



# Pride of Lions



## District 105A News

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DG Lion Ken Rouse

### WHAT'S IN YOUR DIARY?

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### YOUTH FOOTBALL COMPETITION 2008 DISTRICT 105A

Can I ask you to take this Article to your next Club meeting? It may be for your President elect would be the right person to handle this.

I would like your Club to consider an entry into next year's Youth Football Competition. This might seem rather early to ask you this, but there are only a very few weeks left for you to check out a suitable team actually in action. This is the only UEFA approved tournament at this level which covers five countries. This season the age category has changed to U14.

The benefits to your Club by entering this competition are considerable. You obviously create a direct link between Lions and young people in your community and help bridge that huge generation gap. You also latch on to possibly a new sphere of your community - mums, dads, brothers, sisters, grandparents, and your local football organization. PR can be a big plus point with lots of good photo opportunities. Influential business contacts and potential new members are also possible. Socializing with new Lions is also a benefit.

The competition allows your local team to meet and play new sides and perhaps gain the chance to play on the big stage in the closing rounds. In the past some very 'small-time' teams have done really well. This is the nature of our knockout competition.

Your Club would need to provide some financial assistance from your Charity account for the team, in terms of total costs for the whole competition in 2005/6 they amounted to approximately £500. However your team might only play one match and total costs might be only £75 or less. Some Clubs gain sponsorship for their team and also take advantage of the MD subsidy for travel costs thus possibly making a profit out of the tournament.

### HELPFUL HINTS

In practice, the Football Team Manager does most of the work leaving the Club Lion I/C to pursue the benefits mentioned above and oversee matters.

The details can be downloaded from the Lions MD website - [www.lions.org.uk/football.htm](http://www.lions.org.uk/football.htm) Sunday only matches have been seen as a problem but this is a flexible guideline and Saturday or even midweek fixtures are quite possible.

You have until the end of August to make your formal entry, but an early start is recommended. My contact details are in the book on page 18 and I would be pleased to help you, or even come to one of your meetings.

Also If you have a Leo Club you can forward this to them.

Fellow Lions this year we had four teams in the tournament with your help we can double it to eight or even more. I hope to hear from you soon.

**Lion Jagmesh Shah**  
105A District Officer.

### HAVE YOUR SAY!

#### 105A OLD FOLKS PARTY

*The following article was dictated to Lily Noble by Betty Buckner of Hazlemere who was celebrating her birthday on the day of the party: I was a guest at the OAP party on Sunday 4th February at Harrow on the Hill. I was surprised that there was 800 people there from different clubs. The band was good and people got up to dance. We also had a raffle and bingo tickets, unfortunately no one on our table won! In the second half there, was an Indian dance group.*

I have received a Christmas parcel from the Lions for 3 years and I never knew who they were. On the way home one of the Lions spoke and told us about what the Lions do and where the money they raise goes. I was particularly interested about the school in Nepal as my church has done a similar thing for India but we were never told how much they sent. I would like to thank the Lions for what help the Lions gave in any way.

Once again thank you very much  
Wycombe Lions.

### LIONS GOLF CHALLENGE



Organising committee

Another successful "Lions Golf Challenge", this year a joint project between District and Chipping Barnet Lions, was held at Finchley Golf Club on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May.

83 golfers enjoyed wonderful weather and picturesque setting of the historic course. The golfers had the added satisfaction of helping two worthy causes, Annual District Senior Citizens Celebration and Shram Mandir Sanctuary in Gujarat, India for leprosy sufferers. £7,000+ was raised from sponsorship and competitions including a prize of a car for a "hole-in-one".

The day began with an excellent buffet lunch and ended at a gourmet Indian restaurant watching Chelsea/Man U match.



Golf Challenge organising committee in front of the prize for the 'Hole in One' winner

Organising Chairman Parveen Verma was delighted. "We arranged this Event for the second year due to overwhelming success and demand. Our philosophy was to ensure golfers had a great time and We Serve (d) them in the true spirit of Lionism resulting in the generosity of our sponsors and players. A special thanks to the committee comprising Lions Manish Chotai, District Projects Officer, Dilip Shah/ Girish Mehta (Chipping Barnet), Sanjay Shah (Mill Hill), Ramesh Parmar (Edgware) and Peter Gent (Berkhamsted) and all who helped especially DGE Lion Vijay Arora.

Comments included, "What a Great Day. One of the BEST GOLF DAYS...."

"...book me for next year." PTO

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#### Winners:

Men: 1. Lion Naresh Samani 2. Mr Ian Slater  
Ladies: 1. Mrs Jyoti Mehta 2. Mrs Ranjena Verma 3. Mrs Meena Shah  
Longest Drive: Lion Viren Hindocha  
Nearest the Pin: Raju Patel  
TEAM WINNERS: Paul Alston, Hitesh Patel, Jamin Parekh and Ian Slater

**Lion Steve Gledhill**

### GALA CHARITY BALL LIONS CLUB OF ENFIELD

This year Lions Club of Enfield held its annual Gala Charity Ball on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2008 at SAS Radissons Portman Hotel, London. There were 275 guests. Mr. Vijaybhai Patel, Mr. Bhikhubhai Patel of Waymade Healthcare PLC and their ladies were Chief Guests. Under their patronage and munificent support, a number of projects, such as Medical Camps, Eye Camps, Polio camps, an IT School in Wankaner and building of schools in India and Eldoret have been completed by Lions Club of Enfield. Mr. Chris Holmes, MA (Cantab) MBE, Britain's most successful Paralympic swimmer ever winning 9 gold medals was the Chief Guest Speaker and gave a very moving speech. There were also invited guests from India who are all involved in the education and charitable fields and Lion Dhuru Shah, PDG, District 411, from Mombasa, Kenya.

Lion President Madhu Trivedi, welcomed all the guests and then gave brief details of his projects. He said that with the help and co-operation of Club members, he has undertaken to raise funds for a Childrens Eye unit in Gujarat. The Eye Hospital to be known as The Lions Club of Enfield (UK) Children's Wing will include the latest out patient, diagnostic services and latest surgical and medical equipments. The Children's Wing has an Operating Theatre, Out-patients' Clinic, Children's ward and 6 rooms for parents to stay while their children are receiving treatment. The cost of this project is £100,000. The Club Members agreed to raise further funds to donate a purpose-built ambulance to a Blood Bank that would enable staff to go into the rural country and obtain vitally needed blood supply. The Club also agreed to raise funds for Netra Jyot Eye Hospital in Mumbai which needs latest surgical and medical equipments to treat patients suffering from eye ailments.

The Gala Charity Ball raised a sum of £140,000. Main donors included Mr. Vijaybhai & Bhikhubhai Patel, Lion Rati Shah, Dr. Harbhaggan Plaha, Rotary Club of Billiricky and Mayflower and Lion Dhuru Shah of Mombasa & Lions Club of Mill Hill.

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### SWISS COTTAGE GOLF DAY

Lions Club of London Swiss Cottages' Golf Day held was on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May, at Farleigh Court, Surrey. 60 guests attended the event and we are pleased to inform you that we have raised approximately £1300 - out of which £1000 will be donated to Lions Club International project Campaign SightFirst II.



### LIONS CLUBS ACROSS THE UK RAISE THOUSANDS FOR THE GREAT DAFFODIL APPEAL

Lions Clubs in the UK have recently raised £130,111 towards the Marie Curie Cancer Care Great Daffodil Appeal. Over 200 clubs came forward to offer help with the collections which were predominately at Tesco stores throughout the UK.

Spokesperson for the Marie Curie organisation Sophie Kinsman, said "I hope you agree what a wonderful contribution this is to Marie Curie Cancer Care in our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary year and we pass on our heartfelt thanks to Lions for the help and support given".

Lions have certainly helped us achieve our objective of raising £500,000 from the Tesco collections. Without this help, we would not have achieved our target and so your support was absolutely vital. As a whole, we have raised £1.39m from our Great Daffodil Appeal collections this year. "Lions Club International volunteering has raised almost one tenth of this". What a result.

**Lion Eric Wright**

### ASAD FAREWELL

Lion John Lane a member of Tring Lions for over 25 years past away suddenly last week.

Lion David Lang  
PRO Tring Lions Club



### CSFII WALK FOR THE WORLD

Was held on 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL at Osterley Park Lions Club of London Kingsbury won the trophy by raising the highest amount amongst all the clubs that took part.

CSF II Officer Lion Nimmi presented the trophy to L.P. Vijay Joshi at their Charter lunch on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Lions Club of Kingsbury were the strength behind the success of the Walk for the World and 3 years of continued support for Campaign SightFirst Kingsbury raised £10,500.

My thanks to Kingsbury for supporting CSFII and to Lions: Sunil Patel, Dinesh Shonchhtra, Z.C. Munjal Joshi and all the members.

**Lion Nimmi Suri**  
Event/Walk Coordinator



## From the Editor

This is the last issue for this Lionistic year and as always there are many stories about the diverse activities that Lions undertake to raise funds for the needy. From beer festivals or playing golf in glorious weather and surroundings to climbing a mountain on a damp cold day to shaking tins outside Tesco to walking on a snow filled park...all for charity and with the single aim of helping the less fortunate. That is the purpose of us being Lions and supporting our motto

**"ordinary people doing amazing things".**

It is very difficult to get Lions to send articles about everything that happens in their clubs. Some Lions send articles regularly and they get a lot of publicity. I do not think it is the editor's job to pursue members to send articles. My term as Editor is coming to an end. I would like to thank DG Ken for his trust in me and I hope I have served the Lions of District 105A well.

**Lion Shirish Sheth**

## WINSLOW'S THIRD BEER FESTIVAL THIRD TIME LUCKY!

The Lions Club of Winslow held their third beer festival and according to their Beer Festival Chairman, Keith Hofgartner 'It was the best ever!'

The Friday Evening was a full house with good humoured drinkers appreciating the fine beers available. Over 40 beers were enjoyed and most of the barrels were dry by the end of the Festival on the Saturday Evening. Thwaites Lancaster Bomber was the star of the Festival again.



Photo courtesy of Bucks Herald Newspaper.

The Saturday Matinee session worked out to be a great success too, with the showing of the last of the three matches in the Six Nations Rugby and people of Buckingham would have heard the cheers for England from their fans!

The event will have raised well over £9,000 with all the pledged sponsorship monies. The Lions wish to thank all the Sponsors of the event, without whom the fund-raising would not be as successful of course. In particular the Prime Sponsor - Bright Nails Ltd. for being the Prime Sponsor for all the Festivals so far!

As the main focus for the Winslow Lions fund raising activities this year is 'Local Youth' the organisations have been identified as being recipients of funds from this event and the earlier 10K Run:- Furzedown School, Winslow Play Group, Padbury Youth Club, Treehouse Pre-School, Winslow Scouts and cubs, additional national and International charities also list Walk for Life in June for

Cancer Research UK, Florence Nightingale Hospice, Air Ambulance, Hearing Dogs for the Deaf., Prostate Cancer Research and Lions 'Street Children' Appeal.

The raffle run specifically for the Florence Nightingale Hospice raised over £500.

The successful bidder for the Silent Auction for the Fountains Leisure Club Membership was Wayne Gibbard of Buckingham.

An event is planned for April 9th at The Bell Hotel in Winslow where the Lions will thank the Sponsors and distribute the funds to the named organisations.

**Lion Keith Hofgartner**  
PRO Officer

## SOUTHALL LIONS CLUB

Lion President Chirantan Shukla underwent heart bypass surgery at the Royal Brompton Hospital in July 2007. The operation was carried out by the Consultant Cardiac and Transplant Surgeon, Mr. Mario Petrou. Lion President Chirantan made a quick recovery and was very pleased with the care that he received at the hospital. While in hospital, he became aware of Mr. Petrou's work towards cardiac research.



The photograph shows Lion President Chirantan presenting the cheque to Mr. Mario Petrou.

Southall Lions Club decided to support Mr. Petrou's research work. Mr. Petrou attended a meeting of Southall Lions Club and gave a talk about his work as a Consultant Cardiac and Transplant Surgeon. The talk was followed by a question and answer session. A cheque for £1000 was presented to Mr. Petrou. Mr. Petrou thanked Southall Lions Club and noted that patients will benefit in the future from this kind donation."

**Lion Chirantan Shukla**  
President, Southall Lions Club



## Snowdon 500 Challenge

It pays to advertise !

The Nov/Dec Lion magazine carried an advert inviting anyone to trek to the top of Mt Snowdon in aid of the Prostate Cancer Research Centre London.

It was a shock to me in Sept 07 when I was diagnosed with grade 2 prostate cancer. It was a bigger shock to find that PC is the most prevalent, under researched, and most frequently diagnosed male cancer in the UK.

30,000 men are diagnosed every year, and one man will die every hour in the UK of prostate cancer. Why are men so reluctant to discuss serious illness such as cancer with their GP or even their families ?

More research is vital to beat this most common male cancer. Raising funds seemed to me a very good idea. I told the Lions Club of Bletchley what I wanted to do and immediately got the backing of the whole club and five volunteers to climb with me.

May 17th was dull, damp, and mild. We arrived in Llanberis the night before and were first on the mountain at 7.50 am next morning. Up the Miners track and then the Pig trail to the summit. Three hours later shrouded in cloud and freezing temperatures we were there. We didn't linger and set off on the 5-mile trek down, the sometimes steep and rough, Llanberis path to sign off two and a half hours later, Mission achieved!

Later fish and chips in Pete's Café never tasted so good. About 450 people answered the challenge to raise £100,000. Our results about £3500. The only Lions club there !!

Moral to this story? One in three males over 55 in the UK will be affected by Prostate Cancer. Much of our Lions membership is male and over 55 ! So don't delay go and see your GP get checked out and ask for a PSA test and help to beat Prostate Cancer.



My thanks to my fellow climbers Lions Reg Humphreys, Mike Baldwin, Solveig Bruce-Stupples, John Stupples, and Barry Bates. It was a great day, one to remember for a long time.

**Lion John Miller**  
Lions Club of Bletchley

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## TIME TO SAY "AU REVOIR"

It's that old cliché.... where did the year go? This time last year I was preparing for one of the most momentous year of our lives, to be the District Governor of 105A, the best District in the Multiple District. I was very fortunate to be elected by you, the members of our District, for this once in a life time opportunity.

At the end of June last year we went off to the International Convention in Chicago. The first four days were taken up with the D.G. Elect's school. There were 756 of us, and although we all know that Lions International is the largest public service organisation in the world, when you actually see the numbers it is mind blowing.

On the last day we were all sworn in by the new International President, Lion Mahendra Amarasuryia and all of a sudden we, the District Governors were the font of all wisdom and knowledge. Due to the training and excellent advice from our Past District Governors, we hit the road running as soon as we returned from Chicago.

By the end of this coming June I will have visited 102 clubs. Some clubs I have visited two or three times. I have attended 36 charters, and 27 other functions, including the Senior Citizens Party, Golf Days, Zippos Circus, Swimming Gala's, Conventions, etc.

It has been a real pleasure for Margaret and I to visit you all, and to meet as many of you as possible. Your fellowship and hospitality has been wonderful. The reception from you all has been heart warming.

Of course the main thrust of my year has been membership and Campaign Sight First II. The International President's Challenge to Change programme has been at the forefront of my thoughts. Whilst this being very challenging and difficult to do, I hope that I have instilled in clubs a challenge to ask themselves weather or not they are fulfilling the need of their communities. I believe that Lionism begins in the club, and if we get it right there, then we will recruit more members and be able to help more people.

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So far we have welcomed 1 new Lions Club to our District, and 1 new Leo Club. Hopefully in the not too distant future we will be welcoming more.



Campaign Sight First II comes to an end at the end of June, and I am very proud what our District has achieved over the past three years. At the time of writing this we are looking at having raised £400,000 in 105A. Remember this has been raised over 3 years. We have had 3 Governors in that time, but the common denominator is our Sight First II Officer PDG Lion Rati Shah. He has shown great leadership in getting the best out of everyone, despite severe setback in business due to fire.

I would like to thank all of my cabinet officers, for their hard work and dedication. I also thank the club members and officers for their co-operation and understanding throughout the year.

When I decided to stand for Vice-District Governor, Lion Margaret said that she would support me 100%. That was no idle boast. She has been everywhere with me, and I am very proud how you the Lions of our district have made her welcome.

You may recall that in my speeches I said that this job is a partnership. Without Margaret's total support, the job of District Governor would have been very difficult for me to fulfill. We will both remember this year with pride.

Margaret and I would like to wish Vijay and Krishan all of the best as they embark upon the journey of a lifetime, and hope that they have a wonderful time, just as we have had.

**Thank you Lions of 105A!**

**Lion Ken Rouse**  
District Governor 105A - 2007/08

## My Diary

### June 2008

- Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Incomming Officers
- Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Wembley O/V
- Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Finchley Pearl C/A
- Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Letchworth C/A
- Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Osterley Race Night
- Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Loudwater & Rickmansworth C/A
- Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Milton Keynes-Stoney Stratford O/V
- Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Walthamstow Sponsored Bedpush
- Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Wantage & Grove C/L
- Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Osterley H/O
- Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Swiss Cottage C/A
- Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Chipping Barnet C/A and H/O



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