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DG LESLEY'S FIRST NEW MEMBER

Welcome Lion Kamalpreet Loyal! Find out more about this story on page 6.



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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: Helen Bell-Day (Biggleswade-Sandy), Rajesh Goutam (Fairlop), Neelam Chawla (Friern Barnet Centennial), Kamalpreet Loyal (Harrow and Pinner), Jagmel Bharj (Hatch End Lions Centennial), Nisha Barretto, Bharati Shah, Saroj Taneja (Kenton Lions Club), Mohammad Aslam, Nilam Chawla (London Belmont), Brijesh Dokwal, Sushil Dokwal, Hema Mistry, Mahendra Negi (London Kingsbury), Bachoolal Mehta (London Platinum Jubilee), Shu Junduan, Ping Hayward, Simon Jacob, Jiangong Jiao, Xiuxia Jin, Yan Yuet Jasmine Lam, Yap Koi Lee, Peng Lin, Qi Liu, Suzanna Mu, Kuin Poi (Med) Pang, Beibei Wang, Jian Jun Xi, Jieyi Zhou, Shuying Zhou, Xiao Jiuzhu (London St. James's), Lucia Giombini, Hiraj Keshavji (London Westminster), Trevorkettleboro (Milton Keynes Stony Stratford), ArunkumarAmin, Ganesh Bogadala, Manish Katwa, Nilesh Patel, Nitin Patel, Rikesh Patel (Sudbury), Robin Powell (Watford), Zoe Bradford (Winslow).

Health and safety

A reminder to all clubs that the health and safety document must be signed.

To provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.

– One of the Lions Purposes

A lark in the park

by Lion Terry Allen, Hemel Hempstead Lions Club

Hemel Hempstead hosted their second Lark in the Park on 23 July and were delighted to be joined by DG Lesley. Fortunately the poor weather forecast turned out to be completely incorrect, and an enjoyable day was had by all. PDG Doreen waded in to marshall the duck race!



The vision bus

by Lion Surjit K. Chodda, Fairlop Lions Club

The launch of the vision bus took place at the head offices of World Cancer Care in Jalandhar (Punjab) on 12 July 2023 and was attended by our lead in this project, Lion Amarjit Soora, and accompanied by Lion President Brijesh Chauhan of Fairlop Lions Club. The vision bus project was chosen to provide further vision support in addition to the annual eye camps we fund annually as a Lions Club at the Lions Eye Hospital in Adampur. The bus will travel to villages in India where a majority of people live with ailments and cannot afford checks and treatment, and provide those things completely free of charge. As well as providing treatment, we aim to bring cancer awareness, education and screening facilities to people in India who would not otherwise have access to such services.



A day of impactful service

by Sudbury Lions Club

Our team came together to provide Diabetes Screening for more than 100 individuals in need of crucial blood glucose checks. A special thank you to Lion Mahendra Gokani from Southall Lions Club, whose valuable assistance made this screening event a success.



Food bank

by Redbridge Centennial Lions Club CIO

Redbridge Centennial Lions Club CIO has been actively participating in helping the Ilford Food Bank with various needs like delivering hot food and hygiene care packs for the homeless. The volunteers at the food bank do a fantastic service and we are proud to help them.



Charity walk

by Osterely Lions Club

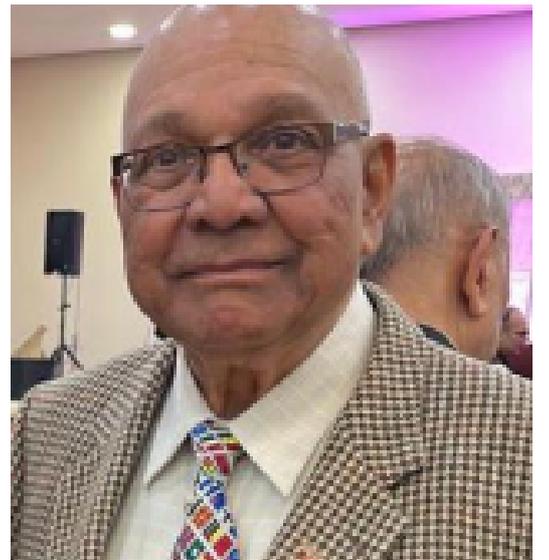
Osterely Lions Club did a charity walk and raised over £500! Thank you to Lions and guests for bringing delicious food and taking the time to join in. We'd also like to congratulate Lion Baljit for gaining the Melvin Jones pin for her extraordinary contribution and continued service to our club and community. Thank you to Lion George for presenting this award.



47 years of service

by London Central Host Lions Club

Lion Girdhar Sodha is an esteemed member of London Central Host Lions Club, and proudly celebrates his journey of 47 years in Lions. A journey full of kindness, compassion and true spirit towards service of mankind. As a Lions member Girdhar has helped to raise funds of over £60,000 through five Charity Golf Days £24,000 some of which has supported Northwick Park's Cardiovascular department (£15,000), the Zone boat race £6,000 and well over £9,800 for causes supporting children, diabetes and natural disasters around the world. He says: "Every morning I thank God for my good health and pray that he will help me serve my community!" says Girdhar, who lives in North Harrow and looks forward to many more years' service as a Lions Club member."





Out and about with DG Lesley

Find out what our DG has been up to recently

Hello, Lions and Leo’s of District 105A. I can’t believe that our official Handover at the Cloisters was almost one month ago today. It was a fantastic celebration of all that was good about last year and an introduction to what we hope to achieve and build on for this year. We also inducted a new member! Welcome Mrs Kamalpreet Kaur Loyal. After being with us in Boston and seeing the Lions family in action, we now have an amazing, enthusiastic new member in our club.



I attended Hemel Hempsted’s event, “Lark in the Park”. The weather was kind and a brilliant day was had by all.

On July 24, I joined with Lions Satnam and Sue, our Hunger Officer, Brent Councilors, London Hilton executives, and members of London Community Kitchen to launch their project “Feed London” – where they also unveiled an artwork named “The Invisible Child” in reference the numbers of children who go without meals every day.



I spent the evening of July 25 with Sudbury Lions Club. I was honoured to induct six new members.

The last weekend in July was my first Council of Governors meeting as DG. It was also the first opportunity for our 1st Vice District Governor (VDG) Kadu to join an interesting and engaging meeting that covered reports from the Multiple District Officers and discussions around various topics.

The District Cabinet meeting was held at the Cloisters on 7 August, and once again, we covered the reports and questions from our own District Officers. Please remember to Report this in MLCI. Should you wish to join our next Cabinet meeting on 8 October, please contact our Sergeant At Arms Lion George Matthew to book.



On 8 August, I was able to join my Lions Club of Harrow and Pinner and we were able to honour one of our long serving members Lion Dr Peter Beynon with a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.

