

MIDLANDS NEWS

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LIONS ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO GET ON THEIR BIKES

Registration is now open for this year's Heart of England Bike Ride. This well-established, popular family bike ride organised by the Knowle and Dorridge Lions Club will again raise funds for the British Heart Foundation (BHF), Mending Broken Hearts Appeal and local causes.

'This year the Heart of England Bike Ride returns to Packwood House National Trust property' says Lions organiser Margaret Barretto. 'Why not bring your bike along and enjoy a great day out on Sunday 20th July, cycling along quiet country lanes and exploring the wonderful Warwickshire countryside. There will be a choice of 13, 19 & 31 mile signposted circular routes (20km, 30km & 50km) along country lanes in Solihull and Warwickshire. Whether you're on a family day out or looking for more of a challenge, this charity fundraiser has a route to suit you. Get on your bike, enjoy the scenery and help fight heart disease.' Donna Stokes, local BHF Fundraising Manager said: "Last year the weather was fantastic and we received great feedback from many of the 500 participants. It is a great opportunity to spend a Sunday with friends, family or colleagues cycling through the glorious Warwickshire countryside and villages. Participants can enjoy the great atmosphere, get fit and raise money to help the BHF save lives at the same time. After the bike ride, food will be available from the Lions Club hog roast and there is free entry to Packwood House and gardens. It's a great day out for everyone!"

Online entry before 6 July is £10.00 Adults, £5 Children; £15.00 Adults and £7.50 Children afterwards or on the day. The entry fee covers the costs of organising the event safely and it is your sponsorship money that will make a real difference.

Full details and online entry via www.knowleanddorridgelions.com/bikeride

Photo: Lion Margaret Barretto and Donna Stokes as Hearty launch Heart of England Bike Ride at Packwood House





A Race Night with a difference

Marston Green & District Lions Club raised £1,300 for DG's wife's charity at their very successful "Race Night with a Difference" at the Onward Club, Chelmsley Wood, on Friday 30th May.

Around 80 people turned up for an evening of fun, and a little gambling, in the shape of "horse" racing on hobby horses down a specially prepared course. Dice were thrown to determine which horse moved and how many spaces. Bets were made, jockeys chosen and sponsored and they were off! Rosettes were presented to the winning jockey of each race.

Seven races were run, each race sponsored by a different local business and thanks go to Barrett's Butchers & Delicatessen, Flair DIY, Franklin & Hawkins Funeral Directors, Handful of Flowers, Subway, We-Fit UK and Picnic Basket.

The evening was ably compèred by the District Governor, wearing a very dodgy hat.

DG's wife Christine Moss was delighted with the results.



Rowell becomes Rowell & Desborough

Permission has finally come through for a change of name for the former Rowell Lions Club. From now on our club will be known as Rowell and Desborough Lions Club. Rothwell and Desborough are only about three miles apart but the decision was taken because several members live in Desborough so the name change was agreed.

Now there are plans to hold meetings—the club members get together once a month--in Desborough and a suitable venue is being sought. The club currently meets on the second Wednesday in every month at Rothwell Conservative Club.

The Lions summer dance took place at Spendlove Farm near Rothwell on Saturday, June 28 and featured a full size barbeque, plus a bar and music. There also raffle prizes for everyone attending.

And the Lions Club is also ready to provide the usual hot dog and burger stall at Rothwell Carnival. This is being held on July 12 and not July 5 as we originally thought.

Northampton 80's first couple

Lion President Doug Cooper has inducted Northampton 80's first couple. Photo left to right shows Lion Doug Cooper, Jenny Conroy being badged by sponsor Lion Trevor Harrison while Roger Conro looks on.

