

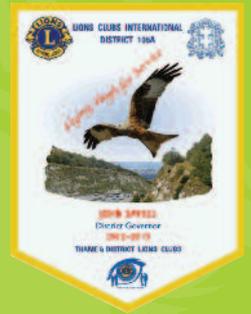


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# PRIDE OF LIONS

District 105A News | DG John Savell



## Bedford Lions and the Olympics

Bedford Lions and local families played host to seven Olympians from the Maldives while training at Bedford University in preparation for the London 2012 Olympics.

The Maldivian athletes arrived in June 2012 and will leave at the end of the games in August. The University will be holding a farewell BBQ before their departure on 20th August.

The Maldivian Olympians Azeem

Ahmed and Ms Afa Ismail are running in the 100m. Hushan Ahmed and Ms Aminath Sajan will be competing in the 50m swimming freestyle, Ms Mueena Mohamed and Ms Shiura Shareef are both in competing in the Table Tennis and Shabin Mohamed who carried the Maldives flag during the opening ceremony is competing in Badminton.

Zone J Chair, Lion Elinor Ashby who is also the clerk to Kempston Education

Trust, annually invite through its Gifted and Talented Committee students to an activity day where certificates are presented. On this occasion the presentations were made by the visiting Olympians who autographed the backs of the awarded certificates.

Lion Ashby was also instrumental in setting up the Kempston Leos Club which was chartered on 29th February this year.

## Wembley Lions

Wembley (Brent) Lions Club has great pleasure in announcing that on Sunday 24th June 2012, Lion Priti Kothari, the first Lady President, was installed by Zone Chairman Sunil Patel. This was a remarkable milestone in the club history which has been serving the local community for more than 40 years.

The event was very well supported by members of Wembley Club and guests of Lion President Priti. The event was also attended by Mr Gopal Bachu of Harrow Sikh Association and Miss Joan Grieve, Neurosurgeon at the UCL hospital. The afternoon comprised of some entertainment, official handover ceremony and a delicious South Indian Meal. More details on our website, [www.wembleylions.org.uk](http://www.wembleylions.org.uk).



## Belmont Lions

LIONS CLUB OF LONDON BELMONT are pleased to inform that the Club inducted four new members on 18th July.

Three of these members are in their 20s which goes to show that Lions can attract young members.

I am sure you will join me in welcoming them all to our Family of Lions. They are:

Lion Nabila Latif  
Lion Amena Nafeesa Latif  
Lion Tasleem Latif  
Lion Palwinder Kaur

All these members were sponsored by our President, Lion Surriya Rahman.

Lion Amin Dada

## ... NOTICE BOARD ...

### Please note:

Following the article headed 'An Appeal from Bletchley Lions' in the July POL, The Lions Club of Bletchley would like to make it clear that whilst it fully supports the Salvesson Ski Group in its aim of taking disabled teenagers to Colorado, the appeal is not being made in our name and Steven Grundy is not a member of our club.

Lion Mike Bartlett, Secretary

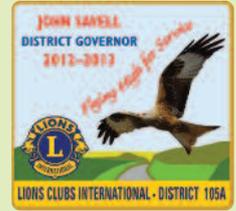
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To promote the principles of good government and good citizenship.





# DG John's Journal



I feel that I have only just finished the July newsletter before our Editor wants me to produce another one.

I have been able to attend one Charter for Covent Garden, with one induction and two Melvin Jones presentations, well done. Also the District Governor team have met and agreed club visits, I will be attending many of the clubs and letters have been sent to the Presidents requesting that I be allowed to visit on certain dates. The Vice District Governors are doing likewise, so every club will receive a visit during the year.

The concept of the DG Team is working well; we will meet every month to ensure that we follow an agreed course of action. The idea is that there is continuity of policies, but still allowing each Governor to place their own stamp on the year.

The GMT/GLT team has been busy working away with ideas to promote Lionism and more will be circulated in due course. An important part of this group is the Zone Chairmen who are the link with the District.

The Forward Planning committee will meet shortly to look at how the District should go forward. One of my major concerns is the lack of interest in what the District and Multiple Districts do. These do not exist without the clubs. The GMT/GLT is looking at ways to encourage participation, but you are the District and your involvement is important.

I had my first Council of Governors meeting at the end of July. This was a time for all the District Governors to work together and take many decisions which will impact on the Multiple District. On that point, it is 'Multiple District' not as is often heard, a Multi District. I have been guilty also in this respect.

Also for the first time, I attended the Farewell celebrations for the Youth Exchange visit. It is awe inspiring that these young people come over to strange country, and staying with complete strangers. The clubs who support them, the host families and everyone else involved in making it all worthwhile. As I said,

when they were thanking us for having them, it is we who should thank them for bringing such fun and benefit to us with their enthusiasm, energy and generosity of spirit. I would like to give big thank you to Lion Raza who organises the whole event for the District.

"Well to London 2012" was an event organised by London Central Lions Club. A brilliant evening with presentations by Korle Bu, Watersavers, and a speech by PID, now board appointee, Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir. The evening was attended by Council Chairman Martin Morgan and Jill, PCC Jacqui Prebble and Bob, PID Howard Lee and Clare, other PDGs, PCC Viresh Paul and finally Linda and I. It was a great evening and London Central are to be congratulated for putting on the event.

The use of Public relations and the messages we send to the public, also used to attract new members is of major importance. This tells everyone what Lions do, how they do it and how central to the community their local clubs are. Every Zone Chairman will have received a request for information from the Public Relations officers on media contacts within their area, and I would appreciate if they could obtain the information from their clubs.

August is traditionally a quiet month when everyone is enjoying their summer holidays and this applies to my activities as well. I am visiting Abingdon later this month, with a Lions Magazine Management meeting as well. The first full Cabinet Meeting of the year is on the 12th August. This allows for fuller discussion of matters relating to the District. Remember the Minutes of the Cabinet meeting are on the website for all to see, again bringing communications to everyone. I have the pleasure of attending the Staines & Ashford Fete at the end of August, as well as a social event for my own club; it is essential that as District Governor to maintain this link, helps keep your feet on the ground.

DG John Savell

## Lions European Musical Competition 2012 - 2013

At MD convention it was announced that the music competition has received sponsorship for the next 3 years.

I would like to invite all clubs in District 105A to submit candidates for the chosen instrument, which this year is the PIANO. The District competition will be held on 17th February 2013 at Northwood College.

Contact **Lion Ramesh Parmar**,  
District Music Competition Officer.

### My Diary August 2012

Wed 8 Abingdon Club OV  
Fri 10 Lions Magazine Management Meeting MD  
Sun 12 District Cabinet meeting  
Tue 14 Long Range Planning Committee  
Wed 15 Thame Lions Club social  
Mon 27 Staines & Ashford Fete

OV = Official Visit