



# MIDLANDS NEWS

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My last Newsletter. I hope you enjoyed my tenure. Up to a new editor with new ideas.

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.

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### Coventry Mercia Lions Club Charter Anniversary



To celebrate the Charter Anniversary of Coventry Mercia Lions, 162 people descended on the Village Hotel in Coventry on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

The guest list included Deputy Lord Lieutenant Resham Singh Sandhu MBE, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of The City of Coventry, District Governor Ron Cross, several members of Parliament and Coventry City Councillors, together with Past District Governors, Club Presidents and other Lions members representing 14

different clubs from the Midlands and surrounding areas.

During the evening, Local, National and International charities received donations totalling £10,000 which had been raised by Lion President Ravinder Sandhu together with fellow Coventry Mercia Lions members at various functions held throughout the year. Presentations were made to ten carefully selected charities, each receiving cheques of between £501 and £1,501.

Excellent food, free drinks and entertainment were enjoyed by all.

## Kenilworth Lions Win Prestigious “Organisation Of The Year” Award

In the recent “Worthies” ceremony organised and run by the Kenilworth Chamber of Trade, Kenilworth Lions were delighted to be selected as this year’s overall winners of the “Organisation of the Year” trophy. Kenilworth Lions President Phil Inshaw and his wife Jane were at the ceremony to receive the award on behalf of the club.

This prestigious award, which was being contested for only the second time, required the Lions to beat a very competitive field of other entrants from across the many local organisations that help to make Kenilworth the vibrant community it is.

Making the case for Kenilworth Lions to the panel of judges, Lion President Phil highlighted the work of the second-hand furniture store, which raises large sums of money to support local good causes and also donates items to help families in need. He spoke of our big events over the year, which form such key parts of the

Kenilworth community calendar – our Grand Show in June, Carols at the Castle in December, and of course our famous Charity Duck Race in Abbey Fields on Boxing Day. He also mentioned our support to young people looking for valuable Duke of Edinburgh opportunities, in particular at the furniture store and helping out at big events.

Phil said afterwards that the judges were genuinely surprised at the range of things we do, which is perhaps an issue for Lions up and down the country. We need to blow our trumpets more!



THE WORTHIES AWARD.



KENILWORTH LIONS PRESIDENT PHIL INSHAW (CENTRE) WITH FELLOW LIONS ANDY CARTWRIGHT AND TED CURTIS.

## Kenilworth Lions’ Grand Show Is Another Roaring Success!



LION PRESIDENT PHIL INSHAW WITH TOWN MAYOR CLLR KATE DICKSON – READY FOR THE OFF.

provide an opportunity for many local community organisations and small businesses to showcase what they have to offer and to raise much needed funds.

The annual Grand Show run by Kenilworth Lions in the glorious Abbey Fields in Kenilworth was another roaring success this year, with attendances up despite a rival attraction in the vicinity on the same day.

The Show was opened in the now-traditional manner, with the Town Mayor (Cllr Kate Dickson) and consort, together Lion President Phil Inshaw, arriving in style on the backs of motor tricycles, as part of an eighteen-strong cavalcade of motor trikes courtesy of UK Trikes. The main feature of this annual show is to



THE FINALE – DRAWING OF THE PRIZE RAFFLE.



## A Gre-a-at Success!



The Corby and District Lions Funday on Sunday 11th June raised over £1900! The events at East Carlton park was blessed with very good weather and were attended by an estimated number of 2000 people. A Lions spokesperson said, 'This was the fourth time we have held this event and it has been the most successful so far. As previously, we held it with the support of Market Harborough 2012 Lions Club and Corby Borough Council. We wanted to support Help for Heroes charity and local charities - and with

the support of local people we have achieved this.'

There were over a dozen classic cars, 6 fairground rides for young children, a dog show, three dance displays, archery, a ukele band as well as many craft and charity stalls. Our photo shows some of the Corby Lions with the Grand Draw Raffle prizes.

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## Shirley Lions

The phrase "If the mountain won't come to Mohammed then Mohammed must go to the mountain" was never more apt recently for Shirley Lions. Past Chairman of Council Lion Mike Cooke and Past District Governor Lion Mavis Cooke are not enjoying the best of health and consequently find it difficult to get to Club meetings. As Club Secretary Lion Mike had also been finding it difficult to carry out this role from afar and he decided that this would be his last year as Club Secretary and the recent June meeting would be his last in this role.

As Mike and Mavis could not get to the meeting the club moved lock, stock and barrel to Ravenshaw Court and the meeting was held in the communal dining room. The occasion was marked by the attendance of DG Lion Ron Cross and the other three PDGs from District M who have gone on to become Chair of





Council, Lions Andy Pemberton, Simon Moss and Heather Jeavons. All three gave eloquent speeches on the theme of how Mike had inspired them to seek this prestigious office and Mike responded with all his usual humour and confirmed that even after 48 years as a Lion we would not be losing him and it has been agreed that a number of the Club Committees will continue to hold their committee meetings at their residence to keep them involved. Just a question, which other Zone can boast 3 PCC's? Zone C in 105M can!

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## Kingswinford & Stourbridge Lions Continue Their Commitment To Local Giving.

Kingswinford & Stourbridge Lions Club members have been out and about recently delivering cheques to local charities.

A cheque was presented to DiscoverU a charity based in Brierley Hill which helps disadvantaged people over the barrier to employment. Through attending this social enterprise clients learn to make goods for sale to the community.

Lion President Mary Thompson and Welfare Chairman Ivor Caplan presenting the cheque to a group of organisers and clients

*Discover U is a charity working to help adults with learning disabilities (autism, downs syndrome, Asperger's and acquired head injury) into employment. They believe that everybody who wants to should have the opportunity to work and the charity supports them to do that with a wide range of programmes and opportunities. For more information contact [discoveru89@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:discoveru89@yahoo.co.uk)*

Lions have also helped support another local charity presenting a cheque to Vi Wood to support her 'Leslie's Care Packages for the Homeless'. This small non- profit voluntary group has achieved a tremendous amount in a short time by supporting local homeless and disadvantaged people.

Lion President Mary Thompson and Welfare Chairman Ivor Caplan presenting Vi Wood with the cheque Vi Wood said "I would like to say a massive and a special thank you to Kingswinford & Stourbridge Lions for their support and for their very generous donation of £200, the money will be valuable in helping our homeless people." For further information visit [www.lesliescarepackages.org](http://www.lesliescarepackages.org)



Kingswinford & Stourbridge Lions would also like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported their annual bedding plant sale again this year, their 7th year and helped them to raise another wonderful amount of over £1800 which will go towards helping other local charities and good causes in the future.

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## Obituaries

It is with great sadness that Droitwich Lions report that their member Lion Alan Jones passed away on 4th June after a relatively short illness. Alan had been involved with Droitwich Club, together with his wife Lion Denise only since 2015 on transfer from Ellesmere Port Lions Club.

In his short time at Droitwich Alan had contributed to the life of the Club and was a well regarded and respected colleague.

Before joining Droitwich Alan had been a long serving member at Ellesmere Port from 1993. He was President of the Club for two years from 2007-2009 giving great service and contributing greatly to the life and activities of the Club. Denise and former colleagues recall his major contribution to the organization of a Charity Cycle ride from Land End to John O'Groats which raised approximately £30,000. He was described to the writer as someone who was "always there".

Our thoughts are with Denise and the other members of Alan's family

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East Midlands airport

T/C's APPLY



Bromsgrove Lions Club's Grand Summer Raffle is now underway and will be drawn on Monday 4th September. Tickets cost £1.00 each or £5.00 per book and are available from Bromsgrove Lions Club.

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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*Birmingham Chinatown Lions Club*

# BOWLING COMPETITION

Tuesday 18th July 2017 6.30pm

Team of 6 people\* £20 per person (Buffet included)

To book please contact Lion Caroline Mackenzie via  
email [mrsrodmackenzie@gmail.com](mailto:mrsrodmackenzie@gmail.com)

Bowlplex Birmingham, Broadway Plaza,  
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District 105M

\* Scores are based on a team of 6 players \*\*Only available at the casino car park with complied rules



**LIONS CLUBS DISTRICT 105M GOLF COMPETITION 2017**  
**AT**  
**WIDNEY MANOR GOLF CLUB, SAINTBURY DRIVE, SOLIHULL B91 3SZ**  
**ON**  
**THURSDAY 17th AUGUST 2017**

START TIME     =     12 NOON  
1<sup>st</sup> TEE TIME   =     12:30 PM  
MEAL SERVED PROGRESSIVELY AS YOU FINISH  
PRIZE GIVING FOLLOWS, FINISHED BY 7:00 PM

**FORMAT**

- Three Balls; Stableford; full handicap; off the Yellow Tees; 18 holes (5,190 yards); Par 71:
- Course comprises 3 x Par 5's; 11 x Par 4's; and 4 x Par 3's:

**PRICE**

£18:00 each including:

- Small bucket of practice balls (15); Driving Range available:
- 18 holes of golf (5,190 yards):
- Meal (Pie, peas, chips and gravy; or cheese and onion pasty, chips, peas and gravy)  
Teas/Coffee/Drinks available on arrival (Extra if required):
- Buggies (Extra £11:00):

**THE COMPETITION COMPRISES**

- Individual District Men's Championship
- Individual District Ladies Championship
- Past District Governors Championship
- Best 'Three Ball' Stableford score
- Nearest the Pin (17<sup>th</sup> hole – 110 yards Par 3)
- Birdie Challenge – Prize for every 'Birdie' by each three ball Prizes will be awarded for all of the above.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

- Enter as an individual or as a team of three.
- Handicap details
- Meal choice
- Payment (required by 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017); cheques made payable to Shirley Lions Club
- Confirmation of entry and start times will be provided by the Organiser

**ORGANISER**

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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.**

**Weekend Package: All 3 musical events, including entertainment and meals: Exceptional Value at Only £135.**

### 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.**

## IN THE PAPERS

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**GRAND SHOW**



**Hundreds enjoy the Kenilworth Lions' annual Grand Show**

Hundreds of visitors enjoyed the sights and sounds of Kenilworth Lions' annual Grand Show in Abbey Fields last weekend. The show was opened by town mayor Cllr Kate Dickson after she arrived on a cavalcade of 18 motor trikes on Saturday June 10. Lions press officer John Whitehouse said although the event is not ticketed, turnout had likely increased from last year, despite the Kenilworth Show being held on the same day. He added: "The feeling from all the

stallholders was that attendance was very good. We were a little concerned with two events being held on the same day. But the weather was kind to us - the wind died down from the morning which was a bit of a challenge for the stallholders." Music, food and drink, arena events, a fun fair and sideshow games kept visitors entertained throughout the afternoon. And a variety of stalls run by several Kenilworth organisations enabled them to raise much needed funds.