



MIDLANDS NEWS

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Kenilworth LC, one of the largest clubs in the District is quietly raising large amounts of money with, amongst other activities, a very successful used furniture store. They put the money to good use as you can read below. Also, creating quite a few columns of good publicity.

On another level, though we are all focused on recruiting and retaining members, we can't escape the clutches of the Grim Reaper. Our District has been hit hard over the last few years with some of our high achieving Lions being taken from their families and us at a relative young age. Our thoughts are with them. Martin Hill's life story is below.

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.

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Last but not least, please send reports, news about forthcoming events, charter dates, newspaper clippings and anything else you think we should know about.

'ON YOUR TRIKE' - Thanks To Kenilworth Lions



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The tricycle, in a vibrant pink colour which mum Jaynie says is Alice's favourite colour, will last her for at least three years. Kenilworth Lions raises many thousands of pounds every year through major events like the Boxing Day Duck Race, the Grand Show and from its furniture store in Farmer Ward Road. The majority of its funds go to support local good causes, such as helping Alice to overcome some of the mobility challenges which she faces.

The Lions Clubs of Solihull partnership with Solihull Healthy Schools Programme

The seven Lions Clubs in the Borough of Solihull: Balsall Common, Castle Bromwich, Exhibition, Knowle & Dorridge, Marston Green, Shirley and Solihull have been working together with their local schools under the Healthy Schools Programme.

Through this existing programme, which is a cornerstone of public health and education provision in Solihull, the Lions were able to develop a partnership with the schools using the Lions Lifeskills resource.

The culmination of this was a ceremony organised by District Lifeskills officer, Lion Terry Smith, which was attended by representatives from the Borough's Education Department, the seven Lions Clubs, the sixteen schools which had achieved Healthy Schools status and the Mayor of Solihull, Councillor Mike Robinson. As well as opportunity for networking between the Lions and the Schools, the Mayor recognised each school in turn, presenting them with their Healthy Schools Certificate, a Lions in the Community brochure and a Life Changes book from the Lifeskills Resource, paid for by the Lions.

This is part of a rolling programme for Solihull schools as they are required to revalidate their status every two years and as there are 89 educational establishments in Solihull to go through the programme this should be the beginning of a long term relationship between the Lions and their local schools.



Balsall Common LC Updates

Balsall Common Lions help out at SIFA-Fireside



We were pleased to again be able to help out for the day at SIFA-Fireside, a local Birmingham drop in Centre, preparing and serving 108 lunches. SIFA-Fireside is run almost entirely on charitable donations, so they are always looking for help and support. The centre is also grateful for donations of food, money or clothing. The picture shows Service Chair Lion Steve Meakin presenting Izzy Knowles @ SIFA with a cheque for £250. Although SIFA get donations of food they still have to pay for it to be transported and this will help towards this.

Balsall Common Lions collection for Haiti



Hurricane Matthew, the most powerful Caribbean storm in a decade, has had a devastating effect upon Haiti and Lions are working hard to provide much needed support. Members of Lions Clubs of the British Isles and Ireland are coordinating with our Lions Clubs International Foundation and it has been agreed that we will supply water treatment equipment directly to help the people of Haiti. Clean water is one of their greatest needs. Our collection outside the Co-operative Foodstore raised sufficient funds to help towards supplying water purification

units.

Sell out Irish Comedy Night

It was a great night at our comedy evening and the proceeds of £351 from our raffle went to Fisher House in Birmingham. Thank You to everyone who came along and supported us.

The picture show Lion president Dave Blakeman enjoying the evening!



A helping hand



Droitwich lions were able to help the local Cub Scouts Group to rebuild their Trailer which they needed to carry their equipment, tents etc, for their camping expeditions; in true Scouting tradition the scouts were able to rebuild it themselves with the help of a donation from the Lions of £350

They were able to make great use of their new trailer at their weekend camp at Bewdley, they all had a wonderful time under the supervision of Akela Alison (Ali) Chorley who thanked the Lions for their help on behalf of the Cub Scouts."



Corby and District LC. A Great Start to the Swimathon

During a recent 2 week period Corby and District Lions Club challenged local people to raise money to help provide clean water for Kenyan villages using the Corby East Midlands pool complex. The challenge was to raise £800 to bore a well and provide a water pump for a village in Bugoma County, Kenya and to travel the 6439 miles by swimming, walking, rowing or running using the facilities at the gym and pool. A spokesman for Corby Lions said, 'It is the first time we have run this kind of event so we are quite pleased with the £211 raised and the 1966 miles travelled. We propose to run this event again in April 2017 to add to the money and distance already achieved. We are particularly grateful for the support of Corby Amateur Swimming Club and the staff at the pool complex. We look forward to working with them again in April.'

Worcester Lions Club Pack Christmas Shoe Boxes.



Once again the members of Worcester Lions Club spent their meeting time packing around 60 Christmas Shoe Boxes for children. Each box contains numerous items which include



amongst other things a Christmas card, a bag of toiletries, pencils and pencil case, drawing book and paper, knitted hat and gloves, a toy and cuddly toy, sweets, skipping rope if the box is for a girl or a ball if the box is for boy.

Where the Christmas Shoe Boxes will end up is not known at this moment in time. What is certain is that it will be with a child some where in the world that will not be receiving another Christmas presents this year and in some cases, will be the only Christmas present the child will ever receive during its life time.

The joy shown on the face of children receiving the gift has been reported back as being amazing. So much so that one child, looked through the box of items that they had received, took one item out and gave the box back not believing that they were all for them.

The community room at Worcester's new Waitrose store had been booked to carry out the packing but due to a double booking the store cordoned off part of the cafe area for the packing. The Club members would like to thank the staff and management of the store for their help and co-operation.



Shirley LC

Visit to Troopaid



Following a recent donation, members from Shirley Lions were invited to visit Troop Aid (www.troopaid.info) where we heard about the valuable work that is being done supporting injured British troops and saw items waiting to be packed prior to shipment around the world. They found out that whilst there had been a lot of publicity for Troop Aid during the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq the demand for their services has in fact increased as troops are currently deployed in over 80 countries worldwide and any injured personnel are brought back to the UK. It was pleasing to note that Troop Aid had been awarded The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. This is the MBE for volunteer groups.

"Dena" Run



DENA RECEIVING THE SHIRLEY CLUB PIN.

Lions International is a service club and what does that mean? What kind of service? We give service to our community. That seems to have translated in a lot of cases of raising money and handing it out to deserving causes. But that is not always service. Collecting money outside a supermarket is not giving service. Organising a duck race, carnival, funrun is a situation where fund raising and giving service work excellent hand in hand. But pure service is collecting spectacles, handing out Message in a Bottle, organising Prostate and Diabetes tests, litter picks and the like. At Shirley Lions we do also something else. For a couple of years most of our members are taking part in a rota that takes once a week a local lady, Dena, who has learning disability, to an evening club

in the area. I find it one of the best things I do during the year. As most of the club takes part, your turn only comes up about 3-4 times/year, so the investment in

time is very small, but the pleasure it creates for Dena is large. Her mother has a few hours' rest and that is also important. I felt that it was time Dena should be more part of Shirley Lions, so I made her our friend. She has now our special club pin and I asked her mother to see if she can wear it when one of our members comes to collect her. Our motto is "We Serve". If I ever feel that, I feel it on the Dena run.

Autumn Forum



Sunday 16th October saw about seventy Lions from across the District gather at the St John's Hotel in Solihull for the annual Autumn Forum.

Our District Governor Lion Ron Cross welcomed everyone to the event and announced the result of the vote taken earlier for the position of 2nd Vice District Governor. In announcing the successful candidate as Region Chairman Lion Stewart Sherman-Khan of Birmingham Chinatown Lions Club we were reminded that the vacancy had only occurred due the very sad

death of our present 2nd VDG Lion Martin Hill of Harborough 2012 Lions Clubs.

Our first speakers of the day were Vicky Ryan, Midlands Manager for Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, Merleen Watson, a volunteer and Grace a superbly trained dog for deaf people. After a general resume of the work done by the organisation Merleen and Grace gave an active demonstration of just what wonderful help Grace can provide for a deaf person.

Unfortunately, Autumn Forum would not be Autumn Forum without a slot about membership. PCC Lion Andy Pemberton reminded everyone of the parlous state our membership is in and hence the need for redistricting. Andy pushed home the point that membership is not just down to a few appointed Cabinet Officers but it is down to every rank and file member in this District!

Next up PDG Lion Cross gave a presentation about the Partner's Project for this year. Linda advised how she had looked around the District and could not come up with a project that would cover the whole District that had not been done before. She had therefore turned her attention to the Centenary Challenge that had been set for all of us, particularly as this Lion's year includes 2017! We are asked to do something for all 4 of the Centenary Challenges, YOUTH, SIGHT, HUNGER and ENVIRONMENT. Her attention had been turned to a school for blind and partially sighted children in Ndola, Zambia. The school was the project of Lions in Zambia with help from LCIF. The school opened in 1974, (Youth & Sight). Before Christmas last year the school authorities had to send some of the children home before the end of term because they did not have enough money to buy food for them all, (Hunger). Local Lions and business people have cleared land around the school so that the pupils and staff can grow vegetables, keep chickens, goats and pigs, (Environment). The aim is to be able to purchase Braille machines, which are "typewriters" for the blind, (each machine costs about £700) together with the special paper required which is thick enough to take the raised dots and dashes. Money will be dealt with by the Lions Club of Ndola and they will have her blessing to spend money on food if an emergency situation arises. The school does have a website which is nlsfvi.blogspot.com so that you can

investigate it further. There is no specific monetary target, just to purchase as many of the Brailers as possible.

Following this a very moving presentation was given by Marian and Mel Davies on Prostate Cancer, Mel from first-hand experience. A few clubs have held Prostate Cancer awareness/testing days and more clubs are encouraged to organise one.

Last up before lunch was Hugh McNeill from the Trussell Trust. Hugh manages the Coventry Foodbank. He provided some alarming statistics about the growth of Foodbanks in the UK and the number of people reliant upon them.

After lunch Region Chairman Lion Stewart-Khan addressed Forum, thanking everyone who had voted for him and stating how much of a learning process it will be for him over the next few years in view of his short time as a Lion.

We were then treated to a double act from our Young Ambassadors. Lion Ken Barker introduced Jessica Browne, our District winner whilst Lion Christine Moss introduced Gemma McNally. Jessica gave an update on how her Bursary had been spent on further work on and improvements to the Sensory Garden she had set up in memory of the youngest combatant to die in Afghanistan who was from her area. We then heard how their respective Clubs, Shirley and Marston Green had arranged for them to go on Youth Exchange and to Youth Camps, Jessica to Norway and Gemma to Finland. Both gave a resume of their experiences abroad

Thereafter we had updates on our Centennial projects and celebrations from Lion Melissa Murphy and the International Youth Camp 2017 from Lion John Barnes.

We then heard how our Centennial Convention 2017 will be held at the Ettingham Chase Hotel near Stratford-upon-Avon over the weekend Friday 17th to Sunday 19th March 2017.

The next guest speaker up was Dr Charles Fox who gave a hard-hitting talk about Diabetes and its main causes – unfit and overweight. A few Lions were seen be looking very sheepish as the talk progressed!

To lighten the mood District Message in a Bottle Officer, Lion Jackie Culliford was next up. Jackie had been running a competition throughout the day to guess the number of bottles our District had issued this year. To a little jeering the winner was declared to be IPDG Lion Haffner (did he have inside knowledge?)

Following a final open forum for questions DG Lion Ron thanked everyone for their attendance and wished them a safe journey home.

Lion Ken Barker

Obituary

Martin Hill



Martin was born in September 1958 in Luton. He spent his most of his early years there, until the family moved to Leicestershire when he was a teenager.

At a similar time Martins' interest in cooking began, with him regularly cooking a full Sunday roast for the family. This love of food and cooking continued, through joining the Chinese society at University for the subsidised banquets, to baking anything from croissants, pork pies, Christmas dinners, crepes, Madeleines, tarte au citron and Canelés de Bordeaux, to the infamous cup cakes which were a regular feature of Lions District Cabinets. As well as cooking, Martin was very interested in music, which ranged across pretty much all musical styles. This has resulted in the years in nearly 7,000 tracks on his iTunes account.

Professionally he joined Bray & Bray Solicitors in January 1983, qualifying as a solicitor on March 1st 1985; he became a partner in 1987. He later dual qualified as a Chartered Tax Advisor.

As some point in the late 80's Martin joined Oadby Hillwalking club, where he met Sarah. They were married in September 1993.

As part a work move to Market Harborough Martin joined Market Harborough Round Table and thoroughly enjoyed it. He also became a member and at one time President of the Chamber of Trade. This also seemed to mean running the towns' Late Night Shopping event – something which he carried on with for the next twenty years.

After getting too old for Round Table, he found he missed the service and fundraising, so he joined Rotary for a while. That didn't fit right, so he became a Lion. He served as President of the Branch club that became Harborough TWENTY 12, Zone and Region Chairs, Health Chair and recently was District Centennial officer. He also served on National Long Range planning on behalf of 105M.

In 2012 he was asked if he fancied applying to take on the role of Under Sheriff of Leicestershire; who is the run around man for the High Sheriff. He enjoyed the job, helping continue the oldest secular office that the United Kingdom that dates from Saxon times.

Never one to shy away from new experiences at the ripe old age of 49 Martin got his first tattoo. It took him two years to tell his parents! After this there was no stopping him, he then had a large octopus tattooed onto this right shoulder and upper arm. A real work of art that took the best part of four days to complete. Martin has always been interested in cars, cutting his teeth mechanically on a Morris Minor at University. When Sarah moved in with him, he was part way through building a Gentry kit car, which was a copy of a MG TF. They finished it together. The cars he has owned varied from a mini Metro, through various Range Rovers, a Reliant Scimitar, a lightweight Landrover, two Bentleys, a Rolls Royce, an Alvis TE21, an on road buggy, a "Little Grey Fergie" tractor to the Aston Martin V8 Vantage.

He and Sarah also spent a fair amount of time sailing, whether on the Norfolk Broads, in Greece or on the East Coast. Some of his happiest times involved messing about in boats.

Martin was for a while a beater on a local shoot, so after some discussion, a puppy arrived. Dog training ensured, which culminated in Martin and Poppy (the dog) appearing in the main ring at Crufts as part of a large Kennel Club display. Another year at Crufts saw Martin dressed up as K9, the Kennel Club mascot, taking part in a display on how children and dogs could get on together safely.

He was just getting into the role on Second Vice DG when he was diagnosed with a rare form of bowel cancer, in late May this year. This particular cancer was very aggressive and chemotherapy was unable to help. Martin died on the 25th of September.

His was a life well lived, full of service and fellowship, which was reflected in the Celebration of Life held after his death – nearly 450 people came and really enjoyed it!

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In conjunction with The Norbury Players, Droitwich Lions Club are able to offer panto tickets to other Lions Clubs within our zone at £3 per seat (usually £12/£10) for a once-only performance of Cinderella at the Norbury Theatre, Friar Street, Droitwich WR9 8ED at 7:30pm on Thursday 12th January 2017. Ample parking (free after 6:00pm) between The Saltway and Friar Street.

For reservations please contact:

Lion Dave Jepson – Droitwich Lions Club
jeppo179@hotmail.com
Tel: 01527 821019

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Date: Saturday 5th November 2016

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Worcester Lions Club

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Contact: Mike Knight mike@mikeknight.co.uk

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**".

Kettering & District Lions Club 44th Charter Dinner

WHEN:-- Friday 17th February 2017 7.00 for 7.30pm

WHERE:-- Masonic Hall, York Road, Kettering, NN16 0DB

DRESS:-- Dinner Jacket or Dark Suit Guest Speaker & Entertainment

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KENILWORTH

Lions give Alice, 3, the gift of independence with tricycle

By ALISON BAGLEY
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Kenilworth Lions raise many thousands of pounds each year with major events in the town including the Boxing Day duck race, the Grand Show and from its furniture store in Farmer Ward Road, with the majority of funds used locally.

For further details about their work, visit www.kenilworthlionsclub.co.uk

The tricycle is bright pink, which is Alice's favourite colour



Pretty as a picture: Alice Pitcher, with her new pink trike provided for her by the Lions Club

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The Observer Series, Thursday October 13, 2016

Lions help out Alice with trike

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On her trike - Alice is ready to go on her specially designed trike thanks to the Kenilworth Lions. (s)



PICTURE SPECIAL . . .

Photos: M



● Above: Brenda Hartley enjoyed a refreshing garden gin and tonic. (S99/9/16/2231);

● Right: Shipston Beekeepers including Sue McNally, David Peckham, Ruth Moseley, Faye Moore and Tristan Moore did a roaring trade with their very own honey. (S99/9/16/2216);

● Below right: The Stour Valley Lions had a stand where visitors could guess the weight of the pumpkin, here held by members Helen Garfield, David Freer, Fran Stary, Graham Williamson and Paul Garfield. (S99/9/16/2209);



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Among those giving the winning local chef Indi Noel Arms in Chipping Norton the former head chef at the hotel has worked with Gordon Ramsay.

The Cotswold Distillery secrets at the Meet the Beekeepers the Shipston Beekeeping to offer tips on producing the best year we have ever had with how it went and what the highlights would be.

Indunil Sanchi, who has been in the industry for three times. He shared the Sri Lankan roast cumin and gave everyone a taste.

"The other thing which was really good this year was the activities which we included in the festival."

John Oxtan. "Children got to preparing using scissors and needles."