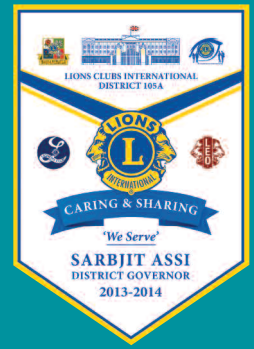




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Harpenden Lions Highland Gathering

Scotland came to Harpenden on Sunday July 14th! Harpenden Lions Highland Gathering was once again a magnificent day of entertainment – a fun-packed and enjoyable major charity fundraising event. On a lovely dry and sunny day the venue in Rothamsted Park in central Harpenden was packed; the Lions estimated that during the day some 8,000 people attended and they believed that the event will have raised at least £13,000 for worthwhile causes.

The entertainment throughout the day including five pipe and drum bands, highland dancing, piping

competition and the traditional highland games heavy events. There were numerous craft and Scottish stalls as well as market and charity stalls. All the features of a Gathering in the Highlands were featured including tossing the caber, weight over the bar and putting the stone. Arena events during the day included the Falcon Display, Dog and Duck Show and fire artistes.

Harpenden Town Mayor, Rosemary Farmer, was appointed 'Gathering Chieftain' for the day and she made the opening and closing speeches.

Andrew Godden, President of Harpenden Lions Club, said, "I'd like

to thank the pipe bands, dancers, competitors and performers for entertaining us so well during the day, as well as our sponsors and advertisers, stallholders and exhibitors, volunteers and everyone else who has helped with the organisation and running of the Highland Gathering. We expect to have achieved an excellent financial result too for our chosen charities."

The beneficiaries of this charity event were Parkinson's UK, Home-Start St Albans and Harpenden Lions Club causes, including the 'Life Skills' programme in local schools.

Lion Steve Gledhill



... NOTICE BOARD ...

LP Ken Rouse and Lions Club of Bletchley, Milton Keynes invite you their 44th Charter Celebration on Saturday 26th October 2013 at Hilton Milton Keynes.

LIONS CLUB OF SUDBURY

SHRAADH BHAIJANS & BHOJAN, SUNDAY 29th Sept 2013 @ £12.50 at the JFS School, The Mall, Kingsbury, Middx. Bhajans and music provided by Nitu Shah & Friends.

Ealing Lions Club Dinner and Dance to Celebrate 37th Charter Anniversary on Friday 25th October. Contact Lion President Karanjeet.

Dist. 105A WINTER FORUM on Sunday, 6th October 2013 at Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, Milton Keynes, MK1 1ST.

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To Create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.



A little something for your wallet

When Lion Roger Wolburn read the June/July 2012 *The Lion* magazine, he proposed that Biggleswade Sandy Lions should pick up on Wrexham's article on Message in a Wallet.

This scheme picks up at the point that Message in a Bottle ceases to be effective; when you walk out of the door. It's the size of a credit card, with its own clear plastic cover, and contains the same information as Message in a Bottle. So should the occasion arise that you are anywhere but in your house and need urgent medical attention, that all important medical information is on hand to inform the emergency services and A&E upon admission.

The idea was good, the Club liked it and gave their approval. Roger applied to the local councils for grants, and two responded. We've had 5,000 printed, which are now folded and inserted in their clear plastic covers and distributed to the local CAB, doctor's surgeries, libraries and council offices (22 outlets across 7 Towns and Villages). We have the support of the emergency services and air ambulance and we've launched via the local press. In fact the Biggleswade Chronicle has actually designed and printed posters for us to coincide with the launch of the scheme.



Lion Steve Foott, Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club



Tring Lions donation

Following in the recent footsteps of HRH the Countess of Wessex, Tring Lions visited the Chiltern Multiple Sclerosis centre in Halton to present a cheque for £400. The centre, which supports up to three hundred people and their families per week, was visited by the Countess in May of this year.

The money was raised by the members of Tring Lions via a tin collection courtesy of Tesco in Tring earlier in the summer. A group of Lions was given a guided tour of the facility and were impressed with the services being offered.

Lion Steve Mitchell



Official Convention Call

For the 49th District 105A Convention to be held on 1st March 2014

I call upon Clubs in District 105A for:

- (A) Resolutions for Consideration at the District Convention.
All resolutions for the District Convention must be submitted to the District Constitution, Nominations, and Resolutions Officer and received on or before 1st October 2013 to the following address: 16 Cranborne Avenue, Hitchin, Herts, SG5 2BS.
- (B) Applications for Host Club or Group for the 2016 District Convention
An application to host a District Convention must be submitted on the appropriate form, obtainable with the District Convention Guidelines, from the District Constitution, Nominations and Resolutions Officer. Applications must be submitted to the District Convention Officer, PDG Ken Rouse, and received by him on or before 31st December 2013 at the following address:
16 Craigmore Avenue, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK3 6HD.

Issued by the District Constitution, Nominations and Resolutions Officer on behalf of the DG, Sarbjit Assi

From the Editor

In the last 2 years, articles have been published from about 25 Clubs. There are 81 Clubs in District 105A. Why are the other 56 Clubs not sending in anything at all? I am sure they are active Clubs and they have stories which other Lions would like to share. This is your POL. As per DG Sarbjit's motto

for the year, "Care and Share" so all Lions can learn new ideas and revitalise our fundraising activities.

Please note that your articles with one or two photos should reach me, no later than the 25th of any month, to appear in the following month's POL.

Lion Shirish Sheth

Berkhamsted Bank Holiday Fete

The sun shone down on Lions August Bank Holiday Fete as over 4,000 local people came out to enjoy this summer's fixture event in the club's calendar for the last 29 years. It was held Berkhamsted Sports Club

Berkhamsted's idyllic cricket ground was transformed into a series of lion's dens for the Bank Holiday with each den offering fun for the whole family. In the Go Safari Den kids took part in the Roy Chapman Climbing Wall and Go Kart Challenge, whilst others found their way to the Cubs Den for some jewellery making, balloon twisting and storytelling.

Parents with toddlers and babies headed for the Sleeping Lions Den to join Carmenta Life, whilst others took themselves off to the Feeding Time Den for some delicious hog roast, paella and slices of cake. Down at the Watering Hole Den, Tring Brewery were revitalising many folk with Lion Sized pints of 'Lions Pride' and 'Pimms'.

Throughout the day the Wilderness Arena played host to local dance groups, singers, the Bushey Hotshots and the harmonious sound of the Hemel Hempstead Brass Band. Despite the hot weather, pooches of all sizes came out to enter the Lions Fun Dog Show with a record number of 214 class entries which included the waggiest tail and the best biscuit catcher in Town.

Lion President Geoff Smith said, "The fete is the biggest fundraiser of the year for us and we are thrilled with the number of people that came out to support us this year. The money raised helps to support many local charities and community projects and we hope to far exceed last year's figure of £6,000".

The Fete has been sponsored by: H.C.C Localities budget, Roy Chapman, Tring Brewery, Dell Removals, Toad Hall Nursery Group, Castles Estate Agent, Knight Frank, Sportspace Dacorum, Oakelys, St John's Veterinary Surgery, Davis & Samson, Carmenta Life, Waitrose, Tesco, Ask and Dee TV.

Lion Geoff Smith

19th Annual Zone F Cricket Fun Day



The 19th Annual Zone F Cricket and Family Fun Day was held on the Sunday, 28th of July 2013 at Winchmore Hill. The event was very well organized under the chairmanship of Lion Dilip Vora and assisted by Lions Albert Khalawan and Shashi Chauhan. This is an important event to encourage fellowship and friendship within the Clubs in the Zone and their families. The matches were played in friendly, joyful and sporting spirit. A glorious summer day was enjoyed by 130 people including players and guests of varying ages.

A wide variety of food was served throughout the day. It was gratifying to see the Lions partners joining in together in laying out the snacks and fruits and assisting in serving to all attending. Four teams competed for the Zone F trophy which was won by Lions Club of Chipping Barnet, led by Lion President Nilesh Vaghadia. Trophies were also presented to enthusiastic youngsters. Zone Chairman Lion Pravin Nathwani in his speech said, "The Zone F Cricket is going from strength to strength with a wide variety of all ages joining in the occasion."

Lion Dilip Vora

Lions Club of Chipping Barnet

New Club formation

I am delighted to announce that a NEW Lions club is set to join our District 105A.

The **Eaton Bray & Edlesborough** branch club will be hosting a formation night on Saturday 28th September 2013 at the Doubletree by Hilton, Milton Keynes, MK1 1ST.

The event will commence at 7pm and will be themed 'all the fun of the fair'. Tickets are priced at £30.00 per person and need to be booked by Monday 16th September. For further information, contact me directly. 01525 229 656 – president@ebelions.org.uk

ZC Rachel Arnold

Kingsbury Lions raise funds for Syrian children

£2,225 was raised, by donations and raffle, for Syria's children by IPP Zuby and members of Lions Club of Kingsbury. The function was held at Sun Lounge in Wembley. There were garbas, kathak dancer by Raiz, dinner and music party. It was extremely well organised and was attended by 190 people.

Kingsbury Lions





DG Sarbjit's Story



My Family of Lions... after the beautiful summer we have all been enjoying, whether it be with our family or friends, having lots of days out with the children and running around after the grandchildren, or enjoying tasty barbecue food, or just lazing around in the sun, the fact is, summer is coming to an end.

Throughout this summer, Lions duties have most definitely continued, with the first Cabinet meeting held on 11th August 2013, at Doubletree by Hilton in Ealing. It was a well debated and very constructive discussion on a wide range of issues.

On 18th August 2013 the Lions Awareness stall at Indian Gymkhana proved to be a great success. Our GMT Chairman Lion Kadu, and 2nd VDG were also present and the level of interest and enquiries was good. We had strong attendance of Lions from a number of different clubs. The leads will be passed onto the clubs by Lion Kadu.



Lions Awareness Stall at the Gymkhana

We had a very pleasant day at Goodwood Races, even though the weather was not in our favour. There were around 500 Lions from District 105A, D, & SE. I would like to thank PDG Pat Nixon, Lion Linda Picton and Lion Peter Codrai for arranging this very enjoyable event.

Another very impressive, enjoyable and successful day would have to be Berkhamsted Lions Club's summer fete. It was filled with amazing activities for all the family and the turnout (and weather) was excellent too! Myself and Kuldip were given a very warm welcome by Lion President Geoff Smith and all his club members, and we also had the pleasure of meeting the Mayor. We had a Lions Awareness Stall at the Fete which was manned by Lion Kadu. Also present were our 1st VDG Lion Ramesh, and Lions Ravina, Joginder and Jagjit.

We attended the Fairlop Lions club Charity Walk on 1st Sept. 2013 at Lea Valley Park in Waltham Abbey. We were welcomed by Zone B Chairman Lion Paul Chakravarti, and our PDG Lion Vanmali Mistry, and many other Lions from different clubs were taking part. Well done to all.



At the Fairlop Charity Walk

On the same day of the charity walk, we then drove back to Walton on Thames to join my own club 'London Acton' on our Annual boat trip attended by most members of the club, along with family and friends. It was a very enjoyable afternoon – good weather makes all the difference.



London Acton annual boat trip

Amongst all these club activities and events, I have also been very busy with a number official club visits. Moving forward, the GLT team has set the date as 6th October 2013 for the Winter Forum to take place at Doubletree Milton Keynes. Please try to attend as there will be variety of informative sessions for all.

I am pleased to announce the 2nd Birthday party and formation of a new club – Eaton Bray & Edlesborough, who are currently a branch club of the Luton Lions club. May I take this opportunity to welcome Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Lions club, who will be joining our family of Lions on the 28th Sept. 2013. I would like to especially congratulate Lion Rachel and Lion Peter Arnold for all their hard work, and extend my thanks to all the other members of the club for their excellent support over the last two years to make it happen.

Please let us not forget the Signature Project of Young Leaders in Service and the Lions Eye Health Programme. All the information is available through your Zone Chairpersons and online.

You can invite GLT/GMT and Cabinet Officers to your club and Zone meetings. They are prepared to travel and answer your questions. I will also be delighted to attend the Zone meetings and events if the dates permit.

Thank you to all for your continued dedication and support – "Caring and Sharing" will take us forward together!



Taking over from PDG John Savell

DG's partner charity

Kudip has been giving a brief talk at some of the club visits for her chosen charity 'Alzheimer's', and wishes to thank all.

DG Sarbjit Assi

My Diary September 2013

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| 1 st Fairlop Lions Charity walk | 16 th Convention Meeting |
| 3 rd OV Carterton Lions Clubs | 19 th Zone E Meeting |
| 4 th OV London Finchley Lions Club | 21 st Charter Celebration Berkhamsted Lions Club |
| 5 th OV Milton Keynes Central | 22 nd Charter Celebration Hertford Lions Club |
| 9 th OV Hitchin Lions Club | 23 rd OV Hertford Lions Club |
| 10 th OV Bedford Lions Club | 24 th OV Hemel Hempstead Lion Club |
| 11 th OV London Golders Green Lions Club | 25 th OV Leighton Buzzard Lions Club |
| 12 th Who wants to be a DG seminar | 28 th Formation Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Lions Club |
- OV = Official visit