



MIDLANDS NEWS

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It has been a bad month for 105M. It started all fine, and then at the end we lost a few inspiring friends. Our thoughts are with the families of Lion Phil Barton and Lion Martin Hill. The last time I saw Martin was in Eastbourne. Only a few weeks later our club visited Harborough 2012 and we heard the news that he was ill. Our District has been hurt over the last few years with many active Lions passing away suddenly. Let's hope this plague will stop now.

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.

Rugby Rokeby Lions



After a successful annual sponsored walk around Draycot water in April members of Rugby Rokeby Lions are seen presenting a cheque for £3,500 to representatives of the WNAA. Next years event is scheduled for 7 May 2017.

Northampton 80



Northampton 80 Clubs 3rd annual duck race was held over the August bank Holiday, attracting a large crowd of holidaymakers at Billing Aquadrome.

A total of £991 was raised, helped by the donation of £100, one of the prizes.

Corby Lions, A Little help for Our Heroes



Our photograph shows Rachel Head from Help for Heroes accepting a cheque from Corby Lion's President, Colin Bradshaw. A Corby and District Lions spokesman explained, 'The £400 was collected as part of our recent Funday at East Carlton Park in June, with a similar amount already having been given to The Rainbow Children's Hospice. Corby people have traditionally had strong connections with the Armed Forces so this year we decided to help those who have been injured.' Rachel explained that Help for Heroes offers practical support to those who have suffered life changing injuries and illnesses whilst serving our country. Thanks to money raised by the

generous British public, Help for Heroes provides comprehensive, tailored support from psychological wellbeing and sports recovery to financial grants and career support. This is delivered at the charity's four national recovery centres and through a network of over 60 specialist charity partners across the UK.

Wellingborough & District Lions Club



A Life Saver from Wellingborough Lions

Roger and Jayne Handcock from Wellingborough & District Lions Club recently delivered a supply of Message in a Bottle containers to Linzi Payge of Support Northamptonshire, for distribution through their recently launched Good Neighbour Programme to anyone in the community who has special medical needs. This Lions initiative encourages people to keep their basic personal and medical details in a common place where they can easily be found in an emergency.

How it works

The information is kept in the bottle. The bottle is kept in the fridge, where the emergency services will expect to find it in the event of being called to your home. They will know you have a bottle by two recognisable labels; one is fixed on the inside of the front door or the main entrance to your home and the other to the door of your fridge.

The information required to be inserted into the bottle includes: your full name and brief physical description; your doctor's name, surgery address and telephone number; a brief description of any medical conditions

you are suffering from; allergies and allergic reaction to medication; location of your medication in your home; the names, addresses and phone numbers of two people who may be contacted in any emergency;

LIONS ROGER AND JAYNE HANDCOCK WITH SUPPORT NORTHAMPTONSHIRE STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS TAKING DELIVERY OF MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE CONTAINERS.



and details of any pets that may be on the premises. It is also advisable that your repeat prescription list is kept with your medication, this is of great help to paramedics.



Lions take visually impaired bowling

On Saturday 20th August, Swanspool Gardens in Wellingborough was a hive of activity when a group of twelve visually impaired ladies and gentlemen from Northamptonshire Association for the Blind Wellingborough Support Group took to the green for a game of bowls, assisted by members of Wellingborough & District Lions Club.

Pictured after the game, the Lion members served refreshments in the Swanspool Pavilion where the visually impaired participants agreed it had been a most enjoyable experience.

Balsall Common Lions



Barston Fete

Celebrity Balls In the Bog!!

Balsall Common Lions enjoyed the weather at Barston Fete on the Bank Holiday

Monday. As well as entertaining the children (of all ages), we were joined by the Mayor of Solihull, Councillor Mike Robinson plus local celebrity Malc Stent showing off their skills.

Temple Balsall Heritage Weekend

The Annual Temple Balsall Autumn Fete took place on the lawns of Temple House as part of their Heritage Weekend.

All the usual attractions were there, including hot food, refreshments, plants, produce, toys, bric-a-brac, raffle, Morris Dancers and music from Birmingham Concert Band, and #Balsall Common Lions were there with Ball in The Bog. We had great fun. Not sure who enjoys it more, the Children, the Grown Ups.....The Lions! There was also a display by Warwickshire Knights Hospitallers who drilled with their weaponry. In spite of the weather it did not dampen the spirits of those who attended.

That 'Man in Red' the Master of Ceremonies did a great job. As usual a well organised great day.

Balsall Common Festival



Balsall Common Festival took place on Saturday 24th September and Balsall Common Lions were pleased to take part at the Fete with our Lucky Dip, Plant stand & Ball in The Bog, together with the other 80 stalls. We also had Silver Star Diabetes Mobile Unit on our site to carry out diabetes testing. Nurse Sarah Chare from Balsall Common Surgery was also there giving advice and leaflets out to individuals.

Also this Year Tesco Express, Balsall Common was helping us to promote healthy eating by donating fruit for us to give away.

It was a great day, attended by around 4,500 people, and the weather although a bit blustery at times, kept fine for us.

We would like to thank all of you who came to visit us. on the day.

Congratulations must go to The Festival Committee for their wonderful organisation and hard work in putting the whole event together, including Party in The Park.

Kenilworth Lions Welcome Back Young Sports Leaders

At their recent Club meeting, Kenilworth Lions were delighted to welcome back a team of young sports leaders from Kenilworth School, who had represented England at the World Schools Education Games in Greece earlier in the year.

The Club had made a major contribution of £1,000 towards the total costs of the trip, in recognition of which every team shirt was proudly emblazoned with the Lions Club International logo.

The team spent a week in Greece, the first half at the International Olympic Academy situated on the hillside above Ancient Olympia. Here they took part in unified sports with other teams from China, France, Bugaria, Brazil and Special Olympic teams from England.

The rest of the time was spent in Athens, including taking part in the Olympic Torch Relay and the Olympic Flame Ceremony.

It was clearly a fantastic experience for these young sports ambassadors, mixing with and playing a variety of sports with their counterparts from across the world. Language barriers appear to have been easily overcome, although perhaps the fact that English is the official language of the IOC might have helped!



CLUB PRESIDENT PHIL INSHAW WITH TEAM MEMBERS

The Kenilworth School team clearly impressed the England organisers, who have invited the school to bring a team back to the games next year.



CLOSE-UP SHOWING LCI LOGOS

Kenilworth Lions Go Medieval!

The citizens of Kenilworth are celebrating the 750th anniversary of the Siege of Kenilworth Castle this year, with a series of events over the second half of 2016. On the Saturday of the August Bank Holiday weekend, a major town event was held in the historic Abbey Fields. Kenilworth Lions decided to take part, and in customary style threw themselves into the spirit of the event in wholehearted fashion!

Here is the account from one of the participants, Club 1st Vice President Kerry Kirwan, describing how the day unfolded. Apologies to readers who don't fully understand the Olde English prose – translations can be provided by Kenilworth Lions if required!

Tales From Ye Olde Siege Event of 2016

And lo, it did come to pass that on the twenty seventh day of the 8 month in the year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen, the good men and ladies from Kenilworth Lions Clan did pick up the gauntlet thrown to them by the town conclave and brought forth a stall of great merriment and mirth to the pasture of the Abbey.

With the incredulous threat of being overshadowed by the folks from the lands of Arthurian Lecterns and the Vertiginious clans (that's Round Table and Rotary in modern terms...), they did construct a scaffold where upon they placed the heads of five despicable traitors and encouraged the good townsfolk to smite them down with limbs severed from the same unfortunates.

"Twas a great sight as the masses declared this frivolity far superior to any other poor wretches who had aspired to provide such tomfoolery. Forsooth, it was free (which helped quite frankly) and the little townspeople did get a lucky (or sometimes unlucky...) dip in the pail of goodies that also contained the severed fingers of scoundrels.

Aby assisted by beverages from the local tavern and sustenance from the resident swine merchant, the good Lions of Kenilworth did have a very good time and, despite great rumblings from the sky, did bring honour to tradition of the Clan. As you can see from the coloured etchings below, Friar Trewick and Deep Friar Corbett were particularly enthusiastic, but the suggestions that they simply enjoyed dirty habits were perhaps uncalled for. Probably true, but uncalled for.

Hey Nonny Nonny!

Although the costs of providing the festivities did go over the afforded budget (165 groats rather than 100), a charitable pail did return 21 groats and to secure the clan's legend in the annals of town history was deemed acceptable.

And so the good townsfolk would like to thank all members of the Lions Clan of Kenilworth for their efforts and look forward to seeing what they deliver in 750 years time.

Ye End...



Lions Malcolm Corbett & Malcolm Trewick



Severed heads and flying limbs!



Members of the public have a go

LIONS CELEBRATE MAGNIFICENT 40th YEAR



PAST PRESIDENT BOB THURTLE WITH CHARITY FUNDRAISERS AND THEIR CHEQUES: JULIE SWIFFEN, SOLIHULL BEREAVEMENT COUNSELLING SERVICE, RYAN JACKSON, LILY MAE FOUNDATION, JOANNA OLDFIELD, CHILDREN'S LIVER DISEASE FOUNDATION, DONNA STOKES, BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION, LION BOB THURTLE, PRESIDENT 2015/16

new members if it is going to sustain this tremendous fundraising and community support in the years ahead.

After illustrating some of the projects the club has embraced for eye health, supporting the elderly and youth travel bursaries. Bob then introduced Emma Brown, who gave an excellent presentation for her medical elective

Organiser of last July's record-breaking Heart of England Bike Ride, Lion Paul Wheatley, presented British Heart Foundation fundraising manager Donna Stokes with a cheque for £16,000 for their share of the £20,000 raised at event. Donna said how grateful the BHF are to Knowle and Dorridge Lions for all the hard work they put in organising the event, and is looking forward to next July's Ride from Packwood NT House.'

New Community Service Chairman Lion Chris Kiddle-Morris explained that the Club retain 30% of raised funds to be spent on locally determined causes. During the year his committee had spent over £20,000, including the annual successful coach trip, where last year 3 coachloads of elderly residents had travelled to Bath, a tea party for 140 older residents and the youth travel bursary. The many local and some not so local organisations who had been supported were briefly described. A full list of organisations supported this year and how to nominate a local cause can be found at www.knowleanddorridgelions.com/charities

After a break Bob presented a cheque for £2,000 to the Hub@Henley to support the elderly in their area and a certificate of appreciation to Terry Delaney for marshalling the Knowle Fun Run every year for 23 years

Bob then presented cheques totalling £28929 to the 3 nominated charities for the clubs 40th year: Solihull Bereavement Counselling Service, Children's Liver Disease Foundation and Lily Mae Foundation, who in turn thanked the Lions for their tremendous achievements and the sponsors for their support.

Knowle and Dorridge Lions Club celebrated their 40th successful year in September when the club held its annual presentation evening at the Greswolde Hotel in Knowle.

Welcoming over 60 guests and sponsors Past President Lion Bob Thurtle announced that the club had again raised **over £66,000** for charity over the past 12 months, primarily through it's Knowle Fun Run (£35,000), Lions Festive Walk (£9,000) and Heart of England Bike Ride (£20,000). He thanked all the sponsors saying, 'It's great for our club of 25 volunteer Lions to celebrate such success again, but without the help from companies like yourselves our events would never realise so much for charity.' He also emphasised how his Club needed

Current year's President Lion Richard Buckley then introduced the charities the Lions are nominating as beneficiaries the forthcoming Lions Festive Walk on Tuesday 27 December and Knowle Fun Run on Sunday 21 May 2017 – Prostate Cancer UK, Birmingham St Mary's Hospice & Motor Neurone Disease Association who told everyone about why the monies to be raised will make such a difference to their charities.

Godiva Lions Food Stall at the City's South Asian Arts and Culture event



Following on from its success in 2015, Jonquils Events in association with Belgrade Theatre Coventry returned to stage the city's annual one-day South Asian Arts Festival on Saturday, 23 July 2016.

Showcasing Coventry's South Asian arts, artists and arts organizations, the Coventry Belgrade Mela had representatives from Coventry's vibrant and diverse South Asian communities coming together to celebrate South Asian arts and

culture as well as provided a platform for emerging South Asian talent in the city.

Godiva Lions were invited to hold a food stall offering popular Asian savouries and sweets, and traditional spicy beverages for the visitors. Food was personally prepared served on the day by club members.

Other stallholders from across the South Asian community at the Mela included health and nutritional products, traditional artisan crafts and organisations providing advice and guidance on health care and support services available in the city. The daytime event ran from 12 noon until 6pm, and visitors to the Mela had the opportunity to take part in a series of free workshops showcasing the best in traditional and modern Asian arts, including the latest Bollywood beats, learning to play a number of South Asian musical instruments, an introduction to Yoga, learning Bollywood dancing and introduction to Bharatanatyam dancing, among many other activities for people of all age groups.

We thank all our well-wishers and those who helped on the stall and are particularly grateful for the support from Neeta Shah and Sarjeet Singh for donating some food items. With everyone's support, the event raised in excess of £320 for the club's charities.

Please Help Lions' Celebrate 100 years of Service by Recycling Used Spectacles



YOU CAN RECYCLE YOUR UNWANTED SPECTACLES WHEN YOU HAVE YOUR HAIR FIXED

free of charge to ensure the most advanced treatment is available. If the eye operation is successful, the patient is provided with a pair of corrective glasses fitted with lenses from the scheme which gives them the opportunity to either continue their education or to return to work as the family breadwinner.

At an International Lions Convention in 1925, Helen Keller, who was herself both deaf and blind, challenged the Lions to work towards the alleviation of preventable blindness. The members of Malvern Hills Lions Club are endeavouring to continue to meet that challenge.

Malvern Hills Lions Club is asking people to donate any spectacles which they no longer wear to be recycled to help eye care in developing countries. In the lead up to World Sight Day on 13 October the club will be making an extra effort to collect used prescription glasses, and non-prescription sunglasses, as part of the Lions unique recycling programme. They will be cleaned, categorised by prescription and prepared for distribution in developing countries where eye care is often unavailable or inaccessible.

The Malvern Hills Club is currently collecting and recycling over 500 pairs of spectacles a month and to date has collected a staggering 70,000 pairs of spectacles for this very worthwhile project. As this is the year in which Lions Clubs International celebrate their first 100 years of service to the community, Lion President Dave Jeavons hopes that the club can achieve the milestone of 100,000 pairs of spectacles being recycled by Malvern Hills Lions Club.

In addition scrap material from broken spectacles is sold and provides funds to support eye related projects throughout the world. Lions Clubs fund eye camps in remote villages with people attending who often have to travel for anything up to 7 hours to get there. All eye care is provided by local doctors who have been trained by surgeons from Europe, and who provide their services

NORTH SEA LIONS

Having visited many clubs over the last year, it is important to start to explain that North Sea Lions (NSL) is not a Lions club in the North Sea, NSL is not



NSL BOARD MEETING DELFT (NL) 10/9/2016

short for National Soccer League. NSL is a 31 year old co-operation of 11 Lions Districts in countries bordering the North Sea. Member countries of NSL are Denmark (1 district), Germany (3 districts), The Netherlands (5 districts) and the UK (105M and 105E). In these districts there are a total of 782 clubs, each donating €80, which comes to just over €60,000. This is about £51,000. Each club in the participating districts can apply for this amount for a project in the developing world. It could be your club! If you have a relationship, have met a project during a foreign trip, whatever, contact your NSL officer and



request the procedure details and submit your proposal.

We meet once a year to discuss the proposals received and decide which project will get the money. The money is not split, so one lucky winner gets a significant amount.

This year we met in Delft in The Netherlands. 11 officers from the member districts met Saturday morning 10 September to discuss a variety of topics. We received follow up information on past projects, how they progressed and we discussed two proposals for the funding.

Past projects.

- Ban Tong, Thailand. Supported by Lions Club IJsselmonde 110 CW (NL) 2013-14 project. A school for HIV positive children. This project has been completed and has given many children a place where they are loved and can learn a job.
- School in Kircukiro Rwanda, supported by Lions Club Leeuwarden Ljouwert '80, 110BN (NL). 2014-15 Project. Progressing, albeit with a delay, but steadily moving forward. Next stage is building the roof.



SCHOOL IN KIRCUKIRO RWANDA



SCHOOL IN TANZANIA, RECIPIENT OF SOLAR ENERGY FIELD

- Solar cell electricity 2016-2017 project at a hospital in Tanzania, supported by 106C (DK). A problem with the equipment supplier caused a delay, but now all is on track and everything should get installed in January 2017

Refurbishment of an orphanage in Lapai, Lithuania, 2016-2017 supported by Lions Club Nienburg 111NB (DL). Monies have arrived, including a \$100,000 grant from LCIF and work has started.

2017-2018 Projects

Two projects were proposed.

Lions Club Kaltenkirchen (DL) District 111N suggested a project to build 18 earth quake proof houses in a village in Nepal, to replace destroyed houses.

Although a project we all could identify with and a well presented request, the numbers did not satisfy the scrutiny of the NSL officers and after a vote the vast majority (9-2) supported as the 2016 project:

Lions Club Hoensbroek-Brunssum of District 110CO (NL), which is the building of a six classroom secondary school in Blantyre, Malawi.

This club has about 40 year relationship with Malawi where they have funded many projects, amongst it primary schools in this area. In order to give follow up education, a secondary school is necessary. The Chief gives the land and the government pays the teachers. So after the school is built and supplied with furniture and books, this project will be a great addition to a very poor country. The total project cost is about €70,000. The balance needed after the NSL donation will be raised by the Dutch club.

Detailed information of most of the above is available from your NSL officer. A newsletter is available here: <http://www.lions105m.org/international/2016-17%20NSL%20Project.pdf>

Shirley LC donates £1,200 to Cycle charity



Lion President Jaap presented our cheque for £1,200 to Solihull Wheels 19/9 at Tudor Grange Leisure Centre where they were having an open day in the presence of the Mayor of Solihull. Whilst they have ordinary bikes, adapted bikes, trikes, double hand bikes and tandems the one type they don't have and which is needed for those with the greatest disability is recumbent bikes. Our donation will enable them to purchase their first recumbent bike. An example of one is below along with a photos which shows our President is not as adapt on 6 wheels as he is on 2 !

We also used the opportunity to give the Mayor our special Shirley pin. Solihull LC made the Mayor an honorary Lion, so



Shirley LC had to do the same ofcourse, but we used our special pin. If you look carefully, you can see it on the Mayor's right lapel.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CENTRE 2017

We have now been formally ask by COG to host the MD Youth Centre in 2017.

I am pleased to say that following my previous email quite a number of Lions and Clubs have offered their support and I will be in touch with them shortly. The Youth Centre was formally supported by the District at their Cabinet meeting on 21st August.

Some planning has been done, in order to put proposal to COG, details as follows

DATE: Friday 4th August – Monday 14th August 2017

PLACE: New College Worcester

PROGRAMME: A provisional outline of what we may do was given to COG, the only certainty is that they will be attending the SOGB in Sheffield on Tuesday 8th August.

We do need to put a small committee together in order that we can plan and put into action a programme for the Centre, I will be holding a meeting for those interested at MDHQ 7.30pm Thursday 22nd September. A budget has been agreed for the Centre, I am anticipating that we will get support from the regions with days out and I will contact the Region Chairs regarding support in their area.

Lion John Barnes

District Events Officer, Jhbarnes60@gmail.com Tel: 0121 474 5087

District 105M Young Ambassador Competition 2016

November 20th 2016, St John's Hotel Solihull

It is now the time that schools and youth organisations are returning after their summer break, and I hope that those clubs that would like to enter this competition are looking for, or have already found, a candidate for this years competition.

We are looking for a young person between the ages of 15 and 18 (inclusive) who is active within the community, taking part and leading activities that reflect the ethos of Lions. These young people can be found in schools, youth clubs, scouts and guides, church organisations, cadet organisations in fact where any young person can be found. They must be seen to be committed, and making a difference, and be willing to talk about their work to a panel of three judges and in front of an audience.

In the past there have been some superb Young Ambassadors from 105M that have gone on to represent the District at the MD Final at The Village Hotel in Dudley.

If you want further information, application forms indeed anything please get in touch with me. I am willing to support any club that would like to have a go.

Applications to be into me by Thursday 10th November 2016.

Thank you in anticipation

Cath Kendall

Young Ambassador District Officer 105M

youngambassador@lions105m.org.uk , Tel: 01604 762969

Update from the Competitions Officer

Following agreement at Cabinet level there have been a number of changes to our District competitions. Due to the lack of entries to the Club scrapbook, PR scrapbook and the Roy White Trophy it was felt we needed to bring our competitions up to date as paper scrapbooks are no longer relevant in the 21st century. As we should be concentrating our PR efforts more and more via social media the Website competition will now include use of social media. Despite the Roy White trophy not having received a single entry since 2012 we must not forget former members who have not only given great service but also have a trophy in their name. With the agreement of Roy's widow the Roy White trophy will now be presented to the winners of the "Website and Social Media" competition.

As before the competition is open to all Lions, Leos and Lioness clubs (including branch clubs) within District 105M.

Clubs do not need to actually state that they wish to enter as all clubs will be automatically entered. Judging will be carried independently and the Birmingham Marketing Partnership has once again agreed to carry this out. Judging will be carried out throughout the year to ensure Clubs continually update all their sites. To see the full rules of the competition please click on the link below.

<http://www.lions105m.org/websitecomp.htm>

Lion Ken Barker, District Competitions Officer, Tel 0845 833 9547

Obituary

Lion Phil Barton, Redditch Lions Club

It is with great sadness that we have to announce the death of one of our youngest members, Lion Phil Barton.

Lion Phil suddenly collapsed and died whilst at work last Friday the 16th. Sept. He was only 64. One of our Club's recent members who enthusiastically took up the baton for Youth. Under his remit he forged a number of youth orientated links, including, supporting a reading and learning group in local libraries. Environmental competitions for local schools, but his main legacy will be the introduction of the annual Prostate Cancer Fun Run, the 3rd. one of which takes place on this year's Halloween, Oct. 30th.

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Forthcoming Events

Birmingham Acocks Green Lions Club

Sponsored Nature Ramble

Followed by a Chuck Wagon Picnic

invite you to join them on

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

terrysmith987@btinternet.com

or on 07713633503



Birmingham Chinatown Lions Club
伯明翰华埠狮子会

AUTUMN QUIZ

Tuesday 18th October 2016 7.30pm

Max Team of 6 people £5 per person (Canapés included)

Edmunds Brew House 106-110 Edmund Street Birmingham B3 2ES

To book a team please contact Lion Stewart on 07973833519

or email stewart@chamberlainssurveyors.co.uk

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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.

Special Charity Concert featuring

"Wilf's Carnival Band and Black Country Poet, Storyteller & Comedian David Bartley.

11 November 2016 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Droitwich Working Mens Club, Friar St, Droitwich WR9 8EG (free parking at the rear)

Cost: £10.00

Proceeds to: Sight Concern, Worcester and Other Lion's Charities.

Contact: Carole Moseley 01905796565, c.moseley25@googlemail.com or Lions Number 0845 833 5875



Reg. charity no. 509993



FESTIVE WALK

Tuesday 27 December

Baddesley Clinton National Trust House

Start from 10:00, finish by 16:00

Choice of 3, 5 or 9 miles

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**More details on
www.knowleanddorridgelions.com/walk**

CHARTERS

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

WOLVERHAMPTON LIONS CLUB

43rd CHARTER NIGHT

Saturday 8th October 2016

At

The Linden House
211 Tettenhall Road, Wolverhampton, WV6 0DD
(Junction with Tettenhall Road & Newbridge Crescent)
19.00 for 19.30
Dress Formal / Dark Lounge Suits

£24 Per Person

A four course meal
with vegetarian options

Entertainment
By
Multi-Award Winning Vocal Entertainer
Paul Birch

Please contact
Lion Lawrence Darby, 18 Greenfield View, Sedgley, DY3 3NG
or email clubcharter@wolverhamptonlions.org.uk

Wellingborough & District Lions Club
43rd Charter Night

Saturday 15th October 2016
The Hind Hotel
38 Sheep Street, Wellingborough, NN8 1BY
19.00 for 19.30
(Dress Code – Black Tie)
£26.00 Per Person

RSVP to Chris Haynes by 8th Oct

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

worcester@lions105m.org.uk
Worcester Lions Club
0845 833 5926
07703 034625

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

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Lion Jaap de Jonge

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IN THE PAPERS

Cyclists get on their bikes in fundraising marathon

by Lauren Clarke
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SOLIHULL cyclists have raised more than £2,500 to provide accessible cycling for all.

Bikers from across the borough pedaled a combined total of 146.5 miles – more than five-and-a-half marathons – to raise £2,588 for Solihull Wheels for All.

The scheme, run by Solihull Active in partnership with Cycling Projects, aims to provide accessible cycling for borough individuals aged 11 and over, groups and families, including those with restricted mobility and disabilities.

The money raised will go towards new equipment, including tricycles, helmets and adapted bikes.

Shirley Lions kindly also donated £1,200 towards a recumbent bike, which places the cyclist in a reclined, laid back position.

The Mayor of Solihull, Coun Mike Robinson, attended the event and cheered on cyclists as they completed their laps around Tudor Grange Athletics Track to clock up the miles.

He said: "It was great to see so many people taking part to raise money for this worthy cause."

"After meeting some of the people who use the service, it is clear to me how much joy cycling brings them and I would encourage anyone



Mayor of Solihull, Cllr Mike Robinson, with two of the cyclists who took part in the marathon. (s)

who can to donate to such a good cause."

People who use the service, volunteers and carers were among those taking part in the sponsored cycle.

Solihull Wheels for All runs sessions on adapted and conventional bikes, which are provided, in a safe environment at North Solihull Sports Centre and Tudor Grange.

Go to the website at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/swfaolympic to donate to the sponsored cycle. Email solihullactive@solihull.gov.uk to find out more about Solihull Wheels for All.



Shirley Lions presenting their cheque to Cycling Projects with the Mayor of Solihull, Cllr Mike Robinson, Solihull Wheels for All volunteers, instructors and people who use the service. (s)

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Lions' gifts to Age UK will be real lifesavers



A PAIR of lifesaving defibrillators have been donated by Solihull Lions to Age UK Solihull, with staff being trained to deal with an emergency situation.

The Lions group have made the donation amid plans to help people or organisations from across the borough that need assistance.

Age UK Solihull currently help more than 20,000 people each year, providing information, advice, practical help and companionship.

The defibrillators will be placed in their charity shops in Solihull and Hobs Moat.

Stephen Walker, president of Solihull Lions, said the defibrillators were donated as part of the Lions' group community programme.

He added: "We are delighted to work with one of our partner organisations, Age UK Solihull, to provide defibrillators in their shops in Solihull and Hobs Moat."

"Further units are planned for other locations in the Solihull area, both inside and outside buildings, giving 24 hour access."

"However, we can only fund our activities through the continued generosity of the Solihull public."

A defibrillator is a device that gives a high energy electric shock to the heart through the chest wall to someone who is in cardiac arrest. This is called defibrillation, and it's an essential lifesaving step in the chain of survival.

Anne Hastings, CEO of Age UK Solihull, said: "We are pleased to have these potentially life-saving defibrillators on site in our charity shops in these two busy areas of the borough."

"We are very grateful to our partners Solihull Lions for their continued help and support."

If you are interested in becoming a Lion or would like to provide a location for a defibrillator, contact enquiries@solihulllionsclub.org.uk or phone Doug Cross on 01564 770755.