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she would not stand for mayor again as she felt she was getting past her 'sell by date', but those who know Betty don't believe this we have now re-cycled her three times so if we consider the environment we hope to continue re-cycling Betty!

It is a great honour for Betty to be Mayor again, Wallingford is one of the oldest Boroughs in the country, having reviewed its Charter in 1155.

Picture shows Lion Betty with Lion Marline Kings at the 'Mayor making ceremony'.



### Progressive MJF for Model Club - CSF11 - Vision for all

Lions Club of Osterley celebrated their 2nd Hand Over on 8th June. PDG Lion Max was present with his wife Aruna to perform the Hand over ceremony along with Lion Minesh Mehta & Alf Sanders from their Mother Club Feltham and Whitton and Zone Chairman David.

As a Model Club, Osterley is leading the way for CSFII. by donating £10,412 for CSFII this year. In total they have donated £23,454 for CSFII in two years where also supporting their School Project in Bangalore.

Nimmi Suri, CSF11 Zone Officer, says we have enough funds to be 100% Melvin Jones Club but we will try to encourage members to raise more money.

The WALK FOR THE WORLD will once again take place in Osterley Park on the 6th April 2008 and Osterley will make this event as their fund raiser.

May I request all clubs to help this project in its final year. Clubs in the surrounding Zones... why not, like Osterley, make the WALK FOR THE WORLD your club fund raising event and give vision to the needy.

Zone C CSFII Officer Nimmi Suri

### Lions Club of Osterley Handover



Lions Club of Osterley is close to having a full MJF membership, making it one of a handful of Lions Clubs to achieve such success. At its Handover in June, PDG Max Mongia acknowledged Osterley's achievements and said " If things continue at the same pace it won't be long before Lions Club of Osterley achieves full MJF membership".

The Handover evening recognised the achievements of Lions' Joginder, Nirmala, & Tersam who received their MJF's and Progressive MJF's awarded to Lions' Kami, Pummy, Sudha & Jassi. A 2nd Progressive MJF was awarded to IPP Nimmi Suri.

Meenakshi Gupta who was sworn in as Osterley's new President said: "I am honoured to have such a dedicated team of hard working individuals who are focussed in their objectives to help those less fortunate than us. Osterley donated £11,628 to good causes last year and I am committed to continue this success during 2007-2008."

Lion Meenakshi Gupta

### Fairlop celebrates Vaisakhi

Saturday 21st April saw the newly formed Lions Club of Fairlop celebrate their 1st official social function by celebrating the festival of Vaisakhi.

A little history on Vaisakhi:

Vaisakhi is one of the most important dates in the Sikh calendar. It is the Sikh New Year festival and a long established harvest festival in the Punjab. It is celebrated on April 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>. It also commemorates 1699, the year Sikhism was born as a faith.

The Vaisakhi function was held at The Troxy in the East End of London on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2007. The turnout was excellent and we sold over 600. The Mayor of Redbridge also attended as guest of honour.

For Entertainment we had DJ's and traditional Punjabi dancers. More dance routines were provided by The Sonam Group of dancers with their Bollywood dance sequence. They contributed their time totally free of charge.

The guests, including Lions members from other Clubs, attended with their family and



friends and thoroughly enjoyed the evening. The atmosphere was electric.

The event is held annually to raise funds for 2 eye camps that Fairlop Lions support each year. Our members recently returned from this year's camps and were able to fund close to 700 operations at a cost of £13,000 from monies raised at last year's event.

This year, with the help of our loyal supporters, we expect to collect in excess of £25,000! - A very big thank you to everyone who contributed! Lions Club of Fairlop members worked exceptionally hard to make this a success.

We would like to thank each and every guest for their kind generosity and company without which the evening would not have been the success it was.

Lion Hitesh Bhandari  
Lions Club of Fairlop

### Harpenden Charity Golf Day

Harpenden Lions Club will be repeating the popular Charity Golf Day again this year on Friday 20th July at Aldwickbury Park Golf Club, Harpenden.

The event has grown to become a favourite for both social and corporate entertainment. It has raised many thousands of pounds for charities; this year the money raised will go to charity Riding for the Disabled.

The 18 hole event starts at 1.00 pm with a light sandwich lunch. First tee is at 1.30pm. The day concludes with an evening meal at 7.00pm, presentation of prizes and a raffle.

The cost is £250 per team of four. Individuals can join in too at a cost of £70 per person. Friends, partners and colleagues are welcomed at the dinner, cost is £30. Maximum handicap allowed will be 24. Organiser David Murphy commented, "The emphasis on the day is to have fun and raise money for Riding for the Disabled."

To book a place please contact David Murphy on 01582 794256, 07836 281374 or E-mail on david.murphy@harpenden-lions.co.uk.



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