



## DISTRICT GOVERNOR – ROBIN DUKE

Fellow Lions

Unusually, in this issue of the Newsletter I want to concentrate on a unique opportunity that we have been given to live up to the theme of our International President “I Believe”. Believe that one person can make a difference. Believe that the entire world can be changed when we come together as Lions. Believe that changing a life – or the world – starts with each one of us. Believe that helping just one person sets an example for others to follow.

Let me tell you of Matthew Taylor, a young man from the Swadlincote area of our District who over the past 3 years has been teaching underprivileged children in Korea, Jakkarta and Bali and was soon to take up another contract teaching in China.

Matthew was involved in a horrific motorcycle crash in Bali and because his family were not contacted for nearly 11 hours he lay on a stretcher in hospital until someone paid for the treatment to start. His parents flew out to Bali and paid for intensive care treatment for the next two weeks.

After 10 Days Matthew deteriorated dramatically and he lapsed into a coma. To save his life he had to be air lifted to hospital in Singapore. The flight cost £25,000 and life saving treatment in Singapore cost £3000 per day. Matthew has been there over 3 weeks and now needs specialist neuro surgery. His mother, sister and fiancé sleep on the floor or on benches as they can't afford a hotel.

Meanwhile, his family, who also live in the district, have used their entire life savings and their pension plans to fund the fight to save Matthew's life. They have nothing left other than the houses they live in. They have handed over their last £75,000 to an Air Ambulance company to bring Matthew home where he could receive specialist care in the neurological unit at the Queens Medical Centre, Nottingham. However, at the last minute it was found to be too dangerous for Matthew to fly because of cracking in his skull which, during a flight was a further risk his life. This requires further surgery and many weeks hospital care before he will be able to come home.

On Monday 22 August Matthew was transferred to a hospital in Singapore specialising in neurosurgery. The care costs there are slightly less expensive, only £2000 per day.

In recognition of just how desperate the situation is the Air Ambulance Company gave the family a full refund so they could use that to pay outstanding hospital bills of £55,000 and put the remainder towards the operations that Mathew needs. This will not cover everything he needs and there is nothing left to repatriate him when he is well enough.

Fellow Lions you can do the maths, the family have given in material terms everything they have and the roofs over their heads will be their final contribution if they have no other way of raising the funds to treat and repatriate Mathew. His local community has donated approx £18,000. Can the Lions of the district, acting together make a difference to the life of one young man and his family?

I am launching an appeal that will run until 31st October, the 8 weeks that Matthew is likely to be kept in Singapore. Please send whatever your club approves to the District Treasurer endorsed Help Mathew Taylor Appeal. I know what a huge demand there is on your charity but please help us to help Mathew. Further updates can be found on Facebook 'Help for Mathew Taylor' or on [www.helpmathewtaylor.wordpress.com](http://www.helpmathewtaylor.wordpress.com)

**DG VISITS SCHEDULE 2011***Lions Club Visits the DG has planned*

Southwell	13 September 2011
Retford	12 September 2011
Market Rasen	26 September 2011
Winterton	12 October 2011
Worksop	24 October 2011
Leicester Charnwood	09 November 2011
Ashby de la Zouch & Coalville	14 November 2011
Swadlincote & District	28 November 2011
Nottingham West	08 December 2011
Loughborough	12 December 2011



## **DISTRICT GOVERNORS WIFE, LION ROSEMARY'S, CHARITY APPEAL**

For the year 2011/2012 District Governor Robin's wife Lion Rosemary has chosen the National Autistic Society as her nominated charity.

Autism is a lifelong developmental disability that affects how a person communicates with, and relates to, other people. It also affects how they make sense of the world around them. Autism is a spectrum condition, which means that, while all people with it share certain difficulties, their condition will affect them in different ways

Autism carries a particular resonance for DG Robin and Lion Rosemary as their nephew is at the extreme end of the spectrum and will never be able to live in an unsupported environment.

Please make cheques payable to Lions Clubs International District 105E and endorsed on the back with – National Autistic Society and forward them to the District Treasurer.

Lion Rosemary will be grateful and appreciative of all donations made throughout the year. She will be working hard with DG Robin to promote the appeal and urges all clubs within the District to raise funds and hopes that you can all support her appeal.

## **1 & 2 VDG VISITS SCHEDULE 2011**

Thurs	Sept	1	Newark	1VDG Visit	TBC
Thurs	Sept	1	Woodhall Spa	2VDG Visit	TBC
Mon	Sept	5	Caistor & District	1VDG Visit	TBC
Mon	Sept	5	Mansfield	2VDG Visit	TBC
Wed	Sept	7	Grimsby North East Lincs	1VDG Visit	TBC
Thurs	Sept	8	Edwinstowe & The Dukeries	2VDG Visit	TBC
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Boston</b>	<b>2VDG Visit</b>	<b>Confirmed</b>
Tues	Sept	20	Notts-Derbys Hemlockstone	2VDG Visit	TBC
Wed	Sept	21	Mablethorpe Sutton & District	2VDG Visit	TBC
Mon	Sept	26	Rothley Soar Valley	1VDG Visit	TBC
Mon	Oct	3	Ripley Amber Valley	1VDG Visit	TBC
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Splisby</b>	<b>2VDG Visit</b>	<b>Confirmed</b>
Mon	Oct	10	Nottingham City	1VDG Visit	TBC
Mon	Oct	17	Hykeham	1VDG Visit	TBC
Wed	Oct	19	Spalding	2VDG Visit	TBC
Wed	Oct	26	The Deepings	2VDG Visit	TBC
Mon	Nov	14	Bourne & District	2VDG Visit	TBC

## SKEGNESS LIONS TO THE RESCUE!!

Skegness Lions Club have come to the rescue of the catering staff at Skegness Day Centre. The cooking range installed in the Day Centre has been in use for a number of years and was well up to its “sell-by date”.

Fortunately, when the plea for help in replacing the equipment was made, Skegness Lions were in the fortunate position of being able to donate the full amount.

£3750 was presented to the Day Centre and the new equipment has now been installed, much to the satisfaction of the Day Centre staff and, more importantly, the clients of the Centre.



Picture shows Lion President David Leese, manager Mandy Hayes and the chefs.

## YOUNG CARERS MEET LIONS IN ECO-CENTRE

As part of their residential stay at Wainfleet, members of the Action for Young Carers group spent the evening at “Seagul” coastal eco-centre, Richmond Drive, Skegness. There they explored under the guidance of Paul Charles, manager of the Centre and met up with members of Skegness Lions Club, who sponsored the visit as part of their ongoing support for the group.

Pictures show members of the group with Lion President David Leese and other Skegness Lions, together with organiser of the group, Helen Wydell.



## **“CHILDREN ROAR WITH EXCITEMENT”**

Once again, for the second year running, two coaches sponsored by “Ripley Amber Valley Lions Club” from Derbyshire, came to Mablethorpe with sixteen children from Belarus to be welcomed and hosted for the day, by “Mablethorpe, Sutton & District Lions Club” for a day at the seaside. The Belarus children are victims of the most horrific disaster known to man which happened twenty five years ago in Chernobyl.

Each year, the “Chernobyl Childrens Life Line” bring over parties of children who have either got, had or are in remission from cancer, to a months respite holiday in the UK. They stay with host families, and by living in a clean environment and eating uncontaminated food can possibly add up to two years to their short life span.

Many local businessmen and women offered gifts, rides, food and entertainment to the group free of charge to make the day a very memorable one. Thanks go to the following people for their very generous contributions :

Robert Manning at “The Fair Ground”  
 Theresa Curry for the candy floss  
 James Carrol for gifts  
 Richard Borthwick for use of his centre and gifts  
 Andy and Julie of Steakhouse Bar and Grill for lunch  
 Bibbys for the Fort Adventure Play Area and crazy golf  
 Cheeky Monkeys for admission to the playcentre  
 Dave Ives provided the coach drivers with lunch  
 Adele and Tony of the Beach Ball for souvenirs  
 Dean Chapman for Mablethorpe rock

Rusty and Amanda Russell, of ”Russells International Circus” once again welcomed all the party to an absolutely superb show of international acts and all free of charge.

After the circus, and after the children had had another look at the sea, they were persuaded to get back on the coach to make their way back to Derbyshire.

The Lions would like to extend their praise and thanks to the people of Mablethorpe and everyone who contributed to the day without which, none of this would have been possible.



## **ANY OFFERS?**

Louth Lions have a prize, which has been re-donated to them, a stay DB&B for two for one night at the Kenwick Park Hotel near Louth, any time between now and next March. Any offers over £50 to Mark Langley 01472 811650 or [fandmlangley@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:fandmlangley@tiscali.co.uk)

## ILKESTON PRESENT

It was a very special day for Ilkeston Lions Club when they presented £1,500 each to the Help the Heroes and St Dunstan's appeals.

The event was held on Wednesday 17 August at the St Thomas Church Hall in Ilkeston where a number of dignitaries from the charities and Lions attended. These included Ilkeston Lions President Gemma Prati, Carnival Queen Milla Rigby, Immediate Past District Governor Lion Ajit Singh, Noel Walsh from St Dunstans, District Governor Lion Robin Duke, Immediate Past President Lion Suzanne Birch and Tony Cowley from Help the Heroes.

The money was raised by Ilkeston Lions Club at this year's Ilkeston Carnival.



## LIONS PHOTO COMPETITION 2011-12

Lions Clubs International has an ongoing commitment to protecting the environment and one of the aims of the Environmental Photo Contest is to showcase the beauty of nature and raise awareness for the environment.

All Lions from a club in good standing can enter photographs of his or her immediate surroundings in categories noted below into their club level contest.

- Animal Life
- Landscape (Urban or Natural)
- Plant life
- Weather Phenomenon
- Special Theme: Protecting our future with trees: photos of trees and the vital role they play in our communities.

Lion Clubs can submit to the District 105E contest up to five winning entries, one from each category to be received by the District Environment Officer no later than 10th December 2011

Each entry should include a title and a 25 word (or less) description of the photograph and why the environment being depicted should be improved, protected or preserved.

The impartial judging will focus on originality, artistic merit, and portrayal of the environmental theme. District 105E will select and submit one winning entry from each category to the Multiple District contest.

A comprehensive guide to the contest rules and a copy of entry form has been circulated to all club presidents in the District. These two documents can also be downloaded from the District website. It is important that all entries to the contest comply with the rules noted in these documents.

If you require any further information please contact Lion Bill Radford District Environment Officer e-mail: [environment@lions105e.org.uk](mailto:environment@lions105e.org.uk)

## HEALTH AND COMMUNITY CORNER.

Hi fellow Lions, Lionesses and Leos, welcome to the first utterings from your Health and Community team for this year. We wish through this monthly corner to make you all aware, and keep you up to date, with the projects we promote on your behalf.

Firstly an introduction to this year's team and their areas of responsibility, though any member of the team will be pleased to help with any matter within the team's remit:-

Team Chairman Lion John Cheetham – 01509 556452, [sight@lions105e.org.uk](mailto:sight@lions105e.org.uk) Responsibilities – Sight and water projects. LEHP (see below), Sightsavers (formerly Eye Camps), Spectacle collection, Eye banks, Corle Bu and St Dunstans. - Wateraid (formerly water wells) Lifestraws.

Next up is PDG Joe Prati – 01159 302492 [lifeskills@lions105e.org.uk](mailto:lifeskills@lions105e.org.uk). Responsibilities:- TACADE and with a bit of arm-twisting hopefully Speech and Hearing.

Then there is Lion Janice Radford 01724 721253 [medicalert@lions105e.org.uk](mailto:medicalert@lions105e.org.uk) Responsibilities – Medic Alert and Message in a bottle.

Finally a newcomer to Cabinet Lion Colin Morgan 01530 458645 [diabetes@lions105e.org.uk](mailto:diabetes@lions105e.org.uk) Responsibilities Diabetes and LIBRA

That's an awful lot of projects, too many some might say, but the team are keen to encourage all clubs to participate in any or all of the projects they feel are worthy of their support.

Secondly each month in this column we will concentrate on one aspect of our work. This month it is LEHP and World Sight Day.

LEHP (Lions Eye Health Programme) is a signature project of the multiple district this year which means that there is a wish for all clubs to take it on board.

LEHP is an awareness programme, asking Lions, Lionesses and Leos to use all means at their disposal to make their communities more aware of the risks of sight impairment or loss especially through causes which if detected can be prevented or minimised. Thus the effort is to encourage people to have their eyes checked regularly to ensure early detection. Multiple District has produced a series of leaflets and posters to help clubs to promote the programme. Unfortunately clubs have to pay for a supply of these leaflets etc £10 secures 100 leaflets of any particular type and around £60 secures a selection of leaflets and posters. These can be obtained from PDG Stefan Erentraut 01526 388335 or directly from MD HQ. John Cheetham can supply a single set of leaflets to clubs should they wish to see them before ordering.

World Sight Day on the 13th October (though a lot of clubs use the following weekend for their activities), is an ideal opportunity to promote LEHP. Clubs/zones use their imagination to organise an event around sight. These events can be used also to create an interest in the community both in sight problems and in the work of Lions. This year World Sight day falls in Lions awareness week so come on you Lions Lionesses and Leos let's see if you can conjure up an event in your community. The team would love to hear about the events you organise .

Signing off for this month – The H and C Team.

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## NEW SANTAS

I will have this set of Rupert santa's out in mid October for A Gift for Living please email me at [j.leggett782@btinternet.com](mailto:j.leggett782@btinternet.com) if you are interested , JL



## LIONS AT THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM

Congratulations Lions Clubs of the British Isles and Ireland. The Council of Governors have pleasure in announcing that the Lions Shelter at the National Memorial Arboretum is ready to Serve.

The details of the dedication of the Lions Clubs Shelter at the National Memorial Arboretum, Alrewas can be found below.

<http://www.thenma.org.uk>

The dedication will be performed by our Royal Patron, Her Royal Highness The Countess of Wessex G.C.V.O. on September 14th. Her Royal Highness will arrive at 12.30 and depart the shelter site at 13.00.

There will be an area around the shelter for Lions who wish to observe the dedication, but this is open to the elements. A Lion's welcome desk will be situated, from 10.00, at the entrance to the National Memorial Arboretum to assist anyone attending the event. There are mobility scooters and wheelchairs for those of you who have difficulty walking.

The Shelter is situated at the point where the area to be developed in the next five years joins with the existing development.

<http://www.thenma.org.uk/the-nma/vision-nma-future/the-nma-appeal.aspx>

Inside the Shelter there will be displayed two posters, one explaining about Lions Clubs, the other lists the names of Lions who have passed to higher service and were named at MD Convention at Belfast. The second poster will be changed every year at the time of MD Convention.

There are also areas to display the winning Peace poster and winning Poem, which will be changed each year.

All Clubs who have donated to the project will be recognised in the shelter by a small plaque with the Clubs name on it.

This is a very big thankyou to all the Clubs who have donated to this project and as always we rose to the occasion and succeeded. However, as I am sure you will be aware, the shelter will require maintaining to keep it in the pristine condition it is now and so the NMA Shelter Committee would ask you to consider making a small donation each year to the ensure the shelter doesn't fall into disrepair.

PDG Elaine Kitchen

Chair, Marketing and PR Committee

NMA Committee member

### PLEASE NOTE – DIARY DATES

*All Charter Dates and Club & District Events for inclusion in the District Secretary's Notice Board should be sent direct to the District Secretary, Bob Coxhead – he can be contacted at [bobcoxhead@btinternet.com](mailto:bobcoxhead@btinternet.com), telephone 01529 304602, or by post Lion Bob Coxhead, 17, Kirkdale Close, Leasingham, Sleaford, Lincolnshire, NG34 8NN.*

**LIONS DISTRICT 105E  
DISTRICT SECRETARY'S NOTICE BOARD  
SEPTEMBER 2011**

Please contact the District Newsletter Editor – Lion Steve Newton – if you have any items of interest whether they are of a formal or humorous nature for inclusion in the DGs Newsletter. His email address is: [stephennewton@cupits.co.uk](mailto:stephennewton@cupits.co.uk)

Vale of Belvoir Lions Club - would anyone wishing to visit the Club please contact the Club Secretary on 0845 409 6754 beforehand, as the Club sometimes meets elsewhere.

*Charters*  
**2011**

- 24 Sep. Blaby & District Lions Club – Cosby Golf Club – 7.15 for 7.45pm – Contact Mike Prideaux on 0116 291 6933.
- 01 Oct. Ilkeston Lions Charter - Morley Hayes Hotel and Golf Club - 7.00pm for 7.30pm - Please note new date & venue. More details from Ray / Sue Birch 0115 9447737
- 02 Oct. Matlock Derwent Valley Lions Charter – The Boundary – 12.30 pm for 1 pm – Details from the Secretary.
- 07 Oct. Bourne District Lions – 36th Charter Anniversary – Corn Exchange, Bourne – 7 pm for 7.30 pm – Carriages at 12.30 am – Tickets Approximately £25 (to be confirmed later) – Contact - President Maryse Brown on Tel: 01778 - 422167 or email [marysebrown@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:marysebrown@yahoo.co.uk)
- 08 Oct. Horncastle & District Lions – Charter Anniversary – Masonic Hall, Horncastle – Further details later.
- 15 Oct. Derby Lions 38th Charter Dinner & Dance - £27 each - 7.15 - 7.30 - Mackworth Hotel, Ashbourne Road, Derby DE22 4LY - B&B @ £55.95 per room per night
- 29 Oct. Edwinstowe and the Dukeries - Charter Anniversary at South Forest Leisure Centre, Edwinstowe
- 11 Nov. Skegness Lions 35th Charter Anniversary Dinner - South View Park Hotel, Skegness.
- 12 Nov. Brigg District Lions Charter – White Heather, Caenby Corner, 7.30 pm – Cost to be confirmed.
- 25 Nov. Boston Lions' Charter Anniversary dinner and dance - Boston West Golf Club, Hubberts Bridge Rd, Kirton Holme, Boston, Lincs. PE20 3QX - 7.30 pm for an 8.00 pm start - Further details will be available nearer the time.

**2012**

- 11 Feb. Winterton & District Lions Club Charter - Normanby Hall, Normanby, Scunthorpe - More details later
- 11 Feb. Louth Lions Charter – Kenwick Park Hotel – 7 pm for 7.30 pm – More details to follow.
- 11 Feb. Shepshed Lions – Charter Celebration – Carillon Rooms, Loughborough
- 24 Mar. Rothley Soar Valley Lions Charter – Dinner and Dance – Birstall Golf Club – 7 pm for 7.30 pm

- 28 Apr. Loughborough Lions – Charter – The Whitehouse Hotel, Kegworth, 7 pm for 7.30 pm – More details to follow
- 18 May. Sleaford & District Lions Charter Anniversary – Sleaford Golf Club, Greylees, Sleaford – More details later.
- 09 Jun. Ashby de la Zouch & Coalville Lions – 36th Anniversary Charter – The Appleby Inn, Appleby Parva – 7 pm for 7.30 pm – More Details to follow.
- 23 June Bradgate Lions Club – 23rd Charter Dinner & Dance – Forest Hill Golf Club, Botcheston.

### *Club & District Events 2011*

- 03 Sep. Vale of Belvoir - Belvoir Castle Fun Run - In support of Help for Heroes, RNLI and other local charities - Choice of 10km or 5km fun run around the private grounds of Belvoir Castle. Start time 10am. Entry fee £10 adults, £5 under 16, £25 Family (2+2). Spectators are welcome. For more info see [www.belvoircastlefunrun.org.uk](http://www.belvoircastlefunrun.org.uk)
- 03 Sep. Notts - Derby, Hemlockstone Lions – Stapleford 2011 Carnival – Ilkeston Recreation Ground, Stapleford, Nottingham – 12 noon to 5 pm approx. – Contact Lion Katharine Stewart on 0115 8490005 or [krstewart1999@yahoo.com](mailto:krstewart1999@yahoo.com)
- 09 Sep. Edwinstowe and the Dukeries - Race Night at South Forest Leisure Centre, Edwinstowe,.
- 16 Sep. Vale of Belvoir – Annual Brains of Belvoir Quiz – Bottesford Church Hall More details to follow or see [www.voblions.org.uk](http://www.voblions.org.uk)
- 24 Sep. Spalding Lions 60/70s Night - £10 per ticket includes hog roast – Spalding Grammar School – further details on [www.spalding-lions.org.uk](http://www.spalding-lions.org.uk)
- 04 Oct. Spalding Lions Sponsored Swim - further details on [www.spalding-lions.org.uk](http://www.spalding-lions.org.uk)
- 14 Oct. Boston Lions - Rock and Roll Night - Boston Conservative Club, Main Ridge West, Boston, Lincs., PE21 6QQ - 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm Start - Tickets £8.50, which will include supper. Please contact Boston Lions to book tickets.
- 20 Nov. District Cabinet Meeting – Vale of Belvoir Hotel, Whatton.

### *2012*

- 26 Feb. District Cabinet Meeting – Admiral Rodney Hotel, Horncastle
- 02 Jun. District Social

This is your District Notice Board. Use it to promote your Club Social and Fundraising events or to pass on any information to the Clubs in our District.

Please notify me of any changes in home addresses, meeting places, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses etc. as soon as possible.

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