



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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BUSY, BUSY, BUSY

Since my last newsletter it has been a very busy month both at work and with Lions activities. The end of October saw our second Council of Governors meeting.

We tried a few new things over the weekend, with a pre-meeting via web conference on the Wednesday, pre-voting on non-contentious items via web survey software and an appearance at the meeting of MD Youth Officer, Corinne Ashburner, via Skype.

All of these showed that we can use technology to make meetings more efficient throughout the MD and in the districts. As far as this weekend was concerned we shortened the business sessions allowing time for training sessions on Skype and using Survey Monkey.



Running a training session at Council

Technology came into play in November too with a sub-committee meeting and our DG Team meeting both being held via web conferencing.

MALVERN HILLS "IT'S A KNOCK OUT"

At the beginning of November I had the great pleasure of attending Malvern Hills Lions Club's It's a Knock Out event. This is a fabulous event for local physical and learning difficulties clubs and it was heart-warming to see how much the participants enjoyed it.

Malvern were helped by a few lions from Worcester and Droitwich and this showed the benefits of working together.

This year's event had the theme of Superheroes and I also had the pleasure of helping to judge a picture competition and present the prizes.

"IT'S A KNOCK OUT" continued



Malvern's own Superhero



One of the games in full swing

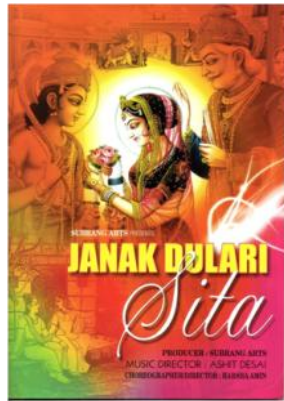


A well-deserved break for lunch

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NOVEMBER TRAVELS

The following weekend, Christine and I were entertained by Birmingham Handsworth Lions Club at a production of Janak Dulari Sita.



Although the play was in Gujarati there was an English introduction to each scene and it was very colourful.



The next day it was an early start for us, as we had to be in Whitehall for 9.00 a.m. to represent Lions Clubs International in the Remembrance Day Parade at the Cenotaph. A moving experience which I was proud to be able to take part in.

During the first part of November I also visited Club meetings at Barwell & Earl Shilton, Shirley, Aldridge, Kingswinford and Stourbridge, Coventry Leofric and Walsall, as well as attending Harborough TWENTY 12's 1st Charter Anniversary lunch.



In the middle of November Christine and I travelled north to Malton in North Yorkshire to visit 105NE's convention.

We attended the host night and the first half of the business session, but then had to hotfoot it back to 105M for the Charter Presentation Night of Coventry Mercia Lions Club.

NEW CLUB CHARTERED



Lion President Sundeep, Coventry Mercia Lions Club, receives the Charter.

On the next Monday I visited Knowle and Dorridge where I was able to take part in the induction of a new member and witnessed a very generous donation by the club to the Philippines appeal.



The following weekend was Worcester's Charter Anniversary, where I presented their oldest member, Albert Ballett, with a 35-year chevron.

YOUNG AMBASSADOR DISTRICT FINAL

On Sunday there was a Cabinet meeting, which had to finish on time so that we could hear the finalists of the District Young Ambassador competition give their addresses - and very good they were too.



With the finalists and the judges. Young Ambassador officer, Cath Kendall, is keeping us in line.

The winner was Abigail Lake sponsored by Shirley Lions Club, although I wouldn't have wanted to judge between all the candidates.

We all wish Abigail all the best at the MD Final next February.



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COME INTO THE PARLOUR

On Monday I joined representatives from the seven Solihull Clubs on a visit to the Mayor's parlour, where we were well entertained by the Mayor of Solihull, Joe Tildesley.



In the Parlour



In the hot-seat

HELP FOR THE PHILIPPINES

Finally, Christine and I were extremely pleased to attend a charity dinner at the Ming Moon restaurant. This was organised at very short notice by Birmingham Chinatown Lions Club and the UK Filipino community and raised in excess of £5,000 towards the Philippines appeal.



A very busy but very enjoyable month!

PHILIPPINES APPEAL – PROUD TO BE YOUR GOVERNOR

A huge thank you for the magnificent way in which the Lions of 105M, and the rest of the MD, have responded to the disaster in the Philippines.

Within days of the disaster clubs in the district were mobilising themselves to organise events and collections.



What your money is paying for

As you will know, the MD has pledged £200,000 to pay for 1,000 Lifesaver water bottles to be sent to the Philippines. These will provide over 20,000,000 litres of clean disease free water.

To put it another way, that's the equivalent of providing the town I live in, Castle Bromwich, with enough water to drink and cook with for a year.

An unprecedented loan of \$50,000 from LCIF has kicked off the appeal and, at the time of writing, this District had raised over £13,000, not including the Birmingham Chinatown event or other collections I am aware of.

Well done. It's what makes Lions great!

STOP PRESS!

First Santa Run completed - 5.9 km in 30 minutes.



Picture shows me with ZC Sarah Hill, President Reg Linford & Phil Jones from Lutterworth Lions

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DG TEAM TRAVELS

The following is a list of Club visits, Charter anniversaries and other events that members of the District Governor team will be undertaking in the next couple of months.

If you are President or Secretary of your club next year, and have not yet confirmed your visit date, please contact my Club visits officer, Mick Taylor: micky.t1@tesco.net

District Governor**December**

5 Club visit – Corby & District
9 – 17 Out with Marston Green's sleigh
27 DG Team

January

18 Charter Anniversary – Balsall Common
24 – 26 Council of Governors
28 DG Team
31 Charter Anniversary - Kettering

1st VDG**December**

27 DG Team

January

3 – 5 District Governors Training School
7 ZC Review
14 F&A Meeting
24 – 26 Council of Governors
GMT TBA
GLT TBC
LRP TBC
28 DGTeam

2nd VDG**December**

27 DG Team

January

28 – DG Team

MAKING THEIR MARK

Well done 105M. Another nine new members this month. I would like to welcome the following new members who joined the Family of Lions since my last newsletter:

Simon Bateman	Birmingham Chinatown
Samson Yu	Birmingham Chinatown
Kuljeet Sandhu	Coventry Mercia
Ravinder Sandhu	Coventry Mercia
Liz Hillebrand	Harborough TWENTY 12
James Dawes	Knowle and Dorridge
Paul Wheatley	Knowle and Dorridge
Kevan Hughes	Nuneaton
Jayne Handcock	Wellingborough and District

ON YOUR MARKS...GET SET...GOING

My next race is the Lutterworth Santa Run on 1st December, where I will be joined by Zone Chairman Sarah Hill for just over 5K in a Santa suit. The following weekend I will be doing another 5K Santa run in Stourbridge.

Zone A – Balls to Cancer 5k – 22:30

Zone A – Stourbridge Santa Run 5k – 8 December

Zone B – TBC

Zone C – Shirley Fun Run 10K – 53 minutes

Zone D – Great Midlands Fun Run 8.5 miles – 1 June

Zone E – Shakespeare half marathon – 20 April

Zone F – Blakedown Bolt - 20 June

Zone G – TBC

Zone H – TBC

Zone I – Lutterworth 5K Santa Fun Run – 1 December

Thank you to those who have already sponsored me but, for those who haven't, you can do so online at <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/medeerun/102104> For an added incentive, if you add a comment when making your donation, guessing the total time it will take me for all the races, I will give a prize at the end of the year to whoever gets closest.

Please find me races, preferably with a Lions connection, and email me the details to dg@lions105m.org.uk

HAVE A FANTASTIC LIONS' CHRISTMAS

As I go round the clubs at this time of year I know that, for most of you, this is one of your busiest times. Having been involved in organising the Christmas activities for my Club for several years, I know just how difficult it can be and how easily a bit of bad weather or a bout of 'flu can disrupt even the best organised events.

So, while I do want to wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas, I would like to wish you all good health in the run up to Christmas, as well as a prolonged spell of cold but dry weather.

Although I'm not organising it this year, I will be out there with Marston Green and thinking of you all.



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