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Edition

Lions 105M

# Midland News

Welcome to your new look news from around the District



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## Club News Looking Forward

### Lions Heart of England Bike Ride Sunday 8 July

Knowle and Dorridge Lions are issuing an invitation to all cyclists to Explore the Heart of England. On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July they hope you will join this year's family ride from Packwood NT House and explore the beautiful Warwickshire countryside. This year's ever popular ride, the 13<sup>th</sup>, will raise funds for Headway – the brain injuries charity, the new Breast Cancer Haven in Solihull with half of all funds raised being retained for other local Lions causes.

"After the successful build-up of the ride in aid of BHF to 700 riders over the last few years, we hope that riders will want to come along and raise funds for our new partners charities," says organiser Lion Paul Wheatley. "This will be our 8<sup>th</sup> year supporting the Lions." says main sponsor Managing Director Simon McKenzie "They do a great job organising this and other successful charity fundraising events. We shall be entering a team of riders and look forward to the challenge of the new 50 mile sportive."

Whether a 12 or 18 mile leisure ride with your family or a new 50 mile sportive through the beautiful Warwickshire countryside as more your thing the Lions hope there will be something for everyone. Club teams are very welcome. All routes will be sign-posted and end back at the Packwood House start where riders may enjoy a free visit to the House and Gardens and something from the Lions Bar-B-Que.

"We're so pleased to be partnering the Lions for this ever popular event," say Elysa Cooper from Breast Cancer Haven and Julie Wedgbury from Headway.

"The money raised will make a massive difference to both of our charities and we hope many of those taking part will also ask their families and friends to sponsor them to help raise that little bit extra."

Get your entry in today at

[www.knowleanddorridgelions.com/bikeride](http://www.knowleanddorridgelions.com/bikeride)

to avoid disappointment.

Discounted entry ends on 1st July.

### Heart of England Bike Ride

Sunday 8th July 2018

from Packwood  
National Trust House, Solihull



Choice of 12 & 18 mile leisure ride and 50 mile sportive  
Free visit to house & gardens after your ride

### A great family day out



Organised by  
**KNOWLE & DORRIDGE  
LIONS CLUB**  
Registered Charity No. 50993

Sign up today at [knowleanddorridgelions.com/bikeride](http://knowleanddorridgelions.com/bikeride)

Photo: Matt Price from Breast Cancer Haven, Julie Wedgbury from Headway with prospective Lion Trevor Jones, who met with Simon McKenzie, MD of prime sponsor Hollywood Monster & Lion Bob Thurtle at Packwood House.

**Balsall Beerfest2 2018** Following on from last year's success Balsall Beerfest2 will be taking place again this year on Saturday 30th June, organised by Balsall Common Lions and Berkswell & Balsall Common Hornets Football Club at The Triangle in Lavender Hall Lane.

Balsall Common Lions and Hornets Football Club present

**BALSALL BEERFEST 2**

**Saturday 30th June 2018**  
4pm - 11pm

Balsall Common Lions and Hornets Football Club present

**Balsall Common Beer Festival**  
Saturday 30th June 18  
4pm - 11pm  
Ticket Price: £5.00

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)

Live Music from  
Ellis Gallagher  
DJ and Disco  
Hot Food  
Lager, Wine, Prosecco  
and Soft Drinks on sale  
Doors open 4pm  
Closing Time 11pm

Tickets available from Michael's Drinksworld  
or Oakes Farm Shop in Balsall Common or  
[www.Balsallbeerfest.com](http://www.Balsallbeerfest.com) or ring 07831 558 810

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We feature beer from 14 local breweries - all from a 20 mile radius, Prosecco, wine and soft drinks. together with local live music and hot food.

The Beerfest is for the enjoyment of the local community, promoting local breweries and raising money for the Hornets and local causes. Entrance is by Ticket only, don't be disappointed get your ticket early.

Tickets are available from Michael's Drinksworld or Oakes Farm Shop, online from [www.Balsallbeerfest.com](http://www.Balsallbeerfest.com) or Tel: 07831 558810.

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**Corby and District Lions** held a horse racing night recently to help Teamwork in Corby raise some much needed funds.



Pictured are Lion President, Jenny Clarke handing over a cheque for

£413, the proceeds from running the tote on the evening, which was held at Corby Silver Band Club, watched by a couple of Lions and members of Teamwork.. A Lion spokesman explained, 'Teamwork asked us help them raise funds so their members could go on a sea-side visit this summer. We provided the equipment and ran the tote for eight televised races. £1 bets were placed on the horses and proceeds of each race were shared between the winner and the charity. Further money was raised from sponsorship of the races by local companies and the horses in the final race were auctioned off to the highest bidder in the room on the night. With Teamwork running a raffle as well we helped them raise over £900 and had a very enjoyable evening.

**Two new members join the club** We are very pleased to be able to induct two new members to the club at our recent meeting, Henry Holleran & Jerry Phelps. Both have already attended Meetings and helped us out at events and are very welcome and will be a valuable addition.



Are you interested in helping others and becoming a Lion and meeting new people? Being a Lion allows you to help change lives.



Volunteer and make a difference in **YOUR** local Community.

If you want to know more about us or are interested in joining please contact **Lion**

**Mark Whitfield: email [whitfieldfamily@btinternet.com](mailto:whitfieldfamily@btinternet.com) or Telephone 07795 184745.**

**VIVO Rocks Balsall Common again** In spite of the inclement weather on the night, Vivo could make it so

Lions & volunteers turned out in the afternoon to clear some of the car park to make it safer. We are glad they did turn up! Vivo



Party Band, played again to a 'Sell Out Audience' and Balsall Common rocked again. These guys have a reputation for great musicianship, professionalism and a versatility that's astounding & as ever the dance floor was packed. It was a great Charity Fundraising event and the raffle raised £325 for the Mohawks Ice Racing Club at Planet Ice Solihull which will go to providing crash helmets.

As always a big Thank You to everyone who came along to brave the cold winter night & support us to make it a great evening. Vivo will be back again with us next March....look out for the date. The picture shows Keith Slater of Vivo with Lion President Steve Meakin.

**Toys for Balsall Common Library** We were very pleased to be able to help when Balsall Common Library approached us to add to their existing toys.

These will be used in the regular basis on Monday & Tuesday afternoon (see website for exact times) in Tales & Time to Play & Rhyme Time, where rather just read stories, nursery rhymes and sing songs the children can play with these and interact even more with each other.



The picture shows Lion President Steve Meakin with Neighbourhood Library Manager Amanda Jones.

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**MD Convention Basingstoke** For those of you that went to the MD Convention in Basingstoke – I think you will agree it was a fun filled and interesting weekend - hosted by 105D. The weather was glorious and the presentation interesting on topics such as Diabetes, Brian Tumour Research, Data Protection, Feeding the Hungry and Hearing aid and glasses collections. Our International President Lion Naresh Aggarwal attended and was delighted to see all the Service activities throughout MD 105.

We were especially thrilled that our very own John Barnes from Moseley and Kings Heath Lions Club was awarded not only The International Presidents Medal of Appreciation for his Services to Youth but was awarded the Bert Mason trophy for the way John managed the Youth Centre at Worcester last year. It should be reported



that for a moment John was speechless which doesn't happen often!!!

Another speechless lady - well for a few moments anyway - was our own District Secretary Lion Brigitte Green who was awarded 'The International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation' for her work at Lions Headquarters.



Our incoming District Governor Lion Stewart had the most rousing reception as he was introduced as incoming Governor on Sunday morning. Stewart pictured here with husband Kash commented that he was so proud of the members of 105M who gave him the nosiest welcome and he was thrilled by the level of support he and Kash received.

IPCC Lion Heather of Malvern Lions Clubs received the Certificate of Appreciation from International President Lion Naresh for her year as Council Chairman 2016-17 pictured here with Council Chariman of MD 105 Lion Balvinder Singh Sokhi MBE



Sadly this was PCC Lion Andy Pemberton's (Balsall Common Lions Club) last Convention as MD 105 Council Secretary – Andy has been the Council Secretary for the last 7 years and after his farewell presentation to Convention Andy received a standing ovation and a gift of a Limited edition print incorporating his two great loves—Birmingham City Football Club and a Steam Train passing by St Andrew's. Andy was also awarded the International presidents Medal for his time in the role of Council Secretary. A collection in excess of £200 was raised by Governors that Andy has served with for Andy to use as he wishes. Andy you will be much missed especially by the team in Lions MDHQ



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## Dates for your Diary

**22nd July 2018**

District Changeover

**23rd September 2018**

The Chase Hotel Ross on Wye New District Meeting

**14th October 2018**

District Autumn Forum

**16th March 2019**

District Convention

**4th and 5th May 2109**

MD Convention in Swansea at Brangwyn Hall and the Convention hotel is the Marriott

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