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Welcome to your new look news from around the District



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To our new District Governor 105M 2018-19  
**Stewart Sherman-Kahn**



*is this the latest recruit to Peaky Blinders?*



*How many bears to empty a honey pot?*



*Another day at the office*



*Congratulations all round*

We look forward to all his news of the international convention in Las Vegas on his return via his own DG's Newsletter.



Liam Barrett of Marston Green Lions has now qualified as a doctor (so it should be **Doctor Liam Barrett**). He has managed this and is now the Chairman of Global Brigades UK and is still an active Lion.

**Geoff Lewis** from Worcester on becoming a Great Great Grandad...



Happy Big Birthday to **Roger Clarke** from Towcester 21 again on the 1st July...

We also send Congratulations to **Andy Pemberton** voted by our Council to take up the position of MD 105 LCIF Co-ordinator and approved by Lions Clubs International LCIF Team in Oakbrook. We wish you all the very best

**Meet our new Lions** Great idea for Lions - why not use your new recruits to invite others to join — Knowle and Dorridge are asking new recruits Hayley & Claire to talk to potential members about joining Lions.



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**Warwick Lions** are proud to have been able to induct two new very welcome members to their club. Pictured are Lions Hannah Johnson and Iain Jones.



**Good to see that Castle Bromwich Lions** have created a newsletter aimed at Friends of Lions — good example of keeping our helpers informed and up to date on events an extract is shown here.....

Well here is the first edition of *The Lions Pride*. As Friends we hope you'll enjoy reading about our activity in the community and our events as well as hearing about all the projects and people we are proudly supporting. Without help from our club members and our Friends of Lions, we wouldn't be able to change the lives of people in our community...thank you everyone!

**Rushden and District Lions** will be having a stall at the following events. We will be doing a bric a brac stall and prize every time stall. Please tell your family and friends and come and support us.

Sunday 8th July 2018; Bromham Show. Bedfordshire. 11am to 5pm

Saturday 14th July 2018; Rushden Party in the Park. 10am to 5pm

Sunday 5th August 2018; Higham Ferrers Classic Car Show. 10am to 5pm

Saturday 25th August 2018; Higham Ferrers Farmers Market. 8am to 1pm

Email [lionamandacoleshill@yahoo.com](mailto:lionamandacoleshill@yahoo.com) for more details.

**Hinckley and Burbage Lions Club** welcomed their **new President** to her post at a ceremony at Nemo's in Stoney Cove last week.

Jackie Parratt, a retired college lecturer, has taken over the role from Sue McMillan, who stepped down after an amazing three-year stint in the post.

Paying tribute to her exceptional service, members thanked her for her outstanding contribution and presented her with a restaurant voucher and a magnificent bouquet of flowers.

New incoming President Jackie said: 'Sue will be a very hard act to follow, as she has done a fantastic job in leading the club and helping to raise thousands of pounds for deserving local causes during her term of office.'

'However, I know I will have the support of all our committed members and fully intend to help us carry on doing the good work our community deserves.

To find out more about the work of the Lions, or if you wish to join, you can attend one of their meetings which are held on the second Monday of the month at the Plough Inn, Hinckley, phone 0845 833 5892, or write to Lion Cynthia Lines, 60 Princess Road, Hinckley, LE10 1EB for more details.



Jackie Parratt left, takes over the chain of office from retiring President Sue McMillan.

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**Warwick Lions** recently held a most successful Charity Concert at St. Nicholas Church Warwick featuring the Southam Melody Makers Ladies Choir and the Spa Strummers Ukulele Band, this was in aid of the Helping Hands a Local homeless Charity active in Warwick, Leamington and Kenilworth



**Well Done Droitwich Lions and Kidderminster & District Lion Clubs** Zone Chairman Lion Richard Williams at his last Zone Meeting of the Lions Zone E meeting of 2017-18 handed out two certificates of



excellency to Droitwich for best club in Zone E for best use of Social Media with their use of website and

Facebook and to Kidderminster & District Lions club certificate of excellency for their monthly regular updates



to MyLCI. Lion Richard Williams stated to all Lions present " We must use these concepts

to the best of our ability, if we are to spread the word of the good work Lions are doing to give service to the Communities in which we work, It is time we are not the world's best kept secret". Certificates were presented by our Zone Guest Lion Liam Barrett from Marston Green & District Lions Club.

## In May the Birmingham Chinatown

**Lions** funded the installation of 3 Defibrillators in Chinatown...

2 in the Arcadian Centre and 1 on Hurst Street...

These were funded in Memory of our late friend and Past Club President Lion David Cox MJF. This is something he always wanted

to do... We hope they never have to be used but are thrilled that they may save a life one day in needed...

We also need to thank the Arcadian Centre and Southside for their help with this project...



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## **HOT SUNSHINE GREET'S KNOWLE FUN**

**RUNNERS—from Lion Dave Carter** After weeks of cold weather for training, organisers of last Sunday's 35<sup>th</sup> Knowle Fun Run were delighted when warmer weather brought out the joggers and entry numbers shot up in the final weeks as runners from all over the country decided whether to run 5k or 10k.

It was the hottest Knowle Fun Run since 2006, when V.I.P. weather forecaster Shefali brought temperatures of 28C. The runners welcomed the many impromptu water stations around the 5k course and local residents showering them with sprays of water.

Solihull's new Mayor Councillor Flo Nash sent the runners on their way on the dot of midday. As she said "Enjoy your Run today, you cannot all be winners but you are all helping the Lions raise over £36,000 for Headway, Breast Cancer Haven and other local Lions causes, so everyone's a winner."

K&D thank Shirley Lions for the help they gave on the day marshalling the kids runs & fun runs.

There were 1800 entries, said Fun Run lead Lion Richard Buckley. "The Lions were grateful for the continued sponsorship from many companies who helped cover the costs of staging the event. We really appreciate how lucky we are to have the support of a long list of local companies. This enables us to tell runners that every £ of entry fee, donation or sponsorship raised will go to our nominated charities. We hope to have raised over £36,000 when all the runners sponsorship has been received. As usual many runners raised funds for their own favourite charities and we shall never know how many thousands of pounds to add to that we receive, unless they tell us."

Local lad Zach Noland, was subsequently first to cross the finish but informed the officials of the mishap and my win was reinstated. Thanks to all those who came out to support and volunteer at what was a great event and to the support of my athletics club *Straw Bear Striders*."

The day started well when around 250 under 9 year olds took part in 4 KIDSruns wearing their complimentary lime green Fun Run t-shirts were cheered around the Arden school fields all keen to pick up their Aldi chocolate bar and certificate of achievement. The winners all received trophies & gifts courtesy of KIDSrun sponsor Listers Land Rover.

Jacob tells us that he won the Year 3 kids run last year, Year 2 the year before and Year 1 the year before that. Clearly a name to watch for the 5k next year.

"It's great to be part of a team organising such a popular and successful community event," said organiser Richard. **Anyone who may like to help the Lions with this or their other fundraising activities please get in touch now via [info@knowleanddorridgelions.com](mailto:info@knowleanddorridgelions.com).**

**"Our next fundraiser is the [Heart of England Bike Ride](#) on 8 July"**

**A Sad but Proud Moment** It is with some sadness that Northampton Eighty Lions Club has ended their longest continual service activity. For over thirty six years members of the club have transported visually impaired people to and from the White Heather Club in Northampton each month. Over the past few years, the numbers attending have dwindled due to ill health and old age until, on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017, the last person decided she was no longer well enough to attend, thus ending this service activity. Whilst it is a sad moment, Northampton Eighty Lions Club is proud of the thousands of hours given to this service activity by its members over such a long period of time.

As part of their celebrations to mark 100 years of Lions Clubs International, **Northampton Eighty Lions Club** have donated a defibrillator and cabinet to Northampton Borough Council which has been installed in the new Bus Station in the town centre. The Lions were expecting the defibrillator to sit in the cabinet rarely used but it was put on standby, although not used, two days after it was installed when someone collapsed in the Bus Station due to heart problems.

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## Cooks at the Ready Members of Northampton Eighty



Lions Club were hard at work cooking meals at The Hope Centre in Northampton. To coincide with the annual sleep-out in Northampton to raise awareness and money for the Hope Centre for the homeless, the members provided a free two-course lunch-time meal to all its clients. Having bought all the food, they took over the kitchen, cooked, served and washed up for a hundred and twenty homeless people in Northampton. Everything was ready on time, but the members now know what it is like to be in the Master Chef kitchen with a 'Greg Wallace' type shouting 'You only have five more minutes!'

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**Corby Lions Funday** A big thank you from Corby and District Lions Club to the 2000+ people who supported our recent Funday at East Carlton Park. Those who attended enjoyed face painting, children's rides, archery, bouncy castle, colour maze, numerous craft and charity stalls and a fun dog show. They were entertained with displays from Michelle's School of Highland Dance, the MASH dance school, Corby Karate Club and the D'ukes of Rutland Ukele players together with Corby Radio.

The event raised over £1600, with the proceeds going to the emergency Services Cadets and local Lion's charities.



A Lion Club spokesman said, 'Our thanks go to all of the



above for making this a successful event, including the Carnival Princesses, local Lions Club Market

Harborough 2012 and Corby Borough Council for their assistance.'

**Our Superstar helpers** So when the call went up for help at MDHQ on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June look who turned up like 2 Superhero's – Trevor Jones from Wolverhampton Lions Club and John Perks from Moseley and Kings Heath Lions turned up ready for action. There was a delivery of 210 boxes of Community Brochures delivered to our Offices and these 2 lovely gents took

action when Brigitte called for help. All magazines perfectly unloaded. Sincere thanks to these lovely



Chuckle Brothers!!! Even a coffee as a thankyou!!!!

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## Kenilworth Lions Grand Show was a roaring success!

Record crowds turned out this year for the Kenilworth Lions annual Grand Show, held in Abbey Fields, Kenilworth. The weather was kind – dry and warm, but not too hot – and everyone present seemed to enjoy themselves and have a good time.



The Show was opened by the Deputy Mayor of Kenilworth, Cllr Pat Cain, who spoke warmly about the Lions and their importance to the local community over the years. The first Grand Show was staged at Thickthorn in 1972, but since then it has been held each year in Abbey Fields.

A four hour varied programme of performers then entertained the crowd from the stage and in the arena – opening with the Royal Spa Brass Band, then Whitemans Dance Academy, local singers The Unlikely, Kenilworth School pupils previewing their “Our House” production, dancers from Viva Theatre Arts, Elvis (yes, really!), Magic Voices and finally local group Romany Pie. Finally the Grand Show Raffle prizes were drawn by the Deputy Mayor, bringing the Show to a close.

A prominent visitor to the Show was our MP, the Rt Hon Jeremy Wright, who seemed to enjoy himself immensely.

Kenilworth Lions would like to thank everyone who participated in the Show, our performers and many stall

holders, and also our sponsors without whom none of this would be possible - Penman Solicitors, Boothroyds Estate Agents, Damian Plant Solicitors, and Aromatics of Kenilworth.

Kenilworth Lions president Kerry Kirwan said: “Many people have said that this was one of the best Grand Shows ever! A big thankyou to Lion Paul Daniels and his organising committee for making it all happen.”

How will the Lions match this success next year? The work to make sure this happens starts now!

**Zone C works together to raise £5,000 for a Chemotherapy Space in Solihull Hospital** A campaign to raise funds to support a new £2.2m chemotherapy unit, which will help thousands of cancer patients across the West Midlands fight the deadly disease, has smashed through the halfway point of its £150,000 target.

The new chemotherapy centre, which will be based at Solihull Hospital, will allow people living with cancer to have better access to treatment and will create a more peaceful and relaxed environment.

It will initially have 24 patient treatment chairs and this is expected to rise to 31 within three years.

Benefits of the new unit include a garden, a quiet room for patients, easier parking and a separate entrance to the main hospital building. These extra benefits are not covered by the NHS funding and are raised from the public.

Zone C covers the Solihull Metropolitan Borough and the Club presidents at the last Zone meeting voted to make this the 2018-2019 Zone project. Even before that year started The zone clubs all voted to donate to the project and a “space” valued at £5,000 has been sponsored.

There will be in due time publicity and the zone will be mentioned on the Donor board.

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**Zone G Special School Sports Day.** Every year Zone G runs a sports day for children attending Special Schools in Northamptonshire. This involves lots of great activities including throwing the javelin, curling, long jump, skittles and a bag pull. All children are encouraged by their teachers and support staff to get involved, which they do and a great time is had by all.

This year one of the schools had difficulties in getting to the arena and so a 'team' of Lions helped out and joined in with the games, so alongside Fairfield School and Billing Brook School we had a Zone G Lions team. It was unfortunate but the Lions team had to be disqualified by the referee because they wouldn't sit crossed legged on the floor and persistently kept answering back when being advised how to play the game! Thank you to Lions Amanda, George, Jenny, David and Marion for being such good sports.

All the children received medals and each school had a cup for each team taking part.

This is what we, as Lions, do best...great Service within the community whilst having fun. Although I'm not sure just how many of the Lions team will be able to walk in the morning.



## Lions Club of Godiva Coventry Charter Lunch - 20th May '18

To celebrate Lions centennial year and club's anniversary, Lions Club of Godiva Coventry along with Leos organised a Charter lunch on 20th May 2018. It is the celebration of when Lions Club of Coventry Godiva was officially formed. Various dignitaries attended the event. The right worshipful deputy Lord Mayor and lady Mayoress of Coventry as well as other Lions Clubs who kindly supported us were amongst those dignitaries. Our nominated charity this year is COPD. On the day Several donations were made to local and national deserving Charities.

Here are the lush Donations made at the Charter Lunch:

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| UHC&W. - Respiratory Unit  | £5,000 |
| UHC&W - Diabetes Unit.     | £1,500 |
| Macmillan Cancer Support   | £2,001 |
| Muscular Dystrophy Centre. | £2,001 |
| First Responders.          | £1,798 |
| Milans Asian Carers Group. | £250   |
| Lord Mayor's Charity.      | £101   |

Young Lions (Leos) participated and donating funds raised by them to several charities too.

They were:

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| Positive about you (Children's Charity)                         | £2000, |
| Tabs International Kenya project for the people in the villages | £500   |
| & Guide dog   | £350   |

We are proud of our achievements and are eternally grateful to all those who supported us in this noble cause.



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**Warwick Lions** took their very successful tombola stall to the annual Leamington Peace Festival to publicise the work that Lions Clubs are doing in the local community and to advertise for new members.



## Toe Tapping Entertainment for the Elderly

Wellingborough & District Lions Club arranged an afternoon of musical entertainment for the elderly residents of Rosewood Court in Wellingborough recently.

The lively music was provided by the Wellingborough U3A Ukulele Band and featured songs that many in the audience remembered from their teenage years. Song sheets were provided and it was very obvious that the residents thoroughly enjoyed singing and tapping their feet to the music.

During a break for tea and cakes provided by the Lions, members of the U3A Ukulele Band mingled with the residents, listening to them talking about their musical memories.



As a thank you for their efforts, Wellingborough Lions Club donated £100 to the local Alzheimer's Society - the charity chosen by the U3A Ukulele Band.

**Life in the Pind** For nearly 100 years, Lions have changed lives in their communities and around the world. In celebration of the final year of Centennial Service Lions Club of Coventry Godiva presented 'Life in the Pind' in Coventry UK on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018. After huge success of Festival of Lights last year, Lions club of Coventry Godiva presented another super successful Event. This family event was planned for all the communities to get together and experience the Indian Punjabi village life in Coventry.

Day was attended in huge numbers by various communities and brought a festive atmosphere to Daimler green Community Centre park. Various performances by artists from the field of dance and music entertained the crowd. Small exhibition of Life in Punjabi Village was highlight of the day. Members of Lions Club of Coventry Godiva performed a small skit which was very well received by the crowd. Various village games were organised by the club members for people to take part and experience the village atmosphere.

Everyone enjoyed the beautiful weather along with mouth-watering dishes of Punjab, Makki Di Roti, Sarson Da Saag, Jalebi and Lassi and Danced on the tunes of Punjabi folk, bhangra, Gidha, Dhol and much much more. Daimler Green Community Centre, in Coventry was transformed into a Punjabi Village for a day!!!



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**50<sup>th</sup> Coventry Donkey Derby** Have you a memory to share of your first time at a Coventry Donkey Derby? Did you ride a donkey for the first time at the Memorial Park? Did you win on the Tote? Have you supported your favourite charity for more than 10 years? Whatever your memory we would love to hear from you and see you on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018 at the War Memorial Park for the 50<sup>th</sup> Donkey Derby.

Coventry Leofric Lions with the support of Coventry City Council and Mercia Lions Club are looking to make this year a celebration of 50 years supporting Coventry charities raise funds and awareness of the voluntary work done by so many in our City. Over 50 years the event has been responsible for raising over £2 Million. It would be great this year if we could achieve our target of £50,000.

The Lord Mayor of Coventry, Councillor John Blundell will start the first race at 1.00pm and the City of Coventry Corps of Drums will lead the precession to the start introduced by Vic Minett from BBC CWR. Jockeys for the Donkeys are provided by Moor Farm Stables all trained by safe, professional & qualified friendly staff. Over 30 Charities will be coming to promote their local activities and raise awareness of the valuable service they provide to our community.

Children must visit "The Imagination Reading Café" where Pru Porretta, Lady Godiva, is joined by internationally renowned story teller Kusumika Chatterjee. They can also be entertained by a Punch and Judy show or take part in the "Circus Skills Workshop". They can also ride a Donkey carefully, lead, to make sure they are safe!

Entrance is free with lots to do for all ages, competitions to test your skills, a variety of food and drink available all day and folk music where you can sit and relax if you need a break.

If you would like more information about the 50<sup>th</sup> Donkey Derby please go to [www.leofriclions.org.uk](http://www.leofriclions.org.uk) or call 0845 833 2821.



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**North Sea Lions has a very busy year!** Not less than 3 projects have been concluded this year.



1. The school in Karembure near Kigali in Rwanda has been opened. This project was managed by a Dutch Club.

2. In Tanzania the solar plant that supplies a hospital it with a steady supply of electricity has been opened. This project was managed by a Danish District.

3. In Lithuania a new orphanage was built after the original restoration of the old building was rejected. This project was managed by a German club and won the best German club project at their MD convention recently.



Three projects. One managed by a Dutch club, one by a German club and one by Denmark. True Lions, true co-operation beyond borders, true NSL!

But most exciting news is that at the last Cabinet meeting 105M club Rowell and Desborough LC submitted a project for a school in Uganda. The Cabinet agreed that this project should be put forward to the NSL board meeting in September. It is not the only project competing this year, there are probably a handful this time. This project is a very strong contender, but as always: that the best may win.

**Club News Looking Forward...**

**Club News Looking Back...**

**In the Papers...**

**Any Special Birthdays/Celebrations...**

**Have you got anything that can fill the spaces ???**

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**Dates for your Diary**

**22nd July 2018**

District Changeover - The Stadium Club, Wheelers Lane, Kings Heath B13 0ST

**23rd September 2018**

The Chase Hotel Ross on Wye New District Meeting

**14th October 2018**

District Autumn Forum

**16th March 2019**

District Convention

**4th and 5th May 2109**

MD Convention in Swansea at Brangwyn Hall and the Convention hotel is the Marriott

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