



MIDLANDS NEWS

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Hello everyone.

Here's the news from around the district for October and November.

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.

Dear Editor

I would just like to say thank you to all my good friends in Lions, for all their good wishes to me after my heart attack in August. I am now feeling a lot better.

Thank you all so much it makes me proud to be a Lion.

Yours in Lionism

IPP Lion Paul Jolly

Solihull Lions

Eight PDGs spent a reunion weekend at the Ramada in Solihull.

In the photo is 166 years of Lionism celebrated at Cadbury's World.



Add another one hundred and fifty for their partners who have served Lions alongside them.

PDG Lion John Bush.

LIONS CELEBRATE MAGNIFICENT 40th YEAR

Knowle and Dorridge Lions Club celebrated their 40th successful year in September when the club held its annual presentation evening at the Greswolde Hotel in Knowle.

Welcoming supporters and sponsors Past President Richard Buckley announced that the club had raised over £69,000 for charity over the past 12 months, primarily through its Knowle Fun Run, Festive Walk and Bike Ride. He thanked all the sponsors saying 'It's great for our club of only 20 volunteer Lions to celebrate such success again, but without the help from companies like yourselves our events would never realise so much for charity.' He also emphasised how his Club needed new members if it is going to sustain this tremendous fundraising and community support in future years.

Chris KiddleMorris, the chair of the clubs community services committee, then illustrated some of the projects the club has embraced including Message in a Bottle, Great Spec Collect where over 1,000 pairs had been donated in just over a month for recycling in Ghana, Nigeria & Nepal, supporting the elderly with 3 coaches having recently returned from a day at Ludlow market, an afternoon tea party for 140 next month and youth travel bursaries.

He went on to introduce two winners of the club's Youth Travel Bursaries. Amy Yeates from Henley in Arden gave a really interesting presentation on her 8 months spent in Malaysia working as a teaching assistant providing conversational English tutoring. Amy Fortnam had spent 14 weeks in the Cape Town area undertaking Social Justice research and proving advice to those living in the townships and prisons. Thanking them for their presentations Chris emphasised the life-changing effect on them

Organiser of last July's Heart of England Bike Ride, Paul Wheatley, presented British Heart Foundation fundraising manager Donna Stokes with a cheque for £9,391 for their share of the £13,419 raised at the event. Donna said how grateful the BHF are to Knowle and Dorridge Lions for all the hard work they put in organising the event every year, and is looking forward to next July's Ride from Packwood NT House.'

Chris KiddleMorris explained that the Club retained 30% of raised funds to be spent on locally determined causes. During the year his committee had spent over £18,000 on a variety of local and not so local projects as well as those for youth and elderly. These included donations to the local Fast Aid Group, 4th Knowle Sea Scouts, 1st Knowle Scouts, Northleigh House, MyAware, Chernobyl Children's Project, Meningitis Now, Cake 4 Casualties and refurbishment of Knowle Knot Garden. A full list of organisations supported this year and how to nominate a local cause can be found at

www.knowleanddorridgelions.com/charities

Richard then presented cheques totalling £33,563, primarily from the Knowle Fun Run and Festive Walk to the 3 nominated charities for the clubs 40th year: Prostate Cancer UK, Motor Neurone Disease, Birmingham St Mary's Hospice, who in turn thanked the Lions for their tremendous achievements and the sponsors for their support.



Photo: Past President Richard Buckley with charity fundraisers and their cheques:

Peter Woodward, Prostate Cancer UK

Lucy Watkins Birmingham St Mary's Hospice

Sue Curry, Motor Neurone Disease,

Donna Stokes, British Heart Foundation

More photos and editorial enquiries to Dave Carter, 01527 894073

For next year the club will retain half of funds raised to focus on local causes, and is nominating 2 charities as major beneficiaries the forthcoming Lions Festive Walk on Wednesday 27 December and Knowle Fun Run on Sunday 20 May 2018 – Headway Birmingham & Solihull and Breast Cancer Haven. Their fundraisers took the opportunity to tell everyone about why the monies to be raised will make such a difference to their charities.

Anyone interested in joining the Lions should contact this year's President Brian Burgess on 08458 335894 or visit www.knowleanddorridgelions.com for more details.

Corby Lions help Bowling Group

Our picture shows Lion President, Jenny Clark presenting a cheque for £100. Corby Lions spokesman said, 'We were approached by the Odds and Ends Bowling Group for a grant through our small grants scheme. They are a fairly new group who have just started meeting at The Counties Community Centre in Kettering in the afternoon of the second Monday in the month. At the moment they have around a dozen members from the Corby and Kettering area and are struggling to cover their costs so we were pleased to step in.'

The group was formed when earlier this year the Alzheimer's Society and the council decided they could no longer fund a number of activities in the area for dementia sufferers and their carers so the Memory Cafes and bowling groups were closed. As it is so important to socialise as well as enjoy an activity they decided to find a venue and formed The Odds and Ends Bowling Group.

If you would like further information about the bowling group please contact wanda.goodson@tiscali.co.uk or on 07928727209. For more information about the work of Corby and District Lions please email lionsofcorby@hotmail.com

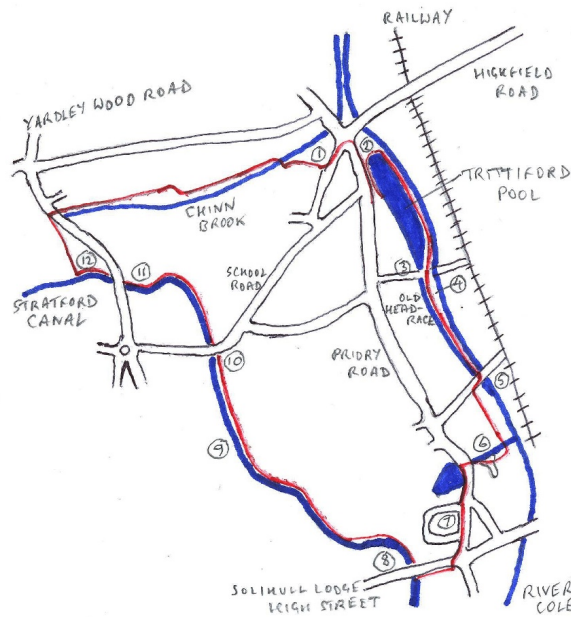


Birmingham Acocks Green Lions – 1st Oct 2017

Step up to the plate and perambulate – sponsored event

We had a fantastic event with a nostalgic journey on a vintage double decker bus! For those of you who missed it but enjoy a good walk these are the details. Distance approx. 5k.

A walk along the River Cole, the Stratford Canal and the Chinn Brook, devised by Mike Byrne of Acocks Green History Society.



1. The site of Trittiford Mill. Steel was rolled here to make pen nibs. The pen industry was at one time very important in Birmingham. The mill was destroyed by fire in 1926.
2. Trittiford Mill pool (late 18th century). The riverside slope was excavated and an embankment was built up to create a basin to store water. The area around the lake became a public park in the 1920s, with flower beds and boat trips. In the days before foreign holidays and before private cars became commonplace, families would go for a day out to Trittiford. Today the pool is of interest for wildlife enthusiasts.
3. The headrace or the mill pool enters here. The water comes from further up the river, just beyond Slade Lane.
4. Channels were cut from the headrace here to create a wetland environment between the headrace and the river.
5. The sluice gate controls the amount of water in the headrace channel. The point in the river where the headrace starts can be seen beyond the sluice gate.
6. The site of another watermill: Colebrook Priory Mill. The pool for the mill was to the west of the buildings. The stream is the boundary between Birmingham and Solihull.
7. The site of a windmill. This was a solidly-built brick tower mill. It was demolished in 1957 with explosives when the bungalows were built.
8. The world's first commercially viable aluminium factory was built here in the 1870s by a retired metallurgist, James Fern Webster. He enjoyed success and acclaim for a few years. However, in 1891 a better method of producing aluminium was found.
9. The stream which is the boundary between Birmingham and Solihull goes under the canal here. Birmingham has improved the towpath: Solihull has not.
10. Christ church, Yardley Wood is above us on the right bank. At Easter 1914 there was a fight by the bridge involving hundreds of men and youths. The church congregation was conducting a type of service that extreme Protestants objected to, and gangs were brought here to disrupt the procession. The bridge dates from around 1795.
11. Here was Happy Valley. Before the council houses were built in the mid-1920s, this was a leisure area centred on the canal, with boating, refreshments and various outdoor events like concerts and dances. Across Yardley Wood Road was a fairground. People came from miles around to enjoy a day out at Happy Valley.

At this cottage you could hire rowing boats. They also served refreshments.

Warwick Lions have recently made a £500 contribution towards the furnishing of a “Stepping Stone Flat” for a 28 year old Guardsman seriously injured in Afghanistan.

The flat has been designed as a home for wounded servicemen to assist them in making the full transmission back into normal independent living, and is contained within Warwick’s historic Lord Leycester Hospital established in 1572 to provide a place of home and refuge for soldiers injured in the service of their country.

The Master of the Hospital has praised the generosity of Warwick Lions and said that they have claimed a stake in the healing process of this young soldier whose life has been irrevocably changed on the battlefield.

Pictured are Lions Ken Hall and Peter Amis of the Warwick Lions welfare committee and Lion President Pauline Fanti.



Hand in Hand for Syria

Kenilworth Lions have teamed up with the UK-based charity Hand in Hand for Syria (<https://hihfad.org/>) to organise a donation of much-needed furniture and supplies to help set up new and replacement hospital facilities inside Syria. All items had been donated to the Lions by local people.

A team of volunteers from the ‘Hand in Hand’ charity turned up at the Lions’ Furniture Store in Farmer Ward Road on Saturday, to fill up their van with a large quantity of mattresses and beds, children’s cots and other items. These will then be consolidated with other donations at the charity’s depot in Birmingham, and shipped by container to Syria where another team based inside the country will distribute them to where they are desperately needed.

Kenilworth Lions are delighted to have been able to help the beleaguered Syrian people in this practical way, and hope to do so again in the future.



Learning how to save a life

Kenilworth Lions have sponsored two free courses for members of the public to be trained in the vital life-saving techniques of CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and the use of AED (automated external defibrillator) devices. The first course was held at the Kenilworth Centre this week, with another one available on the 30th October.

The courses are run by volunteers from local charity Warwickshire Hearts, working in conjunction with another local charity Evelyn’s Gift.

As well as hosting the two events, Kenilworth Lions have donated the cost of a new AED to help Warwickshire Hearts develop and extend their vital work.

Lions' president Kerry Kirwan said: "We're delighted to be able to support Warwickshire Hearts in this way. All the evidence is that the first person attending someone suffering cardiac arrest is the one most likely to be able to save their life. If that person has been trained in CPR/AED the chances of success are much greater."

Anyone wanting to attend the next course on the 30th October should register on the Warwickshire Hearts website at <http://warwickfirstresponders.org/events/cpraed-training-kenilworth-lions-club-30-oct/>



Kenilworth Lions president Kerry Kirwan presenting the donated AED to Nick Shacklock, chairman of Warwickshire Hearts.



Kenilworth town mayor Cllr Kate Dickson speaking at the start of the training session.



Course attendees learning how to administer CPR.

Dear Lions

The Lions Sight Savers Trust is currently supporting the 'A Million Miracles' appeal, which aims to fund one million sight restoring operations across Asia and Africa by 2018. Lions clubs have already raised enough for over 10,000 surgeries since 2014, and we hope you can support us in this crucial final year.

One person to have recently benefitted from 'A Million Miracles' was Polok, a nine year old boy from Bangladesh. With cataracts in both eyes and the cost of surgery out of his family's reach, little Polok faced a lifetime of blindness and exclusion after being removed from his school.

You can read more about Polok's life-changing miracle in the 2017 newsletter from Sightsavers which has been uploaded to the website and can be viewed by clicking on the following link <http://www.lions105m.org/health/Sight%20Savers%20Lions%20Annual%20Newsletter%202017.pdf>.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL DOUBLE YOUR DONATIONS UNTIL 9TH JANUARY 2018

As 'A Million Miracles' enters its final year, the income raised from this appeal will be matched by the UK government, pound for pound, until 9 January, so your gift will go even further. The matched funds raised through UK Aid Match will support our projects in Pakistan and Bangladesh. We do hope you will continue supporting Lions Sight Savers in our final push this year.

Cheques can be made payable to your District, endorsed on the back 'Lions Sight Savers' and sent to your District Treasurer in the usual way.

Yours in friendship and Lionism

David Firth and Patrick Hamblin Trustee and Secretary, Lions Sight Savers Trust.

Temple Balsall Clear Up



Balsall Common Lions and U3A Gardening Group answered the appeal from Balsall Parish Council to form a Friends of Temple Balsall Cemetery to tidy up existing flower beds in the new memorial area in the cemetery.

A working party was set up & during the course of the work it was mentioned that a particular grave should be located and tidied up for next year's 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1.

This was the grave of Harry Williams, who was the author of the world's most famous marching song a 'It's a long, long way to Tipperary'. The Lions took the cleaning of this as a special project and the pictures show that it has now been completely renovated. The Lions in the picture are Barrie Cousins, Marie-Louise Marsden, John Thomas & Stan Shakeshaft.

The Group are hoping to do some tree/bulb planting in November.

Don's Bench



Following on from the sad loss of Lion Don Hunt earlier in the year we are pleased that a memorial bench has been installed in Grange Park. It is located by the Dengate Drive/ Kenilworth Road/ entrance approximately 50 yards on the left.

The picture shows the bench is a useful addition in the park with Lion Lynda Dandy & Jude Blakeman having a rest while out walking the dogs.

Lions at Balsall Common Festival



We were pleased to take part at the Fete with our Lucky Dip, Plant stand & Ball in The Bog (which was as popular as ever) and the weather was kind to us.. We also had Silver Star Diabetes Mobile Unit on our site to carry out free diabetes testing. 45 people were tested on the day with 34 people with normal sugar level, 11 people with high glucose level, who were referred to their GP.

Lion June Leitch presented a cheque to the Silver Star Diabetes.

Sell out Comedy Night with David Huband



It was another great night with David Huband performing to a sell out audience again. David talked about School Days, then became a Priest & finally sang from his version of renderings of well known songs.

David helped Lion President Steve Meakin with the Raffle which was in aid of Fisher House in Birmingham which raised £300.

Thank You to everyone who came along and supported us.

Details are out now for our next event 'A Night of Black Country Humour' with Dandy on Saturday 9th December.

Berkswell & Balsall Common Rugby Football Club



Following on from a very successful Race night in September at their club in support of Marie Curie Cancer Care, supported by Balsall Common Lions, 8 of the lads from the club took part in a cycle ride from Solihull to Dublin over 5 days, a distance of 286 miles. This raised an additional £12,500. (The boys from the rugby club raised £13,900 out of a total £63,528 raised by all of the riders). The first picture shows the lads in Dublin, the second four of the lads who cycled from the club, Peter Trend, Oliver Novakovich, Adrian Dale, & Mike Baker receiving a cheque for £1,400 from the Race Night, from Lion Mark Whitfield.

Hornets Cheque Presentation



Following on from the very successful first Balsall Beer Festival organised by BC Lions & Balsall & Berkswell Hornets FC, Steve Tidy from Hornets came along to our Business Meeting to be presented with the a cheque for £1,530.50 from Lion President Steve Meakin.

Mason's New Travel Pod



Karla Wiltshire approached us for help with raising funds for a much needed safe & sound travel pod for their 4yr old son Mason, who is severely disabled and requires full time care. It is desperately needed to enable them to go on holiday as a family.

Due to his condition Mason has specialist seating and a bed at home, but the local authority do not supply equipment for travelling. He cannot walk, sit or stand unaided. He has to be hoisted and has specialist seating and a bed at home. His parents are his full-time carers as Mason needs 24 hour care.

The chance to be able to go on holiday would mean so much to them and their 13yr old daughter, to have a break from the daily routine and a lot of hospital visits. Mason is too big for a normal baby travel cot, so for him to be as safe away, as he is at home, means purchasing this expensive, strong piece of equipment from a disabled special needs company.

The family had already approached Meriden United Charities organisation who made a contribution, but they were still short of the amount needed. We were pleased, together with Berkswell Charities, who wanted to get involved, we could help and make up the difference.

The picture shows Mason's Travel pod (fully assembled) in the family lounge with Lion President Steve Meakin, Mason's mum Karla & Alan Daintith from Berkswell Charities.

More news from 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 to 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 in Warwick, 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 photograph shows Past President Geoff. Wiskin at the opening of the "Falls Garden".



Lion President Pauline Fanti is seen here attending a "thank you lunch" at the Lord Leycester Hospital in Warwick for donors who contributed towards a Flat there for a young Guardsman seriously injured in Afghanistan..



Warwick Lions are pleased to welcome two new members , Caroline and Emma , who as part of the fantastic Warwick Arms Team have already contributed so much to the club. They are pictured with sponsors Peter Amis and Norman Winnett.





Rugby Rokeby Lions help disabled Tilly to pursue her love of music.

Tilly has arthrogryposis - this is a condition she was born with that affects the joints in her limbs. Essentially, it is a deformity, where the child has limited or no muscle in the limbs, leading to very stiff and malformed joints

Tilly has found a real enjoyment in music, initially with singing in the school choir, and playing in the school band. Music has become important to her as it is somewhere where her disability is irrelevant - she can join in just like everyone else.

Tilly can't lift her arms high enough nor the strength to press the valves in a traditional brass instrument, the tenor horn with rotary valves which are more like keys seen in the presentation above gives her the opportunity to continue with her music and her interest in the brass band.

Message received from the President of the Hikkaduwa Lions Club, Sri Lanka to Local Lions Clubs concerned.

POST FLOOD RELIEF PROJECT- LIONS CLUB OF HIKKADUWA

Heavy south-west monsoon, worsened by cyclone Mora caused severe floods and landslides recently. The floods affected 15 districts in the country: Rathnapura; Kaluthara; Mathara and Galle were the worst affected areas.

The flooding and landslides accounted for 208 deaths and 92 missing they also damaged a great number of houses and other buildings. Relief and rescue operations were immediately commenced by the Sri Lankan Armed Forces, many families were evacuated and relocated to safer locations. Local and international response helped the affected people, the whole Country joined hands to rescue and relieve flood victims.

At this tragic moment Hikkaduwa Lions also came forward to assist these helpless people and with your great support you have rendered a wonderful humanitarian service towards these people by sending money despite your own problems such as the terrorist attacks in Manchester and London and the tragic fire in the tower block of flats also in London.

The money you sent will be used for the post flood relief project. The President, Directors and all Lion Members give a very big thanks to all of you! The Lions Clubs of: Droitwich; Worcester; Rushden; Kenilworth; Southam; Marston Green; Redditch; Harborough; Acocks Green; Shirley; Warwick; also included was a very generous personal donation from Lion Victor Johnson of the Redditch Lions Club of £1,500 Sterling.

The total amount collected and sent to Sri Lanka was £4,950.

Festival of Lights – Busy Market Stalls, Cheerful Music and a variety of entertainment came to Coventry, Longford Park on Sunday October 15th 2017.

The popular event was organised by Lions club of Coventry Godiva.

Lion Mejar Singh Gill event manager said “lots of people said it was really fantastic and we have had lots of positive comments. We had lovely weather everybody loved the music bands, especially Sukhshinder Shinda and the fireworks at the end were spectacular”

Over 2000 people attended Longford Park, Coventry on Sunday 15th October – it was a showcase of Coventry rich & diverse culture. It provided a centre stage to people from all different traditions, Culture +religion to express in art, music, dance, food or other media. It also has various health awareness stalls.

With funding from national lottery + B&M stores Coventry Godiva Lions with help from friends of Longford Park Bough members of the community together to enjoy this free fun family day out. The festival of lights was honoured by the Lord Mayor of Coventry Councillor Tony Skipper as well as Cllr Lindsley Harvard, Cllr Balvinder Kaur, Cllr Ram Lakha, Sikh Union President Palvinder Chana – and our own Lions President Indu Aggrawal.

One of the highlights of the festival was singer & songwriter Sukhshinder Shinda who entertained the packed crowds.

For those with an appetite there were food stalls – where you could sample different authentic flavours.

Following the mayors + Lions President Speeches the raffle was drawn. The first prize being a £1000 holiday voucher. Sales of the raffle tickets help raise funds for this year’s lions nominated charity COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease)

The evening ended with a specular display of fireworks which kept the crowd enthralled.



Harborough 2012



Forthcoming Events

Castle Bromwich Lions Quiz Night Friday 24th November 2017

FUN QUIZ AND SUPPER
FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2017
7PM FOR 7.30

START

£6.50 PER HEAD
INCLUDES FISH AND CHIPS SUPPER

THE FAMILY TREE CLUB
CLOPTON CRESCENT
CHELMSLEY WOOD
BIRMINGHAM
B37 6QT

TICKETS FROM STEVE 07754950290

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.

2 Days of Fabulous 20th 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 20th 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.

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 25th 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 or call 08458 335 894

Any Qs or further info please shout

Best wishes

Dave Carter

01527 894073

Note email address change to davepcarter@btinternet.com



Wednesday 27 December

Baddesley Clinton National Trust House

Start from 9:00, finish by 16:00

Choice of 3, 6 or 9 miles

Help raise funds for



**Walk off the
Christmas pud**

**Bring along your
family & friends**

**Add it to your
festive calendar today**



FREE entry to National Trust
House & Gardens

Enjoy a mulled wine & mince pies
with the Lions

With half of all funds
raised going to Lions
locally determined
causes

Download your registration form

www.knowleanddorridgelions.com/walk

Rugby Rokeby Lions Club 50th Anniversary Charter 20th January 2018

Lion President John Nelson invites you to celebrate Rugby Rokeby Lions 50th Anniversary Charter with dinner and dancing on Saturday 20th January 2018 in The Garden Rooms at Dunchurch Park Hotel, Rugby Road, Dunchurch near Rugby CV22 6QW. 7 for 7.30 until midnight. Dress is formal black tie or dark lounge suit.

Menu

Broccoli and Stilton Soup OR Smoked Haddock Fishcake

Pan fried Breast of Chicken OR Mushroom and Spinach Wellington, both with seasonal vegetables

Homemade Cheesecake with Fruit Compote.

Musical entertainment is by local band TEAZZER.

Cost is £30 person and closing date for numbers and payment is Thursday 4th January.

Accommodation available at £70 single room and £80 double quote reference 354832.

If you would like to join us please email gillnelson59@gmail.com for payment details.

With kindest regards

Gill Nelson
Secretary
Rugby Rokeby Lions Club



Balsall Common Lions Club

Present

"A NIGHT OF BLACK COUNTRY HUMOUR"

with

COMEDY DUO

"DANDY"

Saturday 9th December 2017

7.30pm for 8.00pm

TICKETS £13.50

(to include Hot Supper)

at

**St Peters Church Hall
Balsall Common CV7 7EA**

For Tickets Contact Lion Ross Collins

01676 534820 / 07813 937921

Pay Bar

No Refunds

Balsall Common Lions Club (CIO) Registered Charity Number 1173183

BROMSGROVE LIONS CLUB

38TH CHARTER DINNER

The members of Bromsgrove Lions Club would like to invite you to join them for their 38th Charter Dinner on 3rd March 2018.

This will be held at:-

Grafton Manor
Grafton Lane
Bromsgrove B61 7HA

7.30pm for 8.0pm
At a cost of £27.00 per person

There are a limited number of rooms available if you wish to stay at a cost of £70.00 per room which includes English or Continental breakfast.

We will, of course, have our raffle with some really excellent prizes and live entertainment in the form of a vocalist, leaving plenty of time for meeting up with friends.

I attach a menu and booking form which I would be grateful if you could return to:-

Lion President Alan James, 62 Ebrington Avenue, Solihull B92 8HX, Tel: 0121 743 5041 or e-mail annejackson58rom@aol.com.

THE MEMBERS OF KETTERING AND DISTRICT LIONS INVITE YOU TO THEIR 45TH CHARTER DINNER

**Friday 16th February 2018 7.00 FOR 7.30
THE MASONIC HALL, YORK ROAD KETTERING NN160DB**

STARTER

**STILTON MUSHROOMS WITH PARMA HAM
SMOKED SALMON AND PRAWN MEDLEY
STUFFED PEPPERS (VEGGIE OPTION)**

MAIN COURSE

**ROAST LAMB WITH MINT SAUCE
PORK MEDALLIONS WITH RICH MUSHROOM AND HERB SAUCE
CAMELISED BALSAMIC RED ONION AND CHERRY TOMATO TART (VEGGIE
OPTION)**

VEGETABLE ACCOMPANIMENTS

ROAST POTATOES

NEW POTATOES

BUTTERED CARROTS

CAULIFLOWER AND BROCCOLI IN CHEESE SAUCE

DESSERT COURSE

TRADITIONAL HANDMADE APPLE PIE

TRIO OF MINIATURE DESSERTS

TEA OR COFFEE

ENTERTAINMENT

£26 PER HEAD

DRESS CODE: DINNER JACKET OR DARK LOUNGE SUIT

FOR BOOKING PLEASE EMAIL. pamaston2@googlemail.com

BROMSGROVE LIONS CLUB CHARTER DINNER – 3rd MARCH 2017

MENU

STARTERS

- A Grafton Manor Chicken Liver Parfait with local chutney and home made bread
- B Baked Field Mushrooms with Gruyere Cheese
- C Minestrone Soup with home made bread

MAINS

- D Blade of Beef with sweet whole roasted shallots, red wine jus
- E Oven baked salmon with dill crème fraiche and a herb crust
- F Roast Loin of Pork with a Honey and Dijon Mustard Sauce
- G Brie and Leek filo pie. Thyme breadcrumb top

All main courses served with buttered new potatoes and roasted root vegetables.

DESSERTS

- H Rhubarb vanilla cheesecake with Raspberry coulis
- I Creme Brulee, Raspberries, Shortbread
- J Sticky Toffee Pudding, Vanilla ice cream
- K British Cheeses, Crackers, Home made chutney at £1.50 extra

Coffee or Tea with after dinner mints

NAME	STARTERS A, B, C	MAINS D, E, F, G	DESSERTS H, I, J, K	ALLERGIES ETC

Droitwich Lions Club

Have a great start to 2018, come and join us for our annual

Burns Night Supper and Quiz

including our famous range of homemade desserts

(N.B. Haggis, neeps and tatties is the norm, but chicken breast, or a veggie option are available as a pre-order only)

Friday 26th January 2018, 7 for 7.30pm prompt start

at

Gaudet Luce Golf Club

Middle Lane

Droitwich

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Tickets £10 per head

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Kingswinford & Stourbridge Lions Club

43rd Charter Anniversary Dinner

At Stourbridge Institute & Social Club, Market Street, Stourbridge DY8 1AD

Saturday 3rd March 2018 – 7.00pm for 7.30pm

MENU

- A** **Homemade Vegetable Soup with a freshly baked Bread Roll**
B **Honeydew Melon with Berries and Coulis**
C **Mozzarella, Cherry Tomato and Basil Tart with a Rocket Salad**

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- D** **Mature English Beef served medium rare with homemade Yorkshire Pudding**
E **Chicken Supreme stuffed with Roasted Red Pepper, Mozzarella and a light Tomato Coulis**
F **Poached Salmon with a Chive Butter Sauce**
All main courses served with herb crushed new potatoes, carrots and green beans

- G** **(V)** **Sweet Potato and Butternut Squash Gratin served with carrots, green beans and a Rocket Salad**

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- H** **Lemon Posset with Biscotti Biscuit**
I **Cherry Crumble and Custard**
J **Cheeseboard to include Cheddar, Brie, Blue, Grapes, Chutney, Celery and Water Biscuits**

Followed by Coffee and Mints

£25.00pp

Name	Starter - A.B.C.	Mains - D.E.F.G.	Dessert - H.I.J	Allergies etc

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Lions give out £69,000 to charities

KNOWLE and Dorridge Lions has handed out more than £69,000 to charities that has been raised in 12 months.

Past president Richard Buckley announced the club had raised funds through its Knowle Fun Run, Festive Walk and Bike Ride. He presented cheques totalling £33,563 to the three nominated chari-

ties for the club's 40th year – Prostate Cancer UK, Motor Neurone Disease, Birmingham St Mary's Hospice.

Organiser of the Heart of England Bike Ride, Paul Wheatley, handed British Heart Foundation fundraising manager Donna Stokes with a cheque for £9,391 as their share of the £13,419 raised at the event.

Chris Kiddle-Morris, the chair of the club's community services committee, said the Lions retained 30 per cent of raised funds to be spent on locally determined causes. During the year his committee had spent more than £18,000 on several local and not so local projects, as well as those for the young and elderly.

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Past president Richard Buckley presents a cheque to head of fundraising Hamish Shilliday and events manager Lucy Watkins. (s)

AN IMPRESSIVE TOTAL: A HOSPICE charity has received the lion's share following a year's worth of fundraising.

Knowle and Dorridge Lions Club has raised an impressive £11,000 for Birmingham St Mary's Hospice.

The club which supports charities by hosting fundraising events, donated the amount after selecting the hospice as one of its three charity partners last year.

The vital funds were raised by the Lion's popular charity events – the Festive Walk and Knowle Fun Run – and were presented to the Hospice at a recent reception.

The hospice provides care and support to those living with terminal illness and to their families, and was chosen as partner since the charity benefits local people.

Hospice events manager Lucy Watkins said: "This generous donation from Knowle and Dorridge Lions Club will make a big difference to the local families we care for and support. £11k is a fantastic amount and I would like to thank The Lions – and their brilliant supporters – for getting behind us and raising such an impressive sum."

"All of our services are free of charge and so we truly rely on the generosity of local people to help us continue to provide our vital care."

Lions past president Richard Buckley said the club was delighted the charity were completely behind the fundraising, providing volunteers, walkers and runners.

The funds will help some 350 individuals receiving care from the hospice – whether at the hospice, in their homes or among the community.

Visit www.birminghamhospice.org.uk for more information.