

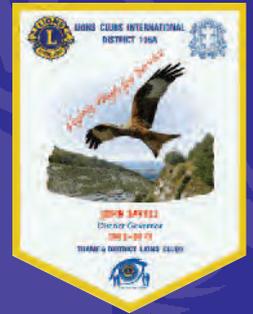


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PRIDE OF LIONS

District 105A News | DG John Savell



Lions of Witney at the Music Festival

Recently, Witney Lions Club undertook the biggest event it has ever undertaken on its own, the first all day Witney Music Festival.

The club agreed to provide all the logistic support to the festival organisers which included 5 marquees, 5 gazebos, generator and lighting, fencing, event stewarding as well as running the Club's own pig roast and bar. Over 60 club members and friends of Lions helped out over the three days. On the day the Club provided 30 stewards for the ten hours of the festival.

The event organisers said "Witney Lions Club were fantastic, everything was well organised. They worked as a team and there was no way the event could have been staged without them". They presented the club with an engraved plaque, thanking them for all their hard work, and a bottle of bubbly for their charter dinner raffle. Very positive feedback has already been received from local residents with many suggestions for making it an annual event.

The event was very well attended with all the artists being from the local Witney community. The Witney Club benefited from good publicity which has strengthened its position in the local community, and supported its recruitment drive for new members. The club made a good income from the event.

Lion Rod Attewell
Witney Lions Club PRO



Travel agent sends Lions Club member packing

Tring Lions Club member Ken Brennan was delighted when local travel agent TravelTime World sent him packing with a free holiday!

Plucky 94-year-old Lion Brennan, who is a registered blind and deaf, has not let these impairments hold him back from enjoying 36 holidays and excursions over the last few years. To thank Mr Brennan for his custom, TravelTime World organised a free Shearings holiday for him at the Burlington Hotel at Eastbourne, a nostalgic return to the first holiday he booked with the Berkhamsted company.

Model railway enthusiast Mr Brennan has other trips planned too. Later this year, he is heading off to the Austrian capital, Vienna – a favourite destination that he's visited more than a hundred times – and taking a cruise holiday on the Rhine. He never hesitates to try new things, but when Ken Brennan finds something he likes, he sticks with it. Apart from travel, he's a great fan of audio books and fish and chips – a luxury he enjoys up to six times a week.

Lion Ken has been a Lion for the best part of 15 years, first with the Burgess Hill Club in Sussex and since 2004, Ken has been a member of the Lions Club of Tring. Despite all of his travels, Ken rarely misses a meeting and contributes freely to the meeting especially on subjects to do with hearing and sight.

The picture shows Lion Ken (centre) with staff of TravelTime World around him.



... NOTICE BOARD ...

Lions Club of Sudbury Charter Night on Friday 14th June At Clay Oven, Wembley. In aid of Polio Children of UK. Tickets £20. Contact: Lion GP 07956 922172 or Lion Kiran 07878 850595

Australia Lions: The Lions of District 201V2 in Victoria, Australia extend an invitation to Lions living outside Australia to participate in our "Operation Friendship" Program. The purpose of the program is to promote and encourage friendship and understanding. One Lion and partner are invited to spend up to four weeks as guests of our District. During this period all accommodation with Host Families, and travelling within our District, will be provided by V2 Lions. Application Forms are available by emailing Bob Badham at opfriendv2@gmail.com

LCI Purpose:
To take and active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.



Moorfield Eye hospital gets donation from Hendon Lions

Members of the Lions Club Of London Hendon were invited on the 25th April 2013 to visit Moorfields Eye Hospital to view the Optical Coherence Tomography (OPT) Device purchased by the Hospital recently.

The donations of £4000 raised by London Hendon Lions during 2011-2012 were used towards the purchase of this OPT Device. One of only 2 such devices in the Hospital, it is extensively used in furthering advances in the treatments of various types of eye diseases. A practical demonstration was conducted on one of the members to show its capabilities.

Lion Girish Malkan



Mill Hill Simba (Lion) cycles in Africa

Lion Shashi Chauhan of Lions Club of Mill Hill undertook a gruelling 550 Kms Bike Ride in Uganda to raise over £2000 for Lionistic charities.

He was part of a team of 30 cyclists who have jointly raised in excess of £60,000. The team cycled through the evergreen vegetation and plantations. Through village after village, the locals were greeting "Masungu Jambo" and smiling kids who often joined us racing up to 500 yards. Climbing up to 1000m daunting never ending hills and so called dirt roads where traffic of all sorts, including heavy trucks and cattle, needed some skill, but somehow they survived. The final crossing of the finishing line at Gulu's hotel and the warm reception by Africa Revival officials and hotel management team serving Champagne made the end very pleasant. 'African Revival Charity' is overwhelmed with the response and are already working towards their target of rebuilding two primary schools together with Teachers training facilities in Gulu (northern Uganda).

Lion Shashi would like to thank all those Lion Clubs and individuals for their generous support to help me raise very respectable funds.

Lions Club of Mill Hill



Harpenden Lions Easter Egg Raffle for Cancer Support



Macmillan Cancer Support has received a donation of £2,800 from Harpenden Lions Club; the money was raised from the annual pub Easter Egg Raffle. The club buys quantities of chocolate Easter Eggs which are raffled by pubs and other outlets. This year 33 eggs were raffled in Harpenden, Wheathampstead, Redbourn, Flamstead and Markyate. The raffle is an established tradition in the area having been held for over 30 years; Lions are very grateful for the friendly cooperation of landlords, staff and customers.

At a recent Club meeting a cheque was presented to Graham Craker, Macmillan Ambassador for Hertfordshire by the Harpenden LP Brian Edwards. Graham gave an interesting and informative talk on the work of Macmillan nurses.

Kerry Briars, Fundraising Manager for Macmillan Cancer Support, said "I would like to say a huge thank you to the Harpenden Lions for raising such a wonderful amount of money; this really will help so many people. Macmillan assist people in so many ways and some of the money will be used to fund the Hertfordshire wide benefits service... Such a service, to provide money at a time of need, can only be funded by the support of people like the Harpenden Lions, so thank you once again."

Steve Gledhill

Harpenden Lions PRO

Sudbury Lions celebrate Mother's Day

Asian Women's Cancer Group celebrated Mothers Day with great music and delicious food.



This group was formed in 2005 by four ladies suffering from breast cancer and has since grown to 80 members who have benefited in their time of need from the support provided by leading members of this group. 5 members from the Sudbury Club donated prizes which helped to raise £300. For more info, please visit www.asianwomenscancergroup.co.uk

Lion Kiran Vaghela

Lions help orphanages

Lions Club of London Belmont distributed aid to two orphanages for blind, deaf, dumb and disabled children in Tanzania and Zanzibar. The orphanage in Dar Es Salaam is home to 96 children. One in Zanzibar has over 50 children.

London Belmont purchased Braille frames, paper, mattresses for the dormitories and food provisions to last few months. Charter President, Lion Amin Dada travelled there to distribute aid on behalf of the Club.

Lion Amin commented "The smile on the childrens' faces gave me an immense satisfaction of being a Lion to help those less fortunate than ourselves".

Lions Club of London Belmont



Fairlop Lions celebrate Vaisakhi in grand style

The Lions Club of Fairlop hosted their annual Vaisakhi fundraising event on Saturday 20th April to raise funds for eye camps in Punjab. The event was a huge success with over 700 people attending and £35,000 raised. The eye camps will take place in February and March 2014.

The evening was hosted by NU Sound radio presenters Tari and Chas and the entertainment was provided by live bands, Bhangra legends Heera and Apna Sangeet group which had almost all the guests on their feet until the early hours of Sunday morning. There were magicians doing close up magic as the guests arrived and later in the evening the guests enjoyed the thrill of the Casino playing Roulette and Black Jack. Monies were raised by a combination of Auctions, raffles, a fun Casino and a 70 page brochure of adverts which was very kindly supported by the local business community.

Lion President Tajinder Marway and all the members of Fairlop Lions would like to thank everyone who supported the event and hope they will return next year.

Lion Gurmit Singh Combo



Healthy Living Fun Day



Lions Club of London Covent Garden joined forces with Haringey Community Centre on 7th April 2013 to hold a 'Healthy Living Fun Day'. The focus was on promoting healthy living through nutritious diet, daily exercises and the maintaining a loving and caring relationship in life. We had invited a Chinese doctor to give talks on the topic and two physical instructors to demonstrate Taichi Xi Gong.

LP Monita Hung gave a talk to the 87 attendees on maintaining good health through balanced nutritious diet and a light-hearted session based on her own experience of 'a successful marriage', which was fun throughout. Dr Sam Ma, an experienced acupuncturist talked about the functions of organs and provided useful tips, advices and demonstrations on using pressure points on relevant parts of the body to self-treat minor ailments. Lion Rowena gave a talk on our Lion Project 'Message in a bottle' and many bottles were distributed to the attendees in need.

Everyone liked the appetizing and nutritious lunch prepared by the cooks from the centre. After the talks, the audience joined in with enthusiasm for a 45 minute exercise presented by the guest instructors Teresa and Nancy. The Day closed with raffle draw. Most of all, it was an immensely enjoyable and fun day for all.

Lions Club of London Covent Garden



Your District Needs You!

District 105A will have a vacancy for a District Governor in June 2016. Do you have the enthusiasm, energy, and experience (as set out in the District Constitution) to take on this challenging, but hopefully enjoyable and fulfilling role? In return, the District can offer you 2 years of training in preparation for a year of unparalleled opportunity. Applications for election as 2nd VDG, with the support of your Club, must be received by 15 August 2013.

Colin Davies, Constitution, Nominations, and Resolutions Officer

From the Editor

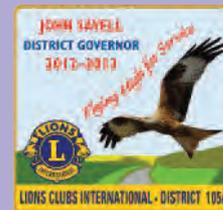
In this issue, you will read about a wide spectrum of service activities, locally and overseas. More and more clubs are sending their stories to share, and it is that momentum that must continue. Spread the word of your club's good deeds and other clubs can emulate and follow.

Another Lionistic year will come to an end soon. New team will take over the reins, but the work of Lions will continue as ever before. I am sure all 105A Lions will join in saying to DG John and his team... A job well done!!

Lion Shirish Sheth



DG John's Journal



The year is nearly over; we had the final Cabinet meeting on the 19th May followed by the first Cabinet held by DGE Sarbjit Assi. May I take this opportunity to wish him and Kuldip all the very best for the next Lionistic year. Handover is on the 21st July at Milton Keynes and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on this occasion. Details will be sent out by the District Sergeant at Arms.

Thank you is such a simple phrase but is sincerely meant to all clubs and Lions who have helped Linda and I during the year. Whether when being entertained at a Charter, and there have been a few of those: one Golden anniversary Charter for Harrow & Pinner, together with two 40th Charters for High Wycombe and Tring. Club visits are always informative, either as a visit by me or with Linda. We have been made most welcome. It has been an experience to see how individual clubs operate. The differences or the similarities, sometimes quite marked; it does give a true meaning to the term the Lions family, individual but one.

The remainder of May has proved to be equally as interesting and enjoyable, attending the Staines and Ashford Charter. An informal event but a great evening, with lovely setting on the banks of the River Thames. A very pleasant day with the Honorary Committee Chairman and the rest of the Past DGs just to get a feel for what it will be like in a month or so.

Northolt Club is a small club. One of the events which they have continued with, despite having membership concerns, is their Music evening. They do this at an assisted accommodation for older people and I was privileged to be able to attend and assist, albeit limitedly.

A club visit to London Host. The first club of the District and the Multiple District, followed on the same day by a club visit to Ealing. Prior to this was the 10km fun run in University Parks in Oxford assisting as volunteers for the Muscular Dystrophy Society. My thanks to Lions from Osterley, Lions Naresh, Mina and Sandy who all were there at 8 am. I unfortunately had to leave early to attend a charter with Ampthill Club. Another enjoyable day since it finished with a visit to an event with my own club, Music in the Park, very short lived due to the weather.

A club visit to Kenton delayed from earlier in the year due to the UN day at Westminster. A great meeting, Linda was with me and we had a very pleasant time. The following day was a quick trip to Great Yarmouth for the funeral of my cousin and back to the Lions Club of Wanstead and Woodford for their handover and formal club visit. I was made extremely welcome and was able to perform the handover ceremony and welcome the new President from July. Hammersmith & Shepherds Bush Lions Club is 10 years old and their celebrations were held at the Hilton Metropole Hotel in Shepherds Bush. An informal

evening but with great fun and merriment, good food, good company and even the parking was not a problem. I presented LP Sylvia with the DG Certificate of Appreciation for all the work over the years. The following day was the LCIF walk in Rickmansworth, very ably organised by PDG Vijay supported by Krishan and together with Lions who provided food, water and nibbles. The weather was lovely sunshine but not too hot. There were not as many walkers as had been hoped for but maybe next year others will feel the need for exercise and to support LCIF. The month of May finishes with Witney Charter, which I and Linda are looking forward to, since it is of course what I call one of my home clubs.

Since this is the last newsletter I will write, I need to say what is happening in June. I have club charter celebrations for, Finchley, Wantage & Grove, Abingdon, Sudbury, the first charter celebration for Lion Club of Park Royal, and pencilled in Chipping Barnet. Zone Meetings or socials for C, D, G, and a fun day Zone E.

There are the two Incoming officers training days which I hope as many as possible will attend. There are so many changes happening in Lions and this is the opportunity to be aware of the new systems and procedures. There are also 4 further club visits to be done, Chinatown, Southgate, Swiss Cottage and Feltham, the District Golf Day and a meeting of the GMT/GLT teams. That is the rest of the year taken care of, unless other matters arise.

My sincere thanks to everyone for all their support and generosity during the year, it has been an experience which had brought some irritation but mainly and without a shadow of a doubt, a lot of joy and fun together with new friendships, sights and fellowship which we would not have missed for the world.

DG John Savell

My Diary June 2013

1st	Finchley Charter	15th	Incoming Officers Training
2nd	Incoming Officers Training	16th	Wantage & Grove Charter
3rd	OV Southgate	17th	Zone G Meeting
4th	Zone C Social/Meeting	19th	Family Event
5th	District Golf Day	23rd	Zone E fun day
8th	Abbotts Langley Carnival Watford Lions Club	24th	GMT/GLT meeting
9th	DG Garden Party	25th	Convention Wash up meeting
10th	OV London Chinatown	26th	OV Feltham
11th	OV London Swiss Cottage	28th	Lions Club of Park Royal inaugural Charter
12th	Zone D Social	29th	Abingdon Charter
14th	Sudbury Charter	30th	Lions Club of Chinatown Dragon Boat Race
		30th	Chipping Barnet Charter

OV = Official Visit

Tring Lions Celebrate 40 years of service

Nearly 100 people helped Tring Lions celebrate 40 years of service to the local community. The charter dinner was attended by representatives from seventeen Lions Clubs, as well as local MP Lion David Gauke, a member of the Palace of Westminster Lions Club.

DG John Savell in his speech praised Tring Lions for the work that the club had undertaken mentioning that members had recorded well over 1000 hours of volunteering this year so far. One of the highlights of the evening was when DG John presented charter member Tim Woodcock with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Lion Tim has been an ever present member of the club and has held many offices within the club including that of President. To everyone's surprise, Tim was speechless (for a few moments at least!) on receiving his award but he received a standing ovation from those assembled.

Lion President Kieran Tucker presented a cheque to Linda Savell for the Centre Point Charity. The picture shows Lion Tim receiving his award flanked by DG John and LP Kieran.

