



October 30, 2018 – Midlands Regional Centre

Well, I can't believe we are already thinking about Christmas, with this being the last newsletter of the year! During the past 12 months, the Guide Dogs family have contributed towards amazing life-changing outcomes and we are very fortunate to continue to be supported financially. This is because many of you work endlessly in supporting both our fundraising achievements and contribute towards the delivery of our services. Therefore, on behalf of us all at the Midlands Regional Centre we thank you for unwavering dedication and commitment to ensure people with sight loss do not lose out on life.

Christmas Meet and Greet 2018

Hopefully you will have received an invitation to the Meet and Greet taking place this December. If you are planning to join us but haven't yet let us know, please e-mail mike.hefferan@guidedogs.org.uk or telephone 0118 983 8882.

The dates and venues are:

- Leamington - Wednesday 5th December from 5-7pm & 7.15 – 9.15pm at Guide Dogs Midlands Regional Centre: Warwick New Road, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire CV32 6AH
- Northamptonshire - Friday 7th December from 10.30am-12.30pm at Parkland Community Centre: Devon Way, Northampton NN3 6DX.
- Leicestershire - Wednesday 12th December from 10.30am-12.30pm at The Brite Centre: Braunstone Avenue, Leicester, LE3 1LE.

We look forward to welcoming you in December! (Mince pies, hot drinks and good company all included.)

News

Guide Dogs Charity Shop has recently had a little makeover. It's now a cute and cosy cabin jam-packed with bargains and Guide Dogs gifts ran by a friendly team who are passionate about changing the lives of people with sight-loss. If you would like more information on how you can volunteer or donate items, please contact Penny.Hefferan@guidedogs.org.uk. Address: Guide Dogs Charity Shop, Warwick New Road, Leamington Spa, CV32 6AH.

www.facebook.com/GuideDogsCharityShop

Seasonal information

As you will know, the firework season is now upon us; here are some useful tips on how to keep your dog as calm as possible during the noisy festivities:

- Most importantly do not panic
- Make sure the environment is safe and they cannot escape.
- Ensure they are always wearing a collar and an ID disc.
- Prepare a cosy den for your dog away from windows.
- Do not leave your dog alone.
- Close the curtains and turn on the TV and radio.
- Choose quiet times for exercise, relief and feeding.

If you have any concerns, please contact Dog Care and Welfare Advisor, Karen Evans on 0118 983 8882.

Campaign updates

To mark the 1000th day since the Government promised to consider solutions to end dangerous pavement parking, on 30th August 2018 we handed in 17,231 signatures to Downing Street. Our open letter to the Prime Minister, also signed by 20 other charities, has sent a clear message. If you would like to find out more about this

campaign, click here: <https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/how-you-can-help/campaigning/pavement-parking/>

Events

Celebrate Christmas with Guide Dogs! ✨

You're warmly invited to our first ever Christmas Wishes Concert – the event takes place on Monday 17th December 2018 at Coventry Cathedral, and is hosted by Aled Jones.

Tickets start from £10 (plus booking fee) and are available through Ticketmaster:

<https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/event/1F005509C3BA65B2>

Contacts

Should you require any further information on any of the items above, please don't hesitate to telephone 0345 143 0102 or email coventry@guidedogs.org.uk.

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