



Lions Club International
District 105A
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THE TEAM THAT
TURNS DREAMS
INTO REALITY

Pride of Lions

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MEMORABLE DAY AT CHESSINGTON

Now in its 7th year, Sunday, 16th May proved to be a fantastic and memorable day out for over 1,750 disabled and disadvantaged children, together with parents, helpers and fellow Lions, when Clubs from all over the District took part in this tremendous day at Chessington World of Adventures.

In some cases, this was the only family day out that some of the people there had had in the entire year, so it was something that was very much needed, and our thanks goes to the staff at Chessington for allowing us to do this. There was something for everyone of all ages: from dare devilish rides, to pressing your nose up to the glass where baboons and penguins put on show, (not together though!)

However, one thing I know for a fact is that this would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication from Lions such as Brindar Singh Nandra, VDGE Erach Amaria, Mike Cawdell and all those other Lions, who worked so hard to *realise a dream* for the DG.



"CRAFTY" OL' HERTFORD!

Hertford Lions Club are going all crafty on us, but not in the way you may be thinking...

On Sunday 27th of June, they have organised what can only be described as an enormous craft fair, with over 100 stalls booked, so there must be something there to please everyone.

For just a measly 50p entrance fee, (accompanying children get in free!), you can do something most of us only dream of, that is, to get your Christmas shopping done early. That's it, finished. No more socks and ties for granddad, no more overly priced bubble bath for mum and certainly no more last minute shopping on Christmas Eve!

More importantly, all the proceeds are going to the Isabel Hospice (a children and adult self help hospice), the Harefield Hospital, and the Stroke Unit at the Alexandra Hospital in Harlow. The fair runs from 10 AM to 4.30pm at Wolsey Hall, Windmill Lane, Cheshunt, Herts. For more information, contact Lion Angela Little on 01992 583213.

LITTLE STEPS—

THE NEW TACADE PROGRAMME EXPLAINED

Never let it be said that Lions are not in touch with the young people of today, for this year sees the launch of the Tacade programme designed for children in Reception class, i.e. 3–5 year olds.

This Tacade project, which has aptly been named "Little Steps" is an early learning years resource for teachers promoting personal and emotional development for 3-5 year olds.

It concentrates on life skills much needed by children, such as communications, peer pressure, bullying and how to cope with life in an ever changing world. This Tacade resource, which has been worked on jointly with the Education Department provides teachers with the support and training, giving them materials at their disposal to help assess and nurture the needs of a child. It will help bridge the gap between teachers, their parents and most importantly the children.

It was Harpenden Lions Club that first realised the need for such a project, devised under the Tacade umbrella, for use in schools across Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. They set about raising the needed £20,000, since each pack (nearly 400 in all if all the schools take it up) cost £60 each, with the rest of the money being spent on training the teachers. The schools cannot take part unless the teachers are trained.

So far to date, 9 clubs in the district have pledged donations, with some money coming from other sources, such as companies and individual donors. There is still a short-fall of approximately £2,500. The bottom line is this: if the rest of the money cannot be found, a number of schools will not be able to take part.

It is difficult to assess just how the children will benefit. In fact, the proof of how successful this is, will not be apparent until the 3–5 year olds of today, become the adults of tomorrow. If it is successful, and Tacade is starting to have a track record for its other projects, then in 15 years time, there will be our children or grandchildren sitting in on a Lions Club meeting somewhere in the District, advocating an updated "Little Steps" project like this one. The question is: Can we take the chance not giving the children a headstart in life? I hope your answer was "no".

For more information on the "Little Steps" Tacade Project, please contact Lion David Price, Harpenden Lions Club on 01582 712815. It is the best investment we can make on the Youth of Today, to become the Adults of Tomorrow.

Maria finally takes Roary out for a walk. By Doodler Jacqui Walsh



ONEWALK—AN EPIC JOURNEY

Have you ever been in a situation when talking about it just isn't enough anymore? We now have a chance to do something.

On Tuesday 22nd of June, Lions from all over 105A are being encouraged to take part in accompanying an extraordinary man, Chris Moon, on part of his epic journey of 1,284 miles (John O'Groats to Land's End). Our bit will be just 7 miles, in case you are wondering. Chris Moon, together with our help, is on target to raise **£1 million** for Leonard Cheshire Homes, an organisation dedicated to create opportunities for disabled people.

Chris himself, a former soldier, lost his right arm and leg, clearing land mines for the United Nations in Mozambique in 1995.

He thought it was incredibly important to visit London, which has added a further 300 miles, just by making this detour. In a recent interview in the Daily Telegraph, he said, and I quote, "For me this walk is about showing people that you can achieve amazing things in disadvantaged circumstances." Isn't our slogan "ordinary people, amazing things"?

Our part of the walk will start in Lords Cricket Ground, meeting between 11-11.15am and will end in Westminster, seven miles later. Along the way, there will be time for refreshments, and a t-shirt and goody bag will be provided.

Everyone needs to register beforehand, so you can get your sponsorship form and many handy tips, and general information with a simple phone call on 08444 41 11 11 or logging onto the website at www.onewalk.org.uk. For more information, please call Lion Maria Azcona on 01727 752919 or email her at pro@lions105a.org.

Chris Moon needs our support and as many people in our District to take part to show him *we care*. This is also a high media profile event, so the more Lions, the better. It is a fantastic opportunity to show "our stuff" to the public.

By the way, age is no problem. Maria is taking her boys, aged 7 and 9 on the walk, so she is making it a family day out, having gained special permission to take them out of school for such a worthy cause—and so healthy too!

Anyone who cannot take part, but would like to support Leonard Cheshire Homes, can sponsor Maria and her children on the above number.

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE: A FURTHER PERSPECTIVE

By IPDG Mike Baldwin—Bletchley Milton Keynes

I was interested to read the article about "Message in a Bottle" by Lion Vijay Jain of London Central Lions Club (May 2004) and congratulate the club on its work in this field.

However, I was a little puzzled by his question of "Yet how many (clubs) have taken up the gauntlet?" Puzzled because the answer is: nearly every club in Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire and Oxfordshire. In addition clubs such as Redbridge, Enfield and Northwood and others are all on board.

The Message in a Bottle scheme has been running for over 4 years within our District but it was only at the Bournemouth MD Convention that it was adopted as a Multiple District project. This was not for the want of trying on the part of your officers though. PDG Ram Jaggi, DG Elliot Shubert and myself raised the issue at Council of Governors on several occasions and we were delighted when the resolution proposed by Northwood Lions was finally submitted and agreed this year.

It is difficult to estimate, but at a conservative guess is that over 100,000 bottles have been dispatched throughout District 105A. There is also a huge level of expertise within this District built up over a number of years and the following very dedicated Lions can all help in advising on the best way to launch the project. Lions Roger Woburn (Biggleswade Sandy), Alistair Robertson (Bedford Harpur), Martin Morgan (Bletchley Milton Keynes), Les Westley (Leighton Buzzard), Maddy Radburn (Carterton), Gordon Acaster (Amersham & Chesham), and Doreen Carr (Redbridge), who brought the scheme into this District.

Other references which record club involvement and further explain the scheme can be found in DG's Newsletter throughout 2002, from Lions and Clubs such as Lions Monica Sage (Stevenage Coreys Mill), Doreen Carr, Mike Baldwin and Ram Jaggi.

I hope this article will help to expand even further this important scheme and I am delighted London Central are also spreading the word in a positive way.

Note from Ed: perhaps we should look at publicity outside the Lions family. As District PRO for the forthcoming year, I would welcome interested parties getting together to formulate and carry out a larger PR plan.

THE FINAL WORD GOES TO...

Having spent the last eleven months listening, writing, collating, laughing and crying over *Pride of Lions*, and its stories, articles, photographs and drawings, I thought it was about time I gave a brief resume of how it's gone.

When I was asked to be editor my first task was to find out just what YOU wanted. The Lions said, "More human interest stories, less cheque presentations". You also said that you wanted to be inspired and motivated, and that you wanted a publication where you could show it to a non-Lion, so they would want to know more about our organisation.

So, we set about, my team and I, which over time boiled down to a team of Elliot, Mike and Pat Moon, Jacqui Walsh "the Doodler" and myself. Many a night we have burned the midnight oil, getting it as spot on as we could.

Some of our favourite stories are those that were probably the easiest to write up, that is, stories from the heart, such as Mike Moon's piece about MS, the special Melvin Jones edition and the interviews and write ups about the unsung heroes such as Muriel Alexander of Witney and Giorgio Garofalo of Bedford. In search of the truth, we have attended new club formations, such as London Westminster, Hammersmith & Shepherds Bush and London Phoenix New Century, a variety of Zone and District events, and golf competitions (expertly organised and written up by Lion Peter Gent). The Leos have also featured in **Pride of Lions** like the Robert Clack Leos Panto, the Disabled Sports Day and Trauma Teddies Car Wash. During Christmas, we had an influx of Santas popping up in the most unlikely of places, running up hundreds of miles and thousands of smiles.

The bottom line is this: we changed "105A News" to "Pride of Lions" to give you ownership. This has been YOUR newsletter, your views and your stories; something you could read with *pride*. We have loved doing it. It hasn't always been easy, but at the end of the day, we achieved something innovative, different and forward looking, which we are proud. To all Lions who contributed in word or deed; we thank you and we appreciate your input.

Lions Club International
District 105A
District Governor
Dr Elliot Shubert



DG'S NEWSLETTER

REALISING
THE DREAM

HANDOVER 17 JULY 2004

The Handover from DG Elliot to DGE Max will take place on Saturday evening, 17 July 2004, at the Hilton Hotel, Milton Keynes. Information has been sent to all Clubs and District Officers. Please reply with your booking, as soon as possible, so that Sergeant at Arms, Luke Adams, can make the necessary arrangements.

DISTRICT GOVERNORS'S COMPETITION: GUESS MY OFFICIAL MILEAGE?

I live outside the District (in 105SE) and I have made official club visits, attended charters, District committee meetings and special club activities during my year as DG. All official visits (OV) have been listed on the 105A website. Submit your guess of the number of miles travelled by 30 June 2004 to Louvain Allen, District Competitions Officer. It will cost you £1 per guess. Funds raised will go towards Eileen's chosen charity, The Mental Health Foundation. The winner will be announced at the Handover on 17 July and will receive a bottle of champagne.

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The 87th International Convention will be held on 5-9 July 2004 at Detroit, Michigan USA and Windsor, Ontario, Canada. For more information look at the website www.lionsclubs.org or contact PCC Geoff Leeder for more details.

LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTES

Qualified Lions in Constitutional Area IV (Europe) will have an opportunity to attend the **Senior Lions Leadership Institute** scheduled to be held **26-30 September, 2004** in Rome, Italy. The deadline is **16 July 2004**. An **Emerging Lions Leadership Institute** in Europe is scheduled for **March 17-21, 2005** in Marseille, France. Applications for each event will be posted on the association's web site 4 months prior to the start date of the institute. http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/news_train.shtml

Lions with 5 years of service or less please take notice that an **Emerging Lions Leadership Institute** is being planned by the MD105 Leadership Development Committee for **13-16 January 2005**, County Hotel, Walsall, cost is £85. For details contact

PDG Lion Bill O'Neill lionwilliamoneill@supanet.com or
DGE Peter Crane LionPeterCrane@aol.com

Deadline for receipt of applications is **1 November 2004**.

REMINDER SECRETARIES: Annual Activities Form

This is a reminder to all Club secretaries that Oak Brook expects every club to submit an annual Activities Form. This provides valuable data for LCI to publicise the important service, fundraising and charitable activities of Lions Clubs collectively to the public via media outlets. The form was sent to all Clubs by the District Secretary. Please complete it today!

SURFING IN JUNE DG'S & DISTRICT DIARY DATES

- 1 June Carterton OV
- 2 June London Kingsbury OV
- 3 June Enfield OV
- 4 June Beaconsfield C.A OV 10th Wedding Anniv.
- 4-6 June VDG-elect seminar, Birmingham;
- 5 June MDO seminar, Birmingham;
London Finchley 26th C.A. OV
- 6 June Incoming Club Officers' Seminar, Presentation Skills Seminar, Ramada, Hatfield;
London Golders Green Lioness Handover
Guiding Lion Seminar (by invitation)
- 7 June Staines & Ashford OV
- 8 June London Seven Kings OV
- 9 June S. Herts Moor Park Golf Tournament
- 10 June Tring Cake & Plant Sale OV,
Zone E Social OV
- 11 June Membership meeting, MDHQ
- 12 June Witney 35th C.A. OV
- 13 June Hitchin OV
- 14 June IVP Ashok Mehta dinner, Wembley Plaza
- 15 June London Covent Garden OV
- 16 June Women in Service to the Community Seminar
- 17 June Denham & Northolt joint OV
- 18 June Greenwich-Woolwich OV with 105SE DG
- 19 June Chris Moon walkathon, North London
- 20 June Chris Moon Walkathon, central London,
Harpندن OV
- 21 June Great Missenden & Prestwood OV
- 22 June Hammersmith & Shepherds Bush OV
- 23 June Edgware Handover OV
- 24 June Sudbury C.A. OV
- 25 June Hertford Craft Fair, LEHP meeting, MDHQ
- 26 June Wembley Brent C.A./Handover OV
- 27 June London Hampstead OV
- 28 June Surf breaks at 12 midnight!
- 29 June
- 30 June

THANK YOU!

Eileen and I would like to thank everyone for the warm and welcoming hospitality we received during club visits, charters, socials, etc. We have made many new friends and we have had some wonderful experiences. We appreciated the flowers and donations to The Mental Health Foundation and District charitable causes. Being DG is a once in a lifetime opportunity and I will never forget that we were treated respectfully and with kindness by everyone. Lions is a great organisation. Thank you for helping me to realise some dreams.

Eileen and I would also like to thank CC Philip & Jacqui; DGs: Sylvia & Rocky, Ron & Norma, Alan & Penny, John & Judith, Bill & Janet, John & Margaret, Donal & Pat, Heather, Hugh & Susan, David & Karen, John & Joan, Brian & Pat; Council Officers: Mike & Val, Arthur & Sandra, Mike & Mavis; ID Howard & Claire; PIDs Phil & Jacqui, Colin & Val, Philip & Rita, Janet Davis & and MDHQ staff for their friendship and support.

IN MEMORIUM

It is with much regret that the DG has learned of the passing to higher service of:

3 May 2004 Ron Parker (Great Missenden & Prestwood)

I know they will be sadly missed and I extend my deepest sympathy to their family and friends.

Ron Parker was a charter member. He was President and VP on two occasions and he served as Chairman for both Fund Raising and Social. He also ran the 100 Club and the proceeds supported charitable causes. His cheery smile and north country wit will be sadly missed.

MODEL LIONS CLUB MEETING

After visiting 89 Lions and one Lioness Club during my year, I have acquired many impressions of what makes a good club meeting. Here are my views of the positive elements that make a meeting enjoyable, fun and informative.

- A bright and cheery welcome by the President with an appropriate joke, quotation or "thought for the day".
- Toasts to "The Queen", your club, and LCI. Keep formalities to a minimum (what's wrong with using first names?).
- An Agenda; club regalia displayed; a comfortable room separate from the public, chairs arranged theatre style or a table organised into a square or u-shaped.
- Apologies, minutes distributed and approved (not read to the members), one Code of Ethic and one Object read out loud by all Club members; condolences for any unwell members, immediate family, a national and/or international tragedy
- Officer and Committee Reports kept to the bare minimum, primarily as updates. Secretary should pass around all correspondence received. Break out for individual committees to meet for 15-20 minutes or committees meet half hour before club meeting, then a brief report to the club when reassembled. Keep it to the point. Explain briefly the committee's reason for the proposal. If you respect the committee's work then less discussion will be needed before voting.
- Rotas for service or fundraisers passed around for sign up rather than discussed during the meeting.
- Avoid allowing a member(s) to dominate the discussion. The more viewpoints that are heard, the more interesting the meeting.
- Break after 50-60 minutes first with taitwisting, then drinks and comfort break.
- A presentation by a local or national organisation, District Officer, DG, etc.
- Discuss at least one aspect of the club each month, such as how goals for membership growth are progressing, how fund raising activities are working, problems/successes with service activities, concerns about club in general (could be preceded by all members completing a questionnaire anonymously), etc.
- After AOB, end on a high note with a funny story, appropriate joke, inspiring quote, taitwisting, etc. All members should leave the meeting in a good mood. If this can be achieved, the members will look forward to their next meeting.

PRESIDENTS' AND SECRETARY'S AWARDS

Please do not forget to submit your President and/or Secretary award form to your ZC for authorisation. The ZC will forward the forms to me for approval and submission to Oak Brook by the end of July at the latest.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the new members of our great Lions organisation! You have joined the largest voluntary organisation in the world whose primary aim is to help those less fortunate. Thank you sponsors, for your vigilant efforts and interest in membership growth. More members means more service and more fun! As of April 2004, a total of 98 persons have joined Lions Clubs in 105A. The highest in MD105!

<u>Club</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Teddington	John Wells	John Lloyd
Bedford	Tont Gammons	Steve Bartlett
London Golders		
Green	Mandeep Nandra	Brindar Nandra Singh
High Wycombe	Rollo Turner	Malcolm Johnson
Wantage & Grove	Roger Jackson	Ernest Draper
Wantage & Grove	Sharon Evans	Sylvia Crossman
Wantage & Grove	Brian Evans	Michael Crossman
Royston	Colin Britton	Mike Cawdell
Tring	Andrew Reilly	John Bax
MK Stony Stratford	Charles Coolan	David Tunney
Ldn Walthamstow	Arthur Jeffrey	Mary Blundell
Ruislip	David Bright	Charles Worrall
Ruislip	Trudi-Lee Daughters	Geoff Brown
Ruislip	Jennifer Mordy	Charles Worrall
Ruislip	Joan Perdy	Keith Arnold
Ruislip	John Woodman	John Roxby

REACTIVATION OF UXBRIDGE & HILLINGDON

I would like to welcome the newly reconstituted U & H Lions Club back into the District 105A fold. U & H was on status quo for over one year. I approved reactivation after originally recommending their charter be cancelled.

It is a long story, but suffice to say, there are 3 returning members and 9 new members, the latter members were inducted on the 29th of May at a special ceremony. The new officers are: President, Rebecca Nelson; Secretary, Christina Habbishow; and Treasurer, May Hatton. I would like to extend my appreciation to Alec Spence (Harrow & Pinner), who was Guiding Lion for several years. I have appointed Andrew & Louvain Allen as new Guiding Lions. I believe the club will grow from strength to strength.

END OF AN ERA

It is with regret that I have to inform you that Great Missenden & Prestwood Lions Club has voluntarily terminated their charter. They have contributed enormously to their community over the past 23 years and I appreciate all that they have done in the name of Lionism. Several members will be transferring to other clubs in Zone L. Two clubs will adopt two of GM&P's major fund raising events: the cycle ride and a musical evening. It is notable that this past year, they have raised £3,000 and donated £4,500 to charitable causes since July. ZC, Doug Nower, and I will be attending a "last dinner" on 23 June.

THE END OF A GREAT YEAR

I am very appreciative of all the Club Lions and District Officers, who supported me throughout the year. Working as a Team you have helped me to realise many dreams. IP Dr T. S. Lee's theme of Innovation, was put into practise by many clubs, District Officers and yours truly, which has resulted in many new and exciting projects and programmes. I am very proud of our District for taking membership seriously and leading the Multiple District in total new members, net positive growth and increase in female members. Well done! Finally, thank you Eileen for supporting me.