



# DG Erach's News



## Lions European Music Competition

This years' Musical Competition was held in the prestigious venue of the Royal Academy of Music in London on Sunday 12th February. The chosen instrument was the Flute. Six candidates participated, all of who played their pieces of music beautifully and professionally. The participants were:

1. Bethany Alexandra Gardiner-Smith - sponsored by Lions Club of Berkhamstead
2. Louie Malt - sponsored by Lions Club of Blethchley Milton Keynes
3. Kayleigh Burton - sponsored by Fairlop Branch Club of Lions Club of Seven Kings
4. Clare Louise Robson - sponsored by Lions Club of Harpenden
5. Jane Lee - sponsored by Lions Club of High Wycombe
6. Lauren Claire Ames - sponsored by Lions Club of Stanmore

Although it was a tough choice, the winner was Clare Louise Robson, sponsored by Lions Club of Harpenden, with the runner up being Kayleigh Burton, sponsored by Fairlop Branch Club of Lions Club of Seven Kings. After the event, light refreshments were served. It was a truly lovely show. I thank all the participants, judges, sponsors and fellow Lions who came and witnessed a truly enjoyable afternoon. I would also like to thanks Vijay Arora and her team for organising the whole event so wonderfully.

## Convention 2006 is here!

One of the highlights on the DG's' calendar is the Annual District Convention, which gives us an opportunity of meeting fellow Lions from all over the District and the world. The Friday evening of the Convention at the Holiday Inn, Elstree is the get together where the common bond of friendship and fellowship will be shared by various Lions from Germany, Romania, Poland, Italy, India and of course, Lions from District 105, UK and Ireland. More than 350 Lions will be attending the morning Convention on Saturday 4th, where we will be going through the normal procedure with fun and fellowship. We will have the honour of our International Past President Professor Dr. Guiseppe Grimaldi and his wife Ariane from Italy as our International Guests. He is one of the most inspirational speakers in our organisation. On Saturday afternoon the election results will be announced for DG and Vice DG for 2006/07. There will be presentations from Europa Forum and Wheel Power and very short speeches. A fun packed day is envisaged! The Saturday Evening banquet will as normal be a happy event. I am so happy to say that we are totally full up for all these occasions and we had to put NO pressure an any Lions to attend. Thank you all my Lions for all your love and affection. Finally I must thank Convention Chairman PDG Lion Ron Wilkes and Lion Manish Sangani, Chairman of Lions Club Of Swiss Cottage Convention Committee for working so hard to make it happen for me.



## Women In Lionism

On 4th February Lion Dr. Roselle Antoine (MBE) held a Womens' Symposium at the Hilton Plaza in Wembley. The symposium looked at womens' contribution to the society of business, health, education and Lionism.

There were several dignitaries and the panel of speakers presented and shared their own experiences in their field. Lion Maria Azcona was also on the panel and represented the Lions view. Lion Kumar Acharya, our Membership Chairman, Lion Minesh Mehta gave a brief awareness of Lionism and aiming for developing quality membership amongst the local community. Thank you also Geoff Leeder for your help and presentation skills.

## My Diary

- 3 Mar District 105A Convention "Get Together" Evening
- 4 Mar District 105A Convention AM & PM Session Banquet & Ball
- 6 Mar Southgate (OV)
- 7 Mar Greenford Willow Tree (OV)
- 9 Mar London Walthamstow (OV)
- 10 Mar Osterley (Fund Raising Event)
- 11 Mar 40th St Albans Charter (CV)
- 13 Mar London China Town (OV)
- 14 Mar United Nations Day
- 15 Mar Thame & District (OV)
- 17 Mar Hitchin Charter (CV)
- 18 Mar Mill Hill Charter (CV)
- 19 Mar Swimming Gala (Zones E & F) Watford Charter (CV)
- 20 Mar Redbridge (OV)
- 22 Mar Milton Keynes - Stoney Stratford (OV)
- 23 Mar Zone E
- 24 Mar Fulham Charter
- 25 Mar 35th Southall Charter (CV)
- 26 Mar Zone H (OV)
- 28 Mar Wallingford & Didcot (OV)

**TO BE CAREFUL with my criticism and liberal with my praise ...to build up and not destroy.**

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

Pride of Lions



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District 105A News



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DG Lion Erach Amaria

## Royston Lions Club The Club of the Year

At their last social meeting Royston Lions were very pleased to receive the 2004/05 Club of the Year Award for Service in the Community, presented by Past District Governor Dr. Elliot Shubert. In his speech Dr. Shubert explained why he came up with the idea of the Award. Although there were several awards at District level (a District that includes 88 clubs stretching from London to the Northern and Western Home Counties - Royston being the most northerly club in the District) – there was no award that recognised a club for “service in the community”. He also said that Royston Lions Club was a “model” of what should be expected of Lions Clubs.

A spokesman for the Club said that receiving this Award in the same year as winning an Award for community service from the Mayor of Royston made them all very proud. “It is a great achievement for our Club and thanks go to the Royston residents who have supported us at all our events”.

Picture shows Russell Jones (2004/5 Secretary), Past District Governor Dr. Elliot Shubert and Rachel Smith (2004/5 President)



## Message in a Bottle Launched by The Lions Club of London Westminster

***“I smelled smoke when I was eating my breakfast and when I went to investigate I discovered the entire third floor of my house ablaze and the ceiling about to collapse.”***

Parkinson's sufferer Nikolai Dejevski knows only too well how important it is for emergency services to have quick access to a person's medical history. In 1995, flames engulfed his home and the Fire Service was able to rescue him and his life-saving medication. With at least half of Westminster's 26,000 elderly residents living alone and four in five taking at least one prescribed medication, Lions Club of Westminster thought it time that Message in A bottle Scheme was launched here.

So it took place in December, attended of course by Mr. Dejevski Pharmacists and District Nurses are distributing the bottles to patients. All Ambulance, Police, Fire and Rescue Services have been trained to look for the bottles and use the information to identify the patient and to help provide safer and speedier First Aid.

Westminster City Council Cabinet Member for Adult Services Ian Adams said, “This scheme is clearly a vital tool to ensure that we are doing all we can to assist vulnerable and elderly people and enable them to continue living safely in the community. The Lions are also supported by Westminster Primary Care Trust and Lion B.K.Patel (Enfield) and the Bridge House Trust.

London Westminster member, PDG Dr. Elliot Shubert said, “People like Nikolai have the right to continue living independently and with safeguards like Message in a Bottle in place they can now continue doing so.”



## Lions Bowled Over

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February was a challenging night when Lions and friends teamed up with some of the Paralympic Bowls team at Stoke Mandeville Stadium. It even attracted three very young players, aged 9 and 10 who had never played before, but who managed to whoop the pants off nearly all the adult contingency. Altogether, £400 was raised for Wheelpower, who help people with cerebral or spinal injuries to get back to a semblance of normality, using sport. After a light buffet a quiz was entered by everyone in the bar, (even those who didn't play bowls!) Joe and James Conder (Maria the Editor's Sons) and Sean Brady. The 3 youngsters, said “This was the best competition we've ever entered. It really is quite difficult, but we soon got the hang of it. It was great!” Congratulations to Lions Steve Foott and John Jessup of Stony Stratford Lions Club for a magnificent night out. We were bowled over!

**The success of the Senior Citizens Party.  
Full story in April Edition**

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## Vive La Differance!

Visit Cannes-Nice Lions Club celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary from 27<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May 2006. Why not enjoy this beautiful part of Southern France like a true film starlet? Stroll down the beautiful esplanade or just relax and take in a light iced tea on the terraces whilst your loved one plays a round of golf. For enquiries contact:  
Girdhar Sodha Tel: 020 8933 7406 Golf Officer Reg 1 & 2 or Vijay Jain Tel: 020 8202 6792 Zone A Chairman

It was intended to print a resumé provided by the VDG Candidates, in the last edition in February, to give everyone a further chance of getting to know them. Unfortunately not all the candidates were quick off the mark and we only received one in time, one 3 days late and the last one didn't arrive at all. It was decided that as all 3 candidates should have a level playing field, unless we received all 3 in time, (the deadline was extended also), none should be printed. This was a supported decision made and we stick to it with clear consciences.

**The Editorial Team**

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## Lion Archie is also “Mr. Mayor”

Since 1972 Beaconsfield Lions Club (membership of around 20) has always been an innovative group, working closely to do what Lions do best, serve the community and have a lot of fun whilst doing it. Some of their more unusual events, have included a Donkey Derby, an Easter Egg Competition, Electric Trike rides, Find the Lion Competition – this on top of their normal activities. Behind many of these ideas is Lion Archie Legg who has been a member of the Club for 13 years and has served as Club President twice, as well as holding many other offices. An energetic, creative and resourceful member, he has been closely involved with the development of the new ideas, many his own, into productive and popular events. The nice thing about Archie, is that despite not being a member of the political party which holds the majority in the town, his achievements as a Councillor led to him being nominated for Mayor last year. He is now halfway through his year, and even though this holds massive responsibilities, he still remains very active in the Lions Club attending all meetings and participating enthusiastically in most of the Club's activities.

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## Wimslow's Real Night Out

Come and join all 41 of our members of Wimslow Lions Club, as we have organised our Real Ale Beer Festival, on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March. This will be held in Wimslow Public Hall from 6 - 11 pm on both days.

What's on offer? 36 real ale beers recommended by North Bucks CAMRA. This is our initial beer festival but we hope to make it a regular annual event .

The Wimslow Lions motto is “We enjoy ourselves, raising money for charity”. We look forward to many lions coming to share **THIS BIBULOUS** occasion.

Tickets can be obtained by contacting Jimmy Tame on 01296 712328 or on our Website:  
[www.beer-festival@wimslowlions.org.uk](http://www.beer-festival@wimslowlions.org.uk)

Tickets are £10 which includes a commemorative pint glass and £5 worth of beer vouchers!

All nominated drivers will get free soft drinks throughout the evening.

## PEPPER UP!

Looking for something to do at the start of the Easter holidays?

Why not join Hemel Hemsptead Lions in their annual sponsored walk on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April. Roary the Lion has agreed to take part whilst wearing a pink tutu, as proceeds will go to PEPPER, who supply care for children, (their colour logo is pink, by the way, hence the pink tutu). The walk starts at 9.30 and will finish about 2pm. For details, contact Steve Mitchell or the Secretary.

## From the Editor

February is always a trying time for everyone so it seems. For some it means having to pay off the Christmas extravagance, for others it is knowing what to buy a loved one for Valentines, or organising the Convention, which is so very difficult and time consuming. Pressure at home builds up about now, with half term just finished, or waiting patiently the results of the secondary school applications for our children, as is my case. As Lions we give up our time voluntarily, but we sometimes also forget those certain few rules: “Family First, Work Second, Lions Third”. We put undue pressure on each other and ourselves. We forget that this is all voluntary, that this is not what is putting bread on our table. So next time we give ourselves, or each other a hard time, just stop, pause and think and then maybe ask the person or yourself two simple questions: “Are you / am I OK? Can I help you / myself?”

**Maria Azcona**



## Walk for the World

on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2006  
in aid of Campaign SightFirst II  
At Osterley Park

Enjoy a spring afternoon with family and friends, have a great day walking and raising money for Campaign SightFirst II.

We need at least 125 walkers to achieve our £30,000 target.

There is also a floating Trophy for the club that raises the most amount of money for the walk.

For further information please contact: Lion President Nimmi Suri at Osterley, (Walk Coordinator 020 8758 2945 or 07946 364454 for forms and more information.

## Buncefield Appeal Update

In total so far generous Lions have donated £3201 towards the appeal - something we can be very proud of. As well as 7 Clubs in the District, (Hemel, Berkhamstead, Tring, Carterton, Luton, Bedford ad Hendon)sending in £2901, collectively, even a £300 donation was received from Dalbeattie & District Lions who are up in Dumfries & Galloway. Many thanks to all who contributed.

## Admin Matters

In order to keep track of equipment and make sure my records are correct, it is necessary to carry out an audit of the PR things. From the list please could all clubs who have some of this equipment let me know what you have: PR posters (Ordinary people, Amazing Things), Outline posters (including ones I paid for myself, which the club in question still owes me for and needs to return my own received with the same order) TV and video set, Rolling videos, Yellow and blue boards. Don't forget, that you are still responsible for the equipment whilst in your care.

Also, I am still after someone to take these on after repeated requests, as I am now holding up building work!

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## Ealing Lions Club Help Build Tsunami Hit School

Following the Tsunami in Sri Lanka, the Viduni Pre School in Welitara, Balapitiya was still, 8 months after the disaster, holding its classes for 40 children in a temporary shed, without proper teaching materials, let alone desks.

Lion Ajit Singh Phull, (a member of the Ealing Lions Club) learnt of this plight and with the support of his family, fellow Ealing Lions and the local Club of Kaluwamodara/Morogalla Lions of Sri Lanka started work whilst raising funds.

This project was also a fitting memorial to Amar Phull, Lion Ajits' Grandson, who was tragically killed in August 2004 whilst on holiday in Crete.

Ealing Lions Club members were very supportive towards this project and on the eve of Lion Phull's departure to Sri Lanka, they contributed the outstanding £610 to make up the target of £7,000 for this project. Lion Phull left for Sri Lanka in November 2005 to personally oversee completion of the school building including provision of the necessary classroom furniture, books, stationary etc.

Under Lion Phull's watchful eyes, the new school building was completed to a high standard and was a great improvement over the pre tsunami establishment. The new school building was ceremonially opened on Sunday, 13th November in the presence of the Mayor of Beruwala, President of the local Kaluwamodara/Moragalla Lions club, some local administrators, school Principal/teachers, forty students and their parents. All the children were presented with new books and relevant stationery.

According to Lion Phull, the smiles and happiness on their faces were heart warming. The children were so impressed with the new school and especially the polished tiled floor that many of them would prefer to sit or lie on the smooth floor even after school hours rather than going home. The local community was overjoyed with the new school and asked Lion Phull to convey their thanks and gratitude to all those who contributed towards restoration of their tsunami devastated Viduni Pre school in Welitara to make the Viduni Pre School fully operational once again.

*Enjoy a night out with mates and have a ruby murray for only £15 per head Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April in Hemel Hempstead. More details in the next edition.*