



MIDLANDS NEWS

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An important weekend in Eastbourne ahead for us. Let's trust our fellow Lions not to get too emotional about lines on a map. We'll enjoy some lively debate, an organization that falls asleep is boring, passion carries it forward. But in the end, let's not forget we all want to do good, together. Keep that always in the back of your mind. (www.justgiving.com/Jaap-de-Jonge)

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

Balsall Commons LC

Lions Path Clearance



For nearly 100 years Lions have served their communities with dedication and contributed to the development and wellbeing of millions of people around the world. As we look toward our centennial celebration in 2017, Lions are encouraged to serve 100 million people through participation of Global Service campaigns.

This is towards just one, the Environmental campaign, with a National target of clearing 100 miles of pathways (our club target is 235 yards).

In consultation with Solihull MBC, 219 yards of the public footpath, alongside the car park by the George in The Tree, was cleared by Balsall Common Lions. In the picture, from left to

right are Lions, Stan Newton (special thanks for coming to help at short notice), Stan Shakeshaft, Barrie Cousins & John Thomas.



New Bean Bags for the Library

We were very pleased to be able to help when Balsall Common Library approached us to fund the replacement 'sit in' bean bags for the children. The children relax on them at story time, when watching TV or playing games.

The bean bags come printed with different animals.....we chose the ones with Lions!

The children, with their parents, turned up for their story time session and were thrilled to bits with the new bean bags.

The picture shows Committee Service Chairman, Lion Steve Meakin with District Library Manager Amanda Jones.

Welcome to Two New Members



As a Fellowship event Balsall Common Lions celebrated St George's Night and invited along a Lady Drummers Band, DRUMVoice, who played on behalf of the Charity Sands (Stillbirth and neonatal death Charity).

DRUMVoice entertained us with powerful rhythms of West Africa and educated us on the many instruments used to create the polyrhythms of West African percussion.

It was a great fun evening especially when some of the Lions were allowed to have a go!



Lion President Andy Pemberton Liz Brown from Solihull Branch of Sands with a cheque for £200 for the Charity. We were also very pleased to welcome to the club new members Anna & Mark Dunn.

They both became interested in joining the Lions after helping us out on our Santa Sleigh run last Christmas, and have already been a huge asset to the club and our local good causes and wanted to give something back to the community.



Warwick Lions Club

Warwick Lions met up with Dr.Najmi Qureshi Consultant Cardiologist and staff of the Coronary Care Unit at Warwick Hospital to present a cheque for £5,000 to SW-Heart, the South Warwickshire heart failure rehabilitation trust. The donation is to help fund specialist cardiac nurses who will provide community and hospital cardiac rehabilitation programmes in South Warwickshire.

Coventry Godiva Lions Club

Bollywood Music Night Raises £754 For Club's Charities



An Indian semi classical and contemporary Bollywood music event was held by Lions Club of Coventry Godiva. The evening was enjoyed by over 150 people in the company of friends, family and music lovers of all ages who were treated to sumptuous food and popular music from a much sought after singer, Sylvester, the winner of Saregama, a well known Indian TV show, accompanied by other talented artists and musicians.

The event helped boost the club's fundraising efforts to support Lion President Kulwinder's chosen charity "Action on Bladder Cancer" and other local and international charities.

Elvis comes to Town



A evening of tribute to the rock legend Elvis Presley with plenty of fun and food, organised by Godiva Lions Coventry, raised £1,145 for the president's charity for the year "Action on Bladder Cancer". A trip down memory lane was enjoyed by everyone dancing to the sounds and music of the star and re-living those wonderful years.

Lord Mayor Pulls A Pint To Bless Beer Festival



**MAYOR OF COVENTRY COUNCILLOR
MICHAEL HAMMON**

Artificial limbs Camp in Association with the Sikh Union. The event was held over Friday evening and Saturday and was a great opportunity for the connoisseurs to try the locally brewed Special Beers not widely available elsewhere and a selection of Ciders in addition to a range of ales and beers

After the great success of the previous two festivals and the only one of its kind held in Coventry, Godiva Lions Coventry held another Beer Festival to raise funds for Action on Bladder cancer and local charities as well as an



**LEFT TO RIGHT - GODIVA LION MEMBERS LION KISHOR, LION ABBEY, LION DAVINDER,
LORD MAYOR, LADY MAYORESS MRS MARY MAGINNISS, LION MAJER**

Pilions - Past It Lions (or Previously In Lions)

When Market Harborough Lions Club decided, after forty years, to hand over to Harborough Twenty 12 Lions Club they agreed to continue to meet.

The Pilions now meet monthly purely for social events, meals, high tea, garden visits etc. A different Pilion organises each month on a rota. There is no obligation to attend, no formality, just meeting of old friends.

The Pilions does not only include those who were Lions at the end but all past Lions and widows of deceased Lions.

The bond of friendship formed in Lions continues.

Shirley Lions clean-up for the Queen



Shirley Lions joined in the national "Clean up for the Queen" by organising not just one but two litter picks on the same morning last Saturday. One was held in Shirley Park, a venue well used by the Lions for their annual Shirley Carnival whilst simultaneously



another took place in the local Bills Wood Nature Reserve. At the Shirley Park venue the Lions were assisted by some Shirley Young Leaders in Service members and also Shirley Sea Cadets of whom a number are also YLIS. At Bills Wood a number a number of local residents helped out the Lions. Photos show the Lions and their helpers at the Park and the Wood plus Lion President Martin Wright hard at work with his grabber and bright purple "Clean up for the Queen bag".

Supporting a holiday for two children.

A Shirley family with two children aged five and fourteen both suffering from a rare condition called Dravet's Syndrome recently came to the attention of Shirley Lions. This is a catastrophic neurological condition which can cause severe seizures alongside other problems like learning disabilities, ataxia and autism. The boy's mother had to give up work and now cares for the them full time.



They also came to the notice of The Woodman's Rest public house in Shirley and the manageress and her team decided to do something nice to help them. After discussion it was decided that the family deserved a holiday and it is planned for them to go to a special villa in Spain which would accommodate all their needs for a week and where their mother will be able to care for the boys in a relaxed setting with a swimming pool and entertainment facilities.

On the 22nd April a "Blues Legends" evening was held with past players Paul Devlin and Martin O'Connor drawing the raffle for some Blues memorabilia. Shirley Lions agreed to donate £500 towards the cost of the holiday and this was duly handed over during the evening.

Worcester Lions Club

Members of the Warndon Villages Volunteer Group, Worcester, being issued with the High Viz Vests donated to them at the last round of the Worcester Lions Club Grant Scheme presentation,



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Sunday 15 May 2016

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Arden Academy, Knowle, Solihull

COVENTRY *Walkathon*

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

**More information?
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Charters

DROITWICH LIONS CLUB 31st CHARTER DINNER

Lion President Dave Jepson and his wife Dee would like to invite you to join them for the 31st Droitwich Lions Charter Dinner on Friday 13th May 2016.

Please contact us on
01527 821019 or at jeppo179@hotmail.com
to reserve your place along with your choice of food from the following menu:

DATE & TIME

Friday 13th May 2016, 7:00 for 7:30pm.

DRESS Black tie or lounge suits and fancy frocks for the ladies.

PRICE £25 per person

VENUE

The Pear Tree Inn & Country Hotel
Smite Lane
Smite
Worcester
WR3 8SY

ACOCKS GREEN LIONS CLUB 36th ANNIVERSARY CHARTER DINNER
Lion President Peter Smith invites you to our Charter Dinner at Gloucester Suite,
St John's Hotel, 651 Warwick Road, Solihull B91 1AT
Saturday 21st May 2016 , 7 for 7.30pm
Carriages at 11.30pm
£26 per person.
Dress – DJ's or Lounge suits.

Booking, with menu choices, Lion Sara Moseley at lpnoseley@blueyonder.co.uk or Tel: 0121 688 0658

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

Venue;

The Worcestershire Golf Club, Malvern Wells WR14 4PP.

12-30 pm for 1-00 pm. £22-50 per person

Dress. Lounge Suits.

Booking form, Menu Choices and more details can be found as a flyer on
the calendar page of the clubs website or as circulated through the
district webmaster.

IN THE PAPERS

The Observer, Thursday April 21, 2016 www.solihullobserver.co.uk

On your marks for Knowle Fun Run

THE REGION'S longest running charity Fun Run, the Knowle Fun Run, now in its 33rd year, is welcoming runners new and old from near and far for this year's run on Sunday, May 15.

With nearly 1,000 runners already entered, the popularity of this great local five-mile run around Knowle continues as strong as ever.

"This year we have made a conscious decision to focus on the 'local community' and after years of welcoming celebrity starters from Jasper Carrott in 2001 through many different Midlands news, weather & radio presenters and other well-known Solihull personalities we have invited Martin Murphy the Principal of Arden Academy to do the honours, starting the races and awarding the prizes," said the Lion's Fun Run co-ordinator Richard Buckley.

Mr Murphy added: "I'm delighted to be able to support our local Fun Run raising so much money for local charities.

"Unfortunately, my running days are over for the moment – I recently received a replacement knee which is restricting my speed."

The Fun Run has evolved over the years and these days boasts four mini runs around the playing fields for the five to nine-years-olds, with free t-shirts for all entries, as well as 20 trophies and prizes for Junior, Secondary, Adult, Veteran, Super-veterans, a local residents trophy and team trophies for teams of four.

Richard added: "The great thing about our Fun Run is the way everyone gets behind the Lions to ensure that every pound of runners' entry fee, donation and sponsorship raised will go to our nominated charities, who this year are the Children's Liver Disease Foundation, Lily Mae Foundation, Solihull Bereavement Counselling Service as well as Lions local causes.

"We are really grateful to over 30 local businesses who have again sponsored our Fun Run, and as many again who advertise in our programme who cover all the costs before anyone enters."

The Knowle Fun Run relies on a small group of dedicated Lions, backed up by over a hundred marshals and other helpers from local groups and charities, who give all their time and energy free of charge to ensure this annual fundraiser continues for everyone.

"We would really welcome a few more residents to join our team if we are to ensure the KFR has a long future ahead," added Richard.

Visit www.knowlefunrun.org.uk to enter and for more information.

Arden Academy Principal Martin Murphy with president of the Knowle & Dorridge Lions Bob Thurtle.
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