

# Midland News



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## WIN A PLAYER WITH PREMIER LEAGUE 'CREATING CHANCES'



As part of the Premier League's new flagship good causes programme, 'Creating Chances', charities and community groups throughout the country are being given the chance to win a Barclays Premier League footballer.

'Places for Players' will see 60 Barclays Premier League stars make personal appearances for successful bids during September this year. The players' time has been donated by all 20 Premier League clubs to help charities and good causes drive awareness of their projects and create fundraising opportunities.

Richard Scudamore, Chief Executive of the Premier League, said "Creating Chances highlights the Premier League and our Clubs' continued and increasing commitment to local communities. The 'Places for Players' initiative is an excellent and visible way to give hundreds of charitable organisations the opportunity to highlight their fantastic work. This initiative is just one of many ways all our clubs and their players support a broad range of community projects, and a fitting way to launch Creating Chances."

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## DG s News Letter

Well, here I am writing my last Newsletter for my year as your District Governor; where did the year go?

The year has been a challenge for me and I have worked hard to make sure that you have news of what is happening in the District.

The District Governor's Newsletter and the Midland News are now combined to give you this information, in colour, and is distributed electronically for you all to receive your own copy direct.

I changed the format of Autumn Forum and District Convention and invited excellent speakers for these events. I hope that those of you who attended found them informative and enjoyable, certainly the numbers attending increased.

The most satisfying part of my role as your District Governor has been my visits to your Clubs. These have shown me just how hard you are all working in your own communities and beyond.

They have also shown me that all Clubs are addressing the question of introducing new members bringing in fresh ideas and a new enthusiasm.

You are all maintaining our traditional values and mission in the way "We Serve"

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## Solihull's Three In One Day

A unique event took place at Solihull Lions Club at the Ramada Hotel on Tuesday, February 20th when THREE new Lions were inducted in one ceremony.

New Lions John Colcombe, Keith Yeomans, and Clive Jones were inducted by Lion President Paul Jolly, badged up by Zone Chairman Jim Mathers, and welcomed by Club Lions.

Pictured (l. to r.) Chairman Jim Mathers, New Lion Keith Yeomans, Lion President Paul Jolly, New Lions John Colcombe & Clive Jones.



Events in Portugal have focussed peoples thoughts to the emotional trauma, shock, guilt and numbness of losing a young child. But those emotions affect other parents daily when a Doctor confirms worst fears that there is something medically or physically wrong with their newborn baby.

Zöe's Place is a unique Baby Hospice that offers 'one to one' respite, palliative and terminal care to babies up to five. In this respect, Zöe's Place is unique and is perhaps better able to focus its care to that age group than other 'children's' hospices that accommodate children into their later teens.

### **There are Zöe's Place's in Liverpool and Middlesbrough and one is being located in Warwickshire to serve the greater Midlands area.**

Many Lions Clubs in Coventry and Warwickshire have heard a presentation from Vickie Partridge, Fundraising Director for the Midlands Project, and many have already given very generously (almost £20,000 from Clubs in Zone F), which, with other donations has allowed the project to get to the build stage.

Zöe's Place provides a loving, supportive environment for babies and families, ensuring that pain and other symptoms, which can cause acute distress and anxiety, are controlled or prevented. Following any contact with Zöe's, help is always available to the families.

## **Zöe's Place**



Lions Clubs have many requests for financial and service assistance and some have longstanding commitments to local community projects. Some of our charitable giving is well publicised but most is not. That is one of the problems currently facing Lions. We give to benefit others in need and not for the hedonistic publicity. But we need to publicise our humanitarian activities in order to attract new members to enable us to continue to serve others.

It has been suggested that Lions' Clubs that have given and those that might be interested in giving to this project in the future, should combine to sponsor the purchase of one or all six of the high-tech cots needed by the Unit (about £3,500 each).

If you require any further information please contact my fellow Lion Kevin Birch on 02476 410300 or email [kevinbirch@aol.com](mailto:kevinbirch@aol.com)

## A few of the “rogues” from 105M Convention 2007



A warm welcome to the following new Lions from all the “old” Lions of 105M

Malvern Hills

Mary Allmark

Coventry Godiva

Harshad Korecha

Malvern Hills

Anne Curran

Birmingham Exhibition

Chris Stockdale

Kenilworth

Sheila Short

Worcester

Geoffrey Bullock



## Calendars

The Cabinet financed the purchase of 2500 Calendars to be sold to Lions for PR purposes. They were intended to be self financing.

Unfortunately, demand for calendars for 2007 were dramatically lower than 2006 and many were unsold.

After much debate and despite the fact that this was not a project approved by Cabinet, it was felt that the shortfall could not be left to the Lion organising this project.

Reluctantly, the Cabinet at their last meeting, agreed to write off the balance of £2549.

The District Treasurer informed Cabinet that there were sufficient funds in reserves to support this write-off and that it will not increase subscriptions by members.

## In The Movies

**Bad guys always shoot worse than good guys.**

If staying in a haunted house, women should investigate any strange noises in their most revealing underwear.

The Eiffel Tower can be seen from any window in Paris.

**Anyone can land a plane provided there's someone in the control tower to talk them down.**



# More DGs News

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The deadline date for submitting the form PU101, giving details of the incoming President, Secretary and Treasurer was 15<sup>th</sup> May.

Clubs that have been using the WMMR site to submit monthly reports will not have received a printed copy of this form and should therefore log on to the WMMR site and follow Page 8 of the instructions. Also, please copy me as District Governor. Other Clubs will have received paper copies.

I have checked the District site and a significant number of Clubs have not submitted their details yet!!

Can I personally thank all those Clubs who are submitting their monthly reporting forms electronically and encourage you to also submit your monthly Activity Report as well. This gives the District Governor a picture of what your Club is doing.

For those who are not yet using the electronic system, can I please encourage you to do so. Let us see if you can make it 100% this coming year.

**IT IS THANK YOU TIME !**

**Thank you all for giving me a great year as your District Governor. I have many memories to treasure and I would like to thank each and**

**everyone of you for giving me this opportunity to experience a year that I will never forget.**

Finally, I would like to wish District Governor Elect Lion Suresh and Lion Josna a fantastic time at the International Convention in Chicago and a memorable year as District Governor. I would also wish Lion Andy Pemberton and Ann, a good year as Vice District Governor.



**Your dreams come true when you act to turn them into realities.**

## CHARITY FUNDS

At the last two Conventions, the subject of the substantial balance held in the Charity Account as "General" has been questioned.

There appears to be a desire that these funds, currently amounting to £10,688, be spent. The funds have accumulated largely from interest earned on the Charity bank account over recent years.

At the last Cabinet meeting, it was decided to ask Clubs to apply to the Chairman of the Finance and Admin Committee for 2007/08, VDG Elect Andy Pemberton, for a contribution from the said funds for projects by individual Clubs.

Clubs should seek projects that are deserving of District funds for wide-ranging projects rather than projects of a purely local nature that would normally be funded by the local community.

VDGE Andy will, via the F & A Committee, bring to Cabinet, recommendations which will then be voted upon by the whole Cabinet. Requests should be with VDGE Andy by the end of June in time to be considered by the next F & A Committee meeting.

## **Mavis's June Meanderings.**

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Castle Bromwich & District CA
5 <sup>th</sup>	Handsworth Ladies CV
6 <sup>th</sup>	Warwick CV
8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SEARCHERS CONCERT</b>
11 <sup>th</sup>	Wellesbourne CV
12 <sup>th</sup>	Wolverhampton Lionesses CV
13 <sup>th</sup>	Rowell CV
18 <sup>th</sup>	Birmingham Erdington CV
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Rugby Rokeby CA
26 <sup>th</sup>	To Chicago for International Convention