



# MIDLANDS NEWS

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## October 2017

Hello everyone. Welcome to the last bit of summer reading from the Midland News. Nights are drawing in and Halloween & Bonfire night not far away. Not much in the news this month.

If you have any feedback please contact me on the above address.

Lion Darren

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.

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### Kettering Lions Club

Kettering Lions Club held their second Community Grant Scheme, and presented cheques each of £500 to



five local charities or organisations, which needed financial help for their projects or with their running costs. This year's successful applicants were: Home Start Kettering. Northamptonshire Association for the Blind Kettering Sight Centre. A.C.E.-Autistic Children Embraced. Kettering & District Samaritans and Kettering Town Harriers. Representatives from

each organization gave a short explanation of the work that they do, and how the money would be used. The evening continued with refreshments (Lions' "bake off" skills to the fore!) & the opportunity to chat & learn more of each other's work in the local community. "Well done to all concerned!"

At a later date, cheques of £250 each were presented to the KCU Food Bank, which helps many needy families in Kettering, and to the Open door Church in Montague Street, which provides hot meals to the homeless.

## **CORBY LIONS HELP LOCAL GUIDE GROUP**

Our picture shows Lions Navin Bhatia and Dan MacDonald presenting a cheque for £150 to guide leader Stacey Price in front of 1st Oakley Vale Guides. A Corby and District spokesman explained, 'We had a request for funding from this Guide Group as part of our Community Grant Scheme and were pleased to help this longstanding and worthy charity.' Girl Guiding is a volunteer run group that provides stability and a safe place for girls to socialise and gain valuable life skills.



Stacey explained, 'At 1st Oakley Vale Guides we have girls from all backgrounds and abilities. Receiving this grant has helped to ensure every girl gets to enjoy activities and trips without parents having to worry about costs or their child

being left out. We are all extremely grateful to Corby Lions for this grant to help with our trip to Whitemore Lakes Activity Centre. The girls are all really excited and looking forward to participating in this trip.' Bethany, aged 12, said, 'The donation towards our trip is very much appreciated and gives us a chance to do things we wouldn't normally do.'

## **Warwick Lions**

This time of year is always busy for Warwick Lions. Whilst we are looking forward to the Warwick Victorian Evening, the Side By Side Variety Concert, the Warwick Town Bonfire and Fireworks, and Carols at the Castle, we have also made donations towards a "Falls Garden" at the Central England Rehabilitation Unit in Leamington which will assist patients who have experienced brain injuries, strokes and amputations regain their confidence in moving around everyday hazards, and a further £500 donation to Lord Leycester's Hospital a retirement home for local ex-servicemen, to help furnish the interior of a "stepping stone flat" for a young guardsman seriously injured in Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

Our picture shows Past President Geoff. Wiskin at the opening of the "Falls Garden".



## **Kingswinford and Stourbridge Lions help to make our Big Push wheelchair campaign a roaring success**



THE News Group's Big Push Campaign is proving a roaring success - just weeks after it was launched.

Fundraising group The Kingswinford and Stourbridge Lions have become the latest community organisation to buy a brand new wheelchair for Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley as part of our drive to raise £30,000 to fund 50 new state-of-the-art chairs for use by patients and frail visitors.

And thanks to the generous donation of £600 - the campaign, which we are running in partnership with the Dudley Group NHS Charity, has now topped £8,000.

Karen Rice, spokesman for the Kingswinford and Stourbridge Lions Club, said: "When we read about the wheelchair campaign we felt it was something we could help out with as we always try to support local charities and people."

The donation from the Lions comes thick and fast after Dudley Zoo bosses took along mascot Jambi the tiger to test out the chair they have recently sponsored.

Karen Phillips, fundraising manager for the Dudley Group NHS Charity, said she's delighted at how the community has embraced the campaign and it's not the first time the Lions have generously supported the hospital.

Last year the dedicated members donated an Accuvein machine to Russells Hall after a year-long fundraising campaign to buy the state-of-the-art machine.

Karen said: "It was good to meet up again with Kate Parkes and Mike Blaxland from the Kingswinford and Stourbridge Lions. They are regular supporters of the hospital charity and we are so grateful to them for sponsoring a wheelchair.

### **Forthcoming Events**

**Worcester Lions Club Blind Driving** Lions Clubs International World Sight Day this year is Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Worcester Lions Club have not been able to organise anything to promote this in the city on that date, but are organizing a "Blind Driving" day at the Worcestershire Cricket Ground on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October**, between 11-00 am and 3-00 pm.



The car is a dual controlled Mini from **RED Driving School**, with an experienced driving instructor. The first drive around an oval course is done sighted under instructions. The second and third are done blindfolded again under FULL instruction. Each drive lasts about 5-10 minutes.

Those taking part will experience that a blind or parochially sighted person would, when attempting to drive and draw attention to the importance of maintain good sight.

To take part you must be over 18 years of age, hold a full UK driving licence, and show the ability to read a number plate at a distance of 20 plus metres away.

Although there will be no charge for taking part in the experience. Any donations made will go to the driving instructors chosen charity. Which is "Little Hearts Mater, (LHM)" and Worcester Lions Club.

### **Worcester Lions Club 48th Charter Dinner Dance**

**Date: Friday 27th October 2017**

Lion President Joy would love you to join her and the members of Worcester Lions Club to Help Celebrate Lions Centennial Worcester County Cricket Club

Time: 7.00pm for 7:30pm

Cost: £28.00

Dress Code: Men - Dinner Jacket/Lounge Suit - Ladies - Posh Frock

The Graeme Hick Pavilion

County Ground, New Road, Worcester, WR2 4QQ

**This year will be slightly different with speeches short and a few seasonal competitions... to take part in if you wish...**

**Competition Number 1 just has to be 'Best Halloween Pumpkin' (pumpkin too hard??? substitute an orange pepper) - Prize for the best one!!!**

for anyone wanting to stay over there is the Premier Inn, Worcester City Centre

<http://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/england/worcestershire/worcester/worcester-city-centre.html>

right next door to the venue or for anyone wanting to party in town afterwards...

there is the Travelodge, Cathedral Plaza, Worcester City Centre

<https://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/279/Worcester->

[hotel?roomsB0DBroomldD=nnjftpbldp1snc&roomsB0DBadultsD=1&roomsB0DBchildrenD=0&roomsB0DBextrasDB0D=&strikeThroughShown=0](https://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/279/Worcester-hotel?roomsB0DBroomldD=nnjftpbldp1snc&roomsB0DBadultsD=1&roomsB0DBchildrenD=0&roomsB0DBextrasDB0D=&strikeThroughShown=0)



## **MENU**

### **Starter**

Wild Mushroom and Thyme Soup served with a Crusty Roll  
Ham Hock Terrine served with Toast and a Salad Garnish  
Melon Fan served with a Raspberry Coulis

### **Main Courses**

Free Range Pork Loin with a Brandy & Peppercorn Jus  
Poached Salmon in a White Wine sauce  
Stuffed Chicken in a Mushroom Masala Sauce  
Mushroom, Brie and Cranberry Wellington  
All Served with a Potato and Vegetable Selection

### **Desserts**

Profiteroles served with Chocolate Sauce and Cream  
Apple Pie and Custard  
Lemon Tart with Cream  
Sorbet  
Coffee

Music by Lion Darren Blenkiron

Please return attached booking form asap or by **14th October**.



**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.

You could have 2 free return flights plus £300  
spending money for just the price of a £1.00 ticket  
in the Bromsgrove Lions Raffle

Any Jet 2 destination from Birmingham or  
East Midlands airport

T/C's APPLY

## **BROMSGROVE LIONS CLUB**

### **ABBA TRIBUTE CONCERT**

Bromsgrove Lions Club would like to invite you to join us at an Abba Tribute Night that will be held on Friday, 24th November at Longbridge Social Club, Northfield.

Tickets cost £10.00 each and are available from Longbridge Social Club or Lion President Alan James, tel: 07771 968158.

It's an excellent night out and funds raised will help us to provide defibrillators in schools and, of course, other good causes.

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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.**

### **Marston Green Lions 40<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary Dinner and Dance**

**Event:** Marston Green Lions 40th Charter Anniversary Dinner and Dance

**Date:** Saturday 7th October 2017 - 7 for 7:30pm

**Venue:** The Arden Hotel, Coventry Road (A45) B92 0EH

**Price:** £25 per person

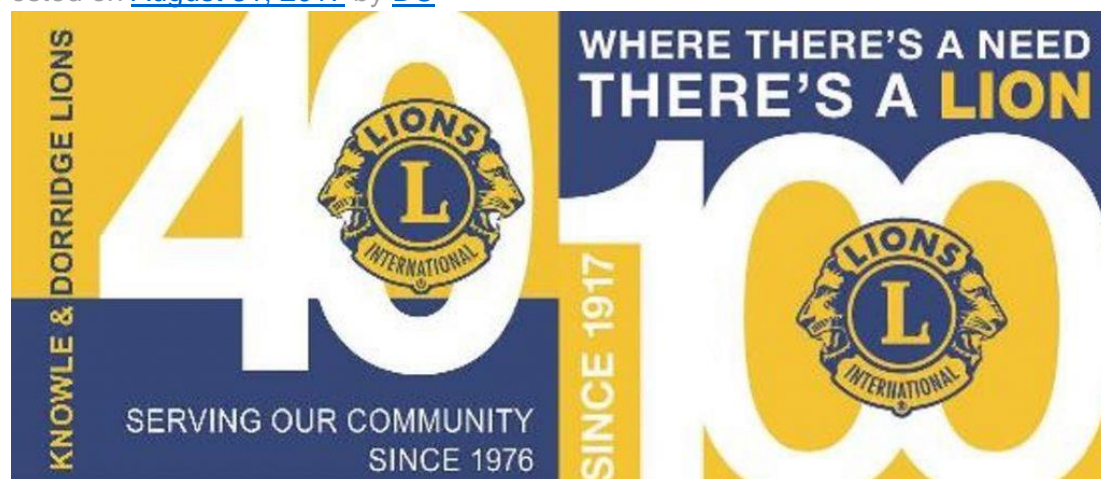
**Details:**

Lion President Simon Moss invites you to join Marston Green Lions for a night of fun and fellowship as they celebrate 40 years of serving the community. 3 course dinner followed by dancing to Lion Darren Blenkiron's excellent disco.

Please contact Lion President Simon Moss at [simonmoss@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:simonmoss@blueyonder.co.uk) for menu and a booking form. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

### **25th Festive Walk**

Posted on [August 31, 2017](#) by [DC](#)



This year sees 100 years since Lions Clubs International was born, 40 years since Knowle & Dorridge Lions really got started and it is our 25th annual Lions Festive Walk on

[Wednesday 27 December 2017](#)

we hope you will join us at **Baddesley Clinton National Trust House B93 0DQ** (5 miles from junction 5 M42) ([Map](#))

**Start any time after 9:00, finish by 16:00**

You do not have to enter in advance. Please save time on the day print and complete a [Registration Form](#) for your group and bring it with you.

Entry as always is **FREE** but we would appreciate a donation for our [2 deserving new charities](#)



**The West Midlands Breast Cancer Haven**

and



**Headway Birmingham & Solihull**

with half of all the funds generated retained for locally determined causes

As usual there will be a choice of 3 walks

- **short** (around 3 mile – post turkey plod)
  - **medium** (around 6 mile – walk off the pud) &
  - **long** (around 9 mile – festive challenge)
  - all sign-posted circular routes along country lanes, canal tow-paths and public footpaths, some with stiles, the long & medium routes passing a pub or two, and
  - all returning to Baddesley Clinton House where there will be **hot mince pies and mulled wine** to enjoy with the Lions, you can collect your well-deserved certificate and then
  - visit the House and Gardens **FREE**, and the restaurant will be happy to serve refreshments.
- All 3 routes will suit most levels of fitness, age and ability but are unsuitable for buggies or wheelchairs. Dogs of all shapes and sizes are welcome provided they keep their considerate owners on a lead. Every £ donated will go to charity, as all costs have been more than covered by our generous sponsors. Why not get your efforts sponsored for our nominated charities or designate your own special worthy cause – download a [Sponsorship form](#) or use [MyDonate](#) to make a donation or ask your friends to sponsor your walk.

You can help to make this event a success by displaying a poster at your work, club, local shop or perhaps send it to those you know may be interested. Please download a [poster](#) here.

If you have any queries or would like to help the Lions organising our fundraising events please [get in touch](#) today

**Walk off your Christmas pudding. Bring your friends and relatives, just turn up and make a donation** – That's the invitation from Knowle and Dorridge Lions. This year's special 25<sup>th</sup> FREE Festive Walk from Baddesley Clinton National Trust House offers a choice of 3, 6 or 9 mile signed circular routes and an opportunity to help the Lions raise funds for the new Solihull Breast Haven Centre, Headway (Birmingham & Solihull), and other local causes. Details & registration form online at [www.KnowleandDorridgeLions.com/walk](http://www.KnowleandDorridgeLions.com/walk) or call 08458 335 894

Any Qs or further info please shout

Best wishes

Dave Carter

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Note email address change to [davepcarter@btinternet.com](mailto:davepcarter@btinternet.com)

Secretaries please share with those that aren't on the district mailing list...

# 105M AUTUMN FORUM

## #Sharethesuccess

### Club Showcase

No matter how big or small, your club will have something to share, be it Service, Fundraising or Social activities or even how you attract new members.

Have a table and tell everyone what makes your club tick!

Email [development@lions105m.org.uk](mailto:development@lions105m.org.uk) to book your club's table!

## #Bethefuture

Hear about the Youth Initiatives your club can get involved in.  
Listen to the experiences of a young Lion and learn how to encourage younger members to join your clubs.

## #Beinspired

Be inspired by two Keynote Speakers—



Lisa Thompson

CEO for Birmingham and Solihull's Rape and Sexual Violence Project (RSVP) and Marathon runner



Leanne Mohammad

Winner of the Jack Petchey Speak out Challenge

8th October 2017—10.30am—3.45

St John's Hotel—Solihull

*Use the booking form to confirm your place.*

*Moving forward with a purpose*

Fellow Lions

Come along and be inspired!!!

LUNCH is available @ £15 per person. Tea and Coffee is £1 per cup.

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Birmingham Chinatown Lions Club  
伯明翰華埠獅子會

# Halloween Quiz

Tuesday 31st October 2017 7.30pm

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

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

To book a team please contact Lion Stewart on 07973833519  
or email [stewart@chamberlainssurveyors.co.uk](mailto:stewart@chamberlainssurveyors.co.uk)

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# **KINGSWINFORD & STOURBRIDGE LIONS CLUB**



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# **QUIZ NIGHT**



**SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2017**

**@ The Stourbridge Institute- 7.30pm**

**£5 PER PERSON inc supper  
Teams of 4-6 (6 Max)**

**To enter a team email: [quizmaster@kandslions.org.uk](mailto:quizmaster@kandslions.org.uk)**

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or go to: [www.lionsclubs.co](http://www.lionsclubs.co)

1st DECEMBER: Kings Heath Cricket Club, Alcester Road  
2nd DECEMBER: Corks Club, Alcester Road  
(Tickets £3, including free entry to the quiz)

IN THE PAPERS