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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Lions of District 105A hope everyone had a very happy festive season, and wish you a prosperous new year.



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There is still time to book your place

at the District 105A Convention on 3-5 March 2023

Details of the booking facilities are on our [District website](#). You can also watch the video [here](#) for full details.

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

District Governor's diary for January 2023

03/01 – LGC and Baldock Lions

04/01 – Convention Committee meeting

06/01 – Visit to London Community Kitchen

07/01 – Zone Chairs briefing

07/01 – Succession planning webinar

11/01 – West Drayton Branch Lions Club

12/01 – Friern Barnet Lions Club

15/01 – Cabinet Meeting

16/01 – DG and GAT Team meeting

18/01 – Stanmore Lions Club

22/01 – District Quiz final

26/01 – Heston Lions Club event

28/01 to 29/01 – Council meeting

Other Club visits scheduled but not yet confirmed.



Fellowship and fun and a pole dancing president!

by Lion Karen Bird, Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club

Fellowship and fun go hand in hand at our club. Our president, Lion Judith, knew how to keep the festivities going at our final meet of the year...our Christmas dinner! With help from our IT wizard, Lion Steve, we were able to create the illusion of President Judith pole dancing from a few stills. Judith is such a good sport and gave her permission for us to go public with it, so [click here](#) to see us enjoying the entertainment at our Christmas dinner on Wednesday 14 December.

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle Cash and Food Donations

by Bletchley Lions Club

On 10 December 2022, Bletchley Lions Club members were in force to collect food items and cash donations from Morrison's Westgate. Customers showed their generosity! One person gave almost a full trolley of food, and another family with four children who each carried a small shopping basket with food items to donate. Fourteen large shopping trolleys of food and £550 was collected in the money boxes.



The food and money was handed over to The Food Cupboard in Bletchley, who will make and give food parcels to those referred by Milton Keynes Children's Social Services. Over the years, Food Cupboard has become a prime source that can be relied on for emergency short-term support for families in need. Food parcels are delivered directly to the recipient family's door within 4-6 hours door at zero cost. The service is provided through voluntary donation in terms of food, time, and financial support.

This passion to service was topped when the Lion members did a second collection at Tesco on 17 December 2022. Their time and effort resulted in 13 full trollies of food being donated and £550 cash collected in the money buckets.



Dickens of a Christmas Craft Fair

by Newport Pagnell and Olney Lions Club

In December, we were delighted to re-launch our Lions Craft Fair – one of our major fundraising events of the year. A small team of Lions and friends really worked their socks off, but fun and fellowship eased the burden!

Our Craft Fair was held in the Olney Centre on the High Street. We had over 20 high-quality craft stalls selling beautiful hand-made merchandise. We also ran a Christmas Hamper Raffle and sold our Town Calendars. Everyone we spoke to on the day thought it was a great, friendly, and heart-warming event. We managed to raise well over £2000 for local charities and good causes, so it was well worth all the effort. Thank you to all and congratulations to our Event Team, particularly Lions Angela, Karen and friend Terry, for their great efforts and for making it such a successful day!



Let them eat cake and turkey

On 14 December 2022, a treat was given to the frail elder residents of Brook House. A Wembley Lion member delivered cupcakes and large cakes that were festively decorated to the care home. Both the manager and the chef were pleasantly surprised with the delivery. The manager, John, said: "we are always pleased to see you as you bring a smile to the faces of our residents by spending time with them and never coming empty handed. It makes the residents feel special." It should be highlighted that this gesture of generosity was made possible by working collaboratively with Heston Lions Club and Hummingbird Cakes.

Acton Homeless Concern were delighted that a personal donation by a Wembley Lion made it possible for those in need to enjoy a Christmas dinner. The Centre Manager, Ian Breen, said: "Christmas dinner without turkey would not have been the same. You always come through for us."



Festive fundraising fun

by Harrow and Pinner Lions Club

At Harrow and Pinner Lions Club, we organised two major fundraising events: the Waitrose food collections on 26 and 27 November and the Santa sleigh runs on 6 and 8 December. The total amount raised from these activities was an amazing £1228.87 - £617.37 was from the Waitrose food collections and £611.50 was from the sleigh runs.

The food collected at Waitrose was enough to:

- pack over 95 parcels: donated to Harrow Carers, Harrow Met Police, two churches, and Harrow and Pinner Lions Club connections - all going to vulnerable people in the Harrow area
- hand over 15 crates of non-perishable goods to LCK
- provide two crates of soups, mince pies and biscuits for the Harrow and Pinner Hot Food Kitchen
- give some festive cheer to the residents of Belmont Lodge and Thomas Hewlett House
- allocated tea, coffee, sugar and biscuits to the Senior Citizen Celebrations in February

This was a bumper year for giving by the general public. In these financially restrictive times, the response to our food collections and sleigh runs was overwhelmingly supportive and generous. Once again, we have been overwhelmed by the goodness of our community. There is such a thing as society, and it was proven in the donations at our Christmas activities.



Isleworth Lions Club at Shrewsbury Walk

by Isleworth Lions Club

In the early hours of Saturday 10 December, two Lions members arrived to set up the marquee and were later joined by other club members. A warm welcome was given by the cafe known as Elvis & Ivy Cafe. Some hot drinks and snacks got us ready for a day full of service activities. This cafe is where the club's Christmas Raffle prize of a luxurious hamper, drawn 23 December, raised funds for a defibrillator to be made available at Shrewsbury Walk. After refreshments, the Lions took down the Gazebo and made preparations for the Carol Concert. Next on the list of things to do was for the members to sort out the presents for Santa's Grotto. These gifts were bought from cash donations, a grant and local businesses. People were able to visit Santa from 6pm to 8:30pm in his grotto for free, and donations towards the defibrillator were most welcome. Although the day was long and absolutely freezing, the warmth of the locals towards Lions and supporting this worthy cause made it all worthwhile. An eventful and uplifting day of serving local people.



Donation by Redbridge Centennial Lions Club

by Lion H S Virdee, Redbridge Centennial Lions Club

Redbridge Centennial Lions Club donated eye testing equipment (which came from our member Lion Anil Gupta's five closed shops) to Mr Said Gabobeto to be used in Djibouti in East Africa for charitable causes. There were seven boxes ready for him to collect as shown in the pictures below. The items included kertometer, NCT (Non-Contact Tonometer), trial cases, chairs, and VFA test charts. Lion Harvinder Virdee, LP Dr Ranjan Adur, LS Tony Kalsi and Lion Yyomesh assisted in the handover.



Northwood Lions Club activities

by Lion President Susan Carr, Northwood Lions Club

In the last 6 weeks, the following activities took place in our club:

- On 5 November we carried out a Bonfire Night event at the David Lloyd Club. The raffle we did on that evening raised £170, and half the proceeds from the David Lloyd Club was donated to the Hillingdon Foodbank
- Remembrance Sunday was on 13 November. Lion President (LP) Susan Carr had the honour of laying the wreath
- On 2 December, we donated Christmas hampers to families of Hillingdon Young Carers
- The images below are from the Northwick Park Hospital Gala for Breast Cancer unit, an event that took place on 24 November



Help the homeless

by Chipping Barnet Lions Club

Chipping Barnet Lions Club members made personal cash donations to help the homeless in Barnet. The whole project was managed by Lion Nila Solanki who not only did the shopping, but then went and delivered the items to the housing association Homeless Action in Barnet. LP Rashpal Phull said: "We're proud of Lion Nila, who does so much for the less fortunate despite her poor health."



A letter of thanks from the Housing Association read: "Thank you very much for your generous and much needed donation. You were kind enough to investigate what we were short of before you bought, and we are always grateful for this. I have just filled the shower trays for tomorrow morning with the deodorants and toothpaste you donated, ready for clients who come in from the cold and need to feel human again. This is just one of the ways you have made a difference."





It's time to party!

*Lions of District 105A invite you to
our 21st Senior Citizens Celebration*

The event will be taking place on:
Sunday 26 February 2023, 2pm to 5pm

Harrow Leisure Centre, Byron Hall,
Christchurch Avenue, Harrow HA3 5BD

Tickets are £10 a head. Please email
scc@lions105a.org or call Parveen at
07956630106 for further details and to book

[Book
Here](#)





Out and about with DG Kav

Find out what our DG has been up to recently

Dear Fellow Lions and Leos, December is busiest for our Lions. It's the "most wonderful time of the year" as we take every opportunity to engage with our communities, create magical moments, bring smiles to many, and enjoy the fun and fellowship of our fellow Lions. This month has also created some magical moments for me.

The Fairlop Leos gave Pammy and I the opportunity to accompany them and 29 under-privileged children to a pantomime of Aladdin, where we were also treated to ice cream in the interval.



We had the privilege to visit Little Heath School and see Santa in action in his grotto and get a glimpse of the reindeer.



It is always to pleasure to experience service activities in the District. A day in Milton Keynes with PDG Doreen gave us an insight into the Milton Keynes food cupboard, Milton Keynes food larder and the Ihezhi foundation.



My daughter Rupi joined me for another walk feeding the homeless in Central London with Heston Lions Club and Under One Sky volunteers.



December's also a busy time for my own club, so we've been supporting Letchworth Garden City and Baldock with collections in supermarkets, service station and pub runs. This month we've also been able to join the meetings of Mill Hill Lions Club, Osterley Lions Club and London St Johns Wood Lions Club and enjoy the social events of Luton Lions Club, Heston Lions Club and London Central Host Lions Club.



At the annual carol concert of the Masons of the Baldock Lodge of Harmony, we were surprised by a donation to Pammy's chosen charity. Thank you to all the clubs who have already supported Pammy.

Fellow Lions, I have been the District Governor of the A Team for 6 months and I would like to thank you all for serving others and making a difference to so many people. Have a fantastic new year filled with good health and prosperity and let us work together to take our service to heights greater than before.



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