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# Midland News

Welcome to your new look news from around the District



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**WARWICK LIONS** celebrated their 57th Charter Anniversary on 21st. October with a lunch at the Warwick Arms Hotel in Warwick, and were honoured to be joined by District Governor Stewart Sherman-Khan and his partner Kash.

Following the Lunch D.G. Stewart presented a long service award to Lion Pauline Fanti and his commemorative pin and mouse mat to Lion President John Tunney; and President John handed over a cheque for £276 to Kash on behalf of Papyrus the Child Suicide charity which had been partly raised by the bucket collection taken at the APF Exhibition held at Ragley Hall.

The lunch concluded with a fascinating talk by Mr. Martin Sirot-Smith of Sulgrave Manor who dressed in period costume and portrayed the life and times of his Alta ego Laurence Washington a Tudor ancestor of U.S.



President George Washington, this was followed by a vote of thanks by Peter Amiss to the staff and Manager of the Warwick Arms Hotel for their splendid and continued hospitality.

**26th Lions Festive Walk** Thursday 27th December 2018 is the date of this years Knowle and Dorridge Lions Festive Walk from Baddesley linton National Trust House in aid of SoLO Life Opportunities and The UK Sepsis Trust, and local causes.

We invite all Lions to walk off the Christmas pudding with their friends, relatives and fellow Lions for a choice of 4 sign-posted routes of between 1.4 & 8.6 miles. Visit <http://www.knowleanddorridgelions.com/category/fundraising-events/festive-walk/> for more details & to download the free entry form to complete and bring along on the day.



We look forward to seeing you on the day.

**WARWICK LIONS** in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Warwick have again successfully organised the Town Bonfire & Firework Display.

Local people turned out in their thousands to enjoy the evening which this year for the first time featured a special children's display before the main event as well as a small funfair. Pupils from two local schools had made Guys for the bonfire, Warwick Lions dispensed mulled wine and the racecourse opened their bars and provided hot food.

Among the guests were local MP Matt. Western and Warwick Mayor Richard Eddy.



Shown in our photograph are Rotary President David Smith, Warwick Mayor Richard Eddy and Lion President John Tunney.

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## 100 YEARS - FIVE GLOBAL CAUSES

At the 45th Charter Anniversary Lunch of Wellingborough & District Lions Club, held at the end of October, Club President Amanda Coleshill highlighted the five 'Global Causes' created to celebrate the Centenary of Lions Clubs International. They are Childhood Cancer, Diabetes, The Environment, Hunger and Vision. She thanked club members for their support in meeting the challenge by raising awareness and raising funds to help tackle these issues.

## SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN WITH DIABETES



The President and members of Wellingborough & District Lions Club are pictured with a selection of attractive colourful 'Smiggles' pouches which have been purchased specifically for children, mainly 6-7 years old, in which to keep their Diabetes medication. They will be distributed by the Diabetic Team in the Paediatric Dept. at Kettering General Hospital.

## Corby Lions Help Emergency Services Cadets



Pictured are Lions President Jenny Clarke presenting a £500 cheque for NESC to Andy Burton, Principal of Kingswood Secondary Academy, being watched by the cadets and representatives of the Emergency Services. Lions spokesman explained, 'We made the cadets the main beneficiary of our summer Funday event at East Carlton park where they helped us with car parking. We were impressed by the community spirit being shown by these young people and wanted to help provide them with kit to do their training. They intend to put the money towards purchasing fleece tops to wear during NESC rescues and practical exercises. We previously assisted them with purchasing a gazebo for them to use at community events. Back in July several of us attended a 'passing out' parade and demonstration of skills at Corby Fire station and were very impressed with their knowledge and abilities.' Northamptonshire Emergency Services Cadets teaches teenagers aged 13 - 18 about the work of the police, fire and ambulance services. This unit is based at Kingswood Secondary Academy in Corby.

Corby and District Lions Club would like to thank all the people who purchased light toys from us at the recent Corby Bonfire and firework event - it has raised over £1000 for charity.

**Dug Wells for Sitikho Ward, Bungoma County, Kenya (£7,700, about £1550 each Well & includes £1000 from Dudley Lions)** I am writing to advise you of the current situation of the above Project which commenced in 2016, following the successful completion of the Greenhouse & Pipeline Project.

£8,005.00 has been raised and £4,680.00 has been sent to PCC, Lion Pape Sembi, Lions Club of Kakamega, Kenya where 3 dug wells have been completed. He has partnered with 'Jesus to all Nations Missions', to identify secure locations that will benefit the whole community with Bishop Humphrey involving Government Departments.

I have not been able to contact Pape Sembi, and on our behalf PDG Femi Onabolu 105M, visited Kenya and confirmed that there are some issues with location of the wells and that permanent

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plaques have not been erected alongside each well with donor's name.

Femi advises that Pape has had numerous problems that have taken him away from Kenya and has promised to deal with the issues and I am of course continuing to pursue this and believe that a successful conclusion can be reached.

However I have recommended to Cabinet that the money held £3,325.00 be transferred to the new 'Global Brigades' Ghana Project led and managed by Lion Doctor Liam Barrett of Marston Green Lions Club and President of 'Global Brigades UK'. **This has been agreed.**

As you may know The University of Birmingham is a chapter of 'Global Medical Brigades' an International movement of students and medical professionals working alongside communities and staff to implement sustainable health systems. They work in remote rural areas in Honduras, Panama, Nicaragua and Ghana, who would otherwise have limited access to health care.

Lion Doctor Barrett will lead the Ghana Project and the aim is to raise £10,010.00 in this Lions year before the new District commences. District Officer's Recommendations suggest a contribution of £150.00 per Club towards this Project, but a lower or higher amount would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support, but please contact me if you have any questions.

Carole Moseley  
MD Projects

**Indian Adventure by Carole Moseley Droitwich Lions Club** who travelled to Delhi with partner David who had been invited to talk at a steam railway congress by Sir Mark Tully the former BBC correspondent for India.

After 4 days of talks and trains we travelled to the south of India by train... Stopping overnight at Mumbai, staying at the fabulous Taj Mahal Palace Hotel. We then travelled further south staying overnight in Madgaon in Goa, Mangalore and then Coimbatore.

For me the highlight of this adventure was meeting up with the Lions of Udagamandalam (Ooty), District 324 B1. Lion Krishnamurthi, the District Chair presented us with an amazing book which had been printed for the 'Lions 100 The NILGIRIS', who said "The unique Tahr and our Nilgiris District endowed with pure water and salubrious climate and the educational institutions that continue to impart excellent education to many from all over the world has been highlighted in this book".

We were taken to a local hospital where the Lions had provided a dialysis unit and introduced us to several consultants who were also Lions, then taken to a hotel that looked over the spectacular valley and mountains where we were hosted by District Governor 2017-18 Lion Kalichamy to an excellent lunch.



January Edition of Midland News,, Please get your articles in to [news@lions105m.org.uk](mailto:news@lions105m.org.uk) ready for the New Year edition. We look forward to reading them by the later date of the 23rd December allowing time for you to get your Christmas articles in.

*Joy and Brigitte would like to wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas, that you have the spirit of Christmas which is Peace, the gladness of Christmas which is Hope, and the Heart of Christmas which is Love*

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