



# District Governor's Newsletter



District Governor 2010/11 Tony Gadsby

## Friendship and Fellowship

April 2011

APRIL SHOWERS

LIONS DISTRICT 105 BS



### District Convention

Well what a superb Convention with lots of friendship and fellowship from the start. My thanks go to the Host Committee from Telford Lions for their work in organising the Convention. Many months of hard work and tireless attention throughout the weekend certainly gave us all a Convention to be proud of. The Host Night and Banquet and Ball will be remembered for a long time. Thank you Telford Lions

To our District Officers, who organised and presented at the Saturday Business Session, go our thanks as well. Never an easy task but you all did really well. Thanks to MDO Jane Armitage who travelled down from Huddersfield to give us a good insight into the possibilities the Young Leaders in Service will allow us, in getting further involved with the young people in our communities.

Special thanks must also go to Amanda Quinn from Action for Children; Diane's nominated charity this year, who gave a very moving presentation on the work of her charity. I don't think we will ever forget Katie's story. If your Club has supported Diane's appeal this year thank you, if you are still considering a donation, hopefully this presentation will have helped you decide that their work is worthy of your support.

My congratulations to District Governor elect Beryl, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor elect Rob Brown and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Governor elect Dave Handley on their election. I look forward to working with them through the rest of my year as District Governor to ensure a smooth handover and wish them well for next year.

We were delighted to host as our international guest, International Director Gudrun Yngvadottir and her husband PID Jon Bjarni Thorsteinsson who were a delightful couple who shared their friendship and mixed freely with us all throughout the weekend. Both during her address to Convention and again on the Sunday morning she was generous in sharing her thoughts with us on a wide range of topics relevant to us. She was also able to get information from us all regarding our concerns and thoughts and I'm confident these will be fed back to our International Headquarters.

I have received a thank you letter from International Director Gudrun and she has asked me to pass on greetings and good wishes from her and PID Jon Bjarni to you all and expressed her thanks for the good work you are doing and for the friendship and fellowship she experienced at the Convention.

My sincere thanks to ID Gudrun and PID Jon Bjarni for travelling from Iceland to be with us and helping make the Convention so memorable.



**District Governor Travels**

I had the pleasure of attending the formation of the Biddulph Branch of Leek Lions in March and was privileged to badge up the first 7 members to get this Branch off to a good start. With further potential members in the pipeline the signs are good that we will eventually have a Club in Biddulph again. My thanks to Zone Chair Lynda Demaid-Jones, District Extension Officer Margaret O'Riley, Leek Lions and the MERL Team for making this happen. Let's see if we can get some more Branches formed before the year end. There are still lots of communities in our District which do not have the support of a Lions Club.

Also in Zone 8, the Zone 8 Clubs as a joint project, again put on the annual Waterworld event where over 600 young people with special needs came together at the Waterworld theme park in Newcastle under Lyme to enjoy the facilities. Truly this is a memorable day and one which the young people, helpers and Lions really enjoy.

With 62 visits made to Clubs and Branches this year, I will be visiting Llanrwst Lions on the 4<sup>th</sup> April and Wrekin Lions on 5<sup>th</sup> April. This will conclude first visits to all clubs in the District. If any Clubs wishes me to revisit then please let me know and I will ensure I accommodate this in the last quarter of the year. I also intend getting to more clubs events in the next few months so please ensure you get all your events in the Calender page on the District Website, so we all know what you are doing and can support your events.

Fellow Lions we are coming into our busy Easter period. Please take this opportunity to get out into your communities with a wide variety of activities and keep an eye out for potential new members as well. Remember:-

***AN ACTIVE CLUB IS AN ATTRACTIVE CLUB***

Good Luck in all you do.

*Tony*

**THE LIONS ROAR AGAIN IN BIDDULPH**

Lions from fourteen Clubs throughout the District came to the Formation Meeting of the Biddulph Branch of the Lions Club of Leek on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of March. Seven members were badged up by DG Tony on the night. LP Les Critchlow extended a warm welcome to Lions John and Margaret Leeson, Ian and Ros Morris, Tracy Norton and Mike and Liz Pickup.

Pictured, New Members along with DG Tony, DO Margaret and members of Leek Lions Club.



**LIONS DAY WITH THE UNITED NATIONS AT WESTMINSTER From Laurie Oatway**

For the very first time, the event at the House of Commons was made available to Lions from all Districts and when DG Tony invited BS members to consider this Lion Maureen and myself were delighted to accept. After drinks and a buffet at the nearby Cinnamon Club we entered Westminster where the allocated room was not available (Parliamentary business), and we used a MUCH smaller room—which was VERY cosy - many had to stand. Our host was Mark Francois MP and current LP of the Palace of Westminster Lions Club and during the two hours of the meeting there were presentations by 2nd Intl President Wayne Madden and COC Jacquie Prebble to the MD and District Peace Poster winner, twelve years old SUNITA PUNPANYA .

A truly memorable experience



**Welcome New Members**

Club	Name
Little Orme	Bisher Barazi
Burton on Trent	Jean Pullen
Burton on Trent	Derek Pullen
Telford	Janet Waterhouse
Beaumaris Menai Aethwy	Denise Harris-Edwards

**Visiting Lion**

**Final Results  
2010-2011**



Club	Points
Little Orme	289
Stone	245
Stoke on Trent	178
Llandudno	167
Ironbridge	117
Leek	105
Tamworth	89
Flint	85
Beaumaris	78
Wilmslow	60

**EVENTS**

**Oswestry Lions Beer Festival  
April 1st 2nd & 3rd**

**Day 1, 6pm-11pm  
Day 2, 12Noon-11pm  
Day 3, 12 Noon-4pm**

**Admission £7:00  
Includes 4 free half pints and  
A Commemorative Tankard  
Musical Entertainment  
Provided  
Further details Contact  
Oswestry Club**

Send visiting lions forms to,  
Trish Morris 32 Station Crescent  
Craven Arms Shropshire SY7 9RR  
trish@pamorris.plus.com

**Tacade**

**DO Rick Talbot reports no  
further change on the  
financial situation awaiting  
more information from MD**

**Membership Data**

At the end of each month the membership data is sent to DG, VDG's, ZC's and MERL team.  
It is also published on the District website  
[www.lions105bs.org.uk](http://www.lions105bs.org.uk)

To access the membership data:-  
Members have to go to MEMBERS AREA,  
click on I AGREE.  
Then if you don't know the password, click on "Need a password click here" link.  
Under the list headed DISTRICT is a form titled MEMBERSHIP DATA

DO Dave Elliot



### Burton Lions Burns Night



Lion Tony Welch addressing the Haggis  
The event was attended by local MP Andrew Griffiths and town Mayoress. The night was a huge success raising £650 for St Dunstons  
Great effort everyone



Collection at Burton Albion Raised £380 for local charities  
Well Done Everyone again

### Youth Football

Cheadle & Gatley 8 Llandudno FC 0  
|  
Cheadle & Gatley 4  
Wigginton Grasshopper 2

Cheadle & Gatley now go forward to the Multi District Quarter Finals

DO Gerry Thomas



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### Host Night Flavours of Ireland

Host committee have organized an Evening of Irish Culture. As we all know the Irish know how to Party, therefore this year the evening will be taken up with various groups of singers, dancers and other acts.

This has been arranged in the Waterfront with all the facilities required in the Auditorium.

The question of Fancy Dress this year is not really necessary, Smart Casual perhaps. With a touch of Irish.

### Banquet & Ball

I have been able to secure Sponsorship from our Insurance Brokers and other ways, and am pleased to inform you that this money will be used for transport to and from The Ramada Hotel, Shaws Bridge. There will be no cost if you use the coaches provided. Full details will be in every delegate pack. (incl. pickup information)

Brian Yeoman

***The copy deadline for the next issues of the DG's newsletter  
April 20th, May 16th***

***PLEASE NOTE MAY'S DEADLINE is early as I am going to Uganda with the EYEBUS***

Please send everything in electronic format (Word documents with *separate* Jpegs) to me. Can correspondents please check days and dates for accuracy.

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Many thanks. **Graham (Editor)**