



MIDLANDS NEWS

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A Lions year comes to its end. We thank Heather for her guidance and wish her success as our Chair of Council. We welcome Ron as our new boss. It is his second time, we expect he knows what he is doing.

50 odd "change overs" in our District in the coming weeks. Please send your pictures, I would like to make a "change over" special.

Thanks again to Lion David Blakeman for making the collages.

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.

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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.

Rugby Rokeby Lions Club

Sponsored Walk



Young and old, able and less able, youth groups and families joined Lion President Doug and Rugby Mayor Richard to complete the Rugby Rokeby Lions Club annual sponsored walk around Draycot Water in aid of the Air Ambulance. The club would like to thank Tesco for donating the water supplied to all the walkers taking part in the event.

Spring Fair

Rugby Rokeby Lions go nuts at the annual Spring Fair. A dismal day was enjoyed by all who attended as the weather did not live up to expectations, However it did not deter those who supported the day and came to try their luck.



Balsall Common Report



The Heart of England Co-operative Concert Orchestra, hosted by Balsall Common Lions, played their Summer Concert last night to a very appreciative audience in Balsall

Common, with a programme of music which took us all round the world.

The Orchestra perform about 6 concerts a year around the area helping to raise funds for local charities and good causes.

Money raised in the raffle last night will go towards remedial work that is needed to be carried out in the local Village Hall.

The picture shows the Leader of the Orchestra Jane Pudsey, with Mark Wooton the Conductor and Lion President Andy Pemberton.



Another Path Clearance



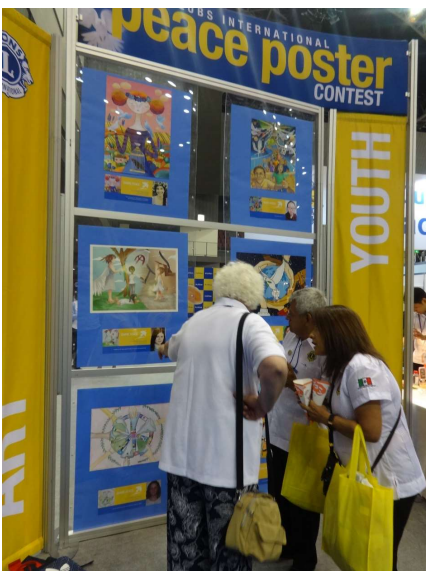
As we look toward our centennial celebration in 2017, Lions are encouraged to serve 100 million people through participation of Global Service campaigns.

This is towards just one, the Environmental campaign, with a National target of clearing 100 miles of pathways.

In much better weather, some members of Balsall Common Lions, cleared part of the public Footpath around the area of Lavender Hall Fishery, Balsall Common.

The team this time consisted of, from left to right, Lions Dave Blakeman, Stan Shakeshaft, Tony Cunningham, Stan Newton & Anna Dunn.

Emily's Peace Poster Again! On the other side of the World!



The Lions 99th International Convention It is now being held in Fukuoka, Japan and Andy & Ann Pemberton from Balsall Common Lions are in attendance.

You may recall the Lions Peace Poster Competition earlier in the year where we were very proud that our entry by Emily Lindsay, from the Heart of England School in Balsall Common, got through to the International Finals and won one of the 23 merit prizes.

Well Emily's Peace Poster is now on display in Japan at the Convention! In the picture Lion Ann is proudly showing two Lions from the Philippines our winning entry.

Harborough Twenty 12 Lions Club

Harborough Twenty 12 Lions Club hosted their fifth annual acoustic music night on Saturday 16th April. The event included sessions from Paul Anderson, Atticus Finch, Martin Nelson, EastWest and the Signals. Voluntary Action South Leicestershire (VASL) have recently been provided with a cheque for the sum of £650 that the successful evening raised. This was specifically raised for the Young Carers project run by Voluntary Action South Leicestershire.

Corby Lions Club lions help with training volunteers



Our photo shows Lions Mike, Ronnie and Colin, with Linda and Hannah from Home-Start being presented with a £250 cheque to help fund their work with families. A Lion representative explained, 'This money will go towards the cost of training parent volunteers who can visit families at home and help in a positive and progressive way - working with them to ensure confidence and enjoyment in parenting.'

Home-Start Corby is based in the Pengreen Centre and is a home visiting service which offers befriending and support to families across the Borough of

Corby where there is at least one child under the age of five. They recognise that parents find the early years a challenge at times, so can offer assistance in a non-judgmental, confidential way that builds on the strengths already within the family. Home-Start volunteers have been specially recruited, checked for suitability and trained to a high standard within the ethos of Home-Start's principals and policies. They offer 2 training courses throughout the year.

Worcester Lions Club Twinning Visit.

Since 1972 Worcester Lions Club have been twinned with the Lions Club of Orleans Doyen, which is just

south of Paris. The clubs visit each other on a regular basis. In recent years the visits have become biannual on an alternate basis. This year it was the turn of the Worcester club members to travel to France, which they did recently for a long week end. Some extending this to a mini holiday.

Following the complete parties arrive on the Friday, they were treated to supper and joined members of the French club at one of their member's homes



to catch up with long-time friends and meet new ones.

Saturday saw them board a coach early to travel to Paris to start a tour of the city which commenced at Notre-Dame and took in many of the other sites of interest in the city and included lunch on board a Baton Rouge on the river Seine.

On returning from their visit to the city and given time to change. The party once again joined members of the French club for a formal dinner at the Restaurant o Madagascar where the French club hold their meeting. The meal was followed by speeches by the presidents of both clubs and an exchange of gifts.

After brunch on the Sunday the members of the Worcester club said their goodbyes and started their journey home after what had been a very enjoyable although and sometimes hectic few days.

Over the years the two clubs have joined in several projects one of which was started in 2010 and completed in 2012. This also involved the Ladies Lions Club of Kathmandu Bhrikuti. The project was to set up a number of vegetable carts that would assist women at that time living in slums in the Dallu area of Kathmandu with their children. The carts enable the women to work and earn money to feed, clothe and educate their children. It also gave them a chance to re-form family life, become self-sufficient, regain their self-respect and hopefully enable them to move into better accommodation. Photographic evidence that the carts were still in use just prior to the recent earthquake was sent to the Worcester club.

A more recently the Lions Club of Orleans Doyen and Worcester Lions Club each donated £500, once again to the Ladies Lions Club of Kathmandu Bhrikuti. This time to help them purchase locally corrugated galvanised steel sheeting to enable them to finish the re building of the Nagarjun Thulagaun Higher Secondary School, Tarkeshwor, Kathmandu, which was completely destroyed by the Nepal earthquake.



Kingswinford & Stourbridge Lions Club National Memorial Arboretum- Lions Shelter

On holiday recently Kingswinford & Stourbridge Club members, Lion President Richard Styles and his daughter Lion Lainey Styles, visited the National Arboretum at Alrewas, in Staffordshire.

Whilst there they visited the Lions International Memorial Shelter. A place to rest and shelter from the weather, it is also a memorial to those Lions called to Higher Service. Lion Barbara Dutton a Kingswinford & Stourbridge Club member who passed away last in 2015 is remembered on the memorial roll inside.

SUPER HERO BUNNY BRINGS IN THE MONEY FOR LITTLE CALLA-ROSE CADMAN

Following the recent Easter raffle run by Kingswinford and Stourbridge Lions, the Club are delighted to announce that £1000 has been raised for brave little Amblecote girl Calla-Rose Cadman, who suffers from a rare form of epilepsy, which has already resulted in her making over 120 visits to hospital. Calla-Rose's Dad,



Mom and siblings Lily and Alfie were at Barnett Hill Garden centre to make the draw on Saturday 19th March.

The winner of the Lions Super Hero handmade chocolate bunny was Ron Smith of Stourbridge, who said he will be sharing it with his grandchildren and that he is interested in coming along to a meeting to see what we are all about. The winner of the second prize a large handmade Easter egg was Genine

Grealey, also of Stourbridge. The Lions club wish to thank everyone that took part and made this one of their best Easter raffles in years.

The cheque presentation took place last month and we were joined by Calla-Rose herself despite having had yet another ambulance trip to hospital, together with her Mom and Dad. The money is to go towards specialist equipment to help this lovely little girl.



Hinckley and Burbage Lions



HINCKLEY AND BURBAGE LION DANIELLE BENN HELPS SERVE THE FOOD TO SOME OF THE GUESTS AT THE PARTY.

ELDERLY residents of Hinckley and Burbage celebrated HM the Queen's 90th birthday in right royal style recently, thanks to Hinckley and Burbage Lions.

Caring club members decided to host a tea party at their Plough Inn HQ in the town and almost forty people attended.

During the afternoon, the guests played bingo, tried to solve a royal quiz and were regally entertained throughout.

Lions president Sue Patrick said: 'we decided to mark the Queen's special landmark by arranging a tea party for some of the area's older residents, who perhaps would enjoy getting out and meeting others.

'It went really well and we intend to organise other similar events. I would like to thank my fellow Lions

for their hard work and also to Louise from the Plough for providing delicious refreshments.'

If you would like more information about the Lions or want to join, the club meet on the second Monday of the month at the Plough Inn in Hinckley.

Kenilworth Lions Charity Grand Show a great success

The annual Kenilworth Lions Grand Charity Show, held in Abbey Fields on Saturday 11th June, was a great success. Big crowds of local residents turned out to view the attractions on offer, and to visit the stalls of the many local charities and organisations present.

The Show was officially opened by the town's Deputy Mayor Kate Dickson, who arrived in spectacular style at the front of a cavalcade of motor tricycles, together with her consort Richard, Lions'



president Paddy Murphy and the carnival queen and attendants.

A very unusual attraction was a performance by Bruce Airhead, who managed to climb right inside a large inflated balloon and then burst out of it dressed a superman!

Among the many stalls and sideshows was the ever-popular Human Fruit Machine run by the Friends of Abbey Fields, with teams of three volunteers at a time getting rather sore arms raising funds for the charity. Show organiser, 1st vice-president Phil Inshaw said afterwards: "It's always gratifying to put on a show enjoyed by all who take part and attend. The weather was kind to us, and many charity groups benefited from the generosity of the public."

Northampton 80 LC



Members of Northampton 80 relax after serving a BBQ lunch to volunteers at the Hope Centre for the homeless in Northampton. No doubt refreshing themselves ready for the washing up.



LION JAYNE HANDCOCK (PICTURED RIGHT) WITH LABRADOR DAISY AND HER VOLUNTEER GUIDE.

Wellingborough & District LC Collection of used postage stamps put to good use

Roger and Jayne Handcock from Wellingborough & District Lions Club, recently enjoyed an informative tour of the headquarters of 'Hearing Dogs for Deaf People' at Princes Risborough in Buckinghamshire, when they delivered numerous sacks and boxes of used postage stamps, collected by Lions throughout the district, to help raise funds for this very worthy charity.

They watched as trainers demonstrated how these life-changing hearing dogs alert deaf people to important sounds and danger signals, such as the telephone, door bell and smoke alarm, providing comfort, support and independence.

Each hearing dog costs £40,000. The breeding and training of a hearing dog costs £25,000; and the life-long care of each dog costs around £15,000 for the lifetime of the partnership, which can be over ten years.

With one in six people suffering hearing loss in the UK, demand for this life-changing service is growing.

In 2015 over £11,000 was raised for Hearing Dogs for Deaf People from stamp donations.

Birmingham Chinatown Lions

29th Charter

Over 100 people including Lions from Worcester and Coventry Mercia attended the Club's 29th Charter on 11 June at The Edgbaston Stadium.

The event was in aid of the Birmingham PSU



Dragon Boat Race

On Saturday 18 June the Birmingham Chinatown Lions entered in the 2016 Birmingham Dragon Boat Race in Brindley Place Birmingham.



The event raised funds for Cure Leukaemia and we are well on our way to reaching our target of £2,500.

Thanks to all who came down to support us.

Warwick Lions Charity Concert



Warwick Lions recently hosted the Caerphilly Male Voice Choir at a highly successful charity concert at All Saints Parish Church in Leamington Spa. The concert was to raise funds for a new purpose built class room for Northleigh House School for emotionally vulnerable young people at Hatton. Members

are seen here with cadets and officers from No. 1368 Squadron of the Air Training Corps who assisted on the night.

North Sea Lions



As your Representative on the North Sea Lions Board I am more than pleased to inform you that clubs participating has increased over the last Lions year. With about 2/3 of the clubs donating, we are on the right track. I trust that we can improve on that in the coming year. Joining with the 10 other districts, we can do bigger things.

It is important though that belonging to NSL doesn't mean only paying money. We can suggest projects as well, and if the board approves, about €50,000 or so is a nice amount of funding!

In this connection I need to bring to your attention that according to our Covenant that all pre-proposals for the Lions Project next year need to be with the NSL Secretary in writing no later than 8 weeks prior to the Board Meeting.

This means that deadline this year is July 16th, 2016

So, if you have something, don't waste your time!

Jaap de Jonge, NSL officer

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HRH The Countess of Wessex Diamond Challenge

Dear Lion President

In September this year our Patron HRH The Countess of Wessex will be cycling 445 miles from the Palace of Holyrood in Edinburgh to Buckingham Palace in support of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Diamond Anniversary Appeal

Some months ago, HRH was asked by the Duke of Edinburgh's Award to take up a challenge in celebration of this incredible milestone. The funds being raised by HRH as well as many others all over the country will give thousands more young people in the UK the opportunity to experience the life changing opportunities the Award offers. The Countess of Wessex has personally witnessed the incredible impact the Award has on every young life it touches, so had no hesitation in agreeing to play her part.

To support the Countess of Wessex on her Diamond Challenge you can send a cheque to your District Treasurer, write Diamond Challenge Duke of Edinburgh Award on the reverse.

For more information on the Diamond Challenge, please visit the following:
www.dofediamondchallenge.org

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Birmingham Acocks Green Lions Club

Sponsored Nature Ramble

Followed by a Chuck Wagon Picnic

Sunday 2nd October 2016

Why don't you, your family and friends join us for a late summer morning ramble around Earlswood Lakes, meet with our very own birdwatcher and enjoy a feast of fresh air, food and fellowship in the great outdoors!

Sponsor forms available and the monies you/ your group raises will be split three ways between

- a charity or organisation of your choice 1/3rd
- Birmingham Clubs for Young People 1/3rd
- and Acocks Green Lions' club Charities 1/3rd

We aim to start the ramble at approx. 11am and
return to a communal chuckwaggon picnic
£6 per head adults, £3 children under 10 – pre booked.

More details from Lion Terry Smith at

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or on 07713633503

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Lions Club News

Our regular round-up from county clubs

Dogs who transform many lives

Members of Wellingborough & District Lions Club have learned about life-changing dogs on a recent trip.

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Trainers demonstrated how these life-changing hearing dogs alert deaf people to important sounds and danger signals, such as the telephone, door bell and smoke alarm,

providing comfort, support and independence.

The breeding and training of a hearing dog costs £25,000, while the life-long care of each dog costs around £15,000. In 2015, more than £11,000 was raised from stamp donations.

Anyone wishing to donate stamps can order a free envelope from the charity, which they fill with stamps from any post they have received and enclose them with a filled-in form. People can also order a collection box for people to put their stamps into. To find out more visit www.hearingdogs.org.uk/donate/other-ways-to-donate/stamps



Lion Jayne Hancock (right) with Labrador Daisy and her volunteer guide.

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KENILWORTH LIONS GRAND SHOW



Kenilworth Lions' charity Grand Show 'a great success'

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