes to the lucky winners.



On Saturday November 24th, the Lions held their Annual Santa Special, an event that they have run for 18 years when they take Disabled and Disadvantaged children, siblings and parents/carers on the local steam railway. Every child meets Santa and receives a present and goody bag, whilst members of Lions and Friends, walk through the carriages singing Christmas songs. The joy on faces of the children makes all the hard work by Lion Jayne Marston all worthwhile. Some of the children who came to the very first one are now adults, but still ask every year if they are going to see Santa with the Lions.



**MIKE SIMM
BURNTWOOD**

EDITOR'S NOTE

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LOTTERY GRANT SECURES 3rd PSA TESTING EVENT

Thanks to all the lottery players and "Awards for All", Ironbridge Lions and Ironbridge Rotary are now financially secure for their third successive PSA screening event.

Their previous two events saw a total of 1200 men screened FREE for this killer disease. From the results no fewer than 132 were recommended to seek further medical advice. Our retired consultant estimates that between 50 & 60 men have had their lives saved by diagnosing prostate cancer early.

This silent killer has now overtaken breast cancer as the number one cancer killer in the UK.

Just imagine a Jumbo Jet full of men crashing every ten days for a year. That is how many men are dying from prostate cancer in the UK every year.

They are now looking forward to their 2019 event which is to be held at the Abraham Darby Academy, Madeley on 23rd March 2019.



L to R:- Ian Warburton President Ironbridge Rotary, Ironbridge Lions Mascot AKA John Marsh, Jim Philbin Ironbridge Lions President.

**JOHN MARSH
IRONBRIDGE-SEVERN GORGE**

LION JUDI GOES INTERNATIONAL!



At the recent MD105 Lions Leadership Symposium, Lion Judi received her attendance certificate from a trio of very eminent Lions, left to right, PID Phil Nathan, DG Brandon Johnson, District 12-N, USA, the youngest ever District Governor, Lion Judi, and ID Geoff Leeder.

Judi said that she had been energised by the weekend, where she met, worked and socialised with Lions from across the multiple district, and had discussed many topics and looks forward to using her newly gained experiences to benefit her club.

PUBLIC PROJECT

Members of Barton Lions branch, with members of mother club Lichfield visited some of the plentiful pubs in the centre of Barton under Needwood.

A most convivial time was had by all, as shown by the 'slightly' out of focus picture around the Christmas tree in Barton's centre, left to right, 'Elf' Pam Trevena, Barton, 'Lion' Nick Lamb, Lichfield Vice President, 'Elf' Judi Wring, Barton President, 'Father Christmas' Geoff Trevena, Barton, and 'Elf' Jillie Ritchie, Barton Secretary, and nearly £100.00 went 'into the pot' for forthcoming project, the afternoon tea party for senior residents.



**GEOFF TREVENA
BARTON-under-NEEDWOOD**

***** TEAMWORK WORKS

Sometimes it is not a case of what you know but who you know.

I have worked, as a Volunteer, for Cheshire Young Carers for 2 and half years. A couple of weeks ago, I heard that the parents, of a couple of young carers that I know, were in dire straits. They live in Crewe. I got as much detail as I could about their plight and rang a friend in Lions - Debbie Owen, President of Crewe & Nantwich Lions. She said, "leave it with me for half an hour". Within the half hour she rang me back. The rest of the story is hers to tell on the next page. It made us both proud to wear our Lions badge. Glad to help.

**MARGARET MARSH
ELLESMERE PORT**

WHERE THERE'S A NEED THERE'S A LION, well in this case a pride of lions.

Lion President Debbie from C&N Lions received a call from Lion President Margaret, Ellesmere Port. Lion Margaret became involved with Cheshire Young Carers (CYC) after Cranage Hall Convention in 2016

Via CYC she had become aware of a local Crewe family who are having an awful time ... Mum had previously had bowel cancer which had left her with a left sided paralysis and the husband and two young children have now become her carers often foregoing what kids do outside of school so Mum was looked after.

Mum has now been told the cancer is back in her lip and mouth and probably other places too. The family were and are devastated. Hubby, who works part time, was unable to continue his part time job now so Christmas was a no go for this family.

LP Deb rang the club members immediately and the club organised £200 vouchers for A***s to purchase presents for the children and £200 vouchers for A**A to buy food and goodies for Christmas. Within 2 days these had been purchased and LP Deb and Lion Derek were knocking on the front door making a massive difference to the family.

The next day the lady contacted LP Deb as her son had fallen through his bed . So we purchased a bed and, with the help of the man that was selling it, he delivered it free of charge.

The lady has had her op and she isn't in a good place but as for Christmas she's going to have some lovely memories to take forward and talk to her family about.

**DEBORAH OWEN
CREWE & NANTWICH**

~~~~~ **WINTER WARMERS**

Picture shows Alsager Lions warming up for their warming mulled wine sale at the Alsager Christmas Light Switch On.

From the left Ian Hodgkinson, his wife Heather, Lion Doug Byrne, Lion Pres Geoff Rimmer, Lion David Nixon and Lion Pam Lowerson.



This year was a great year for sales. They were sold out of all wine two hours into the festivities, selling some 300 cups of the warming stuff in that period. The takings, breaking all previous records, at some £900.00 plus. The good thing was, they were then able to see all the other activities at the event. Think next year, we may have to add a few more bottles to warm up!

**KEN LIVINGSTON
ALSAGER**

***** **SURPRISE PRESENTATION**

District Officer Graham Dow surprised the club with a visit, along with his wife Lion Pat, to the December Club Meeting to present Lion President Rick Talbot with his MJF award. Rick as been the inspiration behind lots of the work that the club undertakes, spreading the word about Lions Clubs International and channelling his energies into his particular area of youth work. His success in this area is reflected in the uptake of schools taking part in the Peace Poster Art Competition and Young Leaders in Service projects amongst others.



It is the first MJF to be presented to the club since the two clubs came together, joining the three members from the old Newport Club to hold this great honour.

Congratulations and well done to him from all members of the club.

**PAM TALBOT
GNOSALL & NEWPORT**

ZONE I AWARDS

DG Steve Talbot Attended the recent meeting of Zone I Lions, following a long-standing invitation, to see how the Zone operates, with 35 Lions from clubs in the zone also attending, welcoming Stafford's newest Lion David Redpath.

DG Steve commended the members for the work that the zone and individual clubs carry out, in the furthest-flung zone in the South of the District.

He then surprised several members, by making the following awards:

15 year's service chevron to Lion Pat Lambert of Tamworth.

20 year's service chevron to Lion Jane Stevenson of Rugeley and District.

15 year's service chevron to Lion Dave Lewis of Stafford.



DG Steve then passed on to club presidents the following service chevrons, for Lions not at the meeting, for them to award on his behalf:

Cannock, Lion Doug Smith, 10 years and Lion Robin Roberts also for 10 years,

Stafford, Lion Geoff Mackenzie, 20 years and Lion John Kemp for a whopping 35 years.

DG Steve, assisting Cannock president Alan Preece, then made two further presentations, firstly to Zone Chair Beverley Stanyer and then to Lion Graham Stanyer, of a Melvin Jones Fellowship each – a most unusual event for a husband and wife to receive the award at the same time- a very happy couple (copyright of this last photo John May)] – Bev said that the champagne would be flowing when she got home!



DG Steve confirmed that as DG, he has the pleasure of handing out many awards, but not often for a combined service total of 125 years, and to finish, a pair of MJF's for two of the hardest working and highly respected Lions in the district.

GEOFF TREVENA
ZONE I SECRETARY

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

This month first article - Lancashire Wildlife Trust and Land Trust 10 Year Partnership Project

Second Article - Snapshot report from the Guardian Newspaper.

Third Article - Grow Wild

Fourth Article - Article by Woodland Trust Ash Dieback

Fifth Article - The Plight of the Hedgehogs

All information: Provided by Peoples Trust Endangered Species.

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CHRISTOPHER EVANS
ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER

TRAVELLING LIONS



Well, Christmas has now crept up on us,
you have all been busy and out and about.
I welcome Sale and District to our roaming.
Let's continue this, and have lots of points
in the New Year.
I hope you all had a roaring Christmas.

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D.O. VISITING LION

CLUB NAME	POINTS
LLANDUDNO	172
SOUTH MANCHESTER	115
CANNOCK	61
ELLESMERE PORT	58
LITTLE ORME	58
STONE	54
BEAUMARIS MENAI AETHWY	53
STOKE ON TRENT	43
STAFFORD	38
GNOSALL & NEWPORT	22
RUGELEY & DISTRICT	21
TAMWORTH	20
HEDNESFORD CENTENNIAL	17
NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME	16
BARTON	14
SALE & DISTRICT	10
LEEK	6
ALSAGER	4
LICHFIELD	4
CREWE & NANTWICH	2
MIDDLE MARCHES	1

KEEPING BUSY

Late November and early December has been an extremely busy month for us as a Club in our locality commencing with Remembrance Sunday and the laying of wreaths in both Gnosall and Newport commemorating and honouring those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

It also saw the end of an era although we were not to know it at the time. The ending of our monthly Afternoon Tea Dances due to falling numbers bringing Dave & Doreen making the decision to retire. To us this was devastating news as it had become part of our monthly programme and we all enjoyed putting it on for the village but unfortunately the support just wasn't there. We also helped out at the Scout & Guides Bonfire but alas after 52 years that is also possibly finishing. I don't know what is going on but it seems that many of the things which we have taken for granted are no more, not just culturally, but also in the closing of shops and businesses, Old Stacey's in the High Street, The Horns and the Butchers to name a few.

However we keep on as we are heavily involved in our Youth Programme with our President Rick going along to Burton Borough School to assist and to present an award from the Lions at their Work Experience Night at the Harper Adams University College, to Burton Borough itself to present an award to Isobel Pessoa for her inspirational Peace Poster (also judged 2nd in NW Midlands, the Wirral & North Wales), and finally to Stafford Grammar School to present 4 Young Leaders in Service Certificates to pupils for their Community work.



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We have also been tin rattling in the Waitrose Supermarket in Newport, worked with our friends from Eccleshall Mercia Rotarians taking Santa around the Gnosall collecting children's letters for him so that he knows what to bring them on the big day, and finally hosted



a Senior Citizens Party in Newport featuring the amazing "Burton Borough Big Band" ably supported by the Newport Ukelele Gang, a lovely way to end our pre Christmas work, time for a short rest before our New Year work commences.

We have also made recent donations of £250 to GLEAN for the new library, £500 to Newport Scouts for refurbishment of their Scout Hut, and £500 to Walton hall School towards a new sensory unit they are hoping to provide for their youngsters. However in order for us to continue our work we like other village, and town organizations and businesses need your support so that we can continue to donate enhancing our communities.

Finally socially we continue to play hard as well with a Christmas Party in Telford, a Panto visit and a meal in the New Year all on the calendar.

**RICK TALBOT
GNOSALL & NEWPORT**



I wish you health and happiness as we start a brand New Year,
A time that is filled with fellowship, friendship and good cheer.

We take our Lionism seriously but maybe not ourselves
We dressed up in costumes, some as Santa and some as Elves.

We stand there, with our buckets, hoping for generous donations.
People sometimes ask who we are - we need some public relations.
I hope to read more of your adventures, more of what you've done,
Raising lots of money, serving the needy but also having fun.

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Happy New Year
The Editor