



# District Governor's Newsletter



*District Governor 2011/2012 Beryl Roberts*

**Special points of interest:**

District Governor Beryl updates progress with her son. She also tells her story about her recent trip to Uganda to help deliver the LEBUS as well as admitting that she has finally visited the International Eisteddfod at Llangollen

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## **Have Belief in Our Services, Our Lions Organisation and Ourselves.**



Once again thank all for your continuing support of our son Martin, cards, E-Mails and flowers. He is a lot better, the consultant is now very pleased with his progress.

As a lot of you will know I went with some fellow 105BS Lions to Uganda at the end of May accompanying the Eye Bus. Very tiring but exhilarating and overall what an experience.

The Ugandan lions were so kind and generous towards us and what a welcome we received when we arrived at our hotel in Kampala. I will never forget their spontaneous kindness throughout our stay with them.

Visiting an eye camp I really did not know what to expect but it was extremely humbling. Seeing young children guiding their parents and grandparents having walked for hours to get there and waiting patiently to see the ophthalmic team. Myself, Lions Glenys and John Sanders, Linda Demaid-Jones and Graham Dow watched a cataract operation on an eighty two year old lady who had been blind for a number of years. Believe me every one of us shed a tear that day.

Our eye bus is going to help the people of Uganda so much. I'm so grateful to you all, Lions of 105BS, you cannot appreciate what you have done. Until you've seen the need first hand it cannot be imagined. I applaud you all for donating to such a worthy cause.

We also visited a school for the disabled that the Kampala Lions help. What dedicated, wonderful staff and clinicians working so very hard with antiquated equipment. Working so hard to make the children's lives better. The children were so pleased to see us.

I also want to say a very big thank you to the charity Link who supplied the three young men who accompanied us. We all felt very safe in their hands.

Last and best – well done the amazing Lion David Field. The right man for the job and possibly the only one with the verve, desire and will to see this job through for the district at this time.

I went to The Llangollen Eisteddfod on the 5<sup>th</sup> July. What a wonderful team of Lions working there. Everyone was made to feel very welcome. The Lion in his suit attracts a tremendous amount of attention, not only from children but adults (like me !) enjoying having their photograph taken with a lion.

A lot of hard work has gone into this venture, excellent PR and service. The whole scheme from the free tea and coffee, photographs, erecting the Gazebo, table and chairs, Lions publicity, our banners, the work we do in our communities. I feel ashamed I have not been there before and I live in Wales. A very big thank you to our Llangollen team.

*Continuing in Service Together*

**District Governors Team Visits August & September 2011**

Contacts	Visit	Club	Visited by
<b>DG Lion Beryl Roberts:-</b> <a href="mailto:beryl.rob@hotmail.com">beryl.rob@hotmail.com</a>	01/08/2011	Wallasey	1VDG Rob Brown
	02/08/2011	Wrekin	1VDG Rob Brown
<b>1st VDG Lion Rob Brown:-</b> <a href="mailto:mrmap@talktalk.net">mrmap@talktalk.net</a>	04/08/2011	Hazel Grove	DG Beryl Roberts
	04/08/2011	Alsager	1VDG Rob Brown
<b>2nd VDG Lion Dave Handley:-</b> <a href="mailto:djhandley733@hotmail.co.uk">djhandley733@hotmail.co.uk</a>	04/08/2011	Holyhead	2VDG Dave Handley
	08/08/2011	Birkenhead	2VDG Dave Handley
	09/08/2011	Sandbach	DG Beryl Roberts
	09/08/2011	Bridgnorth	1VDG Rob Brown
	10/08/2011	Stone	DG Beryl Roberts
	18/08/2011	Crewe & Nantwich	DG Beryl Roberts
<b>Important Note to Clubs regarding DGT Visits</b>  If any of these dates are not suitable then please contact the Officer due to visit your club as soon as possible.  The list opposite was updated at the beginning of July 2011 and some clubs may have again changed their dates since the initial list was prepared and circulated in early June. ( <b>NB</b> Tracking the movements of 3 DGT Officers is proving much more difficult than just the DG. - Editor)	24/08/2011	Knutsford & District	2VDG Dave Handley
	05/09/2011	Ellesmere Port	DG Beryl Roberts
	05/09/2011	Stafford	1VDG Rob Brown
	06/09/2011	Prestatyn & Rhyl	DG Beryl Roberts
	07/09/2011	Flint & District	DG Beryl Roberts
	07/09/2011	Cannock	1VDG Rob Brown
	07/09/2011	Helsby & Frodsham	2VDG Dave Handley
	12/09/2011	Lichfield	DG Beryl Roberts
	13/09/2011	Colwyn Bay & District	1VDG Rob Brown
	14/09/2011	Newcastle under Lyme	2VDG Dave Handley
	20/09/2011	Llandudno	DG Beryl Roberts
	20/09/2011	Stockport	1VDG Rob Brown
21/09/2011	Wrexham Maelor	DG Beryl Roberts	
27/09/2011	Romiley Marple & District	DG Beryl Roberts	
28/09/2011	Market Drayton	1VDG Rob Brown	

**Message From our International President**



By now most of you know that the theme for my year as international president is "I Believe." "I Believe" is the attitude I hope that you and all Lions have toward our ability to change the world. Together, the 1.35 million Lions club members around the world make up the world's largest network of caring individuals.

That makes us capable of great things. It is also a personal statement from me. I believe in *you*. I believe that every Lion makes a difference. I thank you for your part in the work we are beginning -- work that will make a difference in the lives of millions.

Wing-Kun Tam - International President

**Vision Support** - with Lions World Sight Day approaching the leading charity provider of local support and services to people living with sight loss throughout North Wales and Cheshire is holding a spectacular Arts Carnival at the Greenfield Valley Heritage Park in Holywell, Flintshire on Saturday 3rd September 2011. Some of the latest vision impaired equipment will be shown. Local volunteers are urgently needed for stewarding on the day. Can you help? For more information about the day visit Vision Support website [www.visionsupport.org.uk](http://www.visionsupport.org.uk) or contact Flint Lions Alan Jones at [27gasman@talktalk.net](mailto:27gasman@talktalk.net)

### ***New Members***

DO Dave Elliott advises that there were no new members in June and any new members in July will be recognised in the September newsletter.

### **Murder Mystery Evening**

Buckley & Mold Lions, with the kind assistance of the members of Prestatyn & Rhyl Club, will be hosting a social event to raise funds for St Dunstan's, to which *all* Lions are welcome.

The event will take the form of a Murder Mystery performed by the Phoenix Theatre Company and entitled 'Murder at Shrapnel Manor'.

The cost of the evening is £10 and will include a fish, chips and mushy pea supper!! Tickets are payable in advance to Buckley & Mold Lions Club and may be obtained from the President by emailing [t.carberry@btopenworld.com](mailto:t.carberry@btopenworld.com)

There will of course be a prize for the winning team!

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011

Venue: Rhyl Naval Sports and Social Club

Address: 98 Wellington Rd, Wales, Rhyl, LL181LH

Time: 7.30pm till late

This is an opportunity to meet fellow Lions from within the District, have fun and raise money for a worthwhile cause.

**PLEASE SUPPORT THEM!**

### ***Visiting Lion Latest Results 2011-2012***



<b><i>Club</i></b>	<b><i>Points</i></b>
Little Orme	147
Stoke-on-Trent	128
Stone	124
Llandudno	83
Telford	77
Cannock	74
Flint	59
Leek	45
Beaumaris	39
Wilmslow	39

Send visiting lions forms to,  
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Craven Arms Shropshire SY7 9RR  
[trish@pamorris.plus.com](mailto:trish@pamorris.plus.com)

### ***PR Corner***

In future when I receive any articles for The Lion Magazine or District Newsletter I shall also be putting them on the Latest News section of District 105BS Website.

Would you please publicise the Latest News Section on this website and encourage everyone to subscribe, friends & family included. Also if you could get your local Press to subscribe as well, this would be helpful and they may pick up on some stories. It's free to subscribe all you need to do is input your name and email address. Every time any new news is entered on there you will receive an email for you to catch up on what other clubs in your District are doing. Maybe use some ideas. You can unsubscribe at any time. It's great to see what other clubs are up to especially if you are nosey like me !

I would like to try to compile a directory of local press contacts throughout the District even ones just outside the boundary it would save quite a bit of time for every new P.R. Officer and I think it would be useful. Our webmaster has told me it can go on the District Website for info.

One last thing please encourage your Clubs to promote themselves. It's a great boost to see an article in the press about your own club and it is the public comment on it that makes it all worth while.

If you could please cascade this down to clubs in your Zone I would be a very happy girl. I am determined that District 105BS this year is going to ROAR !

Beverley Stanyer District PRO Chair

### News From Clubs/Zones

Congratulations to first time entrants Cannock Lions Club who won the float competition with their Mardi Gras entry at the Cannock Carnival.



Zone 3 Chair Christine Holmes (Vale of Llangollen) set up her Zone project to support the Welsh Air Ambulance. She is pictured with Vale of Llangollen and Buckley Mold Lions at a recent cheque presentation to the Air Ambulance team.



Pictured below—Flint lions attending the same presentation.



### Ironbridge & Severn Gorge Lions

Following a request for assistance received through the District web site the Lions made contact with Melanie Taylor and went to see her and her little girl 7 year old Aysha. She has a history of medical problems from a very early age including a brain bleed apnoea, severe gastro-oesophageal reflux, no swallow or gag reflex and had to be fed by a tube. Aysha has continued to develop in spite of all her doctors expectations and she needed to have a special computer keyboard and mouse to use with her school work so that she is able to do her work independently.

The good news is that the Lions purchased all the equipment this little girl needed (laptop/big key keyboard/special mouse and keyboard guard). This will mean that any school work that she has to do after school and during the holidays she will be able to do on her own. It will also mean that she will be able to do her own research and become more independent. No-one could have imagined that she would achieve so much and the provision of the Laptop is the icing on the cake!

The presentation was featured in the Shropshire Star and was also subject of a live radio interview on BBC Radio Shropshire. Part of the interview being broadcast as a news item.

### Little Orme Lions

Lion President Barbara Middleton with her secretary Lion Joyce, last year asked the club members for their favourite recipes and they have put them in a book. They contacted all the local businesses and asked them to advertise in the book to cover the expenses. The club now has 300 good quality Recipe Books that were free to print ( thanks to the local businesses) and they are selling them for £4.99 each. That should make £1500 profit, a good start to President Barbara's' year.



**STAMP COLLECTIONS** Brian Ward from Wrekin Lions is still collecting new and unused stamps for Charity. Either post or hand to an officer at District Meetings

### **Burntwood Lions Plant Sales**

The importance of Plant sales by lions clubs is now recognised by two Clubs outside our district who recently joined forces with Burntwood. It is pleasing to see new clubs joining in with established clubs like Burntwood, Flint, Market Drayton, Oswestry and Wirral who have been carrying out plant sales across the district for a number of years.

Walsall and Kingswinford and Stourbridge Lions from 105M joined Burntwood Lions for their annual Plant Sale this year, generating valuable income for these Lions clubs.

The benefits of these schemes are that the Lions provide a door to door service for everyone, especially those that cannot easily reach a supplier or garden centre. Lions gain publicity throughout the area as well as gaining the reputation for the provision of a valuable community service, quality and reliability.

Lions put thousands of professionally produced coloured leaflets through letter boxes, together with those from sponsors. In Burntwood, this produced 289 orders worth £9385. Walsall had 112 orders totalling £4052 and Kingswinford and Stourbridge had 114 orders to a value of £3499.

A large warehouse unit in Burntwood was the setting for the distribution centre in May. Lions set up tables and tracks the day before, in preparation for the 82 Lions and Friends of Lions who would be working on the production lines so brilliantly organised by Lion John Wallage.

Each van was loaded and sent off to make deliveries. 1500 boxes went into 11 vans and a lorry. With dedicated team work, the whole process was over by lunchtime.

The volunteers included children (who were really focussed on task) and some very senior persons. Without the help of so many Friends of Lions on the day, this would be an impossible task.

All the clubs involved have since met to discuss next year's Sale. Plants can take some effort but it's nice to see the results!

For the record our 9500 leaflets included an appeal for new members or helpers but produced *not a single response!*

### **District 105BS Club Web Site Competition**

#### **The Rules**

1. The Club website must be designed and maintained by a member of the Club entering the competition.
2. The Club site **must not** be designed and maintained by a professional web design company; however Lions who work in Information Technology will be allowed to submit their site for consideration.
3. The Competition shall be judged by the District/MD PR Team & the District/MD IT Team with points awarded for

**Accuracy, Design, and Ease of use & Content.** As the competition is about Club websites they will be looking primarily for content directly about the Club, the Community it serves and the activities carried out.

4. Neither the Webmaster from 105BS, nor his/her club can enter the competition.
5. The Judges decision is final.

### **District Handover July 2011**

The formal handover from IPDG Tony Gadsby to DG Beryl Roberts at the Chester Ramada was well attended by over 130 Lions and their guests including many former DGs, District Officers, Young Ambassadors and Youngsters on Youth Exchange from Serbia, Turkey and Finland.

Awards by IPDG Tony for his year of Office were as follows:- Gary Davies Trophy for involvement went to Cannock, the Royle Outreach Trophy for the most services for Youth was presented to Wrexham Maelor, in addition Cannock picked up the trophy for most members. The Valrick Trophy for best region went to Zone 8 and the Bert Mason Trophy for youth services, deservedly went to Anne Owen of Wrexham Maelor for yet another in the succession of Young Ambassador winners.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the MJF to DO David Field of Cheadle for his sustained and magnificent effort for bringing the Lions Eye Bus for Uganda (LEBUS) to fruition earlier this year which started in PDG Frank Marnell's year and continued until now.

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DO David Field pictured receiving his MJF award from IPDG Tony Gadsby with DG Beryl Roberts and PDG Frank Marnell.



IPDG Tony went on to thank everyone for a very special year in which 105BS donated £136000 to international appeals of which £44000 went directly to LCIF. On handing the baton to DG Beryl he commented that being DG was the "best job in the world" but he owed an immense vote of thanks to his wife Dianne for her unswerving support during his hectic year of office.

**IPDG Tony Gadsby hands over to DG Beryl Roberts**



DG Beryl re-iterated IPDG Tony's thanks for his year of achievements and congratulated him on his election as Chairman of the Council of Governors for 2012. She told the assembled gathering that she was humbled to see at first hand the sight restoration work in Uganda when taking part in the LEBUS delivery in June of this year. After thanking everyone for their support she empowered many of the incoming District Officers that were present. A thoroughly good night enjoyed by everyone. (Photos courtesy Martin Smith)

**Young Ambassador of the 21<sup>ST</sup> Century**

TO ZONE CHAIRMEN AND CLUB YOUTH OFFICERS:-

August again! Time to look for a Young Ambassador to represent your Club in the above competition for District 105BS for 2011/12.

Application forms are available on line – they are not now given to me annually.

I have received one request to attend a Zone meeting and I am hoping to attend others to talk to Club representatives about Lions Youth projects.

The Young Ambassador competition gives your Club a good link with local young people along with raising our profile. If your Club has a suitable candidate (over 15 years of age but not over 18 on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012), please get in touch with me at the address below and I am happy to help if you have any problems regarding

the required paperwork.

Your candidate's application and supporting paperwork will need to be with me by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at the latest.

The District Final will again be at the Horse & Jockey, Grindley Brook on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2011.

The Multi-District Final will be held at the Village Hotel, Dudley 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

Hoping to hear from you and increase the number of candidates from last year.

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***The copy deadline for the next issues of the DG's newsletters***

**August 20th September 20th**

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. John Filce (Editor)**