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Lions 105M Midland News

Welcome to your new look news from around the District



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Kidderminster & District Lions club members recently met with Brazilian Youth Exchange Leo President Tatiana Tramontina, Lion President Ron was presented with his Presidents Chain 2018/2019 by Tatiana, Prior going to MD105 Youth Centre in Hastings Host Family for Tatiana was Dave Jackson along with his Lions ex-exchange Kadri from Estonia, District M hosted only one exchangee this year. It would be great if next year our District could host more exchanges.



The Host Period is for ten days before going onto Lions MD105 Youth Centre. For Further details please speak to Lion Jackie Williams 105M District Youth Exchange Officer.

Kingswinford & Stourbridge Lions Club supports Trysull Tigers 5-a-side Football tournament.



Trysull Tigers Football Club, a FA Charter Standard Club, was founded in 1990 to provide children from surrounding areas with the opportunity to football. Since that date the club has grown and now runs 20 teams with ages ranging from under 6 to open age senior team. The main aim of the club is to provide players and supporters who have an interest in football with the framework and facilities to pursue that interest. Sportsmanship and equality of opportunity are of prime importance

and these are the basic principles that the club has been built around. Kingswinford and Stourbridge lions are proud to be associated with the event and have been providing catering facilities for the past 5 years. This includes breakfast from 8.00am followed by hotdogs and burgers throughout the day. We also offer hot and cold drinks.

RUGBY ROKEBY LIONS CLUB

Are Pleased to Announce their

**23rd ANNUAL DUPLICATE PAIRS
BRIDGE COMPETITION**
for
The "Salt Cellars" & a Purse of £100
To be held at
**THE RAILWAY CLUB
HILLMORTON ROAD RUGBY CV22 5AL**
Starting at 1.30pm Sunday 8th October 2018
Profits from the day will be donated to The Sesame Centre for disabled and vulnerable young people to provide them with sensory equipment.
£15 PER PERSON – INCLUDING SUPPER
This is a two session competition with a break for supper; it is anticipated to finish at approximately 9pm
EBU Black Points will be awarded at District Scale
Name Partner's Name
EBU No [if known] EBU No [if known]
Address Please detach this whole section & return with Fee to:-
Chris Malthouse
66 South Road
Clifton-Upon-Dunsmore
Rugby
CV23 0BZ
Entry Cheque Enclosed for ☐ People £
CHEQUES PAYABLE TO – RUGBY ROKEBY LIONS CLUB
For details contact Chris Malthouse – 01788 581779 – Email: chris.malthouse@iscali.co.uk

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Lions Support Corby Foodbank A Corby and District Lions member explained, 'We heard a radio appeal a few weeks ago saying food stocks were low at this time of year whilst demand is high because children are not receiving free school meals due to the holidays. We are aware that various shops in the town still collect for the Foodbank. However, the manager told us that they struggle to put together balanced food parcels, eg UHT milk, tinned fruit, coffee, rice pudding etc. So we decided to make them a donation of £150 to purchase what they immediately needed.'

If you are interested in the work of the club please visit us on Facebook, type Corby and District Lions into Google or ring John on 01536 741509. We would be interested to hear from you whether you are applying to become a member or are just interested in helping out with activities a few hours a month.



Our picture shows Corby Lions president Jenny Clark giving a cheque to the manager of the Corby Foodbank recently, watched by Lions Dan McDonald, Colin Bradshaw and Ronnie Vickers.

Moseley and Kings Heath Club handover and Centennial Celebration Awards On a very warm evening at the end of July Birmingham Moseley and Kings Heath Lions held a special evening presentation not just as a Club Handover but also to present Centennial Awards and certificates to members of the local Community who had supported the Club through the year.

Newly sworn in Club President Brigitte was delighted that DG Stewart came along to assist

presentations and also DG Stewart inducted a new member to the Club

We are delighted that because the evening was enjoyed by all and it was a great vehicle for some very useful PR that we have had 2 further enquiries for membership – all in all a very satisfying evening and most enjoyable.



Centennial Certificate and cheque for Bournville Juniors Football Club supported by our Club for the last 10 years

New member
Lion Johanna
Chandler



Centennial Certificate for the local Cricket and Sports Club for their constant support

Centennial award to local business man Stan Hemms



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At Kettering & District Lions recent Community Grant Scheme cheque presentation evening, the Lions enjoyed hearing more information about each of the 5 groups/organisations that had been successfully awarded £500 each through the annual scheme, and more details about what they planned to spend the money on.



Kettering Friends of the Library plan to use the money to purchase three furnished dolls houses for the library, arranged as a street (Lions had a lovely surprise during the presentation when the street sign was unveiled as 'Lions Square'). These dolls houses, complete with dolls from different ethnic groups, will provide lots of fun for the children who visit the library.

Barton Seagrave Community Centre, plan to put the money towards redecorating the community centre.

1st Burton Latimer Scout Group has found their 45 Scouts would like to do more "survival" type camping.

They plan to use the money to buy a "bivvi kit" comprising of hammocks, Tarps, Paracord etc that they can use for building their shelters to sleep in.

1101 Squadron (Kettering and District) Air Training Corps are planning to use the money towards the purchase of a "half and half" mini-bus.

All Saints Church in Kettering, used by various local groups as a meeting point, are planning to use the money towards a new boiler.

Absolutely BRILLIANT, 'Excellent atmosphere. Wonderful afternoon. Made some new friends!'

Food was delicious, service was excellent, entertainment 'first class', 'Many thanks for all the thought that the Lions put into giving us such a good time' these are just a few of the 60+ positive

comments Kettering & District Lions received from very happy guests at our FREE Pensioners Tea Party with a seaside/holiday theme held in July... the most frequent comment being 'can we come again!'



The tea party proved very popular, with all spaces booked, and a waiting list of guests.

We were delighted to welcome the Mayor and Mayoress of Kettering to the party.

Each guest was welcomed with their very own floral garland, and offered a 'Message in a Bottle'.

Then our young at heart guests were taken on a musical holiday plane trip around the world with our excellent musical entertainer Hugh Beynon.

Guests were delighted at the themed holiday buffet, anyone for fish and chip crisps? Perhaps I might interest you in a Strawberry 'swimming ring' donut, or some 'sand' wishes amongst other things?

After all the food, we finished off the afternoon with games of Bingo, before wishing our guests safe travels...

Warwick Lions have welcomed in their new President. Retiring President Pauline Fanti is seen handing over the chain of office to John Tunney at a ceremony held at The Pavilion, Lighthorne.



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Wading, wellies and water in Worcester once again



Worcester Lions Club were once again in action running their Duck Races at the annual Worcester Show. Despite the weather being more than a tad damp in the morning (it brightened up a bit during the day) there were a steady stream of punters ready to risk their shirt (?) on their favourite duck.

Several races were run along the stream which, following a few days rain, was unusually fast flowing. This led to very competitive races, with much cheering from owners and spectators alike as the highly trained plastic ducks, all at peak physical fitness, pushed and jostled towards the finish line. Some ducks attempted to evade capture after the race but only two succeeded (and were last reported sailing happily down the River Severn towards Gloucester Docks).

The Lions stall was close to the finish line, the sole footbridge separating the two main parts of the showground, so was strategically placed to capture all passing trade through the site. This, along with our Leo the Lion encouraging visitors to the stand, meant that Lions takings were up on previous years despite the reduced overall footfall to the Show.

So, all in all a very successful (if damp) Lions event. In recognition of Worcester Lions continued support for this major City show, Lions were even recognised as being one of the six key sponsors. The Lions Club in turn was very grateful for the help that they received on the day from both friends and other local Lions.

Warwick Lions have kicked off their new Presidential year with a visit from Terry Smith the District Life Skills Officer. The club were most impressed with her presentation and have voted to take the Life Skills programme on board, with two members, Pauline Fanti and Iain Jones volunteering to become Youth Liaison Officers supported by Lion Terry."



Pictured are District Skills Officer Terry Smith and Warwick President John Tunney.

Sandwell Lions goes international Not only does Sandwell Lions support local causes, it also provides assistance to communities abroad. Sandwell Lions is twinned with Manzini Lions, a relationship strengthened by annual visits by Lion Ray and his wife Ann. They take donations annually to help people in need in Swaziland. The most recent trip was this year when Ray and Ann took £750.00 donated by Sandwell Lions to provide cooking facilities for families in the area. Manzini Lions appreciate the donation which will be put to good use and presented Ray and Ann with a framed certificate of appreciation. International support does not stop in Africa. Last year, Lion Gurdas personally visited Guru Nanak Mission Netarheed Birdh Ashram in Punjab, India to donate £50.00 to the residential educational facility for blind people across Punjab. Our members continue to selflessly help others, locally and internationally.



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Corby Lions give away £3000! At a recent awards



evening, Corby and District Lions gave grants of £500 to six local community groups. Our photo shows president Jenny Clarke presenting cheques to the 20th Corby Scout Group, the Autumn Centre, HD Media CIC, Alexina Stanton, Priors Hall Learning Community and Integrated Cancer Therapies. Secretary, Mike Garlick, explained, 'This is only the second year we have given these grants. We asked for applications during May and June and received 16. It proved difficult for the Welfare committee to choose the successful ones. We hope to make this an annual event, provided we can raise sufficient funds during the coming year.'

During the evening guests were treated to music from The Oakley Rangers and Singer Kara Hamer, followed by a buffet. The evening was also an opportunity for Corby Lions to thank the many Friends of Lions who help with fundraising and activities during the year. In particular, Specsavers Corby was awarded a plaque to thank them for their help over the years in collecting many thousands of pairs of glasses which are sent to developing countries. Certificates of commendation were given to Keith Hudson and Martin Sawers for exceptional service. Short speeches of thanks were given by Past District Governor, Chris Burrows and Corby Mayor Councillor Mohammed Rahman.

Get your article in by the 20th of the month to news@lions105m.org.uk for inclusion in next months Midland News.

Lions Support Alzheimer's Society Kingswinford and Stourbridge Lions Club serve the local

community and raise funds for charitable causes throughout the year. At the beginning of his presidential year in 2017, President Lion Max Blaxland was asked what his nominated charity would be. Having experienced the devastating effect that Alzheimer's disease can have on a loved one, he had no hesitation in nominating Alzheimer's Society. During his late wife's illness, Lion Mike said "I experienced first-hand the excellent support that is available from Alzheimer's Society, through "Talking Point" – an on-line community of people experiencing common problems and how to deal with those problems. Local Activity Groups, providing safe places for arts, crafts and hobbies where sufferers and carers can socialise. Dementia Cafes where sufferers and carers can meet people who understand their problems. Community Support Schemes, where home care teams assess needs and give advice on how help can be accessed, and much more".

Many local residents will be familiar with our Lions Club through Santa on his sleigh at Christmas time when we tour the streets, in our part of the Dudley Borough, inviting children to come and talk to Santa. We also having catering equipment that we take to school fetes, and similar events, sharing the proceeds between the host organization and our own charity fund. We raise funds by holding Quiz Nights, Beetle Drives and raffles. We also have a stall at Stourbridge Carnival each year and a special event held this year was a Duck Race on the Stourbridge Canal, specifically designated for the benefit of Alzheimer's Society.

The Club raised £2,000 throughout Lion Mike's Presidential year at various events and we were pleased to present a cheque for this amount to Sue Day, from Alzheimer's Society, at our July business meeting.



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At Zone C's meeting in August we had the pleasure to have with us DG Stewart and Kash. But also there was Samantha Howell of the Solihull Hospital Charity to which the 7 clubs from this zone had donated £5,000 for their most recent fundraising event. Samantha came for the symbolic cheque presentation and this evening was an opportunity to have all the clubs in the zone represented.



Solihull Lion Julian Knight MP presents new President Lion Ken Bate his chain of office for the new Lions year



Solihull Gateway club, members enjoying their annual BBQ, Member enjoy and appreciate the tasty food that Solihull Lions cook for them every year.

LIONS From the left
Treasurer Lion Keith Culliford
Past President (CHIEF) COOK
Lion Paul Jolly
Lion President Ken Bate!!!



APF Exhibition Ragley Hall 20th, 21st and 22nd September 2018.

Warwick Lions have been asked to fit wristbands on accompanied children attending the APF Exhibition, showing their parents / guardians details in case of separation.

A tent is being provided by the organisers and a bucket collection will be arranged for Lion's funds which will be shared pro-rata between participating clubs.

This is a fund raising and service providing event where Lions Clubs can serve together and more help is needed to cover the three days of the event. If you can assist please contact john.tunney7@ntlworld.com or phone 07905 134027

Young Ambassador Competition 2018/19

As you will have seen from the Spring 2018 Edition of 'LION', the Young Ambassador of the 21st Century final was held in February 2018.

The pictures show the 2017/18 Young Ambassador finalists, our very own District 105m winner Hannah Carthew presented by Shirley Lions Club and the Multiple District Young Ambassador winner, Jemima Browning from Selby Lions Club (District C) being presented with her



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Do you know someone that would benefit from taking part in this fantastic competition?

If you have not already started, it is time for clubs to start looking for our next District Young Ambassador candidate.

It is not just the responsibility of the Youth Officer in your club to look out for your club candidate, all club members are asked to look in their local community for a prospective Young Ambassador.

The date for the District Final has been set and is the 18th November, 2018. At the moment I have 4 clubs in our District that have indicated that they may have a candidate for this year's competition, which is fantastic news, but we would still like more. The winning candidate will compete in the Multiple District final to be held in Dudley in February 2019.

WHERE DO YOU FIND YOUR CANDIDATE?

Schools, Leo Clubs, Youth Clubs, Scouts and Guides, Hospitals, Police groups, Churches, St. Johns, Red Cross or any other youth organisations.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible, Young Ambassador candidates must have reached their 15th birthday, but not their 19th birthday, on or before 30th June 2019.

THE AWARD CONSISTS OF:

- All participants in the MD final will win a bursary of £500.
- The Multiple District winner receives a further bursary of £1000 (the bursary is to be used for the welfare work within the candidates' projects or for training to develop their potential to carry out this welfare work.
- The Winterflood Securities Ltd Silver Rose Bowl, held for one year
- A small silver replica of the Winterflood Securities Ltd Rose Bowl, presented at the end of their year as Young Ambassador winner.
- A commitment to address the Multiple District Convention in the winning year, with expenses paid by the Multiple District Youth Trust and in the following year, to report back on achievements.
- An invitation to the Multiple District International Youth Centre, with expenses paid by the Multiple District.
- A commitment to participate in the Young Ambassador of the 21st Century European Award, to be held at Europa Forum later in the same year.

CANDIDATES MUST BE PREPARED TO:

- Present and compete at the District Final if there is more than one candidate.
- The District Finalist is required to present and compete at the Multiple District Final in February 2019 at The Village Hotel in Dudley.

Application forms or any details of the competition can be obtained from me, Amanda Featherstone, either by emailing me at youngambassador@lions105m.org.uk or calling me on 07824 317 274.

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On Friday 20 July 2018 the Birmingham Chinatown Lions held a dinner to celebrate their 31st Charter.

180 people attended the event at the Birmingham Conference and Exhibition Centre.

Cheques were presented to Lion Ann Pemberton to support Greet Primary School which was recently flooded, The PSU Birmingham and the Birmingham Chinese and Cultural Language School all of whom we were very pleased to be able to support.

4 Members of the local community were also honoured with Centennial awards. These were not Lions but over the years have worked with us and have done outstanding work in the local community.

We also presented our very own DG Stewart Sherman-Kahn with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. After his first speech at a Charter as DG he was silenced for a least a minute.

Funds were also raised on the night to support ongoing Lions Clubs projects and thanks to all those Lions who came from District 105M to show their support.



Worcester Lions Club recently held the second of this years Grant Scheme presentation in the Mayors parlour at the Guildhall, Worcester, with the Mayor Councillor Jabba Riaz presenting the cheque to the representatives of successful organisations attending the event.



The scheme is run in partnership with the local paper. The Worcester News, who publish an appeal for applications from those who wish to receive money from the scheme, to contact them in writing with the detail of the organisation they are applying on behalf of, and the amount of money they are requesting, as well as details of how the money is to be spent.

The money was to be spent in a variety of way which included. The purchase of a 'Buddy Bench' by one school and the purchase of books for a new library at another school. A third received money to help found a learning Zone. Other money went towards helping a local community transport group with their running costs. Two local groups received money towards the cost of their Christmas Parties. Money was given to an Academy to help with the cost of running a summer scheme. A new local group receiving money, aims to empower people with special educational needs, while another group received money to help fund exercises class for people with reduced mobility. Another group associated with the deaf received money towards the expansion of a parents and toddler group.

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