



MIDLANDS NEWS

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This month saw a lot of activity in the district and I was fortunate to attend the Shirley Charter in Southampton, which saw almost 70 people enjoying a great evening. A report of the excellent organised District convention follows in this Newsletter. But a personal highlight would be the evening spent with the Amstetten Lions in Austria. In case you do not have the time to read the report, let me summarise. Meeting fellow Lions in another country brings home the fantastic work we as an organisation do world wide. You can read reports, but meeting these people in the flesh, brings it home. And to continue in this vein, please try to join the MD convention 8-10 May, which is conveniently in our own District. Our members should grab this opportunity to join Lions from all over the country in an opportunity of shaping policy and fellowship.

Raise money for your club. Register your club using this [link](#) and tell your members, family, friends about it and everytime they buy online (Amazon, ebay, booking.com etc.) through this site, a small percentage goes to the club.

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.



Italian evening

On Saturday 28th February Kingswinford & Stourbridge Lions Club held an 'Italian Evening' in aid of Lions 105M District Governor's Wife's Appeal 'The Homeless'

The evening was well supported by Lions and friends alike with a profit in excess of £900.00 to be donated to her Appeal.

We enjoyed a three course meal with a selection of antipasti, main courses and desserts.

A mixed voice A Cappella ensemble, and a gentleman playing his guitar whilst singing provided the musical entertainment throughout the night. To throw some extra fun into the evening we taxed our brains with a 'Chocolate Quiz' and a 'Heads & Tails' bingo.

We also had a thought provoking presentation from Sam Bailey on behalf of P3, a homeless charity based in Wolverhampton.



Club visit Amstetten Lions

My wife, Lion Claire, often said that when traveling abroad, we should try to visit a club. I always dismissed it under the “no time” heading, which is normally true. And also, while abroad, is the club in the town having a meeting when you happen to be there? On a recent trip to an exhibition I spent 4 days in Wieselburg, Austria, roughly between Linz and Vienna. I was in very safe hands there, when I noticed the Wieselburg Lions had sponsored the defibrillator in the exhibition grounds. But sadly the Club did not have a meeting while I was there. I noticed though that they were chartered by Amstetten Lions, apx. 20 km away. Their club meeting was during my stay and I made contact and was invited.



The club website stated they have 50+ members and seeing reports of their good causes made it clear that they serve their community with vigour, just like good Lions do.



Having dinner with Amstetten Lions

The members meet for dinner in a local hotel and I joined them Friday 6/3. The meeting started with a minute silence as earlier that day they buried their member, Lion Dr. Josef Steiner. About 35 members attended, as well as 2 members from their twin club, Günzburg Lions, who came for the funeral. Real dedication, as Günzburg is 550 KM away in Germany.

Then started the business part and after donating €1,500 to doctors without borders in memory of Lion Steiner, they started really giving money away. I do not think they say no to anybody and in an hour or so, a long list of cases were read out, with most of them getting €1,000 or more. I think they handed out the better part of €10,000

that evening. Most of the funds are raised during a massive second hand market. Turnover is around €100,000 and after costs, they have about €70,000 left. It is an all male club which is quite normal in Austria. The meeting ended and dinner was served, after which they read out the birthdays of members in March. A song was sung and then everybody went around toasting each other.

Most of us stay in our own club and know that there are clubs near us. If you get more involved, you meet people from around your district and if you visit conventions, you are more aware that we are a large organisation. But you start to realise that the word “International” in the Lions title means exactly that, when you meet Lions from other countries.

But even then, at a convention or so, it is still rather, what shall I say, unreal. Sitting in at a club meeting really shows that we are the same. That we try to help our community as well as more distant good causes. And as I am quite ok in German, I could sit in on this meeting, listen and feel completely at home. It proved to me the saying, that there are no strangers in Lions, only friends you have not yet met. And again, also in Amstetten, ordinary people, doing extra ordinary things.



With club President Ernst Schweidler

Balsall Common Rocks!



Vivo in concert

Balsall Common Lions organised a Charity Fundraising event featuring again "Vivo" the very popular group in the Midlands, supported by local comedian Dave Chance.

Vivo played to a packed audience playing Music ranging from 'Standards' through 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's right up to the present day.

Everyone enjoyed themselves, had a great evening and many danced the night away.

A raffle was also held on the night supporting SIFA-Fireside which is a dynamic local charity working to tackle homelessness which raised £493. During the evening a cheque for £200 was presented to Jackie Tomnie Chairman of BC Village Hall, thanking the Committee for their ongoing partnership and support.

As always a big Thank You to everyone who supported us on the evening, and we hope to see you all again next year.



LP Mark Whitfield presenting cheque to Jackie Tomnie

The winning team in the District skittles final, Northampton Eighty.



Left to right: Les Sims Doug Cooper Neville Cooke Sue Harrison Jim Ford Wendy Burridge

Sandwell 2015 – Celebrating 40 Years of 105M

The weekend of the 20th to the 22nd March saw over 100 Lions and their partners descend on West Bromwich for 105M's District Convention hosted by Sandwell Lions Club. It turned out to be a weekend that was packed with fun and fellowship, supported by healthy debate and discussion during the more formal parts.



Going back to the 70s for Host Night, brought out many interesting and varied costumes...



After a fantastic meal, the fun started with a very special edition of Blankety Blank, where we found out just what DG Ian could stick in his ear after lots of yoga.



Thanks to Lion Darren Blenkiron for a fabulous disco, which had everyone bopping, including Past International Director, Lion Douglas Alexander, who was getting into the groove, supporting a fine afro...



The business session was well attended, which helped the healthy debate that occurred. The traditional flag ceremony was conducted by the 888 Squadron Air Cadets from Oldbury and the Top Table Guests were announced by Sandwell Town Crier, Mr Adrian Holmes, who donated his fee for the event back into Lions charities.

During the afternoon, the attendees were treated to an inspirational talk from Blind Dave Heeley, who received two standing ovations and a motivational address by PID Douglas Alexander, who kept the audience entertained with his stories of events at other conventions and ideas of how to grow our organisation.



Banquet and Ball was a great success, with fun, fellowship and balloons, followed by dancing to local band Playfour, who kept us entertained after the meal.

The Partners trips to the Balajhi Temple were well attended on both Saturday and Sunday, with those attending learning about the Hindu faith and the history of the temple.



Lion Rosie was delighted to accompany a few guests on an early morning walk around Sandwell Valley on the Sunday morning...

...before a lively and informative Question and Answer session with PID Douglas finished the weekend that was Convention 2015.

Did people enjoy the weekend?

I would like to thank you for an excellent weekend in West Brom. I wish I had stayed for it all, really enjoyed it.

Well done Team Sandwell Lions Club for a fantastic Convention weekend. Just to let you know how much I enjoyed the day. Congratulations for a great success.

Forthcoming Events

Southam Lions Grand National on April 11th 2015

At The Graham Adams Centre and enjoy a great night – First Race 7.30pm!! The proceeds will go to a very worthy cause – ZOE's PLACE a hospice for terminally ill children. We have donated funds to Zoe's Place for a number of years now and now more than ever they need our support.



Monday 4th May, 2015
on the **Bowling Green Pub Car Park, Southam**



... it all starts at 2pm

Stalls / Cakes / Toys & Games / Penny Arcade
Bouncy Castle / Punch & Judy / Ice Cream / Raffle
Facepainting / Book Stall / Refreshments

Entertainment by
SECRET GARDEN MUSICAL THEATRE

To hire a stall please contact **Lion Malcolm** on 01926
814294 or visit our **website** for details.

Come along and have fun, all in aid of local charities!



www.southamlions.org.uk





Birmingham Chinatown Lions Club

伯明翰华埠狮子会

Spring Quiz

智力竞赛

twitter @ BCTLC

Quiz to Show You Care

Tuesday 14th April 2015 7.30pm

Max Team of 6 people £5 per person (Canapés included)

Edmunds Lounge Bar

106-110 Edmund Street Birmingham B3 2ES

To book a team please contact Lion Stewart on 07973833519
or email stewart@chamberlainssurveyors.co.uk

In Aid of



Ordinary People
Amazing Things

Acocks Green Lions 'Brain of Brum'

Fun quiz

£6 per head, max 6 per team

Friday 24th April 2015 - 7pm for a 7.30 start

Ninestiles School Hall

Hartfield Crescent, Acocks Green, B27 7QG

Bring your own drinks and glasses, tea and coffee available

Ploughman's Supper included

Contact Lion Terry Smith to register

acocksgreenlions@gmail.com, or 07713633503

FASHION SHOW

Hosted by Kettering & Wellingborough Lions Clubs

Monday 27th April 2015 at 7.30pm

The Rutland Suite
Kettering Park Hotel
Kettering NN15 6XP
(junction 9 of the A14)

TICKETS £5

Available from:

Jayne Handcock: 01933 273770
Wendy McKean: 01933 403411
Norma Rawlings: 01536 790254

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Proceeds to be divided between Lions Ebola Orphan Aid Appeal & local charities

The Coventry Walkathon, still going strong. Raise money and win prizes



Organised by Coventry Leofric Lions Club the Coventry Walkathon has over the past fourteen years enabled local charities and good causes to raise over £229,000.

This year's walk will be held in the Coventry War Memorial Park on Sunday 10th May and it will see hundreds of walkers striding out around a 1.75 mile, flat, wheel chair friendly course for as

many laps as they wish. The walk which starts at 11.00 am will be started by Coventry's Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Michael Hammond and BBC Coventry and Warwickshire's Vic Minett will be on hand to provide motivational support and spur on the entrants. Prior to the start

of the walk, the two guests will be involved in judging a fancy dress competition which will award the lucky winners and runners up in each category family day tickets to Drayton Manor Theme Park.

Coventry Leofric Lions Club are keen to help as many charities as possible and issue an invitation to the people of Coventry and Warwickshire to join them in raising funds whilst enjoying a challenging walk in a beautiful setting. One local group from the charity SCOPE has supported the walk throughout its fourteen year history and have been able to raise over £23,000 during this time.

As an extra incentive the Leofric Lions will be presenting a cheque for £100 to be used by the charity or good cause to the largest team on the day .

Any readers interested in joining this worthwhile venture can get further information including entry forms from www.leofriclions.org.uk/walkathon2015 or by ringing event organiser Reg Brown on 07766667349.



Lions District 105M DG's Wife's Appeal Raising Funds for 'The Homeless'

Charity Golf Day 14th May
Supported by Worcester Lions Club
At Ombersley Golf Club

A fun filled day for everyone

Teams of 4 including tea/coffee and a meal Cost £150

Non Golfers welcome, £17 per person for alternative entertainment... including tea/coffee and a meal

The time has now come for all of you that have said you will put in a team, to please fill in the booking form..... (If you want the booking form in Word format rather than a PDF please ask)

Please return the booking forms along with a cheque by the 27th April (sooner if possible) – this will allow time for programmes to be printed etc.



Knowle Fun Run

Entries are open for this year's 32nd Knowle Fun Run on **Sunday 17th May**. Hundreds of runners have already made their New Year's resolution to run in Solihull's biggest fundraising event of its kind. Why not join them for this popular 5 mile Fun Run with great community atmosphere on traffic-free streets and help raise funds for Arthritis Research UK, Knowle Football Club, Solihull Young Carers and local causes. More details and enter online now at www.knowlefunrun.org.uk.



the Hinckley and Burbage Lions Club.

Flashback to last year's event where Lions club members and friends prepare to marshal the course.

of the Leicestershire countryside which will hopefully be a lot more peaceful now, than that fateful day in August, 1485.

FOLLOWING the finding and forthcoming reburial of Richard III in Leicester Cathedral, which has garnered international attention, Bosworth Battlefield has been in the world spotlight recently.

And now, walkers of all ages are being given the chance to follow in the footsteps of the last Plantagenet King of England.

Hinckley and Burbage Lions Club are hosting a charity sponsored walk around Bosworth Battlefield on Sunday, May 17, 2015 and would love fellow Lions to join us on our walk.

Those who take part can choose either a five and a half or shorter circular walk. The Lions will carry out all of the organisation and all cash your group generate will be shared equally between you and

There will be a staggered start times between 10-11.30am and as it is not a race, all those taking part will have the chance to sample the wonders

For more details ring 0845 833 5892, email cynthia.lines@hotmail.com, or write to

Lion Cynthia Lines, 60 Princess Road, Hinckley, LE10 1EB to confirm your interest and then we can send out more information.



Lady Joy of Haffner invites
you to a treasure hunt for
the homeless to finish at a
country estate



On Sunday 24th May 2015
Starting at the Running Horse
Bewdley at 11am
The Event will include a
barbeque
Country games on the estate
And a tour of the estate
Tickets £15 to include food and
a welcome drink

Tickets from Lion Richard Williams
38 Osborne Place
Leominster
Herefordshire HR6 8BW
Tel 07711046889 or 01568 614089



Saturday 13th June Balsall Common Lions

present
Briefcase Blues Brothers
St Peters Church Hall
Balsall Common
Tickets £12.50
(includes cold supper)
Pay Bar
To reserve your tickets
Ring Lion Ross Collins
01676 534820
07813 937921

MD Convention 8-10/5/2015

You make Convention so come and join us

Now that the district conventions are done it's time to turn your attention to MD Convention.

Thank you to those who have already booked but we're still a fair way from the numbers we need to make it a great event.

There's plenty to debate on the Saturday with some excellent presentations to inspire you to greater service and on Sunday your DGs Elect want you there to welcome them in. In between there are two superb entertainment evenings.

Firstly our Host Night where you can welcome the stars on the red carpet and be entertained by the excellent Trevor T and his showgirls.

Then on Saturday the Banquet and Ball with the Hitmen and Her. Both events are complimented by some excellent food.

Hotel rooms can be booked direct with the hotel by ringing 0121 780 4242 quoting Lions 2015 (GLICL) or by following the link on the MD website. Make sure you quote the code or follow the link because if you go direct to the hotel site you will not find rooms as they are reserved by us for you at the special rate of £86.60 per room per night B&B including parking.

Social events can be booked via the MD105 online shop (accessed via the website www.lionsclubs.co), by completing a booking form (available via the website) or by ringing MDHQ on 0845 833 9502

Don't let the team down. Book your rooms and tickets now

Date	Event	Price per person
May 8 th 2015	Host Night (Theme "TV & the Movies")	£26
May 9 th 2015	Convention Lunch	£7
May 9 th 2015	Banquet and Ball (Featuring "The Hitmen and Her")	£37.50
	Convention Pin	£3

The Birmingham Metropole – A great convention venue

Easy to get to, top class leisure and conferencing facilities an excellent room rate and parking included.

On top of this a good combination of business and pleasure with a generous helping of fun and fellowship.

All the ingredients of a great convention weekend. So what are you waiting for?

Volunteers Please

We've had a number of offers to help since the last newsletter but could still do with a few more Lions to help us out at convention. If you would like to help out please contact Simon Moss (simonmoss@blueyonder.co.uk) to let him know your availability. And don't forget the waistcoats!

Charters

Towcester & District Lions Club

Towcester & District President Roger Pye, invites all Lions and their partners to join him at his Club's 42nd Annual Charter Anniversary Dinner at the Whittlebury Golf & Country Club on Friday, 10th April.

The dress code will be black tie and the cost is £25 per person.

All bookings should be sent to the Club Secretary Peter Stratton on 01327 830552 or by e-mail:- p.stratton126@btinternet.com.

Hinckley & Burbage Lions Club & Barwell & Earl Shilton Lions Club

Lion Presidents Danielle Benn, David Burchnall and the members of both clubs would like to invite you to their **joint 40th Charter Night** celebrations to be held at Hinckley Golf Club on the 18th April 2015, 6:45 – 7:00. Speeches will be prior to the meal commencing at 7:15 to keep them 'short and sweet'.

Dress code is Black tie or Lounge suit and there will be after dinner entertainment by the critically acclaimed **big band singer Matt Ford** and a disco for those who wish to party into the night.

To obtain a booking form email liondaniellebenn@gmail.com or call 07825265239

Lion President Dave Sherwen, his wife Val and the members of Droitwich Lions Club

invite you to help celebrate their

30th Charter Anniversary Dinner

on

Friday 15th May 2015, 7 for 7.30pm

to be held in

The Orangery, St Andrews House Hotel, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8AL

£25 per head, dress formal

Dancing to Steve Wright disco

Contact: Dave Sherwen, dave.sherwen@tiscali.co.uk, mobile No 07803 296011

21 St Charter Anniversary Lions Club Of Coventry Godiva

From Lion President Harbinder Kundi, all members and partners:

The Allesley Hotel 83 Birmingham Road Allesley Coventry CV5 9GT
ON

Saturday 16 May 2015, 19.30 pm till late
Cost £25
3 Course Indian Dinner

Please reply to:
Harbinder Kundi
63 Bardley Drive Coventry CV5 3LD, Tel 07943 804239
email abbikundi@yahoo.co.uk

ALDRIDGE & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB
CHARTER ANNIVERSARY 2015 To be held at DRUIDS HEATH GOLF CLUB
SATURDAY 23rd MAY 2015
(7.00 pm for 7.30pm)
cost £20
Lion Harry Fry henryjanf4863@gmail.com or 01922278718

Thurnby Lions Club 7th Anniversary Charter Lunch

Date: 31st May 2015 Time: 12.30 for 1pm

Chutney Ivy Restaurant 41, Halford Street, Leicester LE1 1TR

Lion President Atul Lakhani & Club Members Cordially invite Fellow Lions and Guests

To the Thurnby Lions Club 7th Anniversary Charter Lunch

At The Chutney Ivy Restaurant, Leicester on Sunday 31st May 2015

For further information – please contact
Lion Mahendra Trivedi on 07582 116 848. Email: m.trivedi@hotmail.co.uk

Lion President Richard invites you to join him at
Malvern Hills Lions Clubs 40th Charter Lunch

Sunday 7th June 2015, 12-30 pm for 1-00 pm
(Please Note the Earlier Date)

Worcestershire Golf Club, Woodfarm Road,
Malvern, WR14 4PP

Cost £22

Dress. Lounge Suits

Menu and Booking form attached

Please return booking form and Menu Choices by 10th May 2015

To Lion Geoff Lewis, by post to 12, The Orchards, Walwyn Road, Colwall, Nr. Malvern, Worcestershire,
WR13 6JZ. Email to geoff@gallion.plus.com or phone 01684 540553

Please make Cheques payable to Malvern Hills Lions Club

WELLESBOURNE & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB
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By Nick Pullen

01384 358224

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CARING Kingswinford and Stourbridge Lions Club celebrate their 40th anniversary this year in the knowledge they have now raised over £1million for good causes.

During that period, they have helped many national charities including Breast Cancer Care, Alzheimer's Society, Diabetes UK and Macmillan Cancer Support.

But there have also been plenty of local organisations who have benefitted from the Lions and 26 of them received donations at a presentation evening last month.

Money was raised from fundraising events including the popular Christmas sleigh outings.

The Lions also staged plant

sales, fashion shows, quizzes, ran a catering trailer and staged boxing and casino nights.

In addition, they've organised a Special Olympics event and put on concerts and medical awareness events for the borough's senior citizens.

Lion Karen Rice said: "While helping others is at the root of all that we do, we also have a great time doing it and the Lions soon become a group of friends."

They still have one original member, Rod Owen, from when the club was first chartered in February 1975.

And they also have their first-ever female president in Mary Thompson.

Now the Lions are on the lookout for new members.

Anyone interested can check out the website at www.kandslions.org.uk.

The Lions can also be found on Facebook and Twitter.

Alternatively, you can call 0845 833 7382.

Lions' funds will be boost for Gambia

A BLACK Country service organisation will be supporting our Well of Life Appeal at its annual plant sale.

Kingswinford and Stourbridge Lions Club, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary, will donate a proportion of the profits to our appeal.

Mary Thompson, club president, said: "The club is happy to donate some of our plant sale proceeds to help with such a worthwhile and life-changing project.

"Our plant sale strap line is 'this year, make the money you spend on plants make a difference'."

Members of the organisation will be taking orders from customers in the postcodes DY5, DY6, DY7, DY8, DY9, B62 and B63 up until midnight on May 2.

All the processing of orders, picking, packing and delivery, is done by Lions club volunteers and supporters from Friends of Lions with delivery being carried out during the day of May 16.

Karen Rice, membership chairman, said: "Previous plant sales have been a fantastic success, with good quality plants from Walkers Nursery and Plant Centre in Chester at good prices."

However, the group are putting out an appeal of their own as they are currently looking for an industrial unit which they could use on Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 16.

A unit of about 400 sq metres is vital to the organisation of the plant sale as it may not be able to go ahead without the space.

Plant sale brochures can be found online at www.lions-plant-sales.info or www.kandslions.org.uk. A hard copy can be requested by emailing plants@kandslions.org.uk.

For more information about the club visit www.kandslions.org.uk, or for more on the Well of Life appeal visit www.stourbridgenews.co.uk

Lions District 105M DG's Wife's Appeal

Registered Charity Number 514602

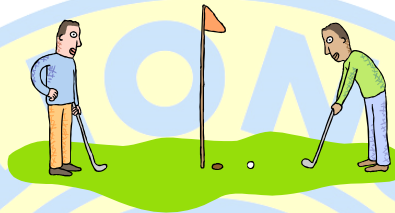
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2015 Charity Golf Day

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**Teams of 4 £150
including meal**

Dress code for dinner - smart casual

**Companies and
Individuals welcome**

Venue: Ombersley Golf Club

Bishops Wood Road, Ombersley, Worcestershire WR9 0LE

Date: Thursday 14th May 2015

Tees from 12.00 to 14.30

Contact Joy 0845 833 8625 or 07703034625

Email lionjoy@thehaffners.me.uk



Interested in finding out more about Lions ...

Interested in joining ...

www.worcesterlionsclub.org.uk

Email worcester@lions105m.org.uk



Lions District 105M DG's Wife's Appeal Raising Funds for 'The Homeless'
Charity Golf Day
AM-AM GOLF COMPETITION
Supported by Worcester Lions Club
Thursday 14th May 2015
OMBERSLEY GOLF CLUB
TEAM APPLICATION

(BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE) NAME OF TEAM _____

COMPETITORS (FULL NAMES)

HANDICAP

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2		
3		
4		

Preferred Tee-Off Time (if any) between 12.00 pm and 2.30 pm

Team Organiser/Captain on your behalf who is to be contacted for future correspondence.

FULL NAME

ADDRESS

POST CODE

BUSINESS/DAYTIME TEL NO:

Would you please enclose your cheque made payable to **LCI 105M** for **£150** which includes green fees tea or coffee and hot meal.

NON GOLFERS WITH ALTERNATIVE ENTERTAINMENT £17 PER PERSON

NAME

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Would you please enclose your cheque made payable to **LCI 105M** for **£17 per person** which includes **alternative entertainment** tea or coffee and hot meal.

PLEASE RETURN TO: Joy Haffner 3 Cartwright Avenue, Worcester, WR4 0NZ

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E-MAIL : lionjoy@thehaffners.me.uk

