



MIDLANDS NEWS

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International President's task for recruiting new members

Like all volunteer organisations it is the eternal struggle to entice new people to join. It is always two steps forward and one step back and it is very important not to have two or three steps back! I believe that we have an untapped source of potential members. Many of us have partners who support the club almost as much as we. He/she stands in the burning sun with a bucket, walks in the freezing rain on the sleigh run. BUT, the partner has no say in what happens to the money. Is it not a great argument to explain when one becomes a member, he/she gets a say in where the money goes. I know from very close a partner that joined and straight went on the community service committee No taxation without representation is what I say!



If members want to advertise, for only £10, we can place small advertisements. All funds raised for the district charity account. Over 1,000 lions will see your advert. An excellent place to advertise your holiday home, camper, old bike etc. Please contact us for details.

Last but not least, please send reports, news about forthcoming events, charter dates, newspaper clippings and anything else you think we should know about.

Kettering Lions support Kettering General Hospital (KHG)



Kettering Lions president, Chris Clark and Lion Malcolm Harris visited the bereavement suite in the maternity wing of KHG to make a presentation of £300 to the Sands foundation which supports parents who suffer a stillbirth. The room is very tastefully decorated and the Precious Memory Boxes for parents were shown to us. They contain amongst other items a hand knitted shawl, a small box for a lock of hair, two small teddy bears (one for cremation or burial with the baby and one as a keepsake) and equipment to take photographs and foot and handprints of the baby. There is a small card in the box saying that it was donated by the local

Lions club, with our condolences, and we have received several thank-you letters. This is the third time that the club has made a donation for Precious Memory Boxes as bereavement midwife Lynn Garratt explained they are a great comfort to parents and are gratefully received at this most stressful time.

Wolverhampton Lions Club

Wolverhampton Lions Club have donated a nebuliser to The Prestwood Surgery & Health Centre in Wednesfield, Wolverhampton



The nebuliser is for use by people with breathing difficulties and will be used at the surgery or loaned out to people who are in need of them at home. The surgery was most grateful to be chosen to receive this equipment. Like most surgeries and health centres in the area there is a great need for nebulisers but they simply cannot afford them. The nebuliser was brought from

Asthma Relief who also put the club in contact with other places who were in need of such equipment.

Pictured are Lion President Andrew Coope & Practice Nurse Jill Spencer in the other picture are Lion President Andrew Coope & Practice Nurse Jill Spencer along with club Lions Trevor Jones and Stephen Pitt.



The Communication Team needs YOU!

The Communication Team is looking to put together a video publicising Lions in the Midlands and is looking for Lions to appear in it. We are looking for a complete mix of age, gender and ethnicity so all are welcome.

If you would like to take part please contact Simon Moss (communications@lions105m.org.uk) with your name and club and answers to these questions

How long have you been a Lion? Why did you join Lions? What is your favourite Lions Activity and why? How does it make you feel to help others? Why should others join Lions?

Norhtampton 80

Lions Buns awaiting burgers



Northampton 80 Lions provided a BBQ for the volunteers at the Hope Centre (for the homeless) in Northampton. After a main course of burgers, sausages and salad there was a mouth watering selection of gateaux and fresh fruit. A raffle was held followed by horse racing with a difference. District governor Ian and Joy attended, the homeless being Joy's chosen charity for the year. Governor Ian was a very able jockey but failed to win by a head.

Spectators eagerly await the ducks



Northampton 80 Lions held a duck race at Billing Aquadrome 'family fun weekend' to raise funds for the South Northants Community Responders. This was the first duck race for over 20 years but, as the picture shows proved very popular with resident campers and caravaners. So much so that the intention is to make this an annual event. Many lessons were learned, including not to throw the ducks into the river in the sack and also to make sure they all reach the water!

Knowle & Dorridge Lions

ANOTHER RECORD YEAR

Knowle and Dorridge Lions Club celebrated yet another successful year in September, when the club held its annual presentation evening at the Greswolde Hotel in Knowle.



Welcoming over 60 guests and sponsors Lion President Barry Dale introduced some of the special students from Arden who gave an excellent presentation on their visit to South Africa where they spent nearly four weeks teaching children of poor local Zulu families, in a rural school, Schitsdrift, near Ladysmith. Their main subjects were Maths, English, IT and Music. The Lions had previously donated computers, printers and had helped with internet satellite connections over the last few years to give the children access to modern technology and help them develop new skills.



Following an excellent presentation from Youth Travel Bursary winner Jonathan Cunliffe, who had travelled to study maternal health issues in Ethiopia, Barry then said how indebted his Lions Club is to all the sponsors and local supporters who make their fundraising events so successful. 'Our year started with our Festive Walk after Christmas from Baddesley Clinton House and we were delighted when over 1400 walkers donated over £9,000 for our nominated charities VisionCare, Northleigh House, The Brain Tumour charity and other local causes. The Knowle Fun Run, in its 31st year, raised another £45,000 for charity with superb support from sponsors and advertisers alike.'

He then announced that the Heart of England Bike Ride had raised almost £16,000 for charity and presented a cheque for £12,475 to Wendy Larkin representing the British Heart Foundation for their share. Wendy said 'This is the third year has been the beneficiary of the Bike Ride and we are really grateful to

Knowle and Dorridge Lions for organising the event. The money raised goes to our Mending Broken Hearts Appeal which aims to fund research into preventing heart failure and giving hope to thousands of heart patients. We are looking forward to next July's Ride and hope it will be even more successful than ever.'

Barry announced that the club had raised nearly £74,000 in total for charity over the past 12 months and thanked all the sponsors saying, 'It's great for our club of 25 volunteer Lions to celebrate such success again, but without the help from companies like yourselves our events would never realise so much for charity.'



He went on to present cheques totalling £35,778 to their 3 nominated charities – VisionCare, Northleigh House and The Brain Tumour charity who in turn thanked the Lions for their tremendous achievements.

Community Service Chairman Sue Owen explained that the Club retain 30% of raised funds to be spent on locally determined causes including the annual successful coach trip and tea party for older residents and the youth travel bursary. The many local organisations and individuals who have requested and been given support this year were briefly described.

She went on to introduce the charities the Lions are nominating as beneficiaries for the forthcoming Festive Walk on Sunday 28 December and Knowle Fun Run on Sunday 17 May 2015 – Arthritis Research UK, Knowle Football Club & Solihull Young Carers.

Balsall Common Lions

Visiting Lions from Richmond, New Zealand



Lions Ivan and Sue Burrowes from Richmond Lions, New Zealand are on holiday at the minute and are taking time visit their daughter, who lives locally.

While here they took the opportunity to meet up with Balsall Common Lions Club and join us for our regular monthly Meeting.

They were made very welcome by the Club and it was a great pleasure to hear all about the activities of Richmond Lions.

Lion President Mark Whitfield exchanged Pennants with Ivan and Sue and thanked them for taking time out to visit us. We now hope to be able to keep in contact with them in the future.

Warwickshire Knights Hospitallers meet Ball in the Bog



The Annual Temple Balsall Autumn Fete took place on the lawns of Temple House last weekend as part of the Temple Balsall Heritage Weekend.

All the usual attractions were there, including hot food, refreshments, games, books, produce, children's activities, toys, bric-a-brac, raffle with music from Birmingham Concert Band, joined by Balsall Common Lions with their Ball in the Bog. It was a fabulous day and the weather even kept fine. There were also displays by Warwickshire Knights Hospitallers who drilled with their weaponry..... then they battled with our Bog

Balsall Common Lions help local student Molly Griffin



Molly Griffin, a local student is taking a gap year from her studies, and as part of this will be spending 7 weeks working in Malaysian Borneo with Raleigh International. This involves working on sustainable projects to make a long lasting contribution to the host country.

She doesn't know what the precise details of what she will be doing until she gets there but she knows it will be challenging and will involve hard physical labour.

Molly has been doing part time work herself to raise money towards the total cost of her visit. Balsall Common Lions were pleased to be able to help add to this with a contribution.

We wish her all the best in her challenge and are looking forward to Molly visiting us upon her return to tell us all about her experiences.

Lion President Mark Whitfield is shown presenting a cheque to Molly alongside Service Chairman Steve Meakin.

Another Defibrillator for the Village



Coventry (Carstins).

Jeff Way of FastAid in his original plans for the village recommended 4 locations where he felt Defibrillators were necessary. Balsall Common Lions were proud to help towards sponsoring the first one and now we are pleased we are able to fund the second one which will be outside Carstins Showroom. Our Thanks go to Carstins for their cooperation in facilitating and siting the new defibrillator.

Jeff Way will be providing training to Carstins' staff and to any interested members of the public.

The picture shows Service Chairman Steve Meakin presenting a cheque to Jon Mathers, Managing Director of Unity Group

Barclays Banks Coffee Morning in aid of Prostate Screening Event.



The Staff of Barclays Bank in Balsall Common held a Coffee Morning on Friday 19th September from 10.00am to 3.00pm. inviting all their customers to come along and join them for Coffee and cake.

Customers were then encouraged to make a donation and enter a competition.

Balsall Common Lions were around all day to talk to people about our forthcoming Prostate Screening Event, and to generally chaperone people into the Bank.

It was a very busy, enjoyable day, with no Cake left at the end.

All Proceeds raised, with Barclays Bank agreeing to match the amount, will be donated to Balsall Common Lions Prostate Screening Event on Saturday 4th October.

Lion President Mark Whitfield with the girls at Barclays.

And in the end these hard working Balsall Common Lions need some clean vests!



For the Agenda!

Balsall Common Lions

We still have a few tickets left for our *Race Evening*

Saturday 4th October 2014

St Peters Hall, Balsall Common, CV7 7EA

7.00pm for 7.30pm

Tickets £10.00

(price includes Supper)

Pay Bar

For Tickets contact

Lion Marie-Louise Marsden

01675 443515

(All Proceeds raised in support of our Prostate Screening)

Nuneaton Lions

Nuneaton Lions have a Diana Ross tribute and Mowtown evening at the Co-op club, Dugdale Street, Nuneaton on October 18th.

former X factor contestant Jackie Marie will be providing the entertainment. Show starts at 8.30pm.

Tickets are £10.

Please e mail karen153hughes@btinternet.com

District Governor's Wife

Charity fundraising dinner on behalf of district governor's wife's designated charity 'the homeless'

Cooked by the homeless – served by the homeless, showing what they can do... given the opportunity...

At: Worcester Amy Reserve Centre, Pheasant Street, Worcester, WR1 2EE

On: Friday 24th October 2014

Arrival: 7pm for 7.30pm.

Carriages: 11:30pm

Dress Code: Lounge suits/ dresses

Cost: £38 including drinks (pay bar after the meal)

For further details, please contact : lionjoy@thehaffners.me.uk

Coventry Phoenix Lions

Come and join COVENTRY PHOENIX LIONS for an evening of Northern Soul

Saturday 1st November 8 till late

Tickets £5

Westwood Club and Reading Room
Westwood Heath Road Coventry CV4 8GP

Tickets are £5 each and are obtainable by sending a cheque payable to Coventry Phoenix Lions and a stamped addressed envelope to
Anne MacMahon, 74 Maudslay Road, Coventry CV5 8EL

Proceeds will be split between Coventry Phoenix Lions charities (we are supporting the Befriending Service in Coventry offered by Age UK this year) and YMCA charities.

For further details, please contact coventryphoenixlions@yahoo.co.uk

Harborough TWENTY 12 Lions

WHAT'S IT WORTH

If you can carry it and would like it valued
Harborough TWENTY 12 Lions
have valuers from Guildings Auctioneers and TJ Thornton Jewellers
at
Harborough Theatre Lounge
Church Square
LE16 7NB
on
Sunday 12th October
from 1.30pm – 4.30pm

£2 per valuation
Proceeds to Lions Charities

Barwell & Earl Shilton Lions

cordially invite you to their annual charity ball.
This year we are taking you all the way to VEGAS!
Entertainment provided by internationally acclaimed big band singer Matthew Ford.
A silent auction will be taking place including fantastic one of a kind prizes.

You can also expect plenty of laughs when trying your hand at the casino tables or on the slot machines. . .
but do not fear . . . its all for fun!
There will be a drinks reception, table buffet (to avoid those queues) and a disco for those who wish to
dance into the night.

This FABULOUS event is on the

15TH NOVEMBER 2014
AT GREENE KING STADIUM, LEICESTER ROAD, HINCKLEY, LE10 3DR

7:00 – 7:30
£27.50 per person

Black Tie/Lounge Suit – Fancy dress optional.

To book tickets or for more information please call LISA on 07989696109 or AMY on 07817317302 /
amybenn1@hotmail.co.uk

Knowle and Dorridge Lions



Walk off your Christmas pudding, bring your friends and relatives, just turn up and make a donation – that's the invitation from Knowle and Dorridge Lions. This year's FREE Festive Walk from Baddesley Clinton National Trust House on Sunday **28th December** offers a choice of 3, 7 or 9 mile signed circular routes and an opportunity to help the Lions raise funds for the Arthritis Research UK, Knowle Football Club, Solihull Young Carers and local causes. Details online at www.knowleanddorridgelions.com/walk or call 08458 335 894. Put it on your calendar now.

A photograph of a man, Malcolm Stent, wearing a blue button-down shirt and dark trousers. He is holding a red acoustic guitar and smiling at the camera. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Droitwich Lions

Malcolm Stent
Comedian, musician, songwriter!

Live at
Droitwich Working Men's club
7th November 2014
Time 7.30
Tickets £10
Available From
Lion Carole Moseley
Tel: 01905 796565
Or from the Working Men's Club

Proceeds to St Richard's Hospice
And
Other Lions Charities

St. Richard's Hospice
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Balsall Common Lions Club

Calling all Men over 50



Have you been screened for prostate cancer?

If not, come and join the men of Balsall Common Lions
on 4th October from 10am till 1pm
at St Peter's Hall, Balsall Common, CV7 7EA

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES:

5th October Autumn Forum, St John's Hotel, Solihull

30th Oct – 2nd Nov Europa Forum, Hilton Birmingham Metropole

20th – 22nd March 2015 District Convention, Park Inn by Radisson, West Bromwich

8th–10th May 2015 MD Convention, Hilton Birmingham Metropole

AUTUMN FORUM

A special date for your diary is Autumn Forum at St. John's hotel on **Sunday 5th October**. The day will include a speaker and inter-active sessions.

This is not a day only for Cabinet Officers **THIS IS YOUR DAY**, so come along, join in, be inspired, help inspire others, share experiences and knowledge.

If you have new members in your Club, why not take this opportunity to bring them along, to meet other Lions and to learn something about what Lions do outside of their own Club.



Europa Forum 2014 30/10-2/11 2014

The European Lions convention will take place at the Hilton Metropole at the NEC, near Birmingham airport and Birmingham International train station. It could not be more convenient, even those coming by car are 5 minutes from the M42.

And for us in the district this is a great opportunity.

The business part of the convention is free of charge. The top class social events do have a charge. For us living nearby, we can take part without incurring hotel costs, but even for those who do like to stay close to the action, there are very good packages available.

Please visit <http://europaforum2014.org> and register. District M should be the best represented District at this event. We have no excuse.

Charters

MARSTON GREEN AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB 37TH CHARTER ANNIVERSARY

Saturday 11th October 2014

7.30 p.m. for 8 p.m.

The Arden Hotel, Coventry Road, Bickenhill, Solihull, B92 0EH

Four course dinner with vegetarian options

Dress: dinner jacket or lounge suit

Music and dancing with Darren Blenkiron

£25 per person – payable on the evening

Contact: Geoff Matthews on 07980 661870 or g.matthews@sky.com

SHAKESPEARE LIONS 47TH CHARTER DINNER

11th October 2014

Swans Nest Hotel Stratford upon Avon

6:30pm for 7:00pm

Cost £30

Dress Code: Black Tie/Lounge Suit

For information and booking form:
Lion Peter Humberstone 21, Glebe Road Claverdon Warwick CV358NX
email: p.humberstone263@btinternet.com

WOLVERHAMPTON LIONS CLUB
41st CHARTER NIGHT
Saturday 18th October 2014
At: The Linden House
211 Tettenhall Road, Wolverhampton, WV6 0DD
(Junction with Tettenhall Road & Newbridge Crescent)
19.00 for 19.30
Dress Formal / Dark Lounge Suits
£23 Per Person
A four course meal, with vegetarian options
For information and booking form:
Lawrence.Darby@wolverhamptonlions.org.uk

WELLINGBOROUGH AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

41st Anniversary Charter Night

Saturday 18th October 2014

Wellingborough Golf Club
Harrowden Hall, Wellingborough

Dress: Gentlemen - Black Tie or Lounge Suit
Ladies – Cocktail Dress
Cost: £26

Arrival: 7pm for 7.30pm
For more information:
Lion Wendy McKean - e-mail: wendyamckean@hotmail.co.uk

HARBOROUGH TWENTY 12 LIONS

2nd Anniversary Charter Dinner
Saturday 8th November, 7pm
at Market Harborough Golf Club
Harborough Road
LE16 8NB
Dress – Black Tie

For information and booking form:
lionjbush@aol.com

SOLIHULL LIONS CHARTER

We are having a "Jolly" night this year.

No formal speeches
Lounge Suits

Shirley Golf Club
November 15th 2014
7.30 for 8.0pm
Details later

Would you like to join President Paul and Lynn Jolly

Contact Ken Bate on 0121-744 7306

We would love to see you

NORTHAMPTON EIGHTY LIONS CLUB 34TH ANNIVERSARY
AND
NORTHAMPTON LIONS CLUB 46TH ANNIVERSARY JOINT CHARTER DINNER

on

Saturday 15th November

7.00 for 7.30pm

at

Cheyne Walk Club, 2 Cheyne Walk, Northampton NN1 5PU

Dress: Ladies – long or cocktail dresses, Gentlemen – formal or lounge suits

Price: £26 per person

Menu and booking form attached

Contact: Jackie Anstice on 01604 880572 or paul.anstice@pera.com

Worcester Lions Charter 22nd November 2014

Lion President Gordon Templeton would like to invite you to Worcester Lions Club 45th Charter Dinner.

Venue: The Bank House Hotel, Bransford, Worcester, WR6 5JD

Date: 22nd November 2014

Time: 7 for 7.30pm

For further info. please contact Lion Joy Haffner lionsjoyandian@worcesterlionsclub.org.uk

SHIRLEY LIONS

For a number of years now our Charter celebration has been a full weekend away and in a different part of the country each year. Our 2015 Charter will be:

Friday 13th March to Sunday 15th March 2015

Meon Valley Marriott Hotel, Southampton.

Package price for 2 nights B&B plus Banquet & Ball is £105 per person. Full details to follow.
