



# MIDLANDS NEWS

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## June 2017



**Found a new Editor!** I will be moving on to a new role within the District and needed to hand this over to someone else. I am very happy that Lion Darren Blankiron has stepped forward and I am more than confident that the Newsletter will be in very good hands. Please support him as you supported me. Feedback has indicated that the Newsletter is an important part of our District. But it only works with your support. Keep the good work up!

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.



### A Message from Council Chairman Heather following Multiple District 105 Convention 2017

My Fellow Lions,

Thank you to everyone who came to our Multiple District Convention 2017 in Blackpool on 22 and 23 April 2017.

Our MD Convention Officer Paul, the Convention Committee and our MDHQ staff delivered a weekend of friendship and a wonderful party for our Banquet and Ball celebrating our Centennial with a night to remember in the company of our International President and our Lion friends from Europe and from all around our Multiple District. We said a fond and noisy farewell to Ireland and we enjoyed a weekend of catching up with friends old and new.

We elected our candidate for International Director for 2018-2020, and many congratulations and the full support of MD105 go to PCC Geoff Leeder, who is our elected candidate.

All debates were conducted in an excellent and courteous manner, and everyone approached the many serious and far reaching decisions with respect for the views of others.

There was a very high number of delegates attending and voting, and of other members attending to hear the debate and support their delegates. Everyone who wished to speak from the floor was heard, and was treated with respect for their views while expressing differing opinions with passion and conviction.

International President Bob listened to the debates and commented that he was very impressed with the standard of the contributions from the speakers on all subjects and with the positive atmosphere of mutual respect for the views of others which was evident from everyone.

The decision was taken by a very clear majority of the delegates to Redistrict MD 105 from the 12 current districts which will be left when Ireland leaves us to 8 new districts with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019. The count of the secret ballot was witnessed by representatives from Districts 105 BS, C, D, M, NE and SW and

supervised by PID Phil from District 105 EA and by the MD CNRO, with an observer from District 105E, and the decision was clear and decisive under our MD and International Constitutions.

We must now all move forwards together to make that change from the current districts to the new districts happen with a constructive and “can do” attitude of everyone working together, - whatever their personal views have been - to create a strong and attractive framework for our present and future members to deliver their service. Redistricting will not change the way in which members operate within their clubs and it will not change friendships with Lions throughout our association, - what it will do is to give an opportunity to modernise the way in which we operate, to fully embrace new technology and to embrace new ways of communicating and organising which reflect the changes in the way in which our members and our future members live their lives.

The decision of the MD105 Convention of 2017 to Redistrict to 8 new districts from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 will now be put to the International Board at their meeting in October 2017, and a detailed submission will be made identifying the new districts and the changes in structure as agreed in Resolution 14 as passed by Convention. The ethos of us all to “build up and not destroy” is embodied in the proposal for Redistricting as adopted by Convention, as across the MD as a whole we will build a stronger and more vibrant structure to take us forwards into the next 100 years of service. The changes adopted in agreeing to Redistrict are positive and exciting and they give a firm and modern platform for the future.

Best wishes to everyone, and many thanks to Convention 2017 for your positive and constructive decisions.

Heather Jeavons

Chairman of the Council of Governors 2016/17, MD 105 British Isles and Ireland

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## Knowle & Dorridge LC Start Pedalling For Good Causes



With the better weather and more opportunity to get outdoors to start training, now is the ideal time to commit to this year's Heart of England Bike Ride. Now in it's 12<sup>th</sup> year this well-established, popular family bike ride organised by the Knowle and Dorridge Lions takes place to raise funds for the British Heart Foundation (BHF) and local causes.

Starting between 9.30am and 11.30am on Sunday 16 July at Packwood House, cyclists have a choice of approximately 12, 18 or 30 mile circular routes (20km, 30km or 50km) along Warwickshire country lanes. Cyclists can take on the ultimate challenge and cycle approximately 60 miles (100km) by completing all three routes.

“This event seems to be going from strength to strength with over 750 riders raising more than £20,000 for charity last year,” says Knowle and Dorridge Lions organiser Paul Wheatley. “With a choice of 4 distances there is something for all abilities, families, teams & individuals. We received great feedback from riders last July who enjoyed the lovely atmosphere, getting fit, completing a challenge and raising money for charity, all at the same time.

It is a great opportunity to spend a Sunday with friends, family or colleagues cycling through the glorious Warwickshire countryside and villages. After the bike ride, food will be available to purchase from the Lions Club BBQ and there is free entry to Packwood House and gardens. It's a great day out for everyone!”

The Lions are delighted to welcome back main sponsor Hollywood Monster. “This will be our 7<sup>th</sup> year supporting the Lions. They do a great job organising this and other fundraising events” says Chief Executive Simon McKenzie “We shall be entering a team and hopefully have a new Hollywood Monster to wave off the riders from Packwood House on the morning.”

Donna Stokes, BHF Fundraising Manager said: "Funds raised will go towards our vital heart research that could help to prevent or improve the diagnosis and treatment for heart disease. We all know someone who has been affected by heart disease, this is your opportunity to raise funds to support the research that can give them more hope for the future."

For more the details and to enter now visit [www.knowleanddorridgelions.com/bikeride](http://www.knowleanddorridgelions.com/bikeride)

If you would like to support the Lions & BHF but don't ride why not volunteer to help organizing the event. Please contact Paul via [info@knowleanddorridgelions.com](mailto:info@knowleanddorridgelions.com)

### A DRY DAY FOR KNOWLE'S FIRST 5k & 10k FUN RUN

After rain all week the 34<sup>th</sup> Knowle Fun Run was run in fine ideal running conditions last Sunday, when runners from all over the country decided whether to run 5k or 10k. With the extended course every runner could claim to record a personal best (PB).

Provisional winners:

Category – 10k	Race Number	Name	Time
1st overall/adult male	900	Zac Nolan	33:13
1st adult female	265	Jane Evans	35:43
1 <sup>st</sup> junior boy	502	Tomas Maidment	40:21
1 <sup>st</sup> junior girl	776	Ellen Taylor	41:36

Category – 5k	Race Number	Name	Time
1st overall/junior boy	443	Alex Verooso	18:48
1 <sup>st</sup> adult male	1403	Paul Weston	19:24
1st adult female	40	Debbie Bradley	21:24
1 <sup>st</sup> junior girl	153	Grace Golinski	22:21

Team Results

4 runners home aggregate time

Category - TEAMS	Team Name	Time
Junior 5k	The Wind Chasers	1:20:51
Adult 5k	Listers B Team	1:42:37
Adult 10k	Knowle & Dorridge Running Club	2:20:11

Dame Caroline Spelman sent the runners on their way on the dot of midday encouraging all the runners as they passed the start line. As Caroline said "Enjoy your Run today, you cannot all be winners but you are all helping the Lions raise over £35,000 for Birmingham St Mary's Hospice, Prostate Cancer UK, Motor Neurone Disease Association and other local Lions causes, so everyone's a winner."

Caroline chose the Tilehouse Trotters alias 'the Vikings' from Knowle as the Fancy Dress winner who really looked the part wheeling their ship, and later went on to award trophies and prizes to all the winners. Greg Hart the mastermind behind the Viking Ship who has been refining its construction each year for many years, assured us they would be invading again next year.

"We were delighted to have nearly 1750 entries for this year's Fun Run & KIDSruns", said Fun Run lead Lion Bob Thurtle. "The Lions were grateful for the continued sponsorship from many companies who helped cover the costs of staging the event. We really appreciate how lucky we are to have the support of a long list of local companies. This enables us to tell runners that every £ of entry fee, donation or sponsorship raised will go to our nominated charities. We hope to have raised over £35,000 when all the



runners sponsorship has been received. As usual many runners raised funds for their own favourite charities and we shall never know how many thousands of pounds to add to that we receive, unless they tell us."

The day started well when around 250 under 9 year olds took part in 4 KIDSruns wearing their complimentary royal blue Fun Run t-shirts were cheered around the Arden school fields all keen to pick up their Aldi chocolate bar and certificate of achievement. The winners all received trophies & gifts courtesy of KIDSrun sponsor Listers JLR

### 2017 KIDSruns Winners

Year 1	Boy	Elizabeth Evans
	Girl	Samuel Murray
Year 2	Boy	Harry Pitt
	Girl	Katie Scott
Year 3	Boy	Jacob Gregory
	Girl	Sophie Williams
Year 4	Boy	Samuel Marfleet
	Girl	Helen Green

"It's great to be part of a team organising such a popular and successful community event," said organiser Bob. Anyone who may like to help the Lions with this or their other fundraising activities please get in touch now via [info@knowleanddorridgelions.com](mailto:info@knowleanddorridgelions.com)

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### Warwick Lions



Warwick Lions welfare committee members Peter Amis and Ken Hall presented a cheque for £2,000 to Parneet Kang C.E.O. Of the Warwick P.A.Y.P. Educational charity following a devastating burglary during which over 50 items of electrical teaching aids and equipment were stolen. The money will also help to significantly improve the security of their premises.



## Members of Worcester Lions Club Help to Raise Funds for Students Sports Trip.



**WAITING FOR THE OFF**

Recently members of Worcester Lions Club oversaw the races and manned the tote for a 'Race Night with a Difference', that had been organised by some of the members of staff at the Christopher Whitehead Language College, Worcester.

The evening raised just under £500, which will go towards funding a Sports Tour for 21 12 year old to go to Barbados in February 2018. During their time there the students will be taking part in both Netball and Cricket tournaments.

James Cosh, a teacher at the college said, that he would like to give a great big thank you to the Lions club for their support in organising a brilliant 'Race night with a difference'. It was a huge success and has really helped us move forward in

reaching our fundraising total. The pupils have been working very hard to raise the money needed and are very appreciative of the support from such a fantastic organisation.

## Shirley Lions



Shirley Lions have the honour of providing the next District Governor for the Midlands and our Chris received the acclaim of everyone at the MD Convention as he was welcomed in to the Convention hall. Shame about the colour of his scarf though, needed to be a much lighter shade of blue!

The District Winner of the Young Ambassador Competition, Alex Flanagan, sponsored by Shirley Lions was unfortunately unable to be

presented with his trophies at District Convention. Alex was finally able to receive his trophies and £500 bursary at the Club's recent Business Meeting and photo shows Alex being presented with one of his trophies by Youth Committee Chair, Lion Jackie Culliford. This year all 13 District winners received an extra £100 as Mike Field of the Ship Shape Trust provided an additional bursary.





## Litter pick in Shirley

A centennial goal, a public service, Lions visible. Win, win, win!



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## Corby Lions Help Charities Raise £1,383!



Corby and District Lions Club held 3 race nights recently to help good causes raise money for themselves. The picture shows members of Corby Ladies Darts team who helped Home Start Corby raise £729. Lions spokesman, Mike Garlick explained, 'We offered to run a race night when we learned that funding was proving difficult to find with Northamptonshire County Council tightening their belt more and more. Basically, we use pre-recorded horse racing from a DVD with tote style betting. We try to get each of the races sponsored by a local company/individual and then auction off horses to the highest bidder in the final race. Provided there are plenty of people attending on the night, it turns out to be a good evening - both for entertainment and money raised.'

£452 was raised for Weldon Amateur Theatrical Society at an event at Weldon Cricket Club and £200 at St John's Church Hall towards their church roof repair fund.



## Grants To Local Community

Corby Lions Club are launching a scheme which will help local charities, individuals or clubs needing funds for a project. The Club is offering grants of up to £500. The Club serves, not only Corby, but the surrounding villages.

## Longstanding Knowle & Dorridge Lions Club lion Stuart Davis has been inaugurated as the Mayor of Solihull for 2017/18.



Stuart who joined Knowle and Dorridge Lions in 1996 from Tenerife Sur club where he had served as President and Zone Chairman joined Lions back in 1987, serving in numerous roles including President 1999/2000, and became a Melvin Jones Fellow in 2016. Careful never to mix Lions and Politics Stuart has been one of the many stalwarts of the club for 20 years and has asked to be allowed to go 'at large' for the duration of his Mayoralty, but has insisted on clearing his Mayoral diary for the club's key fundraising events -the 34th Knowle Fun Run, 12th Heart of England Bike Ride and 25th Lions Festive Walk Stuart's political 'career' started in Solihull way back in 1979 and was re-kindled in 1999. His prime interest has been serving on Solihull's Planning Committee chairing it for many years, and more recently Transport and West Midlands Fire Services.

## Lions Clubs support Fastaid

Knowle and Dorridge Lions are delighted to have provided a set of 23 new reflective all-weather jackets for Solihull's dedicated Community First Responders - Fastaid

"With funds raised at the 2016 Knowle Fun Run Knowle and Dorridge Lions joined with Solihull Lions to



**K&D COMMUNITY SERVICES CHAIR CHRIS KIDDLE MORRIS MEETS UP WITH THE FAST AID TEAM AT THIS MAY'S KNOWLE FUN RUN**

provide FastAid with the latest BS Standard all-weather high visibility jackets to enable their volunteers to carry out their life saving work more safely with the best possible equipment," says Chris Kiddle Morris, Chair of Knowle and Dorridge Lions Community Services Committee. "It is particularly pleasing when the Lions family can come together to support another



organisation equally dedicated to supporting the local community”

“Fastaid were on hand again providing Medical Cover for the 34th Knowle Fun Run on 21 May,” said Mark Atherton. “Runners and spectators on the school field had access to their first aid tent and in addition there were two response vehicles stationed around the course to provide aid should it be required. There were six responders available plus a further two who were on call with the ambulance service to provide a further level of response. Fastaid Community First Responders are extremely pleased to be associated with both Knowle & Dorridge and Solihull Lions clubs and as such were very grateful for their donation to purchase new reflective jackets for 23 members of Fastaid.

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## Balsall Common Updates

### A Lively night with the Brassneck Ceilidh Band.



Great night in St Peter's Church Hall with the Brassneck Ceilidh Band, who are an English Country Dance band, based in the Midlands. It was certainly a very energetic fun evening with everyone dancing. Their repertoire includes a wide range of music with many of the best known Scottish tunes, with relaxed waltzes, the OXO reel through to the livelier Strip the Willow. In the picture of the Band, with Lion President Dave Blakeman, is Steve Edkins (second from left), who as well as playing the guitar, mandola & bodhran, is their front man

and fun caller with his jokes along the way.

We look forward to seeing them again sometime in the future.

Lions Clubs of the British Isles and Ireland have launched an appeal to provide supplies to the families in East Africa suffering from famine and our Raffle raised £210 which will be sent direct to Kenyan Lions to provide vital assistance where it is needed.

### CP Barbers raise Money for Lions Prostate Morning



Many Thanks to CP Barbers in Balsall Common for helping us to raise awareness and money for our Free Prostate Morning on Saturday 20th May at St Peter's Church Hall. Balsall Common Lions were at the Barbers serving tea, coffee and cake to the customers during the day. It was a great day chatting to everyone, the weather was brilliant and we collected £438.59.

Thank you to CP Barbers and its very generous customers and the folk we spoke to outside. In the picture are the staff Miah, Kim & Sian.

### Lions Prostate Screening

Balsall Common Lions Prostate Screening event on Saturday 20th May was a great success with 259 men coming along for a free blood test to check their Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA). The event was organised in association with Graham Fulford Charitable Trust.

After their testing, many men stopped to listen to a very informative talk by Mr David Baxter-Smith, a retired consultant urologist, while enjoying free light refreshments.



Mel & Marion Davis were also there from Prostate Cancer UK with a stall and to answer any questions.

Richard Murray also turned up in his bicycle and cycling gear, and told everyone about his pending 145 mile bike ride to Amsterdam commencing 9th June in aid of Prostate Cancer UK.

Throughout the morning the four Phlebotomists present were kept busy, under the supervision of retired nursing sister, Mrs Dorothy Baxter-Smith, who packed the blood samples which were sent directly to a hospital laboratory for analysis.

The results will be sent direct to Mr Baxter-Smith for review who will then forward these to each of the men tested, which is categorised Green, Amber or Red. This will give advice on any future action.

For the first time we also had on site diabetic screening and 59 people used this facility.

Thank You to Everyone who turned up on the morning.





**PART OF THE BLOOMING DELIGHTS ON OFFER IN THE GARDEN AT PRINCESS ROAD**

## Hinckley and Burbage Lions news

A beautiful garden right in the heart of Hinckley will be opening its doors to the public and fellow Lions later this month.

Cynthia Lines has spent many happy hours tending her lovely plot and has decided to share it with members of the public, while also collecting funds for a cause close to her heart.

The Princess Road resident is secretary of Hinckley and Burbage Lions club and the funds raised from the open day will help the club's fundraising efforts.

She said: 'As Lions we are always thinking of different ways to raise cash for charity and as people have commented on my delightful garden, it seemed a good idea to let others see it, while boosting our club funds and we would love to see our fellow Lions from other clubs come along.'

It will cost £3 to enter

, including a free cake and cup of tea. And there will also be a chance to buy plants grown by Cynthia. The doors open on Sunday, June 25.13 30, at 60 Princess Road, Hinckley, LE10 1EB.



## Harborough Twenty 12 Lions Club

Harborough Twenty 12 Lions Club have sponsored a planter on Market Harborough High Street to celebrate 100 years of Lionism. The planter will be maintained by the local charity Harborough in Bloom.

## Rugby Rokeby Lions annual sponsored walk

At the beginning of may Rugby Rokeby Lions ran their annual

sponsored walk around Draycote water.

Lion Vice president John Nelson was joined on this occasion by both the mayor Cllr.Sally Bragg and the local MP Mark Pawsley to give support to the Club towards their aim in reaching £50,000 in donations

to the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance. Next year will be a sponsored challenge, walk run or jog, five, ten or 15 miles around the reservoir. Watch this Space.





## Here is your chance to become a KNIGHT OF THE BLIND.

VIBE is coming to Leamington Spa on Sunday 25th June, but we are needed from Monday 26th until Friday 30th June 2017.

What is VIBE? VISUALLY IMPAIRED BOWLS ENGLAND - NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Venue ? LEAMINGTON SPA BOWLS CLUB, ARCHERY ROAD, LEAMINGTON SPA.

Car parking ? 4 hours free in Archery Road, Free Parking Victoria Park off Princes Drive.

Refreshment? Cafe on site, but tea and coffee will be provided.

How can you help? The visually impaired bowlers need a pair of eyes to help them.

What times? Last years timetable is shown below. Sessions start at 9.30am each day and last up to 2 hours.

Second session starts at around 12 to 12.30 and the third at about 2.45am to 3.15.

Monday 9.30-11.30, 12.30-2.15, 3.15-5.00

Tuesday 9.30-11.15, 12.00-1.45, 2.45-4.30

Wednesday 9.30-11.15, 12.00-1.45, 2.45-4.30

Thursday 9.30-11.15, 12.00-1.45, 2.45-4.30

Friday 9.30-11.15, 12.00-1.45, 2.45-4.45

These times could change depending on scheduling which will not be know until the start of the week.

No experience is needed. Just a chance to enjoy helping someone else.

Please let me know if you can help for one or more sessions.

I can assure you that once you have done one session you will want to do more.

You can wear your club's tabard and I am also interested if you have any Lions Banners which can be displayed

around the greens. Non Lions are also welcome.

Please tell someone in your club about this event.

(The UK Championships which took place in Leamington last September will be in Scotland this year and therefore we are not required to help at that event.)

Will you be a KNIGHT OF THE BLIND?

Contact:

PDG Neil Chisholm

Warwick Lions Club.

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T/C's APPLY

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## **Worcester Lions Club**

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Balsall Common Lions and Hornets Football Club present



## **Balsall Common Beer Festival**

**Saturday 1st July 2017**

**5pm-11pm**

**Ticket Price: £5.00**

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**Venue: Hornets Football Club, The Triangle,  
Lavender Hall Lane, Balsall Common, CV7 7BN**

Children Under 16 admitted Free when accompanied by an adult.

Alcohol strictly limited to Over 18s only - please bring your ID or you may not be served.

For further information and tickets please go to [www.Balsallbeerfest.com](http://www.Balsallbeerfest.com)

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## 105M Golf Competition

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Thursday August 3rd 2017 12.00pm on

Open competition

Ladies event

PDG's event

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## 2 Days of Fabulous 20<sup>th</sup> Century Musical Memories 24+25 November

As I am sure you will have seen from the Lion Magazine 'Sounds of a Century' is off and running. The entertainment is different each evening, menus have been agreed with the 'New Dock' [they will be different on each night] and Mandy has done a magnificent job in putting everything together in terms of flyers, design etc.

In summary:

Friday

Dinner: 6 hours of entertainment including 3 course meal: **Only £65.**

Saturday

Afternoon Tea plus 2 hours of entertainment: **Only £25.**

Dinner: 6 hours of entertainment including 3 course meal: **Only £65.**

Saturday Package: Afternoon Tea & Evening meal: **Only £80.**

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### **2 Days of Fabulous 20<sup>th</sup> Century Musical Memories Featuring Top Tribute Performances**

A booking form for tickets will be available at Convention, in Blackpool; book a table for a Club night out or a weekend away.

**MDHQ advise they have already received enquiries from Lions wishing to book tickets.**

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## **CHARTERS**

Castle Bromwich & District Lions  
are holding their annual charter dinner  
at the usual venue

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

on

Saturday 3 June 7.30 for 8pm

£25 per head

Formal dress preferred

This email is for information for those attending as we are fully booked. If you would like to be on the waiting list for any cancellations then please contact Lion Phil White on telephone 0121 785 0392, or mobile 07969621256 or email philpwhite@icloud.com

### **Malvern Hills Lions Club 42nd Charter Lunch.**

Sunday 4th June 2017 12-30 pm for 1-00 pm

Worcestershire Golf Club, Woodfarm Road, Malvern WR14 4PP.



Dress. Lounge Suits.  
£22.50 per head

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### Handsworth Lions 31st Charter

Centennial celebrations on Saturday the 10th of June 2017.

Venue : The Farcroft Hotel

Banqueting Hall

Rookery Road

Handsworth

Birmingham

B21 9QY

Time: 7:30 pm for 8:00 pm Start

Dress Code : Formal

Cost: £25 per person

Three course Indian dinner with table service. ( Veg/non-Veg)

DJ & Live entertainment

Please contact Lion Kanu 07961832916

Lion Jit Joshan 07973311653

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### DROITWICH LIONS CLUB

Lion President Grahame and Helen invite you to our

CHARTER DINNER

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017

To be held at -

The Crown & Sandys

Main Road

Ombersley, WR9 0EW

At 7:00 for 7:30

Dress code Formal

£25 per person

Replies to -

Lion Dave Sherwen

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### Sandwell Lions Club

Lion President Darren Barton would like to invite you to Sandwell Lions Club 8th Charter Celebration at Dudley Golf course on Sunday 11th June 2017.

Dudley Golf Course  
Turner's Hill,  
Rowley Regis  
B65 9DP

Arrival time is 12:30 for a 1:00 start. There will be a three course Sunday Feast, followed by some light entertainment by a local young talent and bingo

£20.00 per person.

Please contact Lion Rosemary Eynon on 07577858626 or via email on [amazonrosie@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:amazonrosie@yahoo.co.uk)

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### Rugby Rokeby Lions Club

Lion President George King

Invites you to the 49<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary

With entertainment from The Belladors

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 12.30pm -1.00pm

Draycote Hotel Ltd  
London Road, Thurlaston, Warwickshire  
CV23 9LF

Dress Code - Lounge suits

£25.00 a head

Please rsvp to  
Lion John O'Rourke 01788 568217 or [orourke56@btinternet.com](mailto:orourke56@btinternet.com)



## IN THE PAPERS



### *Lions donate educational play equipment*

The Warwick Lions recently donated a 100 square number grid to Newburgh Primary School in Warwick. Club president Geoff Wiskin said: "We're always looking for ways to assist our local community and to provide our young people with opportunities for learning and achievement. So when the Newburgh PTA approached us to provide an item of playground equipment, which would also be of educational value, we jumped at the chance."



## COUNTY NEWS

### Lions roar back in 140-mile ride

TWO Midland members of a national organisation cycled from Blackpool to Birmingham in aid of charity.

Simon Moss and Japp De Jonge from Birmingham arrived in the city on Monday.

They attended the annual convention of Lions Clubs of England Scotland, Wales and Ireland which was held in the seaside town on Saturday – and cycled back.

Their journey was more than 140 miles which raised funds for charity Hearing Dogs for the Deaf.



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### WILL IT BE 5K OR 10K FOR KNOWLE FUN RUN

Tuesday 16th May is your last chance to make up your mind and enter for the 5k or 10k Knowle Fun Run which is on Sunday 21 May.

Knowle and Dorridge Lions, organisers of the Solihull's ever popular community fundraising event, the Knowle Fun Run, are expecting the usual last minute scramble for places and warn runners they have to have made their decision and entered by midnight on Tuesday 16th to give them time to order the personalised timing chips and runners numbers. "It seems giving runners a choice of 5k or 10k this year has slowed down entries as they have to decide if they can manage 10k or only 5k," says organiser Lion Bob Thurtle.

This year's event, which will see longstanding Meriden MP Dame Caroline Spelman get the runners underway and present the prizes, will raise funds for Motor Neurone Disease Association, Birmingham St Mary's Hospice, Prostate Cancer UK as well as local causes. The Lions hope that individuals as well as companies have been getting their efforts sponsored and hope to



raise over £35,000 for these worthy causes.

"You can also enter your children online for the 4 KIDSruns for those under 9 years olds in Years 1-4 around the playing fields, from 11:00. The main event 10k starts at 12:00 followed by the 5k at 12:05 from Arden Academy and the Fun Run course is closed to traffic for the 2 hours from 11.45am to 2pm. Please see our website for details of the road closures.

Not running? "Join the crowds lining the roads create a fantastic atmosphere which attracts many new runners every year," says Bob. "We shall be welcoming runners from all over the country, not just the Midlands. This year we are introducing an element of noise - with Knowle Church ringing its bells as the runners pass and a number of other attractions around the route. Get online now at [www.knowlefunrun.org.uk](http://www.knowlefunrun.org.uk) to complete your entry today"

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There are just days left to sign up to this year's Knowle Fun Run. (s)

## Get your running shoes to get registered for Knowle Fun Run

THERE are just a few days remaining for people to sign up for the Knowle Fun Run.

The annual calendar highlight takes place on Sunday, May 21 - but anyone wanting to take part must be entered by Tuesday (May 16) to ensure they receive timing chips and running numbers in time.

The Fun Run has made hundreds of thousands of pounds for local good causes over the years - and organisers are hoping this year's event will see them collect funds for the chosen charities - the Motor Neurone Disease Association, Birmingham St Mary's Hospice, Prostate Cancer UK as well as local causes.

This year's event, which will see Dame Caroline Spelman get the runners underway and present the prizes.

There will be four Mini Runs for those under 9 starting at 11am, while the main Fun Run starts at noon.

Visit: [www.knowlefunrun.org.uk](http://www.knowlefunrun.org.uk) for more information.

For all the latest news [www.solihullobserver.co.uk](http://www.solihullobserver.co.uk)



# Richard's riding out for top cause

BALSALL Common resident Richard Murray is riding from London to Amsterdam in support of the charity Prostate Cancer UK.

He's part of a team from business coaching company Elephants Child whose managing Director Martin Brown lost his father-in-law to the disease.

In total the team has raised £7,000 with four weeks to go.

The 145-mile trip is backed by the English Football League and the League Managers Association with high-profile former players and managers such as Les Ferdinand, Terry Butcher and Simon Grayson taking part.

Balsall Common Lions Club are just one of many local organisations, residents and businesses to support the team.

They have a long history of supporting prostate cancer awareness events and have organised a prostate cancer screening session in Balsall Common this Saturday, from 10am until 1pm at St Peter's Church.

Speaking ahead of the ride, Richard said: "This is a cause dear to my heart as my grandfather and uncle both lost their own battles with cancer.

"Prostate Cancer UK has a simple ambition – to stop men dying from this condition. I'm looking forward to getting into the saddle and raising money in support of this tremendous charity. Thanks to everyone who has



supported us so far.

"I'm also desperate to raise awareness and encourage men to get themselves checked.

"We're notoriously bad at visiting doctors and looking after our health.

"Anyone that has concerns and can't make Saturday's screening should book an appointment with their GP," he added.

The trip begins on June 9 and will see around 500 riders making the two-day journey aiming to raise a total of £500,000 for

the charity.

To donate visit: [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Richard-Murray7](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Richard-Murray7)

For more information on the event visit: [prostatecanceruk.org/get-involved/football-to-amsterdam-2017](http://prostatecanceruk.org/get-involved/football-to-amsterdam-2017)

**Balsall Common Lions Club Committee Service Chairman Steve Meakin (right) presents a donation to cyclist Richard Murray ahead of his fundraising bike ride.**





Paul Wheatley ride organiser, Lions president Richard Buckley, Nick Fellows client services director for Hollywood Monster, and "Hearty" the BHF mascot aka Fund-raising manager Donna Stokes. 18.017.005.sol.jm1

## Gearing up for the 12th bikeathon

CYCLISTS are being urged to don their lycra and support the annual Heart of England Bike Ride to raise vital cash for the British Heart Foundation (BHF) and various other local causes.

The event - now in its 12th year - takes place on Sunday, July 17, starting as usual from Packwood House National Trust property.

Organised by the Knowle and Dorridge Lions Club it gives cyclists the choice of three circular routes - a 20km, 30km or 50km - along the country lanes of Warwickshire.

Those wanting an even bigger challenge can even take on all three routes to tally up a whopping 100km.

Paul Wheatley, Knowle and Dorridge Lions organiser, said: "This event seems to be going from strength to strength with over 750 riders raising more than £20,000 for charity last year.

"With a choice of four distances there is something for all abilities, families, teams and individuals.

"We received great feedback from riders last July who enjoyed the lovely atmosphere, getting fit, completing a challenge and raising money for charity, all at the same time.

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

"After the bike ride, food will be available to purchase from the Lions Club BBQ and there is free entry to Packwood House and gardens."

For more the details and to enter now visit [www.knowleanddorridgelions.com/bikeride](http://www.knowleanddorridgelions.com/bikeride)

Anyone who wants to support the Lions and BHF but don't not ride should contact Paul on [info@knowleanddorridgelions.com](mailto:info@knowleanddorridgelions.com)



## Knowle Fun Run

# Fun with some sun, all for charity



THE SUN came out from behind the rain clouds at the weekend, playing its part in the 34th Knowle Fun Run and providing ideal running conditions for the hundreds of runners.

Serious runners, fun runners, mini runners and fancy dress runners all converged on Arden School for the annual charity fundraiser organised by the Knowle and Dorridge Lions.

And the efforts of the close to 1,750 of them looks set to have netted over £35,000 for local causes and the three main charities chosen for 2017 - Birmingham St Mary's Hospice, Prostate Cancer UK, Motor Neurone Disease

Association and other local Lions causes.

Dame Caroline Spelman sent the runners on their way at midday encouraging all the runners as they passed the start line.

She chose the Tilehouse Trotters alias 'the Vikings' from Knowle as the Pancy Dress winner who really looked the part wheeling their ship, and later went on to award trophies and prizes to all the winners.

Greg Hart the mastermind behind the Viking Ship who has been refining its construction each year for many years, assured us they would be invading again next year.

The hard work of the runners was matched by everybody involved in sponsoring and supporting the event, including the hundreds of villagers who lined the streets to support friends, family, loved ones and strangers.

Fun Run lead, Lion Bob Thurtle, said: "The Lions were grateful for the continued sponsorship from many companies who helped cover the costs of staging the event."

"We really appreciate how lucky we are to have the support of a long list of local companies."

"This enables us to tell runners that every pound of entry fee, donation or sponsorship raised will go to our nominated charities."

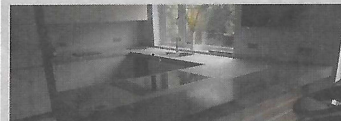


Far left - And they're off! Children took part in the mini runners race.

Left - Around £35,000 has been raised for charities. Knowle's Simon Pow was raising vital funds for Diabetes UK.

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# Knowle Fun Run



Smiles of joy at the finishing line.



Smiles all round as the sun shone down.

A further selection of pictures from the annual Knowle Fun Run - pictures courtesy of Dave Edwards @ NewBold Images.



Crowds supported runners along the way.



Jumping for joy at the finish line.



A Viking ship made its way around the course.



Mary Poppins and Bert dropped by.



Clocking up the miles.

# Knowle Fun Run



Runners take part in a group warm up before heading to the start line.



Eagerly awaiting to get underway.



The sun came out for the 34th Knowle Fun Run and (below) Gingy crosses the line.



Serious runners and fun runners go side by side in the race.



Fantastic day had by all.



Hundreds of supporters lined the route.



Sprinting to the finishing line.



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## Proud Sponsors of the Knowle Fun Run 2017

For the first time in days the rain clouds passed and the sun shone for the 34th year of the Knowle Fun Run. Standley & Co has sponsored the event for many years and was once again a proud sponsor of the adult t-shirts for the 2017 Fun Run.

The firm had 9 runners taking to the streets of Knowle who were spurred on by the magnificent crowd that gathered around the course offering refreshments and a cooling off by water gun and hose pipe. 8 of the firm's runners completed the 5k course and Emma-Louise Hewitt, a Partner of the firm, bravely took on the 10k challenge.

Emma-Louise Hewitt commented that "We are proud to support and to take part in such an important community event. The energy and support from the local people and local businesses is fantastic and creates a great atmosphere for those who

are running in the event. This will be the third time I have taken part in the fun run and every year our team of runners gets bigger. There were definitely a few aches and pains in the office on Monday and Tuesday, but when you're raising money for such worthy causes aches and pains are nothing."

Every 2 years, the firm's employees nominate a new charity to support and it has recently elected the Midlands Air Ambulance. The charity funds 3 lifesaving helicopters and is funded entirely by the public and needs £7m each year to remain operational. Over the next 2 years Standley & Co will be organising a number of charity events as well as volunteering its time in support of this cause.

Standley & Co is a firm with its foundations set in the Knowle community having been a familiar name on the High Street for over 40 years. The firm was delighted to see a number of new employees taking part in the run and committing to beating their times next year!



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