

PRIDE OF LIONS

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STRENGTHEN MEMBERSHIP MONTH

This month Lions Clubs around the world are working to increase membership. 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.

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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:

Lion Neil Hoose, Banbury Lions Club

Lion Ken Alan Gosnell, Bletchley Milton Keynes Lions Club

Lion Linda M Gosnell, Bletchley Milton Keynes Lions Club

Lion Krunal Thakkar, Greenford Willow Tree Lions Club

Lion Okeghukwu Igbokwe, Royston Lions Club

Lion David Nwaiwu, Royston Lions Club

District Governor's diary for June 2022

- 04/06 – New Members workshop orientation
- 07/06 – Official visit to Luton Lions Club
- 08/06 – Official visit and handover at London Golders Green Lions Club
- 11/06 – Watford Lions Club carnival
- 14/06 – Official visit to London Hornsey Lions Club
- 15/06 – Official visit to Barking Lions Club
- 17/06 – Whitney Lions Club's Charter Night
- 18/06 – Southall Lions Club and West Drayton Lions Club (Club Branch) Charter Night
- 19/06 – MD Council meeting
- 20/06 – GAT and GMA meeting
- 22/06 – Attending London Belmont Lions Club's club meeting
- 26/06 – Attending London Finchley Lions Club's club meeting



To encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

– One of the Lions Purposes

Answers

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

9	5	2	8	7	6	3	1	4
8	4	3	2	5	1	9	7	6
7	6	1	3	9	4	2	5	8
1	7	5	6	4	9	8	3	2
6	3	8	5	2	7	4	9	1
2	9	4	1	3	8	7	6	5
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5	1	7	9	8	2	6	4	3
4	2	6	7	1	3	5	8	9

New Voices success story of the month

by Milton Keynes Central Lions Club

A project carried out by the Zone that was much bigger than any one club.

Back in 2016, a meeting was initiated by Milton Keynes Central Lions Club with the local hospital based on their member's experiences with the cancer ward. Following several more meetings with various hospital services, needs were identified and a new project was born to provide support to End of Life Service in addition to establishment of a Family Room in medium and long term. The project was taken to the Zone as a Zone Project and adopted by four clubs for five years with a proviso to renew if required.

The medium term project of End of Life Services was carried out successfully by a donation of circa £2000 worth of goods that made the final hours of patients comfortable in the hospital. The project ended at the end of 2018.

The long term project of refurbishing the family room started in January 2019, and is ongoing with four clubs in Zone J: Milton Keynes Central Lions Club, Bletchley Milton Keynes Lions Club, Milton Keynes Stony Stratford Lions Club, Newport Pagnell Lions Club and Olney Lions Club, donating on a yearly basis. The donations to the hospital have been yearly, and were culminated when the room was opened to the public in summer 2021. In September 2021, a frame has been donated by the clubs to show Lions support for the Family Room.

In January 2022, the four clubs decided to commit to the worthwhile project for a further two years to provide food and drinks to patients and family members using the Family Room. Milton Keynes Central Lions Club has been recognised by the District with a Cancer Trophy for the project, and the four clubs in the Zone have been recognised by the Hospital at a 'Thank you' event earlier this year.



Lion Minesh Mehta

by London-Hendon Lions Club

It is with the greatest of sadness that London-Hendon Lions Club announces the sad passing of our dear member, Lion Minesh Mehta. Lion Minesh was a well-loved Lion in his Club, the Zone, the District and much further afield. He will be remembered by all those that knew him as a devoted husband, a loving father, and a dedicated Lion. He will be missed deeply.



Donation of supplies to Ukraine

by Lion Harvinder Virdee, Redbridge Centennial Lions Club

Redbridge Centennial Lions (CIO) Club member, Lion Jasbir Singh Mann, collected and delivered a supply of goods to the Ukraine and Polish border for the refugees. Accompanied with a friend of his, it took them a couple of days and many long hours of driving, but it was worth it to see how much the supplies were appreciated. The club members all assisted with fuel for the van, and they're planning another visit in a couple of weeks.



Isleworth Lions Club's Platinum Jubilee celebrations

by Isleworth Lions Club

Isleworth Lions Club are hosting a Platinum Jubilee party at The Royal Oak. Taking place on 5 June at 1pm, the celebrations include a barbeque, live music, face painting, a duck race and more. The funds raised from the duck race will support local projects and Lions clubs on the ground in Ukraine and surrounding countries.

Come along and bring your family and friends. The full address is: The Royal Oak, 128 Worton Road, Isleworth, TW7 6EP.



Tree planting for World Environment Day

by Lion Rajni Sheth, Greenford Willow Tree Lions Club

World Environment Day takes place on 5 June. Recently, there has been an increased awareness on the environment, driven principally by climate change. It's therefore important to preserve the environment, and tree planting is one of the simplest ways to do it.

As the District Environment Officer, I chose five areas to focus on where we, as Lions, can make a difference to the environment: tree planting, litter clearance, graffiti removal, rubbish disposal and

reducing the carbon footprint. Of these, tree planting has been very popular. In my environmental awareness talks to the clubs and the zones, I suggested that if all the Lions in our District were to plant just one tree, there would be over 1000 trees planted this year. I am pleased to report that by the end of this Lionistic year, a total of 1234 trees will have been planted by our clubs.



LCIF trophy winner of the year

by Greenford Willow Tree Lions Club

Greenford Willow Tree Lions Club was voted the 'LCIF trophy winner of the year' at the convention for adopting the Campaign 100 model. To date, the club has managed to raise \$25,000 and Lion President (LP) Salil Patankar is steering the club to make headway towards achieving the Gold status.



We have also recruited 10 new members and counting to incubate Greenford Willow Tree Virtual Club Branch, the first virtual club in the district. The LP received an award and the certificate from the Past International President at the convention. They have members from places such as Singapore, USA, India and Kenya! Currently the virtual club branch has 15 new members. The LP says having two different club models has been wonderful, as it gives prospective Lions a choice to consider in joining.

District 105A water well borehole project

The water well borehole project for District 105A was a joint project with Barking Lions Club, Fairlop Lions Club and Ramgarhia Youth Association (RYA) of Nairobi, Kenya. RYA are frequent in touch with local authorities in the areas where there is serious need of water. They received a request for a water bore in the Machakos area in Kenya.

RYA, with the local authority, managed to find a school as a central point for the water bore. The work has started on 9 May 2022. Villagers surrounding the school and the school staff – including children – were all excited.

We're hoping to attend the opening ceremony of this water bore with Barking Lions Club and Fairlop Lions Club, who have raised funds by doing a sponsored walk.

All the water bore projects are overseen and managed by RYA, who have done many projects over the years with Fairlop Lions Club, Barking Lions Club and other groups.

The cost of the Borehole project will be over £10,000. Our district has given funds of £2272 for this project. The balance has already been raised by the Fairlop Lions Club, Barking Lions Club and pledges by our supporters.



An invitation to Her Majesty The Queen's Garden Party

by Lion Arnawaz Amaria, Hatchend Lions Club

On Wednesday 18th of May 2022, I was delighted to attend Her Majesty's the Queen's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. I attended on behalf of my husband, Eric Amaria, who was invited by the Queen because of his years of volunteering service and hard work in our community as a Member of the Lions Club.

The day began by being accompanied by a police man from Greenford. We were ushered in a limo courtesy of the organisers! On our arrival at Buckingham Palace, we were welcomed by the Queen's band playing soft music. The grounds had a number of marquees filled with food and refreshments, from tea to lemon squash. Afternoon tea was served at 3pm; sandwiches of egg, cucumber and carrots adorned the plates. Salmon blinis, small fancy cakes and pastries were displayed too. The Royal Family arrived at 4pm. Sophie the Countess of Wessex and Kate the Duchess of Cambridge both exuded elegance and grace. They came and greeted the dignitaries already lined up, and we could see them from very close proximity. After some photos were taken with the Royals, we enjoyed the beautiful garden before departing.

It was a wonderful experience attending the Queen's garden party. I was truly honoured to attend and represent the community wearing my Parsi gara, which was admired by everyone. My day at the palace will always be a memory which I will treasure forever.



Fundraising with Southall Lions Club (CIO) & West Drayton Branch Club

by Southall Lions Club (CIO) & West Drayton Branch Club

Southall Lions Club (CIO) and West Drayton Branch Club have been active in raising funds and serving the community. We jointly organised a diabetes screening at Osterley's Classic Car Show, and a sponsored walk at Rickmansworth Aquadrome. A total of £761 was raised for local charities.

Donations were also made in the "Season of Goodwill" just before Christmas, where vouchers were donated to Ealing Social Services Leaving Care team. A donation of £500 was donated to the National Trust to plant 100 trees, and £312 was donated to 'Guide Dogs' to sponsor three puppies to mark the celebrations of the 50th, 51st and 52nd Charter Anniversaries of the club. We also donated over 200 books to Hamel Hampstead Lions Club Bookshop, and £300 was donated to LCIF for Tonga Appeal. A further £600 was donated towards the LCIF Ukraine Refugee appeal. The club also organised an eye camp near Amritsar with the cooperation of Golden Temple Amritsar Lions club. West Drayton Branch Club members grew beards and moustaches and raised £730.

The West Drayton Branch Club members are now raising funds for McMillian Cancer Support by participating in the Tough Mudder in West London on 21 May 2022. The target is £1000, and so far, they have raised £3132. Further donations are still coming. Southall Lions Club CIO are celebrating their joint 50th, 51st and 52nd, and West Drayton Branch Club's 4th, 5th and 6th Charter Nights on 18 June 2022 respectively. We look forward to seeing members from our District and other clubs to join us at our special Charter Night celebrations.





DG'S CORNER

I attended the Annual MD Convention in Birmingham from 28 April to 1 May. It was a fantastic celebration of 70 years of Lions Clubs in England. It was wonderful; we had a Chinese dinner on Friday, a beautiful Dragon Dance on Saturday evening, and a lot of fun, music and entertainment



I had the pleasure of inducting the first two members to Royston Lions Club.



The LCIF walk took place on 8 May. On this sunny day, we enjoyed a lovely walk with fellow Lions, followed by a well-earned rest in the sun. Well done to Past District Governor (PDG) Lion Vijay Arora and her team for organizing the walk and the food.



My last Cabinet meeting took place on May 15. The meeting was very good, and was followed by an excellent lunch.



Visiting from Kenya, Lion Kushweet Kaur from the Greenford Willow Tree Virtual Club Branch is pictured here with LP Vijay Jain from St John's Wood Lions Club, who won the auction for the painting donated and painted by Kushweet at our District Convention in back in March.



We had a meeting regarding the District Golf Day, which will be taking place on 29 May, organised by Zone Chair (ZC) B Lion Bhupinder Singh.

