



# MIDLANDS NEWS

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## APRIL 2017



A great District convention, full with energy. A District to be proud of. Thanks to Dave Blakeman and Ken Barker helping me out this time.

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.

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

### Shakespeare Lions



Shakespeare Lions once again hosted the Panto for local schools and organisations. This year Beauty and the Beast performed by the Phoenix Players at the Stratford Artshouse saw 215 attendees who thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Pictured here are some of the cast with Stratford upon Avon Town Major, Councillor Juliet Short.

### Newsfeed

The March newsfeed can be read through the following link <http://lionsclubs.co/Monthly>

### Birmingham Exhibition Lions Club

Secretary Roger Stanley stated at the recent Zone C Meeting that the rebirth of the club had started now that a permanent home at Ilshaw Heath Golf Club had been found.

Following the loss through death of two long serving members reduced their members to 6.

But for the first time for many months a new member was welcomed and Lion Tish Perie was inducted to the club.

At a recent meeting PDG Doug Cross presented long service chevrons on behalf of the District to most members varying from 15 years through to a 35 year one, to Lion President Brian Murray - emphasizing the length of time the club had been in existence.

Events and activities and now being planned linked with a membership drive, hopefully to be helped by the other members of the Zone.

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## Balsall Common Lions

### VIVO Rocks Balsall Common again



Back by popular demand, Vivo Party Band, played again to a 'Sell Out Audience' and Balsall Common rocked again. These guys have a reputation for great musicianship, professionalism and a versatility that's astounding & they never let us down.

It was a great Charity Fundraising event and the raffle raised £410 for Prostate Cancer UK.

As always a big Thank You to everyone who came along to support us to make it a great evening. Vivo will

be back again with us next March....look out for the date.

The pictures shows Vivo with Lion President Dave Blakeman.

### Lions support The Great Daffodil Appeal (picture)

Lions Clubs once again, are in partnership with Marie Curie in support of the [Marie Curie UK](#) Great Daffodil and Balsall Common Lions, alongside Marie Curie volunteers, collected in the village.

It was a chilly day but thanks to the warm hearted people of Balsall Common we raised £764.25

As always a big Thank You to everyone who donated.



## Hinckley Lions



**LIONS PRESIDENT SUE McMILLAN CENTRE WITH FELLOW LIONS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GROUPS WHO WERE GIVEN CHEQUES ON THE NIGHT.**

Eight worthy charities were given a helping hand by members of Hinckley and Burbage Lions Club recently. The Lions gave out a donation of £500 to the Leicestershire and Rutland Blood Bikes scheme to help with their lifesaving work.

And they also handed over £300 each to the following organisations; Hinckley Lawrence House, Leicestershire Air Ambulance, Hinckley Association for the Disabled, Hinckley and District Mencap Society, First Responders, Dial A Ride and Hinckley Air Cadets.

Representatives of the groups received their cheques from Lions President Sue McMillan at the latest monthly meeting of the club.

She said: 'We organise various fundraising activities throughout the year and regularly try to help out worthy causes in the borough. It gives us great pleasure to back these worthy recipients for all the hard work they do for others.'

'Our next big fundraising event is our annual walk around Market Bosworth Battlefield on Sunday, May 21, so if anyone would like to join us on that they are most welcome,' she added.

The club meet on the second Monday of the month at the Plough Inn, so for more details contact them

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## Rugby Rokeby Lions

there or check Cold weather on the day could not discourage shops and businesses in Rugby taking part in Rugby Rokeby Lions annual pancake race on Shrove Tuesday. The sponsorship raised from this event is going to New Directions, a charity which makes a difference to the lives of vulnerable people. New Directions wants to provide a relaxed outside area for the residents to use in the form of a sensory garden out their web pages.



## Pancake Race - A good Start!



Corby and District Lions Club held its first pancake race on Shrove Tuesday outside the Corby Cube. Pictured are all the competitors after the race.

The race was organised by Lion President, Colin Bradshaw, who explained, 'We got the idea for the race from Rugby Lions who have been doing this for many years. We wanted a fun event that would raise money for local causes through sponsorship of the runners from their various businesses/employers/organisation. This is the first time so we were pleased to have 17

runners, including our Mayor, despite the cold wind. The race winner was Abby Mitchell from Asda Corby with Asda taking the shield for the year. Best fancy dress trophy was won by Nicky Glover of Foundations Daycare Service and most sponsorship money raised was won by HomeStart Corby. Over £120 was raised.

Corby Lions would like to thank Corby Borough Council for allowing them to hold the event and for the help of their staff in setting up the area and providing a gazebo.

Watch out for next year's race which should be bigger and better!

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## Blackpool-Solihull Cycle ride in support of Hearing Dogs



On April 23<sup>rd</sup> Simon Moss, President of Marston Green Lions and Jaap de Jonge, President of Shirley Lions, will be cycling back from the Lions Convention in Blackpool to our respective homes in Solihull, a distance of approximately 140 miles. We are doing it to raise money for Hearing Dogs for Deaf People as part of the Lions Centennial Service Challenge. You can support our effort by donating online at <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/blackpoolbirmingham>. Thank you in advance for your support

L-R, JAAP, SIMON AND LION JIT (HANDSWORTH LIONS)  
DURING A TRAINING RIDE

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## Busy Weekend for Malvern Hills Lions Club.

On a Friday recently, members of Malvern Hills Lions Club spent the day collecting at the local Morrison's Superstore for the Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal.

Thanks to the generosity of those that visited the store well over £800 was collected.

Rachel Nash, Community Fundraiser for Marie Curie said .“That this was amongst the largest amounts collected in her area on a single day”.

The next evening, Saturday. The Club held it's annual Quiz Night at Powick Village Hall. This year the money raised was to go to the Worcestershire and District Branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Just under 100 attended the event, including members of the society. Some of whom suffer with the condition. They not only enjoyed the quizzing, but also the Fish and Chip Supper.

Over £500 was raised by the event. At their meeting on the Monday following the evening. Members of the club agreed to increase the amount to be donated to the Society to £600, with money coming from the club's Charity Fund.

## Birmingham China Town Lions

On Tuesday 28 March The Birmingham Chinatown held their 3rd Health Awareness Day at the Ming Moon. Many people from the local Community attended to learn more about health issues.

10 organisations were represented on the day and gave talks and information to the attendees including Martin from Shirley Lions.



## "Warwick Lions shaking tins for the Marie Curie Daffodil appeal"



## Corby Lions Support Local Families



Corby and District Lions President, Colin Bradshaw, presented a cheque for £2200 to the four Corby Children's Centres. These are based at Exeter- a learning Community, Kingswood Community Centre, Pengreen Centre and Woodnewton - a learning Community. Julia Kitson and Donna Gallagher accepted the money watched by Lions Dan McDonald, Mike Garlick and Ronnie Vickers. A Lions spokesman commented, 'We have been collecting at Christmas in the local supermarkets and giving the proceeds to the centres for the last four years. All of this has been

possible because of the generosity of local people.'

Julie Kitson explained, ' The money will be used as part of the support offered to families in difficult circumstances. We work with families dealing with mental health problems, difficulties with parenting or with their own relationships, domestic abuse, children with behavioural difficulties, problems in engaging with education as well emotional or physical welfare issues. Our work is based on the principal of empowerment, working with families, supporting them into universal services until they are able to manage without support. Our aim is to strengthen families and communities by building skills and resilience, preventing family breakdown and improving outcomes for children, their parents and other members of the family.'

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## NORTHAMPTON LIONS CENTENNIAL PROJECT

Northampton Lions have taken the theme of Youth and helping those youngsters that find themselves in hospital as their Centennial theme. Fundraising at Christmas has enabled us to buy cuddly Leroy Lions to give to children in the Paediatric and A&E wards at Northampton General Hospital.

The first such load was delivered March 20<sup>th</sup> to Paddington Children's ward where they were gratefully received. These Lions will help those children who find themselves in hospital to cope, having something to cuddle and comfort them in what could be a traumatic time for them.

A Fashion Show is to be held on May 5<sup>th</sup> at Wootton Community Centre to raise funds to continue this work. All are invited to come along and support this worthwhile cause.



To be or not to be (at Ettington Chase Hotel on March 18<sup>th</sup>) that was the question  
And the answer was YES as those there had such a great time.

After the previous night's entertainment, which of course was on a Shakespearian theme the business part of Convention commenced with the Opening Ceremony as District Governor, Lion Ron Cross and PDG Linda Cross entered with their International Guest Past International Director Lion Howard and Claire Lee. Lion David Squires of the Host Committee escorted into Convention Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire, Mr

Tim Cox. Lion John Buckley of Worcester Lions Club then read the Lions Code of Ethics and Mr Cox continued by outlining the role of Lord Lieutenant and formally opening Convention.

The Invocation & Memoriam was then read by CC Lion Heather Jeavons and a minute's silence was held in the memory of:-

Lion Don Hunt	Balsall Common Lions Club
Lion Mike Ryan	Birmingham Exhibition Lions Club
Lion Alan Parsons	Birmingham Exhibition Lions Club
Lion Hasmuki	Bushby Lions Club
Lion Martin Hill	Harborough Twenty 12 Lions Club
Lion Alan Stevens	Kenilworth Lions Club
Lion John Brady	Lutterworth Lions Club
Lion Philip Barton	Redditch Lions Club
Lion Peter Jackson	Stour Valley Lions Club
Lion Maurice Farr	Walsall Lions Club
Lion Pearl Jobbins	Walsall Lions Club
Lion Rob MacMillan	Warwick Lions Club

This was followed by an address from each of the candidates for office: 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Chris Burrows of Shirley Lions for the position of DG, 2<sup>nd</sup>VDG Lion Stewart Sherman-Khan of Birmingham Chinatown Lions for 1<sup>st</sup>VDG and Lion Anita Bedi of Coventry Mercia Lions for 2<sup>nd</sup>VDG.

Reports were then presented and voted upon from each of Committee Chairmen who also introduced the members of their committee. The two resolutions that that been put forward were then presented discussed and voted upon. The first was for subscriptions to remain the same and the second that we accept the standard District Constitution as issued by LCI. Both were carried unanimously.

This just left time before lunch for PCC Lion Simon Moss to give a presentation on the proposed Redistricting of Multiple District and the Resolutions for Blackpool Convention and MD PR Officer, Lion Many Broadbent on the PR, the PR toolkit and use of social media.

Following lunch the Lions Purposes was read by Lion Sean Dyer Birmingham Chinatown Lions and guest speaker Dr Charles Fox gave a presentation on Diabetes - Prevention Better than Cure.

Next up was Lion Cath Kendall to introduce the Young Ambassador Winner. Unfortunately Alex could not attend and so Cath gave a resume of his work in the community. For her hard work with the Young Ambassador programme Cath was then presented with an International Presidents Award and Shirley Lions were presented with Alex's trophy and the sponsoring club trophy.

D G, Lion Ron Cross then announced the results of the elections which were:-

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Elect (2017/2018), Lion Anita Bedi

1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Elect (2017/2018), Lion Stewart Sherman-Kahn.

District Governor Elect, Lion Chris Burrows.

Chris then addressed Convention, introduced his vision for the next year and thanked Convention for their continuing support.

DG Lion Ron and PID Lion Howard then left the stage to present the competition awards:-

**Peace Poster** Niamh Wadley sponsored by Balsall Common Lions Club.

The new Peace poster trophy for 105M has been donated by the late mother of our District Secretary.

**Environmental Photo** Lion Mike Blaxland Kingswinford and Stourbridge Lions Club

**Environmental Trophy** Bedworth Lions Club

**Youth Exchange** Worcester Lions Club

**Travelling Lion** Shirley Lions Club

**Golf Competition (Men)** Lion Gary Gould Shirley Lions Club

**Golf Competition (PDG's)** Lion Brian Burgess Knowle & Dorrige Lions

**The Roy White Competition for website and social media** Shirley Lions Club

**District Skittles** Worcester Lions Club

**Young Leaders in Service** Shakespeare Lions Club

**Convention 1<sup>st</sup> Timers** Lion Gill Nelson, Rugby Rokeby Lions Club

Lion Ken Barker was thanked for his hard work in organising the District Competitions.

Past International Director, Lion Howard Lee then addressed Convention covering his time as International Director and his experiences worldwide. Assisted by DG Ron, Howard then presented an International Presidents Award to PDG Lion Linda Cross in recognition of her service to Sight related projects within the District and a number of DG's Certificates of Appreciation.

Events Officer Lion John Barnes then told those attending that next years' Convention would be 17-19<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at The St Johns Hotel in Solihull. Balsall Common Lions Club would be hosting the Convention with a definite Irish Flavour.

On the subject of membership PDG Lion Doug talked about the general drop in membership and the importance of retaining the members we have and reducing the continuing loss of membership. Lion Doug also talked of the importance of as many of the District as possible attending the MD Convention in Blackpool particularly voting delegates who are encouraged to attend to support our Council of Governors.

Lion Ron then asked the Convention Chair Lion David Squires and members of the organising committee to assemble in front of the Top Table where they were all thanked for their hard work in putting together Convention.

Finally, Lion David Squires Convention Chair handed the District Flag to Lion Ray Stephens of Balsall Common Lions Club for safe keeping until District Convention 2018 at Solihull and everyone joined in a rousing rendition of Land of Hope and Glory.



### In Memoriam

Lion PDG Mike Jobbins wishes to thank the many Lions and Partners who sent cards and messages of sympathy following his wife Lion Pearl's death. It meant a great deal to him and all the family as did the Lions' presence at Pearl's funeral and the generous donations in her memory to the Alzheimer's Society, many of which were anonymous.

### PDG Maurice Hayes

PDG Maurice Hayes died last night. He was a Charter Member of Kidderminster & District Lions Club. He was DG in M in 1980/81. He resigned from Teme Valley Lions 11 years ago in order to look after his wife Gill, who was not well and is now confined to a wheelchair.

### Lion Dave Cottrell

Rowell & Desborough Lions are very sorry to report the death of Lion Dave Cottrell on Tuesday 21st March after a long illness.

Dave joined the Lions in 1983 and was a Charter Member. He was President in 1988/9 and again in 2004/5.

Dave was an active member until Christmas and will be sadly missed by us.

His Funeral on Friday 7th April at the Edgar Newman Chapel, Kettering Crematorium at 12 noon.  
Our thoughts are with Margaret, Lou and family

### Lion President Phil Lawrence

It is sad news today that I must inform you that late last night Lion President Phil Lawrence (age 73) died at the Alexandra Hospital.

Phil's wife Margaret was with him. Phil was a Lion since 1989 and was three times Redditch Lion Club President. He was also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

We will all miss his smiling face and cheery outlook on life despite his many ills.

For more information please contact Redditch Lion Secretary Bill Southworth on 07715604995.

Margaret Lawrence

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28<sup>th</sup> April 2017 7 .00 pm for 7.30 p.m. start

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Northampton Lions Fashion Show      Friday 5th May at 7:30pm

To supply Leroy Lions to Northampton A&E Dept and Children's Paediatric Ward Northampton General Hospital

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Wootton Community Centre



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Balsall Common Lions Club

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*on*

Saturday 20th May 2017

7.30pm for 8.00pm

Tickets £12.50

(includes Supper)

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### Shirley Lions Club

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Friday 7/4-Sunday 9/4 2017

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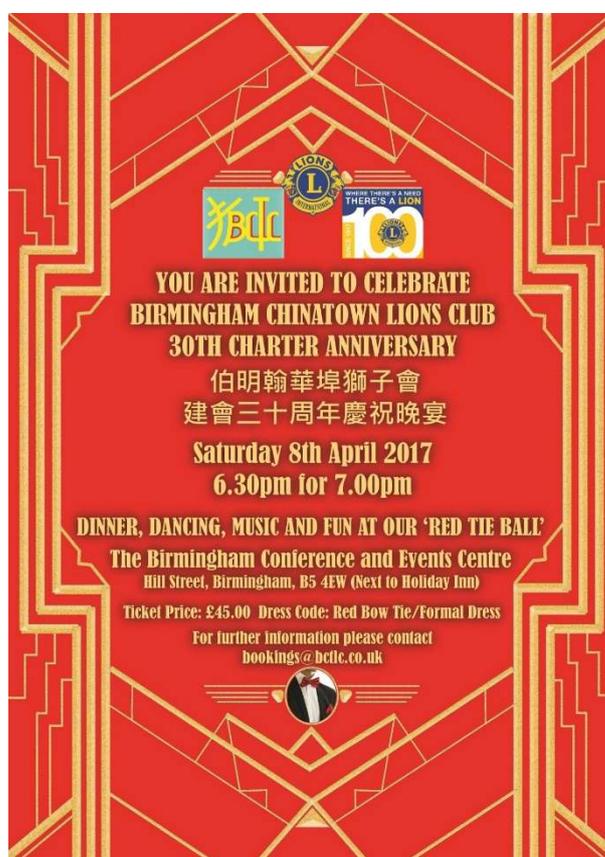
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### Kidderminster & District Lions Club

Lion President Jackie Williams invites you to  
43rd Annual Charter Dinner

at the

La Brasserie

5, Lower Mill Street, Kidderminster DY11 6UU

On

6<sup>th</sup> May 2017, 7.30 for 8.00pm

Dress Code Black Tie or Dark Lounge Suit Please

Booking with Menu Choices to [jackard@jackard.plus.com](mailto:jackard@jackard.plus.com) or 01568 614089 by 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017

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## ALDRIDGE & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

Lion President Diane Price would like to invite you to our 28<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017 @  
Druids Heath, Golf Club, 7 for 7.30pm

Please contact for further information: Lion Mike Barker, 12 Heygate Way, Aldridge, WS9 8SD or  
[mikeb@lions105m.org.uk](mailto:mikeb@lions105m.org.uk)

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## Lion President Mary Thompson and members of Kingswinford & Stourbridge Lions

Would like to invite you to their 42nd Charter Anniversary Dinner.  
At the Hagley Golf & Country Club, Wassell Grove Lane, DY9 9JW  
On Saturday 8th April 2017.  
7-00pm for 7-30pm.

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## Lion President Sharan Walia and Club Members

invite you to

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CHARTER DINNER

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017

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At 7:00 for 7:30

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Lion Dave Sherwen

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