



Pride of LIONS



District 105A News

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Oxfordshire Lions have Got The Bottle!

Please take a good look at the photograph... it shows just 250 Messages in Bottles.

Now multiply that by one hundred and you will have the number delivered to Oxfordshire in July! Yes – 25,200 bottles all in one delivery. Why so many? Because the Lions of Oxfordshire are distributing over 1,000 bottles each month in our county alone.

This is the result of thirteen years of hard work by all the nine clubs in Oxfordshire – supplying the NHS, Age UK, Neighbourhood Watch and many, many more organisations. So far we have given out over 82,000 bottles in Oxfordshire alone. This means that over 82,000 people in Oxfordshire have Lions crests' in their fridges and understand that we are there to help them and live up to our motto "We Serve".

Oxfordshire Lions are really pro-active. They take bottles to events, give talks, place bottles in the Police stations, hospitals and health centres of our county. We are constantly in touch with the Emergency Services who also promote the scheme.

Every Club is involved in the distribution, from Banbury to Bicester, Thame to Witney, Wantage and Grove to Chipping Norton, Abingdon to Henley – not forgetting Carterton who have taken the bulk deliveries and sorted out the paperwork. This collaboration between Clubs has brought us all closer and raised the profile of our organisation throughout the county.

**Lion Maddy Radburn,
Lions Club of Carterton**



Harpenden Aims High

Naresh and I visited Harpenden Lions and must congratulate them on their flagship event, the Highland Games and their most recent project Battle of the Bands which seems equally promising. The club aims to raise nearly £250,000 for Life Skills by the Centenary year!

Chevrons were presented to Lions Andrew Godden and Chris Stalvies for 35 Year service, Lion Neville Osmond for 25 years service and Tony Marriot for 20 years service.

DG Meena



Visit to Harpenden Club



NOTICE BOARD

Senior Citizens Celebrations at Harrow leisure Centre on Sunday 28 Feb 2016. Please make sure the vent is as successful as every year by enrolling your Club's support ASAP. Contact District Secretary Lion Parveen for more details.

District 105A Convention at Thistle London Heathrow Hotel 4 – 6 March 2016. Contact DO Lion Dilip Shah for details.



LCI Ethics:

Whenever a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

Lions celebrating in style

Lions Club of Biggleswade Sandy held their 37th Charter Lunch in a room full of character. Wooden beams dating back to the 12th Century created amazing feel to the hall with very high ceilings.

The Charter was very well attended by members from the club and the Zone. DG Meena complimented LP Keith on the wonderful food, decor and hospitality. DG presented Lion Peter Patmore with his 40 year Monarch Chevron and a congratulatory letter from our International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada.



Presentation at Biggleswade Sandy Charter event

A Grand Celebration by Kenton Club

Lions Club of Kenton celebrated its 15th Charter Anniversary with great pomp and show on the 10th of October. Over 200 guests enjoyed Belly Dancing, Bollywood Dancers and the Shuli Group kept the guests dancing till late. Lion Amin Dada had kindly travelled all the way from LC of Bradford Central, in Yorkshire to compere the evening.

LP Ravina Rattan welcomed 3 new members compere our family of Lions, inducted by DG Meena. Lion Vivien received her 15 yr Chevron and many club members were awarded Certificates of Appreciation for their hard work and commitment to the club. LP Ravina would like to thank all who supported the club, and say Well Done to all the members of Lions Club of Kenton!

Lion Vivien Raggett



Kenton Club celebrating

Over 200 Years of Humanitarian Service



Newport Pagnell and Olney Lions Club had a fantastic business meeting this month. At this meeting, no less than 7 of our members were awarded the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship.

Recently, in addition to significant donations made to local charities and causes, NP&O Lions have donated around \$7,000 to LCIF – which allows us seven MJ Fellowships. The Club unanimously agreed that we should nominate our seven longest-serving members to be the recipients in recognition of their long service.

The recipients were: Lions Rod Wayland, Tom Hart, Tony Higgs, John Ferris, Tony Triggler, Derek Seymour and Trevor Aldred. Between them, this group has amassed over 200 years of service to Lions and their local community. Fantastic! – We are extremely proud of this achievement.

District Governor Lion Meena Gupta, who attended with Lion Naresh, presented the awards to the recipients. We also invited wives / partners to attend to share our celebrations and feeling of pride! Thank you for coming along and for your tireless support.

Well done everyone – and here's to the next 200 years of service!

Lion Trevor Aldred



Welcome New Lions

Rami Amin - Aylesbury
Amy Bishop - Banbury
Jaspal Singh Gatora - Barking
Kashmir Singh Lall - Barking
Surinder Singh Rooprai - Barking
Hilary Hickey - Berkhamsted
Selvan Nagappan - Enfield
Eliya Haider - Fairlop
Tarlochan Sian - Fairlop
Puja Randev - Kenton
Juliet J. Cheruvathur - London Park Royal
Doreen May Carr - MK Stony Stratford

Fran Hedges - Newport Pagnell & Olney
Chami Waduge - Southall
Mani Bedi - Sudbury
Jakir Hussain - Sudbury
Jay Jethwa - Sudbury
Rajan Adhikari - Uxbridge
Manjibhai Kara - Uxbridge
Gary Mulligan - Witney

All the Lions of District 105A warmly welcome you all to our family of Lions.



London Acton Lions Club Appeal Launch

Members of London Acton Lions Club and their friends and families gathered to launch an appeal to raise a sum of £5,000 to support various charities like McMillan Nurses, British Heart Foundation, Cancer Research etc.

More than 60 people walked a 10 mile course in Osterley Park, Osterley. They were rewarded with a lot of food and refreshments and all enjoyed the hospitality by Club Members. There were many passers-by who also were astonished to see such a big turn out and donated on the spot for the good causes.

Some members of the public also showed an interest in joining Lions Club! They were given all the information and briefed on Lionism.



Going for a Song...

Beaconsfield Lions Club has a Christmas log cabin that is now surplus to requirements and would like it to go to a good Lions home!

It is a proper log cabin on a trailer about 12'long, 6'wide and 6'wide, able to be pulled by a normal car. It has lights and windows for presents etc and a sound system, with a sledge for the top and a reindeer head for mounting on the front.

It is in good condition and is suitable for Xmas collections. We would like a club in the area to give us a small donation and come and take it away from a location in South Bucks.

Please contact John Pell on 01494 676059



Meet Your District Officer

Lion Rita Kimberger

ZONE N Chairperson

I am a relatively new Lion and have been with Banbury Lions Club for 6 years. I was a Lion's Lady in South Africa 1979-1989 at the Uitenhage Club. I am honoured to say that I was the first Lady President of the Banbury Club in 2012. I must have done a reasonably good job as I was asked to cover a second year. I enjoy the fellowship of the Lions Club and the opportunity to give something back to the local and International Community through the valuable work that the Clubs perform,

My aim in the role of Zone Chair is to promote a good relationship between the 4 clubs. I also encourage participation in Zone meetings with the aim of building links of support and hopefully joint ventures. I visit each of the clubs in order to get to know the Club and its members, to help celebrate their achievements and encourage involvement with the other Clubs in the Zone. Social events between the Clubs are also on the agenda as I feel this is an informal and innovative way of helping each other towards the main goal of serving the local and International community.



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

Lion Mark Handford - Lions Club Harpenden
Lion Chandrakant K. Shah - Lions Club London-Finchley
 Our deepest sympathies to the families.

From the Editor

Merry Xmas and best wishes for a Happy and Peaceful 2016.

Lion Shirish Sheth





DG Meena's Message



Dear Lions,



December has surely descended upon us fast!

November highlights began with our second Cabinet meeting followed by the Winter Forum in the afternoon. Nearly 70 Lions attended and heard the future leaders of our District speak. Thanks to PDG Elliot, DO Raza, Lion Eillen and DO Lesley for presenting to many of the district officers who stayed back to attend.



Diwali Mela stand at Harrow

On 16th November DO Terry successfully held the District Peace Poster Competition at the Chilterns MS Centre. Nearly 20 entries were submitted. The winners were: 1st. Gemma Warburton sponsored by High Wycombe LC and from Princes Risborough School 2nd. Anna Burgess sponsored by Royston LC and from Greneway School 3rd. Oliver Dimauro sponsored by Ruislip LC and from Sacred Heart School.

The Music Competition entries for Violin should be sent to DO Terry Allen by the 28th February 2016 and judging will take place at the Birmingham Conservatoire on Sunday 3rd. April 2016.

Young Ambassador finals will be held on the 17th of January and entries should be with DO Doreen by the 15th of December.

Official Visits were made to Lions Clubs of Banbury, Witney, Bedford, London Host, Letchworth GC & Baldock and Harpenden. LC of Staines & Ashford had their last meeting on the 25th of November. It was a sad evening. Many members have transferred to LC of Feltham and Whitton. However I would like to wish Elias and Jean all the best in their future endeavors. The club will close at the end of this year after over 40 years of service.



At the Cenotaph on Remembrance Day



Visit to Banbury

Charter Celebrations at Stevenage Corey's Mills, Osterley's 10th and MK Stony Stratford's 40th were super occasions. Naresh and I enjoyed them thoroughly!

Let's make the most of this festive season and excel in both fun fellowship and fund raising! During this festive period most of the clubs are engaged in wonderful projects. What an excellent occasion to show our communities what a difference we as Lions make. It is also an ideal opportunity to convince people to join us as Lions friends or members. To date we are up on membership but we need to keep our efforts going. Please remember.....JUST ASK!

So from Naresh and I a big thank you for these five months and wish everyone a joyous December full of peace, harmony and prosperity! Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2016.

DG Meena



Visit to Letchworth & Baldock Club

My Diary December 2015

- 2nd Lions Club of Beaconsfield – OV
- 3rd Convention Meeting
- 4th Zone A Social
- 5th Certified Guiding Lions Training
- 5th Milton Keynes Central – Fund Raiser
- 7th Lions Club of Mill Hill – OV
- 8th Lions Club of Swiss Cottage – OV
- 9th Lions Club Of Wantseed & Woodford – OV
- 11th Lions Club of Osterley Meeting
- 13th Leo Quiz
- 13th London Park Royal – Children's Christmas Party
- 16th Lions Club Of Watford – OV
- 24th Lions Club of Kingsbury – Mehfil Night

OV = Official visit

