



DG Erach's News



My Club Visits

I must say what a pleasure it has been during my Club visits, meeting fellow Lions with a warm and welcoming reception.

One thing I would like to reverse, is a downturn in membership. Over the past couple of years, we have seen our membership in slow decline.

I am pleased to say, our District at this point in time is showing membership at 1,918. We should not be excited, but to continue and work hard to gain more members. At the end of the 30th June 2005, the total number for District 105A according to the LCI was 1,820.

The International President, Lion Ashol Mehta, is a passionate member of this great organisation. He believes that we have a passion within us to help those less fortunate than ourselves, and that we can apply this same passion not only to serve and perform humanitarian services to others, but also to help our organisation develop and create future leaders in our community, by getting quality members.

A Warm Welcome to our New Lions

Hounslow	Dinesh Purdit
Barking	Eileen Tyler
London Acton	Gian Singh Kharoud, Mohan Singh Mamman, Gurmeet Singh Sandhu
Denham	Paul Frost, Margaret Travell
Tottenham	Eulette Perez
Hitchin	Liz Lowther,
Redbridge	Anthony W Holton
Beaconsfield	Iain McGill
Tring	Frank Cambell, Derek Grant,
Southall	Jagjit Sohal
St. Albans	Louis Marie
Luton	Kim Kennedy, Michael Kennedy
Amptshill	Dorothy Panter
High Wycombe	Lily Noble, Horace Noble
Bletchley	
Milton Keynes	Ollen Dube, Jane Petrie, Scott Petrie
Carterton	Rosemary Gibbens
Hertford	Janet Gould
Letchworth	Rachel Addy, Christopher Lewis
Northwood	John Fursman
Ruslip	Allan Kauffman
Stevenage	Frances Hart
Thame	Christine Wrench
Winslow	Tony Ososki

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Lion Erach Daruwalla,

Thank you for your letter of 30th August 2005 regarding your role in the Annual Remembrance Sunday Poppy Appeal. On behalf of Lions Clubs International and our District 105A I would like to thank you for your thirty years of dedicated and devoted services. The work you do for the community and the needy is exemplary. I wish you the very best.

DG Erach Amaria

Health, Safety & Insurance

Several points arose during my visits to Clubs where members were uncertain of a Clubs' position and their own personal position regarding insurance.

Lions Clubs are all "Members Clubs", which means that all members are jointly and severally liable in the event of a problem arising from the way in which their Club operates. Make sure that someone examines all contracts which a Club is asked to sign for the purpose of hiring premises, so that you are aware of the implication and consequences of your obligations. In the case of premises, make sure that you do not take on a public liability responsibility which should rest with the owner.

The Lions public liability indemnifies members and clubs only against claim of injury to people or property arising from negligence from a part of a member or person known to be helping the Club.

It is my personal request that you invite Lion Mukesh Palan who is our Health, Safety and Insurance Officer to brief you in details on this subject.

Wishing all Hindu Lions a Very Happy Navratri - Diwali & Prosperous New Year
Wishing all our Muslim Lions a Very Happy Eid-Al-Fitr.

My Diary

- 1 Oct London Hornsey 'Mexican Evening'
- 4 Oct London Central (OV)
- 5 Oct London Finchley (OV)
- 6 Oct Enfield (OV)
- 9 Oct Honorary Committee PDG Night
- 10 Oct Witney (OV)
- 11 Oct High Wycombe (OV)
- 12 Oct London Covent Garden (OV)
- 13 Oct World Sight Day
- 14 Oct Carterton 20th Charter (CA)
- 15 Oct Berkhamstead Charter (CA)
- 16 Oct 2nd Cabinet Meeting/Partners
- 17 Oct Zone "F" Official
- 19 Oct Biggleswade Sandy (OV)
- 21 Oct Osterley Club Charter Formation
- 22 Oct Redbridge Variety Cultural Concert
- 23 Oct Winter Forum
- 25 Oct Moor Park (OV)
- 26 Oct Hemel Hempstead (OV)
- 27 Oct Zone H
- 28-30 Oct Council of Governors Meeting



Pride of Lions



District 105A News

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DG Lion Erach Amaria

The City of London Lord Mayors Show - by Lion Ken Rouse

Our joint entry with Districts EA, SE and D, in this years Lord Mayors Show has "Membership" as it's theme, and the slogan is "Anybody can be a Lion" and to reinforce this point all 50 Lions walking with the float will depict every type of occupation. A bus has been kindly donated to us and this will be decked out with various banners advertising Lions and as usual Roary the SE Lion will be on parade being transported in a golf buggy - he is a great favourite with the children.

We have had very good BBC TV coverage in live and later broadcasts over the past five years, and we are hoping to achieve similar coverage this year. Ideal publicity with half a million people on the route and a world wide TV audience of 15 million!!

Send in your news and views and let's share in the success of 105A

The procession is 1.5 miles there and back and starts at The London Wall at 10.30 and is usually over by about 2.30pm. The date is 12th November, so come and give us a cheer or see us on TV from 10.00am.

Each District contributes £300 towards the running costs, but the main contributor is Multiple District with £5000. I believe this is good value for money considering the wide coverage given by the BBC. However, the MD PRO Chairman has in his infinite wisdom decided to propose that the funding for this

event is withdrawn. This is only a proposal at the moment, and the final decision will be taken by the Council of Governors soon. I am requesting our District Governor, Lion Erach, who has regularly participated in this event to do all he can to overturn this proposal. Obviously if the MD PRO Chairman gets his way, then this very valuable piece of advertising about what Lions are and do will be under threat.

Lions Club of Mill Hill Hydro Active Fun Run



For the last 3 years, Lions Club of Mill Hill's ladies and daughters have been actively involved in one of the most successful Fund raising Women's event in the UK. It is a 5Km Fun Run, sponsored by Hydro Active (by Flora margarine previously) for women of all ages.

In London the Fun Run is held in Hyde Park every year, on the 1st Sunday of September. 75,000 women participate in this event nationwide.

In the last 2 years the Lionettes have managed to raise £5,500. This year, they hope to raise over £2,500, which will be donated to "Make a wish Foundation" and "Sargent Cancer Care for Children" and other worthwhile charities.

High Wycombe - Change of Venue

Please note that from October 2005 High Wycombe Lions Club will have a new venue for their meetings:

Broomwade Sports and Social Club,

Hughenden Park, High Wycombe, HP14 4LA.

The meeting details remain unchanged: business meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.30 for 8pm; social meeting / variable. E-mail Lion Dennis Wheatley: dennis@pimms.entadsl.com

Osterley Club A Branch of Feltham and Whitton



Charter President Elect Lion Nimmi Suri and her members welcomed District Governor Eric Amaria and Dist. Officers Kumar, Alf and Zone Chairperson Sylvia at their club meeting on the 8th Sept. at Osterley Park Hotel. DG Eric inducted 4 new members Harjit, Ranjit, Savita, Surinder and presented two Melvin Jones to Neveen and Jennifer, non Lion members for their contributions to Lionism. They also had a visiting Lion Vidya from Bangalore sent by Lions Club Bangalore as an Lion Ambassador at the Edinburgh Festival to perform Classical Dance. She was kind enough to perform a dance for DG Eric, members and guests. Osterley Club Branch will be Chartered on the 21st October. The Charter Formation and Diwali Celebration will be held at Osterley Park Hotel. They will be formed as LIONS CLUB OF OSTERLEY Any members wishing to attend, please contact Charter - President Elect Lion Nimmi on 020 8758 2945.

District Officers:

Why not write an article about your task and send it to the Editor NOW!

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MINI BUS APPEAL

by PDG Ram Jaggi MBE

District International Relations Officer

You may recall me sending an appeal in February of this year to raise funds for a mini bus to be used for taking poor villagers in Malawi to the LCIF funded SightFirst Hospital in Blantyre, Malawi. I sincerely thank all the clubs who have sent donations for this worthwhile cause.

Of the anticipated cost to meet the above objective, there is still a shortfall of £8,000. We are so near, yet so far off meeting our end goal of £18,000 for implementing this proposal. Fellow Lions, I cannot overemphasize that this project is to eradicate blindness. We have the use of the hospital for eye tests at our disposal, but lack of transport is not enabling its full utilization for local people to reach there to get their eyes tested.

Your additional generous donations will make it possible to provide a mini bus to enable villagers to reach the hospital to keep this project alive.

Please send your donations through your District Treasurer with the endorsement on the back of the cheque: 'Mini Bus Appeal'.

I equally thank you for your ongoing support for our other International Programmes of WaterAid, Malawi Education, Dent Aid and many more deserving projects. Please continue your contribution as with your help and support we are going to reach those areas hitherto untreated before.

Bowled Over - Zone F Cricketers Triumph



The presentation of the cup to the winning teams
Captain Lion Afzal Rai.



Relaxing in perfect August weather at the match.

Moor Park Lions The Ashes - Lions Version

Moor Park Lions joined the Paul Strickland Scanner Centre on Saturday 10th September at the RCT Cricket Ground in Harrow for a 20/20 overs cricket match come barbecue, writes Lion President Himanshu Bavaria.

The match kicked off at 10.30. Our Lions having won the toss, elected to bat, scoring a phenomenal 113 runs beating Paul Strickland by 5 runs. Though it was an awareness campaign for Lions, as well as the Paul Strickland Centre based at Mount Vernon Hospital, Moor Park Lions managed to raise £125, which was donated to the Centre. This centre specialises in providing computerised scanning to the National Health Service as well as the Private healthcare sector in the UK providing CT, MRI and PET scans. The match was followed by a BBQ, children's cricket, ladies rounders, Tug-of-War, and bingo ending the evening by dancing. Moor Park Lions will be organising a special fundraising event on 29th April 2006 at the London Science Museum (TBC) to help raise funds towards their £1.4 million appeal to buy the much needed state of the art scanner.

D & D Party 20th November 2005

St. Albans Leos The Ultimate Beer Fest

Watch out in November's edition when St. Albans Leos will be reporting on the phenomenal success of the Annual St. Albans Beer Festival being held from 28th September to 1st October.

From the Editor

The month of October is allocated to Sight Awareness - World Sight Day being at the pinnacle. The reason this is so close to my heart, is that four years ago, I temporarily lost my sight - totally. I know I am not the only Lion that has experienced this frightening ordeal and it also brings to mind the poem in last months Pride of Lions, written by PCC Lion Bert Randall, "It Could Be You".

Helen Keller was an admirable activist who challenged Lions Clubs International "to make her life and those of the visually impaired better", which is a challenge we took up and still work upon. So when World Sight Day appears again, let us think about how we can really make a difference.

Thank you.

Maria Azcona

Watford Lions Club Horsing Around

The Lions Club of Watford held their annual Charity horse Ride on Saturday 10th September at Great Westwood Equestrian Park at Langleybury near Kings Langley, writes Club Secretary Lion David Warren. The 144 acre site provided a series of challenging obstacles suitable for beginners right up to the expert rider. Although all the jumps were optional, each rider needed to clear a minimum of twenty five jumps in their own time around a marked course.

Despite the day starting out somewhat wet and dreary some 150 riders seemed to enjoy the ride, reports our Entries Secretary Mrs. Kay Williams.

The club was helped on the day by the majority of Lions Clubs and the Leo Club in Zone H, plus a Lion from Boscombe Lions Club, (a former Watford Club member who makes this trip annually for this event). The main beneficiary from the event will be one of the Hertfordshire based "Riding for the Disabled" groups.

The Watford Club would like to thank everybody who helped on the day. It was indeed a day to remember and to be repeated next year.



Presentation at Osterley Club

Admin Matters

In order for the Clubs to function to their fullest capacity, it is vital that all Club secretaries email addresses are totally up to date. Could all secretaries PLEASE E-mail Lion Parveen Verma, District Secretary, their email addresses to make doubly sure these are correct as well as advising of any change of addresses for Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers.

E-Mail Parveen on: ds@lions105a.org

Also, District Treasurer Lion Dilip Shah, asks that all Clubs settle their invoices for District Dues, MD Dues, Youth Fund and MD Insurance as soon as possible. A bit like housework: It only ever gets noticed and doesn't work right if its' not done!

Harpenden Lions Celebrate The Notes of their Success at Rothamsted



President Mark Deacon with Relate Chair John Bailey

In November
DADDS Sports Day held on 11th September, the Annual St. Albans Lions Walk and the WheelPower Junior Games all the fun and games How Lions got involved and made a difference.

You may recall that Harpenden Lions Club held a charity fund raising classical music concert at Rothamsted earlier this year. As a result a cheque was presented to Relate Herts Central to support the work they do in providing relationship counselling to the local community. John Bailey, Chair of Trustees, Relate Herts Central, attended a celebration barbecue at the Carpenters Arms with the Lions in Harpenden to accept the cheque for £400.

The concert was held in The Great Drawing Room, Rothamsted Manor, Harpenden. Three young musicians - clarinet, soprano and piano - entertained guests. Next year's concert is already being planned; it will be on Saturday May 13th 2006.



Elizabeth Ayto, Managing Director of Media Ambitions Ltd., wrote to DG Erach to thank all those who took part in the Great Walk at Oakleigh School. This was a great success, "and really couldn't have done it without you all", she stated.

By supporting this event, and that in Hyde Park, the important message for the nation to stay fit and healthy was strengthened. Together with Kellogg's, there is an expected £1 million plus being raised for hundreds of registered charities and accredited community projects. Oakleigh School are planning to build an adventure playground for the children.

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