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A new club!

This image was taken at the Charter presentation for the brand-new club, Heston Lions Club. Read more about this on page 6.



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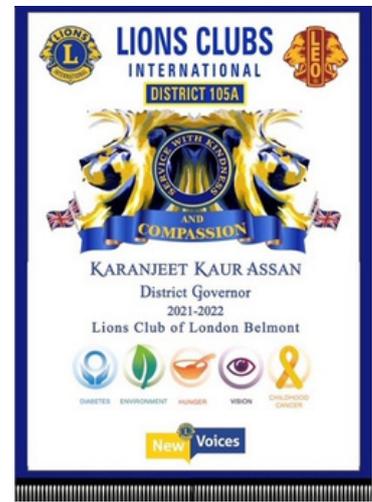
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Lions World Sight Day

Lions World Sight Day is held in the month of October. If your club has done something for this month, please send in your article to be featured in the next issue.

Welcome to the team

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

- Lion Gary Foster, Amptill District Lions Club
- Lion Vilas Rajadhyakshak, London Finchley Lions Club
- Lion Bharat Thakker, London Finchley Lions Club
- Lion Dan Atkins, Heston Club Branch of Hendon
- Lion Renu Mohindru, Heston Club Branch of Hendon
- Lion Divash Joshi, Greenford Willow Tree Lions Club
- Lion Jitendra Vanza, Greenford Willow Tree Lions Club
- Lion Rajnikant Patel, Greenford Willow Tree Lions Club
- Lion Samina Khan, Heston Club Branch of Hendon
- Lion Carolyn Jiang, London Covent Garden Lions Club

District Governor's diary for November 2021

04/11 – Milton Keynes Lions Club visit food bank

09/11 – London Convert Gardens Lions Club official visit

10/11 – Chipping Barnet Lions Club official visit

13/11 – Zone Chair meeting

15/11 – GAT and GMA meeting

17/11 – Zone E,F & G District Quiz

20/11 – Peace Poster final

20/11 – Moor Park Lions Club fundraising event

21/11 – Council meeting

23/11 – Zone K meeting

25/11 – Convention 2022 meeting

27/11 – MD 105A Symposium

"To Create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world."

– One of the Lions Purposes



New Voices success story of the month

by *Lion Manji Kara, London Central Host Lions Club*

This is a success story in the Service category

This year, Lion Afzal (one of our members) completed the 2021 Virgin Money London Marathon in the record time of 3 hours and 11 minutes! He was fundraising for the Get Kids Going! charity, which is a charity that gives sporting opportunities to disabled children. He raised over £790, of which London Central Host Lions Club donated £625. We have also raised money for the charity by doing a sponsored walk of 26 miles last year. Get Kids Going! is a national charity which gives disabled children, and young people up to the age of 26, the wonderful opportunity of participating in sport. In Britain, there are over 200,000 disabled children and young people who receive help from the Get Kids Going! charity.



Helping children with cancer

by *Lion Surjit K. Chodda, Fairlop Lions Club*

With September being Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, Fairlop Lions Club raised funds for Children with Cancer UK. This is to help them purchase craft packs for children suffering with various cancers. These packs will enable the children and families to have an online “Halloween Craft Event” during the October half term. This will allow families affected by childhood cancer to spend some quality time together and create precious memories away from the hospital ward. Funds were generously donated by club members, and a coffee morning was held at Ilford Police Station. Cakes and food were generously donated by Fairlop Lions Club members and staff at the police station, who were very happy to partner with the club to host this successful event. The funds raised through this coffee morning were matched by Fairlop Lions Club and with the generous personal donations of members, we were able to raise this figure to £1000! Children with Cancer UK receives no government funding and relies entirely on the generosity of people making donations, so that they can help more children with cancer ring the “end of treatment” bell.

Friern Barnet Centennial Lions Club Annual Golf Day

by Lion Harish Vekaria, Friern Barnet Centennial Lions Club

On Thursday 12 August, 60 golfers ascended onto Bush Hill Park Golf Club in Winchmore Hill. After some breakfast, plentiful snacks and a round of golf, 20 more guests joined the golfers for dinner whilst enjoying live Bollywood music. Lions from several clubs kindly supported our annual golf day, which was held in memory of our club secretary late Lion Dilip Mandalia, who sadly passed away last year due to amyloidosis. The total collection was £7359, out of which we donated £5001 to The National Amyloidosis Research Centre at the Royal Free Hospital. Pictured below are Lion President (LP) Nilesh Vaghadia, Lion Harish Vekaria, Immediate Past President (IPP) Lion Kumar Acharya, Lion Dilip Vora (treasurer) and Dr (Prof) Helen Lachmann of the Amyloidosis Centre. My sincere thanks to committee members, LP Nilesh Vaghadia, Dominic Fernandes, Pravin Soni, IPP Kumar Acharya, Lion Dilip Vora, volunteers, hole sponsors and donors for their unwavering support.



A brand-new club

by London-Hendon Lions Club

On Thursday 21 October 2021, the we sponsored a new club: Heston Lions Club. Along with the 30 new members, there were 70 Lions, partners and guests who attended – including District Governor (DG) Karanjeet, Vice District Governor (VDG) Kavaljit, 2nd VDG Lesley and Immediate Past District Governor (IPDG) Alastair. The ceremony was chaired by Zone Chair (ZC) Gemma, and conducted by District Officer (DO) Kumar, in the presence of two guiding Lions: Lion Srik and Lion Minesh. Charter LP Jatinder was officially inducted as president of Heston Lions Club, and LP Ajay gave the Heston Lions a warm welcome to Lionism. All the members took an oath to abide by the purposes and ethics of Lions Clubs International, and this was followed by a delicious three course dinner before ending the ceremony.



Lions Europa Forum 2021

The 66th Lions Europa Forum 2021 took place in Thessaloniki. Held from Wednesday 6 October to Saturday 9 October, this was the third Forum organised by MD117 Greece-Cyprus.



Foody fun day and a charity walk

by Greenford Willow Tree Lions Club

Although last minute, we managed to host a very successful event and I am deeply humbled by everyone who dived in right away with organising everything. We had fantastic food, great music by Swara group, and some awesome dancing. The kitchen and front end bar team ensured everything went smoothly throughout the day. I would also like to thank the bingo winners, who donated their winnings from the games back to our charity – it was a wonderful and generous gesture. We were very happy to host our first event in almost two years, and even happier to have raised an amazing £800+ for charity! In addition to this, three guests who attended showed keen interest in joining our club. Inducting these new members was a lovely way to end the first quarter. We also awarded 12 Melvin Jones Fellowships (MJFs) and PMJFs.



We also held a charity walk in October. It was a fantastic day – we had a total of 24 walkers taking part and we all walked close to 100 miles, raising over £1000 for the LCIF Charity. Thank you to everyone who took part in the walk, and also all those that had family members supporting the event. I was very impressed to see so many family members at the walk, and pleased to pass on my personal thanks for supporting our club's event.



A busy month for Harrow and Pinner Lions Club

by Lion Lesley Stansfield, Harrow and Pinner Lions Club

Our first weekend in September found us on our regular litter pick. We were thanked many times by members of the public, and were offered mugs of coffee by a South Harrow coffee shop. Contrary to the picture, Lion Tony has not grown 7 foot tall! If you too would like to join us, please contact Gregg, (our Services Officer) for more information.

Whilst Covid has kept us locked down for over 18 months, we still managed to fundraise and have a fun evening with our online race night! Participants proved to be exceedingly generous with their sponsorship of horses and enthusiastic in their betting. Our last race alone raised an incredible £279, with the lucky owner of the winning horse receiving half.

Saturday 11 September was a glorious day for the annual Pinner Village Show. We set up our tent with family-favourite activities: Tombola, Lucky Dip and Rock Painting, and our fellow Lions from Northwood were also there with an array of plants for sale which added to, what turned out to be, a joyous get-together after the dismal previous months of isolation and despair. Another show of how Lions can make a difference.

When the call went out from Young Lives vs Cancer (aka CLIC Sargent) for bucket collection volunteers, Harrow and Pinner Lions stepped up to the plate. Morrisons in Harrow were all prepared for us with buckets and A-frame during the week. A big shout out to Annis Dixon, Morrisons' Community Champion, who made us feel very welcome and wanted to continue working with Lions in the future – networking at its best.



Our litter pick



Rock painting at the Pinner Village Show



Bucket collection



Our Pinner Village Show tent



Bucket collection

It's all fun and games

Welcome to the Pride of Lions puzzle page. Here is a new puzzle for you to solve, along with the answers from the previous month's sudoku puzzle. Enjoy!

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	3	8		9	2		4	
		7				4		5
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3	1	5				8		6
8		1		3	4			2
7	2			8		3	1	
	9		1		6	7	5	8

Answers

Here are the answers from the soduko puzzle in the September issue of Pride of Lions. Well done if you managed to solve it.

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9	7	2	8	4	6	1	3	5
8	1	5	7	2	3	4	9	6
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3	5	9	2	1	4	8	6	7
7	2	4	6	3	8	9	5	1



DG'S CORNER



Exchanging banners with LP Hamid at Waltham Forest Lions Club's 5th Charter and Handover.



Exchanging banners with LP Anant at my official visit to Redbridge Centennial Lions Club.



Pictures above are members of London Hendon Lions Club – I presented them with their award for achieving the New Voices success story of the month for the month of October. Well done!



The monthly Convention meeting taking place at Hilton Double Tree, Elstree.



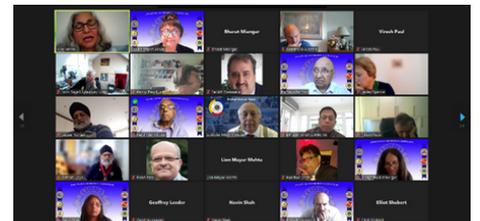
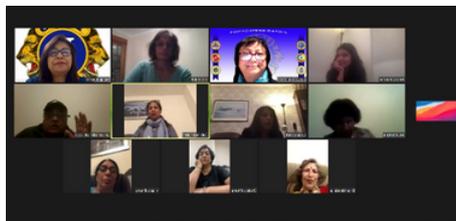
Having tea after the Service of late Lion Derek Beazley.



A cheque for £250 was presented for the DG charity 'Lifelites' during my visit to Bletchley Milton Keynes Lions Club's 52nd Charter Anniversary celebration.



Charter presentation of Heston Lions Club – a brand-new club!



A few Zoom meetings took place this month. Pictured on the top left is the Winter Wonder Workshop – well done and thank you to Lion Lesley Spence, the presenters and Lion Satnam and team. The second picture is the first meeting of London Park Royal Lions Club. The third picture is the 2nd Cabinet meeting.



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Do you have a story that you would like to share in the next issue of Pride of Lions? Please submit your article to: pol@lions105a.org.uk