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Corby Lions Activity Benefits Marie Curie Mike Garlick, the Corby Lions organiser of the annual Marie Curie collection at the town's Morrison's supermarket was delighted with this year's response from customers. "That's nearly £1200 this year" He said, "and when added to the amount from last we have collected around £2,400 to pass on to this wonderful charity for those effected by cancer, both patients and their families. But that's not all. We are delighted to have supported Marie Curie over a number of years with the amounts collected helping those in need within Corby and surrounding areas".

Mike added, "What has been achieved over the years by Corby Lions when collecting for Marie Curie would not have been possible without the generosity of Morrison's customers, many of whom have been touched by cancer in one way or another. And of course we must thank the management and staff at Corby's Morrison's store for allowing us to use the supermarket's entrance porch.

Many of the members of the Corby & District Lions and the Friends group helped with the collection taking two hour shifts to ensure the public were aware of what was being done and importantly by whom. Lions International is the largest service organisation in the world with more than one million four hundred thousand members in over two hundred countries. It is an organisation well known for its activity, capability and integrity plus effectiveness in providing help to those in need. Mike concluded, "The fabulous amounts collected for Marie Curie by Corby Lions is just one example of our successes covering forty five years of Lions

here in Corby reflecting the acknowledged and respected position of Lions across the globe".



Morrison's customer Norma Jarvis adds to the Corby Lions collection for Marie Curie with Lions members Colin Bradshaw (left of image) & Dan McDonald (right)

Even More at Corby Lions Even more personnel have boosted the Corby & District Lions team with two additional new members recently joining. This makes a grand total of no less than six who have become members over the past few months. As Corby Lions President Jenny Clarke commented, "We have always been an active club probably punching above our weight on behalf of our local community in particular. We've had a large number of past successes when monies we've raised has benefited local organisations and groups though we mustn't forget that Lions is a dual gender international organisation so we do assist others elsewhere. Now, our larger membership will enable us to do more for others and we sincerely hope that when seeing our success other individuals will want

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to become part of Corby Lions”.

“We’ve a positive programme of activities during the year with our grants scheme for Corby soon to be announced, our fun day at East Carlton Park, just to the west of Corby town, in June and participation at the Corby Carnival. They and other occasions are designed to raise awareness of what Lions can achieve on behalf of our community. Those interested in Corby Lions can find out more during those events or by visiting the club’s Facebook page or web site”

New members Mel Jarvis (left of picture) & Andrew Sutherland (right) showing membership certificates with Corby Lions President Jenny Clarke



Coventry Leofric Lions Support Marie Curie Coventry Leofric Lions took to the streets on the first Saturday in March to support the work of Marie Curie and the 2019 Great Daffodil Appeal, eight Lions took it in shifts across eight hours to collect funds and hand out daffodils at the Binley Morrisons.

Members of the club were humbled by the generosity of the people of Coventry and privileged to be able to hear some very personal stories about why the donators gave to Marie Curie and the difference the Nurses had made to the lives of friends, family, loved ones and in one ladies case herself, she described her Marie Curie Nurse as her Rock - making the total that we raised over £550 on the day that little bit more special - especially when we considered that this would pay for 27.5 hours of nursing care in someones own home.



Leforic Lions are looking forward to supporting the 2020 Great Daffodil Appeal.



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Lions Barry and Graham from Walsall Lions Club enjoying their collection day for Marie Curie in March.

WARWICK LIONS Paul Levien and Peter Amis joined Lion President John Tunney and PDG Neil Chisholm to brave the elements and Brexit Protesters to attend the Lions Day with the United Nations held at the House of Commons on Tuesday 12th March.

We heard speakers from UNICEF, and the Humanity & Inclusion Charity who work with land-line victims and amputees, witnessed the presentations to the young winners of the Peace Poster and Essay competitions and the signing of a memorandum of Understanding between Lions Clubs International and Brain Tumour Research.



The vote of thanks was given by 105m District Governor Stewart Sherman-Kahn.

Balsall Common Lions Club fourth Annual Presentation Awards evening took place on 25th February.

This is an opportunity for the Lions to reward a number of organisations and individuals that have helped and supported them throughout the year.

Many local clubs, societies, venues and organisations benefit from the Lions' hard work. The annual bonfire in partnership with the Sports Association and sponsored by local businesses is a huge success. Elves from 8 local organisations helped Santa's sleigh visit Balsall Common, Berkswell, Fen End and Burton Green this year, raising £6500. Cheques totalling £13000 were given out at



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The beneficiaries were Balsall and Berkswell Hornets Football Club, Canley Community Centre, 2nd Balsall Common Scouts, 53rd Berkswell Scouts, Berkswell and Balsall Common Rugby Club, Berkswell Cricket Club, Fast+Aid, Galileo Scouts, Jubilee Cafe, Lily Mae, Meriden School and Solihull Hospital Charity.

The Rawbone of Friendship Project For Children received £1200 raised through our 100 Club Draw. This will pay for 120 outings for disadvantaged children.

This year's 100 Club beneficiary will be The Marie Curie Men's Shed Project. The idea came from Balsall Common Lion Brian Hornsby who died in October last year. Brian and Suzanne from the Marie Curie Hospice in Solihull visited a similar project at a hospice in Liverpool and saw the phenomenal impact that it had. The idea of the shed is that it is a safe space for men to talk about their own illness, their role supporting someone with a serious illness, or people they have lost. A thriving group currently meets once a week at the hospice in Solihull, but the funds currently being raised will pay for a new purpose built shed that will eventually be open.

In addition this year we also awarded Lions Centennial Certificates of Appreciation to four local individuals for their Service to the Community of Balsall Common & Berkswell. These were Norman Thompson, Jackie Tomnie, Charlotte Shadbolt & Christine Hornsby. Mikey Ackers of Mikey's Wish, (Verbal Dyspraxia Awareness) was awarded a Special Centennial Award for his work with his Charity.

Lion President Marie-Louise Marsden said: "Once again our annual presentation night is a fantastic

chance to reflect on the club's hard work through the year, to thank all of those people who have supported us and made it possible for us to raise so much money for other local clubs and societies. Our 42 members, and many more friends, work very hard to achieve what we do.

"We're always looking for more people to join, either as a full member or for specific events.



Presentation Evening 2019

If you'd like to find out more about joining us please get in touch." Call Mark Whitfield on 07795 184745, email whitfieldfamily@btinternet.com or send us a message on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/BalsallCommonLionsClub>



Heart of England School PTA

Balsall Common Lions ran the bar for the Heart of England School PTA Quiz Night. During the evening Lion Andy Pemberton was pleased to be able to present a cheque to Charlotte Scarrott from the PTA,

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14th Heart of England Bike Ride Sunday 14 July

There are lots of exciting changes ahead for this year's Lions Bike Ride from Packwood NT House around the beautiful Warwickshire countryside. Gear up, get your friends and family together and take on the challenge of the 12 mile or exciting all new 60 mile velo route. Help raise funds for The UK Sepsis Trust, SoLO Life Opportunities as well as local causes. After your ride enjoy a free visit to the House and Gardens and something from the Lions BBQ. More details and sign up in March via www.knowleanddorridgeions.com/bikeride

Heart of England Bike Ride

Sunday 14th July 2019

from Packwood
National Trust House, Solihull

A great family day out



All proceeds to



THE UK
SEPSIS
TRUST

and other local causes

Choice of 20 & 30k leisure ride and 100k sportive
(12, 18 and 60 mile rides)



Free visit to house & gardens
after your ride

Organized by
**KNOWLE & DORRIDGE
LIONS CLUB**

Registered charity No. 509993

Sign up today at knowleanddorridgeions.com/bikeride

VIVO Rocks Balsall Common Again What another great night from this very popular talented Band. Vivo Party Band, played again to a 'Sell Out Audience' and Balsall Common rocked. These guys have a reputation for great musicianship, professionalism and a versatility that's astounding &

as ever the dance floor was packed.



As always a big Thank You to everyone who came along to support us to make it a fabulous evening. Vivo will be back again with us next March....look out for the date.

It was also a great Charity Fundraising event and the raffle raised £470 for Prostate Cancer UK.

Balsall Common Lions are carrying out prostate testing on 18th May @ St Peters Hall, Balsall Common between 10am to 1pm.

So TELL Dad, TELL Grandad. Put the date in your diary today!



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WARWICK LIONS hosted a most successful "girls night out" at the Warwick Arms Hotel on Thursday 14th. March.

There was a fashion show modelled by lady members, wives and girlfriends featuring clothes from favourite High Street brands and French and Italian designer wear which later went on sale at knock down prices, a bar with prosecco and soft drinks and a raffle all in aid of Safeline the Warwick based charity who support victims of rape and sexual abuse, now celebrating it's twenty-fifth year."



The picture shows our coterie of glamorous models.



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**Balsall Common
Lions Club (CIO)**
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Brass Neck

An English Country Dance Band



on
Saturday 18th May 2019
7.30p.m. for 8.00p.m.

Tickets £12.50
(to include Supper)
Licensed Bar

at

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Balsall Common, CV7 7EA**

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Saturday April 6th at 6.45pm

**Our Lady of Victories
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Dementia
Harborough**

Entry by donation

FEATURING:

**EASTWEST
WHALE**

**KAREN ANGELA &
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3 OF CLUBS**

PAUL ANDERSON

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Kettering Lions along with guests and Lions

from Bushby, Corby, Harborough 2012, Northampton, Northampton Eighty and Wellingborough, recently came together to celebrate their 46th Charter Evening. The event took place at The Masonic Hall in Kettering. As well as the wonderful food, guests were also treated to a half hour set of swing music, by the very talented Josh Wylie, who had the audience joining in with the songs. There was also a very successful raffle.



During the evening District Governor Stewart Sherman-Kahn, presented four of Kettering Lions with their Long Service Awards. So congratulations and thank you to Barry Goodey and Ivan Mayers (for 45 years service each), Bernard Jones (for 40 years service) and Harry Mayes (for 35 years service) for their continued commitment and dedication to Kettering Lions.

Kettering Lions recently held 3 collection days at Kettering Morrisons in aid of Marie Curie; collecting donations for the Great Daffodil Appeal with their infamous Marie Curie hats and daffodil pins. We raised £1038.37.

The money raised goes to help Marie Curie provide much needed expert care to people with any



terminal illness (including cancer, dementia and heart disease), as well as supporting their families.



What it means to be a Lion

— a new editorial feature in the Lion Magazine — Louise Draper from Kidderminster and District Lions Club was given a recognition award at a recent Zone Meeting for sharing her story in the Lion Magazine.

Six splendid chocolate bunnies were donated to various organisations at our meeting this week. The Super Hero bunnies are made by 'Chocolate Deli' who can be found in their chocolate shop at the Jinny Ring, Hanbury.

The organisations are 'Age U.K. Bromsgrove, Redditch & Wyre Forest', 'Aston Fields Middle School', 'Bromsgrove Basement Project', 'Catshill First School and Nursery', Parkinsons U.K. Redditch & Bromsgrove Branch' and Waseley Hills High School.

Last year, our Easter Bunnies helped local organisations to raise over £1400. A fantastic amount which we

hope will be beaten this year so, if you are near any of these organisations, please support their fundraising.



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District Convention - A First Timer's View I was privileged to be able to spend the weekend with Lions from across the District at my 1st (105M's 44th and final) Annual District Convention. I joined Coventry Leofric Lions almost seven months ago and I have enjoyed exploring what Lionism means at a club, District, National and International Level. The power of service and how passionate Lions truly are was for me embodied in during the weekend

Fun and fellowship were the golden thread throughout our Convention, starting on the Friday evening with a theme of a night with Elton John. It was great to see how many zany and outrageous costumes we all wore



Saturday's opening ceremony reminded all of us present about the history of Lions Clubs International. After a reading of the Code of Ethics we held a moment of reflection as we remembered those Lions who had passed away in the last year and the service they gave to Lions and their communities.



Hearing from our three Global Action Teams (GAT) demonstrated how all three areas (Leadership, Membership & Service) work in combination to enable us all to deliver service to our local communities.

Did you know that we as a collective have served over 18, 649 people so far this year?

After lunch, DG Stewart had decided that we needed to energise our minds and bodies before listening to our guest speakers, so a Physical Trainer came into the room and we all had a mini workout - check out facebook for the video!



We had some motivating and thought provoking presenters-David Yates from Aston University on Service Clubs. Josh from Seven Billion Ideas presented a project #LionsROAR an initiative to help young people expand their imagination and reach for the stars and Sarah Bradbury spoke about Leadership community liaison work that Tesco undertakes in the UK and how there is a reasonably sized pot of money that Lions Clubs could tap into.... Both of these this will certainly be worth exploring.

Finally the heart breaking story of Melanie Griffiths, her family's journey following her sisters suicide and the work she is doing with Papyrus. Her moving story and the work they undertake truly deserves every penny we can raise for the DG's Partner Appeal this year.



We finished off the day recognising Lions achievements from 105M, listening to the thoughts and advice of PID Miklos Horvath & the DGE Ian Gott.

On the Sunday morning there was a Q&A session with PID Miklos and he gave us information and challenged us to go and make Our Clubs, Our Way.

We finished off the weekend with a bit of fun as DG Stewart having cream pies thrown at him in aid of Papyrus.



Having seen so many passionate people over the weekend I left convention feeling inspired to keep serving in my local community and make a difference on a global level!

Lion Stuart Young, Coventry Leofric Lions Club Secretary
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The LCIF stand at the entrance to 105M convention Daventry had lots of visitors with 20p's collected in 'old' MiaB bottles which held about £30. Coventry Mercia Lions collected a magnificent £200 in 20p's see at the top left with



Lion President Terlochan (Tochi) Singh and Region Chair Ravinder (Rav) Sandhu holding the coins - centre of picture. Sutton Coldfield & Erdington Lions also donated £200 on the day. In total £510.00 was collected at our Convention in between the business sessions for LCIF Campaign 100 which has a target of collecting \$300m world-wide by June 30th 2021.

Many thanks to all clubs and individual Lions who visited the LCIF stand and contributed to Campaign 100.

Donations can be made in the usual way with a cheque to the District Treasurer endorsed on the back 'LCIF'.

If you would like to know more about LCIF please

visit the International website, <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/discover-our-foundation/mission>. The power of your contributions to Lions Clubs International Foundation is a safer and healthier world.

**Be on the look out for...
Kash's Angels...**



Lion **Heather Lee** from
Marston Green & District...
Lion **Cath Kendall** from
Northampton...
Lion **Joy Haffner** from
Worcester...



**£1.00 Per Hug raising funds for
The DG's Partners Appeal**

An amazing amount of **£427.11** was raised at
Convention by mugging...

Whoops I mean hugging!!!

A very big THANK YOU for all your hugs

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