



MIDLANDS NEWS

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What a district 105M is. Supplying the country with its second Council chair in as many years. If you read this newsletter regularly, I suspect you are not surprised as our District is overflowing with energy and that only happens if there are people to energize. Simon and Heather are people that inspire. The whole country can now benefit from them.

Please do try to attend the District convention in Hinckley and the Multiple District Convention in Eastbourne. Decisions that will reverberate through Lions for years to come have to be taken and **your** input is important. If there is enough interest a coach will be organized to take Lions to Eastbourne on the Saturday (May 7). Please contact Brigitte at MDHQ if you are interested. Alternatively, cycle with me to Eastbourne. I plan to leave a few days before the conference and hope to arrive in Eastbourne on the Friday. Collecting funds for The Cure Parkinsons Trust (<https://www.justgiving.com/Jaap-de-Jonge>)

Raise money for your club. Register your club using this [link](#) and tell your members, family, friends about it and every time they buy online (Amazon, ebay, booking.com etc.) through this site, a small percentage goes to the club.

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.



Heather Jeavons next Lions 105 Big Cheese

Malvern Hills Lions Club is delighted to announce that Heather Jeavons, who is a member of Malvern Hills Lions Club, has been elected to lead all of the 15,500 Lions in the British Isles and Ireland during their Centennial Year of 2016/17. She will take up her appointment from 1st July 2016. She is at present the District Governor of the Lions Clubs in the Midlands area. As well as her voluntary activities with Lions, Heather is well known and respected for her involvement with many other local organizations.

Balsall Common Lions Presentation Evening

Balsall Common Lions began 2016 by holding our annual awards evening.

It was a fantastic opportunity for us to thank all our supporters and partners. Their help allows us to raise more money for good causes, and make the most of the money we do raise. Last year we raised £23000 and gave away £23000, every penny goes to those who need us.

On the night we gave away cheques totalling £5000 as well as several Certificates of Appreciation.

We love being an integral part of life in Balsall Common, helping young people and old, local sports clubs, art activities, health screenings, and charities based here, in the West Midlands and we also support disaster relief efforts around the world sending money to local Lions Clubs in the affected area.

There are 38 members of our club, who last year gave 4776 hours of their time to Lions service. Alongside that we are grateful to the support of a wide range of local organisations and businesses.

The Bonfire wouldn't be the success that it is without the **Sports Association** who host it, **Carl Hemming** for compering it, **Angela Jaynes Florist**, **Oakes Farm Shop** and the **A1 Motor Store** for selling tickets, the **Galileo Explorer Scouts**, **ATC**, and **Fast Aid**, helping us on the night, as well as **Simon Burt**, **Jamieson Christie**, and **Alan Heath and Sons** who have all sponsored the event.



Santa's Sleigh wouldn't get to the number of houses it does without many little elves in the background and the loan of a vehicle from **Unity Automotive (formerly Carstins)** Berkswell and **Berkswell & Balsall Common Rugby Club** - particular thanks to **Hugh Boulton (from Rutrailertrained)**, for driving Santa so many miles, **Berkswell Cricket Club**, **Balsall & Berkswell Hornets**, **2nd Balsall Common Scouts**, and **Coventry Phoenix Lions** for their help delivering in Burton Green.

Last year with the surplus from the 100 Club we supported **Macmillan Cancer Nurses Solihull** and gave our local nurse Julie Goodwin a £1000 donation which will be spent locally. The Charity we will support this year is **Castel Froma/Helen Lea Care Homes** and their work with adults with severe neurological disabilities.

We are grateful to the British Legion, Village Hall and St Peters Church Hall for allowing us to use their facilities and we were delighted to offer each of them a contribution to their upkeep and improvement. The Heart of England Coop support us by allowing us to fundraise outside several times a year, and their customers are always very generous.

We would also like to thank the Editor and staff at **The Bugle** for their help and support they give to us.

The students at the **Heart of England School** are amazingly talented, providing the artwork for the Bonfire and also entering the Lions National/International Peace Poster contest. Our local winner, **Emily Lindsay**, won the National Competition and has been entered in the finals in the USA, and will attend the Houses of Parliament for the day and receive a cheque for £100.



Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Competition 2015/2016

This year Emily Lindsay from the Heart of England school won the entry for the UK from all of the Lions Clubs of British Isles and Ireland and has now subsequently gone forward to the International Finals in the USA.

If you want to go along and see Emily's Poster, or just find out about the Lions, it is on display at Balsall Common Library for the next two weeks.

Mia, a 9 year old girl who has been blind since birth, has a small vocabulary enabling her to communicate with her parents and siblings but suffers from low muscle tone and is unable to walk, stand, sit or raise herself from a lying position without adult support. This means she has to be physically carried wherever she goes or be transported by wheelchair and on top of that, she also has cerebral palsy.

To support Mia and her family, Rugby Rokeby Lions are using the proceeds of this year's Pancake Race to purchase a special Safety Chair in order that she can share the enjoyment of being able to sit unaided inside the house or outside with the rest of the family and be involved with everyday activities that we all take for granted.



Towcester & District Lions Club

As many of you will know, Lions clubs up and down the country have been successfully rolling out, promoting and maintaining the MIB (Message in a Bottle) programme for many years and as such it has become a most valuable and useful addition to the organisations aims of helping others whilst at the same time is a very valuable form of advertising of who and what we are.

Recently I advised my local club (Towcester & District) of the poor state of appearance of a number of our MIB displays as well as the fact that in some cases such displays were not easily seen by the general public who might benefit by having one of the small green bottles. We also felt that it would be good to have them on display at more places.

The club quickly and effectively responded to the situation and one of our members Geoff East agreed to expertly refurbish our complete stock of display cases. Geoff, himself being a talented cabinet maker, quickly got to work in his workshop renovating the self designed and built wooden display stands as well as designing and building a made to measure unit at the request of one of our local doctor's surgeries as well as a larger free standing unit that could be used for various club hosted and local events.



Working closely together with another club member Roger Clarke, new sticky labels were quickly designed, updated, printed off and added to the display stands giving not only a fresher, updated appearance but a more effective and attractive look suitable and fitting for the great work that these little plastic bottles offer.

Finally an additional two sites at Silverstone Medical Centre and the Library in the new Forum building in Towcester also agreed to display our MIBs which will enable us to benefit more of our local community.

That now makes a total of 7 sites throughout our club's geographical area that are actively promoting the message of MIB and demonstrating our club's true and vibrant commitment to the "We Serve" moto.

My thanks to all concerned for their help, support, teamwork, commitment and efforts in making this happen so quickly and professionally on behalf of our club and Lion's Clubs International.



K&Ds Double Birthday

Knowle & Dorridge Lions Club was established in 1976.

That's right – we are forty years old in 2016.

Coincidentally 1976 was the year Lion Brian Burgess joined our newly formed Club.

Not only in those 40 years has Brian served our Club in many roles, including being President four times, he has held a number of Cabinet posts. He became District Treasurer in 1985, a role he has resumed in recent years, and by the way he was District Governor in 1989-90.

To mark this special milestone President Bob Thurtle thanked Brian for his great service to our community and presented Brian with a 40 year pin to add to his many other awards.



Brian said that he had great memories of his 40 years but conceded he is not as nimble and able to be quite as active now as in the early days. He wished the Club well for the next 40 !!! Meanwhile the opportunity was taken for a group photo of those who attended the Club meeting. It being half term apologies had been submitted from far & wide.

Great Spec-Collect



Throughout May Knowle and Dorridge Lions will be collecting old spectacles.

Working with our sister Lions Club in Chichester old pairs of used glasses will be collected, sorted and distributed as far as eye clinics in Papua New Guinea, Ghana, Nigeria and Nepal.

Don't worry if your spectacles are broken because they will be recycled for their scrap metal and the funds used to support eye related projects both in the U.K. and overseas.

Knowle and Dorridge Lions are being supported by our local opticians:-

- Alan Tyler in Dorridge
- Bannisters in Knowle
- Vision Express in Knowle

Throughout May please take your old specs to any of these outlets.

Also on Sunday 15th May at the Knowle Fun Run bins will be available for you to drop your old specs in.

So please start searching those draws and let us make May the Great Spec-Collect.



Birmingham Chinatown Lions

The Birmingham Chinatown Lions with the Lord Mayor of Birmingham at the recent Birmingham Chinese New Year Festival. Over £500.00 was raised on the day and we also raised the profile of the Club within local community.

...and the 2016 winner is

The Errant Gnomes team triumphed again at this year's District 105M MasterTeam Quiz held as usual at the Strawberry Bank Hotel & Restaurant in Meriden.

After establishing a slender lead early on, the team from Marston Green & District hung on to beat the Densa team from Solihull by the smallest of margins – a single point. Who knows what the result would have been had the 4th Densa team member arrived



During the evening Lion President Bob Thurtle of host club Knowle & Dorridge auctioned a free weekend hire of a Range Rover Evoke donated by Listers LandRover in Solihull, and a raffle was held to raise funds for ORBIS campaign Vision for Zambia. Knowle & Dorridge Lions

had pre-empted the amount



which would be raised and had donated £500 before the Government's deadline to double up this to £1000.

Lion Bob also gave a cheque for £250 to Steve Worrell for his quiz-mastering skills, which was made out to his favourite charity Muscular Dystrophy

Thanks go to the new owners of Strawberry Bank who donated the room for the evening and filled rolls for the contestants who had built up an appetite.



From the International Committee Chairman



construction of the Green Houses and connection of Water to them.

(Please note, more pictures on our blog!
<http://wp.me/p5nffy-gV>)

Please find here photographs depicting various stages of works carried out so far on the Water Project we are funding in Kenya.

We have already sent £2,500 and we await contributions of the final £2,500 to enable completion of the remaining phase of the project which is the





The Report below is from PCC Lion Rajinda Sembia whose Club in Kenya proposed this Project and he has been the Project Overseer on behalf of District 105M.

Yesterday 25th Feb 2016, I went to visit the project in Webuye, Bungoma County that you are funding. As your representative in Kenya I went around the project from where the water has been tapped from, up to the final destination, the church compound. The water source is a distance from the final point, but I was impressed that the Bishop along the way has allowed the local community to tap off the main water line that has been installed. We went to Bukunjangabo S.A. Primary School, met with the Deputy Headmaster Chris Nyongesa, who was extremely grateful to the Lions of the UK for this



great project that provides clean fresh water to the school which has over 800 pupils.

We went ahead to the site of where the green houses are to be set up in the next phase of the project, and already the water is piped to the site. Also along the way the community were complementing us on the way the water supply has changed their land. We estimate that till now this project has impacted over 3,000 villagers, who had to trek miles to get river water which is not really hygienic.

I did go through the accounts of the project with Bishop, and he is indeed keeping very good records of the expenditure. I will compile the final accounts once the full project has been implemented.

Advertising

VILLA RENTAL in Croatia

3 bedroom stone cottage near Porec.
Pool, Wifi, and full facilities.
www.villatolet.co.uk

VILLA RENTAL in Pembrokeshire

Seaside Holiday Home. Sleeps 8, takes dogs. 2 minutes from beach.
www.broadhavenholidaycottage.co.uk

Tel: 01858 432325/07714 522100

Email: lionjohnbush@aol.com

Forthcoming Events

District Convention Update

Information about the District Convention can be found by clicking the following link

<http://www.lions105m.org/convention/2016%20District%20Convention%20Burbage/105M%20Convention%202016%20Information.pdf>

Castle Bromwich and District Lions present

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 4th March 7.00pm

£6.50 per person including fish & chip supper

Max 6 people per team

At The Family Tree

Clopton Crescent
Chelmsley Wood
Birmingham
B37 6QT

Tickets from Steve
E mail stephen-else@hotmail.com, 0121 748 2154

Malvern Hills Lions Clubs Quiz Night

Saturday 5th March 2016
Powick Village Hall
7-00 pm for 7-30 pm
Teams of Four to Six
£8.50 each to include Fish and Chip Supper, Pay Bar
For Tickets and Further Details
Phone 0845 833 9548 or email malvernhillslions@gmail.com
Proceeds to Children's Hospital Scanner Hologram Appeal

Sutton Coldfield & Erdington Lions Club
presents

An evening of Ferret Racing

Saturday 12th March 2016 7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Tickets £16.00, INCLUDE 2 COURSE MEAL

Wishaw Country Sports, Grounds Farm, Grove Lane, Wishaw B76 9PQ

Contact: Martin, 07768 166005, mcook@kwboffice.com




Birmingham Chinatown Lions Club
 伯明翰華埠獅子會
Charity Registration No.1163679

HEALTH AWARENESS DAY


健康意識宣傳日
Prevention is Better than Cure
預防勝於治療

15 March Please join us on our Health Awareness Day. We will give you the access to the information you need to learn about the wide range of health conditions.
 請參加我們的健康意識日。我們會讓您瞭解更加詳細的健康保健常識。

Stewart Sherman-Kahn
 President

FREE LUNCH & GIFTS
 提供免費午餐及饋贈禮物


 二〇一六年三月十五日上午十一時至下午三時
 名門食府KTV一層 - 免費入場
 15th March 2016 11AM - 3PM Free Entry
 Ming Moon Chinese Restaurant & Karaoke Bar
 8 Wrottesley Street, Birmingham, B5 4RT





**Balsall Common
Lions Club**



presents

Vivo in Concert



on
Saturday 5th March 2016
 7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m.

Tickets £16.00

Two Course Hot Supper

Licensed Bar

At

**Heart of England School
Gipsy Lane
Balsall Common CV7 7FW**

For Tickets contact

**Ross Collins
01676 534820/07813 937921**

Knowle Fun Run



33rd **KNOWLE**
FUN RUN

Sunday 15 May 2016

Entries now open at

www.knowlefunkrun.org.uk

5 MILE
FUN RUN & MINIRuns



Help raise funds for



Children's Liver
Disease Foundation
fighting childhood
liver disease



Solihull Bereavement
Counselling Service



The
Lily Mae
Foundation

& local causes

Main sponsor

Hunters

Organised by

**KNOWLE & DORRIDGE
LIONS CLUB**

Registered charity No. 509993



Arden Academy, Knowle, Solihull

COVENTRY Walkathon

**Walk in the War Memorial Park
on Sunday 15 May in pursuit of
a healthier lifestyle.**



**Sunday 15 May 2016
War Memorial Park
10.30am for 11.00am start**

**More information?
leofriclions.org.uk
or Reg Brown
(07766 667349)**

Coventry Walkathon 2016 is sponsored by



BBC
COVENTRY &
WARWICKSHIRE



Organised by
Coventry Leofric Lions Club



Worcester Lions Club Charity Golf Day

Registered Charity number 510331

Drive for Charity 2016

Raise money for charity

A fun filled
day for
everyone...

while playing your favourite game

18 Hole Stableford Competition

**Companies
and
Individuals
welcome...**

Come and join us!

Venue: Ombersley Golf Club

Bishops Wood Road, Ombersley, Worcestershire WR9 0LE

Hole
Sponsorship
Available...

Date: Thursday 19th May 2016

Teams of 4
£160 inc
Meal...

Raising Funds for Air Ambulance

Contact Joy – 07703034625

Email worcester@lions105m.org.uk

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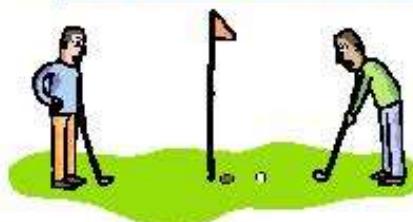
Interested in finding out more about Lions ...

Interested in joining ...

www.worcesterlionsclub.org.uk

Email worcester@lions105m.org.uk

Longest
Drive...



Charters

Nuneaton Lions Club Saturday 12th March 2016

7pm for 7.30pm, Millers Hotel, A444, Sibson, nr. Nuneaton

The price is 2 courses price is £22 per person, 3 courses price is £25 per person.

Dress code is dinner suit / cocktail dresses.

To book your place or for further details, please contact Lion President Peter Thomas at
lionpeterthomas@hotmail.co.uk

Dudley Lions celebrate their 30th anniversary Charter with an Afternoon Tea

At Dudley Golf Club, Turners Hill, Rowley Regis B65 9DP

On Sunday 13th March 14.30 for 15.00 hours, Price - £11.00 per head

To book in - Lion Jenny Walters at email - jennywalters50@hotmail.co.uk or call 01902 672738

Kingswinford & Stourbridge Lions Club

Lion President Richard Styles and the members of Kingswinford & Stourbridge Lions Club would like to invite you to our:-

41st Charter Anniversary Dinner

At Hagley Golf & Country Club, Wassell Grove.

On Saturday 2nd April 2016 7-00pm for 7-30pm

For any more information please contact either:

Lion Ray Robinson – Secretary:- ray.robinson164@blueyonder.co.uk Tel:No: 01384 374644

Lion Maureen Whitmore Soc. Sec: mo.whitmore@virginmedia.com Tel:No: 01384 374795

TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

42nd ANNIVERSARY CHARTER DINNER

Lion President Graham Edmonds would like to invite members of the Lions Club of Northampton 80 to his club's 42nd Anniversary Charter Dinner which is to take place at

Whittlebury Park Golf & Country Club, Towcester
On Friday, 8th April 2016, 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm

Tickets are priced at £25 per person

Dress - DJs or Lounge Suits

Please reply by the 11th March to Lion Peter Stratton, 2 The Beeches, Pattishall, Towcester, NN12 8LT
Telephone 01327 830552 - e-mail:- p.stratton126@btinternet.com

Lion President Richard Williams invites you to Kidderminster & District Lions Club
41st Annual Charter Dinner
at the Bewdley Pines Golf Club, Habberley Road, Bewdley DY12 1LY

23rd April 2016, 7.30 for 8.00pm
Dresss Code Black Tie or Dark Lounge Suit Please
Booking with Menu Choices to jackardone@tiscali.co.uk or 01568 614089 by 9th April 2016

£21 PP
Looking forward to seeing you

Shirley Lions Charter Lunch

The Limes Country Lodge Hotel, Earlswood, Solihull B94 5JZ
for only £23
Sunday 24th April 2016

To book your place please contact Lion President Martin Wright at lionmartinwright@yahoo.co.uk.

DROITWICH LIONS CLUB 31st CHARTER DINNER

Lion President Dave Jepson and his wife Dee would like to invite you to join them for the 31st Droitwich Lions Charter Dinner on Friday 13th May 2016.

Please contact us on
01527 821019 or at jeppo179@hotmail.com
to reserve your place along with your choice of food from the following menu:

DATE & TIME
Friday 13th May 2016, 7:00 for 7:30pm.

DRESS Black tie or lounge suits and fancy frocks for the ladies.

PRICE £25 per person

VENUE
The Pear Tree Inn & Country Hotel
Smite Lane
Smite
Worcester
WR3 8SY

Malvern Hills Lions Club 41st Charter Lunch 5th June 2016.

Venue is the Worcestershire Golf Club, Malvern Wells. Menus will be made available nearer the date.