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Pride of Lions

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District vision screener training



Vision training session

The last week saw the latest batch of recruits to the District's Child Sight screener training program in a village hall in Soulbury, Leighton Buzzard.

Three events were held in August (Luton, Harrow and Leighton Buzzard) to begin the training for new screeners as the number of school screenings is starting to gain momentum.

District 105A has screened approaching 2,000 school children out of a Multiple District total of around 12,000 but many more screenings are in the pipeline, which will mean we need many more trained screeners.

Five of our core trainers (Geoff Leeder, Kavaljit Dev, Rob Spragg, Keith Hedges & John Powell) facilitated during the latest round of training sessions, with almost 40 additional Lions completing the first stage of training. Lion Hasmita Solanki organised the Harrow event and participated as an additional trainer.

The next step in the process is for each of these Lions to "participate" in two live screenings being conducted with the current core screening teams. After participation in the screenings is over they will be issued with their ID badges and can participate on their own school screenings in various areas of the District.

If you would like to be trained as a screener all you need is some free time to be able to go into schools in the daytime, a current DBS Certificate (which must be on the update service) and a passion to help the Lions to catch undiagnosed eye conditions while successful treatment is easy and can make the biggest difference to the learning outcomes of our school children.

Please contact either Geoff Leeder (District Child Sight Officer), Rob Spragg (1st VDG) or Kavaljit Dev (District Secretary and MD Child Sight Committee member) for further information about the project, to seek screener training, help organise a training session in your area, or advise us of schools you have approached about the project.

Lion Rob Spragg
1st VDG District 105A

Harpenden Highland Gathering

On 28th July Harpenden's annual Scottish themed Highland Gathering, first held under the auspices of Harpenden Lions in 1996, was once again held in Rothamsted Park Harpenden.

The Chieftain for the day was the local MP, Victoria Collins, and the event was held in glorious sunshine. Featuring pipe bands, Highland dancing and games and stage performances from a variety of acts there were, in addition, a host of entertainments including children's races, archery and go karts. This year's event also included a Sealed Knot re-enactment of the 1640s – a time of Roundheads and Cavaliers and parliaments historic struggle of against the King during the English Civil War. The event raised thousands of pounds to support the Hertfordshire *Mind* network and Lions charities.



Lion President, Mark Deacon and his wife Hilary with Victoria Collins MP and members of the Sealed Knot

LCI Ethics:

To Seek success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.



Sun, swings and substantial giving

On Thursday, 21st May, Friern Barnet Centennial Lions Club played host to a spectacular Charity Golf Day, bringing together sportsmanship and community spirit for two fantastic charities.

The day kicked off at Stanmore Golf Club in a classic British fashion, with 72 golfers fuelling up on a full English breakfast before heading out onto the course.

Golfers were treated to a perfect scorcher of a day, with clear blue skies and temperatures hitting a beautiful 24°C. No doubt, the halfway house refreshments helped normalise body temperature!

The incredible atmosphere continued long after the final putts were sunk. The clubhouse filled as 120 diners gathered for a sumptuous Indian cuisine, camaraderie, karaoke music, prize giving, raffle and fundraising.

Massive thanks to the Golf Committee, club members, visiting Lions, golfers, sponsors, donors, guests and Stanmore Golf Club for making this day such a resounding success!



Golfers at the FBCLC Charity event

The tremendous wave of support and generosity raised a colossal sum of £14,444 which will support the vital initiatives of 'Lifelites' and 'Ashiana Charity Trust' respectively.

**Lion President
Harish Vyas
Friern Barnet
Centennial Lions
Club**

Kingsbury Lions at Convention

I attended the 108th Lions International Convention in Hong Kong.

The event was a memorable success with a diverse range of speakers from the worldwide Lion membership and a celebration of the arts featuring many renowned artists and musicians.

**Lion Secretary Jyoti Inamdar
Kingsbury Lions**



New Lions inducted

London St John's Wood Lions Club celebrated its 5th Charter Night on Friday 31 July 2026. The club also held their handover meeting and inducted two members on the night.

PDG Lion Max Mongia inducted the incoming officers; President Lion Amanjit Singh, Secretary Lion Ashit Samani, Treasurer Lion Meesha Shah and 1st Vice President Harish Marwaha.



New Lions Ajay Gupta and Bijal Thakore



Lion Mank Kara passing the collar to LP Amanjit Singh

We welcome Lion Ajay Gupta and Lion Bijal Thakore who were inducted by PDG Lion Vijay Arora.

The club raised over £1,000 for good causes on the night. The celebration was attended by 67 guests including The Deputy Mayor of Harrow Cllr Meena Parmar, PCCs, PDGs and Lions and their guests and families.

We wish President Lion Amanjit Singh and his team a very successful year ahead.

Lion Manji Kara

DG Dilip's Dialogue

My family of Lions & Leos,

It has now been two months since taking over the role of district governor for District 105A. It has been challenging but at the same time an enjoyable journey.

On behalf of Lions of District 105A congratulations to PCC Lion Kavaljit Dev on her appointment as GAT Area Leader, wishing you all the success in your new role.

Since my first attendance at a picnic and handover ceremony of Lions Club of Mill Hill on Sunday 19th July 2026 I have attended following events:

MD 105 Cabinet meeting on 1st & 2nd August 2026.

Handover ceremony of Lions Club of Chipping Barnet on Sunday 2nd August 2026.

Business meeting of Fairlop Lions Club (CIO) on Tuesday 11th August 2026.

Zone F meeting on Monday 17th August 2026.

Zone A meeting on Thursday 20th August 2026.

3rd Charter Anniversary & Handover ceremony of Lions Club of London St James on Friday 28th August 2026.

MD 105 Cabinet meeting on 31st August 2026.

I am pleased to say that our GLT lead Lion Rita Tanda has arranged hands on training event to help you get the most out of the Lions Portal and resources available to you on our District 105A website. The date chosen is Sunday 13th September 2026 at the Cloisters between 10:00 am to 1:00pm, book your place by 7th September 2026.

Lions Clubs International Foundation launched an appeal for support for Flood Victims in Nepal & China, support for Wildfire Victims in France & Spain and support for Catastrophic Flooding in India's Assam state. My sincere thanks to all the clubs for their generosity, dedication and unwavering commitment to service helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

I look forward to working alongside each of you as WE SERVE IN HARMONY & GROW TOGETHER.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Dilip Shah
District Governor – District 105A

My diary

Dates for September:

Sunday 13th September 2026 Portal Training at Cloisters Tuesday

15th September 2026 Convention Committee meeting

Monday 21st September 2026 GAT meeting

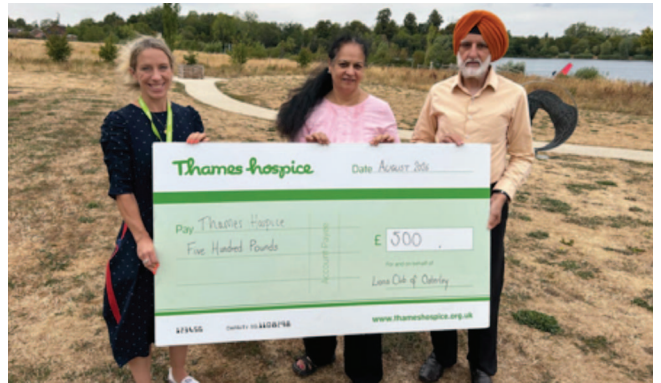
Monday 28th September 2026 DG Team meeting

Tuesday 29th September 2026 MD 105 Cabinet meeting

Osterley Lions help local hospice

Lions Club of Osterley's last benefactor for the 2025-2026 Lionistic year was Windsor Thames Hospice. A cheque for £500 was recently presented to the Hospice by Lion Gurinder and her husband Guljit.

Lion President Baljit for 2024-2026 had a very successful year with several donations made to a variety of different causes.



Osterley Lions presenting the cheque



Lions Club of London Golders Green (CIO)

CHARITY GOLF DAY 2026

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Join us for a fantastic day of golf, networking and charity at one of London's finest golf course
Sudbury Golf Course

**DATE**
Friday,
18th September 2026

**VENUE**
Sudbury Golf Club
London, HA0 1AL

EVENT SCHEDULE	
08:30 AM	Registration & Breakfast Buffet
10:00 AM	Welcome, Introductory Speeches & Group Photos
10:45 AM	18-Hole Shotgun Start
05:00 PM	Two-Course Dinner
06:00 PM	Awards, Trophies & Closing Speeches

COMPETITIONS & HIGHLIGHTS	
★	Nearest to the Pin
★	Longest Drive
★	Special Winners Awards
★	Exciting Sponsored Prizes

ENTRY FEES	
 Golfers	£110 Per Person
 Non-Golfers (Dinner Only)	£45 Per Person
 Sudbury Members	£55 Per Person

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