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# Lions 105M Midland News

Welcome to your new look news from around the District



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## Lions Find a Home for Hearing Equipment



Wellingborough & District Lions Club recently received a quantity of new equipment specifically adapted for people with hearing difficulties that had been generously donated by Boots to Lions HQ in Birmingham.

As someone who suffers with hearing loss himself, PDG Lion Roger Handcock knew how beneficial the equipment could be to a number of people and, together with Lion Jayne Handcock (pictured right), was pleased to be able to present it to Joanne Steer (pictured left), CEO of Deafconnect, a charity that helps people with hearing difficulties, based in Northampton.

Deafconnect has been providing services for 140 years, empowering deaf, hard of hearing and deaf-blind people to achieve their full potential and be fully included members of the wider community.

## Lions Provide Fun for Partially Sighted



On a beautiful sunny Saturday morning recently, a group of partially sighted ladies and gentlemen participated in a game of bowls at Swanspool Gardens in Wellingborough. Arranged by Wellingborough & District Lions Club, a number of members were there to guide the bowlers and afterwards provided refreshments in the Swanspool Pavilion.

## Bromsgrove Lions Help 'Men in Sheds'



A group which helps tackle loneliness in the Bromsgrove area was given a cheque for £300 towards their running costs by Bromsgrove Lions club. The group, which is part of Age U.K, tackles isolation and loneliness in older men in the Bromsgrove, Redditch and Wyre Forest districts. The members take part in creative projects and their workshop allows them to build a variety of wooden items. The group also help with work in the community and, along with other projects, they are currently helping the Bromsgrove Club to refurbish benches for the local Community Hospital. In order to help raise funds, they have recently taken the brave step of posing for a W.I. style 'Calendar Girls' calendar for 2019!! At a cost of £9, with all proceeds going to 'Men in Sheds', it is well worth the investment!! Anyone interested in purchasing one of these calendars should contact Bromsgrove Lions on 07813264753 or 07815181343.



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## Tommy comes to Bedworth

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September saw the ceremonial presentation of the "Tommy" statue to the Mayor and Mayoress of Nuneaton & Bedworth, Councillor Chris Watkins and Collette Watkins. The statue was donated by Bedworth Lions on behalf of the people of Bedworth. The presentation took place at the new Armistice Gates and wall at the entrance to the Miners Welfare Park. The Mayor said that this was yet another fine example of how the people of Bedworth come together.

The full-sized Tommy statue, entitled "***There but not There***", commemorates the fallen of WW1 and pays acknowledgement to the fact that the town has continually observed Armistice Day annually since 1921.

Representatives from both the Armistice Parade Committee and the Royal British Legion took part in the short ceremony, and both will be working with Bedworth Lions on promoting the "Touring Tommy" project.

The Tommy will not yet be given a permanent home but will be taken around schools, places of worship and community centres in Bedworth, Bulkington, Exhall and surrounding villages. The statue will be available for up to a month at each venue, during which time the Lions hope it will be used as a tool to raise awareness about the sacrifices made by local people during the Great War. The first venue to receive it will be the Council House in Nuneaton. "Tommy" will form part of the Remembrance Sunday march in Bedworth.

Denise Musson, Project Lead for Bedworth Lions told us, "We will be holding drawing, poetry writing and story writing competitions at each venue, based on the Tommy and his possible life before and during the war. Bedworth Lions will donate small prizes. However, it is planned that we will in the future, produce a book called "*The Bedworth Tommies*", using all the best competition entries. Proceeds from sales of the book will be given to the Armistice Parade Committee and other local charities working with the armed forces".

Any schools, places of worship or community venues interested in taking part in the Tommy Tour can e-mail their expression of interest to [bedworth-lionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:bedworth-lionsclub@gmail.com) Tommy is not available to individuals and needs a secure indoor site.



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## Kenilworth Lions supporting practical help in Syria

Regular visitors to the Lions' Furniture Store in Farmer Ward Road this year have been volunteers from the 'Helping Hands for Syria' charity, collecting donated beds, walking aids and many other items to enhance the lives of those living in the refugee camps in Syria.

The initiative came from a Coventry University Hospital doctor, himself a frequent visitor to the Store, who approached Kenilworth Lions to ask for our support. We were delighted to be able to offer practical help and support to a charity doing such wonderful work to help the many innocent victims of the Syrian conflict.

We've now received photos of the latest donated consignment being distributed in one of the refugee camps in Aleppo, with the lorry displaying a banner recognising the support from Kenilworth Lions.

The start of the journey in Kenilworth:



Final destination in Aleppo refugee camp:



This is an ongoing arrangement which the Lions will continue to support for as long as the need remains.

## 105M Lead the Way

The YOUNG Leaders in Service programme have just released the figures for the last twelve months. Judging by the number of certificates issued to young people aged between 11 and 18. We applied for 173 certificates which is 100 more than any other district.

173 young people now have been awarded the certificates for the community work they have Completed.

We as Lions are providing great volunteer service in our local communities, isn't it great that we are encouraging the next generation to be proud of their community service!

Thank you to all the clubs who are supporting this Lions project.

Any club wanting any information about this project, please contact Lion Jackie Williams on 01568 614089 or [emallis@lions105m.org.uk](mailto:emallis@lions105m.org.uk)

MONTH	A	BN	BS	C	D	E	EA	M	NE	SE	SW	W	TOTAL
JULY													
AUGUST	7	11		14	10	6			1	2	4	6	44
SEPT	3		18	4									29
OCT				1	1			2	1	14	27		70
NOV								8	7	16	2		20
DEC								2	1	58	26		152
JAN	4	14	10							1			17
FEB													31
MARCH													23
APRIL													68
MAY													1
JUNE													14
TOTAL	14	25	10	18	4	41	29	11	8	19	14	1	491

SAVE  
THE  
DATE

Rarer than  
The Olympics  
and the  
World Cup Final!

Balsall Common Lions  
Club are celebrating their  
45th anniversary

Join us for our Charter  
Dinner on Saturday 19  
January at Barston Lakes

Open to all Lions Club members  
and friends of Lions Clubs, Charter  
Dinners only take place once every  
5 years. Contact  
[lionannpemberton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lionannpemberton@hotmail.co.uk)  
to register your interest.



## 105M Autum Forum

14th October 2018 - 10am  
The Stadium Club, Wheelers Lane, Kings Heath, Birmingham, B13 0ST

Morning Session		Afternoon Session	
TIME	SUBJECT	TIME	SUBJECT
10.00	Lions Arrival and Coffee	13.30	Call to Order
10.30	Welcome and Call to Order	13.30	West Midlands Lion Liaison
10.45	The Global Action Teams	13.50	Pennyngton Guide Runner
11.00	GAT Leadership	14.00	Kath's DG Platform Appeal
11.30	GAT Membership	14.20	Convention 2019
12.00	GAT Service	14.30	Young Ambassador
12.30	Lunch	14.35	Sharing Successes (West Midlands)
		15.15	Questions of the DG District
		15.45	Close



This is your opportunity to be part of the discussions on new initiatives and see the way forward on the importance of service

come and support this exciting programme

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## Extraordinary Convention 105CW

A wonderful day of fun and fellowship was experienced from those 160 Lions members that attended The EXTRAORDINARY CONVENTION MEETING 23.09.18 at THE CHASE HOTEL, ROSS ON WYE.

District Governor Sally Marsh 105W opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. The Convention was chaired by PDG Abhnash Bains 105A.

Members from Clubs in 105M and 105W and one Zone in 105E all convened to structure the way that our new District 105CW would be governed. There were 81 delegates representing 50 Clubs. July 2019 District CW will be born. The new District will be approximately 250 miles across and will have an approximate membership of 1700. In order to administer the new District the convention voted on the adoption of the Constitution, the budget and will elect the DG Team to govern the new District.

**Resolution 1 that in order to set up a new District delegates were voting to adopt the Standard District Constitution - This was carried.**

## Election of District Governor 105 CW 2019-2020

Lion Ian Gott of Chipping Sodbury MD105W was the only candidate for DG 105CW and was duly elected.

Lion Richard Williams of Kidderminster & District Lions Club 105M was elected as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor for 2019.

Lion Jaap de Jonge of Shirley Lions Club was voted in as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor.

Lion Christine Moss District Treasurer for 105M, proposed the new District Dues. The Dues Resolution was seconded by DG Sally Marsh 105W.

## Resolution 2 The Dues Resolution:

*"That the District Dues for District 105CW for 2019/20 be set at £9.00 per member, to be collected in 2 equal instalments of £4.50 on 1st July 2019 and on 1st January 2020, as calculated on the basis of the attached Draft Budget."*

The Resolution was passed by a majority.

On the day there were some very informative presentations on LCIF by PCC Lion Andy Pember-ton and also Twinning projects by Lion Keith Wild-ing and North Sea Lions by PDG Lion Alan Hall. There was also a great opportunity to ask questions of the new DG team in the Q and A session. Chairman Abhnash bought Convention to a close and thanked everybody for organising an excellent convention. Chairman Abhnash handed over to Steward Sherman-Kahn DG 105M to make the closing remarks.

We all look forward to working together as 105CW.



105CW DGE 2019-20 Lion Ian Gott

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Chair PDG 105A  
Abhnash Bains



DG Stewart acting as time keeper, along with  
105W & 105M CNRO Officers John Charles &  
Heather Jeavons



PPC Andy Pemberton mid LCIF presentation was shown the red light by DG Stewart... Andy decided to unscrew the bulbs so he could continue but Stewart decided enough was enough and went to remove him, fortunately Andy completed just in time...

The audience found it highly amusing...



DG 105W Sally Marsh, 1st VDGE 105CW Richard Williams, 2nd VDGE 105CW Jaap de Jonge, DGE 105CW Ian Gott, DG 105M Stewart Sherman-Kahn

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**Dates for your Diary**

**14th October 2018**

District Autumn Forum

**16th March 2019**

District Convention Daventry

**4th and 5th May 2109**

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

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