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Amala School Project



Many of you will know of my requests for support for the building of two schools attached to the Amala Children's Home in Tamil Nadu South India. The existing schools were part of the children's home and local laws required them to be separated.

About 400 children are educated in the three schools, the kindergarten is already separate. They study for a certificate approved by the Indian Education Authority and this allows them into higher education. Their pass rate is almost 100% and many are supported into higher education by the Amala Trust, a UK charity.

The junior school has now been built. During my last visit in October 2006 it was a building site and it is difficult

to believe that this beautiful building has emerged from the rubble. The primary school is well under way and the LCIF Grant of \$50,000 has been received towards this school. A plaque has already been delivered to the School acknowledging the funds from the Lions in 105M and a further plaque will be placed acknowledging the LCIF grant.

I would like to thank all of those who contributed to this appeal, the work still continues and further funds are needed. I have a video I can show to any Club who would like to include it as part of their programme without obligation.

PDG Lion John Bush.
Market Harborough Lions Club."

DG s News Letter

The flooding disaster at the end July 2007 was devastating. The areas greatly affected were Worcester, Leamington Spa, Evesham Vale, Stour Valley and Teme Valley . The RC Graham Taylor and Lion Brian Eland were appointed as Coordinators. A request was sent to all the Clubs to donate towards the Flooding Appeal. There has been a positive response from some Clubs but I strongly recommend that other Clubs also assist. During the flooding disaster, I would personally like to thank all the Lions who have worked hard helping the public.

The Council has agreed to set up a Disaster Fund for MD105. At present, the Emergency Grant has got limited usage. However, the Disaster Fund would be available for wider use. Clubs throughout the MD105 District will be encouraged to send cheques to District Treasurer who will then pass over to Multi-District Treasurer.

The Campaign Sightfirst II is gaining momentum. Thanks to the work done by the Coordinator and Lion members.

Many of the Clubs have started reporting electronically and those Clubs who do not have their login ID and passwords should contact:
wmmr@lionsclubs.org

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Lion Fred Richardson 1930-2007

Fred passed away in June after losing his fight against cancer.

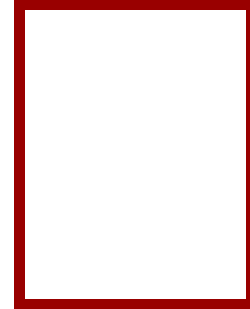
He was a charter member of Stour Valley Lions and over the years many of you would have come in contact with him. Affectionately known in Shipston as 'Fred the Raffle' he was well known in the area for his charity involvement, not only with Lions, he was treasurer of the local branch of the British Legion, He also used his unique fundraising ability for numerous other charity organisations

Many have said Shipston will not be the same without seeing him outside the local supermarket selling raffle tickets.

It showed the affection held for him in the town as it was standing room only in the church at his funeral.

When the Club was struggling Fred, although having been President on two occasions, stepped in and took over the office for another two consecutive years. We have much to thank him for as the Club may have folded at that time if it had not been for his leadership.

He leaves a wife Margaret, and daughter Lisa and our thoughts are with them at this difficult time.



LEADERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

Having shared the role of Leadership & Development Officer with Lion Mike Barker for a year, I have now taken over the role for 2007/8. Having experienced it for myself, I can fully understand why one particular issue has frustrated Mike for a number of years.

When we hold workshops, there is no charge to the Lions attending despite the fact that there is a cost to the district for the supply of lunches, refreshments or even room hire when necessary. We have a limited number of places on the workshops and when an individual does not turn up or drops out at short notice, not only do the refreshments have to be paid for but s/he is depriving another Lion of the place.

The members of the Leadership team are more than willing to give up their time to deliver the workshops but recently, Lion Mike delayed his holiday by a week to accommodate the workshop and then on a ring round to confirm attendance so many people dropped out at the last minute, we had to cancel. Many of these Lions knew in advance of my telephone call that they were unable to attend but obviously did not have any intention of letting us know. Perhaps our time and effort is of little importance to them.

In order to address this situation, I have sought and received DG Suresh's approval for the following. With immediate effect any booking for a place on a workshop must be accompanied by a £10 cheque deposit made payable to LCI 105M. Lions attending on the day will have their cheques returned to them. Anyone who does not turn up (without giving a minimum 14 days notice) will forfeit the cheque, which will be paid into district funds to re-imburse the

incurred costs.

I am sorry that it has been necessary to resort to these measures and hope that it will not deter those who genuinely wish to attend future workshops.

Lion Phil White
Leadership & Development Officer

UNIQUE EVENT

In the July issue of Midland News we reported the "Unique Event" of a triple induction ceremony held by Solihull Lions Club.

It didn't take long for a response.

Lion Malcom Trewick of Kenilworth Lions Club said "We Can Beat That"!!

He reported that Kenilworth Lions Club held an open evening in October 2000
In February 2001 FOUR new members were inducted.

In March 2001 FOUR more members were inducted

In April 2001 TWO new members were inducted.

TEN new members inducted in THREE months. Now that's unique.

Unless of course you now different?

Is this the FBI's Most Wanted Poster



It turns out this is not a wanted poster, It's DGs for 2007 – 2008 at the B & I Reception at Chicago 2007

An urgent reminder about the Youth Football Competition.

I don't seem to be getting any response and the closing date is getting very close. I have had only two Clubs responding so far.

The age limit is under 14yrs. The closing date is August 31st.

This competition is the only one which is played for the under 14 level in the country, which is sanctioned by the British and European Countries. I hope you can help

Thanks

Yours In Lionism

Lion Carl Kings

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Lions 'Ferret Out' a Donation for the Air Ambulance Service.

The Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance Service have benefited from a recent fund raising activity carried out by **Brixworth Lions**.

The Lions organised a Ferret Race in Scaldwell Village Hall in conjunction with International Ferret Welfare who provided the ferrets and arranged the races. On the evening, the race goers studied form, sized up the conditions and laid their bets. But due to form, none of the ferrets followed form, and there were many losers. However, there were winners, those being the International Ferret Welfare who received a donation from the Lions to help in their work in rescuing maltreated ferrets and the main winners, the Air Ambulance Service.

At a meeting on Wednesday 13th June, Lion Jim Wardle, coordinator of Brixworth Lions, presented a cheque for £514 to Colin Caldecote of the Air Ambulance Service who then gave an interesting presentation about the Air Ambulance and the service it provides to this area.

More DGs News

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Please also note that the Autumn Forum is being held on 21st October 2007 at Village Hotel & Leisure Club
Dolomite Avenue
Coventry Business Park
Coventry
CV4 9GZ .

This will include 5 seminars namely

1. Campaign Sightfirst II
2. Diabetes Awareness with Yoga
3. How to obtain a Grant
4. Incoming Officers
5. Hearing and Speech Aid

Lion Stuart Richmond will be forwarding details shortly.

WELCOME TO THESE NEW LIONS

I am pleased to welcome the following 17 new members who joined in the month of July 07:-

Club:

Balsall Common
Birmingham Sheldon
Redditch
Redditch
Birmingham Exhibition
Coventry Godiva
Castle Bromwich
Castle Bromwich
Rugby Rokeby
Marston Green & District
Bushby
Bushby
Kenilworth
Corby & District
Corby & District
Corby & District
Northampton Chinatown

Name:

Robin Peacock
Gregory Hession
Charles Reed
Ferne Reed
Shelagh Crompton
Harshad Kotecha
Graham Wooldridge
Pat Wooldridge
Rodney Blezard
David Harbage
Yen Goo
Suresh Kotecha
Michael Dillon
John Masters
Bob Shepherd
Alan Smith
Yuk Lan Chan

This is an excellent beginning to our lionistic year. Fellow Lions, keep up the momentum.

DGs Club Visits

I visited Wellingborough & District on 6th August 2007 and shall be visiting the following Clubs in the future:-

- 8th August 2007 Coventry Godiva
- 9th August 2007 Aldridge & District
- 10th September 2007 Wellesbourne & District
- 20th September 2007 Bilston & Willenhall – Charter Night
- 13th October 2007 Marston Green & District- Charter Night
- 13th November 2007 Barwell & Earl Shilton

Finally, I wish to thank all the Lions for wonderful work they are doing for humanitarian purposes.

DG Suresh Gohil-BSc.ACII.MCMI

Together in Unity

I offer you peace. I offer you love.
I offer you friendship.
I see your beauty. I hear your need.
I feel your feelings.
My Wisdom flows from the Highest Source. I salute that Source in you.
Let us work together for unity and love.

Mahatma Gandhi