

# PRIDE OF LIONS

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## *Hunger Awareness Month*

January is Hunger Awareness Month. If your club has done something for this month, please send in your article to be featured in the next issue. Our contact details can be found at the bottom of page 11.



DG KARANJEET KAUR ASSAN

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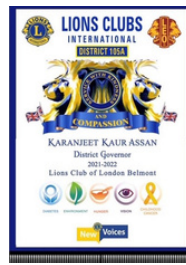
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# NOTICE BOARD



## Welcome to the team

Below are the names of the newest additions to our family of Lions. Congratulations to:

- Auram Patankar – Greenford Willow Tree Lions Club
- Sudipto Bose – St Johns Wood Lions Club
- Harish Marwah – St Johns Wood Lions Club
- Rita Shah – St Johns Wood Lions Club
- Raghav Hathwar – Milton Keynes Central Lions Club
- Jayesh Morjaria – Milton Keynes Central Lions Club
- Pritesh Patel – Milton Keynes Central Lions Club
- Chinten Pandya – Wembley Lions Club
- Shirley Ramnarine – Wembley Lions Club

## District Governor's diary for February 2022

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| <b>01/02</b> – GFWT business meeting                     | <b>17/02</b> – Business meeting for London Belmont Lions Club     |
| <b>03/02</b> – Convention meeting                        | <b>19/02</b> – Charter of Milton Keynes Central Lions Club        |
| <b>04/02 to 05/02</b> – SE Convention                    | <b>20/02</b> – Business meeting for Hayes & Harlington Lions Club |
| <b>05/02</b> – Zone Chair meeting                        | <b>20/02</b> – MD Council meeting                                 |
| <b>05/02</b> – Service workshop                          | <b>21/02</b> – GAT and GMA meeting                                |
| <b>07/02</b> – Official visit to Mill Hill Lions Club    |   |
| <b>09/02</b> – Official visit to London Acton Lions Club |   |
| <b>16/02</b> – Official visit to Southall Lions Club     |   |

*To take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.*

– One of the Lions Purposes



# New Voices success story of the month

by Lion Vandana Radia-Patel, Hatch End Centennial Lions Club

## This is a success story in the Service category

Lion Vandana organised a club social outing on 5 September to the Cotswolds. The trip was a great success with the club members and friends. She took this opportunity to promote her chosen charity, Guide Dogs for the Blind, as she felt this was worthy of our support. Guide Dogs provide vision and mobility to some 80,000 registered blind people in this country. She raffled some prizes and raised £130 for this charity. The club, recognising her efforts, agreed to contribute £182 toward her cause. On 4 November, £312 was donated to Guide Dogs for training a puppy for two years.

Hatch End Centennial Lions Club has now sponsored a puppy called Pudding for two years. After the training, the dog will be partnered with a blind person. During the time of the training, Guide Dogs will send the club Pudding's updates and progress reports



# Christmas Party with Little Heath School

*by Lion Surjit K, Fairlop Lions Club*

The past few years has seen Fairlop Lions Club jointly enjoy a Christmas Party with Little Heath School, a school for pupils aged 11 to 18 with autism, a wide range of learning difficulties and complex needs. Sadly, the pandemic greatly limited the services and support we have been able to provide, not just to Little Heath, but generally.

Fortunately, this year, we were able to join hands with Little Heath again to fund and assist with their annual Christmas event, complete with their own Grotto, Santa and Elf (both played wonderfully by Lion members!). The school has just under 200 pupils on their books and Fairlop Lions Club funded chocolate selection boxes for all. The morning saw Key Stage 3 and 4 receiving their gifts from Santa – their excitement was real! In the afternoon, we were treated to a choir and Christmas carols from Key Stage 5 pupils – who also got to meet Santa and receive their gift. Little Heath had meticulously arranged their classes/groups into their own “bubbles” and had a one-way system in place for pupils to enter and exit after having met Santa. The afternoon event was also supported by Redbridge Mayor.

We were also able to donate 150 books for their library – which was gratefully received by the school. On the day of the party, we learnt of a “Christmas stall market” that the school were holding two days later to raise funds for the Refugee Children of Afghanistan, so Fairlop Lions Club made a donation towards this fundraiser.

Our thanks go to all the staff at Little Heath and Fairlop Lions Club for making this event a success.

## Welcoming new Lions

Wembley Lions Club were delighted to welcome two new members: Shirley Ramnarine and Chinten Pandya. They have supported the club with a range of service activities; from serving food to people with dementia at Diwali, to helping prepare fruit baskets for residents at care home for Christmas. The 1st Vice District Governor, Kavaljit, kindly carried out the induction on 12 January. The club is proud to have these new Lions.



# New members and donations for Christmas

*by Lion Virendra Adhikari, London St. Johns Wood Lions Club*

Lion President (LP) Kadambari Shah and members of Milton Keynes Central Lions Club are proud to welcome three new members to their family of Lions. All three members have been helping the club with their service event of volunteering at the vaccination centre for the past few months. The new members were inducted by Past District Governor (PDG) Mike Baldwin on Thursday 13 January 2022.

LP Kadambari Shah and members of Milton Keynes Central Lions Club took up a challenge from the local Milton Keynes Council to help babies aged zero to four years and teenagers aged 14 to 17 years. These were vulnerable children who would not normally get a Christmas present. The club agreed to present 20 boxes of gifts with clothing, shoes and toys for the babies, and another 20 boxes of gifts with hats, gloves, toiletries, books and more for 10 boys and 10 girls between the ages of 14 and 17.

The requirements were published on social media in early November and we were so grateful for everyone's generosity! By the end of November we had collected most of the kind donations, and club members then met on 29 November 2021 to fill boxes with the gifts. These gifts were then donated to the council offices on 6 December 2021.



# The District Young Ambassador Final

*by Lion Doreen Allen, Hemel Hempstead Lions Club*

On Saturday 15 January, the District Young Ambassador Final took place via Zoom. After a last minute withdrawal, we had three excellent candidates with three very diverse projects.

Aaron Aktar, aged 18, with extensive and consistent volunteering at a weekly Food Bank and various Sporting Clubs, who was sponsored by Barking Lions Club.

Bella Field, aged 16, who has raised over £100,000 for Haven House Children's Hospice and offers mentoring to young, bereaved children, was sponsored by Fairlop Lions Club.

Nina Andersen, aged 18, who set up Music for seniors and Letters for Seniors and was sponsored by Hemel Hempstead Lions Club.

The three independent judges – Neil Connolly, Denise Poore and Gwyn Howard – spent the afternoon listening to the candidates and interviewing them. They did such a great job – even discovering that one of the candidates had been awarded a BEM for volunteering activities in the New Year's 2022 Honours List.

At 4pm, all the candidates, supporters, judges and District Lions returned to the Zoom room. All three candidates then gave their presentations to the attentive audience. This session was recorded and will be available on the District website soon – please do listen to these inspirational young people.

The judging panel chairman gave positive feedback to all candidates, and emphasised what a difficult decision they had to make. The District 105A Young Ambassador for 2021-2022 was revealed: Nina Andersen.

Nina will represent the youth of our District at the MD Final (on Zoom) in late February, and will also attend our Convention in March. My congratulations to Lion President Terry and the Hemel Hempstead Lions Club for sponsoring such a worthy winner.

Fellow Lions, there are young people like these in YOUR communities – the search starts now... Open your eyes and give them the recognition they deserve and enter next years Young Ambassador Award. As always I am here to help.

# Aylesbury Lions Club's sleigh run

*by Lion John Savell, Aylesbury Lions Club*

It is with greater optimism this year that we develop plans for the next twelve months. Last year, so many events were cancelled due to Covid-19, and it was therefore with great relief that Santa's Sleigh was able to return for a tour of Haddenham and Stone. This helped raise funds for the Lions and also for the Haddenham and Stone PTAs, Bedgrove Scouts and Thame Youth Projects, who all helped with the collections.



We are planning to take our plate smashing stall and burger cooking facilities to events during the year, including Play in the Park in August, so if you're planning an event and would like us to come along please give us a ring.

We're also collecting old and surplus spectacles which will all be refurbished and redistributed to less affluent areas. We have collecting boxes in a number of surgeries and opticians outlets.



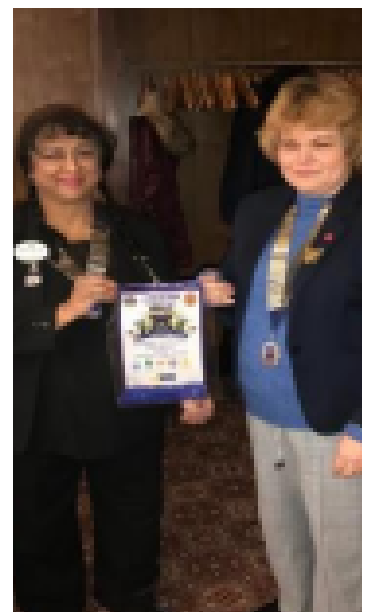
# Club Excellence Awards and Monarch Chevrons to Harrow and Pinner Lions Members

*by Harrow and Pinner Lions Club*

District Governor (DG) Karanjeet Assan visited Harrow and Pinner Lions Club to present us with the Club Excellence Award. She also presented 15 years Monarch Chevrons to three of our members:

- Lion Breda Russell
- Lion Lesley Spence
- Lion Lesley Stansfield

A massive congratulations to these members, and thank you DG Karanjeet for your visit!



## It's all fun and games

Welcome to the Pride of Lions puzzle page. Here is a new puzzle for you to solve – this month we've created a wordsearch containing some key words from the articles in this issue of Pride of Lions. You can also find the answers from the previous month's sudoku puzzle at the bottom of this page. Enjoy!



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DONATIONS  
FUNDRAISING

GUIDE DOGS  
HUNGER SERVICE  
VOLUNTEERING

### Answers

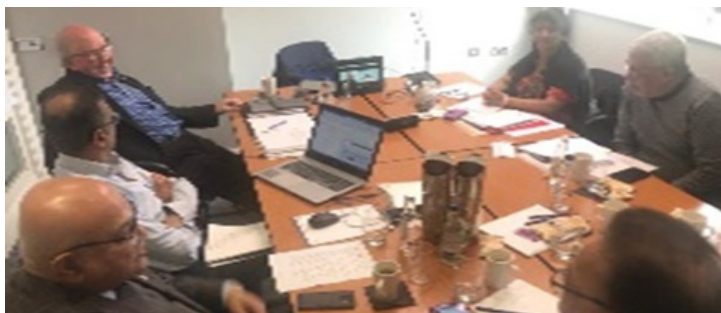
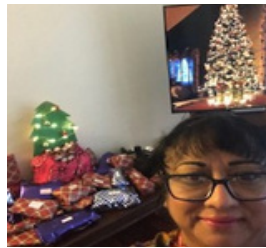
Here are the answers from the soduko puzzle in the December issue of Pride of Lions. Well done if you managed to solve it.

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# DG'S CORNER

The best decision I made in December 2021 was to go and spend some quality time with my children in Kenya. It was nice to celebrate my younger daughter Kushweet becoming a Lion. Had Christmas with the children after a long time, it was wonderful.



Convention meetings have been taking place - all the committee members are working very hard to ensure the district has an excellent convention.



It was wonderful to attend my own club meeting on 19 January, where it was my pleasure in presenting a 10 year Monarch Chevron to Late Lion Hiru (presented to Lion Tanya and Lion Ahmed Latif). Congratulations!

After a week, it was my pleasure to visit Friern Barnet Centennial Lions Club, where I presented a 40 years Charter Monarch Chevron to Lion Kumar Acharya. Congratulations! I also exchanged banners with LP Nilesh Vaghada.



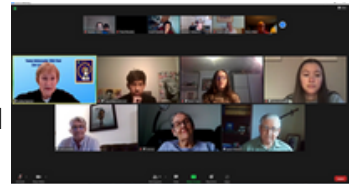
After returning to the UK, I started my visits to club meetings. My first club visit was to London St Johns Wood Lions Club. Two members were inducted, and I had the pleasure of giving Lion Vijay Jain his 25 year Monarch Chevron and Lion Kamlesh his 15 year Monarch Chevron.

Congratulations both!

On 15 January 2022, the Young Ambassador final took place. Nina Andersen, sponsored by Hemel Hempstead Lions Club, achieved first place.



Well done Nina and Hemel Hempstead Lions Club!



It was nice to have the council meeting on 22 and 23 January with the DGs from other districts (pictured above).



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