



MIDLANDS NEWS

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A busy month we had. MD Convention, always a place District M shines, with two of our friends at the head table. The Lions spirit lives in M, as the discussions showed in the morning. But nevertheless, Lions is a democracy, we accept the outcome of the vote and we will go back next year and discuss redistricting again. Next Lion's year is around the corner. Please send pictures of your change overs. I would like to make it a change-over special. That will make pleasant viewing!

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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.



Handsworth Lions Club

Handsworth Lions Club had a musical evening to raise funds for the Acorns Children's Hospice.

£1,750 was donated to the Acorns

In the picture from L to R Sarah from Acorns, Lion Vikram, volunteer Mrs Ila Patel Lion Kanu & Lion Dipak

Thurnby Lions Club



A cheque for £600.00 was presented to Mr Praful Bhatt, owner of Santosh Community Centre, Leicester in aid of his on-going sight conservation projects in a small and remote town Bhanvad in Gujarat, India. The amount will help to check eyesight of about 600 patients by qualified doctors. About 250 will undergo

cataract operation free of charge including lenses. They will be provided free transportation to hospital, comfort kit, food and post-operation medicines and check-ups as required. Patients not requiring operation will be provided medicines and spectacles, as needed.



On the picture Mr. Bhatt and Club President Amit Kanani. Lion Jaap represented the District as he happened to visit LC Thurnby for a presentation of NSL.

The club supports NSL and was glad to be informed about the latest developments.

Lion Jaap cycles from Eastbourne to Solihull



Having cycled on my trusty but heavy pre-war Dutch cycle with no gears and rudimentary brakes to the Manchester MD convention in 2014 to fundraise for Alzheimer research, I thought it would be a good idea to do it again. Due to logistical reasons the trip was back from Convention i.e. from Eastbourne to Solihull. That was a better plan as it made the last day of the ride less pressurized.

The use of Google maps on a smartphone, using the bicycle setting, is fantastic. You put headphones in your ears and instructions lead you mainly over very cycle friendly paths. Sometimes the paths are very rough. Nevertheless, A roads can't be ignored and perhaps 25 miles out of 180 odd where on busy A roads with not much of cycle lane to speak off. The fear of a distracted driver (mobile phone on the ear) hitting you in the back was always there.

I was sent on my way by Simon Moss, 105 CC. The trip started with a stiff hill, called Warren Hill. It was a sign of

things to come. It turned out that England is hillier when you start to cycle! A large part of the trip was dragging a heavy bike up hills. The ride down was enjoyable, but did not compensate for the pain of climbing the hill in the first place. A nice point was seeing the start of the Newhaven, Peacehaven and Seaford Lions Club half marathon. Lions in action is always a nice sight.

The trip then passed Brighton and after a few miles on the A23, the trip went on the Downs Link, a disused railway that had been converted into cycle/walking path. Beautiful, but paving wasn't seen, so the fear of a puncture from a sharp stone was always there. A belted Galloway in the distance was an interesting sight. This is a rare breed



cattle and I thought of Richard Williams (Kidderminster LC) dealer in cattle semen. The route passed Guildford and ended that day at the "Pheasant Inn" in Winnersh which sponsored the ride by offering a free B&B for the night.



The next day was more trying with the mind over body game becoming more and more difficult. The route went via Reading, Oxford, Banbury and Warwick to Solihull. At, now more frequent, stops I was glad to read supporting text messages from fellow club members. They did help and just before 20.00 I rode into Solihull, witnessed by Shirley Club President Martin Wright. I estimate that almost £1,000 will be raised for The Parkinson Cure Trust. Having received thanks from various people who are suffering from the disease, it is clear that the cause was right.

Although this was a crazy idea, next year's Blackpool MD convention is 150 miles away, not close to 200 and the route is flatter. One person has indicated he is willing to join. So if there are more volunteers, let's raise some serious dough!

Shirley LC hands cheque to the local sea cadets



Shirley Lions recently attended Shirley & District Sea Cadets annual presentation evening. The evening is attended by cadets and their parents and various awards are made and trophies presented to cadets who have excelled in a number of different cadet disciplines. Shirley Lions support two different cadet activities each year and Lion President Martin Wright presented two cheques on the evening. The first was for £600 to enable two outstanding cadets to go on a tall ships experience and the second for £100 was by way of sponsorships for two cadets who entered the annual Devizes

to London canoe contest. A number of cadets who are members of our Young Leaders in Service scheme will in turn be assisting us at Shirley Carnival in July by which time we estimate some of will have reached their 50 hours goal.

Race Night "Races" £1,200 for the DG partner appeal



Shirley Lions recently held their annual Race Night where nearly 90 Lions and guests enjoyed a convivial evening of light hearted



gambling with a fish and chips supper. It's amazing

how everyone gets more animated as the evening progresses and the drinks flow! Bets were placed via the Tote which was manned by four Shirley Lions who were kept extremely busy all evening. A few people were up on the night but thankfully most were down which was what we needed as the point of the evening is to make money. The net proceeds of the event are going to the District Governor's Partner's Appeal for the Birmingham Children's Hospital Scanner Room and as all 9 races were sponsored and ownership of all the horses pre-sold the event made a nice £1,200 for the Appeal.



Shirley donates to Marie Curie

Following last autumn's Duathlon at Blythe Valley Business Park in Shirley a presentation was made to the nominated charity for the event which was the Marie Curie Hospice in Solihull. Lion President Martin Wright accompanied by Lions Andy Luckett and Martin Conlon and BVP Park Manager Deborah Fennell duly presented a cheque for £2,250 to Michelle from Marie Curie"



Shirley Supports Troopaid



When the local Solihull press reported that Troop Aid had recently suffered vandalism to their one and only vehicle Shirley Lions responded by holding a tin shake at their local Sainsbury's to raise sufficient funds to pay for all the remedial work. Over £500 was collected on the day and the club members agreed to round this up to £600 which was enough to meet their aim. Club President Lion Martin Wright accompanied by Lion Andrea Lees and Sainsbury's Community Champion Olivia Verney then presented their cheque to Troop Aid founder Al Sutton at the store. Al explained that the general public perception is that there is now no need for Troop Aid following our withdrawal from Afghanistan. This is incorrect as our troops are currently engaged in no less than 21 areas of conflict in the world and this of course results in injured troops who more often than not are returned to the UK with just the clothes they were wearing at the time."

Hinckley and Burbage Lions Club



A long standing member of Hinckley and Burbage Lions Club is urging fellow Lions to join her at a prestigious event. Cynthia Lines, who lives at 60 Princess Road has been tending her lovely plot packed with exotic blooms and bushes for many years and has now been awarded the ultimate accolade.

Her hidden gardening gem in the heart of Hinckley will be unveiled to the general public one day

next month.

She is one of only two gardens in the area to have been selected as part of the National Garden Scheme, where people open their gardens for charity.

As well as being able to discover the garden, there will be plants for sale as well as cream teas to savour.

Cynthia said: I love my garden and felt it would be lovely to share it with others as well as helping charity. And the proceeds from the afternoon teas and plant sale will go to our club, while the entrance fee is for the NGS charity scheme'.

The open garden takes place on Sunday, June 12 from 11-5pm and entrance fee will be £2 with accompanied children being admitted for free.

Hinckley Lions hit a winner for Mark



ROBIN WILSON OF HINCKLEY AND BURBAGE LIONS CLUB, LEFT HANDS OVER THE CHEQUE TO MARK LANGEVELD.

Jubilant members of Hinckley and Burbage Lions Club joined forces with Hinckley Squash & Racketball Club at a presentation evening to conclude the 2015/16 team season, and to celebrate raising money for club member Mark Langeveld.

Mark, a keen squash player, suffered a life changing back injury that has left him with limited movement in his legs. Members of the club, in conjunction with Hinckley and Burbage Lions Club, staged a fundraising effort, including a 24-hour squashathon, with the aim of raising £5,000 towards his treatment.

The event was so successful, that the sum raised was far in excess of that and, Mark was presented with the final total -

a cheque for a massive £12,402!

He has decided that after part of the cash was used to buy a specially adapted wheelchair for him to carry on playing the game he loves, some will be donated to two spinal injury charities who have helped him on the long road back to recovery.

After the handover by Robin Wilson of Hinckley and Burbage Lions, Mark made a heartfelt speech thanking everyone for their contributions.

He then handed over a commemorative plaque club to mark the achievements of the members who took part in the 24 hour squash challenge which proved another smash hit for the go-ahead Tungsten Park outfit.

Bedworth Lions community get their hands dirty to restore school garden



On Saturday 14th May 2016, pupils, family members, and staff from St. James CofE Academy were joined by members of Bulkington Garden Club to restore the vegetable garden in the school grounds.

There were 22 volunteers, who worked all morning to restore and plant up 3 large vegetable beds, design a new herb garden, clean out the pond, lay paving for a seated area and put together a picnic bench. Everyone was kept going with cake and sausage batches.

The project was led by Denise Musson (Lion Denise is a new member of Bedworth lions Club & this is her second major undertaking, The Gardening project will be ongoing as part of Bedworth Lions Club Centennial input.), who

works in the school office, and is also a member of Bedworth Lions. Mrs Musson was able to get a grant of £200 from Bedworth Lions to buy the picnic table and buy some equipment. Members of Bulkington Garden Club donated some plants and seeds, and time in the garden. The Shop in the Shed, Nuneaton Road, Bulkington, donated bags of compost.

Apprentices from Jaguar Land Rover are visiting the school this week to complete the heavier work. Once complete it is hoped that the area will be used as an outside classroom. Children will be involved in caring and harvesting the fruit and vegetables, as well as planning for next year. Working in the garden will give children a chance to get fit. The area can be used in all sorts of lessons, such as science, maths, art and writing. It will provide a nice quiet area for children to sit and eat lunch.

Later in the season the school catering service, Chartwells, will work with the children to teach them about healthy diets, as part of the Food for Life programme, by using produce from the garden. This week there are 2 boys from year 4, who are doing a lunchtime sponsored walk, to raise more funds for the project.

Early in the autumn it is hoped that another volunteer morning will be held to work on the wildlife area.

Mrs Sally Andrews (year 3 teacher) "I was so impressed with how the adults were so supportive of the children, helping them do things they had never done before."

Mrs Denise Musson (project lead) "I just want to thank everyone involved in the morning, it was a huge success. I also want to thank our sponsors: Bedworth Lions, Shop in the Shed and Bulkington Garden Club".

Ellie White, (Year 5 pupil) "I have had a brilliant time, I love gardening and I got to use the power tools to help put the picnic table together"

Lauren McGill-Griffiths, (year 5 pupil) "I have had a great morning, I have helped clean the pond out and seen lots of newts and can't wait to go in the garden again".

Other Bedworth lions Club input for Centennial environmental work has been path clearing by Lion Allen Farren and collecting 150KG of batteries for recycling y Lion Brian Leathley - Andrew in collaboration with Coventry Gliding Club.

Bedworth Lions club awarded Melvin Jones fellowships



LION JOHN NEALE & PRESIDENT LION ALLEN TURNER

A Melvin Jones fellowship is the highest Lions honour a club can bestow on a Lions Club member.

In May 2016 Bedworth Lions club awarded Melvin Jones fellowships to it's 2 surviving charter members.

Lions Steve & John founder members of



LIONS STEVE ALLEN & PRESIDENT LION ALLEN TURNER

Bedworth Lions Club and members of Lions Clubs International since 1977. At the time of presentation meant they had been serving the community of Bedworth & surrounding area for a total of 78 years between them.

Lion John has been President of the club twice, and for many years served as head of the welfare committee, helping to make often difficult decisions as how best to assist local individuals in need.

Lion Steve has been President of the club 3 times & held various posts, latterly the unenviable and often difficult task of being the Club secretary, a position that helps to hold the club together.

Heart of England Bike Ride – Sunday 17 July 2016 – Packwood NT House



Great news – Knowle and Dorridge Lions massively popular Heart of England bike ride from Packwood House National Trust property around the beautiful Warwickshire countryside is back on Sunday 17 July. Gear up, get your friends and family together and take on the challenge of the 12, 18, 30 or 60 mile (20, 30, 50, 100 kms) routes. 'This year will see the 11th Lions Bike Ride, the 5th to raise funds for the British Heart Foundation (BHF) Mending Broken Hearts Appeal and local causes,' says Lions organiser Paul Wheatley. 'Why not bring your bike along and enjoy a great day out, cycling

along quiet country lanes and exploring the wonderful Warwickshire villages.'

Donna Stokes, local BHF Fundraising Manager said: "This ride seems to be going from strength to strength with over 700 participants last year, who enjoyed the lovely atmosphere, getting fit, completing a challenge and raising over £19,000 for charity, all at the same time. After the bike ride, food will be available to purchase from the Lions BBQ and there is free entry to Packwood House and gardens. It's a great day out for everyone!"

Discounted advance entry costs £10.00 Adults, £5 Children and after that date, an entry fee of £15.00 Adult and £7.50 Children applies. The entry fee covers the costs of promoting and organising the event safely and it is the sponsorship money that really makes a difference. You can register online via www.knowleanddorridgelions.com/bikeride and link through to the BHF website.



Meet Leroy from Northampton Lions Club

As Northampton Lions having had several club members in recent times having stayed in Hospital we thought an idea connected to the hospital might be a good thing. We contacted our local hospital and asked if they would like some cuddly toys for the young children in A & E and Paediatrics. This they leapt at. Leroy will be produced with a Tee Shirt with the Lions Logo and club name printed on it.

Kettering LC supports POD Childrens Charity



LEFT TO RIGHT SHOWS LION PRESIDENT, MALCOLM HARRIS, MATTHEW, TRISHA & LION KEITH OGLEY, PRESENTING THE CHEQUE.

Members of Kettering and District Lions club visited the Skylark children's ward at Kettering General Hospital to watch Matthew the Magician entertain the children in the ward with a show of conjuring and balloon animal making.

Matthew provided the entertainment on behalf of the POD Children's Charity, which enables monthly magic shows in many children's hospitals. Kettering Lions were delighted to donate £600 to POD for 12 magic shows for KGH Skylark ward. We were very impressed by Matthew's ability to hold the children's attention with his conjuring tricks and balloon modelling, with every child receiving a balloon animal. No

children were left out, as he then visited the children's side rooms, for those unable to attend the show, and performed his tricks at their bedsides, and gave them balloons. The units play leader, Trisha Brigden said that the children always enjoy the magic show, which makes their hospital stay a better experience and this aids their recovery.

GODIVA LIONS SUPPORT VITAL RESCUE SERVICE FOR CHILDREN



A cheque for £1,001 was handed over to Jo Payne of Children's Air Ambulance service based at Bagington Airport in Coventry. The National Services managed by Warwickshire and Northampton Air Ambulance based at this location is specifically aimed at transporting children from remote locations to provide Emergency care and attention at specialist hospitals all over the country for their specific conditions. Jo Payne, Senior Fundraising Manager – Warwickshire said "We are delighted to have the support of Godiva Lions for our Children's Air Ambulance and extremely grateful for the

very generous donation. We fly critically ill children across the UK to the specialist care they need. We know that the longer a sick child is out of hospital, the greater the risk. Our helicopter not only flies fast, but also serves as a flying intensive care unit for children. We can deliver children to safety approximately four times faster than transport by road. When every second counts this can be a matter of life and death. We know that every day in the UK, there are two children who need our help. But right now we can only reach one in every three children who need our help and are urgently trying to raise £2million to fund a second aircraft" This donation was made possible from the various fun raising activities organised by the Club including, 70's disco night, New Year's Eve celebrations, Bollywood evening, Elvis tribute night, a Beer festival amongst other event and donations.

Commissioning of District 105M Water & Green House Projects in Webuye Villages, on Saturday April 23, 2016.

With the cooperation and project management of PCC Rajinder "Pape" Sembi of District 411 (comprising of Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Ethiopia & Seychelles), GLT Constitutional Area Leader for Africa and a prominent member of Kakamenga Lions Club, District 105M was able to source a Water and Green House project in Webuye District of Kenya, which will pump clean treated water from a reservoir some 5 kilometres distance, with a 5,000 gallon overhead Water storage tank, through hamlets and villages to a Green House that will enable widows and orphans of Webuye village, given allotments in the gigantic Green House, to carry out all year farming of vegetables and sell to surrounding communities. Little did we envisage that this simple project of minimal cost, will end up benefiting more than 5,000 villagers through the tapping and supply of pipe borne water to primary and secondary schools along the route (one of the schools has 900 children), an orphanage, a church and local homes that can afford to pay for metre connection to their homes.

On completion of the project, the request of the administrators for a representative of our District to be present at the commissioning ceremony was too enticing that I got our District Governor's permission as International committee Chairman to attend on behalf of the District at my own expense.

The result of my visit can best be described by the attached photographs of the event.

I thank the District Governor for giving me the permission to witness the commissioning of a project which is a pride to all the Clubs of 105M that contributed generously to make this very worthy project possible.

Thank you all.

PDG Femi Onabolu

105M International committee chairman &

International relations officer 2010 to 2016



Lions Lifeskills Partnership with Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council.

On Friday 3rd July we embark on the first round of helping to award some Solihull schools maintain their Healthy Schools status. We will then be able to reward them with a copy of our Life Changes publication and creating links with the schools and their local Lions Club.

We have begun using the Lions Lifeskills logo on their Healthy Schools publications, the schools have been informed by email of this fantastic partnership and information will be included on their twitter feed, healthyschools@solihull_schs.

The first schools will be presented with the resources at an afternoon tea event in mid-September, held at Sans souci Centre in Solihull when we will invite the Mayor of Solihull, DG Lion Ron Cross, matching Lions Clubs presidents, representatives from the schools, Solihull press dept. and Midlands News.

Lion Terry Smith DO Lifeskills

The National Commemorative Battle of the Somme Concert on the 1st July 2016 at Heaton Park in Manchester is home to this free concert and is suitable for all ages (under 14 to be accompanied by an adult)

Why not bring a rug and a picnic, or buy refreshments at the park and join in the unforgettable evening, marking the end of a day of remembrance across the UK and in France.

Presented by broadcaster Nihal Arthanayake, the FREE concert will feature Manchester's Hallé Orchestra along with music from a national children's choir, archive film and a dance piece performed by hundreds. The concert will also feature a range of letters and poems depicting the lives of those affected by the Somme, including a specially commissioned poem read by author and broadcaster Lemn Sissay. Although this is a free concert, tickets need to be booked, please visit <http://www.manchester.gov.uk/events/event/3958/concert> at [heaton park a collective creative commemoration](#)

The concert site will be open at 6pm and close at 9.45pm sundown.

Prior to the concert from 4pm, the park will also host The Experience Field, an outdoor heritage event showcasing stores, artefacts and expert information about life on the home and western fronts a century ago. The Experience Field is also free.

The first 5,000 memory squares which Lions and other members of the public are submitting will be printed onto ceramic tiles and laid into a temporary path in Heath Park, as well as being featured on the website <https://www.1418now.org.uk/somme100/gallery> for others to see.

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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.



The flyer is for the Birmingham Chinatown Lions Club's 29th Anniversary. It features a yellow background with a large '29th Anniversary' graphic in the center. The text is in English and Chinese. At the top, it says 'BIRMINGHAM CHINATOWN LIONS CLUB' and '伯明翰華埠獅子會'. Below the anniversary graphic, it says 'Chartered in 1987'. The main title is 'Birmingham Chinatown Lions Club Celebrates Its 29th Anniversary'. The event details are: 'Saturday 11th June 2016 7.00pm for 7.30pm', 'Dress Code - Black Tie or National Costume', and '£40.00 per person'. The venue is 'Warwickshire Suite, Edgbaston Stadium, Edgbaston Road, Birmingham, B5 7QU'. There is a 'LIVE Entertainment' logo. At the bottom, it says 'In Aid of PSU PERSONAL SUPPORT UNIT' and 'Charity Registration No. 1163679'. The website 'www.chinatownlions.com' is listed. There is also a '100' logo with the text 'WHERE THERE'S A NEED THERE'S A LION'.

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Saddle up, carnival will be a wild one

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SHIRLEY Carnival is back - hoping to be 'bigger, better and wilder' than ever before - with a Wild West theme for this year's calendar highlight.

The annual Shirley Lions-organised event will be descending on Shirley Park on Saturday, July 9.

And the organisers, who are eager to keep on building on the event's growing success, are appealing for local businesses to lend a helping hand with the sponsorship.

Some businesses have already stepped in to help - including Smart Homes, Property Link Estate Agents and The Window Centre - but more are needed.

Lions leader Gillian Conlon believes sponsoring the event could help firms promote themselves and help local charities in the process.

She said: "Shirley Lions have been organising Shirley Carnival for over 35 years and unfortunately the costs incurred in staging the event get greater and greater each year.

"Without the help of local businesses we simply could not run the event



Shirley Lions take a step over to the wild west.

"There are several opportunities to promote your business through the Carnival, such as an advert in the programme, sponsoring the stalls or sponsoring one of the arena events booked to

appear on the big day."

Keeping up with the 'Wild West' theme, there will be a chance for children to run riot and get involved in the fancy dress competition. Stall holders shouldn't think of a lucky

escape either - they are encouraged dress up too.

For further information on how to become a sponsor or to book a Carnival stall, contact Lion Gillian on 0845 833 9547 or visit www.shirleylions.co.uk

Knowle Fun Run



Some fun runners took the easy option!



Celebrating a successful run.



What better way to mark the occasion than at the Eric Lyons barbecue.

Organisers hope to raise £40,000

THE WEATHER played its part in the 33rd running of the Knowle Fun Run, providing cool and sunny conditions for the hoards of runners.

Serious runners, fun runners, mini runners and fancy dress runners all converged on Arden School for the annual charity fund-raiser organised by the Knowle and Dorridge Lions.

And the efforts of the close to 1,750 of them looks set to have netted over £40,000 for local causes and the three main charities chosen for 2016 - Children's Liver

Disease Foundation, Solihull Bereavement Service, Lily Mae Foundation.

The hard work of the runners was matched by everybody involved in sponsoring and supporting the event, including the hundreds of villagers who lined the streets to support friends, family, loved ones and strangers.

A spokesperson for the Lions said: "We are grateful to everybody involved and for the continued sponsorship from many companies who helped cover the costs of staging the event."

"We really appreciate how lucky we are to have the support of a long list of local

companies which enables us to tell runners that every pound of entry fee, donation or sponsorship raised will go to our nominated charities.

"We hope to have raised over £40,000 when all the runners sponsorship has been received."

"As usual many runners raised funds for their own favourite charities and we shall never know how many thousands of pounds to add to that we receive."

Turn to pages 14&15 for more pictures and results. All pictures courtesy of Dave Edwards - www.newboldimages.co.uk



Nearly 1,750 runners took part.

Knowle Fun Run



Sprint for the finish.



The Mini runner and Arden School principal Martin Murphy who had the honour of starting the race and handing out the prizes.



YOUR Chair Designed for YOU



Everyone's a winner at annual charity run

Everybody taking part in the Knowle Fun Run was a winner - but those to cross the line first in their specific categories were:

1st overall and 1st local: Jonathan Jennings
1st adult female: Flick Sharp
1st superveteran: Graeme Lawrence



1st veteran male: Clive Dickens
1st veteran female: Amanda O'leary
1st secondary boy: Ryan Shields
1st secondary girl: Ellen Taylor
1st junior boy - 2 laps: Tomas Maidment
1st junior girl - 2 laps: Elspeth Parkin

1st junior boy - 1 lap: Jack O'leary
1st junior girl - 1 lap: Izzy Whittick
Junior team: Lady K Leveson A
Secondary team: Scrambled Legs
Adult team: Pershore Panthers

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For those not running there is always plenty to entertain.



Knowle Fun Run



Shrek and Batman join forces to fight evil on the streets of Knowle!



Left - Surely a close runner-up for the fancy dress competition? Or maybe just a normal day out for this stylish pair.



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Knowle Fun Run



Winner of the fancy dress competition Jeremy Emmett.

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The over-important warm-up.



Mereway Group were raising vital cash for Help Harry Help Others.



Mario and Luigi put their best foot forward.



No pain, no gain.



This Where's Wally double act completed the course with smiles on their faces.