



KEN'S CORNER



The Vale to Chelsea Walk

Nicky has been blind since birth and owes a great deal to her guide dogs Vale and Chelsea, hence the name of the walk. Nicky is raising money for guide dogs for the blind by doing a sponsored Walk. Her target amount is £5,000 and so far she has raised £3,720. The route that the Walk will take, starts on Sunday 9th September at Vale Park, the home of Port Vale F.C., and will end at Chelsea F.C. London, on Saturday 22nd September.

All the route will be along the Grand Union Canal, and the total distance of approx 200 miles. Nicky's guide dogs Vale (now retired) and Chelsea will only be walking a little way, so I am asking fellow Lions to give support by walking with her a little way and to donate to this fantastic charity. Region Chairman 6 Lion Les Westley is co-ordinating it, and the Region Chairmen on the way down to London are arranging to have Lions to walk with her, and are liaising with Les.

It would be nice to get Lions, friends, family to come out and support us and have identified road and bridge numbers along the route as well as nearby villages and towns so that you can come and cheer them on. Check the route page on the website at info@valetochelsea.co.uk & www.valetochelsea.co.uk for more up to date information.

Golf day triumphs again

Everyone enjoyed their day at Wycombe Heights Golf Centre. The weather was quite good and food and drink in plentiful supply. The golf results were as follows: The Elliot Shubert Trophy winners were Prem Dadlani and Manoj Patel representing London Host - 46 Nett. Second were Kalpana Shah and Dorothy Scott representing Stanmore - 52 Nett.

18 Hole Stableford competition: The Ram Jaggi trophy winners were Raj Patel and Girdhar Sodha representing London Host 68 points. Second were Bgwent Parmar and Viren Hindocha representing Sudbury.

Nearest the pin (18th) Viren Hindocha (Sudbury). Longest Drive (17th) Raj Patel (London Host)

Pride of Lions

Peter Gent



Formation of New Lions Club

Wednesday 15th August saw the formation of London Belmont Lions Club.

The meeting took place at the "ISHQ RESTAURANT" Harrow Weald.

The club was formed with 25 charter members, and it will be in Region 3, Zone E, with Lions Club of London Kingsbury being the sponsoring club.

The Charter President is Lion Amin Dada, Secretary will be Lion Satyen Kabra and the Treasurer will be Lion Mohamed Lalji.

The evening was overseen by District Extension Officer Lion Kumar Acharya, and the meeting was chaired by Zone Chairman Lion Munjal Joshi.

This historic evening was attended by well over 100 Lions from many clubs in our district. The atmosphere was very friendly and many clubs exchanged friendship banners to demonstrate their support and best wishes for the new club of London Belmont. I would like to add my and Lion Margaret's personal best wishes for a happy, successful and fruitful time in the future.

Flood Relief Funds

As you are all aware some parts of the country have been badly hit by the heavy rain, which resulted in severe flooding in the Sheffield, Gloucester, Tewksbury and Oxford.

The areas in our District which were affected were, Abingdon, Oxford, Witney, Wallingford, Wantage, Carterton & Thame. I applied successfully for an L.C.I.F. Emergency Grant of £5,000. There is also a Multiple District Disaster Fund in operation, and our own District has its own fund.

To donate to this please send your cheques to the District Treasurer Lion Dilip Shah with an endorsement on the reverse. The flooding has now receded and the cleaning up has begun.

I would like to thank Lions clubs for sending assistance to these areas.

My Diary

September

- Sat 1st Lord Mayors Show Meeting
- Sun 2nd Sight First 2 Walk
- Mon 3rd Redbridge O/V
- Wed 5th Barking O/V
- Thur 6th Stoke Mandaville am. Zone B pm.
- Sun 9th Chingford Fun Day
- Mon 10th Letchworth O.V.
- Tues 11th Amersham & Chesham O/V
- Wed 12th Abingdon O/V
- Thur 13th Wantage & Grove O/V
- Sat 15th London Walthamstow 40th C/A
- Mon 17th Convention Meeting Elstree
- Wed 19th Belmont
- Mon 24th Hemel Hempstead O/V
- Tues 25th Harpenden O/V
- Wed 26th Bicester O/V
- Thur 27th Moor Park O/V
- Sun 30th Luton Charter Lunch



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District 105A News

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DG Lion Ken Rouse

WHAT'S IN YOUR DIARY?

Osterley's Diwali Function on the
26th October 07 at
Venue 5 to raise funds for
Campaign Sight 2

Harpenden Gathering



Highland Gatherings began in the Harpenden area in 1946 but they ceased in the late 1950s. In 1996 Harpenden Lions revived them as a joint fund raising and community service activity and a 'fun day out for all the family with a Scottish flavour'.

This year it was held on a glorious sunny day on Sunday 8th July in Rothamsted Park, Harpenden.

All the traditional attractions of the Highland Gathering were there - pipe bands, highland dancing, marching, heavy events including tossing the caber and competitions. A major spectacle was a re-enactment of the 42nd Black Watch dressed in the uniforms of 1815 and with firing muskets. There was a special welcome for the Somme Battlefield Pipe Band from France. The band commemorates the sacrifices made by the Scots in the First World War.

Among the new events was the Kangaroos gymnastics display team who put on a thrilling act. Other attractions included, climbing wall, falconry display, classic cars and a funfair. And lots to eat and drink too. Scottish dancing and solo bagpipe competitions were held throughout the day.

Charities benefiting from the day include Keech Cottage Children's Hospice based nearby in Luton and the Lions 'Gift for Living' scheme which is helping a Paediatric Hospital in former Yugoslavia.

Photographs of the event on the Internet on www.harpenden-lions.co.uk/hg.

HELPFUL HINTS

MEMBERSHIP LISTS

See below an important message from Lion Keith Tooley who maintains our Districts data base for membership and also The Lion distribution list.

"This morning I received copies of Membership Lists sent to all Club Secretaries by MD.

On checking the first club, Abingdon, I found 3 names not on my database & one name listed that I did not have.

It is therefore essential that, if there are any discrepancies, the Secretaries send me a copy so that we are all singing from the same hymn sheet."

Please look at your lists carefully and the final list you return to MD should be copied to Lion Keith Tooley

Parveen Verma

Special Olympics 2007 - Shanghai

The World Summer Games for the Special Olympics are to be held in Shanghai, China this coming October and Great Britain is sending a team of more than 150 learning disabled athletes.

At MD 105 Convention an appeal was made for funds for the athletes, who have to raise £2000 each to get themselves to the Games.

Lions have been a major supporter of Special Olympics for the last 14 years in Great Britain - there is no Government or Lottery funding available for these athletes.

If all 900 plus Clubs in the Multiple District made a donation to the cause, however small, we could bring down their costs considerably and I would therefore ask you to present this appeal at your next Club meeting.

Your support will have **direct** impact on the athletes' ability to raise funds and I look forward to a sympathetic response.

Due to the short time available please make cheques out to SOGB and send direct to my address above & I will inform your District Treasurer's of your Club's donation.

Lion Alex McHattie
S.O.G.B. Liaison

HAVE YOUR SAY!

Reply to Chris Woolley

Dear Lion Chris,

Thank you very much for your feedback about the Incoming Officers seminar in June. I am very pleased you thought it worthwhile and I appreciated your comments.

You mentioned a number of points of disquiet generally related to Campaign Sight First 2 and its presentational relevance at the Incoming Officers training. I should say straight away that responsibility for inclusion of the short presentation rests with me and although I was aware of a possible negative impact I felt that on balance it was right to re-state the campaign for the new officers.

You then touched on the issue of the use of phrases which are open to different interpretations and which seem for the main part to be used to describe facets of Campaign Sight First 2 and other LCIF matters.

Model Club is one such phrase and the one which you discussed. Another is "great leader" which is often used in relation to Lions who are able to make large personal financial donations to LCIF, and more particularly to Campaign Sight First 2.

HOWEVER, I think we should accept that these phrases are being used to drive the campaign, which is important and worldwide, forward for LCI and LCIF, so that the ultimate goals can be met.

Many clubs, sometimes not heavily involved in Campaign Sight First 2, are nevertheless "model clubs" in their service to the community just as there are many "great leaders" who do not have great financial wealth but who have a wealth of experience and who play an equally important leadership role within the Association.

I hope this reply goes some way to address your concerns. The **important thing** is that **you and your club** continue to serve the community **in the way you feel appropriate to your own aims and resources**. Without clubs such as yours feeling that they are part of an inclusive Association, the future of the Association will be that much poorer.

Lion Mike Baldwin
Leadership Development.

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What! No Jelly Beans for Zone F?

The first event of an Annual Cricket Match amongst the clubs, within the Zone F, was held on Sunday, 8th July 2007. The All Mighty had blessed the event with a very bright, sunny, dry and a warm day following the Atlantic Ocean’s filtered water sprinkling continuously all over for a number of days. The lions turned up in their whites accompanied by their supporters at Clowes Green, Barrowell Green in Winchmore Hill, where there were two pitches trimmed and ready to play on without any jelly beans.

The event was very well organised by an appointed Committee, headed by Lion Dilip Vora of Chipping Barnet, who had a very active support from the Immediate Past Region 3 Chairman, Lion Niten Shah and the President of London-Hornsey, Lion Albert Khalawan. The guest of honour at the event was VDG Lion Vijay Arora accompanied by her partner, Kishan Arora. There were over 130 people present including PDG Erach Amaria and many current and past District officers. The youngsters were provided with a bouncy castle on the ground for their amusement.

Provisions were made for snacks, fruits, hot and cold beverages in the afternoon and followed by a full meal later in the evening. It was gratifying to see the Lions Partners joined in together in laying out snacks and fruits and then to serve the beverages. The best of all, was to witness the guest of honour and her partner coming out with the trays offering beverages to the players and supporters- this truly demonstrated our motto “*WE SERVE*”.

The first round of the cricket match was played between Enfield/Finchley against Mill Hill and Swiss Cottage against Chipping Barnet. The finalists were Mill Hill and Chipping Barnet and the latter were declared winners of the Zone F Cricket Trophy. In the runners up Match between Enfield/Finchley against Swiss Cottage, the result was a draw due to rain interruption during the last few overs were left to be bowled.



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The presentation of the trophies were as follows:

- Zone F Cricket Match Trophy**
Chipping Barnet (Winner 2007/8)
- Best Bowler Award**
Rishi Radia (Swiss Cottage)
- The Best Bowler Award**
Sumit Vaghadia (Chipping Barnet)
- The Best All Rounder Award**
Olly Shah (Mill Hill)
- Zone Chairman Special “World Cup 2007” Award**
Priya Yadav (Swiss Cottage)

The most rewarding thing was to see fathers, uncles, sons, nephews, in some cases grandfathers and grandsons, and one special case of a daughter joyfully playing together. This type of event not only cultivates team spirit but also family spirit within different generations and should be continued in future.

Lion Harihar Patel
Zone F, Chairman

DG Louvain appreciates Lion Partap Singh Ahdan’s 100% record



On 6th June 2007, District Governor Lion Louvain Allen, on her official visit to Ealing Lions Club, presented 41years 100% Attendance (unbroken) Award to Lion Partap Singh Ahdan and honoured him with a certificate in appreciation of his commendable services. He is also the holder of 100% President, 100% Secretary, 100% Treasurer, including 100% ‘Guiding Lion’ for London (Acton) Lions Club 1979/80.

From the Editor

The summer (what summer?) is over, and people are back from holidays. For many people summer did not bring hot sunny days and leisurely picnics. Instead they got plenty of rain and misery. We have witnessed flooding of whole towns and villages including areas from District 105A. As DG Ken Rouse writes Lions were there to help alleviate the sufferings of people who lost so much.

Scenes that we only associate with far away and underdeveloped places were suddenly

Lion Partap Singh Ahdan joined Thika Lions Club in Kenya in March 1966 as its first Treasurer for 2 years and later President during 1972/73. He organised the building of 25,000 gallon water reservoir in Nyaga – saving over 3,000 people having to fetch water on their heads from a river miles away. For which he was honoured as a “Kikuyu Mzee”.

In 1967, he was awarded District Governor’s Golden Anniversary Award.

He left Kenya in November 1975 for United Kingdom; with a transfer to Southall Lions Club and later to Ealing Lions Club as its first Charter Vice President.

He served for six years in District Cabinet – BI Distribution Officer, MD & District Convention Draw Officer, Zone Chairman (1979/80) and Deputy District Governor (1984/85); Retired in 1986 due ill health.

In 1992 he was honoured with Melvin Jones Fellowship Award and Life membership of Lions Clubs International.

He is still very regular in attendance and services to mankind; and is associated with various local religious, social and charitable organisations.

Lion Pervinder S Panesar
(PRO Ealing Lions Club)

Lions Club Of Osterley has been keeping busy since the Newsletter was last published in July.

At the Zone C Social The Club was jubilant at winning the Zone C Darts Championship.

At Osterely Park Fare on the 15th July Osterley went on Membership Drive also promoting Lionism.

At the Youth Exchange Osterley took the Youth on a Multicultural visit of London visiting The Havelock Road Gurudwara, Wembley Stadium and The Neasden Temple Picture: Youth Team in Wembley Stadium.

on our own doorstep. Lions played their part by serving the community. At such moments we all take pride in being a Lion.

There are still people who are displaced and cannot go back to their homes. Businesses have lost lots of money, and everyone affected has to start all over again. As autumn and winter approach, we as Lions must not forget these unfortunate people and do all we can, however small, to help.

Lion Shirish Sheth



Osterley will be supporting its Nominated Charity of the year Campaign Sight 2 By supporting the District Walk on the 2nd.

Also on the agenda is Osterley’s Diwali Function on the **26th October** at Venue 5 to raise funds for Campaign Sight 2. Tickets £25.00. Book your tickets as soon as possible for this evening of fun and frolics all for a good cause.



A Life in the Day of

The radio alarm is switched on every single day of the year at 6am. Usually it is LBC London station or Sunrise Radio. It was LBC where I heard about Lady Diana’s death and woke my wife up who was also stunned with the news. My family is very religious. After attending to the nature’s call, I have always taken a shower – be it summer or winter , followed by a prayer in a small temple we have at home. Hindus have Gods and we pray to all but one in particular. – Devi Mata. Thank God for all we have been blessed with. I have always said to my son who is now married to look because if we do not do this we will not make any progress but never to look down because there are millions of people in the world who are not as fortunate as we are. This is why I joined the local Lions Club. This has obviously changed my view of others.

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Philosophy of life

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MILL HILL LEOS

I was so pleased to be asked to attend the handover of the Mill Hill Leos on Tuesday 14th August 07.

It had been planned as a BBQ but unfortunately the weather spoiled their plans, so we had Pizza’s instead. Leo President Suraj said in his final address that the year had been one of learning, getting to know one another both with fundraising and social events. He thanked all the Leos for there their commitment. It was never easy when studying for vital exams, which had to come before anything else, but they were there when needed.. He had enjoyed the year immensely and was looking forward to helping the new President in any capacity required of him.

The new club officers were then installed by IPDG Lion Louvain

President: Leo Rikki Shah.
Vice President: Leo Era
Secretary: Leo Ollie

The new President explained his ideas for the coming year which involved more ‘hands on’ service activities, and other very good ideas for fund raising. Like all young people their ideas and agreement will be discussed on Face Book, which I am assured is now the only way to communicate. It will also contain an calendar of events

R.C. Lion Bharat congratulated them all, and assured them if they needed help or advice he was always there.

Zone Chairman Lion Harihar congratulated them all and invited them to attend future Zone Meetings as this would give them a greater insight into the workings of both the District and the other Clubs in the Zone. The Leo members were delighted when the President of Mill Hill Lions, Lion Praful, presented them with a Bell and Gavel.

Leo President thanked all the Lions and guests for attending and their input into the evening.

It was a very enjoyable evening, I was so pleased to have been there

LouvainAllen
IPDG



Kid4Kids Concert



The 105A Young Ambassador 2006/07, Kwilole Chisuse-van der Boom, gave an impressive speech at the District Convention, held at the Belfry Hotel in March, and received a standing ovation after describing her dance/entertainment troupe of some 20 youngsters, Kids4Kids, formed in 2005 to raise funds in support of a children’s hospice in Kitwe, Zambia – her native country. This hospice was founded in 2002 and now caters for 12 children who have lost parents or guardians to HIV/AIDS and assists 40 more in the community.

Kwilole, who is a pupil at Larkmead School, Abingdon, received £500 for her project to be administered by Abingdon Lions Club, her sponsors. In April, Kids4Kids held a public performance at the school, supported by Abingdon Lions, that raised £850 for Funsani UK, the organisation administering the hospice. Funsani UK was formed in 2002 and works to alleviate the devastating effects of the HIV/AIDS pandemic in sub-Saharan Africa; “Fighting AIDS, Fighting POVERTY through Education, Enterprise and Empowerment”. The website www.funsani.org.uk gives a full description of the charity.

Back in March, Kwilole was also nominated, among 120 local people, as a Community Hero by the Vale of White Horse District Council. The chairman of the council said: “There are so many people ...who go out of their way to make a difference to the lives of others”; and added; “this award is to mark the achievement of people who give their time, energy, commitment, inspiration and vision to help make their community a better and more worthwhile place – they work above and beyond the job description”.

The passion of Kwilole and her troupe together with the local Community Hero’s in working for others can be summed up in the Lions mottos: ‘We Serve’ and ‘Ordinary people – amazing things’!

Lion Frank Allen
Abingdon Lions Club

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