

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 LESLEY SPENCE

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Welcome to the team

Congratulations and welcome to the newest additions to our family of Lions:

Helen Bell-Day (Biggleswade-Sandy Lions Club), Neelam Chawla (Friern Barnet Centennial Lions Club), Nisha Barretto , Bharati Shah, Saroj Taneja (Kenton Lions Club) , Mohammad Aslam, Nilam Chawla (London Belmont Lions Club), Brijesh Dokwal, Sushil Dokwal, Hema Mistry, Mahendra Negi (London Kingsbury Lions Club), Ping Hayward, Jiangong Jiao, Yan Yuet Jasmine Lam, Yap Koi Lee, Peng Lin, Kuin Poi (Med) Pang, Qi Qi, Beibei Wang, Jian Jun Xi, Jieyi Zhou, Shuying Zhou (London St. James' Lions Club).

To hold friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

– One of the Lions Purposes

District Governor's diary for August 2023

06/08 - Cabinet meeting @ The Cloisters

10/08 - DG Team meeting

21/08 - DG and GAT meeting

22/08 - Lions ROAR MD Meeting

24/08 - DG Team meeting

27/08 - Attending Chipping Barnet Handover

Southall Lions Club (CIO) and West Drayton Branch Club Formation

by Southall Lions Club

On 10 June 2023, Southall Lions Club CIO sponsored another new club: West Drayton Lions Club. This was our branch club for approximately eight years. Our mother club is Hayes and Harrington Clubs. We have also sponsored the following clubs:-

Hounslow, Brentford Woolwich, Spelthorne, Nottingham West, Greenford Willow Tree, and now West Drayton. We congratulate West Drayton Lions Club, LP Rajah Loatey and all the club members and wish them lots of success in the future. Our support will continue to be there.



Donation made to King George and Queen's Hospital Charity

by Enfield Lions Club

Under LP Prakash Naik, our club raised funds for Devdaya charitable trust, Empowerment Through Education and BHR University Hospital Trusts. We raised a total of £230,000.



Noah's Ark Hospice

by Friern Barnet Centennial Lions Club

At the Club's June 2023 meeting, LP Pravin Soni along with Past President Nilesh Vaghadia presented a cheque for £1530 to Noah's Ark Hospice. Laura Grundy, charity fundraiser for Noah's Ark, gave a brief talk about how the hospice helps children who are seriously unwell make the most of every day. Lion members expressed interest in visiting the Hospice and look into opportunities for volunteering.



20 years of fundraising

by Newport Pagnell and Olney Lions Club

It's our year-end on the 30th June – and I was doing some financial analysis just to keep on top of things. Turns out we have raised well over £250,000 (gross) in the last 20 years! Of course, unlike the very old days, we now do some really big events that raise a lot of money which has enabled us to donate around £95,000 to local charitable causes, £45,000 to national causes and £40,000 to international causes. The balance gives you an indication of the costs we have to incur to raise our funds whilst ensuring our events are carried out safely and effectively. Over the years, we've also done around 20,000 service hours for our local community – distributing Christmas parcels, helping with the maintenance and creation of the community orchard, helping out at Riverfest, Newport Pagnell Carnival, and conducting various recycling schemes.



Young Leaders in Service

by Fairlop Lions Club

Fairlop Lions Club were once again honoured to present youngsters at Valence Carers Group with Young Leaders in Service Certificates in June 2023. We presented a total of 87 Certificates; 44 Gold certificates, eight Silver certificates and 35 Bronze certificates to young children. The 44 Gold certificates include 13 youngsters who have completed over 400 hours service hours and nine youngsters who have completed over 300 service hours – and they manage this along with their day-to-day home life and schoolwork! The work these young people do is phenomenal and makes a significant difference to the people they help. The certificates and badges were just a small token in recognition of their achievements. Pictured on the right are PDG Kav, Lion Doreen, Lion Surjit and LP Lion Bob of Fairlop Lions Club presenting the certificates.



Fun and Games at the Highland Gathering

by Highland Gathering Lions Club

On Sunday 9th July, the Harpenden Lions' 27th Highland Gathering took place in Rothamsted Park, Harpenden. The event was enjoyed by thousands, with many different attractions including pipe bands, Scottish dancing, heavy events, rides, races and more! This year's main beneficiaries were Carers in Hertfordshire, Harpenden Mencap and Harpenden Lions Club's Life Skills Programme.



Yomelelani Early Childhood Development Centre in South Africa

by Tring Lions Club

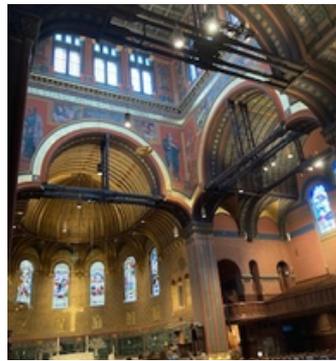
Two years prior to Covid, two Tring Lions had the opportunity to become involved with the Yomelelani early years centre. They were impressed by the commitment of the staff, the school's general manager, and the local headteacher. The centre started with two classes and 50 children, and there are now 11 classes and 260 children ranging from three months to six years of age. Lion Sandra and Lion Robin visited again in January 2023 with fears that Covid may have had a negative impact, but the place was thriving! However, heat and air circulation are a problem for much of the year, so Tring Lions wanted to help. They agreed to fund the purchase of two wind chimneys, which will be fitted for free by a local tradesman. The wind chimneys are a means of capturing wind and redirecting it into the building and have been used for centuries in Gulf countries and neighbouring buildings. Robin and Sandra look forward to visiting again in January 2024. They are now looking for teacher training books associated with the early years, so if you know of anyone who has completed training recently in this area, they would be delighted to hear from you. For further information, including how to donate, visit the centre's [website](#).





Out and about with DG Lesley

Find out what our DG has been up to recently



Brilliant City- lots of Boston wanderings and learnt a lot about the Boston Tea Party.



I really enjoyed the parade!



Convention hall messages



Attending the German Reception evening – cheers!

Amazing who you meet on the way to the British Isles and Ireland Reception evening - Douglas Alexander



After taking my oath - the removal of the DG elect ribbon – an emotional moment.