



# MIDLANDS NEWS

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## September 2014

### Why I recommend club visits.

When I heard people talking about visiting another club I was rather curious, especially when it was the business meeting at Marston Green Lions. I had met a few members and knew that IPDG Lion Simon Moss was a member of that club. And also the District secretary Pauline, should I go on? I was curious to meet this club with such super active members. It was a pleasant evening and I took a piece of wisdom away from that meeting which I implemented in our club. It was an easy way of raising funds by collecting used clothes, shoes etc and selling them yourself. Many companies are around who buy them. I raised with my first bag almost £17. My second visit was to Birmingham Handsworth Lions this month which was a very nice evening and showed both that how different a club can be, that at the same time how similar a club can be. In Lions no club is the same, but when you enter, you feel at home.



In this issue you will find an article by our North Sea Lions representative and further down a set of reports by hyperactive Balsall Common Lions.

In order to supply you with even more information, we have a few more columns added, forthcoming activities, Charter and Cabinet dates.

If members want to advertise, for only £10, we can place small advertisements. All funds raised for the district charity account. Over 1,000 lions will see your advert. An excellent place to advertise your holiday home, camper, old bike etc. Please contact us for details.

Last but not least, please send reports, news about forthcoming events, charter dates, newspaper clippings and anything else you think we should know about.



### District Officer Lion John Bush tells about North Sea Lions

North Sea Lions was formed over 30 years ago by PDG Lion John Court of 105M and a Lion in The Netherlands

It has now expanded to eleven Districts; this year a District in Germany split into two and both are now members. Currently there is one District from Denmark, two from the UK (E and M), three from Germany and five from the Netherlands.

The purpose is to raise funds for a third world project using funds that would be more than a single District could afford. The target is for each Club to donate €80 with a total of about £55,000 being available, according to exchange rate. We ask each Club to donate £100 on the understanding that not all Clubs donate. Many projects also qualify for an LCIF grant which can double the funds available.

The most recent project for 105M, in 2012/13, was to build a kitchen and dining room in the Amala

Children's Home in India.

The project for 2013/14 is to build a **Children's Home and School in Ban Tong**, Thailand for children who inherited HIV from their parents at birth. The funds for this project are already in hand.

Because the project for 2011/12 was cancelled, it was decided at the recent Board Meeting to have two projects in 2014/15, the first to replace the cancelled project for which funds already exist, and the second being the annual project for which we now need to collect funds in the current year.

The first project is for **Classrooms in Mtwapa, Kenya** sponsored by 105E. The second is for the Building of an **Elementary School in Kikukiro area of Rwanda**.

NSL is administered by a Board consisting of the NSL Officers of all Districts (John Bush is also Secretary to the NSL Board). It is at this Board Meeting that projects are discussed and voted upon. The next Board meeting will take place in Eindhoven, The Netherlands, in September 2014.

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## KNOWLE AND DORRIDGE LIONS BIKE RIDE SUCCESS



Over 600 cyclists saddled up and rode up to 31 miles on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July from Packwood House, Lapworth. This was the Club's 9<sup>th</sup> bike annual ride, the third Heart of England bike ride in aid of the British Heart Foundation and local causes. Funds are still coming in but the Club hope to exceed last year's £12,500 raised, and will bring the total raised for charity within striking distance of £100,000 raised for charity for next year.

Donna Stokes,  
local BHF  
Fundraising

Manager said: "We are absolutely delighted with the number of participants. This successful bike ride attracted over 500 participants last year and even more people joined us this year. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, people really enjoyed the event, advising us how well organised it was and many people enter year after year. I would also like to thank the Knowle and Dorridge Lions for all their hard work and everyone who supported this event."



"We are fortunate to have two National Trust properties on our patch and have developed a strong relationship with their managers over more than two decades" said the Lions organisers. "Both properties are very accommodating opening up extra parking for our Lions Festive Walk from Baddesley Clinton House after Christmas and the Heart of England Bike Ride in July from Packwood House. Walkers and riders also enjoy free entrance to the houses and gardens after their exercise."

Several Lions from Warwick & Shirley Clubs said how much they enjoyed the bike ride and how well the event was organised.

Knowle & Dorrige Lions hope Lions clubs will consider adding their FREE Festive Walk on Sunday 28 December on their social calendar. More details on [www.knowleanddorrigelions.com/festive](http://www.knowleanddorrigelions.com/festive).

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## Kettering Lion Lion Keith Ogley walked Wainwright's Coast to Coast Path



During May/June 2013 Lion Keith Ogley walked Wainwright's Coast to Coast Path, in memory of his wife, to celebrate his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday and to raise funds for the local Hospice and for Kettering Lions.

He is now planning to walk from Lands End to John O'Groats during the summer of 2015. The walk will take a little under three months and Keith is hoping to raise a sizeable sum of cash, again to be shared equally between the Lions and the local hospice.

To this end he is hoping for support from other Lions clubs and we have contacted all those we believe to be on his route. He will need some practical support as well as whatever financial fundraising can be done on his behalf.

We now have the use of a caravan to be sited at various points along the route and that we are in the process of finding drivers (for a week or two at a time) to move the caravan from one site to the next and to drop Keith at his daily start point and pick him up at the end of each day. We have a few volunteers already but need more.

Keith has set up a "blog" on Facebook to keep everyone advised re training and planning and on progress during the walk itself. *It can be viewed on Facebook at "Lands end to John O'Groats charity walk".*

Keith can be contacted at [keithlejog@btinternet.com](mailto:keithlejog@btinternet.com) for a sponsor form and further information or donations (directly to the hospice) can be made at [www.JustGiving.com/keith-ogley1](http://www.JustGiving.com/keith-ogley1) or directly into the bank Account set up for this event at LloydsBank – Sort Code 77-21-05 A/C No 40044460.

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## MARSTON GREEN & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB HELP BEAVERS TO HAVE FUN!

Earlier in the year, Grace Devonport, an Explorer Scout and Young Leader with the 298<sup>th</sup> Scout Groups, won a local heat of the Lions Young Ambassadors of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century competition. As a reward, Marston Green & District Lions Club gave 16 year old Grace a grant for her project, to organise a party for members of the Beavers Group.



Grace chose Funaticz in Stechford as the venue and around 20 members of the Beavers enjoyed an hour and a half of mayhem – diving into the Ball Pool and going on the slides, climbing frames and assault course. The more competitive Beavers enjoyed playing World Cup football and, afterwards, all the Beavers enjoyed drinks and snacks before being driven home in the 298<sup>th</sup> Scout Group minibus.



Beaver Scout Leader Paul Wedgbury thanked the Lions for their support and said it was a wonderful opportunity for the Beavers to enjoy themselves in a child-friendly environment and for Grace to show off her leadership and organisational skills.

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## MARSTON GREEN & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB ENTERTAIN OLDER FOLKS



In June, Marston Green & District Lions held their annual “Young at Heart” night for older folks in the area. Around 100 individuals, members of local organisations and one or two care homes attended the event at the Banbury Club, Chelmsley Wood and had a wonderful evening.

The evening was admirably compèred by Lion Mick Taylor and entertainment was provided by Arabic Dance Troupe Ashiqui (you might see a face you recognise!) and the amazing Betsy Harmony, who sang a set of war-time classics, followed by a second set of more contemporary songs.



Those who attended the evening said they thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it was one of the best that they had attended.

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## YOUNG LION HEADS MEDICAL BRIGADE TO HONDURAS

Marston Green & District’s youngest member, Liam Barrett, has just completed a two-week expedition to Honduras, Central America, as President of the 2014 Global Medical Brigade. Liam has led a team of 40 Doctors, Pharmacists and students to provide health care to poor villages. They also provided physical help in the form of constructing kitchens with Eco stoves, washing facilities and latrines for families in need.



As well as providing leadership to the expedition Liam, working with his Lions friends, raised over £3,000 for medicines and dressings that they needed to take with them, in order to treat hundreds of patients.

Lions Clubs in the Midlands also provided the uniform for this year’s Brigade, so that they all looked smart and were easily identifiable to the Honduran people.

Earlier this year, International President of Lions Clubs International, Barry Palmer, recognised

Liam’s achievements by presenting him with a prestigious International President’s Recognition Medal for his efforts in “Disaster Relief or life-saving endeavour”.

Liam is currently enjoying a well-earned holiday in Central America before doing a three month clinical apprenticeship at Hereford County Hospital, as part of his third year at Birmingham Medical School.

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## Marston Green & District Lions Club have inducted two new members



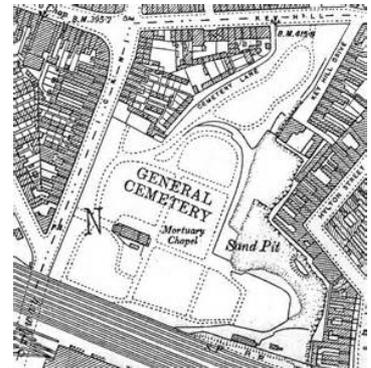
Lion Bob Jones, pinning Barry Stevens



Lion Club President Heather Lee pinning on Elaine's badge.

## Acocks Green Lions Club Treasure Hunt Around The Jewellery Quarter In Birmingham-Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2014

Oh! What a pleasant few hours spent wandering around looking for clues, Even though most of it was spent in two cemeteries. Starting from the Metro station in Vyse Street, Hockley we followed the easy and not so easy trail of clues which often remain unnoticed as we go about our frantic lives. The things you miss passing through this world renowned aspect of Birmingham's industrial heritage are there to see and study as you negotiate the twists and turns on Shanks's Pony.



Having driven past the two cemeteries countless times over the years it was a revelation as we searched for answers to the questions posed.

Key Hill opened in 1836 with the burial of a 3 year old girl who had succumbed to the "hoping" cough and this hallowed ground being the last resting place of Alfred Bird, he of custard fame, as well as other notable Brummies.

Warstone Lane Cemetery had a some unusual catacombs and amongst their fellow citizens Major 'Harry Gem the co-founder of Lawn Tennis and John Postgate a food safety campaigner, pre Edwina Currie, while away their time in this peaceful and tranquil setting. It also has Commonwealth War Graves status which was of surprise to many of us

We finished up at Henry's Cantonese Restaurant for lunch. St Paul's Square, itself full of history and stories to tell, was the end of our wonderful wander through bygone times.

The Jewellery Quarter is packed with interesting places to visit and with Prince Charles' seal of approval it makes it well worth a few hours of anybody's time. Even the unnerving site of Terry Smith, clad in black, and Beth Prescott dodging between gravestones trying unsuccessfully to remain unseen added to enjoyment of the day.



Perhaps each Lions Club could consider doing a local Treasure Hunt and then sharing the details with other clubs.

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## Sandwell Lions twinning with Manzini Lions Swaziland



Lion Ann and Lion Ray Staniland in Swaziland

In April 2013 Lion Ann and Lion Ray Staniland received an e mail from Femi Onabula asking Lions Clubs to forge links Internationally with other Lions Clubs.

In 1971 they lived in Swaziland, Southern Africa for 3 years

so it was this country that sprang to mind as they know what a great need there is out there.

They decided to find out if there was a Lions Club in Swaziland and indeed there was just the one club in Manzini. They made contact with them and suggested a joint venture between their two clubs. After 12 months of contact by e mail with Karin of Manzini Lions it was decided that their two clubs would jointly re- build a simple 2 roomed house for a 'gogo' African grandmother who looks after 7 grandchildren and recently lost her home in a fire.



Sandwell Lions voted to donate one thousand pounds to this project which would then cement the Twinning! Ray and Ann Staniland then managed to combine a visit to Swaziland with a fantastic visit to Manzini where the twinning ceremony took place. Karin and Graham of Manzini Lions kindly invited us to stay at their home for 3 days. They were made so welcome and were given a tour of St Teresa's clinic where they met the Doctor who performs cataract operations and also visited the 3 bed maternity ward that the Lions had partly funded.

Highlight of the visit was an off road trip into the Swazi hills to meet the 'gogo' and watch the building in progress. They met the red Cross and many volunteers who are making this possible. The 'gogo' is so grateful and it was such a humbling experience to see what a difference Lions can make to a community when everyone works together.



Ann and the Gogo

The new house is just 2 rooms with plastered walls, no fittings at all and she will still cook on the floor African style. This is what she wanted and she is absolutely thrilled with it as she will feel safe and secure with her 7 grandchildren!

The building is almost finished now and Manzini Lions have agreed to have a plaque on the house to say that Sandwell Lions have funded it!

It did not seem like 6,000 miles from home and they hope this will be an on-going relationship between the two clubs.

## Balsall Common News

### Lions Presidential Handover



Lion President Ray Stephens (left) hands over the reins to the new incoming President Mark Whitfield.

Following on from another successful year, Mark pledges to build on the great work we have already done in fostering greater links with other local schools, clubs and societies.

Work is already underway with the Heart of England School, Berkswell & Balsall Sports Association, the Scouts and Balsall Hornets with hopefully more to follow.

### Welcoming Lion John Thomas to the Team

John from Berkswell is about to retire and is looking to put something back into the Community (while enjoying himself at the same time).

He has already been a huge asset to the club in supporting our local good causes and we look forward to much more.



### First Aid Lessons to Local Schools



Balsall Common Lions helped to provide First Aid Lessons by St John Ambulance for local Schools of Berkswell Primary, Balsall Common Primary School and Lady Katherine Leveson. The picture shows Chris Greenaway teaching the pupils Mouth to Mouth Resuscitation looked on by Lion Steve Meakin and getting keenly involved Supply Teacher Kate

Whittlesey.



### Presenting Library with New Notice Boards

When Balsall Common Lions heard that the local Library needed to replace their Noticeboards, which are used to promote the library and local Community events, they were more than happy to help out.

The picture shows Committee Service Chairman, Lion Steve Meakin presenting the Notice Boards to District Library Manager Amanda Jones.



### Ball in The Bog at the Fete

Congratulations to all the Organisers of Berkswell Primary School Fete. It was a great day and the weather kept fine.

Balsall Common Lions were there with Ball in the Bog together with many other stalls and attractions.

Lion President Mark Whitfield celebrates as he shows it is actually possible to get a ball in.

## Aldridge and District Lions Club

### Diabetes Awareness/Risk Assessment

Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup> 2014 saw the Club hold its second Diabetes Awareness/Risk Assessment event in Aldridge Precinct.



Lion Chris Barker and  
Lion Diane Price

Having the backing of our medical centre who loan us the necessary equipment and use of a work area on the premises of local optician Colin Lee, we set up our stall outside to speak to the public and if anyone decides to take the Risk Assessment, they are shown inside.

Due to our limit of member numbers we were only able to cover 10 am to 2

pm and that was only possible with the help of partners and friends.



Lion John Smith

The figures of people tested were comparable with the 6 hours we managed last year. Total 13 persons, 11 Women and 2 Men.

4, including the 2 men, recorded high risk, 3 medium risks. All were advised to see their Doctors.

1 of the other ladies recorded a high risk, then declared she knew she was diabetic. The score proved the value of what we are trying to do.

In addition to offering this service event we believe this is excellent PR and pleasing to be thanked for being concerned by so many we spoke to.

We also had a collection bucket on the table with our literature and collected £25.10.

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## WENDY IS TICKLED PINK!

Wendy spent the past 17 years in and out of hospital suffering from mental problems. During this time her flat fell into disrepair; paint work had become stained with nicotine smoke, walls were grimy and furniture had to be discarded as unfit for purpose. Then, to make matters worse, during her last spell in hospital, there was a flood from the upstairs flat to cause damp in Wendy's flat.



Wendy came out of hospital determined to get her life back on track but knew that she could not move back into her flat in the condition she left it. The landlord had repaired the flood damage but decoration is the responsibility of the tenant.

Wendy's support team suggested Shakespeare



## Lions Club.



Volunteers were rallied, paint purchased and off to work they went completely transforming Wendy's flat by decorating every room. The bedroom became light and airy with Jasmine Yellow, the kitchen Soft Beige to match the tiles and the sitting room a Lively Pink at Wendy's request. As this was not enough the Lions purchased new curtains, a rug and some kitchen equipment. The Stratford upon Avon CAB added a cooker and a washing machine and now Wendy is set to change her life.

Well done Shakespeare Lions - you made a difference!

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## Keep on Running

During the last Lions year, District Governor Simon Moss entered a number of running events to raise funds for his partner's appeal, Me & Dee.



This year, with excess weight gained from charters and international convention, he is running again, this time for Joy Haffner's appeal for the homeless.

Simon's intention is to mainly run in events which Lions are involved in in some way. Subject to his availability, these will include the Shirley Fun Run, Shakespeare Half Marathon, Knowle & Dorridge Fun Run and the Blisworth 5 miler. He has also



already entered the Birmingham Half Marathon and will certainly be running in the Great Midlands Fun Run in June.



If any Lions are involved in running events as organisers or as helpers please let Simon know and he'll try and enter the event

While Simon is happy to run in the events to publicise Lions generally as well as Joy's charity, direct sponsorship is a good motivator for him. Donations can be made at: <http://mydonate.bt.com/events/runforhomeless/182174>



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## Severn Valley Cycle Challenge

On Sunday 17/8 Shirley Lions President, Lion Ken, undertook the Severn Valley Cycle Challenge following the route of the Severn Valley Railway to raise funds for the Acorns Hospice. 22 miles offroading with lots of steep hills. Thankfully at the end the SVR let all the riders travel back to the start for free on the train. He's now resting up before Wednesday's social which is a countryside walk !

## Walsall Lions Club



Walsall Lions Club held a promotion on 9th August at Tesco. We promoted membership, Message in a Bottle, and recycling spectacles. Shown in the picture talking to a Tesco customer is Lion President John Austin and Immediate Past President Gary Porter.

## WW1 ceremony in Shirley



At the time of WW1 Shirley was just a village rather than the bustling suburb of Solihull it is now and



From L to R Lions: Andy Luckett, Pete Jones, Ron Cook, Martin Conlon, Jeremy Lees

though small, the village suffered with large numbers of men not returning from the horrors of that war. To commemorate the fallen a plaque was put up at the entrance to Shirley Park along with an avenue of trees.

On Saturday August 2<sup>nd</sup> the Shirley Royal British Legion organised a ceremony at the park to remember the centenary of the start of WW1 with a new plaque which was unveiled by the Mayor of Solihull, Councillor Kate Wild.

Shirley Lions were honoured to be asked to marshal and control the crowds present and on day duly did their solemn duty, albeit in the pouring rain. Afterwards the Lions were invited back to the Legion for a thank you pint and the opportunity to dry off.

## Cheese and Wine Night Fund Raiser at Lions' Jaap and Claire



August 3 saw Shirley Lions Jaap and Claire De Jonge host a cheese party in their back garden. Lion Jaap is not only Dutch but also works in the cheese industry and so it was no surprise when guests arrived to find no fewer than 69 different cheeses all ready for tasting. Not only were Shirley Lions invited but some "big Cheeses" by way of DG Ian and Lion Joy, VDG Heather and Lion Ian, Lions Wim and Pauline from Marston Green, Lion Terrie from Acocks Green plus a number of Lion Jaap's Dutch friends came along to make it a truly European gathering. The total funds raised was £140, being shared between "Cure Parkinson's Trust" and the Club.

## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

Following on from DG Ian's request that clubs should look after new members the GL Team is about to launch a road show to assist with this process.

We plan to offer an evening workshop in EACH Zone to give new members information about the goals, programmes, history and traditions of Lions Clubs International. The information presented during this orientation will provide a foundation for new members, helping them understand how clubs function, what their role will be/is and give them the big picture of their district and the association.

The workshop will last no longer than 2 hours and it is planned to take place in either September or October.

If you are a new member or a member who would benefit from some further information about the Lions organisation please let me know as soon as possible so that we can arrange a session in your area.

Many thanks  
Lion June Lloyd-Adams  
Development Officer

[development@lions105m.org.uk](mailto:development@lions105m.org.uk) or 01789 266730

### In the Papers

The Observer, Thursday August 21, 2014 www.solihullob



**Deborah Fennell (Blythe Valley Park), Martin Conlon, Jaap de Jonge and Ken Barker (Shirley Lions).**

## Running for a good cause

RUNNERS taking part in the eleventh annual Blythe Valley Business Park Charity Fun Run will be ensuring people with learning difficulties don't feel on their own - as the principle charity was announced.

Event organisers Blythe Valley Park and Shirley Lions Club have announced all entry proceeds will be donated to charity SoLO (Solihull Life Opportunities).

The charity has been established for seven years and provides people with learning difficulties of all ages the opportunity to take part in activities they usually wouldn't have the chance to.

The event takes place on Sunday, September 14, and as in previous years will include a 500m fun run for children which starts at 11am, followed by 5km and 10km races at 11.30am around the countryside and pathways of Blythe Valley Park, which is just off junction 4 of the M42.

Deborah Fennell, property manager at Blythe Valley Park, said the park is pleased to be hosting the event and has hailed the work of both the Lions and SoLO.

"This is the eleventh consecutive event of the run and the Lions have been excellent to work with," Deborah said.

"They do some brilliant work as do the nominated charity SoLO. We're pleased to be helping such an excellent cause and look forward to helping raise as much as we can ahead of September 14.

"Every year we get great support from businesses on the park and people all over the region and it would be great if we could get a record amount of runners for such a good event."

Ken Barker, president of the Lions club and one of the organisers behind the run, added: "SoLO is an organisation we have supported in the past and we have a close relationship with the charities we work with.

"We know and appreciate what an excellent job they do with people of all ages, the opportunities that they provide are fantastic.

"They have an extremely hard working team and are moving to a new headquarters in order to strengthen their operations.

"Everyone who takes part in the run will be helping SoLO to fund their move so they can continue their already excellent work on a larger scale, so why not sign up today?!"

To enter visit [www.runnersworld.co.uk/events](http://www.runnersworld.co.uk/events) and for sponsorship forms and opportunities contact Deborah Fennell on 0121 701 5583.

## For the Agenda!

### Bromsgrove Lions

Charity Fashion Show with M&Co on Wednesday, 10th September at 6.30pm.  
It will be held at the M&Co premises in Bromsgrove High Street and all are welcome, but space is limited.

Tickets are £4.00 per person which includes light refreshments.  
Further details from 0845 833 9625 or <http://www.bromsgrovelions.org.uk>

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### **Fashion Show, Hosted by Hinckley & Burbage Lions Club**

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Enjoy a catwalk show and at the end of the evening you can sort through the rails and try on your favourite items.

Tickets £5  
Wednesday 3rd September  
7-7:30 @ Hinckley Golf Club

All monies raised goes to local good causes however big or small. We will also be giving out cheques to charties we have already chosen to support.

For more information or to obtain tickets contact Danielle on 07825265239

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Charity Fundraising Dinner on behalf of District Governor's wife's designated charity  
'The Homeless'

**Cooked by the homeless – served by the homeless, showing what they can do... given the opportunity...**

At: Worcester Amy Reserve Centre, Pheasant Street, Worcester, WR1 2EE

On: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2014, Arrival: 7pm for 7.30pm. Carriages: 11:30pm

Dress Code: Lounge suits/ dresses, Cost: £38

**Remember... this is a fundraiser and again cooked by the homeless – served by the homeless, showing what they can do... given the opportunity...**

A special rate of £62 for a single room or £72 for a double room, including breakfast at The Whitehouse Hotel, Foregate Street (opposite the train station) for anyone wishing to stay over. Rooms to be booked direct with the hotel on 01905 24308 and quoting 'LIONS'.

For further information: [lionjoy@thehaffners.me.uk](mailto:lionjoy@thehaffners.me.uk)



**Presents a Night at the Races with a Difference**



**Saturday 4th October 2014**

**St Peters Hall, Balsall Common, CV7 7EA**

**7.00pm for 7.30pm**

**Tickets £10.00**

**(price includes Supper)**

**Pay Bar**

**For Tickets contact**

**Lion Marie-Louise Marsden**

**01675 443515**

*(All Proceeds raised in support of our Prostate Screening)*

# REDDITCH LIONS

## 2.5 or 5K FUN RUN / WALK



PART OF RUN, RIDE AND AMBLE WEEKEND

Redditch Lions are supporting the charity  
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at the Alexandra Hospital



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Redditch Lions need some assistance for people to act as Marshalls at the Fun Run event on the 14th as they are a small club. Anyone interested in assisting on the day should contact Lion Phil Barton on 07517780929, Lion Mike on 07778157730 or Lion Bill on 07715604995

# Ride for Rory

Saturday 20th September 2014

Sponsored 17 or 34 mile family cycle ride between  
Worcestershire Royal and Alexandra hospitals

In aid of the  
**£1.6million appeal**  
for a surgical robot  
for Worcestershire



Registration

|           |     |
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| Adults    | £10 |
| Under 16s | £5  |

(Registration includes Rory Hi Vis Jacket & Certificate)

Over 12s only and under 16s must be accompanied by an adult

**For more information and to register**

Call: **01905 760 551 (General Public)**  
**Ext: 39361 (NHS Staff)**

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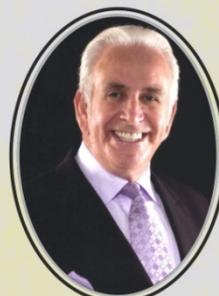
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## The Belles of Three Spires



Don Maclean

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at The Albany Theatre, Butts, Coventry

**TICKET £12** each from

The Albany Theatre 024 7699 8964 on line [www.albanytheatre.co.uk](http://www.albanytheatre.co.uk)

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## Balsall Common Lions

present

**A Race Evening**

**Saturday 4th October 2014**

St Peters Hall, Balsall Common, CV7 7EA

7.00pm for 7.30pm

**Tickets £10.00**

(price includes Supper)

Pay Bar

For Tickets contact

**Lion Marie-Louise Marsden**

**01675 443515**

*(All Proceeds raised in support of our Prostate Screening)*



# Saturday

4th

# October

The date to remember

**Prostate Screening**

10:00 – 1:00

St Peter's Hall  
Balsall Common



Barclays Bank  
Balsall Common  
are holding a coffee  
morning on  
Friday 19th September  
From 10am  
Proceeds to support this  
screening  
Please come along

Tell Dad to put on  
calendar  
Tell Grandad to put  
on calendar

pride  
in the  
community

All proceeds from coffee morning will be donated to our prostate screening & matched by Barclays up to £750

## Blythe Valley Fun Run

A Shirley Lions and Blythe Valley Park joint activity

Sunday 14 September 2014 at Blythe Valley Park. Located at Junction 4, M42  
Mini Fun Run starts at 11.00 am. 10K & 5K Runs start at 11.30 am

To enter please click on the [link](#) and then download a form

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## DISTRICT ACTIVITIES:

5th October Autumn Forum, St John's Hotel, Solihull

30th Oct – 2nd Nov Europa Forum, Hilton Birmingham Metropole

20th – 22nd March 2015 District Convention, Park Inn by Radisson, West Bromwich

8th–10th May 2015 MD Convention, Hilton Birmingham Metropole

## AUTUMN FORUM

A special date for your diary is Autumn Forum at St. John's hotel on **Sunday 5th October**. The day will include a speaker and inter-active sessions.

This is not a day only for Cabinet Officers **THIS IS YOUR DAY**, so come along, join in, be inspired, help inspire others, share experiences and knowledge.

If you have new members in your Club, why not take this opportunity to bring them along, to meet other Lions and to learn something about what Lions do outside of their own Club.

## Europa Forum 2014 30/10-2/11 2014



The European Lions convention will take place at the Hilton Metropole at the NEC, near Birmingham airport and Birmingham International train station. It could not be more convenient, even those coming by car are 5 minutes from the M42. And for us in the district this is a great opportunity.

The business part of the convention is free of charge. The top class social events do have a charge. For us living nearby, we can take part without incurring hotel costs, but even for those who do like to stay close to the action, there are very good packages available.

Please visit <http://europaforum2014.org> and register. District M should be the best represented District at this event. We have no excuse.

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### Charters

WOLVERHAMPTON LIONS CLUB

41<sup>st</sup> CHARTER NIGHT

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2014

At: The Linden House

211 Tettenhall Road, Wolverhampton, WV6 0DD

*(Junction with Tettenhall Road & Newbridge Crescent)*

19.00 for 19.30

Dress Formal / Dark Lounge Suits

£23 Per Person

A four course meal, with vegetarian options

For information and booking form:

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