



MIDLANDS NEWS

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The new Lions year has started and District 105M will make again an impact, this time under the enthusiastic guidance of Heather.

One of the activities that will see an increased profile will be North Sea Lions (NSL), a task I have embraced for the district. NSL started 35 years ago in this district and we have been letting the side down over the last few years. I have now started visiting clubs to explain what NSL is and does. Feel free to contact me for such a talk. It is only 10 minutes, but with membership changing over years, we have to tell the new intake what NSL is. The celebratory 35th board meeting is in Solihull 12 September. A great opportunity to get closer to the action. And please clubs, respond positive to the request to support NSL in the DG wish list.

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.

Northampton 80



Northampton 80 Club members Doug Cooper and Trevor Harrison receive Melvin Jone Fellowship awards from President Paul Anstice MJF and Jim Ford PDG & MJF

Shirley Carnival was a big success



Captain Jack Sparrow (aka Melo) opened Shirley Lions Carnival on Saturday July 11 and did a fantastic job mingling with the crowds and posing for photos. Most of the children wanted to be him and most of the ladies wanted to take him home. Compere Mark Daniels was his usual excellent self and the sun shone to help create a wonderful mood. With somewhere in the region of 80 stalls and over 3,000 visitors, up 20% with 2014 we will have raised lots of money which will find its way to local charities. First counts show a 25% increase with the year before.

Shakespeare Lions @ River Festival

Shakespeare Lions proudly present their two new gazebos, showing off the Centennial logo, at this year's River Festival which was attended by between 70 and 75,000 people. The weather was perfect and the people came from all over the world to stroll along the riverside where stalls were packed with exciting offers and events.



Shakespeare Lions raised almost £3000 by selling raffle tickets for splendid prizes such as local airplane flights, river trips, theatre tickets and fine dining and with their Tombola of fluffy Lions. But most importantly they raised awareness of Diabetes with the help of Lloyd's chemist by doing testing with qualified nurses. Forty three people took the test with over one third being referred to their local doctor! Our picture shows Past President Peter Humberstone and his wife Penny.



Wellingborough Lions take to the water



July is the month when Lions Clubs all over the world change their President. This year, Wellingborough & District Lions Club decided to make the 'hand over' a social occasion. They hired a boat and spent a very pleasant day cruising the Grand Union Canal from Market Harborough to Foxton Locks, where in glorious sunshine they enjoyed a picnic lunch, before making the return journey. Lion Chris Haynes receiving the chain of office from Lion Martin McKean, thanked Martin for his hard work throughout his term as President.

Photo: Members of Wellingborough & District Lions Club gathered together on the canal bank at Foxton Locks, near Market Harborough.

Knowle and Dorridge Lions Bike Ride Success



Almost 700 cyclists saddled up and rode up to 31 miles on Sunday 19th July from Packwood House, Lapworth. This was the Club's 10th bike annual ride, the fourth Heart of England bike ride in aid of the British Heart Foundation and local causes. Funds are still coming in but the Club hope to exceed last year's £18,000 raised, and will easily pass the target of £100,000 raised for charity over the 10 years of this event.

Donna Stokes, local BHF Fundraising Manager said: "We are absolutely delighted with the number of participants. This successful bike ride attracted over

600 participants last year and even more people joined us this year.

Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, people really enjoyed the event, advising us how well organised it was and many people enter year after year. I would also like to thank the Knowle and Dorridge Lions for all their hard work and everyone who supported this event."

"We are very fortunate to have two National Trust properties on our patch and have developed a strong relationship with their managers over more than two decades" said Lion President Bob Thurtle. "Both properties are very accommodating opening up extra parking for our Lions Festive Walk from Baddesley Clinton House after Christmas and the Heart of England Bike Ride in July from Packwood House. Walkers and riders also enjoy free entrance to the houses and gardens after their exercise."

Several Lions from Shirley Lions Club said how much they enjoyed the bike ride and how well the event was organised.



Knowle & Dorridge Lions hope other clubs will consider adding their FREE Festive Walk on Sunday 28 December to their festive social calendar. More details on www.knowleanddorridgelions.com/walk soon.

Rugby Rokeby Lions sponsors new trophy in memory of Lion Geoff Thompson

When Rugby Rokeby Lions heard that a new trophy was needed for the District 'Young Ambassador of the Year' competition, they decided that this was an ideal opportunity to create a legacy to the memory of Lion Geoff Thompson, who was a stalwart to District Lionism over many years.



After many years of dedicated service to the District and Rugby Rokeby, Geoff died in December 2011 and at his funeral, a retiring collection was taken, the proceeds of which were over £1000. These were very generously donated to Rugby Rokeby Lions in Geoff's memory, by his widow Jean, with a specific request that they be used for Youth projects as they were one of Lion Geoff's passion. In line with this request, the Club set up the Lion Geoff Thompson Memorial Fund which to date has funded various

Youth related activities including providing a £100 bursary for the winner of the 'Rugby Young Sports Volunteer of the Year'.

It therefore seemed fitting that Lion Geoff's memory should live on through the auspices of a new trophy for the winner of the District 105M "Young Ambassador of the Year" competition, together with replica keepsake miniatures for the winners. We're sure Geoff would have liked that.

Balsall Common Update



Balsall Common Lions Club funds next generation of life savers.

Leading first aid charity, St John Ambulance, delivered training to over 100 pupils, in Year Five from Berkswell Church of England School, Year Six at Balsall Common Primary School and Lady Katherine Leveson Church of England School in Temple Balsall.

The youngsters learnt essential first aid skills, including guidance on choking, helping an unconscious casualty and administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) to restart someone's heart.

Lion Ann Pemberton, Youth Officer, said: "This

was the fourth year that we have made a donation to these local schools for first aid training. We are delighted to have worked with St John Ambulance once again to help equip these youngsters with such important skills."

Nick Pitt, Regional Schools Training Co-ordinator for St John Ambulance in the West Midlands, said: "These pupils are now the next generation of first aiders in the local community. We believe that anyone should receive first aid training, regardless of age. This was a generous donation from the Lions Club and one that could mean the difference between a life saved and a life lost."

Recent research by St John Ambulance found that nearly 58% of children in the West Midlands region have no life saving knowledge at all, leaving them without the skills to deal with basic emergency situations such as identifying if someone is breathing or how to help someone who is choking.

For more information on training courses by St John Ambulance, telephone 0121 237 3879. Alternatively, visit www.sja.org.uk or email west-mids-training@sja.org.uk.



Balsall Common Lions welcome new President

After a very successful year in office, Lion President Mark Whitfield hands over to the new incoming Lion President Andy Pemberton.

This will be his third term as President of the club, his last Presidency years were in 1988-1989 and 1995-1996.

Balsall Common Lions Club join in the fun at Mad Hatters Summer Tea Party



Balsall Common Lions had a great day helping out with other volunteers at #The Mad Hatters Tea Party (Solihull Children's Charity). The Charity aims to give sick, disabled and disadvantaged children in the Midlands exciting days out to remember. Their Summer Party was again held at the Botanical Gardens Birmingham, and entertained over 800 children. In spite of the rain this did not stop the children, with their Carers, coming along and enjoying themselves. There were stalls serving refreshments and the children were entertained with face painting, given masks, saw magic

tricks, a Twister making balloon models, hula-hoop displays, Stilt Walkers, some blowing lots of bubbles and one performing acrobatic stunts. We had PC Bibbledy Bobby there to keep everyone under control. Disco music was played throughout, allowing some children including volunteers to practise their dancing such as the Macarena and the entertainment finished with the biggest Conga dance we've ever seen. A well organised day by Liz and her team, which everyone enjoyed, a great day for all of us and most importantly the children loved it and had a brilliant time.

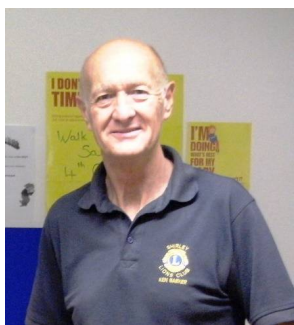
Malvern Hills Lions hosts children from Belarus



Recently the members of Malvern Hills Lions Club once again played host to a group of children visiting the town from an area of Belarus. Over 15 children, their teacher and members of the host families were entertained to a BBQ and afternoon of games by member of the club.

A different group of children from the area of the Chernobyl disaster visit Malvern each year. For some it will be the only time in their lives that they will leave their home country.

Corner of the Competitions Officer, Ken Barker



Continuing with our theme of highlighting one of our competitions each month, in this edition we give you details of the Lions Photographic Competition.

A Picture is worth a thousand words, Lions Photographic Competition 2015. The Lions Public Relations and Marketing Team are launching this year's competition to enable Lions volunteers, clubs and districts from throughout the British Isles and Ireland to enter good quality images. The outstanding images of Lions clubs activities from the last competition have been shown in the '**Lions in your Community**' Report, mini movie created for the Lions European Forum.

Images have helped to create the Lions online photo library to positively promote who we are and what we do within the communities we serve and with media and partnering organisations. The previous winning entry was featured in the Lions Clubs International Magazine.

Lions volunteers, clubs and districts can submit 3 images that are required to fall into one or more of the following categories:

REPORTAGE - telling a story about a Lions event, project, programme or activity

FUN - showing the enjoyment that Lions have in their local communities (selfie's can be included here)

SERVICE - demonstrating the excellent work that Lions do in their local communities

SPIRIT - illustrating what Lions is all about

There will be a separate category for the following under the above 4 categories:

Under 16's

Professional photographers

Video clips up to 4 minutes long

Entries will be judged impartially by professionals. The judging criteria will include: originality, image quality, technical ability and composition, inclusion of the Lions logo and representation of the positive spirit of Lionism. We encourage creativity and imagination in identifying relevant images that capture the work of Lions in raising money, delivering services or projects, planning or undertaking activities and/or having fun.

Note: Please no cheque presentations or line-ups of individuals. We would like to see photographs that are in focus, interesting, engaging and provoke a response.

Closing date for submission of images from 2014-15 is 31st October 2015, with winning entries to be announced before Christmas.

Lions Photographic Competition 2015

If you have any further questions regarding the photographic competition, please contact

Lion Ken by email: competitions@lions105m.org.uk

or refer to the following web link for more information: <http://lionsclubs.co/MembersNews/lions-photo-competition/>

Obituaries

Here we pay respects to our fellow Lions who have passed to higher service. We wish their families and friends strength during these difficult times.

Lion John Price

It is with sadness that Kenilworth Lions Club reports the death of Lion John Price. He was 77. Lion John joined the Lions in 1981 and held many posts in the Club. He was President in 1990. In 1993 he was instrumental in setting up the now famous Kenilworth Lions Charity Furniture Store. He was the driving force behind its success and remained its Chairman until his death. He will be sadly missed.

The funeral is at Coventry Crematorium on Monday the 3rd August at 11.30 am.

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Forthcoming Events

2nd Lions Club Of Coventry Mercia Charity Golf Day

Saturday 15th August 2015

@

The Warwickshire Golf & Country Club, Leek Wootton,
Warwick, CV35 7QT (Telephone: 01926-409409)

18 HOLES OF CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF

REGISTRATION & FULL ENGLISH BREAKFAST 9.30am

EVENING MEAL: THE SPORTS CONNEXION, RYTON ON DUNSMORE,
COVENTRY, CV8 3FL

For further information: Mr Omkar Hunjan: 07831673291 Email: omkarhunjan@gmail.com



The poster features a man in a tuxedo on the left and a woman in a red dress and crown on the right. In the center is a large, ornate crown. The text 'Miss England® & MR ENGLAND 2015 THE GRAND FINALE' is prominently displayed in the center. Below this, the event details are listed: 'WINNERS GAIN ENTRY TO MISS & MR WORLD COMPETITION', 'THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST - 7PM', 'MR ENGLAND FINAL & MISS ENGLAND ECO FASHION SHOW', 'FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST - 7PM', and 'MISS ENGLAND GRAND FINAL - 3 COURSE DINNER & SHOW'. The venue 'RICOH ARENA' is highlighted in large red letters. Below the venue name, it says 'Business | Entertainment | Sport' and 'RICOH ARENA - PHOENIX WAY, COVENTRY, CV6 6GE'. At the bottom, there is a row of logos for sponsors: MB MEDIA BOARD, Fresh, Cinnamon HOTELS & RESORTS, XTREME BOOTCAMP, BILLION DOLLAR SMILE COSMETICS, LeMAQPRO Makeup, Creative Ten, MON, ADC creativ, and MATIS BEAUTY EXPERT.

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Charity Clay Shoot

Rushden and District Lions
54 Avenue Road, Rushden, NN10 0SJ

5th September 2015 / 1-4pm

£15 per ticket

(25 shots, Inc. cartridges and barbecue)

Additional rounds £10.00 each

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01933 355281, 079 211 92 905

The District Golf Competition

incorporating the PDG Golf Competition is again being held at Bromsgrove Golf Club on Thursday 6th August 2015 from 12.00noon. The cost is £25 to include a bacon sandwich on arrival.
Anyone wanting to play should contact PDG John Poole at
poolejoann@blueyonder.co.uk

North Sea Lions Board meeting and Festive Dinner 12 September



Lions are invited to visit the NSL board meeting on 12/9 at 09.00 in Solihull. The meeting comes once every 11 years to 105M and this is your chance to see them in action



35 years since NSL started also means a festive dinner at £27.50 (3 course).

If you would like to join these activities, please contact 105M NSL officer Jaap de Jonge as places must be reserved as they are very limited.

Tel: 0121-7453026, email: pti@globalnet.co.uk



Shirley Lions Duathlon at Blythe Valley Business Park 13/9

For 2015 due to popular demand we are changing our annual Fun Run to a "Duathlon".

This is a twofold event on Sunday 13th September with a 10 mile cycling element added to the normal 5K and 10K runs.

The run will as usual be around Blythe Valley Park and the cycle element will take place on the static cycles within Virgin Active on the Park. For those not wishing to cycle entrants may continue to do just the run as in previous years.

To enter please click [here](#) and download an entry form.

Please note that this year all competitors must pre-register in order to help manage the event. There will be NO registration on the day.

The beneficiary of the funds raised from this year's event will be the Marie Curie

Hospice in Solihull.

Dudley Lions are organising a Summer Fun Day 23/8

Dudley Lions are organising an Summer Fun Day and we'd love you to join us!

We are looking for a variety of trade stalls (gift, craft)- so if you are interested drop me a line with a brief description of what you'd like to sell and I'll send you the booking form.

Thanking you in advance for your support.

Date: Saturday 23rd August 2015

Venue: Vine Pub, 1 Dunsley Road, Kinver, West Midlands, DY7 6LJ

Time: 11am until 5pm

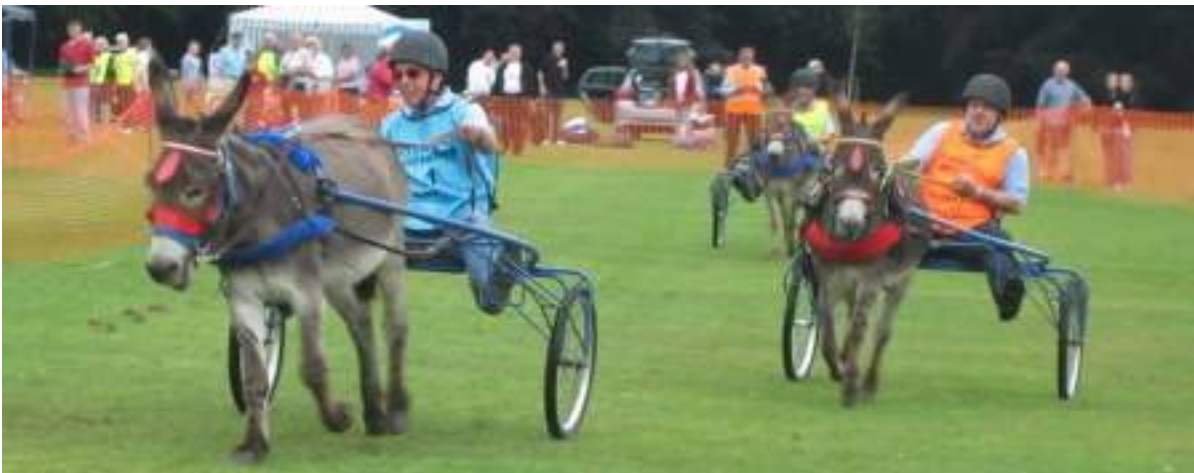
Contact: Shona Jones, Dudley Lion

Tel: Number: 07886 405128

Email: stardustgifts@live.com

Cost: £20 per standard 3m x 3m pitch for Gazebo.

The Village Fête comes to the city



2015 sees the 47th consecutive Coventry Donkey Derby in Coventry's War Memorial Park. This family orientated event brings the village fete to the City with an emphasis on entertainment for all ages. The organisers, Coventry Leofric Lions Club supported by Phoenix Lions Clubs, aim to raise as much money as possible for local charities by providing a village of stalls, a fun fair, donkey rides, story telling, a jazz band, circus skills, Wolly the Clown, hot dogs, burgers, asian delights, a tea tent, a beer tent and much more. The centre arena will see five Donkey Races and two Sulky Races that will give everyone a chance to have a flutter on the Tote.



The big event take will take place this year on Saturday 5th September, which is a change from tradition. The organisers are hoping for better weather and more families free from holidays and able to attend. The fun takes place from 12.00 noon until 5.00pm and entry is free. Last year saw an attendance of between 6,000 and 8,000 people from all over Coventry and Warwickshire and with the blessing of fine weather many of these will return for another family day out in Coventry's beautiful park.

Coventry Leofric Lions invite you to put this date in your diary and hope to see you there enjoying yourselves and helping the needy of Coventry and Warwickshire.

More details about the Donkey Derby can be found on the club's website www.leofriclions.org.uk



Southam & District Lions Club



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Saturday

19th September



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Castle Bromwich Lions Club

in support of Acorns Children's Hospice

Quiz Night with Fish and Chips Supper

Friday 25th September 2015

7.00pm for 7.30pm

at

The Family Tree Club

Clopton Crescent, Chelmsley Wood B37 6QT

Tickets £6.50 (includes hot supper)

max 6 per team

Pay Bar

For Tickets Ring Lion Steve Else

07754950290 or email stephen-else@hotmail.com

Balsall Common Lions Club

present

A Charity Evening with
Malc Stent
Friday 2nd October 2015

7.30pm for 8.00pm *at*

St Peters Church Hall
Balsall Common CV7 7EA
Tickets £12.50 (includes hot supper)

Pay Bar

For Tickets Ring Lion Ross Collins, 07813 937921

WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 10th OCTOBER 2015

at GREAT DODDINGTON MEMORIAL HALL

7.30pm start

TICKETS £10 including Ploughman's supper

Teams of up to 6

Tickets available from:

Jayne Handcock on 01933 273770

Wendy McKean on 01933 403411

Proceeds to Wellingborough & District Lions Charities

RUGBY (ROKEBY) LIONS CLUB ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THEIR
Twentieth Annual Duplicate Pairs Bridge Competition
for

The "Salt Cellars" and a purse of £100

at

London Midland Railwayman's Association Club,
Hillmorton Road, Rugby CV22 5AL

Starting at **1.30 pm** on **Sunday 11th October 2015**

This is a two session competition with a break for supper, it is anticipated to finish at approximately 10 p.m.

Profits will be donated to the Coventry Wheelchair Basketball Association.

EBU Black Points Will Be Awarded At District Scale

£14 per person including supper

Contact Chris Malthouse on Rugby (01788) 561779 for further details.

e-Mail chrismalthouse@tiscali.co.uk

Bromsgrove Lions

October 16th 2015, Abba Tribute Night

Longbridge Social & Working Men's Club & Institute,

1012, Bristol Road South, Birmingham, B31 2QU

Castle Bromwich Barn Dance

Castle Bromwich and District Lions Club invites you to a Barn Dance at the Grounds Farm, Wishaw, Sutton Coldfield on Saturday 24th October 2015. £16.00 dinner and dance includes our popular 2 Course hot meal.

To register, please contact Lion Phil White on: 01217850392 or 07969621256 or e-mail: philpwhite@talktalk.net.



Balsall Common Lions Club



Charity Evening

Present

The Priory Players

In

“A Chorus of Disapproval”

By Alan Ayckbourn

At the Priory Theatre Kenilworth

On

Thursday 29th October 2015 @ 7.30pm

Doors open at 7.00pm

Tickets £16

To include

A Buffet Supper and a Glass of Red/White wine, Beer, Lager or fruit juice

In aid of the Lions District Charity Appeal

Hologram Scanner for Birmingham Children's Hospital

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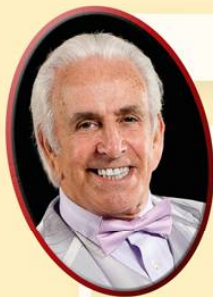
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Saturday 28th November 2015 - 7.30pm

The Albany Theatre, Butts, Coventry

Tickets £12.00

Available from The Albany Theatre Box Office: **024 7699 8964**
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For further information email: **concert@leofrictions.org.uk**

PARKING @ Coventry Rugby Club Butts Park

EARLY WARNING NOTICE!

DROITWICH LIONS CLUB

Are pleased to announce that they have hired the Norbury Theatre
in Droitwich for a special performance by The Norbury Players of:

" Beauty and the Beast " The Pantomime

We have 176 seats available at the special price of only £3 each (normally £10)

For one night only.

This is a special concession by Droitwich Lions & The Norbury Players
for disadvantaged youngsters and the elderly or disabled.

At 7:30pm Thursday 7th January 2016

The Norbury Theatre, Friar Street, Droitwich. WR9 8ED

Ample car parking opposite the theatre, off The Saltway
(parking is free after 6:00pm)

If you or your club would like to take advantage of this special offer, please contact ASAP: Lion President
Dave Jepson of Droitwich Lions Club. Tel. 01527 821019 or email: jeppo179@hotmail.com

First come, first served! – Offer closes November 30th 2015

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This special production of Beauty and the Beast has all the traditional Pantomime ingredients !

Oh yes it does !

With a subtle French feel, there is a suit of armour that walks, Gigi the horse and of course the traditional
Pantomime Dame in the guise of Madame Dolores Lilly, and the panto baddie, Countess Cruella.

Charters

WOLVERHAMPTON LIONS CLUB CHARTER NIGHT

At Linden House, 211 Tettenhall Road, Wolverhampton, WV6 0DD

10th October 2015, 19:00 For 19:30

Cost £23

Please return booking forms to

Lion Lawrence Darby, 18 Greenfield View, Sedgley, DY3 3NG

or email clubcharter@wolverhamptonlions.org.uk

Please return forms by Friday 2nd October 2015

Northampton 80 Lions Club

Charter Anniversary Dinner

at

The Marriot Hotel

Eagle Drive Northampton NN4 7HW

On Friday 16th October 2015

At 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.

Menu choices to be advised

Cost £25.00

Dress formal or dark lounge suit

Contact Doug Cooper on

Tel: 01604 847534

Email: 01604847534@uwclub.net

WELLINGBOROUGH AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

42nd Anniversary Charter Lunch

Sunday 25th October 2015

La Rocca, Tithe Barn Road, Wellingborough, NN8 1AH

Cost: £25

Arrival: 12.30pm for 1pm

Numbers will be limited so please respond asap but at the latest by 10th October 2015

Replies and choices to be sent to: Lion Wendy McKean - e-mail: wendyamckean@hotmail.co.uk

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All aboard to set sail for the carnival

SHIRLEY Carnival basked in the sunshine last year and organisers are hoping this year the sun will shine once more as it heads off to sea.

Local dancers and musical groups will be performing at Shirley Park on Saturday, July 11, at this year's pirate-themed carnival.

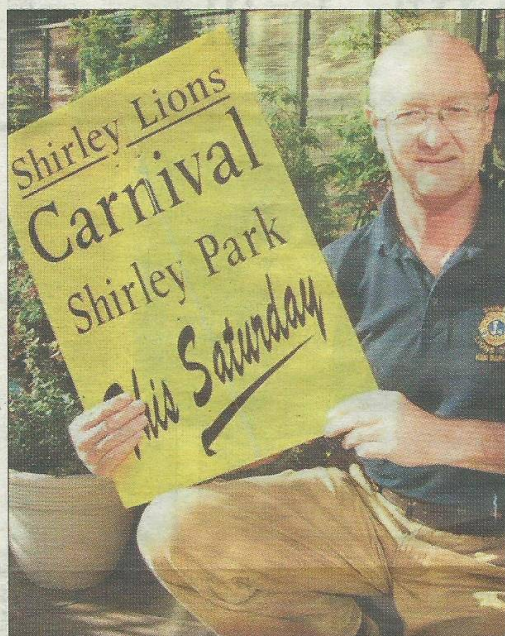
Once the gates have been opened at midday by special guest Jack Sparrow there will be plenty for shipmates to enjoy from fancy dress competitions to Punch and Judy, live music and charity stalls to look around.

For more contact 0845 833 9547.

Ships Ahoy - Shirley Carnival organisers prepare to make land at Shirley Park next month. (s)



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The final touches are being made ready for Shirley Carnival this weekend. (s)

Lions are roaring to go for carnival

EVERYTHING is now ship shape and ready for this year's Shirley Carnival this weekend.

Local dancers and musical groups will be performing at Shirley Park on Saturday (July 11) at this year's pirate-themed carnival.

This year the carnival will have a pirate theme with lookalike Captain Jack Sparrow from Pirates of

the Caribbean opening the event.

Children are encouraged to come along in pirate themed fancy dress to meet Captain Jack and enter the Fancy Dress competition, which he will be judging.

Gates open at 11.30 am with the programme of events commencing at noon.

Admission prices are held once again at £1 for everyone.



SADDLE UP: SILHILLIANS are being encourage to get in their bikes this weekend to give hope to heart patients.

While advance registration for the Heart of England Bike Ride has closed, organisers are urging people to turn up this Sunday (July 19) and take part in the popular charity bike ride through the Warwickshire countryside in aid of the British Heart Foundation (BHF).

Organised by the Knowle and Dorridge Lions Club, the event is suitable for people of all ages and cycling abilities - giving participants the opportunity to choose between a 13, 19 and 31 mile circular routes along quiet country lanes.

Last year, the popular event raised over £12,000 for BHF - with this year's funds going towards the charity's Mending Broken Hearts Appeal.

The appeal aims to raise enough money to fund the ground-breaking research that could help the heart to 'heal itself' and prevent thousands of people developing heart failure.

Donna Stokes, local BHF Community Fundraising

Manager, said that despite already having nearly 400 people sign up for the bike ride, they hope to see more people turn up on the day.

She added: "It's a great event, we have always received really positive feedback from people advising us how much they enjoyed the event, how friendly everyone was and how well organised the event was."

"It would be great if people could support the event and help make it an even bigger success this year."

Afterward completing their ride, participants are invited to enjoy complimentary entry to the National Trust house and gardens or purchase food from the Knowle and Dorridge Lions BBQ.

The event starts between 9.30am and 11.30am on Sunday, July 19 at the Packwood House National Trust property in Lapworth.

Sign-ups on the day cost £15 for adult entrants and \$7.50 for children.

More information can be found online at www.knowleanddorridgelions.com/bikeride



Pirates best friend Weasel looks the part in his outfit. 28.015.006.sol.jm3

Old sea dog has his day

THIS year's Shirley Carnival was a blazing success, as people turned out in their thousands in the glorious afternoon sunshine.

Revellers basked in the sunshine while seeking out the hidden treasures at Shirley Park at the pirate-themed event.

Turn to pages six and seven for more pictures.

Picture Special



Megan Cashmore tries her hand at crossbow shooting. 28.015.006.sol.jm11



Pirate Monica Munoz plots with Commodore James Norrington from The Pirates Of The Caribbean. 28.015.006.sol.jm10



The ever popular Punch and Judy show. 28.015.006.sol.jm6



Icecream all round... The Hardwick and Daffurn families enjoying their day out in the sunshine. 28.015.006.sol.jm15

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Maddison Woodward gets in the carnival spirit as she gets her face painted. 28.015.006.sol.jm13

Left - Erin McCaffrey has fun on the inflatable slide. 28.015.006.sol.jm5



The Shirley Pipe Band in full swing. 28.015.006.sol.jm8

Picture Special

Thousands enjoy Shirley Carnival

FUN IN the sun was the order of the day as Shirley Carnival spread music and joy at the weekend.

Thousands of people and pirates descended upon Shirley Park and were entertained by Shirley pipe band, a punch and Judy Show, fair

stalls, and the pirate express while thrill seekers took to the fair rides and games.

Following the official opening

by Captain Jack Sparrow pirates roamed throughout the park with their parrots and spades ready to dig up any treasure and getting the crew in high spirits.

Lion Gillian Conlon, Carnival Chairman, said "This year we introduced some new elements to the carnival and it certainly went down well with the crowds."

"The day went off fantastically and we were delighted that the

weather was so wonderful – it really does make a difference to events such as this."

The Lions are still counting up the money but Gillian indicated that the carnival raised roughly £5,000 which will be donated to a range of local charities.

Observer photographer Jon Mullis was on hand to capture a slice of the action.



Arrrrr Jim lad... A1 Petline volunteers Beryl Romano and Anne Abbott get ready to hoist the mainsail. 28.015.006.sol.jm2

