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# NOTICE BOARD

We're looking forward to seeing our fellow Lions at the Convention this weekend!

Lions Club **District 105A**  
Be The Change - You Want to See

DISTRICT GOVERNOR **LESLEY SPENCE**

## CONVENTION 2024

1ST MARCH - 3RD OF MARCH



📍 Double Tree Hilton Elstree - Barnet  
By-Pass, Borehamwood WD6 5PU



## Welcome to the team

Below are the names of the newest additions to our family of Lions as of 1 December.  
Congratulations to:

- Angela Manomi, Aylesbury Lions Club
- Satish Dhir, London Acton
- Varun Prabhakar, Friern Barnet Lions Club
- Rajesh Lakhani, London Kingsbury
- Suman Rani, Friern Barnet Lions Club
- Tetyana Pereverzeva-Birch, Newport Pagnell & Olney Lions Club
- Michael Moroney, Harpenden Lions Club
- Philip Ogden, Witney Lions Club
- Sejal Helai, Kenton Lions Club

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

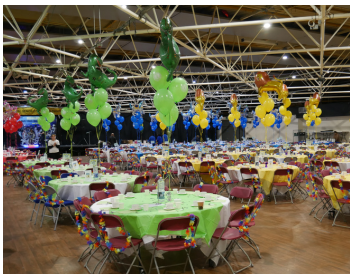
– One of the Lions Code of Ethics

## 21st Senior Citizens Celebration: A Vibrant Return

In a much-anticipated return after a four-year hiatus, District 105A's Senior Citizens Celebration made its triumphant comeback, filling the room with bursts of colour and energy. The event, hosted in a beautifully decorated hall, left attendees in awe right from the get-go.

The day kicked off with Recollections taking the stage, delivering amazing covers of classic hits. Some of our guests couldn't resist joining them on stage, turning the performance into an even more memorable experience.

The energy of the evening soared as the dance floor filled with volunteers and guests showcasing their dance moves, creating a fun and inclusive atmosphere. After all that dancing, everyone had worked up an appetite, so they returned to their seats and tucked into a lovely lunch. DG Lesley then welcomed The Worshipful, the Mayor of Harrow, Councillor Ramji Chauhan, to the stage. He thanked Lions for the invitation and acknowledged the hard work and vigour of our members. Councillor Ramji Chauhan then kindly made his way around the tables, taking the time to greet as many guests as he could.



Everyone was ready to hit the dance floor once again, this time with Jay Kumar and his dancers bringing a Bollywood vibe to the celebration. From front to back, nearly everyone found themselves on their feet, dancing and celebrating with contagious enthusiasm. There were smiles across the faces of all that were present, creating a heart-warming atmosphere.



Before the last song of the day, Past District Governor Parveen Verma, made a speech in which he expressed gratitude for the hard work of the volunteers and fellow organizers. As the final song ended, guests reluctantly began to collect their things and make their way home. As they passed the volunteers, they eagerly inquired about the date of next year's celebration – a testament to the event's undeniable success.

The Senior Citizens Celebration radiated a sense of community, fun, and acceptance as guests and volunteers mingled throughout the day, embodying the true spirit of the event. Shoutout to the unbelievable volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this a memorable and joyous occasion for all. Your dedication and commitment made this event a memory that will be cherished forever. Bring on 2025!

Check out our [Facebook page](#) for photos and videos.

## Council Chair Elect 2024-25: PDG Lion Kavaljit Dev!

We are delighted to see our very own PDG Kavaljit Dev be elected as our Council Chair!

District 105A congratulates her and wishes her all the best as she leads the Council from 1 July 2024.



## Spectacles delivery

*by Lion Robert Spragg, District 105A Vision Officer*

The Lions of District 105A (The 'A' Team) delivered somewhere between 50,000 and 60,000 pairs of used spectacles to our friend Brigitte Green at MD HQ in Birmingham.



MD HQ have already collected and processed well over 3 million pairs from across the British Isles since they started collecting in October 2021. This is in addition to what Chichester Lions Club have done, with a project that was originally their own!

We are grateful to all of the Lions Clubs of District 105A for keeping the collection going.





# Lions Club of Mill Hill and Chipping Barnet Golf Challenge

Throughout the years, our golf days have raised thousands to support charities such as Brain Tumour, VICTA, Dementia, and more. Our 2024 golf challenge will take place at the stunning Hartsbourne Golf Club on 23 May, and it will include delicious food and a complimentary wine reception.

We look forward to your support to help charities in England and overseas. If you have any suggestions of charities we could support, do let us know. If you cannot make it to the golf, you are more than welcome to make a donation and/or join us for the dinner. Please contact Lions Sanjay Shah, Dilip Shah, Manish Chotai or Parveen Verma for further information and for the booking form.

## Empowerment through education

*by Lion Dr Mukund Patel, Enfield Lions Club*

Masaipet Village is located 50 Km from Hyderabad in India. Enfield Lions Club adopted the Masaipet Zilla Parishad School and, along with local partners, have been executing projects to enhance the learning experience of the economically disadvantaged children of Masaipet and neighbouring villages.

In 2019, a complete renovation of the dilapidated Primary School was successfully accomplished. The colourful walls of the classrooms are filled with visual learning tools along with benches for the students to sit on.

On 21 January, we formally inaugurated a Science and Library Block. The event was attended by seven Lion members, family and friends of Lion Dr Srikanth Mandumula, and Lion Dr Madhavi. Classes 6 to 10 will have an hour dedicated to spending time in the library, providing them with a quiet space to study before examinations, and also to stimulate a passion for reading non-curriculum books.



## Young Ambassador

Harrow and Pinner Lions are very proud to see their Young Ambassador, Liliana, win the MD final. She will be going forward to the European finals in Bordeaux in October. Congratulations, Liliana!



## Donations and service activities

Lion President Lorraine and Lions Pauline, Barbara and Terry from Hemel Hempstead Lions Club visited the Heather Club (a club for those who suffer from dementia) to present a cheque for £300 to assist in their future activities.

The following week, they went to the Waterside Adult Learning Centre to provide fish and chips, or sausage and chips, for the attendees and staff. Lion President Lorraine and Lions Pauline, Barbara and Terry helped to eat some too! They were given a lovely thank you card in return.

