**My Club Visits**

I must say what a pleasure it has been during my Club visits, meeting fellow Lions with a warm and welcoming reception.

One thing I would like to reverse, is a downturn in membership. Over the past couple of years, we have seen our membership in slow decline.

I am pleased to say, our District at this point in time is showing membership at 1,918. We should not be excited, but to continue and work hard to gain more members.

At the end of the 30th June 2005, the total number for District 105A according to the LCI was 1,820.

The International President, Lion Ashok Mehta, is a passionate member of this great organisation. He believes that we have a passion within us to help those less fortunate than ourselves, and that we can apply this same passion not only to serve and perform humanitarian services to others, but also to help our organisation develop and create future leaders in our community, by getting quality members.

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**Health, Safety & Insurance**

Several points arose during my visits to Clubs where members were uncertain of a Club's position and their own personal position regarding insurance.

Lions Clubs are all “Members Clubs”, which means that all members are jointly and severally liable in the event of a problem arising from the way in which their Club operates. Make sure that someone examines all contracts which a Club is asked to sign for the purpose of hiring premises, so that you are aware of the implication and consequences of your obligations.

In the case of premises, make sure that you do not take on a public liability responsibility which should rest with the owner.

The Lions public liability indemnifies members and clubs only against claim of injury to people or property arising from negligence of a part of a member or person known to be helping the Club.

It is my personal request that you invite Lion Mukesd Palan who is our Health, Safety and Insurance Officer to brief you in details on this subject.

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**Wishing all Hindu Lions a Very Happy Navratri - Diwali & Prosperous New Year**

Wishing all our Muslim Lions a Very Happy Eid-Al-Fitr.

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**Lions Club of Mill Hill Hydro Active Fun Run**

For the last 3 years, Lions Club of Mill Hill's ladies and daughters have been actively involved in one of the most successful Fund raising Women's event in the UK. It is a 5km Fun Run, sponsored by Hydro Active (by Flora margarine previously) for women of all ages.

In London the Fun Run is held in Hyde Park every year, on the 1st Sunday of September. 75,000 women participate in this event nationwide.

In the last 2 years the Lionettes have managed to raise £5,500. This year, they hope to raise over £2,500. which will be donated to “Sargent Cancer Care for Children” and “Make a wish Foundation”.

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**Osterley Club**

A Branch of Feltham and Whitton

Charter President Elect Lion Nimmi Sari and her members welcomed District Governor Eric Amaria and Dist. Officers Kumar, Alf and Zone Chairperson Sylvie at their club meeting on the 8th Sept. at Osterley Park Hotel. DG Eric inducted 4 new members Harjit, Ranjit, Savita, Surinder and presented two Melvin Jones to Neveen and Jenniffer, non Lion members for their contributions ... Lion Ambassador at the Edinburgh Festival to perform Classical Dance. She was kind enough to perform a dance for DG Eric, and do will be under threat.

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**My Diary**

1 Oct  London Hornsey 'Mexican Evening'  
2 Oct  London Central (OV)  
3 Oct  London Finchley (OV)  
4 Oct  Enfield (OV)  
5 Oct screening of film 'Thicker Than Water'  
6 Oct  Hon. Sec's Meeting  
7 Oct  Lion's Day at the Osterley Club  
8 Oct  Osterley Club Change of Venue  
9 Oct  2nd President's Meeting/Presentations  
10 Oct  Osterley Club - Change of Venue  
11 Oct  Club Change of Venue  
12 Oct  Club Change of Venue  
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**Send in your news and views and let's share in the success of 105A**

District 105A News

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DG Lion Erach Amaria

The City of London Lord Mayor’s Show - by Lion Ken Rouse

Our joint entry with Districts EA, SE and D, in this year's Lord Mayor's Show has “Membership” as its theme, and the slogan “Anybody can be a Lion” and to reinforce this point all 50 Lions walking with the float will depict every type of occupation. A has been kindly donated to us and this will be decked out with various banners advertising Lions and as usual Roaty the SE Lion will be on parade being transported in a golf bag - he is a great favourite with the children.

We have had very good BBC TV coverage in live and later broadcasts over the past five years, and we are hoping to achieve similar coverage this year. Ideal publicity with half a million people on the route and a world wide TV audience of 15 million!!

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**High Wycombe - Change of Venue**

Please note that from October 2005 High Wycombe Lions Club will have a new venue for their meetings: Broomwade Sports and Social Club, High Wycombe, HP14 4LA.

The meeting details remain unchanged: business meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.30 for 8pm; social meeting / variable. E-mail Lion Dennis Wheareley: dennis@pimms.entadsl.com

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**Any Lion, Les or Lionesses can attend the Cabinet Meeting held on 14th October**

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DG Erach’s News

District Officers: Why not write an article about your task and send it to the Editor NOW!

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**A Warm Welcome to our New Lions**

Hounslow  Dinesh Pandit  
Barking  Eileen Tyler  
London Acton Gian Singh Khargour, Mohan Singh Mamman, Gurmeet Singh Sandhu  
Denham  Paul Frost, Margaret Travell  
Tottenham  Eulene Perez  
Hitchin  Liz Lowther  
Redbridge Anthony W Holton  
Beaconsfield Ian McIlroy  
Tring  Frank Campbell, Derek Grant,  
Southall  Jagit Sohal  
St. Albans  Louis Marie  
Luton  Kim Kennedy, Michael Kennedy  
Amersham  Dorothy Parter  
High Wycombe  Lily Noble, Horace Noble  
Bletchley  
Milton Keynes  Ollie Dale, Jane Petrie, Scott Petrie  
Cartherton  Rosemary Gibbens  
Hertford  Janet Gould  
Letchworth  Rachel Addy, Christopher Lewis  
Northwood  John Fursman  
Ruislip  Allan Kauffman  
Stevenage  Frances Hart  
Thame  Christine Wrench  
Winslow  Tony Ososki  

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**Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

Lion Erach Darutwalla,  
Thank you for your letter of 30th August 2005 regarding your role in the Annual Remembrance Sunday Poppy Appeal. On behalf of Lions Clubs International and our District 105A I would like to thank you for your thirty years of dedicated and devoted services. The work you do for the community and the needy is exemplary.

I wish you the very best.

DG Erach Amaria
MINI BUS APPEAL
by PDG Ram Jaggi MBE
District International Relations Officer

You may recall me sending an appeal in February of this year to raise funds for a mini bus to be used for taking poor villagers in Malawi to the LCIF funded SightFirst Hospital in Blantyre, Malawi. I sincerely thank all the clubs who have sent donations for this worthwhile cause.

Of the anticipated cost to meet the above objective, there is still a shortfall of £8,000. We are near yet so far off meeting our end goal of £18,000 for implementing this proposal. Fellow Lions, I cannot overemphasise that this project is one of endearing kindness. We have the use of the hospital for eye tests at our disposal, but lack of transport is not enabling its full utilisation for local people to reach there to get their eye tested.

Your additional generous donations will make it possible to provide a mini bus to enable villagers to reach the hospital to keep this project alive.

Please send your donations through your District Treasurer with the endorsement on the back of the cheque: ‘Mini Bus Appeal’.

I equally thank you for your ongoing support for our other International Programmes of WaterAid, Malawi Education, Dent Aid and many more deserving projects. Please continue your contribution as with your help and support we are going to reach those areas hitherto untreated before.

D & D Party
20th November 2005

Moor Park Lions
The Ashes - Lions Version

Moor Park Lions joined the Paul Strickland Scanner Centre on 19th September at the RCT Cricket Ground in Harrow for a 20/20 overs cricket match come barbecue, writes Lion President Himanshu Bavaria.

The match kicked off at 10.30. Our Lions having won the toss, elected to bat, scoring a phenomenal 113 runs beating Paul Strickland by 5 runs. Though it was an awareness campaign for Lions, as well as the Paul Strickland Centre based at Mount Vernon Hospital, Moor Park Lions managed to raise £325, which was donated to the Centre. This centre specialises in providing computerised scanning to the National Health Service as well as the Private healthcare sector in the UK providing CT, MRI and PET scans.

The match was followed by a BBQ, children’s cricket, ladies rounders, Tag-of-War, and bingo ending the evening by dancing. Moor Park Lions will be organising a special fundraising event on 29th April 2006 at the London Science Museum (TBC) to help raise funds towards their £1.4 million appeal to buy the much needed state of the art scanner.

St. Albans Leos
The Ultimate Beer Fest

Watch out in November's edition when St. Albans Leos will be reporting on the phenomenal success of the Annual St. Albans Beer Festival being held from 28th September to 1st October.

Watford Lions Club
Horsing Around

The Lions Club of Watford held their annual Charity horse Ride on Saturday 10th September at Great Westwood Equestrian Park at Langleybury near Kings Langley, writes Club Secretary Lion David Warren. The 144 acre site provided a series of challenging obstacles suitable for beginners right up to the expert rider. Although all the jumps were optional, each rider needed to clear a minimum of twenty five jumps in their own time around a marked course.

Despite the day starting out somewhat wet and dreary some 150 riders seemed to enjoy the ride, reports our Entries Secretary Mrs. Kay Williams.

The club was helped on the day by the majority of Lions Clubs and the Leo Club in Zone H, plus a Lion from Boscobine Lions Club, (a former Watford Club member who makes this trip annually for this event). The main beneficiary from the event will be one of the Hertfordshire based “Riding for the Disabled” groups.

The Watford Club would like to thank everybody who helped on the day. It was indeed a day to remember and to be repeated next year.

From the Editor

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Thank you.

Maria Azcona

Admin Matters

In order for the Clubs to function to their fullest capacity, it is vital that all Club secretaries email addresses are totally up to date. Could all secretaries PLEASE email Lion Parveen Verma, District Secretary, their email addresses to make doubly sure these are correct as well as advising of any change of addresses for Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers.

E-Mail Parveen on: ds@ lions105a.org

Also, District Treasurer Lion Dilip Shah, asks that all Clubs settle their invoices for District Dues, MD Dues, Youth Fund and MD Insurance as soon as possible. A bit like housework: It only ever gets noticed and doesn’t work right if it’s not done!

Harpenden Lions Celebrate
The Notes of their Success at Rothamsted

You may recall that Harpenden Lions Club held a charity fund raising classical music concert at Rothamsted earlier this year. As a result a cheque was presented to Relate Herts Central to support the work they do in providing relationship counselling to the local community.

John Bailey, Chair of Trustees, Relate Herts Central, attended a celebration barbecue at the Carpenters Arms with the Lions in Harpenden to accept the cheque for £400.

The concert was held in The Great Drawing Room, Rothamsted Manor, Harpenden. Three young musicians - clarinet, soprano and piano - entertained the audience and made a difference.

The Ashes - Lions Version

The presentation of the cup to the winning teams

Relaxing in perfect August weather at the match.

The Lion

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