

MIDLANDS NEWS

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No paper cuttings this month, but Worcester LC had some good publicity.

www.worcesternews.co.uk/news/14687693.Worcester_Lions_community_grants_scheme_a_roaring_success/?ref=erec

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

Raise money for your club. Register your club using this <u>link</u> 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.

Looking for Scrabble games!

Marston Green & District Lions Club are currently working with a couple of local Residential/ Respite Care Homes (Elderly & Dementia)

One of the items that we are trying to get hold of is SCRABBLE games as this is very stimulating for both client groups

Unfortunately, none of us have any spares and local Charity Shops, don't appear to have any - we've looked.

Any type(s) would be great, so please check your cupboards etc. for any unwanted sets. Please contact Simon Moss (<u>simonmoss@blueyonder.co.uk</u>) for logisitics.

Worcester Lions Club have a busy time with visitors.

Worcester Lions Club have been very busy again recently. They spent one weekend running their fund raising stall first at the St John in Bedwardine Village Fête on the Saturday and then at the Warndon Villages Summer Fête at the Lyppards Hub on the Sunday. Although neither event raise a lot of money they showed the faces of Lions in the community.

A few days later members of the Club met for a meal at the local Barn Owl eatery to welcome Yoep Kortekaas from the Netherlands and Akos Senviczki from Hungary. Both being hosted by members of the Worcester Club before travelling north to join other young people from around the world at this year's British Isles and Ireland Lions International Youth Centre - this year being held in Dumfries, Scotland.

During their stay in Worcester, and with the help of members from Droitwich, Bromsgrove and Kidderminster Lions Clubs Yoep and Akos have had a very busy schedule of visits and events. To list a few, they visited Stratford-upon-Avon, spent a day on the Severn Valley Railway, seen Worcester Cathedral and bell tower, visited London for the day and cycled around the Bredon Hills. They also tried their hand at bell ringing at St John's church, as well as being taken to a local night spot in Worcester by the daughters of one of the club members. One evening the President of Worcester Lions Club entertained them to a BBQ at her home. The two visitors called this a Grill Party. They were also joined by members of the Worcester Club, friends and members of other local Lions Clubs. On the evening before their departure north they attended a skittles evening at the newly built Archdales 73 Club, once again being joined by many that they had met during their visit.

Once they reach Dumfries and have joined the rest of those attending the youth camp they have another

busy program ahead of them, with visits planned which include visiting the two major cities of Scotland, Glasgow and Edinburgh. This includes a City tour, visit to the Museum of Scotland and Edinburgh Castle and the Military Tattoo. Amongst other things they will be entertained to a Burns Supper taster. Their visit will end with an End of Youth Centre Concert on the 7th August before saying their farewells and staring their journey home the following day.

The aim of the Centre is to promote international understanding among young people of many different nationalities and cultures, encouraging racial harmony and an awareness of the needs of others. The young people between the ages of 18 and 22 who attend the camp are sponsored by their local Lions Club's throughout the world.



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Worcester Lions Manning their stall at the Lyppard Hub Warndon Villages Summer Fete. Members of Worcester Lions Club welcoming their visitors at the Barn Owl, Worcester. Youth BBQ. During the BBQ held at the President of Worcester Lions Club, Joy Haffner's home. Youth departure. Members of Worcester Lions Club saying their farewells to Yoep and Akos before they travelled to Dumfries to join the rest of those attending the Youth Centre.

Yoep and Akos at school during their visit to the Black Country Living Museum.

Yoep and Akos with members or the Worcester Lions Club during the Skittle evening. They were members of the winning team.

Hinckley and Burbage Lions Club

Four budding leaders of the future were given special service awards by Hinckley and Burbage Lions Club recently.

They were members of Hinckley Air Cadets who earned their young leaders service awards, after doing many hours of voluntary community work.

Lions President Sue Patrick and club secretary Cynthia Lines went along to their Brunel Road HQ to make the presentations.

On the night, only two of the cadets were able to receive their gold ward certificates. They were Jason Pemberton and Tim Martin-Jones.

The Cadet corps had also taken part in the Lions club's sponsored walk around Bosworth Battlefield and

the Lions were given a cheque for £514, as their half of the shared sponsorship from Chris Parry, Squadron Commanding Officer.



This means that the Air Cadets will be able to use their portion of the money to boost their own fundraising activities, while the Hinckley and Burbage Lions Club can use theirs to support other worthy causes in the community. If you would like to join the Lions, or need their support you can contact them at the Plough Inn in Hinckley, where they meet every second Monday of the month. Or check out their website for contact details.

CHRIS PARRY HANDS OVER THE CHEQUE TO LIONS PRESIDENT SUE PATRICK, WATCHED BY FELLOW LIONS CYNTHIA LINES, THE TWO RECIPIENTS OF THE AWARD AND SOME OF THE OTHER AIR CADETS, WHO TOOK PART IN THE WALK.



BRYN MORRIS WITH CLUB PRESIDENT PHIL INSHAW AND SPONSOR ANDY CARTWRIGHT.

Jones Fellowship Award in recognition of his many years of dedicated service to the Club. Finally, three of our members, Ted Curtis, Barrie Rodgers and Andy Cartwright, were presented with

Kenilworth Lions

The Club celebrated a number of key events and awards at its recent July meeting. Firstly, we welcomed Bryn Morris as our 49th member, which we reckon makes the Club the 3rd largest in Great Britain. Kenilworth Lions Club will be coming up for its 50th Anniversary in a couple of years, but we hope to exceed the 50 members mark well before then!

Dennis Adcock, our Treasurer, received the Melvin



DENNIS ADCOCK RECEIVES HIS MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP AWARD FROM PHIL INSHAW



Lions Club International "Key" awards in recognition of their achievements in terms of recruiting new members over the last few years.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR GRAHAM PEMBERTON (2ND LEFT) WITH CHAMPION RECRUITERS (LEFT TO RIGHT) TED CURTIS, BARRIE RODGERS AND ANDY CARTWRIGHT.

Kettering Lions Supporting The Local Community

Kettering Lions Club recently introduced their Community Grant Scheme, Inviting applications from local charities, organisations and clubs needing help to start or complete their projects. A number of worthy causes applied, from which 6 were finally chosen, each receiving an award of £500.



A presentation event was held and each charity received their cheque from Lion Club President, Malcolm Harris. In thanking the Lions, each recipient team leader gave a short talk saying what the club or charity did, and how they would spend the money and the benefits that it would bring. The organisations represented were Accommodation Concern; Equate, a riding charity helping children within the autistic spectrum; Isham Guiding Centre; Kettering Car Scheme which transports people to their medical appointments; Kettering School of Boxing; The Eden Centre, based in the Open Door Church, providing meals, food and clothing to the homeless and

needy.

A buffet rounded off the friendly evening at which approx. 50 people enjoyed swapping information, about their varied activities.



Solihull Lions President Paul Jolly puts the badge on Councillor Mike Robinson Mayor of Solihull.

Godiva Lions Annual Charity Golf Day



Godiva Lions Coventry held our 14th Annual Charity Golf Event at Stonebridge Golf Club on Saturday 18 June 2016.

As our goal is to fundraise and remain unique in comparison to other similar competitions, we are open to competitors as young as 13 and welcome both men and women.

This very popular annual event is always very well supported by friends, family and other Lions Clubs from and all over Midlands, Bedfordshire, London, the south east and North

England. This year, we had 48 diverse golfers including ladies and juniors and gentlemen taking part in the event.

The competition was organised our Golf Captain by Lion Jaz Ghataurhae and his dedicated team. As in previous years, the format is a Stableford competition with ³/₄ handicap allowance, played on an individual entry basis with players divided into three divisions depending on their golfer handicap.

There were prestigious prizes for the winner, 2nd place and 3rd place plus one for "nearest to the pin" and "longest drive" for each division. There is also a main rolling trophy, "Godiva Lions Trophy" for the individual with the highest scoring points on the day. There were prizes for the ladies and junior golfers as well. All the prizes were donated by our Lions Abbi and Tarsem Kundi in memory of their late mother.

The successful day included breakfast with teas, coffees and our very popular halfway house offering a selection of food and drinks, courtesy of Lion President Kulwinder.

The evening was followed by delicious Indo/ Chinese "live" cooking by a renowned Chef and his team Around 90 people including friends, family and partners of the players joined the evening social and prize-giving ceremony. There was a raffle daw with many super and many prizes.

A sought-after prize was a round of golf for two at the prestigious Woburn Golf & Country Club, kindly donated by our regular participant and supporter Raj Ranauatta, was auctioned.

The event raised in excess of £925 towards the club's local charities and we look forward to everyone's continued support in the future.

Godiva Lions Support Coventry Lord Mayor's Nominated Charities

Coventry Lord Mayor Councillor Lindsley Harvard's Nominated Charities, Alzheimer's Society and University of Warwick Medical School Cancer Research Department, were both given a boost by receiving a donation of £2,002 by Lions Club of Coventry Godiva.

Godiva Lions President Lion Sharan Walia and members of the Lions Club of Coventry Godiva to the presentation ceremony held in the Hospitality suite at the Council House on Thursday 21 July 2016, also attended by representatives of the two charities. The Lord Mayor outlined the work of his nominated charities from his personal experience and commended their contribution to improving lives of people in our communities.

"I am extremely grateful to the Godiva Lions Club for raising these funds and donating them to these charities" said the Lord Mayor. "I have seen first hand what Alzheimer can do to the family as it happened to my father. I have also had many family and friends who have contracted cancer in its various forms."



Sitting left to right: Lord Mayor of Coventry Councillor Lindsley Harvard with Godiva Lions President Sharanjit Walia and , representatives from Cancer Research at University of Warwick and Alzheimer's Society.

beneficiaries of the excellent work done by these charities.

Thanking Godiva Lions for their contribution, Alzheimer's Society Operations Manager Janice LeTellier said, "there are about 3,500 people in Coventry living with dementia, and of course many of these are supported by friends and family so it affects many more people. We provide local services for local people, and in Coventry we offer a good range of services to help people living with dementia. The donation will be used to help support those people to live in their own homes and be part of community life as long as possible."

Community Fundraiser for Warwick Cancer Research Centre thanked Godiva Lions for choosing to support them. She added, "Every penny goes directly to cancer research taking place here at University of Warwick and University Hospital



FIGURE 1GODIVA LIONS PRESIDENT SHARAN WALIA PRESENTING A CHEQUE FOR £1,001 TO JANICE LE TELLIER OF ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

He added, "But I have also seen first hand the great work that Alzheimer's Society do, especially the Centre in Stoke Green in Coventry, as well as the pioneering work that Cancer research are doing at the University of Warwick to detect cancer better. It is an ongoing struggle and they don't get the funding they need, which is why it is so important to receive donations like these and why we are very grateful". Lion President Sharan Walia said that Godiva Lions agreed to support these two charities, as both are high on the Government's agenda. We look at opportunities to work closely with charities with a local focus where possible, since

most of our funds are raised locally with the goodwill and generosity of our communities. It is these people and their friends and families who often are the real



GODIVA LIONS PRESIDENT SHARAN WALIA PRESENTING A CHEQUE FOR £1,001 TO JAINE FLEETWOOD OF CANCER RESEARCH AT WARWICK UNIVERSITY

(UHCW). Research is being carried out across a number of areas including, cell biology, cutting-edge imaging for faster diagnosis, creation and designing of new anti-cancer drugs and support for patients both during cancer treatment and beyond.

Your support will make areal difference, both to the people battling cancer today, and those who will face this fight in the future".

Shirley Lions reaches out to Lions Friends

The 3/8 Business meeting was used this time to honour some "Friends of Lions". People that help us out when we need extra hands. People that not necessarily want to be full members (at this stage), but have a Lion heart nevertheless. It was Graham and Alison's turn this evening. Both helped out at Christmas sleigh collections, Carnival and the like and deserved their accolade. They received the framed "Friend of Lions" award, the new club pin and the "President's Parmesan Knife". Also welcomed at the meeting was Balsall





A "NEED TO RECEIVE" BASE

Common LC President Dave Blakeman. Who joined us to observe Shirley in action. Finally the "PP Knife" was presented to Lion Gillian Conlon, who led the Carnival Committee so well during the last two years.

Read for you on the Daily Mail website.

Of course we knew this, but it is another good argument for becoming a member.....

Read more: <u>http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-3745367/Another-reason-nice-Altruistic-people-sex-say-scientists.html#ixzz4HeyulBu2</u>



North Sea Lions Board meeting

While this newsletter arrived in your inbox, your NSL officer is on his way to the board meeting that takes place this year in Delft, in the Netherlands.

We will receive updates about the two projects we approved last year:

1. Refurbishing the Orphanage in Lapiai/Lithuania, submitted by LC Nienburg (DL)

2. Installing of a solar power field in Kigoma in Tanzania,

submitted by 106C (DK)

This year we have two very worthwhile projects submitted:

- 1. Construction of 6 classrooms, furniture and schoolbooks at a secondary school in Blantyre District, Malawi. Submitted by LC Hoensbroek-Brunssum, (NL)
- 2. Nepal. Reconstruction of destroyed homes, improvement of infrastructure and much more, submitted by LC Kaltenkirchen (DL)

A full report of the meeting will be added as a special supplement to the next newsletter. As your representative I would like to thank you for your financial support and especially the welcome I enjoyed this year at the clubs I visited. It is a real pleasure to meet Lions clubs up and down the district, not only to tell them what NSL does, but to hear what they are up to. I count on your support this year again and if you have not yet heard the NSL story, please make contact and I will be glad to visit your club.

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Forthcoming Events



3rd Lions Club Of Coventry Mercia Charity Golf Day

Saturday 3rd September 2016

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The Warwickshire Golf & Country Club, Leek Wootton, Warwick, CV35 7QT (Telephone: 01926-409409)

18 HOLES OF CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF REGISTRATION & FULL ENGLISH BREAKFAST 9.30am EVENING MEAL: DAIMLER GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE, 48 HIGHLEY DRIVE, COVENTRY, CV6 3LR.

THE DAVID GANE ANNUAL CHARITY

AM-AM GOLF TOURNAMENT

COLD ASHBY GOLF CLUB, NORTHAMPTON

8th. SEPTEMBER 2016 Shot gun start 12.30 pm. Entrance fee £200 per team of four, includes:

18 Hole Am-Am Tournament (best 2 of 4 scores count) Coffee and biscuits on arrival. Superb 3 course evening meal. Prizes for first three teams. Longest Drive and Nearest Pin.

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Contact: LION TREVOR HARRISON Tel: 01604 752731 or LION JIM FORD, jimford@btintrnet.com Tel: 01604 862712

> NORTHAMPTON EIGHTY LIONS CLUB Reg. Charity No 1058782



presents

Irish Comedy Night

Saturday 1st October 2016 7.30pm for 8.00pm

Tickets £13.50

(price includes Hot Supper) Licensed Bar

At St Peters Church Hall Balsall Common CV7 7EA

For Tickets contact Ross Collins 01676 534820 / 07813 937921



Birmingham Acocks Green Lions Club

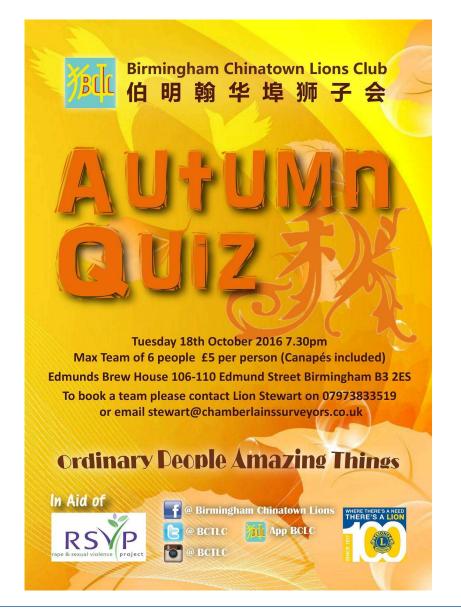
Sponsored Nature Ramble Followed by a Chuck Wagon Picnic Sunday 2nd October 2016

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 acocksgreenlions@gmail.com <u>terrysmith987@btinternet.com</u> or on 07713633503



Castle Bromwich Lions are holding a Barn Dance in aid of "Lets Get Izzy Walking Again" October 22nd 2016 7.30 p.m. at the Family Tree Club Clopton Crescent Chelmsley Wood B37 6QT £8.50 including supper For tickets please phone Steve on 07754950290 or 0121 748 2154.

CHARTERS

Sutton Coldfield and Erdington Charter

Sunday 2nd October 2016

12.30 p.m. for 1.00 p.m

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

Cost £22 per person

Entertainment provided by Lydia Borg

Contact Lion Derek Brown, <u>derek.elgar2@hotmail.co.uk</u>, 01212180342 19 Hargreave Close Sutton Coldfield B76,1GR

Dress - Smart/Casual

Anniversary Dinner Marston Green Lions Club Date & Time: Saturday 8th October 2016 - 7pm for 7:30pm Venue: The Arden Hotel, Coventry Road, Bickenhill B92 0EH Price: £24 per person Booking: Please contact Lion President Simon Moss - simonmoss@blueyonder.co.uk or ring 07792 047546

> Lion President Joy and the Members of Worcester Lions Club would like to invite you to our 47th Charter Dinner.

> > Worcestershire County Cricket Club The Graeme Hick Pavilion County Ground New Road Worcester WR2 4QQ

> > Date: Saturday 5th November 2016

Time: 6.45pm for 7:15pm

Cost: £27.50

Dress Code: Men - Dinner Jacket/Lounge Suit - Ladies - Posh Frock

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Bromsgrove Lions Club

Lion President Keith Godwin and Bromsgrove Lions Club would like to invite you to celebrate their **37th Charter Anniversary** with them **on March 11th 2017.**

We are holding this Black Tie event at the historic **Grafton Manor Hotel** in Bromsgrove and are offering a superb three course meal for just **£27.50** per head.

Further details, menu options and booking form will be available nearer to the event, but please put the date in your diaries and help us to achieve our aim of "**100 guests for 100 years of Lions International**".

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 At the top Royal Hotel, Weston super Mare <u>http://www.royalhotelweston.com</u> Double room £87.50 B&B/night

Stay 1 or more nights for this special rate on the seafront, next to the Pier Dinner/Dance Saturday evening 8/4 £ 27.50 For any information contact: Lion Jaap de Jonge 0121-7453026 <u>pti@globalnet.co.uk</u>