



Pride of LIONS



District 105A News

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Newport Pagnell and Olney Lions Club Motorama 2015

Sunday 14th June was the Newport Pagnell and Olney Lions Club Motorama day in Olney. This year, there was no rain; great crowds, great cars and motorbikes, a 'swarm' of TVR's, a police car – oh, and a 'tank' popped in! – over 100 'class' vehicles in total! We had a great turnout with large numbers of visitors showing up on the day.

Right: Some fanc cars on show
Below: Model T cars in Olney



independent panel. Class E (People's choice of car) being chosen by those attending the event. Everyone had a say in picking their favourite vehicles.



This is one of the NP&O Lions Club's more popular events. It is an annual event that the Club organises, and which involves converting Olney Market Place and the surrounding streets into a youngster's dream and the more mature persons 'nostalgia trip' – by filling it up with dream cars – including six or seven Ferraris, Ford Mustangs, Bugattis, Model Ts, etc.

Entrants in the event competed for trophies in 5 classes (Class A to C covering Pre-war, Post-war and To-date, Class D Special Interest) judged by our

Admission to the event is free, even for exhibitors. We raise funds via sponsorship in the event programme and by having a number of opportunities for visitors to make a voluntary contribution be it by dropping a few coins in our buckets or by buying a raffle ticket for a ride in one of the entry vehicles. Thanks to everyone's

generosity, the event this year has raised around £1,500 gross.

Our nominated charities this year are: Marie Curie (50%) Toby's Trust (25%) and the last 25% to William Crook Brighter Future Fund at Great Ormond St Hospital.

The Club would like to thank everyone, including the Mayor Mr Steve Clarke, the Police, the sound guys and the squillion other people/businesses and background boys and girls, who helped to make the Event a huge success.

Lion Trevor Aldred

Welcome new members



New member was inducted in LC of Hayes & Harlington, Lion Virendra Desani
From left: IPDG Lion Ramesh Parmar, Lion President Jogeshver Bahd, and new Lion Virendra Desani.

A new member, Lion Purnima Raghavje was inducted at LC of Kenton on 7th June.

IPDG Receives an Award

Following is the message received from Lions Clubs International: "District Governor Parmar, we would like to congratulate you on achieving the **Pride of Excellence Award**. While you were not the leading recipient for your constitutional area, you are one of the top five for your constitutional area and your name will appear onscreen during the first plenary session on Sunday, June 28, 2015 during the International Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, United States. This is quite an honour so we are hopeful that you will attend.

The award will be sent to you following the Convention."

NOTICE BOARD

MEMBERSHIP SYMPOSIUM 2015

Please encourage all your members to attend the Symposium as membership is EVERY member's responsibility and we have a varied and informative programme for the day. On Sunday, 6th September 2015, Woodhall Primary School, Woodhall Lane, South Oxhey, Watford WD19 6QX.

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LCI Purpose:

To Provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.

Message in a Bottle

Wembley (Brent) Lions Club has joined forces with Brent Council who have endorsed the Lions 'Message in a Bottle' project. Wembley Lions delivered 300 bottles to Brent Council and one will now be offered to any Brent carers who apply for an assessment for local authority support.

The bottles, which are kept in a fridge at home, contain documents which list important information about the person a carer looks after, including emergency contacts, doctor's name, medication and information about allergies. The plastic bottle, will be offered for free. Once the form is completed it is put back into the bottle, and the emergency services will look for it in the fridge if they are called to the home.

Councillor Krupesh Hirani, Lead Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing, said: "Thanks to the Wembley Lions for this great initiative. The bottles are a simple but highly effective way of being able to help somebody in an emergency if there carer is not around. We'll now be offering them to all the carers we speak to in Brent. Anyone can have an accident at home and this is very useful way to help reassure people."

Lion Rohit Patel



The bottles being presented

Helping Nepal Victims



Thank you very much, Moor Park Lions for the fantastic amount of £9,406 that you have donated to LCIF for the Nepal Disaster. This will go a long way to help the victims of the disaster. Please pass on my heartfelt thanks to all the members for their generosity.

With this generous donation the total we have collected for Nepal Disaster in District 105A this year will be in excess of £30,000. The total collection for LCIF including measles initiative, Ebola, sewing machines appeal and others, will be in excess of £55,000 during the past Lionistic year.

PDG Ramesh Parmar

Street Children projects

A presentation took place at the office of IPDG Lion Ramesh Parmar on Monday, 13th July. A cheque of £1,500 was presented to the Railway Children charity, and a second cheque for £1,000 was presented to the Jubilee Campaign, a charity that was started by Danny and Joan Smith, some 19 years ago. Since then they have raised hundreds of thousands of pounds to support children from broken homes, in various parts overseas, particularly in India and Kenya.

Over the past year, our Street Children Officer Lion Joginder Gill, of the Watford Lions Club, has made many visits to the Clubs and promoted these projects. We would like to take this opportunity to record our deep appreciation to all those Clubs who participated and those friends who had made the generous donation to these projects. Together, we have made a "contribution to those who are less fortunate than ourselves!"

Lion Johnson Wong, Watford Lions Club

District 105A Golf Day

Nearly 30 people, players, well wishers and friends, attended the 2015 District 105A Golf Day, on Friday June 12th at the Richings Park Golf Club. Photo here recorded

those present showing their joy, with the trophies displayed in front of our lady supporters who came to join us at our Dinner in the evening.



98th International Convention in Hawaii



Welcome to the Convention



Getting ready to parade



An international flavour at the Convention



At the parade



DG Elect Meena with other DG Elects



Our delegation at the Convention



DG Meena with Lion Naresh at the final session



DG Meena's Message



Two years of hard work culminated in a euphoric moment on the 30th June at the Hawaii Convention Centre. At approximately 12 noon the International President Dr. Yamada installed 743 District Governors present from 210 countries, including 13 District Governors from our own MD British Isles & Ireland. The ceremony was completed by the customary pulling off of the DG Elect Red ribbon by our spouses. It was a very emotional moment for all District Governors Elect, now becoming District Governors.

My theme for 2015-2016 for District 105A is 'Fire up the Lion in You' and the International Presidents theme is 'Dignity Harmony Humanity'.

In my first newsletter, I would like to share my Vision with each of the 1500 members in our District. I look forward to your help to succeed in achieving my Vision for District 105A:

SHARING MY VISION:

To inspire our members to be: Dynamic and Proactive

The important areas are :

- Membership
- Leadership
- Public Relations
- Communication
- Youth Projects in Schools
- Community Leaders
- Recognition



Pulling off the Ribbon... for a new DG



DG Meena with her family at the Convention

I am looking forward to my next 12 months as your District Governor. My aim is to work with every member and help clubs grow. I can assure you that Naresh is as keen and I am lucky to have him and my family's full support.

We are all aware of the challenges we face but equally optimistic with the resolve I have seen in my visits to various clubs to overcome these challenges. Let's 'Fire up the Lion in You' and keep the Lions flag flying high.



B & I Reception

I look forward to visiting each and every club and support them at various events including Charters, fund raiser and service projects.

Together everything is possible...

DG Meena

My Diary – July 2015

- 21st June-7th July International Convention
- 10th Osterley Club Meeting
- 11th Osterley Walk
- 11th Wanstead and Woodford Handover
- 12th Harpenden Lions Highland Games
- 15th London Host Handover
- 19th District Handover
- 21st GMT team meeting
- 24-26th Council of Governors Meeting
- 26th Zone F Cricket

OV = Official visit