

# PRIDE OF LIONS

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## **HUNGER AWARENESS MONTH**

January is Hunger Awareness Month. If your club has done something for this month, please send in your article to be featured in the next issue. Our contact details can be found at the bottom of page 9.



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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:

- London Platinum Jubilee members: Kailash Batavia, Kirit Batavia, Kalpana Bhatt, Jashu Derodra, Pramodini Derodra, Narendra Dhana, Pratima Dhana, Jaswantrai Doshi, Bina Holden, David Holden, Hansa Mandalia, Pragna Mandalia, Surendra Mandalia, Yashwantrai Mandalia, Anup Mehta, Chandrika Mehta, Harkishan Mehta, Nanubhai Mehta, Prafulbala Mehta, Harendra Meswani, Purnima Meswani, Nitin Patel, Pradip Patel, Jayshreeben Raval, Bharti Shah, Ramesh Shah, Bhadra Sheth, Padma Sheth, Kokilaben Solani, Nanalal Solani, Bharat Varia, Saroj Varia, Bhupen Vasa and Nalini Vasa
- Redbridge Centennial members: Veena Adur, Neelam Gupta, Gurminder Kalsi, Shiela Patel, Gurdeep Sagoo, Nirmal Sagu and Karpal Virdee

*Always to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.*

– One of the Lions Code of Ethics

## District Governor's diary for February 2023

**04/02** – Zone Chairs Briefing

**04/02** – “What can LCIF do for us” webinar

**07/02** – LGC and Baldock Lions

**10/02** – SE Convention

**11/02** – Redbridge Centennial – Club  
Branch formation

**15/02** – Convention meeting

**17/02-19/02** – Young Ambassador  
weekend in Dudley

**20/02** – GAT meeting

**21/02** – LGC and Baldock Social

**26/02** – Guiding Lion Session

**Focussing on Convention Preparations this month.**

## Christmas Carols

*by Tring Lions Club*

Tring Lions Club organised our annual carol singing event on Christmas Eve. This year, we had approximately 1000 people attending.

Although the event was free, we received £1500 by way of donations this year. The club agreed to donate £1000 to the charity Pace, with £500 going to 1st Tring Cubs to help purchase equipment.



## DG's visit to LCK

*by Lion Susan Carr*

We were greeted by Londons Comunity Kitchen (LCK) founder, Taz, and we were given the grand tour including new chickens! The garden has been improved and informative placards included.



## South Africa Eye Screening Program

An approach was made to LCIF for a grant for Lions District 410E, to undertake a Vision

Outreach for Learners in underserved areas. It was fortuitous that through a generous donation by the Harrow and Pinner Lions Club, it was possible to commence with his outreach.



## Kingsbury Lions Club's musical evening

*by Lion Narendra Shonchhatra, Kingsbury Lions Club*

We hosted a Christmas Musical Evening to raise funds for 101 Multiple Weddings under one roof on 5 February 2023 in Gujarat, India. The cost for each couple is £300, so we needed to raise £30,300 and so far we've raised £26,000.



## The Redbridge Giving Tree initiative

*by Lion Tajinder Lotay, Seven Kings Lions Club*

During December, Seven Kings Lions Club delivered their 'Redbridge Giving Tree' initiative which involves us fundraising to provide hundreds of gifts to disabled and underprivileged children in the borough. The value of gifts donated this year was over £4000 for which we received support from many local businesses including Lloyds Bank.



## Warm bank

*by Greenford Lions Club*

Warm Bank is a 'short-term fix project' undertaken to address the rising cost of living crisis. Greenford Lions are facilitating pensioners, asylum seekers and refugees to keep themselves warm in a safe environment and to have hot food and drinks. The project shall continue until end of March 2023.



## Increasing membership

*by Lion Narendra Shonchhatra, Kingsbury Lions Club*

We organised a social evening on 18 October 2022 to increase membership. This function was attended by 100 people - some current and past members, and their friends and families. We also inducted two new members: Bharti Ghumra and Gita Bhatt (shown in the top image).



## Redbridge Centennial Lions Club (CIO) club branch activity

*by Redbridge Centennial Lion Club*

Newly formed Redbridge Centennial Lions Club (CIO) Club Branch has undertaken their first service activity and prepared 100 winter comfort packages for the homeless. These will be distributed from 10 January onwards. The packs contain a fleece blanket, a thermal beanie hat, thermal gloves, thermal socks, rain poncho, two packets of instant soup, a packet of biscuits and a bottle of water. The cost of these packets were donated by club members and the family and friends of the club.



## District Youth Celebration

*by Lion Vijay Arora*

Our 14th District Youth Celebration party was held on 27 November 2022 at Allum Hall, Elstree after a break of two years. We had nearly 600 young people, carers, parents, Lions and Mayors of: Elstree, Harrow, and Barnet in attendance. Everyone who came had a wonderful time. Thank you very much to everyone who sponsored/booked tables, helped on the day, and for the many other forms of contribution that made it all happen. Without the support of Lions and generous sponsors, it would not have been possible! We look forward to seeing you all again on 26 November 2023.



## Sorting spectacles

*by Letchworth and Baldock Lion Club*

Letchworth and Baldock had a hectic evening on 16 Tuesday sorting out spectacles which we collected from various optometrists. Sorting the glasses into spectacles that were unbroken, dark glasses which it is understood that people with leprosy need, broken frames and also loose lenses which can be sorted to suit the needs of those in third world countries. We ended up collecting over 4100 unbroken spectacles and 2 boxes of broken spectacles and loose lenses. One of our members works for an audiologist and collected 226 pairs of hearing aids, 122 single hearing aids, 12 remotes and two TV streamers. These are all able to be reconditioned and reused.



## Sleigh run

*by Bicester Lion Club*

Bicester Lions have taken our sleigh and Father Christmas around Bicester and some of the surrounding villages in order to fundraise for our charity account. We managed to collect just over £4,100.



## Shining Stars

New Year Honours List for 2023 revealed that Amarjit Singh Soora was recognised for services to the community in Ilford in the borough of Redbridge. He received a BEM. Sanjay Mehta also received a Special Recognition Award from Mast the Magazine for serving those in need.



# District Young Ambassador

by Lion Doreen Allen

Three candidates attended the District Young Ambassador Final. Iman, a weekly Food Bank volunteer and mentors' youngsters. Megan a Scout teaches Taekwondo. Shreya School Councillor organises Cake Sales and feeds the needy. Timed presentations and interviews followed with three independent Judges. Positive feedback was given emphasising their difficult deliberations. Iman was the winner, our congratulations to Letchworth and Baldock Club



## It's all fun and games

Here is a new puzzle for you to solve! The answers will be in the February issue of the Pride of Lions

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# Out and about with DG Kav

Find out what our DG has been up to recently

Belated wishes for a Happy New Year. After a hectic festive period, the month of January is a welcome respite from the hustle and bustle, as it is a slower-paced month for many clubs.

On 6 January, Pammy and I visited the Community Kitchen in Harrow. I felt like a VIP as I'm greeted and escorted by the Chief Executive, Taz, like King Charles III and King's Consort had also been treated on their visit in December!

Our third cabinet meeting took place on 15 January. Whilst we discussed District matters, the partners had the opportunity to create a masterpiece in the water colour painting workshop. This one is from Mrs Chris Bryant. This meeting also gave the opportunity to our young Ambassador candidates to give a presentation on the inspirational work they do in their communities. This year our representative will be Iman Shakeel Darr to go forward to MD.



This month we've been able to join the club meetings and events of Friern Barnet Centennial, Stanmore, Heston and Sudbury. I had the privilege to induct four new members and join our club's activities in a belated Christmas meal and sorting spectacles for recycling.



Pammy and I were there for the District Quiz final attended by 60 Lions from across the District. A great spirit of fellowship and fun enjoyed by all the Teams. Congratulations to Harpenden Lions Club for retaining the trophy this year.

As we get nearer to the District 105A Convention, much of my time is spent on the preparation not only for our business meeting, but the evening get togethers. If you haven't already, I would encourage you to book now and be part of our AGM.

January is, famously, a month of new beginnings. Named after the Roman god Janus, a literally two-faced (or two-headed) deity who faced both backwards and forwards, recalling the past even while he looked ahead to the future. Our Lions emblem is also a "Lion facing the past with pride and the future with confidence looking in all directions to render service." So, let us work together for a greater impact on the communities "WE SERVE".



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