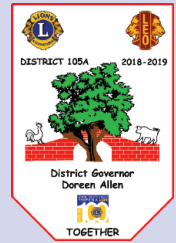




PRIDE OF Lions



LC of Tring serving the local community

The last few weeks has seen Tring Lions out in force raising money for the local community. At the end of November we attended the Tring Christmas Festival taking our raffle stall. The Town was crowded although our takings were slightly down on last year. We were once again supported by the Town's businesses who kindly donated prizes.

Next we were running a collection at Tesco in Tring with all the proceeds going to the Berkhamsted & Tring Stroke Support Club. The staff at Tring Tesco looked after us and thanks to all the donations in the cans, we were able to donate £500 to the Stroke Club. They will use the money to run an outing in the Spring.

This was followed by Lions drawing the winning numbers for the chocolate Father Christmases which were placed in shops & pubs in and around Tring. Once again we must thank all of the businesses who took part – *The Greyhound, Wigginton, the Greyhound Aldbury, Metcalfes, Graces and Beechwoods Fine Food in Tring High Street as well as Dunsley Farm shop, P E Meads and the Rose and Crown in Ivanhoe.*

We finished the year with Carol Singing on Christmas Eve in the Forge Car park. This was a free event and was attended by over six hundred people. This is an annual event and each year and the number people coming each year increases.

Lion Steve Mitchell



Lions contributing to environment

Geo-biologist Hope Jahren said, "People don't know how to make a leaf, but they know how to destroy one."

However, on Saturday 1st December 2018 Lions from Zone E planted 100 trees at Silver Jubilee Park. The trees planted were English Oak, Silver Birch, Beech, Hornbeam and Alder. We all know planting trees is one of the most important things we can do to contribute to the health of the planet. These trees will be members' legacy to future generations when they are no longer round.



The picture shows Lions and helpers standing beside the 13 trees planted. So times the length by 8 to get an idea of the area for 100 trees.

Aftwards some Lions went to a pub not only for drinks and snacks but to warm up. Well done, Lions!

Lion Rita Tanda

Foodbank donation

The **Covent Garden Lions** organised a local Foodbank donation to Westminster Chapel at Buckingham Gate, London on Tuesday 11 December 2018.

The donation included tins of food and also a cheque given to the Chapel towards buying more supplies for the Foodbank. Leslie from the Westminster Chapel was delighted and appreciative of this support.

Please see picture of the Club's members Sabrina, Rowena and Flora who attended.

Lions Club of London Covent Garden



NOTICE BOARD

Lions passed to Higher Service

PDG Donald Lyen passed away on 7th November, peacefully, at his London home. He had not been in the best of health for some time.

Lion Richard of LC of Winslow passed away on Monday 3rd December 2018. Lion Richard was a Charter Member, Past President and Past Treasurer and was a loyal and hard working Lion and will be missed by all his friends.

Lions of District 105A send their condolences to their families.



Beyond the Horizon

LCI Ethics:

To Aid others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.



DG Doreen's Dialogue



Happy New Year my family of Lions. I hope you all had a good holiday season filled with family and friends. The New Year is here already and I would like to start by wishing everybody the best that life can bring. The DG Team hope that everyone has had a wonderful 2018 and that you are now planning for 2019 with excitement and goals that are new and challenging. *"You cannot change the direction the wind blows, but you can alter your sails to take advantage of that wind"*. Let's take this into the New Year, by remembering those words of our International President Gudrun to make our clubs stronger, more inviting to join and more exciting to belong to.

Thank you all for making the last six months very special for me. I'm now half way through my journey as DG and am very excited to see how the next half year plays out, but I can't do it alone – but TOGETHER we will. As I travel around the District visiting your clubs, I am speechless at all the service you do in your communities even when your own members are sometimes struggling. This is the true meaning of service and you make me proud. Be there for each other. If you can, reach out to local Clubs who are short on active members and help them serve more in their communities.

I have completed 38 visits so far and the December highlights included Amptill's Santa run, Biggleswade Sandy Hamper Packing, Fairlop's Special needs party, parties for homeless families and refugees and being Mother Elf at venues between Slough, Bucks and Gayton. The High Wycombe's food packing included a finale race to fill bags with food by the local Rotary District Governor, LP Helen of High Wycombe, Santa Claus and myself. I was pleased to record the quickest time. LCI have a new, fresh looking website that is more appealing to younger people. www.lionsclubs.org Please take some time to have a good look at it and become familiar with the new format and resources available. There is a wealth of information and videos etc., so go exploring! I would also ask that you look on the LCIF website and Campaign 100 to discover for yourself what our Foundation is all about. Maybe there will be something that will spark your interest.

January is Hunger Awareness Month. Do you realise that over 1 billion people go to bed hungry every night! Our District 105A is lowering that number with food projects, working alongside local food banks or providing community meals for those alone or families who cannot afford what so many of us take for granted. In December, Bletchley Lions collected 13 trolley loads of food donated by local shoppers and along with

Stony Stratford, Milton Keynes Central and the local Food Cupboard ensured that over 3,000+ meals were delivered in that month to families in need.

The District Young Ambassador Final will take place on January 13th 2019 – well done to those Clubs who have found a candidate.

The District Convention is at the Watermill Hotel, Bourne End from March 1st-3rd 2019. Why should you bother? Why go to a District Convention? - and yes they are good questions. I attend to meet those Lions who I so often hear about. I go to share other Lions' experiences, exchange ideas and take them back to my Club. I want to talk Lionism with someone whose response I am not already familiar with. I want to meet again many I consider to be friends and I want to make new friends. I want to be an integral part of this great Association and share in its fun and fellowship. Convention Chairman Peter Codrai and his Committee are working hard to make the District Convention a fun time for all. This is the most important gathering in our District each year. Booking forms are out now. See you there!

And finally... after the induction of a new member it is most important that they are entered on your membership listing immediately. Several Clubs have inducted new Lions and the Clubs LCI reports are not up to date... some months old. Unless they are registered with LCI they are not covered for public liability so in the interest of these new members please attend to this immediately.

Until February keep warm and safe.

DG Doreen

My Diary January 2019

1 New Years Day Parade - London	14 DG Team meeting
2 Stony Stratford Club	15 Kenton O/V
3 St Albans Beer Fest Planning	18 Covent Garden Diabetes event
7 Chinatown O/V	19 ELHAP (LCIF) Project
8 Fairlop Lions Club	21 Amptill O/V
9 Southern Membership meeting	22 Harpenden O/V
10 Fairlop Leos Pantomime	23 District Senior Citizens meeting
11 Zone C meeting	24 MK Lions Food Cupboard
12 ELHAP (LCIF)Project	25-27 MD Council of Governors
13 District Cabinet Meeting	29 Convention Planning
Young Ambassador Final	31 District Membership Meeting

Welcome New Members

A very warm welcome to our new members:

Javad Chohan	Waltham Forest
Saima Chohan	Waltham Forest
Heather Green	High Wycombe
Ian Herne	Ruislip
Gill O'Sullivan	St Albans
Zita Pascoe	Bletchley, Milton Keynes
Pratibha Somaiya	Stanmore
Val Townsend	Carterton
Harjeet S Harar	Wanstead and Woodford

Amarjit Kaur Bachu Wanstead and Woodford
Gursharn Kaur Rajpal Wanstead and Woodford

and transfer members

Benjamin A. Royappa Hayes and Harlington
Augustina Shuttleworth Amptill

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