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What a "Stroke" of Luck



DG Lion Mike and his wife Janet recently attended the 30th Charter Anniversary of the Lions Club of Luton. During the evening Lion President Jane Codrai and the Luton Lions were able to present Janet with a cheque for £250 towards

her chosen charity for the year, "The Stroke Association". Later in the evening DG Mike presented 30 - year membership chevrons to Lions Bob Rice & Fred Hadland, and a 15 - year chevron to Lion Graham Bailey. **Lion Peter Codrai**

**Merry Christmas
&
A Happy New Year
to all the Lions, Lionesses,
Leos and their Partners and
Families**

This is the season to Give and as such I have included many articles from clubs regarding donations that they have made or received in order to help others "Less Fortunate than Ourselves"
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MD Convention Travel

*A discount of 25% has been agreed with Stena Line for MD Convention in Ennis. Travel from either Fishguard or Holyhead. Offer applies to "5 Day fare only". For telephone bookings **Quote P988***

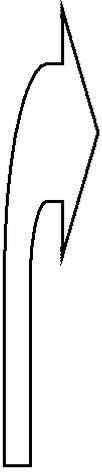


District Governor Lion Mike at the Northwood Lions Club Meeting where the club presented him with a cake as it was his birthday on the same date as his official visit to the club.



CARE 2 SHARE? Since the supplies office in Andover was closed, Northwood Lions Club have been unable to source the "Peel Off" label shown on the left. They have now found a supplier and have to place a minimum order for which they are looking for clubs to share with. The cost is £2.25 for 500 or £4.50 for 1,000. If you are interested contact **Lion Andrew Allen** on 0208 863 4626 or e-mail him at andrew.allen@btopenworld.com

Local Lions pick up Major Award



President Monica Sage and Variety Express Chairman Philip Crook

It was smiles all round as Corey's Mill Lions collected a cheque for £1,000 from a local charity donor, Variety Express, a Letchworth-based amateur theatre group, who annually donate the proceeds of their concerts to local charities. This year, the recipients were the Lions Clubs "Message in a Bottle" scheme. President Lion Monica Sage said, "These bottles are a life line to all those who live alone, elderly, sick and vulnerable. They contain medical and personal details, which are of invaluable use to the emergency services who know where to find them. The money will be shared amongst the other Lions Clubs who helped which include Hitchin, Hertford and Stevenage. **Lion Monica Sage**

Greenford Willow Tree Lions Club "Cares & Shares"

Greenford Willow Tree Lions Club donated £17,000 towards worthy causes in recent months. £11,000 was sent to *Sucheta Kriplani Siksha Niketan School* in Jodhpur Rajasthan, India, to purchase a 32 seater mini-bus and ambulance for the school. The club organised the participation of the children in the England Disability Sports at Grantham in April 2002. A further £6,000 was donated towards the "Care & Share Millennium Project" which organised a medical camp at the school to provide eye, polio, diabetic and heart checks for over 3,000 people including 600 school children. A team of volunteer doctors from UK led by Dr. Upadhyya travelled to Jodhpur for the *Megha* medical Camp in October 2002.

Lion Manubhai Patel



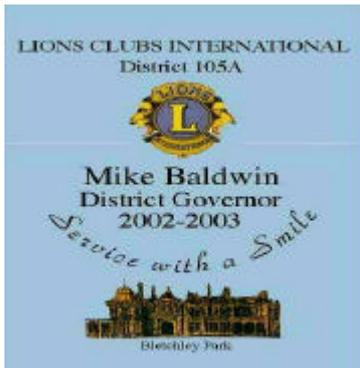
From L to R: IPP Lion Harisukh Dave, Lion Vijaykant Amin, Lion President Mukund Patel, Zone Chairman Lion Rawel Maingi receiving cheques, PDG Lion Parveen Verma and Lion Viral Doshi.

Witney Lions Club has some I M P ortant News



A scheme to teach children how to cut the risks of potentially fatal accidents is being launched in Witney. The Injury Minimisation Programme for Schools (IMPS) scheme is aimed at 10 & 11 year olds from primary schools who will be given basic life support and first aid training at the town's community hospital, as well as work in schools on safety themes linked to the National Curriculum. Julia Grinstead, an assistant on the project gave a talk on it's aims to the Witney Lions, who in response donated £2,000 to help with the funding of the IMPS scheme. **Muriel Alexander**

In the photo: Lion President Peter Lovell on the right presenting the cheque for £2,000 to Lynn Pilgrim, co-ordinator of the scheme, Far Left Lion Colin Fowler and at the back Lion David Alexander together with some of the assistants on the scheme who teach the children



Lions Clubs International

District Governor's Newsletter

Mike Baldwin District Governor



DECEMBER 2002

To all Lions Lionesses and Leos

Janet and I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We send our good wishes to all the families of Lions and hope the year ahead is prosperous and peaceful. I also send my thanks for all the work undertaken throughout these first six months. I hope that as the Lionistic year continues so will the caring service and the fellowship and fun.

District Convention 1 March 2003

All clubs will have received 5 registration forms with the November newsletter. If you require more please contact the organising committee chairman Lion David Green. Lets make this a convention to remember.

Multiple District Convention

The Multiple District Convention 2003 will be held in **Ennis Ireland**. All details and booking forms are in THE LION Oct/Nov edition. **Closing date is 31 March 2003**. Please have a read and join us if you can.

Senior Citizens Party 2 February 2003

Application forms have already been sent to all clubs with the November District mail out for what is a great community service event. The committee, under its joint leaders, Lion Ken Rouse and PDG Lion Parveen Verma are working very hard to make this as successful as in past years. Please give them all the support you can so that for that afternoon the lives of over 1000 senior citizens are filled with fun and happiness. In addition this is a great opportunity for club members escorting the senior citizens to meet other Lions and Lion Clubs. I know this will be a great success.

Obituary

Sadly I have to report the sudden deaths of the following Lions: Lion Secretary John Brennan from Newport Pagnell & Olney Lions Club, Lion Tony Holdstock from Dunstable Lions Club, Lion Mike Grimer from Great Missenden & Prestwood Lions Club and Lion Treasurer John Matthews from Tring Lions Club. Our thoughts are with their partners and families. We are grateful for their lives and their work for others.

The Lord Mayors Show 9 November.

Four Districts represented Lions Clubs International at the Lord Mayor of London's Show on 9 November. Districts A, D, EA and SE. Once more it was very well organised and the weather was great despite it raining all of the day before. Most importantly we received 1 minute and 20 seconds of BBC television national coverage and this is a very important part of rationale behind the event for us. We are also seen by many many people along the route. Janet took over one of the roles in a Lion costume from Shashi so no-one would recognise her. Although I have the photograph. Thanks are due to all the Lion organisers especially Lions Ken Rouse and Mike Hendy.

Youth Award

Don't forget to get your candidate details to Lion Doreen Carr asap. The District final is set for 19 January 2003.

Do Justice Love Kindness Walk Humbly

Welcome New Members

A very warm welcome to the following Lions:
Thank you for joining our association and I hope you remember your induction always.

Ian Christie	Northwood
Kevin Thompson	Witney
Jackie Hubbard	Stevenage
Barbara Bailey	Stevenage
Maeve King	Biggleswade
	Sandy
Chandrakant Modi	Ealing
Gopal Singh Assi	Ealing
Awtar Singh Assi	Ealing
Helena James	Harrow & Pinner
Golam Sobhan Chowdhury	Harrow & Pinner
Magnus Morgan	Winslow
Kunda Raina	Stanmore
Dave Simmonds	Newport Pagnell &Olney

BBC Children in Need 15 November

Janet & I along with 4 Members from District EA attended the Children in Need TV show on 15 November from 10.30pm to 2.00am. We arrived home at 3.45am (such dedication). We managed to get our Lions Logo in front of the TV audience with the help of EA who presented a cheque to Terry Wogan for £2,800. **The point to note is that with the Lord Mayors show, we managed to achieve national TV coverage two weeks running.** In addition Lion President Maria Azcona used her initiative to appear as a pin-up on the BBC Three Counties Radio Children in Need calendar. (copies available by ringing 08459 455555)

Peace Poster

Thank you to all the clubs who have submitted a Peace Poster entry. Judging is due to take place (took place) on 28 November. As I write this I obviously do not know the winner and in fact have only seen around eight of the entries but I can tell you they are of a very high standard. Well done to everyone concerned especially Lion Erach Amaria out District Peace Poster Officer. Our "winner " will be submitted to Multiple District for the MD final.

Club Information

All clubs should have received a video titled "**Ordinary People Amazing Things**" with leaflets. This is an excellent membership/PR tool. The video was sent to Club Presidents. One or two Club Presidents have told me that the video has not been received in their club. I have checked with Multiple District and every club has been sent a copy. However, there is the possibility of them not being delivered if the

recipient was out (because they were too big for the letter box). If you do not have a copy of the video please check with the post office first to see if it is being held somewhere. If not please contact me & I will get a copy for you. dg@lions105a.org We do want you to have it.

A Little Plea

At club meetings and Charter Anniversaries it is custom to drink a toast to **Lions Clubs International**. I have noticed that on a number of occasions this is shortened to "Lions International" or "Lions Club International" What we are toasting is "The International Association of Lions Clubs" or an autonomous group of people (or clubs) organised for a common cause ie. ourselves. Please toast of **Lions Clubs International**.

Sue Ryder Care

2003 is the Golden Jubilee of Sue Ryder Care which provides hospice and neurological care to people in their own homes. If any club wished to have a speaker to outline their work I can put you in touch with the relevant person.

Harrow & Pinner It's a Knock-out

Janet and I were privileged to attend the Harrow & Pinner 'It's a knock out' on Nov 6 when teams from six day centres took part. It was a magic day with so much joy and just a little competition especially from PDG Ron Wilkes who moved like a Gazelle. Well that what I think it was. Well done everybody concerned especially ZC Alec Spence.

DG's Diary

2002

Dec 2	Oxford Isis	OV
Dec 3	Stevenage	OV
Dec 4	London Kingsbury	OV
Dec 5	Denham	OV
Dec 9	London Hendon	OV
Dec 10	Bedford	OV
Dec 11	Hayes & Harlington	OV
Dec 11	BESO reception Mansion House London	

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Jan 7	Luton	OV
Jan 8	Abingdon	OV
Jan 9	London Covent Garden	OV
Jan 12	Cabinet with partners	
Jan 13	Stevenage Corey's Mill	OV
Jan 14	Amersham & Chesham	OV
Jan 15	Shefford	OV
Jan 19	District Youth Award Final	
Jan 21	Edgware	OV
Jan 23	IT meeting	
Jan 24-26	Council of Governors	
Jan 28	Chipping Norton	OV