



MIDLANDS NEWS

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Received my first Letter to the Editor. Please write your messages, ideas, criticism. This is your newsletter. Use it to launch ideas, write about disappointments. Lions needs your feedback so we can grow as an organization. I am sure that within 105M we have people that feel they have issues they want to raise to the District. I am expecting a deluge!!

Solihull Lions delivered 9 defibrillators. With many other ones supplied by other Solihull clubs over the last few years, it means that coming to cabinet meetings, Autumn forum and other Lions events held in Solihull is now a much safer undertaking. Talking about the Autumn Forum, about 80 Lions joined a most interesting day. Your District is boiling over with energy! Droitwich Lions saved up their paper cuttings and delivered a bag full. Not only do they get in the papers, they get in it very well. Have a look at the end of this Newsletter.

During a recent meeting which involved Lions from all over MD105 I talked to Lion Peter Tabb from Jersey, where they raise +/-£140,000/yr., the majority of it with a sponsored swimarathon. They compiled an instruction booklet. I have it and if you want to have a copy, please let me know.

<http://www.lionsclubofjersey.co.uk/swimarathon>

Raise money for your club. Register your club using this [link](#) and tell your members, family, friends about it and every time 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.

Solihull Lions add a Nine to 999



with their wonderful life saving work”

On Tuesday evening, the safest place to be in Solihull could have been the Mayor's Parlour as FastAid Community First Responders (CFRs) received nine new defibrillators donated by the Lions Club of Solihull.

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Paul Jolly, President of Solihull Lions continued “The motto of Lions International is ‘We serve’ and we recognised immediately that is something we have in common with the volunteers from FastAid. When we heard of their immediate need for replacement defibrillators, it seemed such a worthwhile charity for us to support. It is good to know that the CFRs within Solihull now have the best equipment and we are delighted to have played our part in that”.

Also lending a hand was Julian Knight, MP for Solihull who added “One of the defibrillators donated by Solihull Lions, in its first day of use, has contributed to a resuscitation in our town showing how valuable it is to have a fully equipped and a fast response when someone suffers a cardiac arrest”

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Balsall Commons Lions Update

Malc Stent back by popular demand

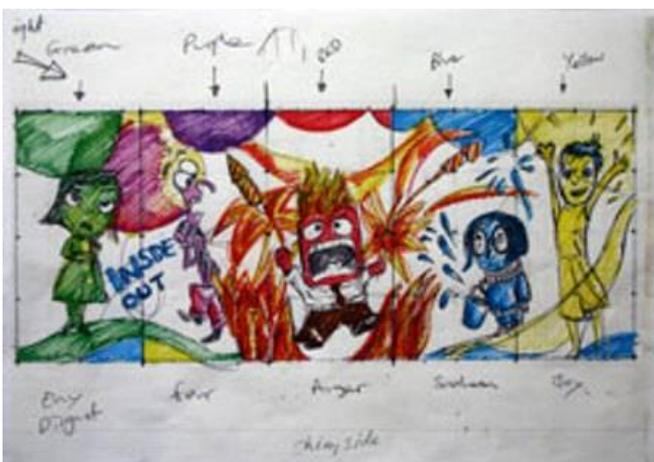


The Midlands favourite performer Malc Stent played to a packed out audience and again and gave us an evening of music and mirth full of nostalgic banter, music and merriment, with his very talented backing group, Emily Sanders on electric violin & Pete Arris on bass.

Malcolm's fan base goes back to the 60's and his popularity as well as his ability to spread happiness and humour never wanes. Thank you all for coming and your support and making it a great night.

Malc was presented by District Governor Heather Jeavons & Balsall Common Lions President Andy Pemberton a 15 year Pendant in recognition of his service to Lions.

Heart of England students are again using their artistic flair



Heart of England students are again using their artistic flair to create a masterpiece for the [Balsall Common Lion's](#) annual firework and bonfire celebrations.

The Year 12 Art students are hard at work painting a huge, five panel mural which will provide a decorative frontispiece for the magnificent bonfire. Painted onto hardboard panels, fixed to a wooden frame the impressive piece is a talking point for visitors, especially when the fire gets going!

Based on the Disney/Pixar film *Inside Out*, the artwork depicts the emotions of joy, sadness, fear, anger, and disgust. The story focuses on the neuropsychological theory that human emotions are mirrored in

relationships and can be significantly moderated by them.

The students have taken over one studio to paint the panels and are very focussed on finishing. Asked about how they felt about their art going up in smoke one student joked, "I trying not to think about it!" The mural is set to be finished by the end of the week in preparation for installation by the Lion's. "How long will it take? It will take too long for it to be set on fire." said another student. "It's great for us to do this for the community. The students always enjoy doing this sort of project," said Mr Jim McLarnon, Head of Art. "It's very worthwhile and good fun for the students." The Grand Charity Fireworks Display & Bonfire is on Saturday 7th November

Moseley and Kings Heath Lions Club kick start the DG Partner Appeal



Moseley and Kings Heath Lions Club were delighted to kick start the DG Partner Appeal for this year via a wonderful Casino night at Tally Ho police college. The Club raised monies for the Birmingham Childrens Hospital Scanner Appeal. Lion President Brigitte was proud to go along with a few of the Club members shown here to present the cheque to the Fundraising team at the Hospital.

Autumn Forum

Sunday 18/10 about 80 Lions met at the St. Johns Hotel in Solihull. A most interesting program was presented that was worked through on a tight schedule.

After the welcome by Ian Haffner, last year's DG, we were welcomed by our current DG, Heather Jeavons. It was followed by a presentation about Food Hygiene rules by Lion Ray Stephens. Summarising, when food and/or drink is part of an activity, all allergens have to be known of the foods/drinks involved, so people can be informed in case they have an allergy. In the kitchen where food is prepared has to be a sink for washing hands and the building where food is served needs to have a bathroom. Ideally, these rules are also to be kept for Lions activities which do not include the public. When using outside caterers, we are still responsible and need to check if the foods supplied are according to the rules. Ideally there should be someone in charge who has a Level 2 Food Hygiene Certificate. Perhaps someone has that in the club, if not, someone can easily get such a certificate. The course is online. Lions has a code which gives a discount on the examination fee. Ask Ray for the code (hso@lions105m.org.uk).

David Blakeman, secretary of Balsall Common Lions, gave an overview of the use of MyLCI, the online tool secretaries need to use for recording the club's activities etc. This seems to frighten some clubs, but David claims he did not start to use a computer till he joined Lions, but the way he talked, the use of this program is a walk in the park and lightens the load of the secretary. DG Heather, who is also secretary of her club, agreed with that. On top of that, proper filling in of the data, gives her a valuable tool in checking how the District is doing.

Martin Hill talked about the new set up of the charity structure of Lions Clubs in MD105. It is called CIO, meaning Charitable incorporated organisation. This means that the club as a whole can be a charity, rather than a part. It is a change and like all change, it might be difficult to understand exactly the ins and outs straight away, but it is an improvement and more money will be available for our work.

Joy Haffner gave a short summary of her charity project of last year, which actually continues. She raised £17,000 and received also \$3,000 from Past Int. Pres. Joe Preston. He visited SIFA Fireside and was very impressed. Joy is now organising Lions branded backpacks with contents. The current DG Partner appeal is at the B'ham Children where we raise funds to make the room where a big MRI scanner is, more child friendly. This is done by electronic wizardry, where children can design the room colours, play music, watch

movies, all dictated by a tablet computer they can hold. It will make the children more relaxed and results in better scans, less scans and other positive results that make the affair not only better for the child, but also make the room more productive. Talk about Win, Win.

After lunch Mandy Broadbent, National PR officer introduced the PR Toolkit. It can be found here: <http://lionsclubs.co/MembersNews/pr-and-marketing/> It has a wealth of information. Templates for posters, explains how to set up Facebook pages, Twitter accounts and much more. Have a look and you will never worry how to prepare a poster for your event.

A radio journalist from Radio H FM from Market Harborough explained what you need to get mentioned by the local press. Main lessons are: Try to get a direct name from a local correspondent and direct emails to him directly. Repeat emails if you do not get an answer. Straight the reason for your email in the first line, explain afterwards what you are. He also did some test interviews with a few members of the public. This was followed by a great presentation from the team that prepares the March District Convention. I can only say, book now before the rooms run out. It is going to be a great event. Ask John Barnes for a registration form: events@lions105m.org.uk

A question time type forum under the leadership of Stewart Sherman-Khan was a good opportunity to ask questions to Simon Moss, Brigitte Green, Heather Jeavons and Andy Pemberton. It was a good way of covering a kind of Any other business. Congratulations to the team that organised this event. It was an excellent day.

Message in a bottle



During September and October Shirley Lions have again been handing out Message in a Bottles at the local flu clinics. We find this a very successful way to reach people who can benefit from the peace of mind that this very simple scheme can give. We have given out hundreds during the flu clinic season which supplements our normal activity of placing them in doctors' surgeries, community centres and churches.

We have found this to be a very effective route to use to distribute the bottles and to promote Lions. The recipients are amazed to be given something for nothing and it gives us an opportunity to talk to people about Lions. As well as the bottle the stickers which will be in their homes are also a way of getting the Lion's logo into many people's homes. Share the other ways that you distribute Message in a Bottle.



Hinckley and Burbage Lions Club donate to the scouts

Youngsters are already thinking of next summer after a generous donation from Hinckley and Burbage Lions Club boosted their appeal for new tents.

The 12th Hinckley Scout Group, based on the Hollycroft estate, were delighted to receive a cheque for £200 after they realised their old stock needed replacing. And now they can't wait to start planning nights under canvas once again.

After hearing of their plight, members of the Lions club decided to help out. Club President Sue Patrick said: 'we were only too pleased to back the youngsters and we hope the money we have given can speed up the process of buying new tents.'



Group Scout Leader Chris Peacock added: 'we are extremely grateful to Hinckley and Burbage Lions and their generous backing and it means we can now hopefully replace some of our tents, enabling all of our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to experience life under canvas once again.'

Lions President Sue Patrick, left hands over the cheque to Chris Peacock, Group Scout Leader of the 12th Hinckley Hollycroft Scout Group, watched by the excited Beavers and their helpers.

Water Projects Update

1. Water Project 2014-15 extended Project – Supply of Piped Water and Greenhouses in Bungoma County, Kenya. Cost £5,000

Bungoma County has a population of almost 1.4 million, with an economy mainly based on agriculture, coupled with rural unemployment and where 52.9% live in poverty.

In late November 2014 Cabinet approved a new District 105M Water Project project, consisting off piped water from Webuye Milo reservoir and new build of green houses for widows and orphans to grow crops to sell at market.

Although this is strictly not a water project alone, it cannot operate without a constant supply of piped water, which forms a large part of the cost.

The Lion's Club of Kakameja will manage this project which will be overseen by Club member PCC Rajinder Sembi, who is also a GMT leader for District MD411. This club will be able to construct and oversee the management of green house farming, identify viable crops for widows and orphans to plant, cultivate and sell at market. The project is self sustaining

It provides three main purposes for widows and orphans:-

- work and a regular source of income.
- A means of supporting education
- guarantees supply of water for irrigation and home consumption.

During the first year of this Project, 25 Clubs donated £2,500 and with your help I hope to complete this valued Project early in 2016.

2. Water Project 2013 -14, Provision of Water Pumps, £1,000 per Pump, Terai Region, Nepal.

Thanks to the amazing support of individuals and Clubs this Project ,which was interrupted by the devastating earthquake last year, is nearing completion.

More than £10,000 was raised which enabled 10 pumps to be installed in 10 remote villages. Four pumps were completed before the earthquake and the six remaining pumps are in the final stage of completion. All of the pumps will have plaques dedicated to the donors and these are currently being produced and installed.

I am awaiting a power point presentation of the whole Project which I will circulate when received.

The photos below will give you an idea of their worth and the hardship of people who do not have a water supply in their home.

Thank you for your continued support.

Carole Moseley

Water Project Officer – November 2015

Environmental Photo Competition

The Lions Environmental Photo Contest provides a way for Lions to portray, through an original photo, their pride and commitment to improving, protecting and preserving their environment. Every Lion from a club in good standing can enter a photograph of his or her immediate surroundings into the club-level Lions Environmental Photo.

Competition Guidelines:

1. Lions can submit **8" x 10"** printed photos of their environment in one of the following categories:

- Animal Life
- Landscape (Urban or natural)
- Plant Life
- Weather Phenomenon
- Special Theme for 2015-16: dignity, harmony, humanity – Photographs the peaceful coexistence of species.

Please note: Photographs printed on 8" x 10" paper with a smaller image will not be eligible for the contest and photographs containing images of people will be disqualified.

2. Lions Clubs should select and submit one winning photograph to the District Competitions Officer by December 1st. Judging of the photographs should focus on originality, artistic merit and portrayal of the environmental theme.

3. Lions Districts select and submit one winning photo to the Multiple District. January 15th 2016 is the deadline for submitting photographs to Multiple District.

4. Lions Multiples Districts select and submit one winning photo to the International contest.

5. Lions Clubs International will display Multiple District-level entries at the annual Lions International convention. Registered convention attendees will vote for their favourite photos. An award will be presented to the winning photographers. The six (the five category winners and the Best of Show) winning photos will appear on the Lions Web site.

Any queries please contact the District Competitions Officer.

Contest photos become the property of Lions Clubs International. Lions Clubs International reserves the right to disqualify entries that do not meet contest criteria or that may be viewed as inappropriate or objectionable.

Deadlines for the Lions competitions

- Environment Competition – Entries to be submitted to District Competitions Officer by 28.2.2016
- Environmental Photo Competition – Entries to be submitted to D C O by 1.12.2015
- Essay Competition – Entries to D C O by 15.2.2016
- Music Competition – Entries to D C O by 28.2.2016

- Peace Poster Competition – Purchase packs from MDHQ by 1.10.2015. Entries to D C O by 15.11.2015
- Photographic Competition – Entries to D C O by 31.10.2015
- Press and PR Competition – Entries to D C O by 19.3.2016
- Roy White Competition – Entries to D C O by 21.2.2016
- Scrapbook Competition – Entries to D C O by 19..3.2016
- Skittles Competition – Zone stage to be completed by 31.10.2015, Region stage by 31.1.2016 and District stage by 28.2.2016
- Travelling Lion Competition – Visits made during period 1.3.2015 and 28.2.2016 with final cards to the D C O by 13.3.2016
- Website Competition – All Clubs having a website will be assessed throughout the year.

Any queries to the District Competitions Officer Lion Ken Barker at competitions@lions105.org.uk

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Email: lionjohnbush@aol.com

Letters to the Editor

Hi Jaap

Good edition full of good stuff from around the region and well presented. Well done, a good read. I'm beginning to look forward to seeing it.....

Regards

David Blakeman

Forthcoming Events

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DATE: Saturday 7th Nov 2015
TIME: 6:45pm (Reception at 6.30)
VENUE: Hyatt Hotel, 2 Bridge St,
Birmingham B1 2JZ
DRESS CODE: Black Tie - Evening Dresses

**PRICE
£45**

RSVP Contact Jeremy on **0779 3536 002** or email
Jeremy@jmwassociates.co.uk



Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261017), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (604). Also operating in Northern Ireland.

Pink Pamper Evening II

In aid of

Worcestershire Breast Unit Campaign



Registered Charity Number 518895

Presented by

Worcester Lions Club

Registered Charity Number 510331



Monday 9th November 2015

From 7:30 onwards

Venue

**Bowl Xtreme, The Edgar Suite, Droitwich Road,
Worcester, WR3 7SN**

**Enjoy FREE beauty treatments, watch inspiring
demonstrations of beauty techniques and browse the
extensive gift stalls.**

Raffle

**Entry £5.00 per person – holders of tickets bought in advance
will be entered into a free draw.**

Bar Available

Ten Pin Bowling (need to pre-book with the venue)



For more information

see our website: www.worcesterlionsclub.org.uk

**or contact: Catherine Templeton 01905 749025
cathtemp@btinternet.com**

Worcester Lions raising money for Good Causes

Interested in finding out more about Lions ...

Interested in joining ...

www.worcesterlionsclub.org.uk

Email worcester@lions105m.org.uk



Droitwich Lion's Charity Concert Friday 13th November

Live at Droitwich Working Men's Club

Special Charity Concert featuring The Dublin Jacks & David Bartley, black country poet & comedian

Friday November 13th 2015, doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm start

tickets £10 available from

Carole Moseley 01905 796565/ c.moseley25@googlemail.com, or Lions number 0845 833 5879



LIONS QUIZ NIGHT

14TH NOVEMBER @ 7:30 PM
STOURBRIDGE INSTITUTE
TEAMS OF 4-6 (MAX 6)
£5 PER PERSON INC SUPPER
TO ENTER A TEAM EMAIL
[KATE.PARKES@KANDSLIONS.ORG.UK](mailto:kate.parkes@kandslions.org.uk)

IN SUPPORT OF...



MIDLANDS AIR AMBULANCE CHARITY

Saving Lives by Saving Time

The poster features a blue background with scattered autumn leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and red. The bottom of the poster is filled with a dense layer of these leaves.



Thurnby Lions Club

Proudly presents

Annual Charity Ball 2015

IN AID OF SIGHT CONSERVATION AND OTHER LOCAL CHARITIES
FRIDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2015

- ★ 3 Course Indian Meal With a Choice of English Menu ★
- ★ DJ Entertainment by Heatbeatz ★
- ★ Dance performance by R&R Productions ★
- ★ Charity Raffle ★
- ★ Dancing till late ★

Tickets: £25.00 per person

*Venue: Holiday Inn
129 St Nicholas Circle, Leicester, LE1 5LX
Time: 6.45pm till late*

Dress code: Gentlemen - Black Tie , Ladies - Glamorous

For further information contact:

Lion Neelesh Patel - 0797 749 8461 • Lion Suresh Kachhela - 0790 021 8035

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Saturday 28th November 2015 - 7.30pm

The Albany Theatre, Butts, Coventry

Tickets £12.00

Available from The Albany Theatre Box Office: **024 7699 8964**
or online @: www.albanytheatre.co.uk

For further information email: concert@leofriclions.org.uk

PARKING @ Coventry Rugby Club Butts Park

Rowell & Desborough Lions Club Brass & Voices Concert

at Rothwell Parish Church, Saturday 12th December

Doors open 7 p.m. start 7.30 p.m.

With Corby Silver Band and a Handful of Harmonies

Tickets £7.50 each available from Simon Ogle on 01536 352656

Newman's Tresham St. Rothwell

Desborough Heritage Centre

Proceeds will be going to Cransley Hospice

Lions Festive Walk. Monday 28th December with Knowle and Dorridge Lions

Join hundreds of walkers for this ever popular day and walk off your Christmas pudding with Knowle and Dorridge Lions

Help raise funds for Children's Liver Disease Foundation, Solihull Bereavement Counselling Service, Lily Mae Foundation and local causes by making a donation.

What better way to shake off the excesses of Christmas than to get together with family and friends for a walk in the country.

There will be a choice of 3, 5 and 9 mile FREE signed walks around the beautiful Warwickshire countryside along country lanes, towpaths and footpaths, passing at least one country pub!

More details online at www.knowleanddorridgelions.com/walk now. Once again this year the House and Gardens will be open for all Festive Walkers to visit free, and mince pies and mulled wine for all to enjoy

Add it to your Festive calendar now.

DROITWICH LIONS CLUB

Are pleased to announce that they have hired the Norbury Theatre
in Droitwich for a special performance by The Norbury Players of:

" Beauty and the Beast " The Pantomime

We have 176 seats available at the special price of only £3 each (normally £10)

For one night only.

This is a special concession by Droitwich Lions & The Norbury Players
for disadvantaged youngsters and the elderly or disabled.

At 7:30pm Thursday 7th January 2016

The Norbury Theatre, Friar Street, Droitwich. WR9 8ED

Ample car parking opposite the theatre, off The Saltway

(parking is free after 6:00pm)

If you or your club would like to take advantage of this special offer, please contact ASAP: Lion President
Dave Jepson of Droitwich Lions Club. Tel. 01527 821019 or email: jeppo179@hotmail.com

First come, first served! – Offer closes November 30th 2015

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This special production of Beauty and the Beast has all the traditional Pantomime ingredients !

Oh yes it does !

With a subtle French feel, there is a suit of armour that walks, Gigi the horse and of course the traditional
Pantomime Dame in the guise of Madame Dolores Lilly, and the panto baddie, Countess Cruella.

Charters

WELLINGBOROUGH AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

42nd Anniversary Charter Lunch

The Hind Hotel, 38 Sheep Street, Wellingborough, NN8 1BY

Dress: Gentlemen - Black Tie or Lounge Suit
Ladies – Cocktail Dress

Cost: £26, Arrival: 7pm for 7.30pm

Replies and choices to be sent to: Lion Wendy McKean - e-mail: wendyamckean@hotmail.co.uk

SOLIHULL LIONS CLUB JOLLY CHARTER

November 14th Shirley Golf Club

£25.00 with Disco

Formal Dress, A FUN NIGHT ----- NO FORMALITIES

Reply to
President Paul Jolly
0121 704 3118
pauljolly4@gmail.com

HARBOROUGH TWENTY 12 LIONS CLUB 3rd CHARTER ANNIVERSARY DINNER
Saturday 14th November 2015, 7.00 for 7.30 PM

At

The Market Harborough Golf Club, Great Oxendon Road, Market Harborough LE16 8NB
£25 per person

Contact:

Lion Martin Hill, 13 Smyth Close Market Harborough Leics. LE16 7NS
or email martinhill@gofast.co.uk

Worcester Lions Club would like to invite you to their 46th Charter Dinner.

Venue: The Bank House Hotel, Bransford, Worcester, WR6 5JD <http://www.bankhouseworcester.com/>

Date: Friday 20th November 2015

Time: 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Cost: £25.00

Dress Code: Men - Dinner Jacket/Lounge Suit - Ladies - Posh Frock

For anyone wishing to stay over there are special room rates including breakfast available.

Music provided by Lion Darren Blenkiron

Please return the attached Booking Form along with your choices and payment (cheques made payable to Worcester Lions Club) to:

IPDG Ian Haffner, 3 Cartwright Avenue, Harley-Whitefort, Warndon Villages, Worcester, WR4 0NZ
ASAP please but no later than 10th November.

IN THE PAPERS

Society New

Shirley Lions Club

LIONS Clubs International, a worldwide service organisation that has no fewer than seven clubs in the Solihull area, welcomes a group of German, Danish and Dutch Lions to Solihull.

A co-operation project called North Sea Lions was started 35 years ago to support projects in the developing world. It involves 11 Lions districts of the UK, the Netherlands, Germany and Denmark.

As this year's board meeting was organised by a Shirley Lion, the events were held at The George Hotel in Solihull.

Knowle Camera Club

'FROM Pursuit to Passion to Profession' will be the title of a talk by Ashley Franklin at the meeting on

Solihull Photo Society

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Lions' £10,000 donation kits out life-savers

by Chris Willmott
chris.willmott@buvantimedia.com

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Partnership could save thousands of lives

Lions seek town ambassadors

YOUNG people in Droitwich who play an active part in the community, are being asked to put themselves forward as an ambassador for the town.

Droitwich Lions Club is looking for young people aged between 15 and 18 years old who already help others and drive projects of their own forward through existing community organisations such as the scouts and guides, churches, schools, youth cadets or St John's Ambulance.

They are being asked to put

their names forward for the role of Droitwich Ambassador, and whoever is chosen for the role will receive a prize, as well as money for the charity of their choice, and they will be entered into the Midlands final of a national Lions event in November.

Ideally the young people will be passionate about making a difference in their community and they will already be using their own enthusiasm to help people in need. In previous years, candidates have helped younger or older people, as well as disabled

or disadvantaged people, or they have organised projects around conservation, crime prevention, promoting healthier lifestyles, or even hospital radio.

Anyone wanting to put themselves forward as a candidate for Droitwich Ambassador should visit droitwichlions.com and use the contact form to email their contact details and a brief explanation of the work they do for the community. The Droitwich Lions Club will then choose a candidate to go forward to the regional finals.

Hospice benefits from book sales



A POPULAR book sale has raised £30,000 for local charities over the past decade.

The sale - held at St Andrew's Church, Droitwich - on the first Saturday of every month also offers cakes, preserves, DVDs, CDs, jigsaw puzzles and bric-a-brac.

Money raised by the Droitwich Lions at the sale goes to support

local charities with the proceeds from children's books going towards the work of Acorns Children's Hospice.

So far this year, the monthly sale has raised more than £2,000 for the Lions's charities.

The latest charity raffle, which ran at the book sale and at Salt Fest, raised another £100.

Carole Moseley, of the Droitwich Lions, invited

visitors to the charity's latest monthly book sale, held last week, to draw the winning ticket for the prize of a bottle of Irish Whiskey.

The prize was won by Lilian Eaton.

The raffle tickets were sold at the charity's stall at Salt Fest, during the weekend of Saturday, September 12, and Sunday, September 13, and at the book sale.

DRAW: Carole Moseley from the Droitwich Lions asks passers-by for help to pull the winning raffle ticket

Lions give out grants to groups

DIFFERENT community groups around Droitwich have received grants through the Droitwich Lions Club, after it launched a community grant scheme with the *Advertiser*.

Five groups benefitted from a share of £1,500 to help with vital work in the community.

The scheme used money raised during the Christmas period from the Santa Sleigh collections, conducted by the Lions around town, and invited applications from interested groups.

Spectrum Days, which works with adults with profound and multiple learning difficulties in the town, received £300, which has helped to fund a harness for one of its clients, Adam Pyle.

Jenny Antrobus, from the organisation said: "Adam can't walk, he's in a wheelchair, but he can support his head. Now he can walk across the room with the help of an overhead tracking system, which he can't do normally. It's great because it allows Adam to stretch and it just gives him freedom of choice."

The Droitwich branch of St John's Ambulance, has put the £300 it received toward a commercial grade gazebo - to use at community events like Salt Fest and the Remembrance Parade, for training or as a PR unit, as well as for treating members of the public.

Richard Brown, unit manager for the Droitwich adult branch, said: "It's somewhere for people to be treated with a bit of privacy, and dignity. We have al-

ready used it. I think this is a fantastic initiative to raise money for local charities."

Droitwich Challengers, which is a club for adults with learning disabilities, has received help from the Lions before - to fund a trip to the Snoezelen Centre in Worcester, but their grant of £250 is helping to fund a trip further afield to Monkey Forest near Stoke on Trent.

Eunice Williams from Challengers said: "The money will pay for half the coach, or for our entrance, it helps us to do a fair bit more. We do raise money and we could be self-sufficient, but we wouldn't do these big trips, and all the clients love coming."

The Droitwich Foodbank received £300 which has been put toward general running costs.

David Stanbury, project leader for the Foodbank, said: "It all helps towards sustainability, so we can try and ensure we keep the Foodbank running."

Sytchampton School also received a community grant through the scheme.

Dave Sherwen, president of Droitwich Lions, said: "We were very pleased with the response from local organisations to our grant scheme and hope to build on this next year. The money has been well spent."

For more information on Droitwich Lions and the work it does, visit droitwich-lions.com/.

To donate to the running costs of the Foodbank, please visit <https://mydonate.bt.com/donation/donation.html>.



Staff and clients at Spectrum Days

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Town church launches £100k bid to fix roof

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AN APPEAL has been launched by members of a historic Droitwich church to raise £100,000 to fix the roof which is in dire need of repair.

The section above the north aisle of St Andrews Church has been leaking water onto the walls.

And there are fears that the longer it takes to get the cash in place, the more damage will be done to the Grade I listed church.

Masonry repairs are needed, the timber will have to be replaced and the area will also need repointing.

And with the repairs predicted to cost £100,000, a working group has been set up to look into grants the church can apply for and fund-raising activities.

Back in December, the Government announced a \$1.5m fund specifically to repair the roofs of listed churches.

St Andrews applied to the

from that Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund but was unsuccessful.

The church will be applying again when the next round of funding opens but knows it cannot rely on that source alone which is why the working group has been set up.

The Reverend Bev Jameson, the team vicar for Droitwich's churches, is urging any residents, community groups and other Droitwich organisations to get behind the campaign and wants anyone who can help in any way to come forward.

She told The Standard: "The roof repairs have been something we have been thinking about for a while and it has now got to the stage where we need to do something."

"It is a beautiful church, but more importantly, it is at the heart of the Droitwich community because of all the people who use it or who come here every week."

Among the groups which meet there are the Droitwich Arts

brownies and the Droitwich Lions also holds their monthly book sales there.

"We have been involved with all the events that have taken place, such as the food festival, Charter Day and Salfest.

"The church is open six days a week to give residents and visitors plenty of time to come, have a look around or spend time reflecting."

The iconic building was constructed in the 12th century, parts of it are Norman and it is believed St Richard of Chichester was baptised there.

Anyone wanting to find out more about the fund-raising campaign, organise events for the appeal or offer any help should e-mail droitwichparish@02.co.uk or call the parish office on 01905 794952.

It is open between 9am and 1pm Monday to Thursday.

If you are organising an event to help raise money for the appeal don't forget to let people know by contacting us at The Standard. Email editor@droitwichstandard.com.

And the first cheque's already in...



Rev Nigel Byard, Rev Laura Handy and Rev Beverley Jameson along with Lion president Dave Sherwen, his wife Val and Lions president elect David Jepson and his wife Dee.

THE DROITWICH Lions have contributed £450 towards the St Andrews Church appeal after members heard about the structural problems it was facing.

For ten years, the group has held its monthly book sale at the church and the proceeds from one of these sales were

The Lions Ladies who sell cakes and bric-a-brac also decided to do the same.

Bill Phillips, spokesperson for the Droitwich Lions said:

"We are hoping our combined donation will start the ball rolling and the generous people of Droitwich will help to secure the future of this

historic importance.

"The church has been very good to us and does so much for the Droitwich community - it now needs the Droitwich community to do something for it in return."

Visit <http://www.droitwich-parish.org.uk/about/andrew.html> for more on St Andrews

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KNOWLE and Dorridge Lions Club has raised over £75,000 for local good causes in the past 12 months.

The impressive figure was announced at the club's annual presentation evening held at the Greswolde Hotel in Knowle.

Past president Barry Dale announced the good news to over 60 guests.

The money was mainly raised through Knowle Fun Run the festive walk and bike ride.

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This is the fourth year BHF has been the beneficiary of the Bike Ride and we are really grateful to Knowle and Dorridge Lions for all the hard work they put in.
DONNA STOKES



Charities say thank you to the Knowle and Dorridge Lions

"It's great for our club of 25 volunteer lions to celebrate such success again," Barry said.

"But without the help from companies like yourselves our events would never realise so much for charity."

Barry gave special mention to Harriet May, winner of this year's Lions Youth Travel Bursary, who spent four weeks in Shanghai teaching pupils English and maths.

A cheque was then presented to the British Heart Foundation (BHF) following money raised at this year's Heart of England Bike Ride.

BHF fundraising manager Donna Stokes said: "This is the fourth year BHF has been the beneficiary of the Bike Ride and we are really grateful to Knowle and Dorridge Lions for all the hard work they put in organising the event.

"The money raised goes to our Mending Broken Hearts Appeal which aims to fund research into preventing heart failure and giving hope to thousands of heart patients. "We are looking forward to next

July's Ride from Packwood NT House and hope it will be even more successful than ever."

Cheques were also presented to the Lions' three nominated charities - Arthritis Research UK, Knowle Football Club, Solihull Young Carers.

The chosen charities for next year are Solihull Bereavement Counselling Service, Children's Liver Disease Foundation and the Lily Mae Foundation.

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