

## FAMILY OF LIONS

As you are reading this I might still be in Boston or just returned home feeling jet lagged and weary, and that is just the start of the year.

I have had a very enjoyable year as the VDG, visiting Clubs at both meetings and various events, and enjoying Charter Nights. The fun and fellowship to be found in the Clubs is superb and it is my hope that we can extend this to the Lions family within the District.

My aim for the year is very simple, I would like to bring TOGETHER the Lions of this District, to this end, there is to be a District cricket match. Have I mentioned this before?, no, well here are the details:

**Date: August 20<sup>th</sup> 2006**

**Where:**

**Tring Cricket Club,**

(the geographical centre of the district, so I am told by those older and wiser than me)

**Start time: 11.00**

8 teams, one from each Region and the DG team  
(no the DG will not be playing).

Each Region Chairman will be the captain of his side.

Each match will be 10 overs.

Anyone scoring 15 runs (wow) has to retire.

No one can bowl more than two overs

Other than these rules the Laws of Cricket apply

I am hoping that many of the District officers will be there so you can meet them and in future put a face to a name.

Do come, let us start the year as I would like it to continue TOGETHER.

To continue in the same vein we have a really good, but little entered, District competition, **The Travelling Lion**. I know many of the Lions in this District visit other clubs can I please ask you in future to carry with you the Travelling Lion form, have it signed by the Secretary of the club you are visiting and then send it to the District Competitions officer, IPDG Lion Erach.

We can learn so much from visiting other Clubs. Make this the year you visit clubs in other Zones, not just the ones you are familiar with, make new friends and extend the fellowship across the District. We are constantly being told membership within Clubs is falling, and that it is difficult to attract new members. Let us work **TOGETHER** to build up the Clubs with smaller membership as well as encouraging the formation of new Clubs. The Region Chairmen working **TOGETHER** with two Zone Chairmen are there to help and encourage.

I started this report saying I would still be in the US when you read it, well it has to be written some way ahead of that, so I have finished the required homework, for the DG school, all nine modules, the case is waiting to be filled and I am ready to start the adventure to be a DG, I hope you will all come with me, without you all nothing can happen but

## TOGETHER WE CAN

## My Diary

### Add these to your diary

1 <sup>st</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup> July	International Convention	6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Cabinet meeting, Blakemore Thistle Hotel
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Social visit to Leighton Buzzard LC	13 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Sight First II day, Golden Square
16 <sup>th</sup> July	District handover	20 <sup>th</sup> Aug	District Cricket match, at Tring
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	BBQ with Youth Exchange visitors	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Sight First II Walk, Windsor Great Park
28 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> July	COG meeting in Birmingham	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Hertford Lions Club (C)

## DG'S HUSBAND'S CHARITY

There are many superb activities that are worthy of consideration, from the Special Olympics to the Air Ambulance, from the Paul Strickland Scanner Appeal at Mount Vernon, the Childrens Society, to the Shooting Star Hospice for Children and many more. However for the forthcoming Lionistic year I decided to ask for your support in regards to Lions Club International Foundation, (LCIF).

The Foundation will not have many new donations over the period, due to the focus on SightFirstII and in fact, in real terms the base fund will shrink over the next two years. This is why I am asking, where possible, that contributions are made to the undesignated section.

## CONGRATULATIONS

To Lions Danny & Claudia Lerman of the Northwood Club on the birth of their son Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June



ordinary people  
amazing things

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DG Lion Louvain Allen

## WHAT'S IN YOUR DIARY?

In this section, you will be able to see at a glance what Clubs within 105A are doing. Keep these dates in your Diary and keep them coming in. All we need to know is the date, what you are doing and the Club. You can go way into the future and make sure that everyone is aware that they need to keep your date free.

Here are some examples:

**16th July 2006**

Highland Gathering  
Harpden Lions Club

**20<sup>th</sup> August 2006**

105A Cricket Match  
District 105A

**16<sup>th</sup> October 2006**

Europa Forum starts  
Everyone

**4<sup>th</sup> February 2007**

District Senior Citizens Party  
District 105A

## GET YOUR HATS READY Marriages and Betrothals all in one Club!

Chris Stafford Piper of London Phoenix 21<sup>st</sup> New Century Lions Club recently got married to his long suffering girlfriend Penny, Nick West is due to marry Charlie next month and to make it a HAT-TRICK, (poetic license there), Chris Wilson and Kirsi finally got engaged too – hurrah!

## LIONS INTERNATIONAL STAMP CLUB

An enquiry has been received from a fellow Lion: a member of the Lions International Stamp Club would like to make contact with anybody who was involved with the Hatfield Club and an issue of stamps.

Do you have the knowledge? If so please contact the DG.

## HELPFUL HINTS

High Wycombe Lions is an example of a Club who have, since December 2005, raised £15,000! Here are just some of the ways in which they have achieved this. If you think your Club would benefit from some of **YOUR** club activities could be used by other Clubs, then why not share them in this new ideas column: "Helpful Hints".

### Christmas Collections

You could try this with Santas' sledge, Happy helpers etc.

### Jazz Evening

At Great Missenden. In fact, any type of concert would be a viable project.

### Fashion Show

This has also been tried and tested by other clubs, with great success.

### Easter Egg Raffle

in the pubs around High Wycombe. Again, it could be pubs, clubs, shops, town halls, doctors surgeries. Anywhere that people meet!

### A Charity Concert

At Hall Barn, Beaconsfield

Come and share the success of your Clubs and tell us all what's hot, (and what's not!)

### How to get things published...

If you would like anything published in future editions of Pride of Lions, then all you have to do is email me at news@lions105a.org. Keep it funky, simple and to the point and no more than 200 words please, in Word format. Any photographs in Jpeg, as small a resolution as is possible, otherwise I can spend upto 20 minutes downloading a picture. If it cannot be included in an edition, this will normally be due to lack of space, so please, don't be upset. If you do not hear back from me when you have submitted something, then this will be because I have not received it, so try again.

Maria - Editor

## HAVE YOUR SAY!

Do you have anything you desperately want to say? All we ask, is that you do not make it personal, keep it clean and remember to keep the boxing gloves at home. We all have opinions on Lionistic matters and procedures. This is a wonderful opportunity to get your points of view across and perhaps share in the everyday concerns of Lions, Lionesses and Leos. Remember: we can all moan like crazy, but unless it is out in the open, it will stay in the dark.

## 83 LIONS SPOTTED WALKING IN BLACK PARK (READ ON.....)

by Lion Mukesh Jethwa

On Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, the 83 members and friends of the Lions Club of Sudbury did a charity walk in Black Park, Wexham, Bucks and raised over £6,200 in aid of St Luke's Hospice and Cherry Lodge Cancer Care.

All walkers raised funds via sponsorships from family and friends. Every walker was given a start up pack for their 8km journey. Young and old, all took up the challenge and completed the walk, some in record breaking time!

Following this, all participants were provided with a sumptuous meal and with plenty of drinks in picnic style. It was great fun and we all enjoyed the hottest day of 2006 so far.

All credit goes to the organisers of the event: Lion Bankin Kamdar, Lion Girish Rughani & Lion President Viren Hindocha and not forgetting all members of the Lions Club of Sudbury who heavily supported the event.

## HIDDEN TREASURE FOUND BY LONDON PHOENIX!

By Lion Chris Wilson



On Easter Sunday, Hertford was awash with people armed with pens and paper, looking up at buildings and bothering locals as the London Phoenix New Century Lions Club held their annual Easter Charity Treasure Hunt.

Starting from the Duncombe Arms, 11 teams spent the afternoon answering over 90 questions about local landmarks, people and pubs as well as taking part in challenges to gain extra points. Three teams also made the most of the afternoon by competing in Fancy dress although seeing 3 Jedi, 4 fairies and 4 giant Easter bunnies in the Cross Tavern must have made the locals think that they may have had one too many pints at lunchtime.

Taking just under 4 hours and only having to endure one light shower on the way round, the teams returned where the "We can't think of a name team" from the Duncombe Arms were crowned champions. All 4 members were presented with a prize along with a trophy kindly presented by Concorde Sportswear and Trophies.

Prizes were also awarded to the "Return of the Jedi" team for their fantastic fancy dress. In the end, £130 was raised direct from the Treasure Hunt which will be donated to Cancer Research UK along with a further £170 which was raised on the day selling Cancer Research wristbands etc.

## HOWS-ZATTT!

Don't forget that Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2006 is the District 105A Cricket Festival at Tring Park. This is a fun family day out, when Clubs from all over our district will field their wits against each other, all in the name of fellowship and friendship of course! District Governor Louvain already has her team all sorted, and judging by the lack of Ian Botham's, everyone is in with a brilliant chance! Details have been sent to your Club secretary, so go on, bowl someone over!!

Pride of Lions

## THE MAGIC OF THE LION PIN

Over the past months several District Officers have visited our club, writes President Nimmi Suri, each one telling us the magic of the "Lion Pin" and how well it is recognised world-wide amongst Lions. Inspired by this, two members from Osterley holidaying in Turkey decided to take their "Lion Pin" with them to see if the magic would work.

A few days later, surprisingly I received a call from Turkey where Lions Pummy and Sudha, Charter members of Osterley, were enjoying the sunshine. After exchanging pleasantries the conversation went like this, "Nimmi ji (so excited), the hotel we are staying in has a sign saying LIONS MEETING. What shall we do?" It was clear that already, what they had learnt was starting to work...

Delighted by their enthusiasm, I guided them to contact this Lions Club and inform them that they are Lions from UK staying at the hotel and would like to attend their meeting. Also guiding them to wear the Lions Pin, take photographs and bring back their Club Banner.

On their arrival to the UK, they were so excited to tell their story of meeting Lions from Turkey and being welcomed by fellow Lions abroad and the power of the Magic "Lion Pin". Apparently, the Club in Turkey was celebrating their Hand Over Night when they visited! Lions Pummy and Sudha had not witnessed this event before, (being new Lions) and that is when they realised, when Osterley Lions Club celebrated their own Hand Over night on the 8<sup>th</sup> June, that protocol of Lionism is the same throughout the world.

So Fellow Lions: the moral of this story is to visit clubs from abroad and Share THE MAGIC OF THE "LION PIN" - it really does work!

## AMPTHILL DISTRICT LIONS STRUT THEIR STUFF ON THE CATWALK

Yet again, June the 8<sup>th</sup> was the date when Ampthill District Lions Club strutted their funky stuff on the catwalk and held a Ladies Beauty and Fashion show in aid of Keech Cottage Children's Hospice, which raised £1,500 for this most worthwhile children's charity.

The evening was well supported with all 150 tickets sold. Ladies, (and I dare say some gents), were offered and treated to a range soothing and invigorating beauty treatments which included Indian Head Massage, Raki, Facials and Manicures. These were carried out by local therapists and Barnfield College students and Managers who provided their services free of charge, donating the charges made for treatments to Keech Cottage.

Eight stunning models of mixed age group friends and a lion member walked the catwalk for 45 minutes on a stage loaned by a local school. Clothes modelled were from an excellent range of well known fashions.



## From the Editor

Here we are again, another issue of Pride of Lions with a new DG.. It is quite a daunting prospect - one which I thought I would not do again due to the unbelievable pressure. However, something happened which made me change my mind. Someone said two little words that made a profound difference in my decision: they said: THANK YOU and then they told me the following story: Upon completing a job, (under pressure), the person who had

commissioned said job, contacted them and said, very sincerely "THANK YOU". When he heard these words, there was a dumb silence. Why? Because no one had ever thought of saying THANK YOU before. Remember, my fellow Lions. TWO little words make all the difference. So next time, you have a meeting, or someone does something for you, remember those TWO LITTLE WORDS!

Maria

## PUBLIC RELATIONS - MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE

### Ordinary People Amazing Things

The Multiple District has produced a superb, full colour brochure, written in English which covers:

#### Who are the Lions?

#### THE LEOS, YOUTH PROGRAMMES:-

Peace Poster, Youth Exchange,  
Young Ambassador  
Youth Football,  
Street Children, Skills,  
TACADE

#### LIONS COMMUNITY PROJECTS:-

Medic Alert,  
School in a Box Programme,  
Special Olympics  
Message in a Bottle,  
LIBRA, Sight Diabetes

#### INTERNATIONAL :-

Aid, United Nations,  
LCIF,  
Gift for Living

This brochure will enhance your Public Relations and Membership initiative. All that will be needed is the addition of a Club contact name and telephone number, then put it in Estate Agents, Libraries, Dentists, Doctors and anywhere else that others will have to sit for a while?

Each District has been allocated 1000 and from the speed that they have been bought we have none left on 105A .....we can get more..... let DG Louvain have your order and a further supply can be obtained.

There is a cost 35p each plus postage, but do not let that be a hindrance because its value is far far greater .

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## HARPENDEN HIGHLAND GATHERING

Sunday 16th July 2006  
10.00 am to 5.30pm  
Rothamsted Park, Harpenden

One of the biggest Gatherings outside Scotland. Family fun day out with a Scottish flavour.

Over 8000 people attended the Harpenden Highland Gathering last year. It is not just a great opportunity to experience bagpipe bands, dancing displays and other Scottish events, it is a fantastic day out for all the family - regardless of age and whether or not you are Scottish!

It is organised by the Harpenden Lions Club in aid of local youth organisations. There are arena displays all day and many charity and commercial stalls to visit, plus a funfair, classic car display, beer tent, food outlets and much more.

Highland Dancing Displays throughout the day including The Sword Dance,



The Sean Triubhas, The Reel of Tulloch, Highland Fling, The Sailor's Hornpipe and The Irish Jig.

Amongst some of the displays you will be able to see is the fantastic art of falconry. Look inside the crafters village with plenty of market stalls to tempt you, enjoy the arena events going on throughout, and why not treat yourself to a sit down in the beer tent with a pig roast bap, (Soft drinks also available too!). Try your head for heights on the K2



Mountaineering wall, and then relax and look at the array of beautifully maintained classic cars.

The proceeds from this year's Highland Gathering will be divided between, Community Meeting Point, Sue Ryder Care, Stagenhoe and local youth charities - including Herts Charity for Deprived Children and Herts Young Homeless Group.

Tickets half price at £3 in advance or £6 at the gate. Children under 16 are free when accompanied by an adult. Tickets can also be obtained by secure credit card purchase from [www.harpenden-lions.co.uk](http://www.harpenden-lions.co.uk) at £3.50 covering programme cost and postage.

Disabled parking and toilets for the disabled available. Remember to bring a disabled badge to gain access.

Ticket and information helpline  
[hg06@harpenden-lions.co.uk](mailto:hg06@harpenden-lions.co.uk) or  
telephone 01582 623078.

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**R**easons to enjoy the call  
**I**n charity we strive to be  
**D**iligent, happy for all to see  
**E**njoying giving, sharing in living.  
**O**ften we want to say  
**F**orward comrades - we will pay  
**L**ions - we will toil for hours  
**I**n providing for the silent some powers  
**O**nwards we go to make life better  
**N**ever complaining - but working hard  
**S**ure that we all have a laugh

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