

Dear Family of Lions,

August has been a month of highs and lows.

The Lows

The passing to Higher Service of three of our Lions family:

- Lion Martin Jenner**
of Harrow and Pinner Club
- Lion John Lloyd**
of Teddington Club
- Lion Fred Hadland**
Charter Member of Luton

All will be sadly missed.

The Highs

The formation of the **Leo Club of Hendon** was well attended with the parents of the new Leo's there in force, (surprisingly not many of them were Lion members). There was also representatives from three other Leo Clubs: Robert Clack, Dagenham and Golders Green, as well as one prospective member from the soon to be formed Mill Hill Leo Club. The new Leo's had their first fund raising event planned for the following evening. I understand it was a great success!

The **Leo Club of Mill Hill** will be formed early next month and I understand that there could be another Leo Club in the pipeline... It is wonderful to see so many young people joining the Lions family!

The Sight First day in Golden Square: The square looked really good once all the stalls had been placed. Unfortunately we didn't attract as many members of the public as we had hoped. The fashion show was a great success, and the celebrity cakes were mouth watering. The Lions Club of Loudwater and Rickmansworth did a roaring trade in samosa's and strawberries and cream, quite a mixture but popular on the day. Sudbury Lions were there with their diabetic testing team, and the prospective Leo's of Mill Hill did face painting and tombola. The organising team did a great job. It is just a shame we cannot control the weather.

The District cricket match: what can I say except a very big thank you to all the people who made it possible, too many to mention here, but I hope you all know who you are. I attended the Zone F & G meetings and can tell you I was very impressed by the way the meetings were conducted. Well done to both Zone Chairmen.

The Future

Sight First II walk in Virginia Water on the 3rd September, the sponsorship forms are now available.

I am starting my Club visits during September. I listened to the Clubs who asked that I didn't visit during July and August as so many people are on holiday, so come the 1st September I am up and running and looking forward to meeting you all.

Have a great month!

Louvain

The Ceremony of Weighing the Mayor (e.g. the DG's Husband for LCIF)

The annual ceremony of weighing the Mayor is unique to High Wycombe and probably dates back to medieval times. The Mayor and the whole corporation are weighed. The Macebearer, rings a bell and shouts out the weight to the watching public. He adds the words "and some more" if the Mayor has put on weight. If there has been no increase, he shouts "and *no* more." What does this have to do with the Lions of District 105A? Those who attended District Handover will have heard the President of High Wycombe Lions, Eileen Wheatley, announce the **District Governor's Weigh In Competition**. It would be indelicate to weigh our first lady DG, so husband Lion Andrew gallantly stepped in and has been secretly weighed. The vital statistics are stored, under conditions of great security, at his GP's surgery.

Bear in mind that, through DG Louvain's year, poor Lion Andrew could well accompany her to District and MD Conventions, Club Charters and anniversaries, Club dinner meetings, and possibly an occasional meal out on their own! The opportunities to put on weight are immense!

During their club visits, DG Louvain and Lion Andrew will publicise the competition. At District Handover next year, the gain or loss will be revealed, and the club which has the closest guess will be presented with a magnificent trophy!

We all support the aims and purposes of LCIF. The focus on SightFirst II will reduce the number of donations received over the next couple of years, so this competition is an excellent way to keep contributions coming in. Let's all have a bit of fun and, at the same time, help Lion Andrew to raise a lot of money.

The mechanics of the scheme are:

- 1 Pledge so much per pound, and send those pledges to:
- 2 Lion Andrew who will administer the appeal, (use the DG's address/email)
- 3 One off donations, can be made. Cheques payable to LCI District 105A with 'Lion Andrews LCIF Appeal' on the back and sent to the District Treasurer.
- 4 A trophy was presented during PDG Mike Baldwins year, when this event was first run, we are endeavouring to trace the whereabouts, if it can be traced it will be presented again. If not another will be presented to the Club/Individual who is nearest the mark.

My Diary

Add these to your diary

3 rd Sept	SightFirst II Walk Windsor	19 th Sept	Sudbury OV
3 rd Sept	Hertford CA	20 th Sept	Aylesbury OV
4 th Sept	Amphill OV	21 st Sept	Zone E Meeting
5 th Sept	Banbury OV	22 nd Sept	Stoke Mandeville
11 th Sept	Witney OV	23 rd Sept	Watford Horse Ride
12 th Sept	Denham OV	25 th Sept	Hadley Wood OV
13 th Sept	Abingdon OV	26 th Sept	Bedford OV
14 th Sept	Wantage & Grove OV	27 th Sept	Bicester OV
16 th Sept	MDHQ Meeting	28 th Sept	Tacade Skills
18 th Sept	St Albans OV	30 th Sept	Mill Hill Leo formation TBC

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DG Lion Louvain Allen

WHAT'S IN YOUR DIARY?

CAMPAIGN SIGHT FIRST II WALK

3rd September 06
at Virginia Water

I.T. Training day

1st October 2006

Contact: Lion Mike Baldwin
leadershiptraining@105a.org

LIONS CLUB OF OSTERLEY

1st Charter & Diwali Night
Friday 6th October 06
Holiday Inn, Brentford Lock

WINTER FORUM

29th October 06
at The Oxford Belfry Hotel

HELPFUL HINTS

Fraud - A Direct Lesson For All

Fellow Lion Bill Russell from Abingdon Lions got the shock of his life when a Worldwide email started circulating recently stating that he had passed away leaving a considerable amount of money and asking for the readers' bank account details, supposedly to split the "vast amounts left". Not only was this unbelievably upsetting for Bill and his family, but he would like to point out that he is most definitely still with us and does not have "a vast fortune" to give away.

This scam transpired when some horrible, good for nothing opportunist got hold of an old Directory, and Bill, being the first name in the book, got the brunt of this persons pathetic attempt at fleecing people.

It is imperative that we dispose of any Directory either by shredding, (yes, it is tedious and takes a bit of time), or by burning it. **Do not put it out for recycling either.** The Directory has sensitive information – names, addresses, names of loved ones, email addresses and telephone numbers. Nobody, we are sure, would knowingly give out this information, but we must all be thoughtful of how we dispose of Directories, as well as emails and letters. Please – let us stop this fraud and think about the consequences of our actions!

Howzatt!

The day started as most of the days had started last week -dark and miserable *writes DG Louvain*. Andrew and I arrived in Tring just after nine o'clock to find the Tring Lions had organised all the road signs, and were ready to organise the parking. Lion Alf Sanders of Feltham and Whitton was already there unloading his van, (I prefer to call it a Tardis, as things just keep coming out). Alf was in charge of the catering, burgers, hot dogs, chips and endless tea and coffee, ably assisted by Lion Margaret Rouse. The teams arrived, and started getting in some batting and bowling practice. The scorers took up their positions, the umpires walked to the centre and the first game started. It stayed fine all day; we had some warm spells and some not so warm, but the hardy spectators were there until the end cheering on their teams. We all ended up in the Club house where the DG's team captain Lion Kumar Acharya accepted the award for the team who was holding up all the others. (They were the losers). The winning Team was Region 3 and the Waterford Crystal Vase was presented to Lion Niten Shah. I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed the day. My thanks to all Lions and non Lions who came to enjoy the spectacle of Lions from all over the District enjoying themselves. I am not too sure they are this morning, if they are anything like Andrew who was aching all over. Never again. he moaned, until perhaps next year!



The Winning Team



Presenting the Trophy

HAVE YOUR SAY!

It Could be You

As I lay in my hospital bed,
My thoughts began to enlight
I'd been there over a week now
And nobody had bothered to write.
Just a card would have made all the difference
To show that somebody cared.
To say you remembered and was
Concerned as to my fare.
But no – all the Lions had forgotten,
And nobody had bothered to phone,
I lay there feeling depressed and down hearted
And feeling very alone.

I later looked down from heaven
And saw all my friends the Lions.
They showed sorrow in my passing
And expressed their feelings and desires.
But now too late for the message
To show what they meant.
But a card would have made all the difference
But my time is now here well spent.

Did you send a card of well-being?
Did you phone, my friend?
Or did you forget like the others
To cheer somebody up at the end?
Just a card would have made all the difference
To show how you felt for a friend.

My fellow Lions, please let me know of any bereavements or illness of any Lions, Lionesses, Leos or their families, so that the District Governor and the District may make contact and acknowledge our concern and support for those indisposed or bereaved. We are all members of the Lions Family. Let us show we care. Remember – it could be you!!

PCC Lion Bert Randall
District Members Welfare Officer

For Your Info...

MD HQ no longer hold stocks of Membership packs, but 100 have been ordered from the US and will be held by the DG. The only cost will be 50p postage. So if you require some, please contact the District Governor.

Microsoft Community Learning Awards – Nominations now open!

Microsoft is giving out grants to organisations of £2,500 together with software towards an IT project.

Who is eligible?

The awards are available to all community groups and registered charities throughout the UK that are seeking funding for IT skills project for disadvantaged young people and adults in the area.

This is your opportunity to tell the panel how your community group would benefit from the grant and how it could help your community.

How to Apply:

Eligible groups can download an application form from the award website, www.ukcommunityawards.com. The deadline is 27th September and winners will be notified in mid November.

Letchworth makes the Stars shine for a local child

On Saturday 12th August, one of the wettest days for months, Letchworth GC & Baldock held their annual 'outdoor' fun day!

Setting everything up before the 'revellers' arrived proved to be a very soggy job and at one point there were mutters of 'no-one will even set foot outside in this weather'. However, the people of Letchworth proved themselves to be made of sturdier stuff than this and turned up to support this annual event.

Musical entertainment and good humour was provided throughout the day, courtesy of Lister Radio. A team from Paradise Pets braved the storms and brought along with them a few friends including a snake, an owl and a porcupine!

Lots of other fun and games were available for our drenched guests including a raffle where the star prize was a weekend break for two including dinner and wine.

Despite the dreadful weather, the event turned out to be a real success and raised £500 which has since been donated to **Starlight Children's Foundation**, which helps terminally ill children realise a life long dream. A child in our local area will benefit directly from these funds.

Lion Rachel Addy

ERRATUM

In last month's Newsletter, on page 3, Zone F Cricket article, Finchley was wrongly attributed with winning the day....It was Mill Hill with Chipping Barnet that won the day.

Pride of Lions

Martin Jenner



One of the best known and most respected Lions in the District, Lion President Martin Jenner died of cancer in the Watford Peace Hospice on 4th August 2006. He was equally well known outside of Lions for his generous and caring attitude.

Over 400 people attended West Herts Crematorium for the funeral of this unique man.

Martin was a Harrow & Pinner Lion for 17 years, President twice, and proud possessor of a richly deserved Melvin Jones Fellowship. Despite illness, a stoical Martin still organised the Roxeth Show in July and inducted two new members at his first Presidential Business Meeting - Lesley Spence and Doreen Edwards, herself the widow of a fine Lion.

Martin excelled in everything he did, from driving instructor – at 21 he was then the youngest person ever to qualify - to running a disco, through to magic shows, where one really could not see 'how he did it' even from close up. Many more will remember him as M.C. of the Senior Citizens parties at the Harrow Leisure Centre.

Martin leaves behind his partner Lorraine and three daughters, Terri, Laura and Georgie to whom all of us in the club extend our deepest sympathy.

Martin requested that donations should be sent to the Watford Peace Hospice or the Harrow and Pinner Lions Club and anyone wishing to make a donation can send it to us at Harrow via me, Robin Hurley, address in the directory.

Shake it for WheelPower

Last year we undertook to support WheelPower's 'SportStart' programme.

There are currently an estimated 40,000 people living with a spinal cord injury in the UK. Today, WheelPower estimated that three people will be involved in an accident that will leave them permanently paralysed. That's another 1,200 people this year. There is no cure, paralysis is permanent.

WheelPower have organised a tin shake with major supermarket chain, possibly Tesco, across the Supermarkets in our district.

To give you an idea of what your money will supply, here is a sampler:

£250 will fund the equipment for a sports activity camp for disabled children.

£1,500 will fund a weekend training camp for wheelchair basketball.

£3,000 will fund a sports camp for 30 disabled children.

£5,000 will provide 25 newly injured wheelchair users with an introduction to the many benefits of wheelchair sport.

£10,000 will pay for 40 places at the National Junior Games. An event which shows disabled children the difference sport can make to their everyday life and enables us to give them coaching, often for the first time.

They will organise it, we will shake it!

We are looking for Clubs to volunteer to participate, by manning their local supermarket entrance and collecting as Lions, on behalf of WheelPower.

We need your Club's support to make things happen. Please give me a contact name and number, together with details of local supermarkets where you would be prepared to attend. It may be that WheelPower need to approach more than one Supermarket chain.

Steve Foott

District Physical & Learning Difficulties Officer

From the Editor

Have you noticed that DG always starts her littany with the words "Dear Family of Lions"? What does "family" mean? For me, it is the wealth of characters, past and present who have influenced my life. We found out recently that a past decendent of my other half was a "Sir" and served as "Lord Mayor of London" This is a big WOW, but has little influence on our lives, (although you may call me M'lady). But why "Family" of Lions? Bert Randal, our Welfare Officer is like our "Favourite Uncle": when he finds us

in despair, he has soothing words. Our DG is the "Matriarch": wiping our noses and making sure we get to school on time, (metaphorically speaking). District Officers are "Grandparents" who find a way when all others fail. Club Presidents are "Parents" who deal with the everyday for little thanks. Fellow members are like "Brothers and Sisters" - they tell it as it is but come up trumps! Does that make me the "Mother-In-Law? Love or hate me, but I am always there....?

Maria

Celebrities Join Lions In Golden Fundraising

On Sunday 13th August, Lions raised over £1,400 at their fundraising event - the Lions London Fete which featured a celebrity sunglasses auction and a designer cake sale to raise funds for the Lions initiative Campaign Sight First II.

The Lions London Fete was opened in Golden Square by Sarah Cawood, co-host of the National Lottery Jet Set. Miss England 2006, Eleanor Glynn, joined Sarah in spending the afternoon sipping champagne, enjoying snacks and browsing through numerous bric-a-brac stalls. The ladies' afternoon ended on a high note when they were treated to a unique and entertaining fashion show.

It also provided members of the public an exciting opportunity to participate in an exclusive celebrity auction. Fans and collectors alike were invited to bid in an auction of personal items, such as sunglasses – all donated by celebrities including Katie Price (aka Jordan), Rowan Atkinson, Dame Judi Dench and Lesley Garrett.

Mouths watered and jaws dropped at the sight of the extravagant designer cake stall adorned with a splendid selection of homemade cakes made by household name, Jane Asher and designers Eric Lanlard, Janine Rose, Patisserie Valerie, Maison Blanc and Maisie Fantasia. The cake sale alone raised £750 for the Campaign Sight First II fundraising effort.

Max Mongia, (pictured below - he's the one



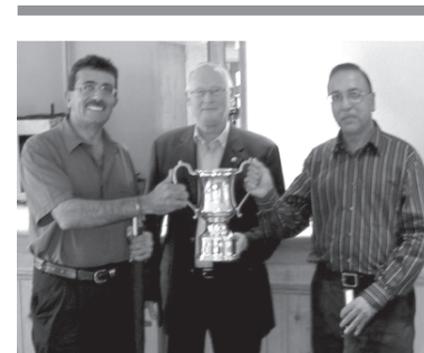
on the right), Lions Sightfirst co-ordinator comments, "It was great to see so many celebrities rallying together for the Lions Campaign Sight First II cause. We hope the Lions London Fete may have encouraged more people to become Lions' members and organise fundraising events in their local community to continue raising money for Campaign Sight First II."

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Sarah Cawood, who opened the Fete comments, "I was happy to get involved when approached to open the Lions London Fete. Campaign Sight First II is such a worthy cause and I wanted to help raise the profile and make more people aware of this huge problem. The work that Lions' clubs undertake across the UK makes such a huge difference to the lives of so many, so I urge people to get involved with their local Lions' clubs so they too can make a contribution and have fun at the same time!"

Howard Lee, Lions Past International Director comments, "Since 1990, Lions across the world has raised around £100 million and saved the sight of approximately 24 million people. However, our funds for this work are now running short and blindness is still widespread - we desperately need as much help and support as we can get for Campaign Sightfirst II."



Dr Elliot Shubert Golf Trophy

On Friday, 18 August 12 Lions from Ampt Hill District, Bedford, Berkhamsted and Sudbury competed for the PDG Dr Elliot Shubert trophy at the Wycombe Heights Golf Centre. Everyone enjoyed the fun and fellowship despite the occasional heavy shower. After the game everyone sat down to a very pleasant 3-course meal followed by presentation of awards. Funds were also raised for a future Habitat for Humanity project in Romania.

First Place (Silver Trophy and golf umbrellas): Viren Hondocna and Kausnik Patel (Sudbury)

Second Place (ball retrievers): Nilesch Lukka and Kirti Tanna (Sudbury)

Third Place (wine racks): Peter Gent and Trevor Gent (Berkhamsted)
Nearest the pin (8th hole): Alistair Robertson (Bedford)

Longest drive (17th hole): Kausik Patel (Sudbury)

I would like to thank DG Louvain for allowing me to conduct this District event and Lion Peter Gent for his conscientious efforts to organise and conduct the golf tournament.

Lion Dr Elliot Shubert

Lord Mayor of London Procession 11th Nov 2006

The Lions of Districts 105 A, D, EA & SE have again been invited to participate in this year's procession. This has been accepted and the Committee is now organising the Lions participation.

The Theme that we are working on for this year encompasses the International aspect of our Association, linked with the SIGHT FIRST II project. Our entry in the procession will consist of 2 large inflatables - one depicting the Earth with a Saturn like ring, showing that our Community Service Activities are global. The other is an inflatable of an eye, which was used a few years ago and used by our District for World Sight Day in Trafalgar Square in 2003. There will be a support vehicle.

We will have a total of 50 walkers. 10 from each of the 4 Districts, plus 10 from the committee. All will be dressed in a yellow fleece, which will be provided (although a contribution towards the cost may be required). Any Lion is welcome to submit their name. However this committee does have to point out that a walker must be reasonably fit, able to walk approximately 4 miles at a brisk pace up & down hill. There are NO facilities for transporting those who cannot complete the course. A packed lunch is provided at the halfway point, which is close to the Law Courts.

The day normally starts with us congregating in the MOORGATE area around 9.45 am & ends with us dispersing at about 2.30pm. There should be somewhere for handbags & coats to be stored but if you are travelling by car there is an NCP car park close at hand, which can be accessed before 7.30 on the day.

So would you like to be part of this exciting day? Believe me it is a day to remember.

Please let VDG Ken Rouse know. Don't leave it until the last minute... you may be disappointed. I do hope that you will try to join us ...if you can't then remember to switch on the TV ...BBC1 at about 10.45.

URGENT MESSAGE TO ALL CLUBS

All emails which Clubs would like circulated via email should be emailed direct to the District Secretary and NOT to the IT or Webmaster.

Pride of Lions