



# Pride of Lions



District 105A News

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DG Lion Erach Amaria

## Welcome fellow Lions to your Newsletter on behalf of the District Governor and the Communications Team

### Music by The Lake

St Paul's Walden Bury, the Hertfordshire home of the Bowes Lyon family, was the venue for a highly successful classical fund raising concert on Sunday June 5th, writes PRO Steve Gledhill.

Organised by Harpenden Lions the concert was held in glorious sunshine. Over 500 people sat on the banks around the lake enjoying the music played by St. Albans Symphony Orchestra. Nearly £2000 profit was made which will go towards residents care at Sue Ryder Care at Stagenhoe Park.

A licensed bar served refreshments, augmented by stalls selling strawberries and cream, as well as ice cream, making it a thoroughly enjoyable day out for everyone.

Georgina Hewitt of Sue Ryder Care said, "So many people helped to make this a fantastic day and we thank them all. Simon and Caroline Bowes Lyon kindly allowed us to use their grounds. The sunshine just helped to make it a really super time. Finally, we are grateful to all those who contributed to Sue Ryder

Care. It was so successful that we are already making plans for next year".

Congratulations must go to Harpenden Lions for producing such a spectacular event.

### Your News - Your Pride of Lions



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or call  
Lion Maria Azcona

The District welcomes a new Club; Fulham Club Branch of Ealing Lions Club was formed on 15th June with 15 Members. Lion Kamaljit Sood, Branch Liaison Officer can be contacted on Tel: 020 7401 4247. Branch Coordinator is Lion Kanwalnain Gabrie on 07985 432164. We wish them all the luck in the world!



### The Train at Platform 1 is Lionel

Lions Club of Leighton Buzzard seem to be wizards at both the innovative and locomotive, for they appear to have adopted Lionel, a small petrol driven train pulling a trailer that can hold 12 persons. Lionel is provided with drivers free of charge to local groups raising money where they charge the public for rides and will, in any one year raise enough funds for a most worthwhile local project.

Even though Lionel started life as a Wembley Bug, (a sort of small stock car arrangement, looking a bit like a dune buggy), he has, since his birth in the 1950's undergone a few transformations and disguises a lot thanks to the Lions who have lovingly and painstakingly restored Lionel to what he is today - a happy, fully functional massive toy for children of all ages, from ages 2 to 102!

So, where can Lionel be found over the summer? Out with the Leighton Buzzard Lions "Locos (Parentis?)" at the following venues and dates. **June:** 11th Stewkley School, 18th Cranfield School, 24th Leighton Middle School, 25th Soulbury. **July:** 2nd Brooklands School, 9th Cranfield Football Club, 23rd Aston Abbots, 30th Waterside Festival. Then on **August** 29th Berkhamstead and its final summer trip can be enjoyed at Stoke Mandeville on 3rd **September**, (a final outing for the kiddies before school, where they will be able to blow off some of that last minute summer steam).

If you would like to know more, then please contact the Leighton Buzzard Lions, who will be more than happy to help.

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number at the  
bottom of this  
page is the  
District phone*

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## There Was a Vision...

Many moons ago, when the first **Senior Citizens Party** was inaugurated, it was also planned to have a party for **Those Children in the Forgotten Group**.

In October 2004 the VDG Erach visited Feltham and Whitton Lions Club in Zone C and asked it's members if they could look into the possibility of having a CHILDRENS PARTY, as it was then called.

There were three stipulations laid down by the Club and if they could be met, they promised that the party would take place.

1. **GOOD VENUE** - **ACHIEVED**
2. **PLENTY OF PARKING** - **ACHIEVED**
3. **A CERTAIN ENTERTAINER** - **ACHIEVED**

### THEREFORE:

The Vision is taking place on  
**Sunday, 20th November 2005**  
at **Spethorne Leisure Centre, Staines**  
from **2 pm to 5 pm**

**THE VERY FIRST:**  
**D & D YOUNG PERSONS XMAS PARTY**  
(ages 11-17)  
(Disadvantaged and those with Disabilities)

There is room for 600 guests and 250 helpers and it is hoped to keep the cost down to approximately £6 per guest.

The final details are still being discussed, but the team of EXPERTS assembled to help and advise (including BARNARDO'S) will be releasing the full details shortly. So far between 150 and 175 tickets have already been asked for.

If you would consider to sponsor part of the event, or would like to know details, please contact:

**Alf Greenbank on 020 8894 1600 or**  
**Alf Sanders on 020 8847 2407**

**With everyones help, we can make this a day that all the children will remember.**

## Ruislip Lions Turn into Book Worms

When Ruislip Lions were offered in excess of 24,000 ex-library books by the local Authority, they didn't hesitate in holding their very first "Book Worms Sale Extravaganza".

This event was held at the Barn in Ruislip on the 9th,10th,11th and 12th June 2005. What made this event unique was that it had originally been held by the local authority but as they found it not to be cost effective, due to the fact that they had to employ people to run it. It made sense to give it to a local charity, enabling the money to go back to the local community via the Lions.

Over the 4 days, as well as improving the minds of the locals with such a vast number of books of different

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or finish  
meetings with  
one of our  
Code of  
Objects**

## The Circus is Coming!

Once again the Lions have been given the opportunity of inviting children and young adults with special needs to a special Circus performance of Zippos Circus on Friday 1st July at Acton Green London. The circus is of a traditional type, the only animals being horses, with acts dedicated to skill and laughter. This will be the sixth year that Lions have organised this show. Last

year, about 850 children, some in wheelchairs, their teachers and carers attended. Judging from the response so far, the number might exceed this year. It is hoped that like previous years, the show will be attended by Mayors or their representatives, from the London Boroughs of Ealing, Hillingdon and Hounslow. Any Lions who would like to attend or can help on the day will be most welcome.

It has to be said however, that it is with the dedication and organisation skills of **Lion Rana Dhawan** that this event has been made possible over the last 6 years. With his never ending enthusiasm, Lion Rana has put a smile on literally thousands of childrens, (and adults) faces. DG Erach wholeheartedly asks for every Lions support him in this fantastic project. Full details of

## Web Masters 48 Hour Turnaround

Have you seen the District website yet on **www.lions105a.org**? Our webmasters, Satnam Loyal and Geoff Brown, have managed to get the website up and running, but are looking at it from the view which some of us have, namely as a **non** computer whizz genius that doesn't really care what the settings are, as long as they work (and what are settings anyway)!. They have kept it as simple as possible and have said that they will endeavour to put things on, amend or correct within 48 hours. Maybe Nick Nolte and Eddie Murphy should watch out! The "48hr team are here".

## From the Editor

It is with great pride and pleasure that I welcome you to the first edition of **Pride of Lions, 2005-06**. It is **your** newsletter, **for you** and **by you**. DG Erach has very kindly offered to do away with an entire page of DG's Newsletter (aaah!) and dedicate an extra page to **you the Lions** (hooray!). As he has said, nobody really wants to know about what he's been upto anyway!

Every month, DG Erach will reward the article considered best with a bottle of wine or some chocolates. This may prove expensive, as I know there are some budding writers out there!

Don't forget also that the Web Team are waiting for anything you need putting in the District Website or if you need help with your own Club web site. If you have your Club diary ready, why not send it to editor@lions105a.org, and room will be left in future editions. All deadlines for articles is 15th of the month.

*TO SHOW  
my faith in the worthiness  
of my vocation by  
industrious application to  
the end, that I may merit  
a reputation for quality  
of service*

## Habitat for Humanity

At the time of going to press, PDG Lion Elliot Shubert together with a team of hard working Lions are out in Rumania helping to make the world a better place. This "super team" is probably, as I write this, moving tonnes of cement, painting doors or trying to work out ratios of sand to cement. In the August edition of Pride of Lions, the team have promised a complete write up of everything that is happening out there, how the money is being spent, but more importantly what a difference a team of 18 strong Lions can make to a community. We look forward to reading it!

## 105A Ready for the Handover!

All Lions, Lionesses, Leos, Friends and Family are most cordially welcomed to attend the 105A Handover on

**Saturday, 16th July 2005**

**7 for 7.30 pm**

**at The Forest Suite, Marriot Hotel,  
Waltham Abbey**

**Cost £30, dress formal**

**Please contact Sergeant at Arms,  
Lion Ken Rouse  
for booking Forms**

**Don' forget to use the District Officers to help your Club achieve the maximum impact in your new projects. They are there to help!**

## Admin Matters

In fact, it matters so much that we are giving you

**ADVANCE NOTICE  
OF  
THE WINTER FORUM  
CALLING ALL LIONS  
on Sunday 23rd October 2005**

**Full details will follow from  
PDG Lion Mike Baldwin**

## 7th August Zone F Cricket Match

## Worldwide Womens' Symposium Hailed a Success

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June, over 40 women, Lions and Lionesses' took part in the UK's first Lions Worldwide Womens' Symposium held at the Wembley Plaza, which proved to be a resounding success.

With only 16.8.% of women making up the quota of Lions worldwide, forward thinking

District Officer Roselle Antoine managed to secure a grant from LCI, which meant that this first of its kind event could go ahead with little cost to the District and no cost to the individuals taking part.

Lion Flo Todlana-Lakor of Hornsey Lions Club gave a most informed talk on Diabetes. President Sudesh Rahedra, President of Stanmore Lion Club spoke about her personal experiences over 40 years, which have allowed her to transfer her skills over a wider audience, including Lions; Dr Eileen Cox of Westminster Lions Club spoke of women in the world of science and VDG Louvain Allen reminded us of the historical contributions of women throughout Lionism and the impact they have had to make our organisation possible. Overall, this has been a resounding success and all congratulations must go to Lion Roselle, as well as the speakers, but most importantly, to all the people who attended and learnt a little bit more on how to improve on our skills as Lions.

### CLUB / DISTRICT – EVENTS

- 1 July Zippo Circus – Acton Club
- 9 July Barn Dance – Hendon  
Hand Over – Swiss Cottage
- 17 July BBQ - Edgware
- 24 July BBQ Picnic – London Finchley  
Picnic – Swiss Cottage  
BBQ Boat Party – Chipping Barnet
- 30 July Medic Alert HQ
- 31 July BBQ Picnic – Mill Hill
- 7 Aug Zone F Cricket Match

## Wheel Power!

With over 3 million wheelchair users in the UK, a further 2 people are daily paralysed through spinal trauma.

At the end of April, DG Erach, together with Lions John Jessup and Steve Foott, visited Wheel Power, (formerly British Wheelchair Sports Foundation) at Stoke Mandeville Stadium, Aylesbury.

Wheelpower's President, the Honourable Mark Vestey, and Chief Executive Martin McElhatton, gave a presentation on the tremendous work they undertake by introducing sport into the rehabilitation of people with disabilities, followed by a tour of the impressive facilities at Stoke Mandeville Stadium.

Wheelpower is the national organisation and charity for wheelchair sport in the UK, providing opportunities for children and adults with disabilities to participate in recreational and competitive wheelchair sport. They are the umbrella body for 16 different sports.

At the conclusion of the meeting, DG Erach charged Lion Steve Foot with investigating different ways in which the Lions of 105A and Wheelpower might mutually benefit from partnering. We will keep

*TO CREATE and  
foster a spirit of  
understanding  
among the peoples  
of the World*



# DG Erach's News



## My Family of Lions,

Arnawaz and I look forward to sharing a very successful year with you all. With your help and support, I am confident that we will succeed in restoring the success of our District 105A.

As you know, my theme is

**“Passion for Fellowship, Love and Friendship”**

On 21st June, my wife Arnawaz and I fly off to Hong Kong, where Lion Ashok Mehta, whom some of you have met, will be installed as International President. His theme is **“Passion to Excel”**. The Convention leaflets are packed with information on the events during our stay there. I can imagine meeting the thousands of Lions from all over the world, with the same logo **“WE SERVE”**.

Prior to our leaving have been very busy with the DG's Welcome Party, the Finchley Charter Night, writing out my letters, replying to emails. My wife keeps reminding me of how hard I will be working over this next year. My reply to her is this, “My family of Lions are there to help me”.

On my travels around our District as promised, I look forward to meeting you all. There will be constant communication in the District about what's happening to the Clubs as well as through Pride of Lions and the website. May I serve you all well and lets have lots of

## SCOPE - DG's Lady's Charity

**SCOPE is the charity I have chosen for Children with Cerebral Palsy.** SCOPE as the name implies is about opportunities. 400 children are born every year in this country every year, and SCOPE is where parents come to for advice, support, training and opportunities to help the children live life as independantly as possible. Although not curable as yet, education, therapy and applied technology is there enabling parents and children to lessen developing problems and suffering, thus enabling children to grow up with a substantial degree of independence and assistance.

Your donations or help with fundraising, however large or small, will make a difference and lay a strong foundation for the childrens certain future. If you wish to contact Arnawaz please email on [dgw@lions105a.org](mailto:dgw@lions105a.org) or telephone.

## Lion Ram Jaggi Honoured

It is with great pleasure to advise you that Her Majesty The Queen has graciously appointed PDG Ram Jaggi a Member of the British Empire (MBE) in the Her Majesty's Birthday Honours List. Ram has been recognised, not before time, for his “charitable services through Lions Clubs International.”

Ram, who has been a serving Lion for many years, and belongs to the London Finchley Club has also been recognised twice with International Leadership Awards, International Presidents Appreciation Medal, has amassed six IP Certificates of Appreciation, has been District Lion of the Year and was also awarded the International LCIF Chairman Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding work at the International Convention in Birmingham in 1998.

On behalf of Lions all over District 105A, may I say congratulations Lion Ram ! This is truly deserved!

Thank you to all who attended the District Welcome Party on Sunday 19th June. The venue, food and atmosphere were superb. If that was the landmark for future events, even before the year has officially started, then I know in my heart that we will have the best year ever!

## My Diary

- 21 June
- 1 July International Convention
- 2-6 July Tour Of Hong Kong/China
- 7 July Arrive UK from Hong Kong
- 9 July 25th Anniversay, Wanstead & Woodford C/N
- 10 July Moor Park C/N & Handover
- 10 July Zone Chairperson Informal Maurya Restaurant
- 11 July Hertford (OV)
- 12 July Amersham (OV)
- 13 July Abingdon (OV)
- 16 July District Handover at Waltham Abbey, Marriot
- 19 July Bletchley (OV)
- 20 July Barking (OV)
- 21 July Royston (OV)
- 26 July Chipping Norton (OV)
- 27 July Feltham & Whitton (OV)
- 29-
- 31 July Council of Governors Meeting – Birmingham

PASSION for Fellowship, Love and Friendship

*Did you know? The Webmasters can put nearly anything on the Website.*

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