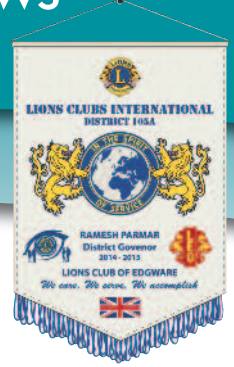




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Kenton Lions receive prestigious UK volunteering award for outstanding services to the elderly

Since 2007, when Kenton member Lion Vivien Raggett read an article in The Harrow Observer newspaper and took it on as a Club project, members

have been volunteering for the nationwide charity **Contact the Elderly**. This is the only national charity which, since inception in 1965, has focussed

solely on relieving the acute loneliness and isolation of very elderly people in the UK who live alone, without family, friends or other support networks nearby.

The Contact the Elderly model is simple yet very effective: free, monthly Sunday Tea Parties for small groups of older people and volunteers within their community – which brings all ages together, thereby developing meaningful and fulfilling friendship and support networks, and giving everyone something to look forward to.

We offer a vital lifeline of friendship to some of the loneliest elderly people in Kenton, Harrow and surrounding areas. Fellow Lions, your help is needed. Spread the word to encourage more local people all over our District, and indeed the whole of the UK, to volunteer just two hours a month (or even every other month), as a driver, or a few hours a year as a host or co-ordinating a group in your area. You will also be raising awareness of Lions in your local communities. A little of your time but making a lasting difference.

For details email: info@contact-the-elderly.org.uk or Lion Vivien at raggett@talktalk.net

Lion Vivien Raggett



Lion Vivien being presented with the prestigious Marsh Christian Trust volunteer's group award plus the Contact the Elderly Award for outstanding services to the elderly.

NOTICE BOARD

The **WORLD SIGHT DAY** is on 9th October and I hope you all celebrate in community service activities like Eye health awareness and Spectacle collections. DO Lion Roheet Mehta.

DISTRICT 105A WINTER FORUM on Sunday, 5th October 2014, Woodhall School, Woodhall Lane, South Oxhey, Herts WD19 6QX. Contact: SAA Lion John Savell.

Lions Club of Enfield present GALA CHARITY NIGHT on 15th November 2014. Contact LP Dr. Prakash Naik.



LCI Ethic:
To Hold friendship as an end and not a means.

Mill Hill Lions win the Zone F Cricket Trophy

20th Annual Zone F Cricket and Family Fun Day was held on the Sunday, 27th July 2014 at Clowes Green, Winchmore Hill. The event as usual was perfectly organized under the chairmanship of Lion Dilip Vora (Chipping Barnet), assisted by Lions Albert Khalawan (Hornsey), Shashi Chauhan (Mill Hill) and Pravin Nathwani (Swiss Cottage).

Four teams competed for the Zone F cricket trophy and the eventual winner



was Lions Club of Mill Hill. The matches were once again played in a friendly, joyful and sporting spirit.

A wide variety of food was served throughout the day, and our thanks to our wonderful ladies for their excellent hospitality. A glorious summer's day was

enjoyed by 80 people. A big Thank You to all for making this event so successful and memorable. This is the only Zone F event held to encourage fellowship and friendship within the clubs in the zone and their families.

Lion Dilip Vora



Stevenage Corey's Mill Lions lost their Roar... then got back their Pride

On Wednesday 2nd July 2014, en-route to the final Charter Lunch of Hertford Lions, somewhere between her kitchen and meeting a fellow Lion at his house in Stevenage, PLP Dot Brown of Stevenage Corey's Mill mislaid the club's chain of office.

She searched everywhere, but to no avail and we all hoped that a conscientious person would find it. We were given massive media coverage in local newspapers, and radio stations. It had no specific monetary value to anyone outside of Lions, but definitely an intrinsic and personal value to us as the past 24 years of Presidents' badges are pinned to it. We waited for a result in anticipation.

To have it remade, would have cost a minimum of £100, and we wouldn't have had it ready in time for the hand-over to LP Jackie Smith. Then fantastic good news.

On Friday 18th July, a very civic minded person, Mrs Isobel (Issy) Gasson, who has worked at the Symonds



PLP Dot being presented with a badge

Green Post Office as counter clerk for the past 14 years, contacted one of our Lions and said that she thought she had something which belonged to the club.

She was walking through a park and saw a plastic bag, with something sticking out of it. When she picked it up, it looked like it had in fact been driven over by a car as the presentation box was damaged. In Issy's own words, "because I'm a nosey person, I went to look and realised that it was the Chain of Office which had been publicised as lost. As I knew a lot of the Stevenage Corey's Mill Lions, I contacted them and told them that I'd found it."

She very graciously accepted the club's invitation to the Handing-over ceremony, as a token of the club's grateful thanks, where she was also presented with an official

letter of thanks. The hand-over, which was held as a social at a local restaurant on 28th July and was officiated over by DG Lion Ramesh Parmar.

Lion Trish Newton

Fairlop Lions twinned with Thailand Lions



Fairlop IPP Lion Brijesh Chauhan and Phuket Pearl President Lion Arnfinn Oines completing the formalities in the presence of PDG Lion Sarbjit Assi and members of Fairlop Lions Club

Lions Club of Fairlop is very proud to announce our very first 'Twinning' with another Lions Club. After several months of discussions the club are now twinned with The 'Lions Club of Phuket Pearl' from Thailand.

The 'Twinning' was made official in May this year at our business meeting. The current President of Phuket Pearl Lion Arnfinn Oines visited our club and our PDG Lion Sarbjit Assi was also present to oversee proceedings.

We hope to develop relationships between our Clubs in the years to come and it is hoped that some of our members will visit Thailand early next year.

Lion Paul Chakravarty

From the Editor

Now that summer is nearly over, our minds turn to all the events that Lions organise leading to Christmas. Please make sure that your Club PR person sends your story, with one or two photos so that the District can share your story.

Some don'ts;

1. Do not send photos with poor resolution or poor lighting as they will not print well. Photos with a file size of about 1 – 3 MB is good.
2. Do not send photos of more 3 MB file size, as that clogs up the internet downloading. Photos from smartphones can be good if properly taken. You can downsize the file before sending.
3. Do not send a link to an uploaded library, as I do not know which photo best represents the accompanying article.
4. Do not send scanned copies of newspaper articles, or even a link to an article about your event published on some website.

Lion Shirish Sheth

Please note our new District Vulnerable Persons Officer

Robert Ellis (Jane)
1 Harrison Place
Thame, OX93TB
Tel: 01844 216504

District Secretary Lion Parveen



7th District Youth Celebration
For Disadvantaged and Disabled Young People
Sunday 16th November 2014



A themed party based on Simba The Lion King



The District party is to be held on **Sunday 16th November 2014**
at Allum Hall, 2 Allum Lane, Elstree, Herts, WD6 3PJ.
Tel 020 8953 3415 - From 1.30pm to 4.30pm

Disco - Singing - Dancing

Magicians - Clowns - Sideshows - Games

Puzzles - Prizes - Food - Drink

There are 400 places available for 12 to 18 year olds and their carers at £8.50 pp on a "first come, first served" basis.

Closing date: 30th October 2014.

For bookings please contact Lion Vijay Arora
email: victory801@hotmail.com

Tel: 020 3075 0139- District website www.lions105a.org.uk



*We serve with pride
in our Community*

The Lions Club of Bletchley, Milton Keynes
45th Charter Celebration
Saturday 25th October 2014

Lion President Brian Phillips invites you to join him and the members of Bletchley club at their 45th Charter Celebration at the **Hilton Milton Keynes Hotel**, Timbold Drive, Kents Hill Park, Milton Keynes, Bucks. MK7 6HL
Drinks from 6.30pm with dinner at 7:30pm – Carriages at Midnight

Cost £33

Closing date for booking 15th October 2014



DG Ramesh's Report



My fellow Lions.

I hope you all had a good break in August. We are now into September and it is getting busier.

The GLT/GMT committees are working hard to have second preformation meeting for new Lions Club. It will be called LC of Uxbridge and will be put in Zone C. We hope to have the new club formation in October.

Winter Forum is scheduled to take place 5th October 2015 at Woodhall School, Oxhey, Herts WD19 6QX We plan to have certified guiding Lions course, hearing and deaf awareness course, first aid, LCIF projects and many other interesting topics. You will have a chance to hear the VDG presentations! Please book early to secure your place. Coffee on arrival/lunch is only £12.

Since the last newsletter I attended LC of Belmont for the Eid Celebration party raising funds for children in Palestine.



LC of Belmont Eid celebration

On 24th Aug I joined the LC of Edgware BBQ – it was a brilliant day and plenty of delicious BBQ food to eat.



Edgware BBQ

It was a great experience attending the annual fête of LC of Berkhamsted held on bank holiday Monday. Although the weather was wet, I

enjoyed going around with the Mayor of Berkhamsted and LP Peter. It was fun holding the pet turkey! I even had a go at archery!



Fun at Berkhamsted fête

It was great to see the Dunstable Lions on 27.8.14. Enjoyed the wonderful dinner with the fellow Lions!

All Dunstable Lions have served Lions for over 25 years – Lions George Horne and Lion John Hardy are Charter members with over 42 years' service.



Dunstable Lions

On 1.9.14 visited the LC of St.Albans. I hope to go their Beer festival end of the month!



St. Albans Lions

I met the LC of Beaconsfield members on 3.9.14. It was nice to meet two visiting Lions from Texas. Banners were exchanged.

It was a great pleasure to present the long service chevrons to 4



Beaconsfield Lions

members of LC of Enfield – 3 of them to Charter members with 40 years' service to Lions organisation. It is remarkable that the club has 14 members who are Lions for over 30 years. Best wishes to their Charter celebration in October and their Gala evening in November. It was nice to see PDG Lion Rati who is progressing well health wise.

DG Ramesh



Members of Lions Club of Enfield

My Diary – September 2014

Mon 1 st	LC of ST. ALBANS OV
Tue 2 nd	LC of EDGWARE
Wed 3 rd	LC of BEACONSFIELD OV
Thu 4 th	LC of ENFIELD OV
Fri 5 th	PREFORMATION OF NEW LIONS CLUB
Sat 6 th	GETTING OLD PARTY
Wed 10 th	LC of BICESTER OV
Thu 11 th	CONVENTION MEETING
Sun 14 th	LC of STANMORE GOLF CHARITY
Mon 15 th	LC of AMPHILL OV
Tue 16 th	LC of LUTON OV
Wed 17 th	LC of BIGGLES WADE OV
Thu 18 th	1ST ZONE "E" ADVISORY MEETING OV
Fri 19 th	LC of EDGWARE "MEHFILL"
Sat 20 th	LC of BERKHAMSTEAD CHARTER
Tue 23 rd	LC of EDGWARE BOARD MEETING
Wed 24 th	LC of LEIGHTON BUZZARD OV
Thu 25 th	GLT/GMT MEETING
Fri 30 th	CONVENTION MEETING
OV =	Official visit