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Proud Moment for Sudbury Lions Club

Sudbury Lions Club is delighted to announce a donation of £2,511 to support the Shiv Gyan Moti Lal Eye Hospital in Ujjain. This generous contribution will help provide vital eye care to those in need, improving lives and restoring sight.

Members gathered at the Blueroom Sports Venue to celebrate this achievement, enjoying fellowship and recognising the impact their service brings both locally and internationally. The evening reflected the spirit of Lionism – serving communities near and far, and making a tangible difference in people's lives.



Collection for Halo Charity

Ruislip Lions would like to thank the generous customers of Waitrose for their kind donations during our recent collection. With your support, we raised £314.27 for the Halo Children's Foundation, a wonderful local charity. Your generosity will help provide vital support to bereaved children and families in our community.



Small Acts, Big Impact

Earlier this August, Lions Jagnesh and Smita from the Lions Club of London Hendon joined volunteers at The Separated Child Foundation to pack over 400 arrival and dignity kits for lone refugee children. These kits bring comfort, dignity, and hope to young people arriving in the UK after incredibly difficult journeys. Both Lions described the experience as deeply moving and a reminder of why service matters. A huge thank you to Big Yellow Self Storage for their generous support, which helped make this project possible. Small acts truly can have a big impact.



Small Acts, Big Impact

A big thank you to the wonderful people of Pinner who supported our Lions stalls at the Pinner Village Show, organised by Rotary. Northwood, Harrow & Pinner, and Ruislip Lions came together to raise money for local charities, with all proceeds going to good causes. Your generosity helps us serve.



Foster Families Enjoy Day Out

Hemel Lions Club organised a special day trip to Southend for foster families. Southend President Tayf and Secretary/Zone Chair Bill were on hand to welcome Lion President Brian, along with Lions Frances, Marlene, Lorraine, Terry, and the families.



Clay Pigeon Shoot for Charity

Members recently enjoyed an afternoon with Rushden & District Lions Club at their annual Clay Pigeon Shoot, held in support of Brain Tumour Research. The event combined fellowship with fundraising, offering a chance to socialise while raising money for a vital cause. A wonderful day was had by all who attended.



Food Collection for Community Centre

Wembley Lions were able to collect surplus food from Wembley Stadium and delivered it to the Viking Community Centre. The cooked food provided 120 meals for the elderly and the dementia group. This service helps ensure good food reaches local people in need living on the Northolt estate and reduce waste. Plus 21 children were delighted to receive lunch packs filled with goodies.



Weekly Food Hub Update

This week at the Monday Food Hub, Lions distributed food donated by London Community Kitchen, Wenzels, and local supermarkets. We were also delighted to donate a Henry Hoover, making clean-up easier after each session. A huge thank you to our volunteers and to South Harrow Methodist Church for their ongoing support – together, we're making a difference.



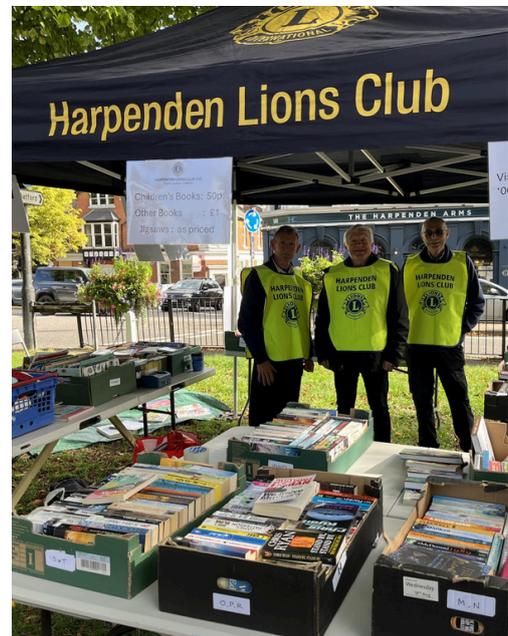
Clean Water for Makindo, Kenya

Fairlop Lions Club is proud to have supported a new borehole project in Makindo, Kenya, providing safe and reliable drinking water to families. This life-changing initiative will reduce disease, support farming, and give children more time for education. Our thanks to all Lions and partners who helped make this possible.



Harpenden Lions at Sustainability Market

Thank you to everyone who supported the Harpenden Lions second-hand bookstall at Sunday's Sustainability Market. Together, we raised £180 for youth initiatives. Visitors also learned about Lions' projects including Message in a Bottle, spectacles recycling, and hearing aid battery collection. We'll be back at future markets – visit harpenden-lions.co.uk to learn more.



Senior Citizens Fish and Chips Dinner

On 6 September 2025, Lions hosted the annual Senior Citizens Fish and Chips Dinner. Guests enjoyed traditional fish and chips followed by trifle, with entertainment from singer Dave, who covered a wide range of music. A raffle added to the fun, making for a joyful evening of fellowship and community.



Supporting the Spinal Injuries Association

Bletchley Lions recently donated £500 to the Spinal Injuries Association, which supports and gives a voice to the 105,000 people in the UK living with spinal cord injury. The Club is proud to back this vital work, helping improve lives and providing essential support to those affected.



Northwood Lions at Community Event

Members of Northwood Lions joined their Community Policeman at the Northwood Residents Association pop-up event, held by the War Memorial in central Northwood. By selling plants and second-hand books, the Lions raised nearly £200 for local charities. It was a great day of fundraising and community spirit.



Donation to Hospice of St Francis

After the sad cancellation of the Hospice of St Francis' major fundraiser due to poor weather, Lions wanted to help in a small way. A donation of £500 was made, and Lions Barbara, Lorraine, and Terry attended a coffee morning to meet the team. The Club looks forward to supporting again in future.



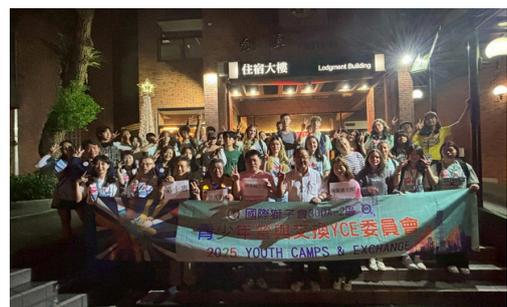
Young Lions on TV

Two young Lions/Leos from Burgess Hill Lions Club, Sussex were spotted on television recently in the crowd at the Ireland v New Zealand Women's Rugby match. Their Lions pride was clear to see – a reminder of the strength and enthusiasm of our younger members across the British Isles.



Youth Exchange and Support in Sri Lanka

Lion Steen shared photos of his son Christopher's Youth Exchange visit to Taiwan, where he experienced a new culture, gained friendships, and developed understanding. In addition, Lions provided uniforms for 23 children in Batticaloa, Sri Lanka. These initiatives highlight Lions' international reach – from youth development to education and community support.

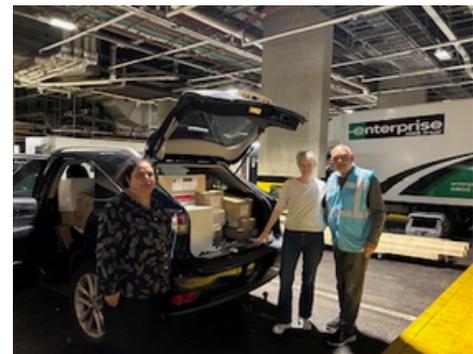


Coldplay and Oasis: Eat to the Beat

An email from Harrow and Pinner Lions Club led to building links with over six corporate donors to collect surplus food after concerts at Wembley Stadium. Wembley Lions Club agreed to handle the collections and were delighted to hear that 120 people enjoyed cooked meals, while 50 families received vegetables and store-cupboard items distributed through a Methodist Church and the Viking Community Centre.

The following collection brought quite a surprise - two large freezers and a full fridge needed to be emptied! After two car journeys to the Stadium, plus a van drop-off by a crew member, the surplus food was shared with the Harrow and Pinner Food Hub, another Methodist Church in Wembley, Acton Homeless Concern, and the London Community Kitchen, serving 1,017 individuals in total.

For the Oasis concert, the team was better prepared - or so they thought! This time, Jalaram Mandir was also added to the list of recipients, and fresh vegetables and fruit were distributed to even more people in need.



17th District Youth Celebration

The 17th District Youth Celebration is back at Allum Hall on Sunday 23 November 2025! This fun-filled afternoon is designed for disadvantaged and disabled young people aged 10 to 18+ and their carers. There will be disco, dancing, magicians, games, food, and much more. Book now, as places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come basis. The closing date for applications is Monday 27 October 2025. Don't miss this wonderful event that brings joy, laughter, and unforgettable memories to so many young people and their families.

 **17th District Youth Celebration** 
For Disadvantaged and Disabled Young People
Sunday 23rd November 2025

A theme based on Zootropolis



The District party is to be held on **Sunday 23rd November 2025**
at Allum Hall, 2 Allum Lane, Elstree, Herts, WD6 3PJ.
Tel 020 8953 3415 - From 1.30pm to 4.30pm

Disco - Singing - Dancing
Magicians - Clowns - Sideshows - Games
Face Painting - Food - Drink

There are 450 places available for 10- to 18+ year-olds and their carers on a "first come, first served" basis.
Closing date: 27th October 2025.

For bookings, please contact Lion Vijay Arora
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DISTRICT 105A NEWS



DG Harvinder visits

Time is passing rapidly. Most of our regular virtual and face-to-face meetings are now scheduled. In addition to attending and chairing these meetings, I have had the pleasure of visiting numerous Clubs for official and non-official business, fundraisers, and Charter events, as outlined below.

It demonstrates how time is passing swiftly, as we have already held meetings to plan the district 105A Convention. The hotel has been booked, and details are being finalised.

Tring LC Official Visit: This was a productive meeting, and it was gratifying to see that most of the members were present and actively involved in Club activities. The venue was equally comfortable. The Club and I eagerly anticipate their 53rd Charter in November.

Acton LC: I was invited to visit Acton Lions, accompanied by FVDG Dilip Shah, for their business meeting.

Central London Host Lions Club: I was invited to induct a new member, the nephew of IP A P Singh, who is also his sponsor.

MD Membership Summit: I attended the membership summit in Kenilworth, where all MD-wide District Governors were joined virtually by the second VIP, Manoj Shah. He reminded us once again of the paramount importance of recruitment and retention of new members.

London Metropolitan Lions Club: On September 8th, 31 Club members and officers were inducted, and President Desmond was presented with their Charter. The event was held at the Institute of Directors, with IPCC Kavaljit Dev, Guiding Lions Monita Hung, and Nilesh Palan in attendance. This was the first new Club formation of the year.

Hatch End Lions Club: I had the pleasure of attending the charity golf event and dinner in support of the Alzheimer's Society fundraiser.

I met with Nataliya from Ukraine LC, who presented their current projects and areas where they require support. The meeting was attended by five members from District 105A, five members from District 105SW, and some members from District 105SC.



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I also attended a virtual Council of Governor's meeting to discuss matters related to the district.

ZONE A Meeting: I attended a Zone A meeting, a fundraising Horse Race night in support of a local school, a social dinner with members of the Senior Citizen's Party Committee.

Sadly, I also attended the funeral of Tajinder Marway of Fairlop LC, who passed to higher service.

London St James's Lions Club: I made an official visit that was held in person and with members attending virtually.

Spouse's Charity Golf Tournament: I had a wonderful day attending a golf tournament and an evening dinner in support of Lion Karpal Virdee's spouse's charity, the Childhood Eye Cancer Trust. The event was well-attended and raised substantial funds for the charity.

I also attended a training session for new Cabinet members.

Luton Lions Club 53rd Charter Lunch: I attended a 53rd Charter lunch, where the Club presented a cheque of £300 to the Childhood Eye Cancer Trust. Lion Karpal Virdee expressed gratitude for the Club's support.

Finance Committee Meeting: A finance committee meeting was held to discuss the incoming DG's budget and other pertinent matters.

Watford Official Visit: An official visit was made to the Watford Lions Club. The meeting was well-organized, and a significant number of members actively participated in Club activities.

Mind Matters Webinar: We eagerly anticipate the Mind Matters webinar, which is expected to attract attendees from various countries.

Europa Forum Attendance: We are planning to attend the Europa Forum in Dublin during the month of November

Lets be UNITED IN SERVICE and serve by example.



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