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# 105A NEWSLETTER

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## Fun Day on the Sun Day



On Sunday 8th September 2002, the District 105A Jubilee Family Funday & Barbeque with a Sponsored Walk was held at the Berkhamsted Cricket Ground, Berkhamsted. Everyone seemed to be having a good time. There was a lot of fellowship on the day and once again the sun shined throughout this event. Seen in the picture on the left are a few of the Lions who decided to be slightly more daring than others and went for it on the big ride, amongst them, DG Mike Baldwin, feeling top of the World (well, top of the ride, at least!).

### Cricket for Under-privileged by Lions Club of London - Golders Green

The club undertook the task of Brent Summer Plus connect Behaviour improvement programme for children aged 8 to 19 years old. The Funding from Brent Council helped our Club to organise Summer Activities for these children. Some of the activities were Educational, Sports, Self-Defense, Cooking, Drug-Awareness, IT Lessons and outings. In total we managed 75 children via 4 organizations. These children were kept busy during summer holidays to keep them away from mischief & crime. As part of this programme, we had a Cricket Tournament on Monday 26th August 2002 to bring together young people. The teams were made up from young people who had successfully worked together as part of the Summer Plus initiatives. The tournament was the finale to celebrate young people's involvement in the summer programme. Our District Governor Mike Baldwin, ZC Vijay Arora, Mayor of Brent Cllr. Abdul Sattur-Butt, President of Lions Club of London Golders Green Shiv Sharma, Officers from Brent Council and many fellow lions attended the Tournament which was a GREAT SUCCESS. As part of the project 20 girls (not interested in cricket!) were taken to see the West End musical Bombay Dreams. Future events are being planned to take disabled children on a couple of trips.

Lion Kirit Morjaria

### MERCL TEAM - CAN WE HELP YOU ?

We are the MERCL team willing to help your Club in any way we can. Do you need help with a membership drive, We can help or put you in touch with Lions and their Clubs who have run successful membership drives. Do you have new members who would like more information. We have Orientation Lions able to give Clubs a History of Lionism. We can help with the formation of new Clubs. We have a "tool box" full of ideas to help, The MERCL Team members are

Membership &

Extension

Retention

Club & Zone Support

Leadership & Training

Lion Louvain Allen

Lion Ram Jaggi

Lions Charles Perry and Afzal Rai

Lion Mike Hendy

VDG Lion Elliot Shubert is part of the team being our PR guru. Phone or Email us if we can help in any way, we are all listed in the Yellow directory.

### Thought of the Month

Only One Life, it will soon be past - Only what is done now will last !

## Meet your District Secretary - Lion Parveen Verma

I am Lion Parveen Verma, your District Secretary, Past District Governor and a member of the Lions Club of Chipping Barnet. My duties are delegated to me from time to time by the District Governor and the District Governor's Cabinet. All my actions are taken under the supervision of the District Governor (DG) as he is the one who appoints me. Firstly, as Secretary to DG and Cabinet I am responsible for preparing the Agenda in liaison with DG for the four Cabinet meetings held every year. I am also to assist the DG and Cabinet members in smooth running of the cabinet meetings and ensuring that the Cabinet Members have sufficient information together with minutes of all meetings. Secondly, my role is to liaise between DG, District Officers and Clubs. This involves in ensuring that the information required to be disseminated by DG, District Officers and Cabinet reaches all clubs so that they in turn can pass the information to the Lions at club level. My third role is to liaise between our District and Multiple District and International. It inevitably involves obtaining information from clubs and / or Cabinet and then



forwarding the information obtained to Multiple District. The above three specific roles are combined with duties usually associated with the role of a secretary in any organisation and specific roles in District 105A which depends entirely on the DG of the day. I am always willing to assist in any manner whatsoever and am always indebted to clubs and Cabinet Officers for their assistance and co-operation in assisting me to ensure the smooth running of the District. A satisfying and demanding position.

**Lion Parveen Verma**

### Youth Award Scheme 2002 - 3

This is a very worthwhile scheme which is a positive way of recognising, helping and encouraging our young people who are actively involved in the welfare of their community as well as promoting volunteering and Lionism at the same time. It can also provide the opportunity for some wonderful P.R. All Clubs must by now have received a Youth Award Application form and Youth Award Officers Guide. I have, in conjunction with Lion Erach Amaria (Peace Poster Officer), started a programme of visits to Clubs and Zones to explain the Scheme, answer queries and offer help and support in the quest for a candidate. The Youth Award is open to young people of 15 and no older than 19 on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2003. It is judged principally on the quality and depth of an individual's community involvement combined with their personality and leadership skills. Bursary prizes are awarded at District and M.D level, which the winning candidates use for the benefit of their chosen community project. The closing date for this Award application is 15<sup>th</sup> December 2002 and the District Final has been arranged for 19<sup>th</sup> January 2003 at the Quality Hotel, Hatfield. The M.D Final takes place in Nottingham on the weekend February 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> 2003. As a District, we usually manage to find 6 to 8 exceptional young people to take part in the Final. Please give the young people of your community the opportunity to take part, learn what motivates our youth and above all encourage and give them your support. Please keep me informed of your progress and also dates of any club finals. Details of your Youth Award Officer for 2002/2003 would be helpful so that I can contact them directly.

**Lion Doreen Carr, District Youth Award Officer, Redbridge Lions Club**

### Message of Thanks

*I would like to thank all Lions, Leos and partners for their kind good wishes after my recent operation. I did have a slight set back when the veins they removed from the leg got infected but am fine now, playing bowls and making a general nuisance of myself.*

**Lion Keith Tooley**

*My personal thanks to all Lions, Lionesses, Leos and their Partners & Friends for their support last year to help raise funds for my chosen charity, "Breast Cancer Care". A total of £21,640.48 was donated to Mount Vernon Hospital for the purchase of breast boards. It was a wonderful and memorable experience which I will never forget, thanks to you all.*

**Shashi Jaggi (IPDG's Wife)**

### From the Editor's Desk

*Fellow Lions, Lionesses, Leos and Partners I would like to thank you all for the messages of condolences and sympathy sent to me and my family following the sudden demise of my Father on 26th August 2002. I am deeply touched to know that so many messages arrived from the family of Lions, some of whom I have yet to meet in person. As the saying goes, "There are no Strangers here, Only Friends we haven't yet met." On behalf of my Mum and the Mehta family, Thank You All.*

**Lion Minesh Mehta**

### CHARITY AUCTION

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By  
**Lions Club of Milton Keynes**  
(Stony Stratford)

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**2 places to join the FA for  
a day as part of the squad  
at one of England's  
international matches in  
UK next year**

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**Tour of Players Dressing  
Rooms**

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**Visit the Players Lounge**

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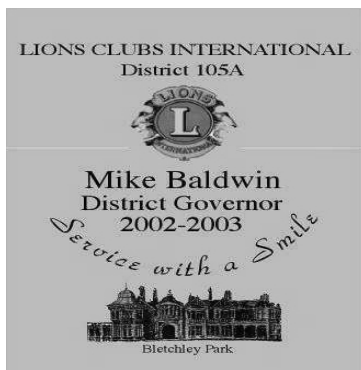
**A unique Opportunity**

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**@ the club's Charter Night  
Dinner & Dance  
Wilton Hall, Bletchley  
on 2nd November 2002  
7 pm for 7.45 pm**

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**Contact  
David Tunney  
Milton Keynes 314573**



# Lions Clubs International

## District Governor's Newsletter

Mike Baldwin District Governor



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**To all Lions Lionesses and Leos**

### **To all our Asian friends for 4 November**

Aap sab ko Diwali aur Nava Varsh ki bahut-bahut Badhai ho. Bhagwan aap ko Sukh, Shanti, Sampada aur achchi Sehat pradan kare. Miljul kar Lions ka karya parishram ke saath karte rahen. Shubh Kamnaon sahit.

*(Wishing you all a very Happy Diwali and a prosperous New Year)*

Mike tatha Janet Baldwin

### **Funday**

Funday at Berkhamsted cricket ground has come and gone but what a lovely day. For once the sun shone down on us all day and we had a great time. Some 40/50 Lions and friends took part in the sponsored walk and it was a pleasure to be walking by the Grand Union canal. Numbers at this event are seldom high and that is a great pity because it generally has something for the whole family. This year the number of young people there was noticeable (some the children of, and also some the grandchildren of Lions) and I was delighted to see them. I am pleased to say that the support for the walk means that the Senior Citizens party in February is safe in terms of funding so thank you to everyone for that. My thanks go to all the committee for their sheer dedication under the direction of Lion Peter Gent. Also to those who brought the food stalls, Lions Club of Feltham & Whitton and London Golders Green, and to Lion Martin Jenner for the music and PA system. I can confirm that the engine driver for Lionel the Engine brought over by Leighton Buzzard Lions does have a drivers licence although some doubt was thrown on this by a young passenger who wondered aloud "Does he have a licence?" I can also confirm that Lion Phil Taylor is best at Welly Wanging and that there are a number of Lions who couldn't throw a wobbly let alone a welly. Lion Christine Wilkes won the Victoria Sponge prize, after intense competition.

### **Members Winter Forum 6 October**

Organised by The Lions Club of High Wycombe at the High Wycombe girls school. As I write this note I have no idea of the participation although all my club visits indicate it should be high. It deserves to be. Firstly because of the dedication of High Wycombe Lions and secondly because of the programme which is as comprehensive as any I have seen. Thank you PDG Lion Mike Hendy. A full report will be in the November newsletter.

### **Club Visits**

One of the most pleasurable parts of being a DG for me is the club visit, and even more pleasurable is when I am asked to conduct an induction. This has happened seven times in September and I have been delighted to help.

### **Obituary**

It is with great sadness that I have to tell you of the death in September of Lion Doug Edwards of Harrow & Pinner Lions Club. Our thoughts are with his family. I would also like to pay tribute to our Editor Lion Minesh whose Father died in August. Nevertheless Lion Minesh carried on his work and produced the September Newsletter for us. Thank you. I know that there have been other family bereavements recently and offer the condolences of the family of Lions to all those who have suffered.

### **Janet's Appeal: The Stroke Association**

Janet would like to thank all of you who have already responded to her appeal for the Stroke Association. We are very grateful for your generosity.

*Your God never asks about your ability or inability only about your availability*

## Welcome New Members

A very warm welcome to the following new members: 19 new Lions have been inducted in July August. Thank you all.

Ved Ramrakha	Greenford Willow Tree
Chris Edwards	Harpenden
Philip Hall	Harpenden
David Murphy	Harpenden
Rosemary Owen	Wallingford District
Michael Freeman	Winslow

## The Leos

I am delighted that Janet and I have been able to be part of the work of two of our Leo Clubs during September. First by carrying out the installation of the Board and Officers of the Leo Club of London Golders Green. I was honoured to be asked to do this and we had a great time with them. Congratulations to the board and to Leo Neil Sumaria ( Secretary ) Leo Rajiv Tanna ( Treasurer) and especially Leo Vishal Raja ( President ). Then we were able to spend time with the Leos from St Albans as they worked very hard at the St Albans Beer Festival. This is a major fund raiser for St Albans, last year raising some £2,500 for them. This money is disbursed very quickly by the Leos and is so put to good use straight away and both Janet and I were surprised and delighted when Janet was presented with a cheque for £500 for The Stroke Association. This is a significant contribution from St Albans Leos and we thank them very much.

## Membership Reports

Could I ask all club secretaries to continue their good work and complete and send their Membership Reports to the Acting District Administrator ( Lion Ivor Poole ) [admin@lions105a.org](mailto:admin@lions105a.org) as soon as the second monthly meeting has taken place. I am pleased to report that only 7 membership reports are missing for July and as at 20 September 12 clubs had not reported the August figures. This does cause trouble though because we do have to chase clubs and it should be avoidable. There are 3 clubs in the district who have not submitted membership forms for July and August. To those clubs please catch up during September. The overall situation is very positive. Well done to all clubs and thank you.

## Youth Matters

Following a recent Youth Team meeting chaired by the Opportunities for Youth co-ordinator I am pleased to say that entries are being received for the main youth competitions, Youth Award, Peace Poster and Youth Football. The draw for the Youth Football will be with you soon but there is still time to find a candidate for Youth Award and for a Peace Poster entry. These are very worthwhile projects and if your club has not been involved in the past why not have a go. Contact [peace@lions105a.org](mailto:peace@lions105a.org) Lion Eric Amaria who is the co-ordinator.

## Lord Mayors Show

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November is the date of the Lord Mayor Show and the procession through the streets of London. It's a great day out and great PR opportunity. For information contact [sergeant@lions105a.org](mailto:sergeant@lions105a.org) or [training@lions105a.org](http://training@lions105a.org)

## Club News

There are many clubs and individual members within District 105A who are carrying out exceptional work, and therefore if I mention one it is not at the exclusion of the others. However, I want to say thank you in this newsletter to the **Lions Club of Greenford Willow Tree** who have recently donated £11,000 for a minibus and ambulance to the Institute for disabled children in India and a further £6,000 for eye camps. Many people will benefit from these donations.

## Now you can have your cake and eat it !!

### From Self Raising Flour to Self Raising Funds

Started in 2001 Worthing Lions Club in District SE has been buying and selling Lions Cottage Cakes. Since inception just over 6,000 cakes have been bought and sold under the Lions fund raising banner. Each cake sold raises £1.50p and each cake is labelled with the Lions Logo offering excellent PR opportunities. Most clubs in SE are in the scheme. Worthing Lions are now offering clubs in 105A the chance to join in. I have full details and I have tasted the cakes ( there are about different types, e.g. fruit cake, iced cake ) and they are delicious. If any club would like further details you can ring me on 01908 373966 or write to Lion John Sayles on [john.sayles@freezone.co.uk](mailto:john.sayles@freezone.co.uk) and I am sure he will be happy to send you details. Bon appetit!

## DG's Diary

October 1	Carterton	OV
October 2	Ealing	OV
October 3	IT Meeting	
October 4	Hemel Hempstead	CA
October 5	Enfield	CA
October 6	Members Winter Forum	
October 7	Buckingham	OV
October 8	London Hornsey	OV
October 9	London Seven Kings	OV
October	Ealing 25 <sup>th</sup>	CA
October	Cabinet with Partners	
October	Witney	OV
October 16	Northwood	OV
October	Biggleswade Sandy	CA
October	Bletchley, Milton Keynes	CA
October	Teddington	CA
October	Newport Pagnell & Olney	OV
October 22	London West	OV
October 23	Leighton Buzzard	OV
October -27	Council of Governors	
October 27	Amersham & Chesham	CA
October -31	Plan Convention 2003	