



# Pride of LIONS



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## Enfield Lions climbing mountains

A quote by Ernest Hemingway, "There are only 3 real sports: bull fighting, car racing, mountain climbing. All the others are mere games." Lions Club of Enfield is leading the way in mountain climbing as a means of raising funds and raising awareness of charitable causes.

Embracing the philosophy of Edmund Hillary, "It is not the mountain we conquer but ourselves", members of Lions Club of Enfield have climbed three tall well-known mountains. In August 2014, Ben Nevis (1344m) the tallest mountain in UK, in February 2015 they climbed Kilimanjaro

(5895m), tallest free standing mountain in the world, and in August 2015 they climbed Scafell Pike (978m), highest peak in England.

In preparation for these climbs and climbing the actual mountains, members and their families were able to forge new friendships while strengthening bonds of fellowship in a fun atmosphere, laced with determination and hard work.

Lions Club of Enfield is always in quest for providing new ways to become involved in relevant issues and serve in a way that fits our world's ever changing life styles.

**Lion President Srikanth Mandumula**



*Enfield Lions reaching the peak*

## What a challenge!



*Spectacles window display*

The Hemel Hempstead Lions have decided to make a concerted effort to collect spectacles leading up to the Centennial and the target of 1 million pairs over the MD is a challenging target. We decided to do a window display at our bookshop which has resulted in a large number of eyeglasses being donated. Displays will be continued at different periods throughout the time leading up to 2017. Contact us for more information.

**Lion Terry Allen**

## NOTICE BOARD

**Winter Forum. 1st November 2015** at Thistle Hotel, Bath Road, Heathrow.  
Only £5 per person. Book now.

### Lions of District 105 A who have passed to higher service:

Lion David Ballard of Lions Club of Watford.

Lion Rod Attewell of Lions Club of Witney.



### LCI Ethics:

*To seek success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.*



# Hendon Lions help to 'Mend Broken Hearts'

Lions Club of London Hendon donated £1,111 to British Heart Foundation in memory of Late Mahesh Modha, brother of Charter member Shanker Modha. BHF representative Nicola Reavey attended the club meeting on 14th September to receive the donation. The donation will go towards BHF's latest campaign "Mending Broken Hearts".

Seen in the photo are LP Srik and IPP Bharat presenting the cheque and also present were members of the Modha family, DG Meena and ZC Vinod.

Lion Minesh Mehta



Donation from Hendon Lions

## Berkhamsted's annual fete

For the last 30 years Berkhamsted's idyllic cricket ground is transformed into a series of lion's dens for the Bank Holiday, this year on 31st August.

In spite of the wet weather, hundreds attended the various attractions throughout the day. Lion President Peter Block said "The fete is the biggest fundraiser. The money raised helps to support many local charities and community projects."

The spirit amongst the various volunteers and members was very positive throughout. The fete was attended by DG Meena and Lion Naresh.



## Further personal thoughts

Following up from my previous note, I wanted to draw attention to another source of difficulty: communication or rather the lack of it. I wrote an article for the 105A News some 25 years ago, which was referred to at a cabinet meeting not too long ago: I think the message is worth repeating.

Many of our problems arise because of lack of or poor communication. How often does someone say "I didn't know, no-one told me" or an instruction has been incomplete or misunderstood because it lacks clarity?

We are being overwhelmed by the explosion of technology, emails, smart phones etc. which lead us to believe that our communication is better. But is it?

Communication requires at least two people who wish to understand one another. Too often we send out an email and feel that our action is concluded, but if there is no response? Perhaps the email was not received or the system not opened the email. Then the communication has failed and we are not aware of it. And have we asked the right question or asked the question in the right way? Although I retired from the District cabinet some eight years ago I have endeavoured to attend whenever possible and it seems clear to me that when cabinet reports are circulated on line they are not read; with a few exceptions there is only perfunctory discussion and there seems no feeling that any decisions are, or should be, cabinet decisions involving all members and not just the DG and his/her advisory team. What happened to collective responsibility?

The image which we present as an organisation has a bearing on our ability to recruit and retain members. We must appear dynamic and forward looking in achieving our aims, but at the same time enjoying what we do and having fun! Let us make sure that our new members are immediately involved and understand the wider purposes of the Association or we will continue to decline. We must maintain a proper balance between our local activities, which can include social functions either just for ourselves or organised for community benefit, and our support for our international obligations (from which, of course, we can benefit at club or District level when appropriate).

Recruitment and retention is the job of all members, not just nominated officers or committees; let us all try to improve our image and persuade our friends and acquaintances of the benefits of membership.

Let the debate continue.

PDG Lion John Hunt



## Welcome new Lions

I had the pleasure of inducting two new members into the LC of London Chinatown on 14th September

Photo shows new Lion Boon Hong Yap, LP Hans Hung, IPDG Ramesh Parmar, and new Lion Geoffrey Chan with LS Paul Thornhill and Lion Edwin Liu – the sponsors.

**IPDG Ramesh Parmar**



## Visiting overseas Lions



London Host Lions Club had Lions from Brazil and Turkey visiting them on 16th September. In the photo, Lions Ms Sulei and Valdemir Augusto of Mogi das Cruzes Itapety LC, Brazil and Lion Aysen Timms of Matepe Kulubu LC, Turkey with Lions President Hasmukh, VP Alicia and Secretary Lion Girdhar.

## Lionesses and Lions walk for cancer

Lioness Club of London Golders Green joined for the first time WALK 4 TALK LIONS (Lions Clubs of Kingsbury, Kenton and Swiss Cottage) in association with Relay for Life Team Pranasha in aid of Cancer Research UK.

Part 1 of the event was held on Saturday 5th September, 2015 at Bannister Sports Centre, Harrow. Participants raised money in the lead up to the Relay, where we took it in turns to walk around a track for up to 24 hours, signifying that 'cancer never sleeps.'

The Candle of Hope Ceremony was the true meaning of Relay for Life. At dusk, all activities on the Athletics track paused and it was transformed by beautifully decorated candle bags. Each candle bag had a personal message and contained a candle which was lit and all Relay participants and visitors remembered those whose lives had been touched by cancer. Most uplifting experience! The Part 2 was held on Saturday 19th September; the chanting of 51 Hanuman Chalisa (Hindu prayers) in the morning and a Mehfil (music event) in the evening at Harrow Leisure Centre was a huge success!

Lioness Club of London Golders Green have also for the first time



*At The Mehfil*

organised an ongoing monthly bhajans (religious songs) and assisting at Janmashtami, Diwali and Christmas festivities at Karuna Manor Care Home for Elderly in Harrow.

**Lioness President Sandhya Gandecha**

## Meet Your District Officer

**Lion Himanshu Bavaria**

District Facebook and Social Media Officer

This is a new role created by DG Meena this year, as a branch of the Communication Team. My role is to maintain the District Facebook page. I am assisted by Lions Trevor Aldred and Elliot Wolfe.

Our Facebook page is being actively used to help publicise the fantastic work we Lions do in our District, and to keep the world at large informed of our activities. It is vitally important that the page is highly dynamic, fresh and interesting. This is where we need your help.

I would like to request that Clubs please send me photos, news headlines, and short articles. You can also send me details of your charter nights / handovers / any club events, etc. Note: we can upload only .jpg attachments (standard format for photos). Please do not send PDF files.

Please visit the page, review the stories and 'Like' and 'Share' - to reach-out to even more people.

<https://www.facebook.com/LionsClubsDistrict105A?ref=bookmarks>



## Biggleswade Sandy Lion honoured

I visited last year's District 105A Best Website winners the Lions Club of Biggleswade Sandy, who had decided to be in the same colours as their District Governor!

At my official visit to the club I presented a 10 year Monarch Chevron to Lion Peter Patmore and my banner



to Lion President Keith A. Lewis. Had a lovely evening and look forward to joining them on the 11th of October for their Charter Lunch.



# DG Meena's Message



Dear All,  
September was all about official visits to clubs, nine in total.

I would like to thank Carterton, Aylesbury, London Central, High Wycombe, Bicester, Hendon, Biggleswade Sandy, Berkhamsted, and Chipping Norton for welcoming both Naresh and I to their club meetings. All these clubs are doing a great job serving in their communities and I wish them well for rest of the year.



Inducting Lion Rami Amin with sponsor ZC Ron Syrratt  
Lions Club of Aylesbury

Attended two Zone meetings, Zones D and H. I would like to congratulate ZC Surinder of D and Mick from H for holding a successful first Zone Meeting. Both Zones are different in their membership profile and activities, but without doubt doing excellent work as Lions. I would request Zones to collectively (with their clubs) look into PR in their Zones, to make Lions a household name!



Lions Club Of London Central

Lions Clubs of Kingsbury, Golders Green Lionesses, Kenton and Swiss Cottage together held on the same day, first Hanuman Chalisa in the morning and then a Mehfil Night in the evening. Both successful events complimented with very tasty food! Well done to all of you. Such partnerships bring clubs and members together with many worthy causes benefiting.

Fairlop Walk as always was an event worth attending. The weather held and saw many members, family and friends participating in the walk, delicious food, bingo and raffle. Well done to Lions Club of Fairlop!



With Lions Club of Aylesbury

On 6th of September for the first time ever, we held a Membership Symposium, with the view of updating Club Membership Chairs and others on latest initiatives in membership from District, Multiple District and International. I am pleased to inform that the Survey conducted gave a very favourable report and I would like to congratulate the Global Membership Team, Presenters and ZC Lesley and her School for doing such a wonderful job. Many members complimented and it was heartening to hear them say that they learnt a lot on the day.

As we are on membership and it being the most important issue, I am pleased to report that we inducted 43 new members in our District since the 1st of July 2015. But had dropped 41 members at the time of reporting. Retention seems to be a bigger issue for us. Hence I would request club secretaries and membership chairs to fill Exit Forms before dropping members and submit them to the GMT team. With this hopefully we can establish why members are leaving and subsequently tackle the reasons. Exit form will soon be on the District Website and emailed to clubs, so please look out for them.

This month also presented its challenges. One of them being, locating a venue for Winter Forum. I am pleased to announce that it will be held on 1st of November, just after the Cabinet Meeting, at Thistle Park Hotel at a minimum cost of £5, which includes Tea/Coffee and biscuits on arrival only. More details will be out soon. Please come along and learn on Developing Life Skills Through Lionism and hear our nominees for 2nd Vice District Governor elect 2016.



With Lions club of Carterton

Behind the scenes much work has been continuing on Redistricting & Governance of MD 105 and more will be reported in the next Cabinet Meeting on 1st of November.



Lions Club of High Wycombe presenting 10 year Monarch Chevron to Lily Noble



Lions Club Of High Wycombe presenting 15 year Monarch Chevron to Malcolm Johnson

Good luck to all the clubs taking part in Zone Quiz, now being held up and down the District. Peace Poster theme this year is 'Share Peace' open to all youths between the ages of 11 and 13. Finals will be held in middle of November so please get in touch with Lion Terry our Peace Poster officer for further details.

Once again wishing you all a very productive October, no doubt another busy month with many Charter Celebrations being held throughout the District.

**DG Meena**



With Zone D Members and guests

## My Diary October 2015

- 1st DG Team Meeting
  - 2nd Lions Club of Belmont - Fund Raiser
  - 4th Lions Club of Amersham & Chesham - Charter Lunch
  - 4th Lions Club Of Sudbury - Bhajan & Bhojan
  - 5th Lions Club of Newport Pagnell & Olney - OV
  - 6th Lions Club of Kingsbury - OV
  - 7th Lions Club Of Finchley - OV
  - 9th Lions Club of Osterley Meeting
  - 10th Lions Club of Kenton - 15th Charter Celebrations
  - 11th Lions Club Of Biggleswade Sandy - Charter Lunch
  - 12th Lions Club of Hitchin - OV
  - 13th Lions Club Of Fairlop - OV
  - 14th Lions Club Of Leighton Buzzard - OV
  - 17th Bletchley Milton Keynes Lions Club - Charter Night
  - 23-25th Council Of Governors Meeting - St John's Sollihul
  - 26th Zone C Quiz
  - 27th Lions Club Of Hemel Hempstead - OV
- OV = Official visit