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700 Deaf and Dumb Children benefit through Bushby Lions Club Event

The Bushby Lions' Club organised a Musical event in Leicester temple on 01 12 2018 an event of "Bhagans"(Religious Chanting) to raise funds for The School for 700 Deaf and Dumb Children of Gandhi Ghar Gujarat India. The event was attended and supported by 250 local regular visitors to the temple and group of Bushby Lions' club members. The local Music Group that specialises in "Religious Chanting" supported the event. The club has been supporting the School for last couple of years. The event raised funds to the value of circa £3000.00 this year too.

The Music Group

Lion President Josh Ramji (Lady in Blue) collecting donation. The member Lion Dullabhai Patel (Standing) the key coordinator of the project.

Members of Public

WARWICK LIONS have continued their tradition of providing Christmas Food Parcels for the needy of Warwick District.

Club members made door to door collections of tinned food and other comestibles which were then made up into some 200 food parcels and delivered to recipients around Warwick.

This year members were assisted by the Mayor Councillor Richard Eddy and members of no. 1368 Warwick & Leamington Squadron of the ATC.

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Festive Walk Success

Ideal walking weather brought out over 2,000 walkers and their dogs to Baddesley Clinton National Trust House on Thursday 27 December for the annual Lions Festive charity walk. This year donations approaching £9,000 were received on the day in aid of Sepsis UK, SoLO Life Opportunities & local causes. The Lions hope to receive further donations & gift aid to swell this figure to over £10,000, Whilst the Lions had carefully planned the routes weeks ago they were unable to plan for the record numbers who turned up and the exceptionally wet weather of recent weeks, which lead to somewhat muddy footpaths & tracks.

“At least the weather remained dry this year and there was no repeat of the snow and slush which almost forced the cancellation last year for the first time in 25 years,” said organiser Lion James Dawes. “It seems many families and groups have our walks on the Festive calendar every year, eager to get out from behind the TV and away from the sales and get some fresh air and exercise to walk off the excesses of Christmas. All in a very good cause.

“One of the effects of attracting so many walkers on the day is the pressure it puts on the limited car parking at Baddesley Clinton, and the knock on effect to the nearby public roads. This is something we are aware of, and will review for future events. We do hope no-one was inconvenienced too much, and generally a good spirit was observed throughout the day”

“We work closely with the National Trust at Baddesley Clinton who have allowed us to use their facilities for 26 years now, we greatly appreciate their cooperation and assistance.”
or long route to use to follow the routes perhaps when they are less muddy.

Anyone who may like to help to help the Lions organise this and other community events should contact them now at info@knowleanddorridgelions.com
Editorial queries to Dave Carter: davepcarter@btinternet.com

More photos can be found on the Lions Festive Walk website

Acocks Green lions Christmas collections with students from Ninestiles.

WANTED… PHOTOS FROM PREVIOUS CONVENTIONS IF YOU HAVE ANY CAN YOU PLEASE EMAIL THEM TO: webmaster@lions105m.org.uk
MANY THANKS… Joyx

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December has been another busy time for Kettering & District Lions.

We had our Santa's sleigh collections, which raised a fantastic £4227.

Our sleigh collections have already helped out several local charities and organisations which provided much needed support to the local community over the Christmas period with £300 donations going to; the Salvation Army, KCU Foodbank, Kettering Safe Until Daylight (providing help to the

homeless), Kettering MIND, the Women's Refuge, Johnny's Happy Place (a welcoming weekend cafe for those suffering with their mental health) and St Edward's Roman Catholic Church who, along with help from other churches, served a free Christmas day lunch to those in need.

Cheque Presentations

Adult Christmas Party

Children's Christmas Party

Lions serve up Christmas Lunch with all the trimmings

Members of Wellingborough & District Lions Club put their catering skills to good use by providing a superb Christmas buffet lunch, complete with roast turkey and ham with all the trimmings, for 18 families currently supported by Home Start.
After an enjoyable afternoon, which included a visit from Father Christmas, each family was given a Christmas food parcel to take home which contained Christmas puddings, mince pies, biscuits, soup, tinned fruit & vegetables and a selection of sweets

Wellingborough Lions serving up the Christmas buffet lunch.

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Corby and District Lions donate £1000

Corby and District Lions Club recently donated £1000 to the town's children's centres. Pictured are Lion President Jenny Clark handing over a cheque to Tracy Gallagher at Pen Green Children's Centre, watched by several members of the Club Corby Lions spokesman Mike Garlick said, 'Using some of the money kindly collected during our Christmas collections we wanted to help some of the most needy families with young children - the aftermath of Christmas can be a particularly time of year financially. The four Children's Centres in Corby provide services to families with children from birth to 5 years. At the centres the staff provide education and care for young children, health services, adult education and early intervention services. They aim to support all families with young children and particularly try to offer services to families living on the edge of social exclusion.'

Tracey Gallagher, one of the joint heads of PenGreen, said,' Our staff recognise that families are facing ever increasing challenges and problems, the generous donation from Corby Lions will go a long way to supporting families most in need. The Children's Centres will allocate this money to a variety of different things. Some will be used to top up gas and electric tokens which will help to relieve stress and allow them to focus on other areas of need eg food, warm clothing and bedding etc.'

If you are interested in the work of the Children's Centres please contact them on 01536 400068
If you want to know more about Corby Lions please contact John on 01536 742509 You can contact either organisation via the internet or Facebook.

Southam & District Lions enable Father Christmas to meet many more children this year.

Because Southam and some of the surrounding villages have had a large increase in housing Father Christmas could not visit all of the locations covered in previous years. Instead he stopped at 4 or 5 designated places each evening. The local residents were advised where these would be and what time Santa would arrive there. The local residents were advised where these would be and what time Santa would arrive there. This worked very well. At each stop there was a long queue of parents with their children, eager to see Santa. They each received individual attention and a packet of chocolate drops. Santa sat proudly in his newly refurbished sleigh with a magnificent show of glittering lights and the sound of Christmas songs.

The Lions Club are grateful for the work of Jaguar-Land Rover in renovating the sleigh, also for the loan of a Discovery to tow the sleigh and transport the 'elves' (Lion Club members and other volunteers) between locations. Meanwhile Santa's elves toured the vicinity knocking on doors and receiving donations from the residents, who gave generously. In all £3,831.19 was collected. And they have the satisfaction that every penny of this will be presented to the Lily Mae Foundation - The charity chosen to benefit from these donations this year. It is a Leamington based charity which supports parents and families who have suffered the loss of a baby.

Only one evening venture was cancelled due to bad weather, otherwise the new schedule worked very successfully, and Father Christmas was able to meet many more children this year. Very well done to all the Lions, their ladies and other volunteers in braving the weather to take Santa along to meet the children and especially to Lions Malcolm Jakeway, Steve Hoyle & Terry Grey for devising such an effective schedule.

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FUN RUN TO STRETCH YOUR LEGS

It's not too late to make a New Year's resolution, get out your running shoes, get fit and enter this year's 36th Knowle Fun Run on Sunday 19 May now.

Knowle and Dorridge Lions have already opened their website www.knowlefunrun.org.uk with a new entry system for runners wanting to commit now to running the 2 laps 10 km or 1 lap 5 km through the traffic-free roads of Knowle. Entries opened a little later this year whilst the Lions introduced a new entry system. So now is the time to encourage runners to start training and get their friends and colleagues to join them, perhaps make up a team of 4 runners

'Anyone who has taken part in recent years will tell you about the great atmosphere of 1800 runners, many in fancy dress, being cheered on by the residents who always line the traffic-free streets,' says organiser Lion Adrian Harris. 'We hope runners commit early by entering online now and will make a donation or get their run sponsored to help raise funds to support this year's partner charities – the Sepsis UK Trust and SoLO Life Opportunities with half of all proceeds being retained for local causes.

In addition to the 5 & 10km Fun Runs with individual as well as team trophies to be won, there will be 4 Kids runs around Arden playing fields for each of school years 1 to 4.

Already the Lions are busy planning for the day, seeking corporate sponsors and advertisers to cover costs and volunteers to make the event its usual great success. If you can help them please get in touch via 2019@knowlefunrun.org.uk today.

Corby Lions help Day Centre

Our photo shows Lion President Jenny Clark presenting a cheque for £500 to Peter Floody from the Autumn Centre

A Corby Lions Spokesperson explained, 'The Autumn Centre applied for a grant to help redecorate their coffee bar area and make it more of a talking point about Corby life some years ago, eg black and white images of old and new Corby, the steel works, old cinema etc. We are keen to help the centre because they are a charity providing many activities at minimum cost to the over 50's in Corby and surrounding villages - they even run a subsidised transport service.'

A spokesperson for the Autumn Centre explained, ' We provide a very good value for money service, offering healthy, well balanced meals and a varied monthly activities programme. As part of our social wellbeing programme we aim to combat loneliness, social isolation and mental health issues. We offer 5 different chair exercise sessions a week to help with physical well being and help prevent slips, trips and falls. Also on offer is a monthly subsidised chiropodist to all members because foot health is so important. We have over 1000 members who use some or all of the services we have to offer. Within these numbers we have people who are living with all different types of dementia, Huntingdons disease, Parkinson's disease, the aftermath of a stroke, Downs syndrome and much more.'

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