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### **Talking Newspapers**

Lions have a proud history of involvement with Talking Newspapers for the blind. A great many of the 600 TNs that currently exist across the Multiple District do so because Lions were involved in their being established. But that was all around 30 years ago. That said, there are still about a dozen Talking Newspapers that are still run by or bear the name of the Lions Clubs that founded them.

We applaud them all.

The Lion Magazine has been made available, albeit spasmodically, for the past 18 years in the same format as a Talking Newspaper, but that will change with immediate effect.

The Lion is now digital. Each blind and visually impaired Lion that we know of in the Multiple District is to be provided with a new boom box which will play thumbdrives rather than tapes.

The downsides to this move are zero. The positives are that quality is considerably improved and a full magazine can be included on just one stick. In addition, we will be able to include everything that can be found on both the MD105 and Lions International web pages.

Every District Sight Officer will receive a boombox for demonstration purposes. I invite every Lion President who has a club member who would benefit from receiving the Lion Magazine (or District papers, Governor's newsletters and such) in this way, whether they be visually impaired or cannot read for any other reason, to call Lion John May of Lichfield Lions on 07948794982 and a boombox will be provided.

Yours in Lionism

John May