



# MIDLANDS NEWS

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## February 2016



Trust you enjoyed the Santa special. Next year some more reports please. We like to read how your club served the community.

Congratulations to Worcester Lions for good publicity, follow this link:

[http://www.worcesternews.co.uk/news/14198744.Lions\\_grants\\_set\\_to\\_boost\\_groups\\_in\\_the\\_community/?ref=erec](http://www.worcesternews.co.uk/news/14198744.Lions_grants_set_to_boost_groups_in_the_community/?ref=erec)

Raise money for your club. Register your club using this [link](#) and tell your members, family, friends about it and every time 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.

### Malvern Hills Lions Club presents new “Joker” trophy.



The president of Malvern Hills Lions Club Dave Jeavons, his wife Heather who is also a member of the club, along with Geoff Lewis and Roger Orgill also members of the club, and who assisted Heather in organising and running the club's annual “It's a Knock Out” competition. Recently visited the Cherry Orchards Social Education Centre, Worcester, to present the winning “Joker” trophy to the group that attend the centre and took part in the event which took place in early November 2015, in the Avon Hall of the Three Counties Showground.

The event sees some of those that attend Social Education Centres in the area taking part in a day of friendly competition which is thoroughly enjoyed, not only by those from the centres, but also but those running the event. Each year there is a theme to event. The 2015 theme was “Musicals”. There is not only a trophy for the best “Joker” but also for the overall games winning team. There are also prizes for the winners of the poster competition which is judged on the day.



The reason for the delay in this presentation is down to the fact that the original trophy which was in the form of a shield was won in 2013 by a team from the Social Education Centre, Tewkesbury. This centre has since been closed. The trophy was not returned when the centre closed and has not been able to be traced. As a result a new “Joker” trophy had to be acquired.

During the presentation, President Dave “said that he was sure that the group would be proud to give the trophy pride of place at the centre”.

## Harborough Twenty 12 Lions Club

Do you have a Food Bank in your area? Do they have a surplus of some food and not enough of others?

The Harborough Twenty 12 Lions Club has just donated £200 to the local food bank and taken over 100 surplus tins of food and a bread basket full of pasta to the YMCA homeless shelter in Leicester, who were delighted to receive it.

Why not contact your local food bank and see if you can help your local homeless?

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## Leamington Guide Dog Training School



The Guide Dogs Training School at Leamington Spa started in 1941 and today trains 220 dogs a year, A party of Lions went on a visit to the Centre to take part in the Guide Dogs experience and learn about their life-changing work.

We discovered the work of the Association, how it all began and how they train the dogs, watching a video learning more about sight loss. A few Lions experienced a 'Blindfold Walk', which was enlightening.

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more about sight loss. A few Lions experienced a 'Blindfold Walk', which was enlightening. The highlight had to be meeting a few of the dogs themselves!

Lion Ray Stephens presented Tony a volunteer Puppy Walker, with a cheque for £200.

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## Visiting Kitzbühl Lions

While enjoying a nice winter holiday in Tirol, Austria, I suddenly remembered that I was the club person responsible for Club visits. Shirley Lions takes that very serious, having won the District Traveling Lion many times. Visits are a great way to meet other Lions, competition or no competition! So I had a search on good old Google and contacted the Kitzbühl Lions club president who invited me to their next Social event, which was a get together at the local Curling club. It was just like socials we



have at the local bowls club. Just that this was on ice and

rather slippery. It is rather more dangerous than bowls, as one lady fell badly and was carted off by ambulance! It did not stop us for playing a few rounds and it was a great introduction to a new game I only knew from TV. After dinner we went upstairs for a meal. Again it was proven that the family of Lions stretches much further than your local club, zone, district. We are part of a great big family, which



reaches all over the world.



## Southam Lions



Wednesday 20 January at our Lions Club Meeting both Jayme Balossino from The Junior Diabetes Research Fund and Emily Cooper from Teenage Cancer Trust accepted cheques for £3000 each from Lion President Brian Howard and Lion Peter Guy (Father Christmas). The other 'motley' individuals are of course Lions some wearing strange hats!!

In the photo Jayme is on the left alongside Emily.

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## Lions Lend Their Green-Fingers

'GROWING their own' will be a wish come true for the residents of Rosedale in Shipston this year - thanks to the green-fingers of the Stour Valley Lions.

Rosedale is a supported living development run by Heart of England Mencap for local people with learning disabilities.

Since 2014, Rosedale's residents have been working towards creating an area at their home where they would be able to grow their own vegetables and shrubs. Over Christmas their ambitions were finally realised when the Stour Valley Lions dug in to help, donating their funds and their time to help create raised beds and a special herb path.



The project was jointly funded by the Stour Valley Lions and Heart of England Mencap – with the Lions kindly donating £850 as well as a team of green-fingered volunteers.

Julia Furniss, Rosedale's Manager, said: "We owe a big thank you to the Stour Valley Lions and to the garden builder Martin Goodman for all of their help in making the project possible. Our residents can't wait to get stuck in growing their own."

Showing Lions David Freer, Pauline Morley and Lion President David Squires, with

Rosedale's Service Manager Julia Furniss and residents Janet Hale, Malcolm Smith, Kevin Ward and Richard Knight. (Photo courtesy of Lion Graham Williamson.)

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## Shirley Lions

Saturday 9th January saw Shirley Lions entertain approaching 200 local senior citizens at their annual New Year Party. The afternoon commenced with a fish and chips lunch which was followed by a session from singer and all round entertainer Dave Berry. To give Dave a break two games of bingo were held with Lion President Martin Wright calling the numbers. Members of Shirley Lions then got up on stage to perform a couple of comedy sketches before Dave came back on with a far more professional performance ! The afternoon concluded with the drawing of the grand raffle. The overwhelming response from the pensioners as they left was what a great afternoon they had.



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## Competitions Corner.

This month we are highlighting two very similar competitions and as Convention is fast approaching, would encourage Club PR officers and Immediate Past Presidents to get their entries in to me as soon as possible.

For more information on both these competitions please visit our website at <http://www.lions105m.org/commsteam.htm>



### Press and PR Competition District 105M

#### Rules

The PR trophy was introduced in 1990 to District 105M to try to encourage and motivate clubs to promote their activities, therefore increasing the profile of Lions Clubs.

The judges are looking for a club to have achieved the best PR through a sustained effort in promoting Lions.

This can be for:-

1. One event, or
2. A number of events held during the current year.

To enter you need to retain details of all of your club PR activities and achievements backed up with photographs where possible.

You need to keep press cuttings and records of any PR activities such as radio interviews and promotion activities. If you have a display of an event, try and get a photograph of it. Don't forget to keep copies of promotion leaflets, posters etc.

The competition year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> March to the last day of February, in order that your entry can be judged and the cup awarded at District Convention.

Submit your entry no later than two weeks prior to convention to the District Competitions Officer, details can be found in your Lions Directory.

Unlike the scrapbook competition, presentation is not as important as the quality of the PR your club has achieved.



### SCRAPBOOK COMPETITION DISTRICT 105M

#### Rules

This is a record of a Presidential Year and is judged at District Convention.

All entries should be in book form not exceeding 24 inches x 23 inches.

The scrapbook should cover the period of the preceding Presidential Year.

The scrapbook should contain:-

- Newspaper/magazine coverage
- Bulletins
- Newsletters
- Function programmes
- Menus
- Tickets
- Photographs
- Pictures

Judging is based upon:-

- News Media Coverage
- Club and Inter Club Activities
- Presentation

The winning entry at the discretion of the judges will be eligible for the Multiple District Competition.

## Peace Poster Contest

The theme for the 2016-2017 Peace Poster Contest is "A Celebration of Peace". If your club has never entered this competition before why not sponsor a Peace Poster contest in your local community and encourage local boys and girls (ages 11 – 13) to celebrate peace through art. All the resources you need for organising and your club's contest are included in the Peace Poster Contest Kit.

Whilst the January Newswire from Lions Clubs International advises that you can get the kits from Oak brook I would remind everyone that it is easier to get them from our own MDHQ. The cost is just £11 which includes p & p.

[Watch the Peace Poster Contest video here](#)

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## Lions Golf Andalucia Open 11-16/4 2016

After our great success of three Golf tournaments in Sunny Southern Spain in favor of LCIF for the eradication of Measles, we like to invite you to the Lions Golf Andalucia Open in 2016 from 11.-16. April 2016 in Sotogrande - Andalusia, right in the centre of Europe's Golf Mecca. The 27 holes Almenara golf course is located just a few drives

of Valderrama, award-winning as best golf course of Europe and Ryder Cup destination 1997. With pines, cork oaks and water every Almenara golf course has its own face.

While the Lions Golf Andalucia Open 2016, we have again organized for none golfers a cultural program. Please, book immediately as only 40 players can participate: Booking Should you experience problems when booking we ask for a notice by [charity@dr golf.info](mailto:charity@dr golf.info).

The Lions Golf World Tour [www.lionsgolf.info](http://www.lionsgolf.info) is organizing golf tournaments for Lions with the basic idea: Together golfing and Help.

If your club organize a golf tournament we would like to publish it on [www.lionsgolf.info](http://www.lionsgolf.info) in the left column under 'Select Your Venue' so Lions golfers learn about your event and thus could participate (Contact: Dr. Volker Bernhardt - [charity@dr golf.info](mailto:charity@dr golf.info)).

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## 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.

### Northampton Lions Club

It is with sadness that Northampton Lions would announce the death of former Lions Roy Osborne on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2015, from pneumonia, his family were with him at the end. Frail health for some time had prevented Roy being an active member of Lions but he always supported from afar and with as much enthusiasm as he was able. He will be sadly missed.

## Advertising

### **VILLA RENTAL in Croatia**

3 bedroom stone cottage near Porec.

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[www.villatolet.co.uk](http://www.villatolet.co.uk)

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[www.broadhavenholidaycottage.co.uk](http://www.broadhavenholidaycottage.co.uk)

**Tel: 01858 432325/07714 522100**

**Email: [lionjohnbush@aol.com](mailto:lionjohnbush@aol.com)**



## **Forthcoming Events**

### **District Convention Update**

Information about the District Convention can be found by clicking the following link

<http://www.lions105m.org/convention/2016%20District%20Convention%20Burbage/105M%20Convention%202016%20Information.pdf>

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### **Birmingham Chinatown Lions Chinese New Year Dinner with Entertainment**

To be held at China Court 24 Ladywell Walk Birmingham B5 4ST

6<sup>th</sup> February 2016, (6.30 for 7.00pm) Cost £30

This includes a full Traditional Chinese Banquet and entertainment

Raising funds for the Edwards Trust and Lions Charities

To book please contact Lion Dean Lake on 07792 743 296 or [info@lakecontracts.co.uk](mailto:info@lakecontracts.co.uk) by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015 at the latest

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### **Third Annual Zone H Quiz Night**

Thursday February 18<sup>th</sup>. 2016

at

Great Doddington Memorial Hall,

42B High Street, Great Doddington, Northants. NN29 7TQ.

7.00pm for 7.30pm supper

Cost: £6.00 per head includes supper

Supper choice: Fish & Chips; Chicken & Chips; Sausages (2) & Chips; or Vegi Burger & Chips.

Please bring your own drink wine/beer & glasses. Tea & coffee will be available.

Teams will be decided on the night so individuals welcome

Partners and members from other clubs welcome

All questions will be displayed on screen as will eventually be the answers for those hard of hearing

Quiz set by Martin & Wendy McKean and run by Wellingborough Lions

Numbers and menu choices to Jayne Handcock by February 14th

[roger.handcock@sky.com](mailto:roger.handcock@sky.com), Tel 01933 273770

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### **Shakespeare Lions' Quiz Night**

Friday 19th February 2016

Arrive 7.30pm for an 8pm start

The View, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 7LS (on the bank of the River Avon opposite the Royal Shakespeare Theatre)

£10 per person, to include entry to the quiz and some food

Contact Bernard Hall, tel. 01789 294350, e-mail [BHAL@AOL.COM](mailto:BHAL@AOL.COM) (yes, "BHAL", not "BHALL"!) )

Maximum number in a team is 8, no minimum number in a team. Wheelchair access possible. Licensed bar available for the purchase of drinks. Pre-booking essential. This is a general fundraiser for a range of good causes supported by Shakespeare Lions.

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### **District Master Team Quiz**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. 2016, 19.00-19.30 (start)

Strawberry Bank Hotel, Main Rd, Meriden CV7 7NF

£16 per team (cheques payable to Knowle & Dorridge Lions Club please) includes ham & cheese rolls

Contact: Ian Gedge [gedgeij@gmail.com](mailto:gedgeij@gmail.com), tel:07976 392870

Charity: To be announced on the evening, Dress Code: Casual

## Towcester and District Lions Club

Duplicate  
Bridge Tournament

& Buffet Lunch 12-30 – 5-00pm

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February  
Pattishall Parish Hall, NN12 8NN

Tickets £15 from: -  
Lion Keith Giffen 01327 831388 or  
Lion David Powell 01327 351848 or  
Lion Graham Edmonds 01327 831083

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Proceeds to Lady Cynthia Spencer & Willen Hospices.

## Castle Bromwich and District Lions present

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 7.00pm

£6.50 per person including fish & chip supper

Max 6 people per team

At The Family Tree

Clopton Crescent

Chelmsley Wood

Birmingham

B37 6QT

Tickets from Steve  
E mail [stephen-else@hotmail.com](mailto:stephen-else@hotmail.com), 0121 748 2154

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## Malvern Hills Lions Clubs Quiz Night

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Powick Village Hall

7-00 pm for 7-30 pm

Teams of Four to Six

£8.50 each to include Fish and Chip Supper, Pay Bar

For Tickets and Further Details

Phone 0845 833 9548 or email [malvernhillslions@gmail.com](mailto:malvernhillslions@gmail.com)

Proceeds to Children's Hospital Scanner Hologram Appeal

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## Sutton Coldfield & Erdington Lions Club

presents

An evening of Ferret Racing

Saturday 12th March 2016 7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Tickets £16.00, INCLUDE 2 COURSE MEAL

Wishaw Country Sports, Grounds Farm, Grove Lane, Wishaw B76 9PQ

Contact: Martin, 07768 166005, [mcook@kwboffice.com](mailto:mcook@kwboffice.com)



**Balsall Common  
Lions Club**



presents

**Vivo in Concert**



on

**Saturday 5th March 2016**  
7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m.

**Tickets £16.00**

**Two Course Hot Supper**

**Licensed Bar**

At

**Heart of England School  
Gipsy lane  
Balsall Common CV7 7FW**

**For Tickets contact**

**Ross Collins  
01676 534820/07813 937921**

**Knowle Fun Run**

Entries are open for this year's Knowle Fun Run on **Sunday 15th 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 Lily Mae Foundation, Children's Liver Disease Foundation, Solihull Bereavement Counselling Service and local causes.

In addition there are 4 Mini Runs for children in Years 1-4, Year 4's also being able to enter the 1 & 2 lap Junior Fun Run.

More details and enter online now at [www.knowlefunrun.org.uk](http://www.knowlefunrun.org.uk).



# **COVENTRY** *Walkathon*

**Walk in the War Memorial Park  
on Sunday 15 May in pursuit of  
a healthier lifestyle.**



**Sunday 15 May 2016  
War Memorial Park  
10.30am for 11.00am start**

**More information?  
[leofriclions.org.uk](http://leofriclions.org.uk)  
or Reg Brown  
(07766 667349)**

Coventry Walkathon 2016 is sponsored by



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## Worcester Lions Club Charity Golf Day

Registered Charity number 510331

# Drive for Charity 2016

Raise money for charity  
while playing your favourite game

**A fun filled  
day for  
everyone...**

**18 Hole Stableford Competition**

**Companies  
and  
Individuals  
welcome...**

**Come and join us!**

**Venue: Ombersley Golf Club**

Bishops Wood Road, Ombersley, Worcestershire WR9 0LE

**Date: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

**Hole  
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Available...**

## Raising Funds for Air Ambulance

**Teams of 4  
£160 inc  
Meal...**

**Contact Joy – 07703034625**

**Email [worcester@lions105m.org.uk](mailto:worcester@lions105m.org.uk)**

**Nearest the  
Pin...**

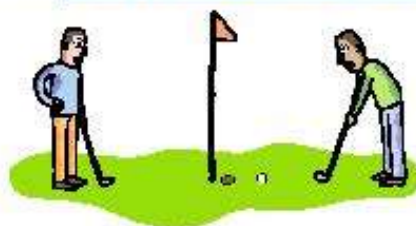
Interested in finding out more about Lions ...

Interested in joining ...

[www.worcesterlionsclub.org.uk](http://www.worcesterlionsclub.org.uk)

Email [worcester@lions105m.org.uk](mailto:worcester@lions105m.org.uk)

**Longest  
Drive...**



## Charters

### MOSELEY & KINGS HEATH LIONS CLUB

The President and Members of Moseley & Kings Heath Lions Club cordially invite you to attend our Charter Anniversary, once again we are able to offer a fantastic bargain and places will be limited, so early application is advised. The details are as follows:-

**PLACE:** Moseley Golf Club, Springfield Road, Kings Heath

**DATE:** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2016 - 7pm for 7.30pm.

**DRESS:** Formal or Lounge Suits.

**DANCING:** To Darren's Disco

Please email me as soon as possible if you wish to attend, we will deal with applications in order received. **[jhbarnes60@gmail.com](mailto:jhbarnes60@gmail.com)**

Please follow up with cheque payable to Moseley Lions Club and send to me at 60, Peartree Crescent, Solihull Lodge B90 1LB  
Lion John Barnes MBE

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### Walsall Lions Club 41<sup>st</sup> Charter Dinner With Entertainment

To be held at The County Hotel, Birmingham Road, Walsall,  
WS1 2NG - 13<sup>th</sup> February 2016, (6.45 for 7.15pm) Cost £25

Please see attached menu order form and return to Linda Wilton - [grahamwilton@btinternet.com](mailto:grahamwilton@btinternet.com) by  
31<sup>st</sup> January 2015 at the latest

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### Lion President Keith Godwin invites you to Bromsgrove Lions Club

36th Annual Charter Dinner

at the Bromsgrove Hilton, Birmingham Road, Bromsgrove, B61 0JB

27th February 2016, 7.30 for 8.00pm.

Dress Code: Black Tie or Dark Lounge Suit, please.

For more information: [keith.godwin49@hotmail.com](mailto:keith.godwin49@hotmail.com) or 01527 578768 by 10th Feb 2016

Rooms are available booked direct with the Hilton. £60 Single or £70 Double.

Email Claire on [claire.wegrzyn@hilton.com](mailto:claire.wegrzyn@hilton.com) or telephone 0121 447 4594

### **extra Special Auction at Bromsgrove Lions Club Charter A Half day Adventure Course Land Rover Experience**

This is for THREE people - TWO drivers and ONE riding observer.

Location is at any of the SEVEN Land Rover Experience sites.

E.g. Land Rover Solihull's Jungle Track

The off roading track at Eastnor Castle,

and other locations in Wales, Northern England and Scotland.

The value of this experience is almost £500 and, at the time of posting this auction, bids have already reached £350!

The final auction will be held at Bromsgrove's Charter Night  
where all postal or email bids will be taken into consideration.

Bids are Invited in advance by email [alanpjames@aol.com](mailto:alanpjames@aol.com)

or in writing to A. James, 62 Ebrington Avenue, Solihull, B92 8HX

(Bids already made need not be re-sent but may be increased if you wish!)



## Nuneaton Lions Club Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016

7pm for 7.30pm, Millers Hotel, A444, Sibson, nr. Nuneaton

The price is 2 courses price is £22 per person, 3 courses price is £25 per person.

Dress code is dinner suit / cocktail dresses.

To book your place or for further details, please contact Lion President Peter Thomas at  
[lionpeterthomas@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lionpeterthomas@hotmail.co.uk)

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## Dudley Lions celebrate their 30th anniversary Charter with an Afternoon Tea

At Dudley Golf Club, Turners Hill, Rowley Regis B65 9DP

On Sunday 13th March 14.30 for 15.00 hours, Price - £11.00 per head

To book in - Lion Jenny Walters at email - [jennywalters50@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jennywalters50@hotmail.co.uk) or call 01902 672738

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## Kingswinford & Stourbridge Lions Club

Lion President Richard Styles and the members of Kingswinford & Stourbridge Lions Club would like to invite you to our: -

41st Charter Anniversary Dinner

At Hagley Golf & Country Club, Wassell Grove.

On Saturday 2nd April 2016 7-00pm for 7-30pm

For any more information please contact either:

Lion Ray Robinson – Secretary:- [ray.robinson164@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:ray.robinson164@blueyonder.co.uk)

Tel:No: 01384 374644

Lion Maureen Whitmore Soc. Sec: [mo.whitmore@virginmedia.com](mailto:mo.whitmore@virginmedia.com)

Tel:No: 01384 374795

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## Lion President Richard Williams invites you to Kidderminster & District Lions Club

41st Annual Charter Dinner

at the Bewdley Pines Golf Club, Habberley Road, Bewdley DY12 1LY

23rd April 2016, 7.30 for 8.00pm

Dresss Code Black Tie or Dark Lounge Suit Please

Booking with Menu Choices to [jackardone@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jackardone@tiscali.co.uk) or 01568 614089 by 9th April 2016

£21 PP

Looking forward to seeing you

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## Shirley Lions Charter Lunch

The Limes Country Lodge Hotel, Earlswood, Solihull B94 5JZ

for only £23

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016

To book your place please contact Lion President Martin Wright at [lionmartinwright@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lionmartinwright@yahoo.co.uk).

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## Malvern Hills Lions Club 41st Charter Lunch 5th June 2016.

Venue is the Worcestershire Golf Club, Malvern Wells. Menus will be made available nearer the date.