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Who Are Southam Lions?



The Monthly Furniture Sale

We've been keeping a pretty low profile for the past 25 years or so because we have so much fun doing the things we do. Unfortunately we have been found out by the DG and he has insisted that we tell you about 'life with the Lions' here in Southam!

Can we just say that we had a great time with Suresh and Josna and it was memorable too since Suresh was on hand to assist with the induction of Lion David Thomas.

First of all we meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at Galanos House, which is a residential home for the elderly. Some of the Lions are only attending so that they can put their names down, be able to 'attend meetings' and then retire to their rooms!

What do we get up to? Well when DG Suresh and his wife Josna visited the club in early April it was clear from Suresh's comments that he and his wife thoroughly enjoyed the evening with us. Our 'Tail-Twister' even charged them both 50p since they laughed so much at the antics of the members – in fact that night he raised £21!

Our monthly furniture sales or (furniture re-cycling) continue to be successful. Our picture shows the vast array of goods on sale and we regularly swell our coffers by between £400-£500 each time. We once hit the magic £700 (or at least that's what the elder statesmen among us would have us believe!). In a year though, we can expect to get £5K towards the £13K or so we raise as a Club. We never have a problem with the Lions turnout on a Saturday sale and round about 10.30 it is usual to see everyone crammed round a dining table eating cakes produced by the President's wife and drinking copious amounts of tea and coffee. This is when the week's jokes tend to be told!

Seeing Lions' Bill and Ken in their Father Christmas outfits is truly a sight to behold and this last Christmas we had to have a 'stand in' on a couple of occasions in the shape of Lion Terry. Terry did OK even though he had a touch of 'man flu' but we had a giggle when an old lady of 91 came out to see Father Christmas and sat on his knee. 'Have some chocolate' he said offering her a minute bar of Cadburys

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DG s News Letter

I have thoroughly enjoyed the moments of being a District Governor. I feel so much blessed with such a wonderful District where the Lions work hard in harmony, and maintain fun and fellowship.

The increase in membership to a net growth of 42 is the highest in our MD district. A big thank you to all the clubs and officers for working hard in rebuilding the district. The work that was started in Mavis's year continued this year in building membership, and opening new clubs. Thurnby Lions, branch of Bushby was formed on 12th March, with another branch club , Nechells nearly ready to be opened, sponsored by Birmingham Chinatown.

The MERL committee is working harder to open next Lionistic year, several other new clubs. Meriden, Coventry , Alcester, Nechells, Thurnby, to name a few, will surely emerge as new clubs.

The Campaign Sight First 11 is gaining momentum. The gala ball is on 7th June at the Clarendon Suites, Hagley Road, Birmingham . As mentioned in my last newsletter, the cost is only £25 per person for Lions. This includes drink, and canapés at reception, with 5 course meal, entertainment by Don McLean.

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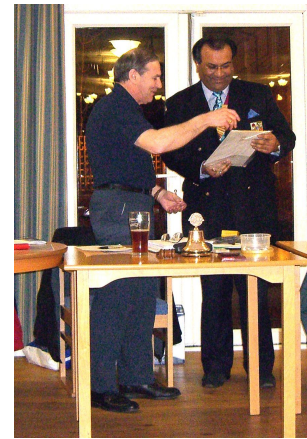
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‘I would rather have some of the other!’ she replied to a man suddenly lost for words!!! On a serious note, Southam Lions went out 13 times with the Sleigh and raised an amazing £4K for children’s charities – hard work but great fun!

I won’t bore you with too much more just to mention that we are about to embark on our silly season with May Day closely followed by the Carnival. Both events and indeed all the Lions events are managed by the Activities Committee. This year the carnival theme is ‘The 60’s!’ and we are all looking forward to the Lions ladies suitably dressed in micro skirts with ‘Free Love’ on their too small T shirts. Maybe this is a sad old lion remembering escapades 40 odd years ago!

Finally we have a ‘Boy’s Night Out’ coming up soon. A dreadful occasion since the trip will be to Hook Norton Brewery and there will be beer consumed in great measure. A meal at a local Inn follows, assuming the Pride of Southam can find it followed by a sedate journey back to Southam in the Community Mini Bus. No prizes for guessing who will have to clean out the bus should it be necessary – poor old David Thomas! (last in and all that!)

All is well in Southam and we welcome anyone who wishes to come along to a meeting. Bring some money though since our Tail-Twister robs all of us including guests!



Rowell Meet The Lions Evening



From left to right are Mrs. Elaine Phillips, DG Suresh & Josna; the Mayor and Mayoress of Kettering; The Chairman of Rothwell Council and lastly Lion President Richard

The DGs Photo Gallery



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and dancing to a live Steel Band

With Darren Blenkiron as DJ for some items. There are fabulous prizes to be won in the silent auction, and raffle draw.

This function is the first of its kind in the District for the Lions. Please support us in this very worthy cause. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

We need advertisements for the souvenir booklet. Produced in full colour A4 size, the cost is £200 for full page, £150 for half page, and £125 for quarter size.

Please contact Martin Bye or myself for placing any advert in the booklet.

WELCOME TO THESE NEW LIONS

I am pleased to welcome the following new Lions into the family of Lionism.

Rani Saund-Coventry Godiva

Stephen and Teresa Gray-Balsall Common

Paul and Jennifer Griffiths-Balsall Common

Ian Hoare-Balsall Common

Peter Hubblethwaite- Balsall Common

Marie-Louise Marsden-Balsall Common

Raymond Stephens-Balsall Common

Lyn O'Brian-Marston Green

Lin Ockendon-Market Harborough

Keith Crompton-Birmingham Erdington

Jane Wilson – Northampton. I guess one club's loss is another club's gain!

At the last convention, there were 3 resolutions put forward.-

- 1) Dist Dues for £8.75 to remain same per member. The resolution was accepted
- 2) Resolution to discontinue the election of Zone Chairman was defeated. An excellent debate followed the proposition put forward. Many felt that the Zones /Clubs should be given the chance to elect their Zone Chairman. This year we are still short of ZC in Zone J. Any volunteers!
- 3) The third resolution was to urge the 2008/2009 Council of Governors to commission a feasibility study into the cost of providing an appropriate memorial to commemorate Lionism in the Multiple District 105 at the National Memorial Arboretum, in the charity category of memorials. This too was accepted and passed.

DG's travels

In April attending the Charter on 19th April, at Hinckley and Burbage

20th, Charter luncheon at Market Harborough MD Convention from 23rd April to 27th April in Aberdeen .

MAY 2008 3rd May—Charter Bedworth 5th May-Evesham Vale-special presentation 6th May- Handsworth

7th Bushby 10th May-charter at Wellsbourne 11th May-Cabinet meeting. Coventry 12th May-Erdington

14th May-Redditch 16th May-charter –Aldridge 17th May-Charter-Dorridge and Knowle

18th to 25th May-off to USA to attend my sons wedding in New Jersey

Take time to stop and enjoy the little things God brings along your way each and every day.