



MIDLANDS NEWS

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Christmas passed. Lions can relax, but not too long! Our job never goes in retirement!

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.

A Big Thank You To Local People

Corby and District Lions Club collected over £2,200 in the run up to Christmas thanks to the generosity of local shoppers. Lion's spokesman, Mike Garlick, explained, 'We held three 2 day collections in Morrisons, Asda and Tesco and are delighted to say that, with Gift Aid, this amount becomes about £2,750. This will be shared equally between the four Children's centres in the town and HomeStart which helps young families in financial difficulties. We hope to give this money to them within the next couple of weeks to help with the aftermath of Christmas and winter fuel costs.'

Lions Help Young Families



Pictured is Lions president Colin Bradshaw, with Friend of Lions, Simon Bradley, presenting a cheque for £550 to Home Start Corby administrator, Hannah Howe. A spokesman for Corby Lions explained that this was part of the money collected through the generosity of local shoppers just before Christmas. Hannah said, 'This is the 4th year the Lions have raised funds for us and we really appreciate their continued support. This money will go into our Family Fund which directly supports families in emergency situations with issues such as hospital transport or school uniforms.'

Home-Start Corby is a home visiting service which offers befriending and support to all families across the Borough of Corby where there is at least one child under 5. Volunteers have been specially recruited, checked for suitability and trained to a high standard. They can visit families at home in a positive and progressive way, working at a pace that suits and ensuring confidence and enjoyment of parenting is a priority.

Shirley Pensioners New Year Party



On Saturday 14/1 Shirley Lions held their annual Shirley Pensioners New Year Party. Approaching 200 guests started off with a fish and chips lunch after which local all round entertainer Dave Barry led a grand "sing along with Dave" session. Whilst Dave then had a breather the Lions organised two games of Bingo and performed their politically correct version of Little Red Riding Hood. Dave returned for the second half of his show and the afternoon concluded with the drawing of the raffle by our President.

Towcester Lions



Lions Club International, a charitable organisation with branches all over the world, are celebrating their centenary year in 2017. The aim of this global organisation is to serve others, and its members get involved whenever and wherever they can, especially during times of great crisis or to provide help after natural disaster. To mark the organisations centenary, the Towcester branch decided to plant a tree on the Water Meadows. The tree itself is a narrow Oak, which is an ideal species for its location next to the footbridge.

The Towcester branch of the Lions Club was formed around 40 years ago, and continues to have a presence in the town through running the monthly Farmers Market, being involved in the annual Midsummer Music Festival, and helping to raise money for many local and national charities too. They regularly collect for the Poppy Appeal and the Children In Need appeal each year to name just two of those that benefit from their efforts, and they operate a Message in a Bottle scheme to help emergency service with information about patients, and Sight and Hearing schemes where old glasses and hearing aids are collected and sent to countries where they can be used.

The local branch are always looking for new members to help keep the club running for the next 100 years, and beyond, and it would be nice to see more local people getting involved with the club to help.

Droitwich Lions Burns night Quiz



January 20th was the annual Droitwich Lions Burns night Quiz with Haggis aplenty and a quiz to get the little grey cells buzzing! DG Lion Ron and Linda joined Angela and my team and we called ourselves (topically) Trumpton. Sad to report that even with their giant intellects we only finished 7th of 11 teams....ah well better luck next year. the quiz was compiled by Lion

President Grahame Howard and his good lady Helen.

Northampton 80 YLS Certificate presentation

The Mayor of Northampton Councillor Christopher Malpas at the recent awards evening at the Caroline



Chisholm School presented Lions Clubs Young Leaders in Service Awards to 26 students who had attained gold certificates for giving 100 hours of voluntary service in the past twelve months and 13 silver certificates for 50 hours of voluntary service.

In congratulating the students the Mayor said that being disabled he appreciated more than most, the benefit to society of the work done by volunteers. Also that they proved the point that not all young people should be thought of as being uncaring.

Lions Clubs Young Leaders in Service awards scheme was introduced to the Caroline Chisholm School by Northampton 80 Lions Club in 2015 and now, in 2017 the current sixth form are being encouraged to continue volunteering. This year the scheme has been introduced by the Club at Kingsthorpe College.

LION PRESIDENT JIM FORD MJF, STUDENT. MAYOR OF NORTHAMPTON
COUNCILLOR CHRISTOPHER MALPAS. LION TREVOR HARRISON MJF

NSL Project in Rwanda steaming ahead!



The project we approved in September, building a secondary school in Rwanda, is steaming ahead. The roof is on. Now the rest.

Clubs, please transfer your donations, so we can continue on schedule.

Christmas Activities over the District

Worcestershire Lions

Published on line in the local press:

http://www.worcesternews.co.uk/news/14987285.Santa_spreads_festive_cheer_to_city_communities/?ref=erec

Malvern Hills Lions Club. Christmas with the Lions.



A few weeks ago the members of Malvern Hills Lions Club commenced their Christmas activities by launching their Christmas Hamper Raffle. In all 18 hamper are being raffled this year, in a variety of venues around the area, including Pubs, Hairdressers and even a local Dental Practice. This includes one Hamper that the club has donated to the "What Makes You Different Makes You Beautiful" group to help them raise money to continue their work.

There is a little bit of competition going on this year between the venues to see who can raise the most money. The Hampers have been put together and supplied by Andrew, at the Cheese Board, on Barnards Green. Tickets to win one of the Hampers are being sold at £1 each.

The clubs Christmas Sleigh has already been bought out of storage and cleaned, and the reindeer have

also been re-assembled to accompany it. They have also been feed and watered.

The Christmas Sleigh with Father Christmas on board has already appeared static at the Leigh Sinton Christmas Tree Farm over last week end. The 3rd and 4th December. It will be there again this coming week end, 10th and 11th December, before it is moved and prepared in readiness to be static at the Morrison's Superstore daily from Sunday 18th December to Christmas Eve at various times.

Stour Valley Lions: National Elf Service?



Santa & staff at Ellen Badger Hospital, Shipston On Stour.

Christmas can be a lonely time for those forced to spend the festive season in hospital. Stour Valley Lions made their annual visit to the wards of Ellen Badger Hospital on Christmas Day, aiming to spread a little Christmas cheer amongst the eighteen patients who were residing there. With a little help from the club, Santa Claus located the hospital's chimney in order to deliver cards and gifts, and take time to chat to those who were away from their families at this time. Stour Valley Lions hope that their visit livened up the day for the patients and staff alike.

Shirley Lions



Another successful and enjoyable run up to Christmas was how Shirley Lions described their annual Father Christmas on his sleigh collection. Once again thanks to Listers Honda in Shirley who provided a fully reindeer decorated brand new Honda CRV the Lions were able to tow their sleigh around the roads of Shirley, do a House to House collection and give local children an early opportunity to see Father Christmas. A whopping £8,060 was collected and even more amazingly around 4,000 lollies were handed out to the children he spoke to.

The highlight for everyone involved was when we learnt via Social Media that unfortunately we had missed two young lads when we did their road. As we learnt they were autistic and were distraught at missing us, a few nights later we did a detour and pulled up right outside their house. In addition to the traditional lollies a couple of special presents were handed over. Result – faith in Santa restored, two very grateful parents and two very happy young lads.

A big thank you to all the residents of Shirley and Solihull Lodge for their generosity and thanks also to Tesco's, Sainsbury's, Asda and Marks & Spencer for allowing us to collect at their stores. Finally a big thank you to SoLO, Shirley Sea Cadets, St James School PTA and Knowle & Dorridge Lions who helped with the collection.

Balsall Common



Balsall Common Lions help out at Mad Hatters Tea Party



Christmas came early for some children from various schools in the West Midlands this year. Balsall Common Lions helped out as Marshalls with other 'Mad Hatters' at The Mad Hatters Tea Party Children's Charity. The Charity, which was established in 2006, aims to give sick, disabled and disadvantaged children in the Midlands exciting days out to remember. This time around 300 children, together with their Teachers, Carers and helpers went to see Father Christmas in his grotto at Dudley Zoo, where they also enjoyed meeting some of the animals. All the children received a gift from Santa, and afterwards they were entertained with a show from Flip The Clown. After having lunch they all went back to school very happy. The picture shows Lion President Dave Blakeman with his wife Jude & Lion Lynda who actually just met up with another Lion!

Santa at Berkswell Primary School

Santa was around the weekend. This time he was in his Grotto at Berkswell Primary School at their Xmas Fayre, Thank You to everyone who came along to see him. He'll be around next starting 14th December. It's beginning to be a lot like Christmas.....



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Forthcoming Events

SHAKESPEARE LIONS CLUB

CHARITY BARN DANCE

To raise money for the new Stratford Eye Hospital
(our target is £10,000)

SATURDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2017

AT

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH PARISH HALL
OLD TOWN, STRATFORD UPON AVON CV37 6BG**

7.30 PM

DANCING TO HERBALIFE

TICKETS £15.00

(to include a cold buffet)

Pay Bar

To obtain your ticket please contact Lion Kelvin McIntosh:
kelvinmcintosh12@gmail.com 07889 164765



LIONS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

In aid of District Charities

Hosted by Lions Club of Coventry Mercia

On Saturday 4th February 2017

7.00pm for 7.30pm

at The Ramada Hotel, Chesford Bridge, Kenilworth,
Warwickshire CV8 2LN

£35.00 per person

Choice of 3 course English meal

Wine, spirits & soft drinks provided by hosts Mercia Lions

Full Entertainment

For further details please contact

e-mail: info@sachdevs.com

Lion Dr Rakesh Sachdev (Director) – 07904 344490

Lion Anita Bedi (Region Chair) – 07904 474441

Lion Omkar Singh Hunjan (Zone Chair) – 07831 673291

Lion Ravinder Sandhu (President) – 07989 498121

Fourth Annual Zone G Quiz Night

Thursday, 16th February 2017

at

Great Doddington Memorial Hall
42b High Street, Great Doddington
Northants. NN29 7TQ

7.00pm for 7.30pm supper

Cost £6.50 per person includes supper.

Supper choice: Fish & Chips; Chicken & Chips; Sausages (2) & Chips;
or Vegi Burger & Chips.

Please bring your own drink wine/beer & glasses. Tea & coffee will be available.

Teams will be decided on the night, so individuals welcome.

(Up to maximum of 6 per team).

Partners and Lion members from other clubs welcome.

To help people with hearing difficulties, all questions will be displayed on screen.

Answers also will be displayed on screen after quiz sheets have been collected.

Quiz Night organised by Wellingborough & District Lions Club.

Numbers and Menu choices to Lion Jayne Handcock

by Friday, 10th February 2017 LATEST.

email: roger.handcock@sky.com

Telephone: 01933 273770

Birmingham Chinatown Lions Club Chinese New Year Dinner WITH ENTERTAINMENT

To be held at Ming Moon 8 Wrotesley Street Birmingham B5 4RT

11th February 2017, (7.00 for 7.30pm) Cost £35

This includes a full Chinese Banquet and entertainment

Raising funds for the Birmingham Women's Hospital Charity and Lions Charities

To book please contact Lion Shu Wang on 0121 634 3365 or s.wang@ukpathway.com by 31st December 2016 at the latest

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TOWCESTER LIONS CLUB

**Duplicate
BRIDGE
TOURNAMENT**



& Buffet Lunch 12.30 - 5.00

Sunday 26th February

Pattishall Parish Hall NN12 8NN

Tickets £15 from:

Keith Giffen 01327 831388 or

David Powell 01327 351848 or

Graham Edmonds 01327 831083

Proceeds to
Lady Cynthia Spencer
& Willen Hospices

Join our Pancake Race In Corby!

Corby and District Lions are holding a pancake race on Tues 28th Feb at 12 noon outside the Cube. The people of Corby are being invited to enter the fun race and raise money for local causes through sponsorship. This event is being organised with the generous support of Corby Borough Council. We are encouraging fancy dress and have approached local businesses and shops but the event is open to anyone living in the Borough so please contact us!. Entry details from Colin on 01536 770029 or Jenny 01536 204000, with entries to be returned by Tuesday 21st February

Warwick Lions Fashion show 2/3

The Warwick Lions Club is excited to host our first ever charity fashion show to raise funds in support of SafeLine - a charity in Warwickshire that focuses on prevention and support for victims of sexual abuse. Attendees will have the chance to purchase high street fashions at up to 75% off. Brands include Phase Eight, White Stuff, Hobbs, Top Shop, Monsoon, Next, Marks & Spencer, Wallis, Evans, Planet, Monsoon,

Boden, Warehouse and many more! Sizes 6 to 30 available, and you can try on the clothes before buying them. Refreshments and raffle prizes will also be available. Make it a ladies night out and support a great cause!

DATE AND TIME

Thu, March 2, 2017
7:30 PM – 9:30 PM GMT

LOCATION

The Warwick Arms Hotel
17 High Street
Warwick
CV34 4AT
[View Map](#)

Tickets can be ordered from:

Lion Jean Wright
Tel: 0121 745 5999

Email:
wrightjean36@gmail.com

Venue:

Vaughan's
1239 Stratford
Road
Hall Green B28
9AA

Buy tickets:

<https://goo.gl/kxHufX>

Shirley Lions Fashion show March 2



Shirley Lions holds also a charity ladies clothing fashion show and hopes to provide all of your favorite high street brands, these include Marks & Spencer, Dorothy Perkins, Wallis, White Stuff, Country Casuals & Topshop to name a few. We cater for all sizes, from 8 to 32. There will be approximately 1000 items on 11 rails with something for every age group and pocket. The clothing is very affordable. There are huge discounts of up to 75% off the in-store price. An idea of the prices can be seen by clicking this [link](#).

Malvern Hills Lions Clubs

Quiz Night

Powick Village Hall

Saturday 11th March 2017

7-00 pm for 7-30 pm

£8-50 each to Include a Fish and Chip Supper

Teams of Four to Six

Bar Facilities

Proceeds to Multiple Sclerosis

For Further Information and Tickets

Phone 0845 833 7439 or email

malvernhillslions@gmail.com



34th KNOWLE FUN RUN 21st May 2017



New extended runs...
Fun Run and Mini Runs

5k - 1 lap
10k - 2 laps

Help raise funds for



& local causes

Entries now open at

www.knowlefunrun.org.uk

Arden Academy, Knowle, Solihull

Organised by



Registered charity No. 509993



Worcester Lions Club Centennial Project for Armed Forces Day

Present 'The Original' Military Wives Choir

Raising Funds for ABF (Army Benevolent Fund) and others

Venue – Huntingdon Hall CrownGate Shopping Centre, Worcester WR1 3LD

Date – Saturday 24th June 2017

Time - 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

Tickets £17.50 per person

Available from Huntingdon Hall Box Office 01905 611427

http://www.worcesterlive.co.uk/events_review.asp?eid=453060779

When booking please mention that you are booking on behalf of Lions so that you can get seats together.

CHARTERS

Lion President CD and members of Bushby Lions Club
would like to invite you and your friends to their
20th Annual Charter lunch

At

Everest Dine 61 Belgrave Gate, Leicester LE1 3HRH
on SUNDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2017 AT 12 NOON
cost Only £15.00 per head.

Replies to Lion Randhir Roopra

TEL: 07971461067, randhirroopra@gmail.com

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

COST:-- £25 per person 3 Course Menu {to be confirmed later}

CELEBRATING 100 Years of Lions Clubs International

The President and Members of WALSALL LIONS CLUB INVITE YOU TO THEIR 42nd Charter Dinner
To be held at The County Hotel, Birmingham Road, Walsall, WS1 2NG
18th February 2017, (6.45 for 7.15pm)

Cost £24 (An extra special meal but we have negotiated it £1 CHEAPER than last year!)

Contact: Linda Wilton–grahamwilton@btinternet.com by 4th February 2017 at the latest

Lion Vice President Bharat Patel and members of Thurnby Lions Club
invite you and your friends
to their
ANNUAL CHARITY BALL (DINNER & DANCE)
At
SIZZLERS GRILL & BAR, 188-190, MELTON ROAD, LEICESTER LE4 5EE
ON SATURDAY, 4TH MARCH 2017 AT 7.00 PM
cost: £25.00 per head.

Replies to: Lion Mahendra Trivedi
TEL: 07583-116848
Email: m.trivedi@hotmail.co.uk

Lion President Keith and members of Bromsgrove Lions Club

would like to invite you and your friends to their
37th Annual Charter Dinner
Hoping for 100 guests to celebrate 100 years of Lionism.
At the historic Grafton Manor, Grafton Lane, Bromsgrove. B61 7HA
11th March 2017. 7.30 for 8.00pm
Black tie or Dark Lounge Suit, please.
Only 27.50 per head.

Contact: Lion President Keith Godwin, 9 Marsh Way, Catshill, Bromsgrove, Worcs. B61 0JD. 'Phone:
07813264753 Email: keith.godwin49@hotmail.com

Hinckley & Burbage/Barwell & Earl Shilton Charter Night. 25th March 2017

Lion Presidents Amy Benn, Sue Patrick and the members of both clubs would like to invite you to their joint Charter Night celebrations to be held at **The Green Rooms**, St Marys Road, Hinckley on the 25th March 2017, 6:45 – 7:00. Speeches will be prior to the meal commencing at 7:15 to keep them 'short and sweet'. Dress code is Black tie or Lounge suit and there will be after dinner entertainment from local singer Jess Salvesani who will keep you entertained with music from the 60's right through to modern day. There will also be a disco for those who wish to party into the night.

Please see menu and booking form attached. You can return your booking form with payment of £26 per person to Lion Sue , 9 Rowan Way Desford, LE9 9GA or email it to lionsuepatrick@btinternet.com

Shirley Lions Club

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
<http://www.royalhotelweston.com>
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, info@jongiauk.com



Lion President Mary Thompson and members of Kingswinford & Stourbridge Lions

Would like to invite you to their 42nd Charter Anniversary Dinner.
At the Hagley Golf & Country Club, Wassell Grove Lane, DY9 9JW
On Saturday 8th April 2017.
7-00pm for 7-30pm.

Letters

The Solihull, Shirley and Arden Observer
Tel: 01926 451771 Fax: 01926 429012

Generous donations

On behalf of Shirley Lions Club I should like to thank all the residents of Shirley and Solihull Lodge who contributed so generously to this year's Christmas Sleigh collection.

In the run-up to Christmas we managed to collect the magnificent sum of £8,059.64, which will be used to fund a number of local, national and international Lion's projects starting with the Shirley Pensioner's New Year party at the Shirley Community Centre on Saturday 14th January.

I must also express our thanks to Asda, Sainsbury's, Tesco's and Marks & Spencer for allowing us the use of their stores plus the "Friends" of Shirley Lions, Knowle & Dorridge Lions, SoLO, Shirley Sea Cadets, St James School PTA and Shirley Lions Young Leaders in Service for their support with the collections as without their help such fund raising would not be possible.

Special thanks are also given to Listers, Solihull as without their Honda CRV we would not have been able to cover all those roads every evening.

Anyone interested in finding out more about Shirley Lions should visit our Facebook page, visit www.shirleylions.co.uk or telephone 0845 833 9547.

Ken Barker
Shirley Lions

JLR plans would



A record-breaking 2,500 Christmas walkers stepped out to raise funds for charity. (s)

Best foot forward for fine causes

THE 24TH ANNUAL festive walk around Baddesley Clinton saw 2,500 walkers raise much-needed funds for charity.

Fund-raisers were not put off by parking issues - the overflow car park had been closed due to muddy conditions - as a record number of walkers turned out and helped raise almost £11,000 for Prostate Cancer UK, Motor Neurone Disease Association, Birmingham St Mary's Hospice and local causes.

As has become tradition, about a dozen runners started

off for the nine-mile route at 8.30am as the organisers had bought the walks start time forward to 9am in the hope of encouraging walkers to burn off the Christmas pud earlier.

This, together with the ideal walking conditions, encouraged more walkers to take on the longer nine and six-mile walks, with the three miles still proving to be the most popular with the late starters.

Organiser Ute Smith said: "We have a great relationship with the National Trust at Baddesley Clinton and they

helped us throughout the day but they do have strict rules like not allowing us to park cars on the drive or in fields off the drive.

"We searched hard with them for a solution this year but local landowners were unable to help and we were unable to source such a great venue with more parking.

"Next year will be the 25th consecutive year for our walks at Baddesley Clinton and it will be a shame if we cannot accommodate everyone wishing to take part."

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The Observer, Thursday January 5, 2017



55 teams took to the water in their homemade rafts. (s)



Oar-some - President of Shakespeare Lions Anne Turner with Mencap's Di Yeoman, Helena Wallis, Kelvin McIntosh, Cath Errington and Lions secretary Max Down. (s)

Floating a great charity idea



AN OAR-SOME effort by fund-raisers has seen more than £11,000 donated to Heart of England Mencap.

The charity - which supports those with learning disabilities - took to the River Avon to paddle more than seven miles from Wasperton to Stratford in home-made rafts.

This July hailed the 40th anniversary of the raft race, which attracted nearly 55 teams.

The money raised will be used to buy specialist bikes - enabling those with learning disabilities to get out and experience the joys of cycling.

The charity already has three of the adapted trikes - which costs thousands of pounds each - but are 'delighted' they will be able to buy more.

Fund-raising manager Cath Errington said: "The ultimate dream is a dedicated track, with storage on site plus parking, toilets and refresh-

ment facilities.

"Thanks to our joint organisers the Wellesbourne and District and Shakespeare Lions Clubs Lions and to everyone who took part in this year's race, we are now within reach of that dream and in discussions as to a potential location.

"We will also be able to purchase those new bikes our customers had their hearts set on. A hand cycle will enable people in a wheelchair but with strength in their arms to experience the joy of cycling. A side by side bike will allow a worker to ride with a customer, meaning that even those who don't have much physical strength can still benefit from the experience.

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