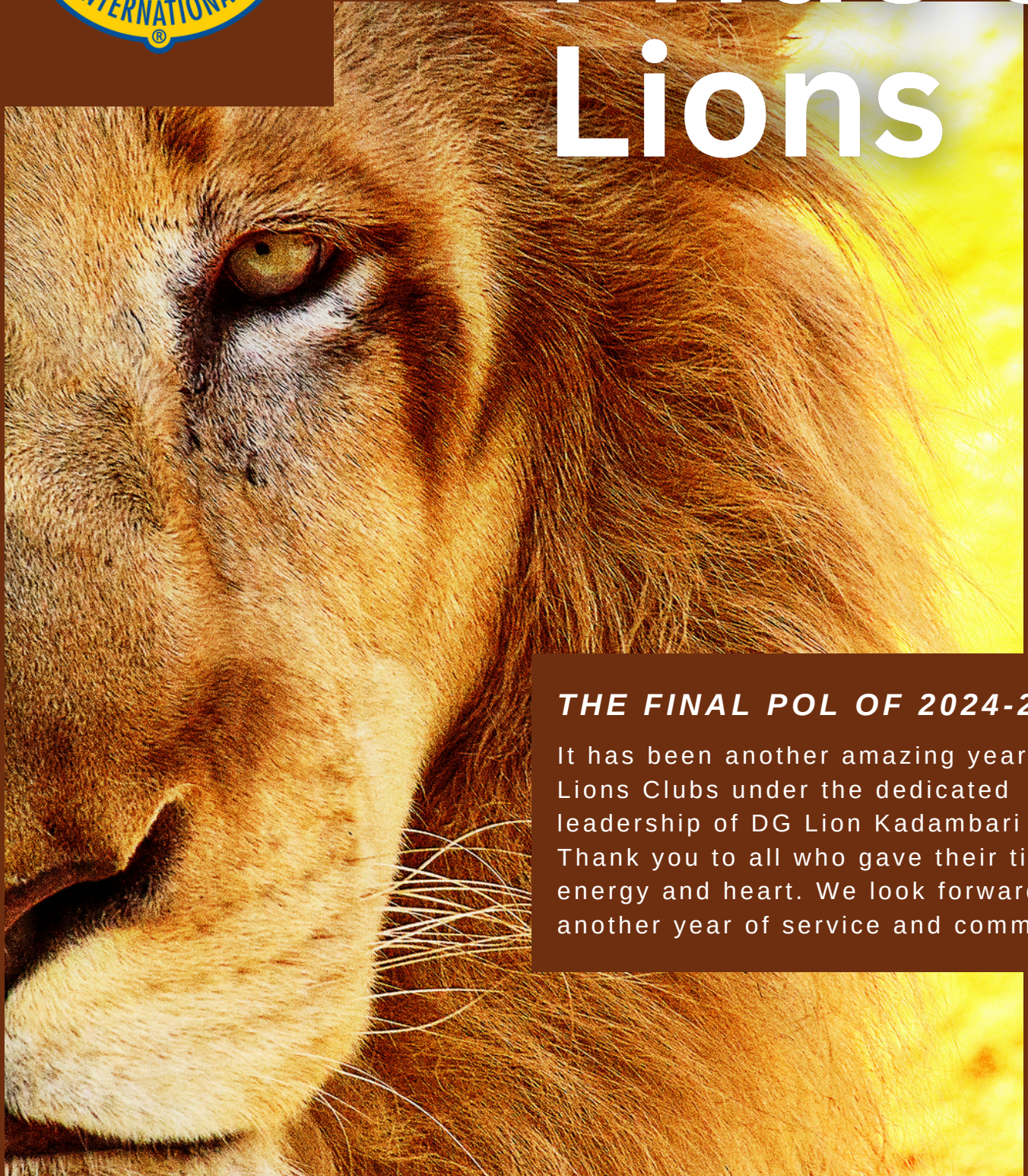




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Pride of Lions



THE FINAL POL OF 2024-2025!

It has been another amazing year for Lions Clubs under the dedicated leadership of DG Lion Kadambari Shah. Thank you to all who gave their time, energy and heart. We look forward to another year of service and community.

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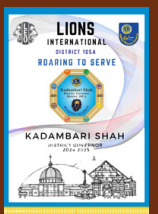


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A message from DG Kadambari Shah

My family of Lions,

As this memorable Lions year draws to a close, I want to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you. Together, we embraced our theme, "Roaring to Serve" with heart, energy, and determination - and the results speak for themselves. Thanks to your passion and commitment, we have made a powerful impact:

- Chartered 3 new Lions Clubs, 3 Club Branches, and 1 vibrant Leo Club
- Welcomed 266 new members into our family of service
- Served over 550,000 people across our communities
- Trained 100% of our Zone Chairs and conducted webinars and Drop-In sessions monthly

These numbers tell a story. Not just of growth, but of meaningful action. They are the marks we have made in the lives of others, and they stand as a testament to what we can achieve when we unite in service. From food drives to vision screenings, youth mentorship to disaster relief, you have roared with purpose and compassion. You have shown that no act of service is too small and no challenge too great, when Lions work together.

Leading this district has been one of the greatest honours of my life. I have witnessed firsthand the strength, compassion, and leadership that define our Clubs and our members. Each of you has contributed to the success of our district and the betterment of our world. For that, I sincerely thank you. You have truly made your mark as per our International President's theme for this year.

As we prepare to turn the page and welcome a new leadership team, I encourage you to continue this momentum. Let us keep building, keep serving, and keep roaring—because the world needs Lions now more than ever.

Thank you for a year of unforgettable service and leadership. Here is to the next chapter of impact, friendship, and hope.

I am proud to be a Lion. I am even prouder to have served alongside each of you.

In Lionism and with sincere appreciation,

Lion Kadambari Shah

District Governor

2024-25

NOTICE BOARD

District 105A was recognised at the Mission 1.5 Summit in Warsaw in June 2025 for achieving 200% of their targets for membership set by Lions International.

We will be closing the Lionistic Year 2024-25 as the top performing district in MD 105 for membership and service reporting.



This Lionistic year...



266
new
members



559,825
people served

A Visit to Our Twin District 121 in Poland - Strengthening International Bonds

By DG Lion Kadambari Shah

Following a warm invitation extended by District Governor Małgorzata of our twin District 121 during her visit to our District 105A Convention in March 2025, Kaushik and I were honoured to reciprocate with a visit to Poland for their Forum held over the weekend of 21 to 22 June 2025.



Set against the historic charm of Wrocław, the Forum offered a vibrant mix of Lionism, fellowship, and cultural exchange. With strong international representation, including 1st International Vice President Elect Mark Lyon and Lion Lyn. Lions from across Poland gathered to foster collaboration, exchange ideas, and celebrate borderless service.

DG Małgorzata and her team were gracious hosts, showcasing the warm hospitality that defines our global family. The event featured inspiring keynote speeches, project presentations, and panel discussions that underlined our shared commitment to humanitarian service.



Beyond the formal sessions, there was plenty of time for fellowship. Our delegation enjoyed guided tours of Wrocław, known as the “Venice of the North” for its charming bridges and waterways, as well as time spent forging deeper relationships with our Polish counterparts over shared meals and stories.

This visit reaffirmed the strength of the twin district partnership between 105A and 121 - a relationship built on mutual respect, shared values, and a collective vision for service. We look forward to welcoming our Polish friends again in the near future and continuing this meaningful exchange of ideas, culture, and Lionistic spirit.



District 105A Zone G's Final Zone Meeting

District 105 - Zone G met for our final Zone Meeting of the year on 3 June 2025 DG Kadu Shah attended & presented long service awards to Lions from Moor Park, Ruislip & Northwood Lions.

Two representatives from 1st Northwood Scouts were also at the meeting to receive a donation from money raised at the recent Zone Event - Race Night.

"We're indebted to Northwood Lions and Lions in general," said Scout Leader Richard.

The District Governor gave an inspiring speech, congratulating everyone on their efforts over the year and presenting awards to recognise members' contributions.

After the meeting, we enjoyed some refreshments before taking part in our Zone Service Activity: sorting and packing donated glasses for LCIF. We tackled several large boxes and filled multiple crates – well done and thank you to everyone who helped!



75th Charter Celebrations

By London Central Host Lions Club

London Central Host Lions Club, the 1st Club in British Isles, celebrated their 75th Charter in April 2025. This milestone stands as a tribute to decades of service, fellowship, and commitment to our community and beyond.

The Club celebrated its 75th Charter Anniversary with Dr. Patti Hill, Immediate Past International President and LCIF Chairperson, as the Chief Guest. Deputy Mayor of Westminster, Council Chair Kavaljit Dev, District Governor Kadambari Shah, PDGs, PCCS and many other Lions and non-Lions were part of the history that was made on the day.

"This moment is not just about looking back, It's about celebrating our roots, recognising our achievements, and recommitting to the future. We are immensely proud of the lives touched and the leaders nurtured through our platform." - Lion President Sonya Singh of London Central Host Lions Club.

Over the years, the Club has led countless projects, including Cancer, Vision, Environment, local health campaigns, Disaster relief fundraising, youth leadership initiatives, and more. As part of its 75th-year legacy, the Club also donated to LCIF and Mayor's Charity on the day.



£1,000 of Donations Agreed for June

By Newport Pagnell & Olney Lions Club

At a recent Newport Pagnell & Olney Lions Club meeting, several fantastic charities received support through generous donations approved by the committee.

First up, a 24-hour Charity Football Marathon at Ousedale School in Olney that was set for 21 and 22 June. The event was raising money for three great causes: Willen Hospice, Olney is Kind CIC, and Animal Equality UK. To help kick things off, a donation of £500 has been provided.

Next, Cystic Fibrosis Dream Holidays was granted £250. This wonderful organisation arranges much-needed UK-based holidays for families with children living with Cystic Fibrosis, providing essential respite and joyful experiences.

Finally, Age UK Milton Keynes received £200 to support their valuable work with elderly residents in the local area.

These contributions are part of ongoing efforts to positively impact the community through meaningful giving.

Planting fruit trees at Horsenden Grape and Honey farm

By Wembley Lions Club CIO

To mark World Environment Day on Thursday 5 June, a group of Lions rolled up their sleeves and got planting. Lion President Vinod, Lions P V Patel and Snehlata, along with Mr Nanda, headed to Horsenden Grape and Honey Farm where they planted fruit trees to mark the occasion. They were joined by special guest Mrs Veliben, mother of the late Hashmukh Bhudia (Mombasa Cement), who was warmly welcomed as the group's honorary guest on the day.



Dream Scheme

By Witney Lions Club

Witney Lions recently held their annual 'Dream Scheme' awards at Turner Hall in North Leigh – and what a brilliant evening it was! Nearly £4,000 was handed out to ten fantastic local voluntary groups, including everything from youth football teams to community cafés and support services.

Lion President Julie Surplice and Vice President Mike Chappell did the honours, presenting awards to: Witney Community Support Service, The Witney Shed, North Leigh Youth Project, Witney Vikings U11s, ARCh, Springfield School, North Leigh Community Café, Leafield Pre-School, 1st North Leigh Guides, and Witney Vikings Youth FC towards their 50th anniversary. Guests enjoyed hearing how each group plans to use their funding, and there was plenty of time to chat over a tasty buffet laid on by the Lions. A great celebration of community spirit all round!



4th Isleworth Duck Race

By Isleworth Lions Club

The 4th Isleworth Duck Race made a splash last weekend, and what a day it was! Held in partnership with The Royal Oak Isleworth, families turned out in force to enjoy live music, face painting and fun activities, all while cheering on their racing ducks.

The event raised an amazing £2,097.60 for Lions Charities and The Mulberry Centre! Huge thanks go to all the Lions and friends who gave up their time to help out (and snap some fantastic photos), as well as to L.B. Hounslow and Fullers for their generous support.



Recognition from Carers Trust

By Ruislip Lions Club

As part of Volunteers' Week, Ruislip Lions Jackie and Lynne were recognised by Carers Trust for their wonderful work supporting Hillingdon Carers at the Ruislip Manor Carers Café. It's a well-deserved thank you for their time, care and commitment.



Acts of service

By Waltham Forest Lions Club CIO

A food parcel was recently delivered to a single mother with three children – a small gesture that we hope brought a bit of relief during a difficult time. Every act of kindness, no matter how small, really can make a big difference.



Making a splash with Apsley Scouts

By Hemel Hempstead Lions Club

When Apsley Scouts – who have their very own lake – asked if Hemel Hempstead Lions Club might help fund a canoe, they didn't just contribute... they bought them a brand new one!

The Club attended the official launch of "Simba," the Scouts' newest canoe. While Lions Frances, Barbara, Brian, Lorraine and Terry sensibly stayed on dry land, Lions Marlene and Richard bravely took to the water for a celebratory paddle.

The Club were proud to have donated £3,750 towards this project – an investment that will surely bring joy and adventure to young people for many years to come.



Team Cottonmill

By St Albans Lions Club

St Albans Lions were proud to support the Women's Football Group at Cottonmill by funding their new football shirts. It's a small way to show our support for grassroots sport and help the team play with pride – both on and off the pitch!



Friern Barnet Centennial Charity Golf Day

By Friern Barnet Lions Club

The Friern Barnet Centennial Lions Club Charity Golf Day was held on 22 May 2025 at Stanmore Golf Course.

The event, which was organised to raise funds for Michael Sobell Hospice, was very well attended by over 70 Golfers and 30 Guests. The weather held up with sunny spells!

Golfers enjoyed the day, which began with a full English breakfast, delicious half-way house snacks, and a presentation evening with a 3-course Indian meal. Melodious music by a well known DJ/singer entertained all.

Dr Ros Taylor MBE, Medical Director of the Hospice, gave an insight into the vital services for patients with serious, life-limiting terminal illnesses.

Lion Harish Vekaria, Chair of the event, thanked all sponsors and donors. A total of £8725 was raised for The Hospice.



Supporting the launch of a new Food Hub

By Harrow and Pinner Lions Club CIO

On Thursday 5 June, World Environment Day, Harrow and Pinner Lions Club proudly supported the opening of a brand new Food Hub at Stanmore Baptist Church – the second community food hub in Harrow the Club helped bring to life!

Following the success of their first Food Hub at South Harrow Methodist Church, now running for over two years, the Club offered guidance and support to get this new site up and running. The mission is simple: rescue supermarket surplus, reduce food waste, and support local people.

The new hub launched with a ribbon-cutting by Cllr Anjana Patel, Mayor of Harrow, and hands-on activities like making reusable bags from recycled newspaper – tying in perfectly with this year's #BeatPlasticPollution theme.

Food Hubs like these help tackle the 9.5 million tonnes of food wasted every year in the UK, while providing much-needed support to those in the community.

Both hubs now open weekly: South Harrow Methodist Church on Mondays and Stanmore Baptist Church on Thursdays. The welcome is from 5:30pm (tea & coffee), and the food distribution is from 7pm – no referral or voucher needed. If you come, you'll be served. Simple as that.





Out and about with DG Kadu

Find out what our DG has been up to recently

