

# PRIDE OF LIONS

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## *WE HAVE ENTERED A NEW LIONISTIC YEAR*

Let's continue to work together to make a difference and do our best to better our communities through service.



DG KAVALJIT DEV

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# NOTICE BOARD



## Welcome to the team

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

Lion Manvinder Kaur Bedi, Ealing Lions Club

Lion Carol Ward, Letchworth Garden City & Baldock Lions Club

Lion Helen Collins, Luton Lions Club

Lion Charandip Singh Bhatheja, Southall Lions Club

Lion Amar Singh Dhami, Southall Lions Club

Lion Isher Singh Raikmo, Southall Lions Club

Lion Mukesh Kumar Sharma, Wanstead & Woodford Lions Club

Lion Giles Loch, Winslow 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

### District Governor's diary for August 2022

02/08/2022	Lions Club of Greenford and Willow Tree
06/08/2022	"How to Motivate members to Serve" a Leadership Webinar
07/08/2022	1st Cabinet Meeting
09/08/2022	London Seven Kings Lions Club visit
10/08/2022	Wanstead and Woodford Lions Club visit
11/08/2022	New Voices Fireside Chat
15/08/2022	District GAT meeting
23/08/2022	Heston Lions Club visit
24/08/2022	Friern Barnet Centennial Lions Club's Golf day

# Be involved, share your voice and serve

by *Lion Bal Jheeta*

I am delighted to share that the members of our District's New Voices team for this fiscal year are:

Lion Bal Jheeta (New Voices Team Member).  
Lion Sonia Singh (New Voices Team Member).  
Lion Sunjay Mehta (New Voices Team Member).  
Lion Rita Tanda (New Voices Coordinator).

One of the team members will be contacting your Club and its Fellow members to get details about activities that you have been involved in and hear from you what it means for them to be part of the Lion family. It is so important that we share and acknowledge your time, effort to make a difference to those in need. Our purpose is to inspire others and celebrate the work that has been carried out. Your voices will empower others to develop the passion to serve.

## Children's vision becomes a reality

Dormers Wells Infant and Junior School's wish was for a library. Heston Lions Club worked with Buses for Homeless and donated a double decker bus that was converted into a library and digital learning centre. Nathan Bowen (a well-known street artist), sponsored by 4BySix (an amazing charity for children in need), painted scenes with characters to reflect the city. A celebration was held 19 July at the school. It was attended by DG Kavaljit, the Mayor, councillors, Lions and most importantly the children.



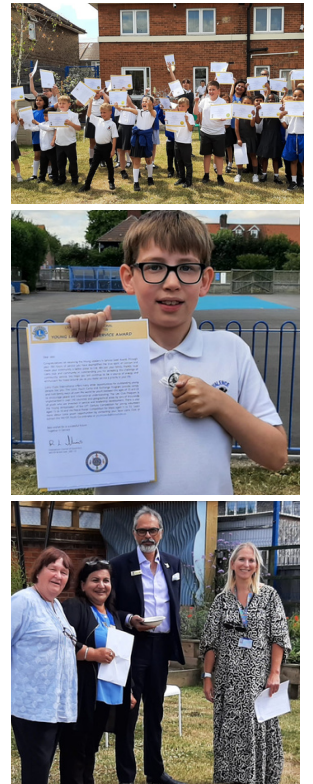
## A Worthy Presentation Afternoon

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

Fairlop Lions Club were humbled and honoured to present forty youngsters at Valence Carers Group with Young Leaders in Service Certificates. These exceptional young people truly are an inspiration. We are proud to be the only club in District 105A currently awarding these certificates and badges to young people aged between 8 and 11. The work they do as carers at such an early age is inspiring and humbling. For these young people, caring for their parents, siblings or family members is a way of life they have grown up with, seeing their supporting role as just 'normal.' They have averaged approximately 300+ hours of support a year whilst keeping up with their schoolwork!

The work they do is phenomenal and makes a significant difference to the people they help. They are all a dynamic force and our future – and the certificate and badge was just a small token in recognition of their achievements.

The youngsters have their own unit at Valence Primary where each week they can chill out, talk, play together and share experiences and strategies to cope with what can be some demanding situations. Lion President (LP) Surjit, Past District Governor (PDG) Lion Doreen and Lion Deepak had the privilege of attending the unit and presenting the certificates. Fairlop Lions Club also donated £250 for the purchase of craft items and toys for all the young carers to share. We also donated £500 worth of much appreciated books to the Valence Primary School Library.



## Chipping Barnet Lions Club's new president

*by Lion Parveen Verma, Chipping Barnet Lions Club*

Chairman of Council Alastair Joel for the first time as Chairman installed a new President: LP Rashpal Phull from Chipping Barnet Lions Club. He also awarded 40 year membership service chevrons to Lions Adarsh Varma, Dilip Shah, Parveen Verma and Murtaza Kadehebhoy.





# Motorama Event 2022 with Newport Pagnell & Olney Lions Club (CIO)

*by Lion President Trevor Aldred, Newport Pagnell & Olney Lions Club (CIO)*

Our annual classic car show, Motorama, was back at the Market Place in Olney after a long layoff caused by the pandemic. This was the 26th running of this event and it is one of the most popular events for the town – with attendance estimated at around 3000 people during the whole day.

It is a free event and there are opportunities for visitors to show their appreciation throughout the day, with kind donations in our collecting buckets, or for programmes and raffle tickets. For 2022, all proceeds are divided between the Newport Pagnell & Olney Lions Club Charity Fund and the LCIF Ukraine Appeal. This year the event raised £1200 – which we have rounded up from our reserves to allow £800 to be donated to LCIF Ukraine Appeal and a further £800 to be ring-fenced for local causes.

Around 100 cars were on display. This included Desmond Smail's beautiful Aston Martin DB5. It is a car that was sent to the premiere of 'No Time To Die' in Monaco. It's a real DB5 but has the 'Bond' factory extras, revolving number plates, machine guns and so on. This was a real crowd pleaser! We also had the fabulous Ferraris, a Lamborghini and a host of other beautiful machines. The Olney Classic Car Club also had 22 of their members proudly displaying their cars, as well as assisting us in running the event (thank you so much guys). The vehicles are divided into various categories and judged by a panel of experts and cups are awarded to the winners. A special prize is also awarded to the 'people's choice' car of the show. We also ran a raffle where the prizes are rides in some of the cars on display.

Thank you to the Olney Classic Car Club, exhibitors, sponsors and of course the visitors! Special thanks must also go to our event managers, Lion Bob Benbow and Lion Derek Seymour for organising such a fantastic event and to all the friends who helped out on the day. More information and photos [here](#) and [here](#). Roll on 2023!



# Leadership development recharged

by PCC Lion Viresh Paul

Members of our district have been lucky to have had excellent leadership training in the last few years. This continued during Covid, and even though we are now able to meet face-to-face, we have decided to carry on with the online webinars.

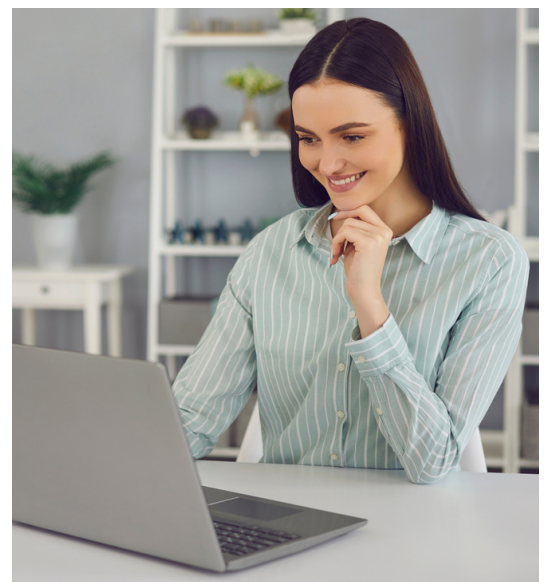
On my return to the role of the Global Leadership Team coordinator, I have planned to run a webinar on the first Saturday of each month at 10am. Here is the full list of webinars we have planned:

- 6 August 2022: How to motivate members to serve
- 3 September 2022: President's and Secretaries Update
- 1 October 2022: How to attract new club members
- 5 November 2022: Reports to LCI - as easy as 1-2-3
- 3 December 2022: Using social media to tell our story
- 7 January 2023: What can LCIF do for us?
- 4 February 2023: Succession Planning
- 1 April 2023: CIO and ICO
- 6 May 2023: End-of-year duties
- 3 June 2023: Incoming Officers' Training

We ran our first monthly webinar in July, called "Plan now to succeed this year" and we had 27 Lions in attendance. The feedback was excellent on all counts. Our very next webinar is on Saturday 6 August, called "How to motivate members to serve".

This will be an interactive session where I will invite members to share their views on how to motivate Lions to serve. I will then follow up with my own thoughts on this matter and provide some distinctive suggestions and ideas to help the leadership of clubs to get more of their members involved in their projects.

So if you are a club service chair or the club president or in any other leadership role then don't leave it too late to book. Booking details were emailed to all club presidents and secretaries.





# Annual Highland Gathering

*by Lion President Guy Kenyon, Harpenden Lions Club*

On 10 July, the Harpenden Lions held their 26th annual Highland Gathering. The first such event was organised by a local Caldeonian Society in 1946 for ex-patriot Scots who had worked in Hatfield during the 2nd World War. Three years later, another was held in St Albans, and from 1950 onwards the Games were held for a time in Harpenden, and then in Hertford and Letchworth. The Harpenden Lions restored the gathering in 1996 and held their first event at the local rugby club before returning it to its traditional location in Rothamsted Park, Harpenden the following year - where it has remained.

The Gathering is organised each year by a subcommittee of the club, which has evolved a sophisticated plan to integrate market and charity stalls with traditional Scottish elements. This includes pipe bands and highland games, arena displays, stage performances and children's races. Also sponsored by local firms, the proceeds support local charities which includes Emmaus and the Motor Neurone Disease Association as well as contributing to Lions Charities and Harpenden Lions own Life Skills Programme for local schools that has, over the years, distributed funds in excess of £250,000.





## A message from our DG

Time waits for no one, and it is difficult to believe that I started my journey to take on the role District Governor over two years ago. I am honoured and grateful to have been elected by you to serve the A Team for the Lionistic year 2022-2023.

My theme for the District this year is “Passion to Make a Difference” because I believe that we would not be Lions if we did not have the passion. The International President Brian Sheehan’s message is “Together we Can”. Let us work together to make a difference to the lives of others in need, whether that be as individuals, as part of your Club or as part of the Lions International family.



Service and Visibility are key to the success of our District. We need to be noticed in our communities and share the joy of being a Lion. It is undeniable that COVID over the last two years hampered many of us from doing what we do best. That is to “SERVE” individuals, help those in need and enjoy the camaraderie of our fellow Lions. It is good to see that a degree of normality is returning as many Clubs in our District are now meeting again and getting involved in Fundraising activities and Service projects. Let us all take these opportunities to engage others and grow our membership. I want you to know that you are unique and make a big difference by being Lions. So at the start of my year is an opportune time to say “thank you” and wish you good health.





# Out and about with DG Kav

Find out what our DG has been up to recently

My year as the DG started at the 104th International Convention in Montreal. Pammy and I went a few days early to enjoy some of the sights and to participate in the final DG sessions led by our very enthusiastic International President Lion Brian and his wife Lion Lori. We walked in the colourful International Parade of Nations with our Fellow Lions from the British Isles and Ireland – an experience not to be missed! On the final day, I formally took the Oath of Office from the International President and Pammy pulled off the blue ribbon off the official election badge.

It has been a pleasure to attend the following events: Letchworth Garden City and Baldock Lions Club Handover, Luton Lions Club Handover, Kenton Lions Club Fundraiser, Harpenden Lions Clubs Highlander Gathering, Heston Lions Club – Transformation of a Double Decker Bus into a Learning Centre, Consortium of Street Children Fundraising event, Zone B, J and H meetings, London Covent Garden's Handover and 25th Charter Celebrations, and finally Hemel Hempstead Lions Club's "Lark in the Park" event.

My other highlight was the District Handover which took place on 17 July and attended by 106 Lions and friends at "The Cloisters" in Letchworth Garden City. IPDG Lion Karanjeet formally inducted me, and it was my pleasure to garland the chains of office to our 1st VDG Lion Lesley and our 2nd VDG Lion Kadambari. The Zone Chairs also received their collars, and the District Cabinet Officers present were acknowledged by all Lions. This credit for the smooth running of the event and facilitating the ceremonies goes to PDG Lion Alastair and my Sargent at Arms, Lion George Matthews.

I am now looking forward to the month of August and visiting Clubs through out the year. Many of you will be taking a summer break in the next few weeks. Have a great time and be safe. Please do feel free to contact me or any of the Cabinet Officers – we are here to support you.



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