

## Tring Lion – Charter 700

In 2015 the people of Tring celebrated the 700th anniversary of the granting of a charter by Edward II. The celebrations were wide and diverse and everyone one was involved – from the 2015 Town Mayor, Cllr Stephen Hearn through to all the schools in Town.

These celebrations were captured on camera and Tring Together have put all these photographs into a memory book. The Lions Club of Tring are delighted to sponsor the production of these books and at a get together this week, presented copies to the Tring Town Mayor, Mike Hicks, Diane Saletes from the Tring Library and to Cllr Penny Hearne. Also at the get together was the Mayor of Dacorum Cllr Robert McClean. Copies of the memory book will be given to all the schools in Tring.

Tring Lion Alan Pollard mentioned that the Club had supported the local community since 1973 and that the Community always support our activities. He also mentioned that Lions International itself would be celebrating in centenary next year.

Lion President Steve Mitchell



Picture L to R – Mayor of Dacorum, Cllr R. McClean, Vivianne Child, Tring Together, D. Saletes, Tring Library, Lion Alan Pollard, Cllr P. Hearne, Mayor of Tring, Cllr Mike Hicks and Tring LP Steve Mitchell.

## Lions on the canal



Banbury Lions Club participated in the recent Banbury Canal Day – with a stall and also as stewards allocating stallholders to their plots.

The event, organised by the local authority, attracts boaters, crafters, traders and visitors from all over the country. The Lions had a meat raffle and cake sale for fundraising ends, and were pushing the Message in a Bottle scheme. They also invited any interested person, whether in membership or as a 'friend of the Lions', to leave their details to be contacted about upcoming events.

It was a great day weather-wise, and the people of Banbury turned out in their droves. The Lions stall brought in £193, and the stewarding provided some money to go to the administration account. Looking forward to next year!

Lion Richard High  
Secretary, Banbury Lions Club

## NOTICE BOARD

### Lions Peace Poster Competition

The competition closing date is 20 November 2016. The entries will need to be received by 23 November for judging to be completed by 26 November. Lion Sunil Patel.

### Environment Photo Contest

Why not take part in the Environment Photo Contest to win the District Cup and have your photo published in the Pride of Lions. For more information contact Lion Rajni Sheth.



### LCI Purpose:

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

# Lions Club of Thame go bowling



All Bowlers with Mayor of Thame Linda Emery and DLL Ricard Venables.

On the 4th September 2016 Thame Lions Club with Thame Bowls Club (Chairman Bill Giles of weather fame) organised the first ever, in Oxfordshire,... Blind Bowling Competition.

24 contestants from bowls club around the area all with varying degrees of sight impairment took part. The event was opened by the Mayor of Thame Linda Emery and all contestants were presented with medals; sponsored by a member of the Bowls Club, by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire Richard Venables. The winners were Mary Pitman and Sarah Marshal and were presented with a plaque to recognise their win. Sarah is a member of the England Blind Bowling Team and will be playing in

the International Competition in South Africa in March. The uniform that the team is wearing was sponsored by Lions and the Lions logo is proudly displayed on the shoulder.

The money raised on the day £2000, will be split equally between Blind Veterans and Calibre Audio Books

The Club President PDG Lion John Savell said that the event was considered a great success by all parties particularly the bowlers themselves. Because of the success and the willingness of the Bowls club to support the event it is likely to become a yearly competition.

**PDG Lion John Savell**

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## Let us think about Diabetes

WORLD DIABETES DAY, established by the International Federation of Diabetes and the WHO in 1991, is celebrated every year on November 14.

I ask you to take the initiative of creating greater awareness about diabetes in your community. If diabetes awareness presently rests on a back burner, bring it forward on your club's list of priorities, especially in light of November 14 – National Diabetes Awareness month.

Please appoint a diabetes awareness officer in your club to see how your club can best deliver the diabetes awareness and its relation to eye disease? What roles Lions can play in the community?

The World Health Organization estimates that 266 million people worldwide have diabetes, a global epidemic that is expected to affect 380 million by 2020. There are still more

than 1 million not diagnosed in this country and they are the missing million.

With these statistics in mind, Lions adopted diabetes awareness as a long-term commitment. Our work supports diabetes education, treatment, research and early detection. Now is the chance for those Clubs who have not been involved before to start now.

Between Lions Clubs, Lloyds Pharmacy and Diabetes UK, we can work together to find possible diabetics and guide them in the right direction to be treated and avoid those side effects like heart attacks and blindness.

Please contact me for any queries.

**Lion Dr. Roheet Mehta**  
**District Diabetes Officer**

## Welcome new Lions

Lions Club of London Finchley, inducted Mahendra Lalji at our Business Meeting on 7th September 2016 with a very impressive Induction Ceremony at Finchley Golf Club. This new addition brings the clubs membership to 23.



New member induction LC of London Host. The Sponsor is Lion Vijay Jain and was inducted by ZC Monita.

## Leos... What a Celebration

To commemorate 100 years of Lions and 60 years of Leos the Fairlop Leos Club challenged their parent Club Fairlop to a Laser Quest afternoon. This joint event entailed splitting into two teams of 15 participants, donning a body vest and running through a darkened room with large guns trying to 'laser' the opposition.

The Leos decided to mix Lions, Leos and family members into the Lion President select and Leo President select teams. After two hectic games the Lions team was victorious and were presented by Leo President Maria with the Challenge Shield.

This was followed by a welcome afternoon tea prepared by Leo Advisor Doreen and Andrew and Leo parents. A Celebration cake was soon devoured and the Leos were already planning next year's challenge event.

Lion Doreen Carr



### OBITUARY

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you of the sad demise of our Past District Governor Lion John Hunt (1989-1990) who sadly passed away on 24 October 2016.

Both his daughter Janet and wife Brenda were by his bedside; Janet said that her dad passed away very peacefully, and right up to the end, he was lucid and remembered all those who were near to him especially members of our Lions Family.

We will all miss him dearly, particularly the Past Governors who followed him; he was our elder statesman, and always ready and willing to help and assist when called upon. In short, he was a 'gem' of a person.

In sympathy, PDG Lion Vanmali Mistry, District 105A Treasurer

## Fairlop spread the Lionism message

Fairlop Lions in conjunction with Barking and Dagenham Visually and Hearing Impaired Support Team celebrated World Sight Day with a presentation stand at Asda Barking. Information was given to the public about the Lions Eye Health Programme and the Message in a Bottle Scheme.

Lion Doreen Carr



Spreading the message

## Watford Lions celebrate Charter anniversary

Some fifty Lions and friends, including our Zone Chair and most of the Clubs' Presidents in Zone H, came to join and support our 46th Charter Anniversary Dinner at I WATFORD Country Club, on Saturday, 22 October.

In her Toast to Lions Clubs International, Lion President Berice Andrews stated that although Watford is relatively a small Club with less than 20 members, nevertheless, they still managed to raise an average of £20,000, and donated over £12,000 each year to local charities. In addition, they also provided three times fish and chips dinners for the elderly in our community.



LP Berice with PDG Lion Parveen and his wife Ranjena

In his response, PDG Lion Parveen Verma made generous tributes to our Clubs activities and functions. Similar kind remarks were also made by our Chief Civic Guest, Councillor Darren Walford, Chairman of Watford Borough Council.

Lion Johnson Wong  
Secretary

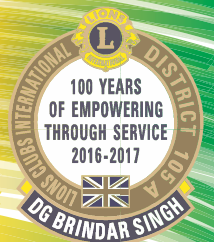
## Acton Lions help locally

Lions Club of London Acton donated a sum of £500 to Mulberry Centre. The Mulberry Centre provides practical and emotional support for cancer patients, their families and friends, carers and those people bereaved by cancer. They offer a one to one group and community support through the Trinjan Group at the Mulberry Centre.

Lion Baljit S Sood  
Secretary



# DG Brindar's Bulletin



## My family of Lions

As I write this article, the clocks go back by one hour in a few days' time, giving me the opportunity to catch up on the Lionistic work that is never ending.

Let me first congratulate our new Centennial club, Lions Club of Hatch End. It was an excellent evening, in the presence of about 90 Lions. The ceremonies of oaths, presentations of my personal pins and banners, club banners and the speeches that followed were well organised and enjoyed by all.

It is difficult to believe how time flies. Four months already gone! And how quickly the monthly newsletter time comes around. There is a lot to write but so little time. Our District is buzzing with activities serving the communities, for which I thank all the Lions in my District.

Month of October has been extremely busy. I have received 237 Chevrons for LCI for Lions who have served from 10 years up to 50 years. I have also received Centennial Service Challenge patches for 45 (60%) of our clubs, proving that clubs in our District are indeed very active. I am very proud of these achievements and have the pleasant duty to distribute these awards personally on my visits. Not an easy task but I am enjoying it especially when I meet older Lions and they have few stories to tell.

One of my main aim as a DG was to work tirelessly on the issues effecting retention of members. To that end, I am concentrating on visiting smaller clubs (less than 10 members) where Lions have spent time brainstorming on membership issues. I am very excited at the positive ideas that have come out of the open discussions resulting in action plans being put in place.



DG with LC of Hitchin



DG with LC of Waltham Forest

My visits have included LC of Hitchin, Enfield, Seven Kings, Waltham Forrest, Zone G, Zone M&N and Zone B, where I have had the privilege of presenting the service Chevrons and Centennial Service Challenge patches.



Charter Celebrations full of unusual fun at LC of Hemel Hempstead

Thank you to those clubs who presented cheques for Balbir's chosen charity, 'Admiral Nurses'.

Balbir and I are thankful for the warm welcome and hospitality we received during our visits on Charter celebrations and fund raising functions of LC of Hemel Hempstead, Carterton, Bletchley Milton Keynes and Moor Park.



Winter Forum

We had a very successful Winter Forum on the 16th October. I thank Lion Elliot Shubert and his team for organising a successful and enjoyable event. Those who attended were positive of the training they had received.

Every club should receive over the next few days, consultation papers on redistricting of our MD. I urge all the Lion members to discuss these proposals in your clubs and Zones. At the end of the



DG with LC of Seven Kings

documents there is a questionnaire for each club to fill. Please reply back to our MD with your opinions.

From our District point of view, the effects of the new proposals are that, Ireland will separate out from our MD, thus forming their own separate district. The rest of our MD will be reduced from 12 to 8 districts. Our District 105A will lose Zone M to another district, thereby reducing our district membership to about 1415. And finally our name will be changed from 105A to 105 HC. Deadline to reply back to MD is 31st December 2016.



DG presenting 40 years chevrons to PDG Lion Rati Shah and Lion Chottu Patni of Lion Club of Enfield

I have appointed PCC Lion Viresh Paul as our District Officer for re-districting. Please correspond with him on all matters you wish to discuss. It is important to remember that MD will make a decision based on replies received from each individual club.

LET THE DISCUSSION BEGIN.

DG Lion Brindar



LC of London Golders Green sponsoring food and entertaining senior citizens for Diwali at the Harrow Leisure Centre

## My Diary November 2016

- 2 ZONE I OV
  - 4 LC Ealing Charter
  - 6 LC Hemel Hempstead Bookshop
  - 8 Zone D OV
  - 9 LC of Wanstead and Woodford OV
  - 10 PDG Lion John Hunt Funeral Service
  - 10 Zone E OV
  - 13 Remembrance Day at Cenotaph
  - 15 Zone A OV
  - 16 LC of Hounslow OV
  - 23 LC of Belmont OV
  - 24 GMT Meeting
  - 24 Peace Poster Final
  - 25 DG Team meeting
  - 26 LC of Enfield Charter
  - 27 LC Stevenage Cory Mill Charter Lunch
- OV = Official visit