

PRIDE OF LIONS

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Lions of District 105A hope everyone had a very happy festive season, and wish you a prosperous new year.



DG LESLEY SPENCE

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Welcome to the team

Below are the names of the newest additions to our family of Lions as of 1 December.

Congratulations to:

- Azad Ayub, London St. James's Lions Club
- Sai (Arthur) Ng, London St. James's Lions Club
- Lucy YK Tse-Mitchell, London St. James's Lions Club
- Christine Yau, London St. James's Lions Club
- Manjit Dayal, Redbridge Centennial Lions Club
- Nisha Barretto, Harrow and Pinner Lions Club
- Julian David, Harpenden Lions Club
- Gurnam Singh, Bedford Lions Club
- Harpreet Singh, Bedford Lions Club
- Alison Jessup, Biggleswade-Sandy Lions Club
- Craig Gibson, Luton Lions Club
- John Taylor, Luton Lions Club
- Laura Taylor, Luton Lions Club



Booking now open: Lions Club District 105A Convention 2024

We're pleased to announce that the booking for our 2024 Convention is now open! Join in on a weekend full of Lionism, inspiration, and celebration from 1 to 3 March at

DoubleTree by Hilton London Elstree. Book your place today:

www.lions105a.uk/booking40

To encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

– One of the Lions Purposes



Welcome new Lions

by Luton Lions Club

Always a pleasure to induct new members to the Lions Family. This time we welcome three new members to our own Club! Welcome to John Taylor, Laura Taylor, and Craig Gibson. Isla-Anne Taylor, with her parents, has also been involved in several Lions service events so far - we look forward to her joining in the future maybe too.



Glasses collected for "Lions Recycle For Sight"

by Waltham Forest Lions Club CIO

Waltham Forest Lions Club CIO has engaged with local businesses and eye care professionals to host eyeglass collection boxes and schedule regular pick-ups. Pictured here is Lion Secretary Humayun Ikram collecting from a pickup point.



Seniors Tea Party

by Harpenden Lions Club

This week the Seniors Tea Party for Harpenden residents took place. It was attended by 38 residents and was managed by the Harpenden Trust and funded by Harpenden Lions Club. The event was a resounding success – pictured here are Lions Mohan Cashyap and David Shall, joined by members of the choir.



Donation to Dormers Wells Junior and Infants School

by Heston Lions Club

Heston Lions donated a pallet of toys (250) to Dormers Wells Junior and Infant School for Christmas, which will be distributed by Santa.



Santa Clause is coming to town

by Witney Lions Club

Witney Lions were delighted to assist at the Carterton Christmas lights switch on last Friday. Supported by Santa, the Lions Sleigh was in the parade through the town before joining the fun at the Town Hall. Santa met lots of children in his grotto during the evening, whilst the Lions stall provided hot chocolate, beer and soft drinks to the good people of Carterton. Everyone seemed to enjoy a cold but very colourful evening.



Environment conservation project

by Redbridge Centennial Lions Club CIO

On 2 December Redbridge Centennial Lions Club (CIO) planted 6 Dutch Elm resistant trees at Valentines Park, Ilford.

The resistant trees will help the white letter hair-streak butterfly which has been in decline due to its main food source, elm trees being affected by Dutch elm disease.

Eight Lions - including 2nd VDG Harvinder, LP Tony Kalsi, PP Anant Patel, LP Shiela Patel, LT Karpal Virdee, Lion Rani Kalsi, and Lion Nimmi Nair - all assisted in the planting.



Lion Nila Solanki

by Chipping Barnet Lions Club

Lion Amrik Phull with Lion Nila Solanki (who is our President this year) joined Chipping Barnet Lions Club as the first lady Lions. Lion Amrik teaches 6-12 students every week at her home. She ensures the house is warm for them and provides them with tea and snacks. The lessons last one and a quarter hours. She requests a donation from them. She has collected over £800 this year and all the money is donated to our Charity Account at Chipping Barnet. She is hoping to increase her classes to two a week as she is keen to serve her community to be healthy, and also raise funds for charity. A committed Lion indeed.

A busy day for Chipping Barnet Lions for our community

by Chipping Barnet Lions Club

We left home at 8:30am with other Lions, and what a busy day we had. We loaded two cars with food and then went to the Chipping Barnet Food Bank to deliver them. Lion President Nila insisted on donating £262 of her own money and did the shopping with balance money from the Clubs charity account. We went back to our cars and then to the Barnet Hospice to make a donation of £500. They have a donation tree and our Club will have a silver leaf placed on it for our donation. We went back to our cars and headed to our Lion Presidents house to load our two cars again, but this time with blankets, sleeping bags, and other warm clothes purchased online to deliver to the Barnet Homeless. The money used to purchase these items were from our charity account, plus a raffle we held at our handover night. We were all done by 1:30pm - it was a very satisfying Thursday indeed.



Sue's House

by Fairlop Lions Club

Fairlop Lions Club were honoured to have presented Sue's House with a fixed garden gazebo. Members were invited to a presentation ceremony on 15 November 2023, which was also attended by the Redbridge Mayor, the volunteers, the trustees and several service users.

Sue's House is a cancer and holistic help centre based in Ilford and has been providing a safety-net of mutual self-help, practical and emotional support for those involved in the cancer experience, including patients, ex-patients, family and friends since 1984. They receive no government funding and rely solely on the generosity of volunteers and service users – all their services are free of charge to the recipients and all expenses are met through donations and fundraising. The Chair and a Trustee of Sue's House quoted:

“The generous donation of a permanent garden Gazebo donated by Fairlop Lions charity will enable vulnerable cancer patients attending Sues House, for various activities make use throughout the year regardless of the days when it's raining and wet. We will be able to make use of it for chair yoga, relaxing with other friends/patients a glass of cold drink in the summer or hot cup of tea and enjoy fresh air. This will also enable us to use it for fund raising functions, entertainment and welcoming our guests when in the past it's been very difficult due to lack of space. Thanks so much everyone at Fairlop Loins charity for your generous gift for the cancer patients.”





It's time to party!

Lions of District 105A invite you to our 21st Senior Citizens Celebration

The event will be taking place on:
Sunday 25 February 2024, 2pm to 5pm

Harrow Leisure Centre, Byron Hall, Christchurch
Avenue, Harrow HA3 5BD

For further details, contact Alastair on
07771735080, Parveen on 07956 630106,
or Ken on 07905 512194

Tickets are £10 a head.

To book a place, please scan the QR code
or visit: www.lions105a.uk/booking11





Out and about with DG Lesley

Find out what our DG has been up to recently

Wow! What an interesting few weeks! I broke my wrist on 22 November, which curtailed a few plans. However, thanks to Satnam, Andrew, Doreen, Robin, and Ann being my chauffeurs, I managed to attend the District Youth Celebrations with clowns, face painting, karaoke, and disco. I also attended Hendon Race Night with lots of friendly competition, Hayes and Harlington and Belmont Lions joint Christmas Tea Party for the residents of Mabel Evett's Court, where residents enjoyed playing bingo, singing karaoke, and receiving presents. I spent a memorable day as an elf with PDG Lion Doreen supporting 'Santa Andrew' at the Little Heath School, which caters to over 200 young people with learning disabilities. Each one of them got a gift thanks to Fairlop Lions. It was an amazing experience. A few days later, I helped chaperone young carers and their siblings to the pantomime of Peter Pan, who were sponsored by Fairlop Leos. Everyone had a fantastic time – great service Leos!



Santa and his elf at Little Heath School



Panto



Mabel Evetts Court Christmas Tea Party



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Race Night

Thank you to VDG Kadu for attending Enfield Charter in my place at short notice due to my injury.



I was able to attend Winslow Lions Club meeting. A busy club of 42 members with an active calendar of events to engage and support their local community. An interesting meeting with lots of questions and sharing of information. It is brilliant to see that the clubs in our District are not burying their heads in the sand but are reacting to the challenges of today's world and are seeking solutions and help with insurance, risk assessments, and DBS to ensure the legacy of their Club endures and their local communities continue to benefit and thrive from their support.

The ROAR National Awards were held on Zoom, and it never ceases to amaze me- the number of different ideas and solutions children develop to solve problems of the world. It was great to see the participation of so many different schools on camera this year and the excitement when the winners were announced for each District.

The administration of the district continues at a pace. Zoom meetings with the DG team, GAT team, the Finance committee, Zone chairs and Youth Exchange committee and with GLT Lead Rob Spragg in planning for the Information/Training sessions and Drop-in sessions which are increasingly well attended. Each session has a focus but there is also time set aside to talk, to ask questions, seek advice and gain ideas club events or service. Everyone is welcome, we learn something new every day and learning from each other often opens new pathways and avenues for us as members building a stronger more diverse Club and District.

Last year we started the New Passport to encourage New Lions and their sponsors to discover more about Lions and the Club and District they had joined. Any members who have completed the actions in New Lions Passport can send a scanned copy to the DG of the day, in this case, me - DG Lesley Spence lesley@harrowandpinnerlions.org.uk. Your effort to gain a greater understanding of what it is to become a Lion, and to be part of the amazing organization that is Lions Clubs International will be recognised at Convention if returned by 14 February. There will be a second recognition of success later in the year.

I have found it hard to have to sit out many of the end of year service activities of my club due to my broken wrist. However, seeing the wonderful service Lions from all over the District have delivered over the festive period is fantastic. We bring joy and a little hope to so many during this time, and we witness firsthand that #KindnessMatters.

Thank you to everyone who has played a part in making Christmas and this holiday season a little brighter for so many in our community. Wishing you all a Happy New Year.



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