



PRIDE OF LIONS

District 105A News

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Bigg Sandy tackles Hadrian

Lions Ian Williamson, Barry Livesey, Jeanette Taylor and Mike Haslam from the Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club, together with friends Anne Charles and Nick Pearce recently walked from Bowness on Solway along Hadrian's Wall to Wallsend and then onto Tynemouth to complete the coast to coast journey and raise over £4,000 for Multiple Sclerosis.

Along the route Lions Alan and Corrine Ashburner from Mid-Tyne Club met up with the team and exchanged banners before seeing them safely on their way through the glorious Northumberland countryside towards journeys end.

The money has been divided between the National Society and the MS Therapy Centre in Bedford which provides a range of services including hydrotherapy and dietary help in support of sufferers, carers, and family members.

Lion Steve Foott



Watch out Indian Premier League! Annual Zone F Cricket



17th Annual Zone F cricket and family fun day was held on Sunday 11th July at Clowes Green, Winchmore Hill. The event was meticulously organised by chairman Lion Dilip Vora and assisted by Lions Albert Khalawan and Shashi Chauhan.

This is an important event to encourage fellowship and friendship within the clubs in the zone and their families. The matches were played in friendly, joyful and sporting spirit. An idyllic summer day was enjoyed by 150 young and old people including players and guests.

A wide variety of mouth-watering food was served throughout the day. It was gratifying to see the Lions Partners joining in together in laying out the snacks and fruit and assisting in serving to all attending.

Four teams competed for the Zone F Trophy which was won by Lions Club of Chipping Barnet. Trophies were also presented to enthusiastic youngsters.

ZC Lion Ali Musani

NOTICE BOARD

Winter Forum – The 2010 Winter Forum will be held on Sunday, 31 October at the Hilton Hotel in Milton Keynes. A programme and a booking form will be sent at a later date. If you have any questions or comments please contact PDG Elliot Shubert, Dist. Officer for Member Training and Leadership Development

Young Ambassador competition – Could I ask all clubs to do their utmost to find suitable candidates so that we can have a successful event for 2010/2011. If you have any queries please do get in touch with me at youngambassador@lions105a.org.uk
Lion Rachel Addy, District Young Ambassador Officer 2010/2011.

JDRF Walk Regents Park 12 September.

LCI Purpose:

To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.



Have you got the bottle?

In July 'Message in a Bottle' was promoted by Wantage and Grove Lions Club in Wantage Market Place. 'Deaf Awareness' and other Lions service activities were also promoted.

Home-made cakes and preserves were sold, all helping to raise funds to help the local community. Wantage First Responders were in attendance to receive a cheque for £750 toward a defibrillator kit, which costs £1500. Wantage and Grove Lions are in the process of raising money to donate a further £750, allowing the Responders to purchase a complete kit.

Wantage and Grove Lions would like to thank the local community for their continuing support in raising funds to help the local community.

If you would like to know more about our Club, please contact Lion Sylvia on 01235 765267.



Wantage and Grove Lions

District 105A Environment Project

During the Lionistic year 2008-2009, under the leadership of DG Lion Vijay Arora, we as a District endorsed a project to try to help improve our environment, this has now come to fruition and the details are as follows.

For a cost of £2,000 we have placed a commemorative post, topped with a plaque etched with our own message of dedication in an acre of protected living woodland within our district 105a. An acre (0.4 hectare) is about the size of a small football pitch, every wood is unique but typically, one acre of woodland will contain about 100 mature trees. One oak tree alone can support over 1000 different wildlife species.

As a district project this will help our environment and increase PR for Lions at the same time. This wood was formerly owned by Hampden Estate until 1985. It is also known as



"Lodge Wood" as it lies to the south of a wide grassy ride that would have formerly been an entrance to Hampden House, the wood provides the southerly boundary to this ride and has a partial avenue of large old sweet chestnut and lime trees.

We as Lion's need to lead the way in preserving our environment and I believe that this has been a great way for our district to move forward towards that goal. Our thanks to the Clubs that have supported this project. The Lions Clubs of: Amptill &

District, Aylesbury, Berkhamsted, Bicester, Biggleswade & Sandy, Bletchley Milton Keynes, Chipping Barnet, Harpenden, Hemel Hempstead, Hitchin, London Golders Green, London Finchley, Luton, Osterley, Royston, Ruislip, St Albans Staines & Ashford, Stanmore, Watford, Wembley, Witney.

Lion Peter Codrai,

on behalf of LCI District 105A



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For further information & Tickets, please contact:

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Lion Amin Dada London Belmont

Lions in Pakistan Flood Relief Action

Lions Club of Hadley Wood has managed to raise cash and pledges of a substantial amount, with the support of a non-Lion, Afzal Mohamed, and other well wishers.

Lion Asad Hameed, the President of Hadley Wood, assisted by Lion Ali Musani, the Past President, and all the members of Hadley Wood have worked tirelessly around the clock to raise money for this worthwhile cause. The situation in Pakistan is getting desperate. Food is not reaching the people and nearly 20 million people are affected, of which 7 million are children. There is a desperate need for food, medicines and tents and to help that we have already sent £7,000 as a first tranche to purchase these. We have also collected clothes, medicines and utensils to support Lion Taslim Dean of Lions Club of Belmont, and this is ongoing.

ZC Lion Ali Musani

From the Editor

Every month a new tragedy happens somewhere in the world and it dominates the airwaves. Lions, through their own Club or via LCIF reach out to help. In this issue you will read about various causes, local and international, that are served by Lions. The spirit of community service is not dimmed by the sense of fellowship, whether in cricket, trekking or dancing. This is what makes us proud to be Lions, particularly as Lions of 105A.

Lion Shirish Sheth

Excellence in community services and charitable fundraising

Moor Park Lions celebrated their 9th Charter Anniversary on 11th July 2010 at Sahibs in Northwood Middlesex. Club President Ketan Karia spoke, recognising each Lion who had contributed to the overall efforts of the Club. This year's achievements for Charity and Service gives the word EXCELLENCE a new dimension

Community services is always high on Moor Park agenda, whether it was the Peace Poster contest, or Religious Hymns concert for some 500 young and old in Rickmansworth. What proved to be a great success was Gujarati Folk Dances Evening where 350 people from diverse communities partook in the Event. There was colour, pageantry, good food, amazing music and above all the whole community enjoying the traditional Gujarati Folk dances. "Jai Ho....." Moor Park Ladies actively participate and support the Club activities often taking lead roles.

This year the Club will assist the **Charity Chain of Hope** to help children from developing countries who need specialist heart treatment by bringing them to UK and provide the requisite treatment including hosting the children. Lion Ketan Karia and his good lady Aditi hosted Children who were treated by Sir Professor Magdi Yacoub's Team. Lion Magdi being a member of Moor Park Lions Club.



Lion President Ketan receiving the gavel

In terms of fundraising the Club has worked relentlessly. During the year there were seven major fund raising events raising in excess of £180,000. Simply an amazing achievement with help of people who always support Moor Park events.

The Iceland volcano prevented the performing artistes from travelling, resulting in cancellation of our Cadogan Hall Concert which was then rescheduled. The Club sold 800 tickets and raised £22,000. The Clubs Annual Gala Ball proved to be the 'Mother of all Fund Raisers'. A donated painting raised £37,000 and the Appeal to fund Childrens' Heart operations added £80,000.

Whilst most of the Members played an active roles in achieving the above Lions Bharat Vora, Vadan Ganatra, Satish Chatwani, Bharat Dave, Raj Vora and Raj Saujani worked tirelessly. The latter two winning the LIONS OF THE YEAR Award.

What a great way to wave off the Lionistic year 2009/2010. The Chain of Hope children and the McMillan Nurses must be smiling for the Moor Park Lions.

Charter President Lion Barney Patel – Club PR Officer

Thanks, Parveen



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*in profound sincere appreciation and recognition
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Presented on behalf of all Cabinet Members,
Clubs and Lions of District 105A
By District Governor Wesley de Mendonca
August 2010

Sudbury Lions handover

Lion President Sevak and his lady Pami with the Allens



It was Handover Night at Sudbury and what a charismatic night it was for PDG Louvain and VDG Andrew Allen as they took a *Dance pe Chance* with the Sudbury Lions and their surprise guest, choreographer Jay Kumar.

Jiten Jethwa

Secretary, Sudbury Lions





DG Martin's Message



Working Together



When I first joined the Lions family I was told how the name of Lions was derived which was **"Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nations Safety."** Very American I thought but I can live with that given all the other reasons I had for becoming a member.

Then Jill and I went to Sydney and, with 800 other DGE's, listened to a speech by IP Sid Scruggs III where he gave us his version of the meaning of the Lions name **"Loving Individuals Offering Needed Service"**. He supported it with the explanation that we joined Lions not to be seen as some sort of heroic figure but because we believe there is a need and we feel that we can do something about it. I can definitely live with that.

The disaster that seems to continue to get worse daily in Pakistan is now growing legs in District 105A as Lions are really getting into their stride with fund raising and this is brilliant. However, I have just received the national donation figures from LCIF and have spoken with our LCIF Co-ordinator Geoff Leeder because I am bitterly disappointed that it showed that District A had given nothing to the fund so far this year. Thankfully a few hours later I received notice that we had in fact given a total of £2,871 to LCIF made of £271 to the Haiti appeal from just 3 clubs and a total of £2,600 to Pakistan from just 7 clubs which out of a District of 90 clubs isn't very good. Can we please look at what are doing and divert more of our hard earned fundraising money to both of these tragedies?

Clubs please note that LCI has launched a new competition worldwide – The Lions International Essay Contest. It is open to students who, according to their National Guidelines, are considered visually impaired and will be aged 11, 12 or 13 years by 15th November. Only Lions Clubs

can sponsor the contest through schools, youth groups or individuals so I would ask all clubs to look at this as a possible project. The contest theme is – **Power of Peace.**

As every District Governor has found, the same problem raises its head every year and that's the drop in membership within the organisation and District 105A is no exception. We continue to lose members year on year and although the projection on membership numbers that I presented in Sydney were very modest, I am afraid that even those figures will not be met. We all need to be a permanent part of the District team attracting new members and more importantly retaining the ones we already have.

Before closing can I reinforce an invitation I made during my election when I invited any Lion who would like to, to join us at a Cabinet meeting to see how the District is managed. You are most welcome but please let Lion Peter Codrai the SAA know first so that the hotel can be informed on numbers.

Lastly, can I again mention the Winter Forum which will take place on Sunday 31st October in the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel in Milton Keynes? It promises to be a very enjoyable day of learning new skills, along with fellow Lions, from first class instructors. Have time to socialise with new and old friends, listen to the guest speaker and have your say during the interactive debates that follow.

I would urge you to attend if you possible can because you'll hate to be the one who missed it when everyone is talking about the great day they had.

DG Martin Morgan



Youth Exchange 2010

Jill's Charity – Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

Where has Rufus been the JDRF Bear been? Firstly he went with DG Martin and Jill to the International Convention in Australia and you can see that he had his photo taken near the Sydney Opera House.

He also went to the Youth Exchange Farewell Party on July 22nd. What a fun evening that was meeting young people from countries like Mexico and Georgia. The food was excellent and there was great music led by our District Leo President Aziz.

On Sunday 12th September, JDRF are holding their annual 'Walk to Cure Diabetes' in Regent's Park, London and would welcome anyone who would like to join them on the day – either to do the walk or volunteer as a helper. DG Martin and Jill will be there (plus Rufus of course) and if you would like to find out more about it, please look on their website www.jdrf.org.uk/walk. Thank you so much. Jill



My Diary Sept-Oct 2010

- 1st Sept London Finchley O/V
- 2nd Sept London Central O/V
- 4th Sept Walthamstow Lions club Charter
- 6th Sept Redbridge Lions Club O/V
- 7th Sept Banbury Lions Club O/V
- 8th Sept MERL Team Meeting
- 12th Sept JDRF Walk in Regents Park
- 13th Sept Hertford Lions Club O/V
- 14th Sept Chipping Norton Lions Club O/V
- 15th Sept London Host Lions Club O/V
- 20th Sept Oxford Isis Lions Club O/V
- 6th Oct Ealing Club O/V
- 12th Oct Greenford Willow Tree O/V
- 13th Oct Hayes & Harlington O/V
- 16th Oct Biggleswade & Sandy Charter
- 20th Oct Hounslow Club O/V
- 30th Oct Bletchley, Milton Keynes Charter
- 31st Oct Amersham & Chesham Charter