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District 105A News

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The Harpenden Hero Volunteer named as community hero

A VOLUNTEER in Harpenden described as an "inspirational" man is the latest to be crowned a community hero.

Steve Gledhill, a dedicated member of Harpenden Lions, has won a Community Gold Award for his determination to continue despite being diagnosed with prostate cancer, breaking his leg in a serious car crash and suffering a heart attack.

His bravery over the last few years was recognised by fellow Lion's club member Bengie Walden who nominated Steve for the award.

Bengie praised Steve's "stoic attitude" and said his courage, despite facing challenging times, has inspired both his friends and family.

The Community Gold Award scheme is run by the Review in conjunction with St Albans solicitors Debenhams Ottaway.

Steve has thanked Bengie for his nomination and said he was very humbled to learn he has won the award.

He added: "I was delighted to have been nominated and am very surprised to learn that I am the winner."

"Thank you."

"The last couple of years have been made easier with the help of my wife Kate, our son and his wife and our two daughters, and through the friendship and support of many friends and colleagues."



"Harpenden Lions members have been a wonderful source of friendship and encouragement – they visited me in hospital and ferried me to many medical appointments."

"I hope that they will see that this award is as much for them as for me."



Steve Gledhill: delighted.

Medical detection: Dogs fighting diabetes and cancer

Many clubs have, in the past, supported Cancer Dogs from Aylesbury. The success of their work has led them to expand the training of medical detection dogs as well as continue the laboratory work on cancer smell identification.

Medical Detection Dogs is the new name for that part of the charities work that utilises the smelling power of dogs by training them to assist people with brittle diabetes and addisons disease. They now have 20+ dogs living with patients and local Lions clubs in the 20 locations have contributed to the training of a dog for a local patient. These dogs really do transform peoples lives.

The waiting list for dogs is small but stable. 8 dogs are in training and Geoff Lambert, Treasurer of Dunstable Lions has agreed to walk Mount Kilimanjaro to raise further funds for the training of dogs to support those with diabetes.

A quiz night is being held on 27th May at Tilsworth golf club as part of the fundraising. Teams of 4 are welcome for a fun evening with prizes for the winners and a meal in the price of £10. Send a team by contacting geoff.lambert2@ntlworld.com or support his fundraising efforts by donating on www.justgiving.com/geoff-lambert all individual donations will be gift aided.

Geoff Lambert

Treasurer

Dunstable Lions 07801777071

Louvain – A Special Thank You

Louvain always knew how to start most of my letters and I'd fill in the rest, this time its all my own work. Thank you all for your cards, letters, emails, telephone calls with sympathetic words. The love, for her, that has been passed across, is quite overwhelming.

Before the end she made me promise to continue to become District Governor, had she needed nursing, as we had hoped, I would have stepped back. My hope is that from hereon in, I can be in the same league that she was in with her relationships with people from all places. Thank you to all who were able to make the Funeral/Tribute Service, the numbers attending spoke more than words can say.

Keep well and warm, "Together We Serve".

DGE Andrew Allen

NOTICE BOARD

105A Goes Back to School

Incoming Officers & Zone Chairs Workshop

Sunday, 12 June 2011

Contact Lion PDG Elliot Shubert for further details. training@lions105a.org.uk /

020 8850 5047

Lions Club of Mill Hill Easter Ball

Saturday 16th April

– The Cinnamon Function and Banqueting Suite
117 West Hendon Broadway,
London NW9

LCI Purpose:

*To unite the clubs in
the bonds of friendship,
good fellowship and
mutual understanding.*



Hadley Wood Lions raise funds for Kenya

On the 29th of January, the Lions and Leos of Hadley Wood held a memorable event for an exceptionally worthy cause. Over 300 guests joined us at Cavendish Banqueting in Colindale to enjoy an evening of music in aid of the Patient Welfare Programme at Aga Khan Hospital in Nairobi, Kenya.

Guests enjoyed the atmosphere and music in the traditional Mehfil format; comfortably seated on the cushions with the best view in the hall. This, with the appetizing food prepared by Lahore Kebab House in Kingsbury, definitely set the mood right. The night drew to a close with the

raffle where amongst other great prizes, a Netbook and a HD television were won.

We would like to thank everyone that supported the Mehfil – together we made it a huge success, raising over £11,700. We will be presenting this at our upcoming Evening of Culture on the 30th April in aid of Street Children, LCIF Japan and other charities, to celebrate the Lions Club of Hadley Wood's 10th Anniversary.

Thank you all once again and we hope to see you on the 30th to raise even more funds for worthwhile causes.

LP Asad Hameed,
Lions Club of Hadley Wood





Lion Cecil Gee (83)

It is with great sadness that Witney Lions have to report the sudden death of Cecil, our Club's Lion Tamer. He came to Lions in later life aged 68 – but was always an active, caring and giving Lion until his age meant he could no longer help put up our marquees or 'walk the streets'.

On a cold winters evening on our Xmas float collections, he still turned out to offer support and found alternative ways of helping. For instance, without his sole efforts, over 4000 bags of sweets would not have been made up each year for Santa to distribute to children during our street collections. A man of principle, with an open and willing heart. He will be greatly missed. Our sympathy goes out to his family.

Celebrate 61ST CHARTER Anniversary

of
London Host Lions Club
First in the British Isles.

 Sunday 17 April 2011 at 12 for 12.30 pm 

BOMBAY PALACE

50 Connaught Street (off Edgware Rd), London W2 2AA
Tel 020 7723 8855 / 020 7258 3507
(Nearest Tube Station Marble Arch)

Dress Code: Lounge Suit

Cost: £25 per person for Lunch (Including all Soft Drinks)



London Host Lions Club
FIRST IN THE BRITISH ISLES
CHARTERED 29 December 1949
Meet Regularly every month:
1st and 3rd Wednesday for lunch at 12.45 pm
at Spaghetti House, 66 Haymarket
London SW1Y 4RF

Book with : Secretary Lion Girdhar Sodha Tel 020 8933 7406
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LIMITED SPACES ...So please book EARLY to avoid disappointment !!

Plight of Street Children worldwide – please make a difference

It is estimated that there are over 150 million children aged from 5-18 years living on the streets in many countries worldwide vulnerable to danger abuse and neglect.

Many more children are in now in great need of our help as a result of the recent spate of natural disasters. Please support our very worthwhile partnership of Lions Clubs International and the Consortium for Street Children to create a better and sustainable future for these disadvantaged and stigmatised children.

Anything you can spare from your Charity accounts will go towards feeding programmes, medical services, drop-in centres and night shelters and giving education and life skills to these vulnerable children.

We cannot change the world overnight but we can make a difference to the futures of these children.

Send your donations to our District Treasurer marked for LCI 105A – writing Street Children Appeal on the back of the cheque.

For further information contact District Officer Lion Vivien Raggett at streetchildren@lions105a.org.uk

District 105A Convention 2011

Put a hard hat on!! Those are hardly the words to greet you when looking over a hotel as a prospective venue for a Convention. However those were the instructions that faced DG Martin Morgan and myself in April 2009.

Having donned our hard hats we were taken on a tour of a building site by an employee of Milton Keynes Dons FC. "This", she said, gesturing towards a concrete floor, walls and ceiling, "is the dining room... This is the bar. You have to use your imagination", pointing to the same colour concrete. This is the rather strange genesis of what was to become a super convention. The then DGE Martin had asked if I would chair the organising committee for a Convention to be held in Milton Keynes. Well from our tour of the shell of a building it was clear that it was possible and we resolved to "make it happen".

We now fast forward to March 2011 to The Double Tree by Hilton, Stadium Way Milton Keynes. All construction is finished, the main hall is huge, and the former building site is the venue for the 46th District 105A Convention. From the outset, my thoughts were not to be bigger and better but to provide a Convention filled with fun and friendship which Lions could enjoy and which first timers to convention could say "that was worth it. I will come again", I think we did it.

On Friday afternoon, eleven delegates enjoyed a tour of the stadium. Friday night saw the informal dinner. The whole evening was filled with noise, not from a band but from Lion members and guests all talking and enjoying each others' company.

Saturday saw the start of the Convention and we were delighted to receive the Mayor of Milton Keynes Cllr Debbie Brock and her escort, to open the Convention. Our International Guest was PID Salim Moussan and his wife Lion Alia. 14 guests enjoyed the partners outing in the morning to Bletchley Park where Lion John Miller gave a super talk and visit and in the afternoon the trip to 'Hidden Milton Keynes'. Delegates had the opportunity to see the 18 stands before entering the Convention hall.

During the Convention itself we had a very interesting talk by Hannah Scott from the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Jill Morgan's charity for this year. We also listened to our Young Ambassador winner Tahlia Williamson, and met our Peace Poster



DG Martin with Jill and Chief International Guests



DG Martin welcoming all delegates

winner, Christy Stubbs. DG Martin presented a Bert Mason Humanitarian Award to Lion Lesley Spence, on behalf of Lion Alec Spence. This was an extremely popular award and Lion Lesley said that she and her daughters were very proud of Lion Alec. DG Martin also presented an International President's leadership medal to ZC Ali Musani for his work in fund raising for the Pakistan flood appeal. 1st VDG Andrew Allen was elected DG(E) and we are sure PDG Louvain would have been very proud at that moment. 2nd VDG John Savell and Linda were elected 1VDG (E). We congratulate them all.

Our International guest PID Salim Moussan gave a very interesting talk about his work. I am sure he and Alia enjoyed themselves very much (they told us so) He was particularly interested in the level and standard of IT we use. Convention also enjoyed the company of a number of guests from other Districts within the Multiple District and in addition four guests from our twin District 111NB Germany. We ended as we always do, with Land of Hope and Glory and Auld Lang Syne. In all some 341 delegates, partners and guests had attended.

Saturday evening was time for the Banquet and Ball and a great 60's group which literally meant the dance floor was never empty. On Sunday morning we had a very interesting question and answer session with PID Salim attended by 40 delegates.

From the Editor

It seems that every week, unfortunately, there is a new emergency or disaster somewhere in the world. Television brings the plight and misery of the affected to our living rooms. Suddenly the worries that we face, of credit crunch or spending cuts, seem very small and spurs Lions into action. We strive to help in so many ways and fulfil our aim of helping the needy.

With the election of the incoming DG and VDG, new teams are being put together to continue our service activities. Lions charitable deeds are needed now more than ever.

Lion Shirish Sheth

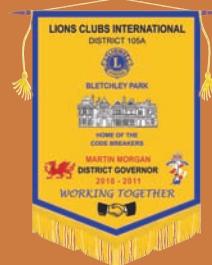
Lion Mike Baldwin



DG Martin's Message



Working Together



Mother Nature seems to be determined to keep the Lions of the world busy because every time I turn around she has made another disaster somewhere in the world for Lions to react to and boy do they react.

In the past year we seem to have reeled from one emergency to another and as well as the terrible earthquake suffered by Christchurch, New Zealand we now have the earthquake and Tsunami in Japan with a huge loss of life and still more to come. Once again the Lions of the world have done what they do so well and have immediately organised fund raising projects to get money on the ground for the 100,000+ Japanese Lions to use to provide aid for those most in need.

So far the LCIF designated account for disaster relief and designated funds stands at US\$1.25 million which includes emergency grant funds and designated donations from Lions around the world. The LCIF executive committee is considering making donations MJF eligible.

Please forward designated donations from Clubs/individuals for this appeal through our district treasurer Vanmali Mistry. Cheques should be payable to "The LCI MD105 Appeal Fund" endorsed on the back "Japan Earthquake/Tsunami 2011".

In Christchurch Lions have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the New Zealand Red Cross to enable us both to work closely together to bring aid where needed as the city is still without water, sewerage systems and the aftershocks continue. The

local Lions continue to meet together to plan how best to go forward even when they are personally affected by the disaster with house damage, the workplace closed, no power or water and still attended the Lions meeting to help their fellow citizens, (This is an actual description of a local Lion's actions).

On a brighter note a few weeks ago Jill and I have the pleasure of being invited to the first Charter of the Wembley, (Brent), Leos Club and I have to say that if any of you get the chance to go to a Leo event take it. The Leos were great, so full of energy and enthusiasm for Lions it was contagious and every one of the "older people" there were caught up in their joy for life and joined in. Thank you to all the Lions that advise and help the Leos within this District and please form some more Leo clubs as we certainly need them.

The District Convention earlier this month was a great success which, according to all the feedback I have had since, was enjoyed by everyone there. Our International guest was PID Salim Moussan and his wife Alia and this was the first convention he had attended in this part of the world I was delighted that he enjoyed the whole weekend with us so much and his comments on how we do things in 105A were certainly positive. The Convention was opened by The Mayor of Milton Keynes Cllr Debbie Brock who also joined us for the Banquet and Ball that evening. We had a presentation from Jill's charity JDRF and one from PCC Viresh Paul on the role of the Honorary Committee. Next stop the MD Convention in Belfast and I hope to see some of you there

DG Martin Morgan



Jill's Charity - Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

Hannah Scott, the Regional Development Manager for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, gave an interesting and informative talk to the delegates at District Convention.

Hannah herself was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes when she was only 8 years old. Reading her profile on their website you can see that it has not stopped her travelling, bungee jumping, scuba diving and running marathons for charity. However few people realise that it takes a huge amount of personal work and family support to keep a diabetic fit and well. Hannah wears an insulin pump and told us about the research work that is taking place to hopefully get a blood sugar monitor "talking" to a pump, thus creating an artificial pancreas.

The Lions Clubs of London-Hendon and Kenton are holding a Sing-A-Thon on the afternoon of

Sunday 10th April in aid of JDRF. Please come and join in if you can.

The London marathon takes place a week later and JDRF have 157+ runners taking part. Do look out for them if you are in London or watching on the television.

Thank you all for your continuing support.

Jill



My Diary

April 2011

- 2nd** Harrow & Pinner Charter
- 8th** High Wycombe Charter
- 9th** Acton Charter
- 12th** Bedford O/V
- 16th** Hemel Hempstead 50th Charter
- 17th** London Host Charter
- 30th** Southall 40th Charter