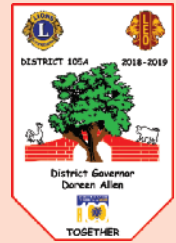




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District 105A News

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A great party for our special guests

Our 11th District Youth Celebration party was held on Sunday 25th November at Allum Hall, Elstree. It was another big success with help and support from many Lions Clubs and generous Sponsors. We had over 500 people, including the Mayors of Elstree, Barnet and Harrow. Our District Governor and many Lions were also in attendance.

Many Leos, Lions and family members arrived early on Sunday morning to set up and by 12.30pm the hall, stage and tables were all colourfully decorated in this year's Mad Hatter's Tea Party theme, ready to welcome our very deserving special guests. All our hard work was worth it to see the room full of happy smiling faces.

We would like to thank the following clubs for supporting the District Youth Celebration 2018 by helping, sponsoring and booking tables. Lions Clubs of: Amptill District, Aylesbury, Biggleswade Sandy, Bletchley Milton Keynes, Chipping Barnet,



Everyone enjoying the party



District Youth Celebration party scene

Ealing, Edgware, Enfield, Fairlop, Feltham & Whitton, Harrow & Pinner, Hatch End Centennial, Hayes & Harlington, Hemel Hempstead, Kenton, Letchworth & Baldock, London Acton, London Belmont, London Covent Garden, London Golders Green, London Hendon, London Kingsbury, London Mill Hill, London Seven Kings, Luton, MK Stony Stratford, Northwood, Redbridge Centennial, Royston, Ruislip, St Albans, Stanmore, Stevenage Corey's Mill, Sudbury, Thame, Tring, Wanstead & Woodford, Watford and Wembley .

Thank you all the Lions and Leos for making it possible and helping to make it all happen. Together we have touched many more lives through service. Everyone who came had a lovely time.

Thank you very much for sponsoring/booking tables. See you all next year on 24th November.

PDG Lion Vijay Arora



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SENDING SPECTACLES TO CHICHESTER Lions

Due to increased numbers of spectacles being sent and the pressure on Parcel Force in the run up to Christmas, Chichester Lions Club asks clubs to please not send any spectacles until the 2nd week in January.

Also, once you do start sending again, we ask clubs to wait until they have several boxes before ringing Parcel Force. Please do not send single boxes which are a good size (shoe boxes are too small). please do not send empty cases.

For more info please contact us through our website: www.chilions.org.uk or ring 0844 963 2443.



Beyond the Horizon

LCI Ethics:

Always to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act, and deed.

£750 goes a long way



Lions Joe and Shanty Dheivendran recently visited Sri Lanka on holiday. This coincided with Elders Day and Diabetes Awareness. They took part in a walk from Point Pedro and used £750 collected by **Lions Club of Belmont** to create awareness of diabetes by drama, yoga class, and talks by medical officers on how to manage this condition. The programme held at Raja Rani Service Centre included refreshments. Lion Joe made a personal donation to support a girl with her education as she has lost her father who was killed in the civil war. Also, financial support was given to 10 elderly people, and two individuals who have mobility issues received portable seats cum walking aids.

Lions Club of Belmont

Lions, Milton Keynes Hospital and PJ Paralysis

Milton Keynes Hospital and the **Lions Club of Bletchley** have been engaging with the campaign to get hospital patients out of their pyjamas for some time now. We are really beginning to see the positive long term impact this is having on patients. The Lions have donated 30 sets of day clothes which include jogging bottoms, T-Shirts, jumpers, socks, and toilet packs for male and female patients. This will enable patients to get well and back on their feet as soon as possible. Getting a patient dressed and out of bed also helps their mental wellbeing. It allows them to become active participants in their personal health journey and it is proven this reduces the length of time they spend in hospital, which makes more beds available to new patients. Lions are proud to be supporting this campaign.

Lion Rita Tanda



Clothes donated by the Lions Club of Bletchley

Tring Lions honoured for service... which continues at Christmas

Tring Lions have awarded two of its members Melvin Jones Fellowships. They join a small band of Tring Lions to receive this award as since the Club was chartered in 1973, only five awards have been made.

The award has been given to Lions David Lang and Derek Grant for their outstanding efforts over many years in supporting not only their Lions Club but also their community. Both have been Club presidents and both have been involved in many projects including fundraising and delivering support to the residents of Tring. Between them they have nearly 50 years of Lionistic service. A presentation of an engraved vase was also given to Sue Lang to thank her for the support she has given.

Christmas is a busy time for Tring Lions. Following on from the success of raffling Easter bunnies, Tring Lions are repeating that fundraising activity again this Christmas. The prizes on offer are 1kg Lindt Chocolate Father Christmases. Shops and pubs in and around the Tring area have agreed to run the raffle for us. It entails them selling 120 squares on a grid with Tring Lions drawing the raffle on the 15th December. We are hoping to raise over £500 from this event.



Lion David Lang receiving MJF Award



Lion Derek Grant receiving MJF Award

We are also attending the Town's Christmas Festival which will see the Town lights switched on. On Christmas Eve we organise carol singing in one of the Town's car parks and each year the crowds get bigger. It was estimated that last year's crowd was over 700 people. Although this is a free event, people always give generous donations and last year we collected well over £1,000.

Lion Steve Mitchell

Welcome new Lions

A very warm welcome to our new members:

Melissa Kaseke – Aylesbury
Oana Simina – Fairlop
Suresh Sharma – Mill Hill
Rahul Dixit – Moor Park
Randeep Singh Kohli – Moor Park
Anil Kotecha – Moor Park



Induction of Suresh Sharma at Mill Hill

and transfer in members
Sheela Mehta – Kenton
Johnson Wong – Tring

With a special thanks to their sponsors

Hatch End Centennial Lions help disabled children

Lion Sunil Patel and Lion Vandana Radia-Patel, members of LC of Hatch End Centennial visited Lions Blind School for Girls in Vadodara, India. The School was started by a member of the Lions Club of Vadodara over 20 years ago. Hatch End Club made a donation of £101 to the School which has 40 young Girls. They met with the students who were learning in braille sitting on the floors and listening to the teacher who was also blind. The school is entirely funded by donations from various sources with no government assistance.

They also visited a school for the deaf and dumb in Vadoara run by by Mook Dhvani Trust. They donated £120 towards the school fees for three girls. The School has around 600 children and some of them are orphans. The school teaches and equips them with skills and obtains them placements with employers who also sponsor the school with technical equipment.

Lion Sunil Patel



Fireworks at Watford Lions

Every year **Watford Lions Club** organises the Abbots Langley and Watford Fireworks displays. This was another successful year with a great turn out due to the dry weather! Abbots fireworks were organised by Lion Sri Mohan after the reins were

handed over from LP Frank Rouse. The Watford display was organised by Lion David Warren. A special thank you to our new organisers, who did a great job. Not to mention Whizzz Bang who supplied the spectacular display.

Also a special mention to DG Doreen Allen and DMS Andrew Allen for helping us "shake some buckets" at Abbots where we collected around £3,100. Watford raised around £5,300 for our club, this is 50% of the total collected as it is a joint venture with Watford Peace Hospice, to whom we regularly donate.

Special thanks to the Lion members from Harrow and Luton, who came out in force to help us. Well done all! Our next event is the Santa Sleigh around Abbots Langley.

Lion Prakash Panchal
Watford Lions Club Secretary



Supporting Macmillan Cancer charity

On 16 November **London Central Host Lions Club** held Festivals Social Evening which was attended by 60 members, partners and guests. The evening was very successful with sumptuous buffet dinner, wines and very entertaining music.

During the evening a cheque for £2,250 was presented to Miss Angela Kelly, North London Manager of Macmillan Cancer Support. This money was collected by Lion Vijay Jain by arranging Macmillan Coffee Morning on 29th July at his home. This was third year in row when Lion Vijay organised Coffee Morning at his home.

Lion Vijay Jain





DG Doreen's Dialogue



Early in November we held our Winter Forum at a new venue – Kents Hill Park – thank you PDG Elliot and your team of presenters for an excellent enlightening day for the attendees... I have heard nothing but positive comments.

I was humbled to be at the Cenotaph on November 11th for Remembrance Sunday, 100 years to the day from the end of World War 1, representing all Lions in 105A. I know many Lions were also involved with their local Remembrance events.

One of the highlights in the District calendar is the District Youth Celebration. It is held at Allum Hall Elstree which opens its doors to more than 500 disadvantaged children, young people and carers from all over our District. A wonderful activity with Lions working TOGETHER – Well done PDG Vijay and your team.

Clubs have been reporting their activities for Diabetes Month. Please remember this is one of LCI's 5 global causes and DO Rohit Patel will be pleased to help with ideas throughout the year.

The LCI Peace Poster is a great way for us, as Lions, to encourage young people by using their artistic skills, to think about ways in which peace can be achieved. Congratulations to Royston Lions, who sponsored our District winner.

November has been and gone and the sight and sound of fireworks celebrating Bonfire Night and Diwali are just memories. Thank you to those Clubs who held successful events – Andrew and I were delighted to share the workload at the Watford Lions Firework Display.

We look forward this month to the Christmas period. Our Lions' projects are vast and diverse, as we end the year. Lions have embraced community service and are looking for new horizons and new service opportunities. No matter how you choose to serve, Lions make a difference. More than ever, during the months of December and January, Lions are encouraged to get involved and help relieve hunger by providing food parcels and helping stock local foodbanks. It's also a time to provide gifts for children, families, and the elderly, bringing people TOGETHER for fun and fellowship – an afternoon or evening to remember that sometimes reality is just tough. Lions provide extra blankets, clothing, and basic toiletries to the homeless or those who cannot afford to heat their homes. The Lions Santa sleigh runs and

Christmas grottos bring wonderment to children and adults alike. Please remember to keep warm and safe.

We spend Christmas Day with the elderly and the lonely. Sometimes, even simple actions like stopping for a chat or taking someone shopping make such a difference.

The DG Team visiting schedule is in full flow. The wonderful Lions we meet and the great Club stories we hear, and the variety of service in our District have truly amazed us. Charter Anniversaries, Zone meetings and Club socials and official visits are shared between us.

Lionism exists to help make this a better world. Our communities are better because we are helping, and we are better people for doing so. That is what Christmas is about, GIVING. The difference is that Lions give all year round. So this Christmas season, let's give thanks for the love and support of our families. Thank you Lions for your service, your giving, and your heart.

Until next time – Take care of yourselves and each other, have a wonderful Happy Christmas and a healthy 2019.

DG Doreen

My Diary December 2018

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| 1 Amptill Christmas Sleigh Collection | Gayton Dementia Party |
| Cabaret for Visually impaired | Fairlop Special Needs Party |
| 2 Fairlop Leos Tree Planting | 10 DG Team meeting |
| 3 Mill Hill meeting O/V | 11 Fairlop meeting |
| 4 Greenford Willow Tree O/V | 14 Osterley O/V |
| 5 Stony Stratford Social | 16 COGs online |
| 6 MK Lions Food Cupboard | 18 Zone B meeting |
| London Central Host O/V | 19 Party for refugees |
| 7 Biggleswade Sandy Food Parcels | 22 Wanstead and Woodford |
| 8 Bletchley Lions Food Collection | 24 Stony Stratford Store Collection |
| 9 High Wycombe Christmas Parcels | 25 Christmas Day for the Elderly |
| | 29 Fairlop Leos Environment Day |

Chipping Barnet Lions Food Bank helping local people in crisis

At Chipping Barnet we were renowned in our earlier years for our hands-on activities, serving the local community rather than being a cheque book Club. We were therefore keen to get back to the hands-on service locally: **We Serve.**

HUNGER is one of Lions 5 Global Causes and one of the footprints of our second century as Lions. We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry.

So we did some research and from that came the food kitchen project. We are providing 3 days of nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people in crisis who are referred to Chipping Barnet Kitchen. We asked what items were wanted and our members

collected over 300 food items plus over £500 in cash. Our Lion President Lion Harish Vyas then packed the items as required in his car and off we went to Barnet... They are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK. What an eye opening group of volunteers who are dedicated to helping the less fortunate – so organised and committed.

We were told we had collected around 200kg. They were grateful for our substantial contribution. A worthy project and very satisfying for us Lions.

We are now collecting for the Christmas season.

PDG Lion Parveen Verma

