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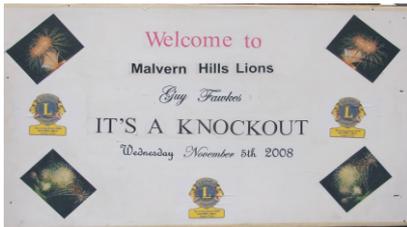
# news letter

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November 5th was a great day for Ann and myself as we attended the Malvern Hills It's a knock out competition. It was great to see so many people of all ages with learning difficulties enjoying themselves. The Club was supported by others from the Zone, Evesham Vale, Droitwich and Worcester. A great example of delivering Service

Lion President Sue Mackintosh and myself getting ready to present the prizes. Droitwich Kingsfields Day Service were first but all the teams were winners in my book. The other teams taking part were Evesham Day Centre, Malvern Social Education Centre, Regency High School Worcester, Worcester Perryfields Centre, Tewkesbury Adult Opportunity Centre, Hereford St Owen's Centre.



I had the pleasure to attend Kingswinford & Stourbridge Have a Go Day in July, but missed Hinkley and Burbage's Swimming Gala in October. Both events for those with learning difficulties or disabilities.

All three are great examples of Lions delivering SERVICE. What really impresses me is the Lions who turn out every year to help, because they enjoy themselves. Service and enjoyment what a great mix.

### Health and Safety

PDG Alan James gave a presentation on this important subject at Autumn Forum and followed up with a mailing to all Clubs.

Included in the mailing is a form which all Clubs are required to submit to Alan.

To date around 20 Clubs have returned the form.

Secretaries and Presidents please ensure your Club has made a return.

### District Convention

The booking forms have been published. Lets have a great turn out at Bromsgrove.

The Convention Committee are working hard to put on a great convention.

Our International guest will be Bojan Sober a first year International Director from Croatia. Both he and his wife are professional opera singers.

Will he sing for his supper?

**PLEASE PHOTOCOPY THIS NEWSLETTER FOR ALL CLUBMEMBERS**

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The travels are slowing down at this time of year.

The best explanation comes from PDG Henry Woodgate in his Cabinet report

Father Christmas Outfits are being fitted, sleighs being serviced, voices well lubricated and ducks being trained.

So who wants to see the District Governor?

## December

2nd Handsworth  
3rd Marston Green  
4th Northampton 80  
8th Kenilworth  
11th Droitwich

## January

7th Shirley  
10th *Balsall Common*  
14th Sheldon  
15th Bilston  
20th Solihull  
21st Northampton  
23rd Council  
24th of  
25th Governors  
26th *Kettering*  
28th Moseley  
31st *Kenilworth*

## Thurnby Club

It was great to present the Charter to Thurnby Club on 15th November.

Well done to PDG Suresh and Bushby Club for all the work they have put in to establish the Club.

We need Clubs like this with a younger membership profile to ensure the future of our organisation.

It was good to see so many clubs there including Market Harborough who are the Mother Club of Bushby.

## Competitions

The winner of the Peace Poster has been selected. The final of the District Music competition is 30th November. The District Young Ambassador competition is in January.

All these winners will be presented at the Bromsgrove Convention so why not come along and find out more.

## Membership

At the end of October the membership position was

Clubs increasing	8
Clubs losing	15
Clubs static	36

Overall we had a net loss of 11 members.

A number of Clubs are reporting good reactions to card drops and are forecasting growth.

Clubs should be thinking about how to recruit members.

Friends, Family, members of other organisations can be approached by word of mouth.

Card drops are more impersonal and random, but if the Club has a high profile can be successful.

Most Clubs have an active programme at this time of year. Make sure you get the publicity that will help the effectiveness of the card drop.

REMEMBER  
PLUS ONE BY 30th JUNE

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## Club Web Sites

In the last two weeks two Clubs have contacted me to draw my attention to their new and improved web sites.

They were impressive, and many Clubs now have excellent web sites.

The job now is to ensure the sites are kept up to date.

## Cabinet meeting

The 2nd meeting of the year was held on November 16th

Three Lions came along to see what goes on. These meetings are open to all Lions. The next one is February 8th at the Village Hotel Coventry.

Any one interested in becoming a District Officer, make this known to your Zone Chairman or let VDG Femi know. Cabinet is not a closed shop, its open to all.

Cabinet reports from all officers are published on our District website, if you are interested read them.

## Annual Accounts

All Clubs are expected to send a copy of their accounts for the year ended 30th June 2008 to District Treasurer PDG John Bush.

These accounts must be sent to PDG John by the end of December.

The accounts should be audited by someone independent of the Treasurer and the Club Officers. This can be a Club member

Please make sure PDG John receives your Club's Accounts.

## Dues

The second half dues for District, MD and International are due. PDG John has written to all Club Treasurers. Please make sure payment is made promptly.

## MD Convention

The last edition of the Lion Magazine contained details of the Southport Convention.

Its a lot closer than Aberdeen so lets have a good representation from 105M.

Anyone interested contact Lion Harry Fry.



## Beefy's Walk

As you can see from the picture I enjoyed my day at Charlecote.

Lions all over the country were asked to marshal the event, in their area.

Ian Botham certainly set a fast pace as he lead the sponsored walkers around the park surrounding Charlecote.

To his credit he thanked the marshals as he marched past.

Thanks to Dave Carter from Knowle and Dorridge for organising the Lions contingent.

It was a good day and thanks to those from Knowle & Dorridge, Evesham, Warwick, Balsall Common, Wellesbourne who turned out.

The picture shows Dave and his fellow members of Knowle and Dorridge making sure the DG is escorted off the premises with the remains of the beer

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## Partners Project

Ann and I are overwhelmed by the response to her Partner's Project - Sands .

As promised we will ensure that Club donations support local maternity units.

The picture above shows Kettering President Malcom Harris presenting a supply of Precious Memory Boxes to the bereavement midwife at Kettering Hospital. This was the first presentation of the boxes.

Supplies are now being arranged for West Midlands' Hospitals. Contacts have been found for Northampton and Leicestershire.

At the moment our demand is exceeding supply, thanks to all those busy knitting blankets

Sands will be at Bromsgrove Convention and we will be giving an update on our progress.

## Promotional Support

A number of Clubs have expressed an interest in buying one of the Lions Roller banners. One of which was on display at Forum.

The ordering process will be via MDHQ; full details will be circulated soon.

The Multiple District is now going to supply each District with additional promotion material

2mx2m Display Panel  
3m tall Feather Flag  
New Roller Banner

All this will be available to Clubs for events.

I have asked the MD officer to supply two sets of equipment. This is because 105M have not received support towards major public events, such as the London Lord Mayor's Show and The Yorkshire Show.

At the November Cabinet meeting it was decided to purchase a TV/DVD player for each region to ensure we could present all the material now being distributed on DVD.

This will ensure better presentations to Members and the General Public. At all times we have to be as professional as possible.

## Using the District mailing List

Simon Moss has put together a list of do's and don't s of using the District Mailing.

He is doing a great job, but observing these simple rules will make his job easier and publication much easier.

Follow the format

Event Title  
Event Date  
Event Time  
Event Price  
Event Venue  
Booking Info  
Other info

Do not ask Simon to handle replies they must go to whoever posts the information.

## Europa Forum 2009

This is being held in Tampere Finland.

Details are now being posted on the Europa Forum website.

If your interested in going, talk to our own Europa Forum Officer Richard Wilson. He is full of information especially on how to keep the cost reasonable.