



MIDLANDS NEWS

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The first issue of 2016 is in your inbox. We all hope it is going a great year. Looking at the news I see that Lions International has still it work cut out for itself. But we do all our bit as well as we can and over the last few weeks we have been busy with our sleighs and the like. Please send your articles now for a special SANTA issue which will be published mid January.

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.

Balsall Common



Balsall Common Lions helped out as Marshalls with other 'Mad Hatters' at The Mad Hatters Tea Party (Children's Charity). The Charity aims to give sick, disabled and disadvantaged children in the Midlands exciting days out to remember. This time around 270 children from 20 Schools, together with their Teachers, Carers and helpers went to see Father Christmas in his grotto at Dudley Zoo and Castle. The children all received a gift from Santa, and were then entertained with a

show from Flip The Clown. They then had lunch before they all went home very happy.

Another well organised day by Liz and her team, which was enjoyed by everyone, in spite of the dismal weather



Balsall Common Lions look forward to a Blooming Spring



Solihull MBC in conjunction with Balsall Common Lions have run a pilot scheme planting around 400 daffodils snowdrops and tulips, kindly donated by Wyevale Garden Centre, Solihull, in four localities around road name plates in Balsall Common. For nearly 100 years Lions have served their communities with dedication and contributed to the development and wellbeing of millions of people

around the world. As we look toward our centennial celebration in



2017, Lions are encouraged to serve 100 million people through participation of Global Service campaigns. This is towards just one, Protecting our Environment

The planting was supervised by Bruce Brant & Sarah Jones from Solihull MBC. The first photo shows Sarah Jones (Solihull MBC) with Lions Alan Douglas, Barrie Cousins, Brian Hornsby, Dave Blakeman & Stan Shakeshaft, and the other one, The Lions at work!

Little Ray of Sunshine Cafe

A "Sparkling vintage afternoon tea was served at the Little Ray of Sunshine Cafe in Kenilworth by helpers and friends to over 100 paying Guests, as part of their fund raising project. The guests, including the Mayor of Kenilworth tucked into delicious homemade cakes, scones and sandwiches whilst being entertained by: The Gloria Sunset Duo singing jazz & blues, followed by The Four of Us - a barber shop choir, finishing with group of Warwick University Students doing a composite of songs from musical theatre classics.

The Little Ray of Sunshine Cafe was founded a year ago by two Balsall Common Ladies, Debbie Brown and Cathy Edwards to help support people with Dementia and their Carers. Balsall Common Lions Club where pleased to pass over a cheque for £250 to this much needed and worthy charity."

The picture shows The Warwick University Students performing.



SIFA-Fireside

Balsall Common Lions were at SIFA-Fireside again helping out regular volunteers Maria & Luba prepare and serve breakfast and lunch. We served 71 breakfasts and 94 lunches.

Also paying a visit was District Governor Heather Jeavons, with Lions Joy Haffner & Heather Lee, who were given a guided tour by Izzy of SIFA around the facilities available at the drop-in Centre. Afterwards DG Heather Jeavons presented Sister Sabina with a cheque, which paid for a new Roller Blind and a new Fridge.



Local Organisations working in partnership to help Harrison



from left to right (Back row), Brian Hornsby Balsall Common Lions, Adrian Harris Knowle & Dorridge Lions, Joy Fine Balsall Common Festival, Allan Bailey Knowle & Dorridge Round Table, & Helen Bates (Mom) Front Row Mark Menzies, Knowle & Dorridge, Harrison & Paul Bates (Dad) .

Balsall Common Lions were contacted, by Paul Bates, a local resident of Balsall Common, seeking our support in modifying his garden for his son Harrison, who is now nearly 9 years old. Harrison's condition remains undiagnosed. He has several problems including severe neuro-gastric issues (resulting in him being reliant on tube feeding), hypertonia, (balance gait and tiredness) & dyspraxia (coordination and special awareness). Their garden is mostly a boggy uneven lawn which Harrison finds difficult to walk on and impossible use his wheelchair when he needs to. The aim was to provide a smooth, flat, artificial all weather surface and paving to give Harrison "access to all areas"



HARRISON IN HIS NEW GARDEN

We were more than happy to be involved but the anticipated costs looked prohibitive. Fortunately at about the same time Harrison had a day out with **Knowle & Dorridge Round Table** who also committed to the project and a partnership was formed. Paul Thornton Builders were selected to carry out the work and in just a week Paul and his assistant, with a little help from Harrison, transformed the boggy mess into an all-weather play area

Even with this joint effort there was still a funding shortfall but thanks to the additional support of **Knowle & Dorridge Lions** and **Balsall Common Festival Committee** the whole of the work was carried out in one go, meaning the Harrison's

trampoline is now all-weather as well.

Harrison says " It's my mini MUGA, just like at school". Helen explains that means Multi Use Games Area. I can't keep him indoors he's out kicking a ball or on his trampoline, which is wonderful for his strength and balance. "His world has changed!"

Worcester Lions Club make a Spectacle of their Christmas Tree.



Members of Worcester Lions Club spent the day recently decorating their Christmas tree at the St. John-in-Bedwardine Parish Church Christmas Tree Festival with used spectacles.

Recycling used spectacles is one major projects run throughout the Lions Clubs of the British Isles and Ireland. Once collected the spectacles are counted packed and shipped free of charge to the Lions Club of Chichester where the lenses are removed, re polished and **classified according to prescription**. They are then sent to be reused in Sight Projects around the world. The frames are not dis-guarded as whatever can be recycled from them is. The money raise from the recycling is made available to Lions Clubs around the world to fund Sight Saving Projects.

In a speech at a Lions convention in 1925, Helen Keller who herself was blind and deaf, issued a challenge to Lions worldwide to become "Knights of the Blind in the Crusade against Darkness" and to work towards the alleviation of preventable blindness. This is only part of the work that the Worcester Club are doing to help meet this challenge.

Mike Cooke, 45 years a Lion

Past Chairman of Council, Lion Mike Cooke, recently celebrated 45 years of being a Lion. Shirley Lions honoured the occasion with a number of gifts and District Governor, Lion Heather Jeavons presented Mike with his 45 years pin. In those 45 years Mike has held a huge number of posts at Club, District and Multiple District level and as the club found out is well known across the world! This was shown when two club members were on holiday touring New Zealand. One day they pulled up at a small roadside café in the middle of nowhere and noticed the only other patrons both had a Lions badge on. Naturally they introduced themselves as fellow Lions from the UK. The first thing the NZ Lions said to them was "Do you know Mike Cooke?" This says it all. In his acceptance speech Mike thanked everyone who has supported him over the years and in particular his wife, PDG Lion Mavis who has not only supported him but kept him on the straight and narrow. We all wish Mike good health and many more years in Lionism.



From the Competitions Officer:

I am pleased to advise you all that the 105M winner of the Peace Poster competition has been successful at the MD level of the competition and as the MD105 winner now goes forward to the International stage of the competition. The poster has been uploaded to the website and can be viewed by clicking the following link

<http://www.lions105m.org/downloads/2015%20Peace%20Poster%20105M%20and%20105MD%20winner.jpg>

Our congratulations go to Emily Lindsay of Heart of England School and her sponsors Balsall Common Lions.

A3 copies of the poster are available from MDHQ and they cost £12.00.

Lion Ken Barker

Shirley Lions Club and District Competitions Officer

The Music Competition

The instrument to be played in the competition is the Violin
Candidates must play the imposed piece and ONE other piece from the Repertoire List (please see page 2).

Candidates must have been resident in the territory of Multiple District 105 for 3 years prior to 1st January 2016 and should be a maximum of 23 years of age in the year of the competition

The Multiple District Competition will take place at the Birmingham Conservatoire on Sunday 3 April 2016. The successful candidate from this competition will represent Multiple District 105 at the Lions' Europa Forum to be held 27-30 October 2016 in Sofia, Bulgaria. Entries must be received by the 28th February 2016.

CANDIDATE DETAILS:

First Name(s): _____ Family Name _____

Address: _____
_____ Post Code: _____ Date of Birth _____

Do you have your own accompanist? __Yes/No__

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Nominated by the Lions Club
of _____ District _____

Contact: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

From the repertoire list the candidate has selected:

Composer and title: _____

Signature of candidate (OR parent / guardian if under 18) :

Address of parent or guardian (if different from candidate):

Please return to PCC Bryan Riley, Lowlands, Reading Room Yard, North Ferriby, East Yorkshire HU14 3DE
Tel 07771 994409 Email: briley@briley.karoo.co.uk

Lions European Musical Competition 2016 for the
VIOLIN – SOFIA BULGARIA
REPERTOIRE LIST –

IMPOSED WORK - Compulsory

Saint-Saens – Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso, op. 28

Repertoire List (please choose one piece):

1. Bach - Adagio and Fugue g minor, BWV 1001



2. Bach – Grave and Fugue from Sonata Nr. 2 a minor, BWV 1003
3. Bach – V. Chaconne from Partita no. 2, BWV 1004
4. I. Allemande/ II. Courante from Partita no. 2, BWV 1004
5. III. Sarabande/ IV. Gigue from Partita no. 2, BWV 1004
6. Beethoven - Sonata no.5, F-major /Frühlingssonate, I. Allegro
7. Beethoven - Sonata no.9 /Kreutzer/I. Adagio sostenuto-Presto-Adagio
8. Brahms - Sonata no. 3 d-minor op. 108, I. Allegro
9. Chausson (1855 - 1899)– Poeme op. 25
10. Franck – Sonata A-major, II. Allegro
11. Mozart - Sonata KV 296 C major, 1st and 2nd movement
12. Mozart - Sonata KV 454 B major, 2nd movement Andante
13. Paganini – Introduction and Variations “Palpiti”, op. 13
14. Ravel – Tzigane, Rhapsodie de concert
15. Schumann (1810 - 1865) - Sonata no. 1, a-minor op. 105
I. Mit leidenschaftlichem Ausdruck OR: II. Allegretto
16. Pantcho Vladigerov – Rhapsody “Vardar”, op. 16
17. Pantcho Vladigerov – Deux Paraphrases Bulgares, op. 18, 1. Choro
18. Pantcho Vladigerov – Deux Paraphrases Bulgares, op. 18, 2. Ratchenitza
19. Wieniawsky – Variations on an original theme, op. 15
20. Wieniawsky – Polonaise de Concert in D-major, no. 1., op. 4
21. Wieniawsky – Polonaise Brillante in A-major, op. 21

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Sheldon Lions have been decluttering & have the following items which we no long need.

- 1) A Red Carpet (with a few faint marks near edges) approx. W 2m, L 5m
- 2) 4 Blue Tarpaulins Approx. 3.8m by 4.8m
- 3) Folding Decorators Tables used at various events (not needed as we now have proper tables)
 - 1 approx. L 180cm, W 110cm, H 70cm.
 - 3 approx L180cm, W 120cm H 70cm (these are quite heavy)
 - 1 approx L 210m, W 120cm, H with 2 A type supports approx H 70cm - again this heavy.

Any Club or member interested or require further information contact-
Lion Gwyn Jones on 0121 422 0738 or e-mail gwynjones.uk@gmail.com

Forthcoming Events



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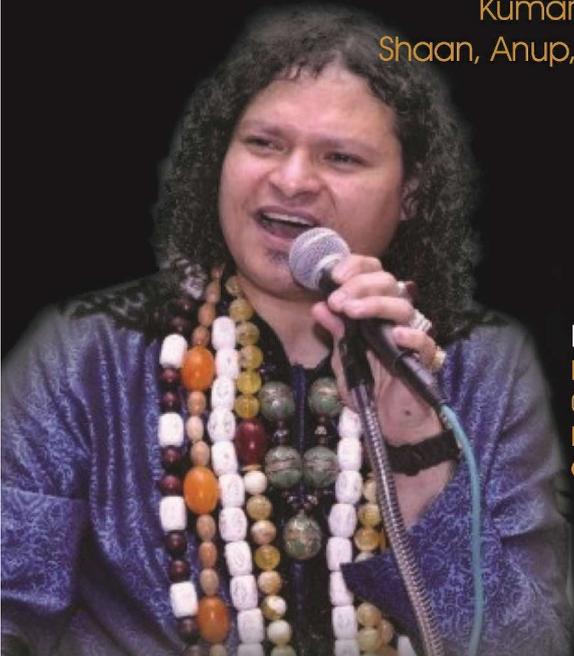
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District Master Team Quiz

Monday 22nd Feb. 2016, 19.00-19.30 (start)

Strawberry Bank Hotel, Main Rd, Meriden CV7 7NF

£16 per team (cheques payable to Knowle & Dorrade Lions Club please) includes ham & cheese rolls

Contact: Ian Gedge gedgeij@gmail.com, tel:07976 392870

Charity: To be announced on the evening

Dress Code: Casual



**Balsall Common
Lions Club**



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Vivo in Concert



on

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7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m.

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For Tickets contact

Ross Collins

01676 534820/07813 937921

Charters

Walsall Lions Club 41st Charter Dinner With Entertainment

To be held at The County Hotel, Birmingham Road, Walsall,

WS1 2NG - 13th February 2016, (6.45 for 7.15pm) Cost £25

Please see attached menu order form and return to Linda Wilton - grahamwilton@btinternet.com by 31st January 2015 at the latest

Lion President Keith Godwin invites you to **Bromsgrove Lions Club**

36th Annual Charter Dinner

at the Bromsgrove Hilton, Birmingham Road, Bromsgrove, B61 0JB

27th February 2016, 7.30 for 8.00pm.

Dress Code: Black Tie or Dark Lounge Suit, please.

For more information: keith.godwin49@hotmail.com or 01527 578768 by 10th Feb 2016

Rooms are available booked direct with the Hilton. £60 Single or £70 Double.
Email Claire on claire.wegrzyn@hilton.com or telephone 0121 447 4594

**extra Special Auction
at Bromsgrove Lions Club Charter
A Half day Adventure Course Land Rover Experience**

This is for THREE people - TWO drivers and ONE riding observer.
Location is at any of the SEVEN Land Rover Experience sites.
E.g. Land Rover Solihull's Jungle Track
The off roading track at Eastnor Castle,
and other locations in Wales, Northern England and Scotland.

The value of this experience is almost £500 and, at the time of posting this auction, bids have already reached £350!

The final auction will be held at Bromsgrove's Charter Night where all postal or email bids will be taken into consideration.

Bids are Invited in advance by email alanpjames@aol.com
or in writing to A. James, 62 Ebrington Avenue, Solihull, B92 8HX
(Bids already made need not be re-sent but may be increased if you wish!)

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

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Festive feet forward

KNOWLE and Dorridge Lions are inviting 'everyone' to join them for the 21st Lions Festive Walk on Monday, December 28.

The annual event will start and finish, as usual, at Badesley Clinton National Trust property and is billed as the 'perfect way to walk off a few of the Christmas excesses'.

This year's walk will be raising money for the Lily Mae Foundation, Solihull Bereavement, Counselling Service, Children's Liver Disease Foundation as well as a variety of other local causes.

Last year's festive event saw 1,800 walkers stepping out into the beautiful Warwickshire countryside and raising a record sum of over £10,000 on the day.

There will be a choice of three new sign-posted circular routes - 3, 5 and 9 miles, all passing through wonderful try lanes, public footpaths and canal towpaths with a pub along the way.

All ages are welcome especially if you get your efforts sponsored, but if arranging and collecting sponsorship will be a hassle you might prefer to walk and just make a donation,' said Lions organizer Ute Smith.

'As usual there will be no charge to take part, so add it on your festive calendar, tell your friends and relatives and bring a car full.

'There will be free entry to both House and Gardens for everyone when they finish their Festive Walks and walkers are invited to join the Lions for hot mince pies and mulled wine.'

For more details and to download a free registration form, visit www.knowleanddorridge.org.uk/walk or telephone 09458 31 09 94.

Knowle & Dorridge Lions Festive walk - Pictured are Santa, Amy Jackson from The Lily Mae Foundation, Emily Bostie from the Children's Liver Disease Foundation, Jackie Clinton and Julie Swiffin from the Solihull Bereavement Counselling Service at Badesley Clinton House, 46.015.014.sol.jm1

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Shirley's switched on for Christmas



Youngsters from Haslucks Green Junior School gave a fine vocal performance.



All smiles as the countdown to Christmas begins.



Entertainment by the Sorella Academy of Dance.

THE PEOPLE of Shirley welcomed the start of the festive season at the annual Christmas lights switch-on.

Hundreds flocked to enjoy the variety of seasonal entertainment, a visit by Santa and the switching on of the winter illuminations.

There was entertainment from Haslucks Green Junior School, dancing by Sorella Academy of Dance and stiltwalking courtesy of Aries Entertainment.



Getting ready for the big switch-on.