



# MIDLANDS NEWS

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## August 2016



A very active month. Many successful events, loads of exposure in the local press. With Lions being so publicly active, it is still a miracle that we are considered unrecognized. Loads of activity in social media. I do not believe we are the only ones reading it. We are active publicly in major ways. Keep on shouting about this. The penny will drop eventually that we do not take a penny!

Thanks to the clubs that sent their "Change Over" pictures. Service we give, friendship we receive.

Balsall Common LC sees this issue stiff competition from other clubs, like Coventry Godiva LC. Keep on sending your reports.

Remember there are simple ways to raise money, without doing much extra. Download an app., called "Charity Miles" and choose the charity "Sight for Kids" and when you walk or cycle, you raise money. Recycle cloths, using [www.genierecycling.com](http://www.genierecycling.com), £0.50/kg, and they collect from your house. Buy online by first logging in through [www.giveasyoulive.com](http://www.giveasyoulive.com) and a small percentage goes to your chosen charity.

Again, thanks to Lion Dave Blakeman for supporting me with his 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.

If members want to advertise, for only £10, we can place small advertisements. All funds raised for the district charity account. Almost 1,000 lions will see your advert. An excellent place to advertise your company, 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.

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### Godiva Lions Donate £5,000 to Action Bladder Cancer UK

Amongst the many charities and organisation benefiting from donations made by the Club each year, the incoming President nominates the main charity in their year. Lion President Kulwinder's chosen charity was presented the cheque on the Club's Charter Night at Allesely Hotel in Coventry last month.

This charity has been very much close to her heart, as the family had experienced the loss of her father after being diagnosed with bladder cancer and she was determined to assist them with the support of the Club and her family.

According to the charity Action Bladder Cancer UK, "it is the 7th most common cancer in UK and the 4th most common for men. Over 10,700 people in the UK are diagnosed each year and about half of those diagnosed will die each year. Bladder Cancer has the highest recurrence rate of any known cancer – up to 80%. It can affect all ages, both men and women. Diagnosis can often be late, particularly in women. Despite this, bladder cancer is the only top 10 cancer where rates of prognosis are getting worse. It is the most expensive cancer for NHS to treat (costing £65million annually) yet it only got 0.6% (in 2013-2014) of dedicated research funding".

Dr Rik Bryan, senior research consultant, receiving the cheque on behalf of the Charity explained the work of the charity and its vision. The Chair of the Charity, Allen Knight said that "this donation will be a very welcome addition to support our work in providing information and resources for patients and health professionals, improving research into bladder cancer and improving outcomes for patients. It is much

needed and we will put it to very good use". The funds were raised over the past year by organising various fund raising and social events including a Food stall at Donkey Derby, 70's disco night, New Year's Eve celebrations, Bollywood musical evening, Elvis tribute night, Beer festival and sponsored walk. Other donations made on the Charter Night were to the Lord Mayor's and Lady Godiva's charities.



### Godiva Lions Sponsored Charity Walk

Over 70 people accompanying club members, families, friends and well-wishers enjoyed the breathtaking walk through the lush green forest and woodlands surrounding the beautiful Merevale Estate on a bright sunny Sunday morning. The 5km sponsored walk around the estate in the heart of Warwickshire countryside raised £1,768 towards the Club's charitable activities. After the walk, the group was treated to a delicious buffet lunch courtesy of Lion President Kulwinder and her family, supported by "Action Bladder Cancer UK", the main charity chosen by the President in her year.



## Godiva Lions donate £750 to assist provision of emergency medical attention

At a recent Lions Handover ceremony held at Mancettar Memorial Hall in Atherstone, a cheque for £750 was presented to "North Warwickshire First Responders", a voluntary service organisation providing emergency medical attention, carrying their essential kits on Bicycles.

"A cycle is able to quickly gain access to areas that have a large number of people.

Possible ideal situations include Party in the square, Dickens night, carnivals, etc. An ambulance would not be able to make such progress in areas with many pedestrians.

A cycle can cut through narrow passages, to deliver urgent first aid", said Eddie Stephenson acknowledging the cheque on behalf of North Warwickshire First Responders.

They have been using 2 single rear panniers on the bikes. The funds will enable them to purchase new larger panniers, which will allow them to carry and administer oxygen and entonox, rather than just a defibrillator.



**EDDIE STEPHENSON, A VOLUNTEER FROM NORTH WARWICKSHIRE FIRST RESPONDERS ACCEPTING THE CHEQUE FROM LION PRESIDENT KULWINDER ACCOMPANIED BY GODIVA LIONS CLUB MEMBER**

## Malvern Hills Lions Club

### What Makes You Different Makes You Beautiful Centre Sensory Garden Project

Last year the "*What Makes You Different Makes You Beautiful*" group moved from their old premises into a more permanent home and centre in Howsell Road, Malvern Link.

Although the building itself could be made suitable for the children attending the centre, (some of whom are autistic), Kim Philpotts, the founder of the group, also wanted the garden to front of the building made into a

safe and secure sensory area where children could spend time outside. This transformation has been made possible with help from members of Malvern Hills Lions Club, Malvern Rotary Club and a local Beaver Scout Group.

Malvern Hills Lions Club's part in achieving this aim has been to procure and build a panelled fence above the existing brick wall to make the space more secure and safe for the children. Lions have also levelled and prepared the area inside the wall, and then laid an Astro Turf surface-making the garden accessible all year round and easy to keep clean.

The Club would like to give a big thank you to both Bradfords Building Supplies and D.H.Phillips, Sand and Gravel Merchants, whose very generous donations of materials enabled this project to be complete. Their help is greatly appreciated.

Dave Jeavons, President of Malvern Hills Lions Club said that the project has been an excellent example of the community pulling together to help enhance the lives of the autistic children and their families who visit 'WMYDMYB' Centre.

'WMYDMYB' Centre Founder. Mrs Kim Philpotts said that she was delighted with the work that had been done and joked that she had already run the vacuum cleaner over the Astro Turf.

In picture DSCF0983 are from left to right, WMYDMYB founder Mrs. Kim Philpotts. In front of her is her son Archie. Members of Malvern Hills Lions Club, Will Jones, Ken Reader and Paul Rivers.

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## Wellesbourne & Shakespeare Lions Raft Race



The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary RAFT RACE. AHOY me hearties !! We've got pirates on the Avon and to scare the fish an inflatable shark. Using the latest deep in South Warwickshire technology the drone was buzzing over one of the two weirs as 53 rafts battled their way down the 7.5 mile course to finish in Stratford upon Avon yesterday.....all to help our nominated charity for 2016 "Heart of England Mencap".

If nothing else it shows how pretty the River Avon is in our neck of the woods.

Don't forget we're the hosts for the 2017 District Convention so if anyone needs a lift, water taxis may be available.

News from Sandwell:

The Sandwell Lions raft was made by Lion Ray Staniland and Lion Nick Bate was our captain. We came a very creditable 9th out of 36 "survivor series" in a time of 3 hours 37 mins. Proceeds to Mencap and local Lions charities! Not bad considering our crew had an age range from mid 20's to pensioners in our sixties! We are suffering today.

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### Corby and District Lions club



Corby and District Lions club collected over £900 at their recent Funday in East Carlton Park. Club Secretary, Mike Garlick, said 'We are grateful for the people who came and supported us despite the poor weather. Nobody got soaked but we did have to close the bouncy castle for safety reasons. The event was a good fund raiser for the local charities who came along.' Pictured are, Lion President Dan MacDonald thanking Des Barber from Corby Radio for providing the music and PA system. The event and its associated grand draw

supported Help For Heroes and The Rainbow Children's Hospice. Each charity will receive £400 with the remainder staying with Corby Lions for local causes.

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### Balsall Common Lions



#### Balls in The Bog at the Fete

We are now well into the Fete season and Balsall Common Lions were at Berkswell School Fete with our Balls in the Bog. In spite of a typical English Summer with a few short downpours in didn't dampen the spirits of all the children who had to plenty to entertain them. All the usual attractions were there with stalls including hot food, refreshments, games, tombola, raffle and many attractions for the children to play on including pony rides. A great day.

In the picture this time, Lions Stan Shakeshaft, Paul Coldicutt, John Thomas & Dave Blakeman.

Congratulations to Berkswell School PTA for working so hard and organising such a wonderful day for everyone.

### Summer Fete

The friends of Castel Froma & Helen Ley in Leamington Spa held their Summer Fete in their lovely garden. It was a beautiful sunny day, with many attractions providing entertainment for the children and stalls including homemade cakes, craft products and plant sales



Balsall Common Lions joined in the fun with Balls in The Bog

Castel Froma & Helen Ley centres deliver special care & therapy for adults with life changing neurological disability. Funds raised will be used to provide additional therapy & social opportunities.

It was a great afternoon.

The picture shows Lions Richard Davies, Paul Tyler & Ross Collins having a rest!

## 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

Summer Tea Party (Solihull Children's Charity) held at the Botanical Gardens in Birmingham.

The Charity aims to give sick, disabled and disadvantaged children in the Midlands exciting days out to remember.

Around 1,000 children came along with their Carers and everyone joined in the fun.

There were stalls serving snacks & 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.

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.



## Handover Presentations

At our recent President's Handover the following presentations were also made.

In the picture, clockwise from left to right, Lion Ray Stephens receives the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award (MJF) & Lion Ann Pemberton receives the Bert Mason Humanitarian Award (BMHA) from Lion President Andy Pemberton and incoming President Lion Dave Blakeman.

Lion Mark Smallman, our youngest member, receives a 100% attendance award.

Lion Brian Hornsby receives the Best Lion of the Year Award.



## Birmingham Chinatown Lions Club Bowling Competition



On July 5<sup>th</sup> the Birmingham Chinatown Lions Club Bowling Competition 2016 was held at Star City. 18 teams took part and £2,000 was raised.

This will go towards the David Cox Health Awareness Fund.

## Lunch with the Chinatown Lions

On Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 July 2016 the Birmingham Chinatown Lions Clubs invited 210 Chinese Senior Citizens for a summer lunch at the Ming Moon.

They all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were all given a goodie bag with an apple and orange to ensure that ate well that day.



## Brackley Carnival



Michael Crick interviewed Lions /stall holders and customers @ Towcester Farmer's Market run by Towcester Lions on their views of Andrea Leadsom standing for PM, extract appeared on Channel 4 News at 7 on Friday night 2 stall holders were featured. Brackley Carnival June 11<sup>th</sup> Zone Membership and Awareness Stand and Towcester Lions Bottle Stall.

## Shirley Carnival is a blazing (saddles) success



Fun was the order of the day, despite a dull and windy day, as Shirley Lions Carnival spread music and joy on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July.

The annual calendar highlight saw thousands of people descend on Shirley Park for an afternoon of fun events and attractions on a Wild West theme. Among the many activities were hook a duck, temporary tattoos, paintball, miniature train rides, and musical performances by local groups.

Following the official opening by cowboys Simon and Tor from "The Good, The bad and The Bubbly", the Shirley Pipe Band got things off to a cracking start with a marching display in the main arena. Entertainment continued with performances from the Animated Dance Company and Dot's Line Dancers. Cowboys Simon and Tor mingled with the crowds all afternoon as their tricks with lasso and whip kept both children and adults entertained.

The very young were not forgotten as Punch & Judy encouraged them to join in with their antics and a fancy dress competition gave the children an opportunity to dress up as cowboys and Indians.

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 rain held off all afternoon – it really does make a difference to events such as this."

"We had a great turnout of people which means we will have raised a lot of money for good causes and thanks must go to our main sponsors – Smart Homes, The Window Centre and Property Link Estate Agents as without their support the event would not have been possible".

The Lions are still counting up the money but Gillian indicated that the Carnival should raise around £6,000 which will be donated to a range of local charities.

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### Hinckley and Burbage Lions Club



Hinckley and Burbage Lions Club have been busy promoting and distributing potentially lifesaving equipment that can be kept in your fridge.

The worldwide Lions organisation run a 'Message In A Bottle' scheme, where people who are on regular necessary medication, can write the information down and store it in their fridge.

Then if they take ill, their carers or anyone who finds them, instantly has the information at hand and can inform the nursing staff who look after them.

The Hinckley and Burbage Lions recently donated some of the bottles to the Burbage Surgery at Tilton Road, in the village, where they can be obtained by any patients who require them.

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### Warwick Lions Club



Warwick Lions Club as part of their Centennial Year Project have donated £8,000 to build "The Lion's Den", a much needed additional teaching space at Northleigh House School for emotionally vulnerable young people at Hatton. The school which is mainly privately funded will use the additional facility for teaching primary aged children. As part of their fundraising for this project the club organised a concert featuring the legendary Caephilly Male Voice Choir at All Saints Parish Church, Leamington Spa.

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## Northampton 80 presentation to Fairfields Special School



## Change Overs in the District District 10/7

Incoming DG Ron Cross received his chain from outgoing DG Heather Jeavons





## Shakespeare Lions

Shakespeare Lions changeover lunch was held at the Falcon Hotel in Stratford upon Avon. Over 50 people attended and saw Anne Turner become the first lady president in the clubs 50<sup>th</sup> year in 2017, take over from the outgoing president, Trevor Lloyd-Adams.



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## Bedworth Lions Club

On Sunday 17th July Bedworth Lions Club hired a coach from Harringtons Vintage Coaches to celebrate our President Change Over Day. This was a change over from Lion Alan Turner to Lion Eric Tunnicliffe. We had a tour of Warwickshire visiting many villages, a garden centre and lunch at a pub. There was a running commentary from Bob

the Driver which was not only informative but very amusing. The public joined in waving and horns blowing as we passed by. The coach was a Bedford OB and went into service the year I was born in 1948. At a mere 27 horse power pulling over 20 passengers, with built in sound effects of gear wine and the smell of hot clutch and brakes.



The attached are photos of the day. The pictures are of the coach, Eric the new driver of our club and one with Alan and finally the group on the day.

It was a very enjoyable day and a great way to mark Change Over.

## Droitwich Lions

We are entering our 32nd year and as usual we had the handover in one of the members gardens. This year incoming President Grahame Howard and Helen were the hosts, and, as usual, the tradition of excellent food prepared by the wives was the main attraction. Over the years we have been generally lucky with the weather with plenty of early summer sunshine. This year was no exception.....well apart from the huge thunderstorm just as we were starting to eat under the gazebos. It threw it down and frantic efforts were made to get the water off the tent roof before it burst through. Grahame showed his leadership qualities by getting soaked and having to go and change clothes.





## Shirley LC



Incoming President Jaap de Jonge received his chain from Lion Martin Wright 3/7. It was settled with sending the cork of a Magnum Champagne over the hedge in the neighbour's garden. Don't worry, the neighbours were at the changeover.



## Balsall Commons

After a very successful third term in office, Lion President Andy Pemberton hands over to the new incoming President Lion Dave Blakeman. Dave has been a Lion for 4 years and has already held the important role of Secretary for 3 of those years and looked after our PR. We wish Lion President Dave all the best for the year, coming up to the Lions Centennial Year in 2017.



## Redditch Lions



Redditch Lions celebrated the 2015-2016 year of outgoing President Carole Andrews at a get together BBQ on Sunday July 3rd 2016. Incoming President for 2016-17 Phil Lawrence presented Lion Carole with a lovely bouquet of flowers. A good time was had by all and there was plenty of sunny warm weather too. The BBQ was held in the NGS (National Garden Scheme) garden of Lion Victor Johnson which is open only by appointment in June and July.



## Coventry Mercia Handover meeting at Farm House on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2016

Mercia lion's club handover celebration was undertaken to confer, President designation of the club to Lion Ravinder Singh Sandhu by outgoing Lion President Omkar Singh Hunjan. Special marquee and catering arrangements were personally financed by incoming President Lion Ravinder Singh Sandhu, in order that club funds are utilised for charity and not for functions. This was highly commendable gesture by him.

Lion President Omkar Singh Hunjan, in his speech outlined the achievements during his tenure of office. Charitable endeavour's included work in UK and abroad.

UK charities supported included - Prostate Cancer, Macmillan Nurses, British Heart Foundation, and Valley

House. Donations were made to Lord Mayor's Charity, District Governor's Charity and many charities supported by various districts and other Lions Clubs. We organized Soup Kitchen for homeless and donated Christmas presents to Caludon Centre. We also took part in various initiatives that were started by District 105, particularly "Message in a Bottle" which was managed for our club by Lion Anita Bedi, our District officer in Lions Club International 105M.

Internationally, support was provided to deprived, vulnerable communities, old & sick people and to improve quality education for underprivileged children in India, Pakistan and Africa. Support has been provided to a private school in Nurpur India. Funds were donated to install water cooler at a School in Pakistan and purchase shoes for children at a school called "St Philomena Home" in Kenya, Africa. Additionally, Members of Mercia Lions also held medical eye camps for poor in Punjab/ India to provide eye treatments, including operations for cataract.

Mercia Lions teamed up with Coventry Transport Museum and other local community groups in organising a Mega Mela in the heart of Coventry City Centre - Millennium Square in front of Transport Museum. We made a history for British Asian community by organising such a big event for the first time in Coventry City Centre. This event was a huge success and we have been told that Coventry Transport museum will hold this event annually with us.

Innovative Recreational actives such as Golf tournaments by members, charity walk and Musical multicultural extravaganza raised funds for charities.

Finally, Lion President thanked all lion members of the club who supported him and ushered in the handing over ceremony. Vice President Lion Ravinder Singh Sandhu handed his chain of office to new Vice

President Lion Tarlochan Singh. Lion President Omkar Singh garlanded New lion president with Presidents chain and badge of office.



Lion President, Ravinder Singh Sandhu, in his debut speech thanked the previous president for his support and pledged to continue the clubs work and ensure that Mercia lion

club will advance its name in the Coventry city and surrounding areas. He also initiated three new lion club members into the club.

The event was well organised, managed and all members and guests were served excellent cuisine curtesy of new Lion President Ravinder Singh Sandhu.

## Coventry Leofric Lions

Coventry Leofric Lions celebrated 30 years at this year's changeover, with incoming President Peter Davies presenting a cake to mark the occasion. At the event Lion Mike Partridge was also presented a plaque and badge to celebrate 45 years as a Lion, having previously been with Coventry Lions before Leofric was formed.

Pictures of President Peter, with and without cake.



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## Warwick Lions

Warwick Lions President David Shore handed over his chain of office to incoming president Geoff. Wiskin at a combined business and Skittles evening held at the Snitterfield Sports & Social



Club. During the evening presentations were made to Lions Peter Amis and Paul Levien.



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## News from Lion Ken Barker, District Competitions Officer DISTRICT SKITTLES COMPETITION

It is now time to start this year's District 105M Skittles competition. Each Zone Chairman is asked to arrange a competition between their clubs at whatever type of skittles their Zone has to offer. Participating

Clubs are responsible for all costs involved with the event. A Zone winner should be found by November 30th. This club's name should be forwarded to both the region Chairman and the District Competitions Officer by November 30th. Where a Zone does not have a Zone Chairman their region Chairman is requested to organise that Zone's competition. Each Region Chairman is then asked to arrange a competition between their Zone winning clubs to produce a Regional winner by February 28th. Again the type of skittles should be determined by the competing clubs.

## PEACE POSTER COMPETITION

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 promoting your club's contest are included in the Peace Poster Contest Kit.

Whilst the latest 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 video here: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-media/videos/videos.php?id=gBiLcl>

## Kenyan Water Project – Bungoma County

Provision of Pipeline from Webuyu – Milo Reservoir and Green Houses

I am delighted to be able to tell you that the above Project has now been completed, thanks to your generous support with donations.

The project has been managed by The Kakamega Lions Club and overseen by PCC Rajinder Sembi, GMT leader for MD 411.

The pipeline has provided water for 1000 pupils at a local High School and 5000 people from surrounding villages.

The green houses have now been erected and are providing widows and orphans with much needed employment. They are growing crops for sale at market, which gives them a regular source of income, greatly improving their lives.

Below are some photographs of the crops growing which gives you an idea of the size of the green houses.



Carole Mosele, Cabinet Officer Water Projects

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3<sup>rd</sup> Lions Club Of Coventry Mercia Charity Golf Day

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2016

@

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*on*

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# Birmingham Acocks Green Lions Club

Sponsored Nature Ramble  
Followed by a Chuck Wagon Picnic  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2016

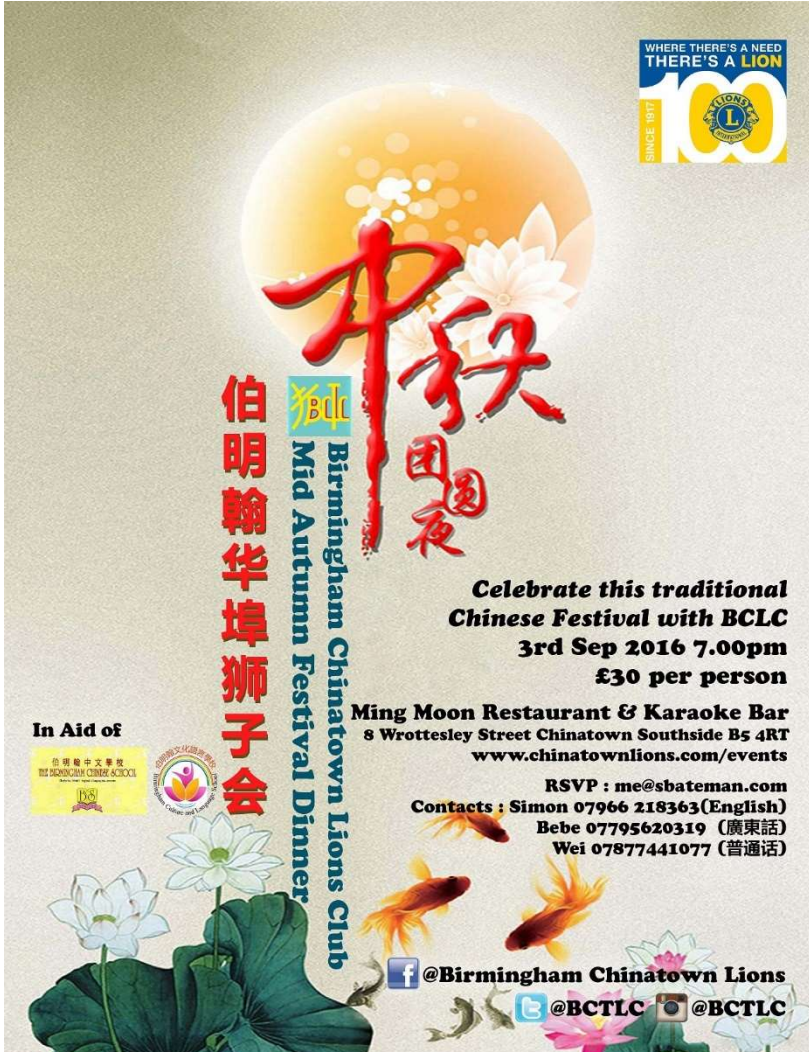
Why don't you, your family and friends join us for a late summer morning ramble around Earlswood Lakes, meet with our very own birdwatcher and enjoy a feast of fresh air, food and fellowship in the great outdoors!

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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## CHARTERS



### Shirley Lions Club

It is early, but this year's charter is going to be special.

We will hold our weekend away

Friday 7/4-Sunday 9/4 2017

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IN THE PAPERS

# Club gives blood boost to hospital



Karen Phillips has her veins illuminated by clinical site co-ordinator Rachel Howells watched by Lions Club president Richard Styles, vice-president Mary Thompson and treasurer Steve Rice

A BLACK Country fundraising club has presented a high-tech piece of kit to the borough's main hospital that should make blood tests a more pain-free experience.

The Kingswinford and Stourbridge Lions group has handed over a new Accuvein monitor worth more than £3,000 to Russells Hall Hospital which

will help to prevent problems medical staff sometimes have when trying to find veins in which to insert needles.

Richard Styles, Kingswinford and Stourbridge Lions Club president, said: "This Accuvein monitor is a portable machine which highlights the veins and hopefully removes the problem."

He said the group, which handed over the machine on June 7, always tries to help local charities and buy equipment to benefit people in the borough, and he added: "We purchased a defibrillator for the Ryemarket in Stourbridge in February 2014 and this year the monitor which will hopefully help thousands of people."



**Lions Dave Blakeman, Stan Shakeshaft, Tony Cunningham, Stan Newton and Anna Dunn helped clear a path in Balsall Common. (s)**

KIND-HEARTED volunteers cleared the way for walkers in Balsall Common.

Members of Balsall Common Lions alongside Solihull Council, cut back over-hanging branches and weeds on the public footpath around the area of Lavender Hall Fishery as part of the club's centennial celebration in 2017.

Throughout 2017 Lions will be encouraged to serve 100 million people through participation of Global Service campaigns which is split into challenges and the environmental one includes clearing 100 miles of pathways across the country.



Some of last year's riders leave Packwood House.

## Turn up for a great day out

JUST turn up and ride – that's the invitation from Knowle & Dorridge Lions for next Sunday's (July 17) Heart of England Bike Ride.

With hundreds of fundraisers already entered online registration has now closed and the Lions hope many more will bring their bikes along to Packwood House on the day, pay their entry fee and hopefully make a charitable donation for the British Heart Foundation (BHF) Mending Broken Hearts Appeal and local causes.

There will be a choice of 12-, 18- and 30-mile signposted circular routes.

"We hope the weather will be fine and we hope everyone will come along and help us reach our target of raising £20,000 charity," said Lions organiser Paul Wheatley.

"It is a great opportunity to spend a Sunday with friends, family or colleagues cycling through the glorious Warwickshire countryside and villages.

"After the bike ride, food will be available from the Lions Club barbecue and there is free entry to Packwood House and gardens for riders. It's going to be a great day out for everyone."

# Carnival will be the biggest and best yet

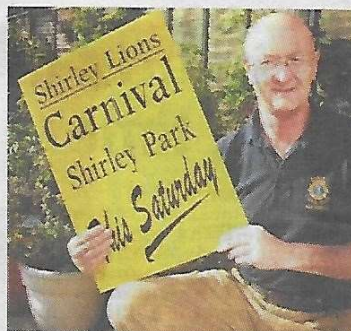
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PREPARATIONS are complete and the weather forecast is looking hopeful for the annual Shirley Carnival this weekend.

The calendar highlight, which takes place on Saturday (July 9) promises to be the biggest and best yet with a host of arena and audience participation events planned for the eager public.

This year the Carnival will have a Wild West theme as "The Good, the Bad and the Bubbly" perform a number of Wild West tricks and Dot's Line Dancers get everyone up and dancing. Children are encouraged to come along in Cowboys or Indians themed fancy dress to enter the Fancy Dress competition.

Carnival chairman, Lion Gillian Conlon said: "Over the 35 years the Lions have been organising the Carnival it's become an increasingly important



Shirley Carnival rolls into town this Saturday.

event on the community's calendar and the Lions were always keen to promote local talent by giving them the opportunity to perform."

Gillian went on to say that there

would be a huge variety of performances catering for all tastes.

The event will kick off with a marching display from the ever popular Shirley Pipe Band, followed by performances from the Animated Dance Academy and the Sorella Cheer Leaders.

The very young have not been forgotten as the ever popular Punch & Judy get up to their tricks.

Gillian added that the Carnival always had two objectives – to provide a fun filled day for all the family and also to raise money for charity.

She added: "This year we have made a change from raising funds for one large national charity to spreading the proceeds between a number of small local charities and it is hoped that the public of Shirley will turn up in their thousands to support these worthwhile causes".

Gates open at 11.30am with the programme of events commencing at 12 noon. Admission prices are held once again at £1 for everyone



## Going out this week

IT'S that time of year again when Shirley Carnival comes to town!

Come along tomorrow (July 9) at Shirley Park from 12pm to 4.30pm.

The Wild Wild West is the theme and admission is £1. For more information visit [www.shirleylions.co.uk](http://www.shirleylions.co.uk) or contact carnival chairperson, Lion Gillian Conlon on 07790 686040.

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# Shirley Carnival



Megan Cashmore and Amber Daniels have fun with the inflatables. 28.016.006.sol.jm15

## Crowds lap up the carnival fun

CROWDS flocked to Shirley Park at the weekend for the annual Carnival.

Thousands of people and cowboys were entertained by Shirley pipe band, a Punch and Judy Show, fair stalls, and the miniature train rides while thrill seekers took the the fair rides and games.

Cowboys Simon and Tor mingled with the crowds all afternoon as they showcased their lasso skills.

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 rain held off all afternoon – 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 should raise around £5,000 which will be donated to a local charities.



A cowboy thrills the crowd at Shirley Carnival

# Cowboys draw crowds as carnival theme a success

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YEEHAA! The thrills and spills of the Wild West was the theme for Shirley Carnival last Saturday as thousands of people turned out for the popular annual event.

Among the many activities at Shirley Park were paintball, miniature train rides, hook a duck and musical performances by local groups.

Following the official opening by cowboys Simon and Tor from The Good, The Bad and The Bubbly, the Shirley Pipe Band took to the main arena with a marching display.

The day's entertainment, organised by Shirley Lions Club, continued with performances from the Animated Dance Company and Dot's Line Dancers while little ones were treated to a Punch & Judy show.

Lion Gillian Conlon, carnival chairman, said: "This year we introduced some new elements to the carnival and it certainly



One youngster gets in the Wild West spirit at Shirley Carnival

went down well with the crowds.

"The day went off fantastically and we were delighted that the rain held off all afternoon.

"It really does make a difference to events such as this.

"We had a great turnout of people which means we will have raised a lot of money for good causes and thanks must go to our main sponsors - Smart Homes, The Window Centre and Property Link Estate Agents as without their support the event would not have been possible."

Around £5,000 is expected to be the final tally which will be donated to local charities.

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## Shirley Carnival

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The Shirley Pipe Band entertaining the crowds. 28.016.006.sol.jm1



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Allison Styles from Crumbles cakes, shows off her delicious creations. 28.016.006.sol.jm13



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Nick Stevens and his balloons. 28.016.006.sol.jm8



James Hadley takes aim with his crossbow. 28.016.006.sol.jm10

# Society News

## Shirley Lions Club

ANOTHER busy year ahead – that's how Lion Jaap de Jonge sees it as he takes over as President of Shirley Lions Club from Martin Wright.

"Martin will be a really hard act to follow", said Jaap. "He has had a really successful year during which time the club has continued to serve the local community as well as raising thousands of pounds for many worthy causes.

"Our Lions Club enjoys a high profile and a great deal of support from local companies and residents in the area, especially through Shirley Carnival which the club has been organising for nearly 40 years"

Jaap's first event as president was the Carnival which took place on Saturday, July 9, in Shirley Park.

This will be followed by the annual Casino Night, the "Message in a Bottle" campaign at GP surgeries and then before we know it will be the run up to Christmas with the Lions Sleigh taking to the streets of Shirley.

"This is what being a Lion is all about," said Jaap.

"There is no resting on your laurels as one event follows another and the only limitation to what we can achieve in the community is the number of us."

If you would like to help put something back into your community and may be interested in joining Lions then phone 0845 833 9547 or visit [www.shirleylions.co.uk](http://www.shirleylions.co.uk)



New leader of the pride: Former president of Solihull Lions Martin Wright handing over to new president Jaap De Jonge