



# MIDLANDS NEWS

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## May 2015



This issue should be in your inbox, just before the MD Convention. It is still possible to join the events. And remember, the business meetings on Saturday are free of charge.

I am deeply saddened by the sudden death of Barbara Dutton, a very active Lion and member of our cabinet. This Lion year has been extremely hard for our District with the very sudden loss of many very active and driven Lions. Just 4 days before Barbara's death I received her report of the Diabetes Open Day she attended. It is published posthumously in her honour. Her legacy should be that we think twice about what we put in our mouth and will try to live that little bit more healthy.

I am proud that our club (Shirley Lions) has been able to pass the Balsall Common club in reports this issue. People that know me will tell you that I am the competitive type. In my opinion being competitive in Lions is a good thing. If we strive to be the best in doing good in the community, then there are only winners. So I throw out the gauntlet to the Clubs of District M, send reports of all your activities and show to everybody your good works!

Raise money for your club. Register your club using this [link](#) and tell your members, family, friends about it and everytime they buy online (Amazon, ebay, booking.com etc.) through this site, a small percentage goes to the club.

If members want to advertise, for only £10, we can place small advertisements. All funds raised for the district charity account. Over 1,000 lions will see your advert. An excellent place to advertise your holiday home, camper, old bike etc. Please contact us for details.

Last but not least, please send reports, news about forthcoming events, charter dates, newspaper clippings and anything else you think we should know about.

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### Solihull Lions has raised more than £1200



By raffling ten Easter eggs at ten different locations across the borough last week.

Solihull Lions special Easter egg hunt culminated in a major draw at Sainsbury's in the town centre, in which the charity donated one lucky winner a hamper of an assortment of Easter eggs worth £50.

The service organisation displayed the ten eggs in various shops and pubs in Solihull on Saturday March 28 and encouraged 120 people to raffle for a chance to win each egg by donating £1 each.

The locations were; Hobs Meadow pub in Lode Heath, Highwood pub in Olton, Solihull Indoor Bowls Club in Blossomfield, Browns butchers in Sharmans Cross, Palmers grocery in Olton, Red House pub in Elmdon Heath, The Wharf Tavern in Hockley Heath, The Fieldhouse pub in Hillfield, Costa Coffee in Solihull town centre and White Swan pub in the town centre.

The ten winners were drawn at each location on Friday April 3 and the successful few were given their tasty treats on Saturday April 4.

And on the same day, the charity held a special draw at Sainsbury's to hand one fortunate Solihull resident the Thorntons Easter hamper to thank the loyal community for their support over the decades.

Lucky Shannon O'Hare, 14, won the assortment of tasty chocolates. The Shirley youngster said: "This is fantastic. I am so pleased and grateful for this. I didn't expect to win. "



Solihull Lions president Paul Jolly, from Sharmans Cross, said this week: "We would like to thank Mell Square Shopping Centre, Sainsbury's in Solihull and Thorntons in Solihull for sponsoring and all the public that participated in this Easter egg hunt.

Solihull Lions are always appreciative of the support they get from across the borough, helping all the good causes we give to. Without you, these causes would suffer.

For example, we have worked closely to support Reynolds Cross Special School and Newlands Bishop Farm recently and these projects would not have been possible without the help of the generosity of residents from all over our borough.

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## Presentation of British Empire Medal to Lion Phil



Phil with the Lord Lieutenant.

Lion Phil White, a charter member of Castle Bromwich and District Lions Club, was presented with a British Empire Medal by the Lord Lieutenant of the West Midlands on 27 April having received the award in the New Year's honours list.

Lion Phil has been a lion for 26 years and has served in every club position including president four times. She is also an active member of friends of Acorns and helps transport the elderly to and from Age Concern meetings.

At district level Phil was the Training and Development for 105M for several years writing much of the training material that is still in use, to train club and district officers. She is also a member of the MD Global Membership Team.

Phil received her award for services to the community in Birmingham and the West Midlands.

## Balsall Commons has found something!

We have found 24 x Rowing Oars they are homemade, I just wondered if before we disposed of them if there were any Clubs who might want them? I see that Wellesbourne are organising there Raft Race on 26th July!

If anyone would like them, it might even convince them to want to enter a team in the Raft Race!

Please contact Lion Ross Collins, Balsall Common Lions Club on: 07813 937921

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## Chinatown Lions



After the sad passing of Lion David Cox MJF in September 2014 the Birmingham Chinatown Lions organised a Memorial Dinner. The event was held at The Hyatt Birmingham in November 2014 and £13,290 was raised.

This week Lions Wei Du, Jeremy Walker and Lion President Stewart Sherman presented a cheque to the Charity at the Priory Hospital where David received treatment and support.

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## Specsavers Kenilworth and Kenilworth Lions collect over 2300 pairs of specs.



This is a photo with the staff at Specsavers Kenilworth who have been collecting used specs for a number of years last year they collected 2300 pairs which have been sent on to Chichester Lions Club.

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**Southam & District Lions Club**  
Grand National Race Night  
for Zoe's Place Childrens Hospice  
Amount Raised £543

## Southam Lions Day at the races



We enjoyed a very happy day at The Races on Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup> and managed to raise some welcome monies for Zoe's Children's Hospice. The 'jockeys' enjoyed themselves particularly negotiating the water jumps where they got a soaking!!

Southam Lions wish to thank the following local sponsors: MF Plastics, Warwickshire Outsourcing, Vismodus Quality Surveying, Partridge Electrical, BPS Ltd and TM & JM Grey Builders.

## Diabetes open day

251 people (I was the extra one) attended a 'Diabetes Open Day' last Thursday at the Copthorne Hotel, Brierley Hill, organised by Dudley NHS Clinical Commissioning Group in conjunction with Diabetes UK. The speakers from both the NHS and the private sector, covered a range of topics relevant to diabetes including the current and future treatments available in the borough and introducing a new initiative 'Type 2 Together' which is endorsed by the Cabinet Office and Nesta, (which is a national organisation supporting new innovative ideas). The various stands promoted exercise programmes, including cycling classes run by Dudley Council, together with healthy eating recommendations using recipes supplied by Tesco's, suggestions for life style changes, advice on alcohol abuse awareness, help for children with the condition, demonstrations by medical equipment companies, attention to foot care and visual problems connected to diabetes, and many more subjects related to diabetes.

With Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes now being a major world wide costly health issue, I am sure that Dudley Borough is not the only area where the council is concerned about diabetes awareness and prevention. Perhaps your local Clinical Commissioning Group would be interested in holding a similar event in conjunction with your club.

The Clinical Commissioning Groups replaced the Primary Care Trusts, which were statutory NHS bodies abolished in 2013. The CCG are now responsible for planning and buying services and assessing the needs of the community, prioritising what medication and equipment is purchased and monitoring and assessing the service providers. Some of these tasks were transferred to local authorities and Public Health England.

Google your town or area group for a contact. They may be happy to support your venture, perhaps combining with Sight First, Message in a Bottle, Speech and Hearing, Medic Alert and Physical and Learning Difficulties, all Lions projects, and all issues that the local NHS do not have time to promote individually.

Our website states 'We believe that everyone deserves a healthy life'

What better way to demonstrate Lions service in the local community than by organising a 'Better Health' day.

Please give this some thought.

Barbara Dutton Diabetes Officer 105m. † **25/04/2015**

### Lion Barbara Dutton

It is with great regret that Kingswinford and Stourbridge Lions Club have to announce the passing of Lion Barbara after a short illness. Lion Barbara joined K&S in 2008 but had been a Lion since 1994. In the last 3 years she was heavily involved in Diabetes Awareness and also been area coordinator for our DG's Partners project for the Homeless. She will be sorely missed and our thoughts are with her husband Lion Bob and family.

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## Kettering & District Lions presents 56 Young Lion in Service Awards



4,666 hours of community service have been given by local young people in the past year through the Lions Clubs International 'Young Leaders in Service Award Scheme'. Kettering & District Lion and Midland District Vice District Governor Elect, John Gray, said, "They certainly dispel the myth that all young people are trouble-makers and we are extremely proud of their achievements, particularly helping those less fortunate than themselves".

The Club recently invited 56 exceptional young people and their families to the presentation evening at Southfield School, which is a keen supporter of the scheme. 28 participants achieved Silver Standard Awards for 50 hours of service, and 28 achieved Gold Standard Awards for 100 hours. Although not all could attend, the evening was a celebration of their success. The internationally recognised 'Young Leaders in Service Award Scheme' rewards these community-minded young people, between the ages of 11 and 18, with badges, letters and certificates signed by the Lions International President. Other young people currently involved in the scheme include members of Kettering Police Cadets, St John's Ambulance Cadets, local youth clubs and other individuals.

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## A joint venture for Kettering & Wellingborough Lions Clubs



The organisers

A fashion show was held at the Kettering Park Hotel on Monday 27th April 2015. It was a fantastic night and a complete sell out - we even had standing clients at the back as there were no seats left. This was the first venture between the two clubs of this type of fund raising event and will most certainly be repeated! Models came from both clubs and also friends and family. After expenses we raised £1,200, to be spent on local causes and Ebola Orphan Aid.

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## Shirley Lions put defibrillator in Shirley town centre



A Community Centre is the beating heart of one Solihull district in more ways than one thanks to a smart new addition. The Shirley Centre, located on the Stratford Road in Shirley, Solihull, is now home to a community public access defibrillator (CPAD), a device used to help restart the heart of someone in cardiac arrest. The defibrillator is in a secure yellow box on the front of the building and is easily accessible in an emergency.

The life-saving device was funded by Shirley Lions and Ken Barker, President of the club, said: "We first heard about public access defibrillators at last years' Shirley Lions Carnival whilst speaking to Fast Aid, our local Community First Responders. We decided to help by purchasing one and then arranging for it to be housed at the Community Centre. In addition all 25 Shirley Lions members have now been trained in CPR and the use of the defibrillator. It's very easy to use and logical which means you really can't go wrong!"

Alan Bailey, Chairman of the Shirley Community Association, said: "We're a Community Centre and I'm always keen to engage with our community and this defibrillator is a great addition. I hope it's never used but it's reassuring to know it's here to help anyone who suffers a cardiac arrest. Thank you to Shirley Lions for the funding and to Creative Electricals for their help in fitting the device."

Andy Jeynes, Community Response Manager, said: "This is another great defibrillator placement in Solihull. The quicker you start CPR and use a defibrillator on someone in cardiac arrest the better their chances of survival."

## Soft Landing for Shirley Playgroup



Shirley Lions were welcome visitors to the Green Lane Special Needs Playgroup on Thursday 23 April when Lions President Ken Barker handed over a cheque for £1000 towards the cost of recently installed soft landing material on the centre's garden area. The playgroup, run by Solihull Children's Special Needs Association, offers unique individual care to pre-school children with a range of disabilities and the Association's Chair, Mrs Jo Brown commented, "We are sincerely grateful to Shirley Lions for this most generous gift. The specially designed surface will avoid our volunteers having to wait for the grass to dry before taking children outside to play and will really extend the

range of our activities as the children can now fall over without any risk of hurting themselves"

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## Seeking Host Families

Can you help?

Here are the young people who still need hosting, please let me know if you can accommodate any of them. It is very rewarding with many Exchanges becoming a friend for life

Date of Hosting-Period 1 (All Going to Youth Centre after hosting)  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August

Y1501- Male 20yrs- Turkey  
Y1503- Male 22yrs- India  
Y1505- Male 20yrs- Serbia  
Y1510- Male 19yrs- Japan  
Y1511- Male 19yrs- Japan  
Y1522- Female 18yrs- Poland  
Y1523- Male 19yrs- Denmark  
Y1527- Female 22yrs- Macedonia  
Y1532- Male 21yrs- Argentina  
Y1534- Female 18yrs- Canada  
Y1536- Male 19yrs- Croatia  
Y1537- Male 21yrs- Bulgaria  
Y1538- Female 22yrs- Croatia  
Y1539- Male 20yrs- Mexico

If You can help, Please Contact  
Lion Jackie Williams District M Youth Exchange Officer  
Email- [youthx@lions105m.org.uk](mailto:youthx@lions105m.org.uk)

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## Nepal Earthquake Disaster

Dear fellow Lions

Much has happened since we first learnt of the earthquake in Nepal. Our understanding of the scale of the disaster is continuing to grow, and as Lions we are anxious to respond speedily and effectively.

At last year's Multiple District Convention your Council was charged with developing a disaster response programme, specifically related to emergency water supplies.

Council has agreed and intended to announce at the forthcoming Multiple District Convention the following approach:

- a) Water purification tablets which are each capable of purifying 10 litres of water
- b) Life saver water filtration units enables users to process 15,000 litres of clean sterile drinking water.

Council believes this approach should be adopted in responding to the Disaster in Nepal, taking into account

the direct request from Past International President Lion Barry Palmer on behalf of LCIF for water treatment materials.

The Multiple District is therefore launching an appeal for donations to the Multiple District International Disaster Fund.

In order to provide an immediate response, Council have sanctioned the use of existing funds to obtain the following:

- a) 56 cartons each containing 16,000 tablets capable of purifying 9 million litres of water
- b) 280 Lifesaver water filtration units capable of treating 4.2 million litres of contaminated water.

These items are due to be airfreighted to Nepal on Friday, 1st May.

The appeal is to build funds to purchase further supplies and restore the Multiple District International Disaster

Funds ready to respond to future emergencies.

A poster in a pdf format has been provided for your assistance with this appeal.

Donations should be sent to District Treasurers made payable to the Multiple District International Disaster Fund endorsed on the back with 'Nepal Water Appeal' or directly to the Multiple District Charities Treasurer, Lion Tom Berry.

Donations made by members of the public or Lions can made online via

[www.lionsgiving.org/index.php/national-appeals/lions-international-disaster-fund](http://www.lionsgiving.org/index.php/national-appeals/lions-international-disaster-fund)

Yours in Lionism

Lion Michael Phillips  
Chair of Council

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## Kenyan Water Project, Bungoma County 2014/15

As the current Lion's year draws to a close I would like to remind Clubs of the current water project and the urgent need for money to get this small project started.

The project is to assist widows and orphans in finding meaningful employment with the provision of green houses and piped water from Webuye- Milo Reservoir. This will allow them to grow crops to sell at market, provide much needed water for their business and home consumption as well as education.

If you have not already given to this project, which is on The DG's shopping list, please consider it and give generously.

## Street Children 2014/15

As you are aware our District supports the UK charity 'Railway Children', who spends a third of its income in the UK.

The situation of abused children in the UK is not improving and much needed funds are required to deal with the emerging problems.

Please give generously to this work set out on the DG's list.

Carole Moseley

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## Forthcoming Events

### Dudley Lions Thursday 14th May 2015

Black Country First Responders are coming to give a talk and Demo CPR at The Quality Hotel, Dudley opposite the The Village Hotel 7:30 for 8pm. Although it is free admission (donation gratefully received), can you ring Sue Harris 07870 546843 regarding numbers attending, so the right size room can be booked.

RSVP asap or by the 7<sup>th</sup> May at the latest.

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**MayDayFete**

**Monday 4th May, 2015**  
on the **Bowling Green Pub Car Park, Southam**



**... it all starts at 2pm**

**Stalls / Cakes / Toys & Games / Penny Arcade**  
**Bouncy Castle / Punch & Judy / Ice Cream / Raffle**  
**Facepainting / Book Stall / Refreshments**

Entertainment by  
**SECRET GARDEN MUSICAL THEATRE**

To hire a stall please contact **Lion Malcolm** on 01926 814294 or visit our **website** for details.

*Come along and have fun, all in aid of local charities!*

 [www.southamlions.org.uk](http://www.southamlions.org.uk) 

# LIONS CLUB OF COVENTRY GODIVA BEER FESTIVAL

**Saturday 9th May 2015**

12 Noon - 11pm (Lord Mayor of Coventry attending at 3:30pm)

At Daimler Green  
Community Reception Centre,  
48 Highley Drive,  
Coventry, CV6 3LR

**Food Available on the day!**

Entrance fee: £1  
includes free glass + programme

**In aid of Coronary Care Unit  
Birmingham Queens Hospital &  
Sikh Union Free Camp**

**"Assistance to Disabled Persons"**

**Calipers, Crutches and Artificial Limbs will be  
provided to needy patients**



Registered Charity No. 1071043



Registered Charity No. 1150047



Further Information: **07814 607662 / 07703 672563**



The Coventry Walkathon, still going strong. Raise money and win prizes



Organised by Coventry Leofric Lions Club the Coventry Walkathon has over the past fourteen years enabled local charities and good causes to raise over £229,000.

This year's walk will be held in the Coventry War Memorial Park on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May and it will see hundreds of walkers striding out around a 1.75 mile, flat, wheel chair friendly course for as

many laps as they wish. The walk which starts at 11.00 am will be started by Coventry's Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Michael Hammond and BBC Coventry and Warwickshire's Vic Minett will be on hand to provide motivational support and spur on the entrants. Prior to the start of the walk, the two guests will be involved in judging a fancy dress competition which will award the lucky winners and runners up in each category family day tickets to Drayton Manor Theme Park.

Coventry Leofric Lions Club are keen to help as many charities as possible and issue an invitation to the people of Coventry and Warwickshire to join them in raising funds whilst enjoying a challenging walk in a



beautiful setting. One local group from the charity SCOPE has supported the walk throughout its fourteen year history and have been able to raise over £23,000 during this time.

As an extra incentive the Leofric Lions will be presenting a cheque for £100 to be used by the charity or good cause to the largest team on the day .

Any readers interested in joining this worthwhile venture can get further information including entry forms from [www.leofriclions.org.uk/walkathon2015](http://www.leofriclions.org.uk/walkathon2015) or by ringing event organiser Reg Brown on 07766667349.

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## Lions District 105M DG's Wife's Appeal Raising Funds for 'The Homeless'

Charity Golf Day 14th May  
Supported by Worcester Lions Club  
At Ombersley Golf Club

A fun filled day for everyone

Teams of 4 including tea/coffee and a meal Cost £150

Non Golfers welcome, £17 per person for alternative entertainment... including tea/coffee and a meal

The time has now come for all of you that have said you will put in a team, to please fill in the booking form..... (If you want the booking form in Word format rather than a PDF please ask)

Please return the booking forms along with a cheque by the 27<sup>th</sup> April (sooner if possible) – this will allow time for programmes to be printed etc.

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## Race Night with a difference Friday 15th May 7:30pm (first race 7:45pm)

Venue: The Banbury Club, Bosworth Drive, Chelmsley Wood (opposite Asda)  
In aid of: Joy's homeless appeal and club charitable trust

Cost: £5 per person

Contact: Tickets obtainable from Simon Moss 0779 204 7546 or [simonmoss@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:simonmoss@blueyonder.co.uk)

Details: Come and join Marston Green Lions for an evening of fun, fellowship and fund raising.

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## Knowle Fun Run

Entries are open for this year's 32<sup>nd</sup> Knowle Fun Run on **Sunday 17th May**. Hundreds of runners have already made their New Year's resolution to run in Solihull's biggest fundraising event of its kind. Why not join them for this popular 5 mile Fun Run with great community atmosphere on traffic-free streets and help raise funds for Arthritis Research UK, Knowle Football Club, Solihull Young Carers and local causes. More details and enter online now at [www.knowlefunrun.org.uk](http://www.knowlefunrun.org.uk).



FOLLOWING the finding and forthcoming reburial of Richard III in Leicester Cathedral, which has garnered international attention, Bosworth Battlefield has been in the world spotlight recently.

And now, walkers of all ages are being given the chance to follow in the footsteps of the last Plantagenet King of England.

Hinckley and Burbage Lions Club are hosting a charity sponsored walk around Bosworth Battlefield on Sunday, May 17, 2015 and would love fellow Lions to join us on our walk.

Those who take part can choose either a five and a half or shorter circular walk. The Lions will carry out all of the organisation and all

cash your group generate will be shared equally between you and the Hinckley and Burbage Lions Club.

**Flashback to last year's event where Lions club members and friends prepare to marshal the course.**

There will be a staggered start times between 10-11.30am and as it is not a race, all those taking part will have the chance to sample the wonders

of the Leicestershire countryside which will hopefully be a lot more peaceful now, than that fateful day in August, 1485.

For more details ring 0845 833 5892, email [cynthia.lines@hotmail.com](mailto:cynthia.lines@hotmail.com), or write to

Lion Cynthia Lines, 60 Princess Road, Hinckley, LE10 1EB to confirm your interest and then we can send out more information.



Lady Joy of Haffner invites you to a treasure hunt for the homeless to finish at a country estate

On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2015

Starting at the Running Horse Bewdley at 11am

The Event will include a barbeque

Country games on the estate

And a tour of the estate

Tickets £15 to include food and a welcome drink



Tickets from Lion Richard Williams  
38 Osborne Place  
Leominster  
Herefordshire HR6 8BW  
Tel 07711046889 or 01568 614089



## Sandwell / Handsworth Lions - International Evening

Saturday 30 May 2015 - For "Homeless" Appeal

Time - 7 30 pm - till late

Place - Farcroft Hotel, Rookery Road, Handsworth, Birmingham B21 9QY

Price - £15/- per person

Table of 10 - £125/-

Places are limited so, please book early, to avoid disappointment.

To book, please contact:

Lion Kanu - Tel. 0796 183 2916

Lion Vickram - Tel. 0780 219 7782

Lion Praful - Tel. 0121 421 1298

This lively event, is in aid of "the homeless " - in response to Lion Joy's appeal.

There will be a good culinary offering of - a variety of veg. And non –veg. food.

The entertainment will include live performances and music. The overall theme of the evening is a fusion of east and west. All are welcome - including children.

The first part of the evening will be a variety programme - presented by various artists -

- 1) musical items
- 2) lively cultural dances

After the meal, the DJ will provide popular music for those who would like to dance! There will also be a raffle draw - with some wonderful prizes.

The guests will include - DG Ian Haffner

Lion Joy Haffner

Carol Fox – operations manager - " sifa fireside "

Lion president Stewart - of Chinatown Lions, will be the master of ceremonies, for this event.

Please come along , and support Lady Joy's appeal and help raise awareness for " the homeless " .

The programme has been put together by the effort of many - and we hope and expect - that it will be a joyous and a memorable event!

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## Malvern Hills Lions Club Bluebell Sponsored Walk.

A reminder that Malvern Hills Lions Clubs Bluebell Sponsored Walk will take place on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May.

Those wishing to raise money for a recognised charity other than the named charities, can retain 50% of the money that they have raised and give it to that chosen charity. The remainder must be sent to Malvern Hills Lions Club who will distribute it to the partnering charities.

There will be free parking at Mayalls Farm off the A4104 Welland Road. WR14 4JN and free mini bus transport to and from the start at British Camp.

The walking distance options are on offer are;

2.5 miles British Camp to Wyche Cutting with free mini-bus return to the car park,

5 miles British Camp to Wyche cutting and back to British Camp,

7 miles British Camp to the Worcestershire Beacon via Wyche Cutting returning to British Camp via Wyche Cutting.

The path from the Wyche Cutting to the Worcestershire Beacon is tarmac. There are ample facilities along the route including toilets and refreshments.

For Sponsorship Forms and more details visit the "Club News" page of the club's website [www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/malvern hills/](http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/malvern hills/)

email [MalvernHillsLions@gmail.com](mailto:MalvernHillsLions@gmail.com) or phone 0845 833 9548

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## SOLIHULL LIONS CARNIVAL

Will be opened by the Mayor of Solihull  
at 12 noon, on 6th June 2015  
in Tudor Grange Park.

All Lions clubs will be most welcome and no charge will be made for your stalls.

Please Contact  
Paul Jolly  
on  
0121 704 3118  
[pauljolly4@gmail.com](mailto:pauljolly4@gmail.com)

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## Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June Balsall Common Lions

present  
Briefcase Blues Brothers  
St Peters Church Hall  
Balsall Common  
Tickets £12.50  
(includes cold supper)  
Pay Bar  
To reserve your tickets  
Ring Lion Ross Collins  
01676 534820, 07813 937921

## 25th June 2015, Dudley Lions Quiz Night

The Vine Pub  
1 Dunsley Road, Kinver DY7 6LJ  
7:30 at 8pm  
Tickets £7.00  
including food Scampi & Fries or Burger & Fries  
Please contact Sue Harris 07870 546843 or Shona Jones 07886 405128  
RSVP asap or by 18<sup>th</sup> June the latest

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## Dudley Lions are organising an Summer Fun Day 23/8

Dudley Lions are organising an Summer Fun Day and we'd love you to join us!

We are looking for a variety of trade stalls (gift, craft)- so if you are interested drop me a line with a brief description of what you'd like to sell and I'll send you the booking form.

Thanking you in advance for your support.

Date: Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2015

Venue: Vine Pub, 1 Dunsley Road, Kinver, West Midlands, DY7 6LJ

Time: 11am until 5pm

Contact: Shona Jones, Dudley Lion

Tel: Number: 07886 405128

Email: [stardustgifts@live.com](mailto:stardustgifts@live.com)

Cost: £20 per standard 3m x 3m pitch for Gazebo.

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### Wellesbourne and Shakespeare Lions clubs' raft race 26 July

Sheldon Lions have won the Lions Club Cup as the fastest Lions raft on the River Avon for more than a decade. More than 60 rafts enter this event each year but Sheldon have been the only Lions Club to do so. **So in 2015 why not join them and give them some competition.**

Participants in this year's Wellesbourne and Shakespeare Lions clubs' raft race are looking to raise more than £10,000 to fund specialist services at The Shakespeare Hospice's bespoke Young Persons Hub recently opened by H.R.H. Prince Charles. The race, which takes place over seven miles and across two weirs along the River Avon between Wasperton and Stratford, is on Sunday July 26. It will be the 39<sup>th</sup> running of the event, which began in 1976 and has taken place every year - apart from 2001 when it was cancelled because of the Foot and Mouth epidemic. Over the years it has raised more than £700,000 for charity.

Further information and entry and sponsorship forms visit our website: [www.rafrace.org](http://www.rafrace.org)

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### **MD Convention 8-10/5/2015**

## **You make Convention so come and join us**

Now that the district conventions are done it's time to turn your attention to MD Convention.

Thank you to those who have already booked but we're still a fair way from the numbers we need to make it a great event.

There's plenty to debate on the Saturday with some excellent presentations to inspire you to greater service and on Sunday your DGs Elect want you there to welcome them in. In between there are two superb entertainment evenings.

Firstly our Host Night where you can welcome the stars on the red carpet and be entertained by the excellent Trevor T and his showgirls.

Then on Saturday the Banquet and Ball with the Hitmen and Her. Both events are complimented by some excellent food.

Hotel rooms can be booked direct with the hotel by ringing 0121 780 4242 quoting Lions 2015 (GLICL) or by following the link on the MD website. Make sure you quote the code or follow the link because if you go direct to the hotel site you will not find rooms as they are reserved by us for you at the special rate of £86.60 per room per night B&B including parking.

Social events can be booked via the MD105 online shop (accessed via the website [www.lionsclubs.co](http://www.lionsclubs.co)), by completing a booking form (available via the website) or by ringing MDHQ on 0845 833 9502

**Don't let the team down. Book your rooms and tickets now**

Date	Event	Price per person
May 8 <sup>th</sup> 2015	Host Night (Theme "TV & the Movies")	£26
May 9 <sup>th</sup> 2015	Convention Lunch	£7
May 9 <sup>th</sup> 2015	Banquet and Ball (Featuring "The Hitmen and Her")	£37.50
	Convention Pin	£3

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All the ingredients of a great convention weekend. So what are you waiting for?

**Volunteers Please**

We've had a number of offers to help since the last newsletter but could still do with a few more Lions to help us out at convention. If you would like to help out please contact Simon Moss ([simonmoss@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:simonmoss@blueyonder.co.uk)) to let him know your availability. And don't forget the waistcoats!

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**Charters**

Lions Club Of Coventry – Mercia, Lion President Tajinder Suri

Invites You to 2<sup>nd</sup> Charter Anniversary Dinner

To be held at  
Vibe Suite  
Village Hotel  
Dolomite Avenue  
Coventry Business Park  
Coventry  
CV4 9GZ  
Tel No: 02476 719000

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2015  
7.00pm for 7.30pm  
Lounge Suit

Contact: Lion Anita Bedi – 07904 474441 – [anitabedi99@gmail.com](mailto:anitabedi99@gmail.com)

Lion President Dave Sherwen, his wife Val and the members of Droitwich Lions Club

invite you to help celebrate their

30<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary Dinner

on

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2015, 7 for 7.30pm

to be held in

The Orangery, St Andrews House Hotel, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8AL

£25 per head, dress formal

Dancing to Steve Wright disco

Contact: Dave Sherwen, [dave.sherwen@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:dave.sherwen@tiscali.co.uk), mobile No 07803 296011

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21 St Charter Anniversary Lions Club Of Coventry Godiva

From Lion President Harbinder Kundi, all members and partners:

The Allesley Hotel 83 Birmingham Road Allesley Coventry CV5 9GT  
ON

Saturday 16 May 2015, 19.30 pm till late

Cost £25

3 Course Indian Dinner

Please reply to:

Harbinder Kundi

63 Bardley Drive Coventry CV5 3LD, Tel 07943 804239

email [abbikundi@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:abbikundi@yahoo.co.uk)

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**ALDRIDGE & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB**

CHARTER ANNIVERSARY 2015 To be held at DRUIDS HEATH GOLF CLUB

SATURDAY 23rd MAY 2015

(7.00 pm for 7.30pm)

cost £20

Lion Harry Fry [henryjanf4863@gmail.com](mailto:henryjanf4863@gmail.com) or 01922278718

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**Thurnby Lions Club 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Charter Lunch**

Date: 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015 Time: 12.30 for 1pm

Chutney Ivy Restaurant 41, Halford Street, Leicester LE1 1TR

Lion President Atul Lakhani & Club Members Cordially invite Fellow Lions and Guests

To the Thurnby Lions Club 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Charter Lunch

At The Chutney Ivy Restaurant, Leicester on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015

For further information – please contact  
Lion Mahendra Trivedi on 07582 116 848. Email: [m.trivedi@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:m.trivedi@hotmail.co.uk)

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The Birmingham Chinatown Lions Club cordially invites you to join  
the 28<sup>th</sup> Charter Night celebration on:

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2015  
Tally Ho Conference & Banqueting Centre  
Pershore Road  
Birmingham  
B5 7RN

7.30pm for 8pm start

Ticket price: £30 per person to include  
3 course meal

Nominated Charity: Birmingham Chinese Culture and Language School

For tickets, please contact:

Club Secretary: [juliesohoo@hotmail.com](mailto:juliesohoo@hotmail.com)  
Club Treasurer: [woobebe@hotmail.com](mailto:woobebe@hotmail.com)

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### Malvern Hills Lions Clubs 40<sup>th</sup> Charter Lunch

Lion President Richard invites you to join him  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2015, 12-30 pm for 1-00 pm  
(Please Note the Earlier Date)

Worcestershire Golf Club, Woodfarm Road,  
Malvern, WR14 4PP

Cost £22

Dress. Lounge Suits

Menu and Booking form attached

Please return booking form and Menu Choices by 10<sup>th</sup> May 2015

To Lion Geoff Lewis, by post to 12, The Orchards, Walwyn Road, Colwall, Nr. Malvern, Worcestershire,  
WR13 6JZ. Email to [geoff@gallion.plus.com](mailto:geoff@gallion.plus.com) or phone 01684 540553

Please make Cheques payable to Malvern Hills Lions Club

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### WELLESBOURNE & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB 43<sup>rd</sup> CHARTER ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE

SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2015

The Hampton Suite at The Charlecote Pheasant  
(Charlecote, CV35 9EW)

18:30 for 19:00 start  
£30 per person

To reserve your place please send a cheque with your menu choices by 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015 to Lion President  
Stephen Skinner

For further information:  
Lion President Stephen Skinner  
2 Dovehouse Drive, Wellesbourne, Warwick, CV35 9QZ

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### Sutton Coldfield and Erdington lions

would like to invite you to their charter lunch

on Sunday 21st June @12.30 for 1 pm

at grounds farm Grove lane Wishaw B76 9PQ

Tickets: £21.00 per person children under 12 £10

food will be a summer menu and includes a glass of bucks fizz on arrival

There will be a raffle and light entertainment

Please contact Derek brown on 0121 218 0342

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### June 13<sup>th</sup> Kidderminster & District Lions Club Charter Dinner

Lion President Ron Cross invites you to join the members of Kidderminster & District Lions Club to celebrate the club's 41<sup>st</sup> Charter Anniversary. This will be held at The Brasserie Restaurant in Kidderminster. Address is 5 Lower Mill Street, Kidderminster, DY11 6UU. The time is 7 for 7.30. The cost is £25 per person.

There is ample parking in Weavers Wharf Car Park just across the road from the restaurant.

There is disabled access for those who need it. (Please ask on arrival.)

For further information [linda.cross@uwclub.net](mailto:linda.cross@uwclub.net)

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### Corby & District Lions Club Charter

Lion President Mike Garlick would like to invite  
members, family & friends to

CHARTER ANNIVERSARY DINNER

on

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2015

at

Best Western Rockingham Forest Hotel  
Rockingham Road Corby NN17 2AE  
at 19.30 - 20.00

£22.00 per person

Please reply by 14th June 2015

to

Lion Bipin Karsandas

34 Elizabeth Street

Corby Northants

NN17 1PN

[bkarsandas@hotmail.com](mailto:bkarsandas@hotmail.com)

Mob: 07913096070

## In the papers

The Observer, Thursday April 23, 2015



At the heart of the community - (from left to right): Jeff Way, Fastaid vice chair, Ken Barker, President of Shirley Lions with four members of Shirley Lions, Andy Jaynes, WMAS Community Response Manager and Alan Bailey, chairman of the Shirley Community Association. Image courtesy WMAS. (s)

## Heart of community

A COMMUNITY centre is set to become the beating heart of Shirley in more ways than one.

The Shirley Centre on Stratford Road recently became home to a community public access defibrillator.

Easily accessible in an emergency, the device - which will be kept in a secure yellow box on the front of the building - can be used to help restart someone's heart if they suffer a cardiac arrest.

The life-saving device was funded by West Midlands Ambulance Service, the secure box was purchased by Shirley Lions and the venue was sourced by a local Fastaid Community First Responder.

Ken Barker, president of Shirley Lions, said: "We first heard about public access defibrillators at last year's community carnival whilst speaking to one

of our local CFRs.

"We decided to help house one for the community centre and all 25 Shirley Lions members have been trained in CPR and how to use the defibrillator. It's very easy to use and logical, which means you really can't go wrong!"

Alan Bailey, chairman of the Shirley Community Association, said: "We're a community centre and I'm always keen to engage with our community and this defibrillator is a great addition.

"I hope it's never used but it's reassuring to know it's here to help anyone who suffers a cardiac arrest."

And Jeff Way, Fastaid Community First Responder and vice chair, added: "Arriving at a cardiac arrest case to see someone doing CPR and using a defibrillator is a welcomed sight so it's nice to see another device in the community."

# Ahoy there look who's coming to the carnival

SHIRLEY LIONS have announced that the annual Shirley Carnival will take place in Shirley Park on Saturday, July 11.

The Lions are appealing for businesses across the borough to lend them a helping hand with sponsorship to make the town's annual carnival bigger and better than ever.

Some businesses have already stepped up to help including Transforming U of Beckett's Farm, Wadsworths



**A Jack Sparrow lookalike will be on hand to entertain visitors to Shirley Carnival - and judge the pirate fancy dress.**

Solicitors of Shirley and The Window Centre of Shirley, but organisers say more funds are needed.

Lion Gillian Conlon, chairman of the Shirley Carnival committee, believes sponsoring the event could help firms promote themselves and help local charities in the process.

She said: "Shirley Lions have been organising Shirley Carnival for over 35 years and unfortunately the costs incurred in staging the event get greater and greater each year.

"Without the help of local businesses we simply could not run the event.

"There are several opportunities to promote your business through the carnival, such as an advert in the programme, sponsoring the stalls or sponsoring one of the arena events booked to appear on the big day."

Gillian also announced this year's carnival would have a 'pirates' theme and a coup for the event in that it will be formally opened by none other than a Captain Jack Sparrow lookalike.

Captain Jack will then be around all afternoon for photo opportunities and to judge the various pirate-themed competitions for the children.

For information on how to become a sponsor or to book a carnival stall, contact Lion Gillian on 0845 833 9547 or visit [www.shirleylions.co.uk](http://www.shirleylions.co.uk)



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