



Lions Clubs International

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District Governor 105N

Dear Fellow Lions, Lionesses, Leos and partners

My last monthly letter to you all as your District Governor and what a year it has been, a year that has in no way been like any other year we have had before, or we could even have imagined.

I would like to begin this month's Newsletter by thanking those Lions who have taken office over the last 12 months whether it be at Cabinet Level, District or Club level your help, encouragement and support have been very much appreciated. I would also like to express my grateful thanks to all Lions Club Members for the support you have so willingly provided to your local community in the very difficult days and times of the last 15 months, thank you, your service has been very much appreciated..

To those Clubs who have shown at least a net growth in membership over the last 12 months please go on line and download a 2020-2021 Club Excellence Award Application form, if you have had a gain in membership over the last 12 months I am sure that you will find that you have also met the other three criteria on Service, Organisational Excellence and Marketing with Communication and please forward the completed form to myself before 31st August 2021.

Sadly, at the end of the month we lose the Pontefract Lioness Club following the decision made by the International Board to cancel the membership of all Lioness Clubs world-wide from the 30th June 2021. Thank you, Lionesses, for the very valuable service you have given over the last 44 years it has been very much appreciated. The very good news from this closure and the loss of 18 Lionesses is that more than half of the Lionesses have opted to become members of the Castleford and Pontefract Lions Club which is really very good news.

Please may I once again remind you that if you have not appointed your Club officers for the forthcoming Lionistic year please arrange these appointments as soon as possible and ensure that form PU-101 is completed with the names and contact details of all your club officers and is forwarded on without delay and could you also forward to Lion Mike Rogers, our email officer, the full details on your Club's President, Secretary and Treasurer for the coming year. If a post is not filled the usual fall-back position is that it is assumed that the President will be taking on those additional responsibilities! At the time of writing this report (19th May) 27 clubs within our District have still to report their officers for next year which is rather disappointing and at the same time worrying.

If as a Club you have not donated to the District Governors Partners Appeal, which my wife Christine is leading on please donate in the next few weeks however small an amount that your club can afford it all adds up and thank you to those clubs who have donated to date, the amount collected so far this year currently stands at £4,905. All Donations to be sent please to our District Treasurer.

In this my last contribution as DG I would like to thank most sincerely PDG Lion George Morgan for once again editing the District Newsletter, a role he has performed brilliantly for the last 20 years, and at the same time thank him for 54 years of service to Lions Club International and in doing so thank and congratulate also his wife Jeanne for her 44 years as a Lioness. Lioness Jeanne was Charter President of Pontefract Lioness Club which was the 1st Lioness Club in the British Isles.

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As you will be aware by now we are still looking for a 1st and a 2nd District Governor for the next twelve months and the post holders to be District Governor in the following two years. If you are eligible to stand for appointment please give the matter some very serious support, there will be always plenty of support to help, guide and assist you. The power of zoom has made the post a lot easier to manage for the District Governor and will certainly be the way forward with regards a lot of the meetings the Governor is invited to and expected to attend.

I end my final letter to you as your District Governor wishing District Governor Elect Nigel and his team all the very best for the forth coming Lionistic Year which I know it will be challenging but with many other different challenges than we have all had over the last 12 months.

Take great care.

Please Remember “We Serve because We Care”

Lion David Wilson
District Governor 105N

District Governor's Diary for June 2021

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| 15 June 2021 | Brain Tumour Research on line meeting |
| 17 June 2021 | Filey Lions Club on line meeting |
| 20 June 2021 | Council of Governor's on line meeting |
| 26 June 2021 | Darlington Lions Club 60th Charter Anniversary |

Rothwell District Lions Club



We have just completed our annual Duck Race. Normally we run this on a Mayday in conjunction with the Rothwell Carnival Committee but because of the COVID restrictions this year we decided that we would attempt a virtual one. Shortly before Mayday a number of the Rothwell Lions got up at some unearthly hour to run and video the event in our local River Dolphin. Fortunately the weather kept fine for us and everything went to plan. Well apart from one plastic duck that we found three days later tangled in the river bank shrubbery.

We had advertised the selling of the tickets over a four week period leading up to the event and although we did not get anywhere near the number of ticket sales we would normally expect to sell at a live event we nevertheless felt it a success in terms not only of raising some funds but also in keeping our community informed that we are still active.

The event was shown on the 1st May and anyone interested in watching it can do so by going to the following YouTube Link.

<https://youtu.be/SKTIBBVA3Uk>

Lion Wayne Hoyle
Rothwell District Lions Club

City of Durham Lions Club

Lions Support Award Winning Wetlands

In March this year, as President of The City of Durham Lions, I applied for the grant of 500 euros from the European Lions Virtual Symposium. £400 was approved and we researched various options and chose a scheme which would benefit from our help.

The proposed scheme was the Langley Park Wetlands in County Durham. There is approximately 4.5 acres of derelict land with the river Browney running through it.

For over six years, with the blessing of Durham County Council, Mr Ian Dowson, along with a number of volunteers, are turning this land into a wildlife haven for the benefit of the community.

We decided to make this a joint commitment with Consett Lions and jointly decided to provide the park with trees of their choice, which consisted oak, beech, rowan, hazel, hawthorn, holly and blackthorn. Seventy two trees in total. We also provided two benches, one park bench and one sleeper bench which were made by Endeavour Woodcraft in Ferryhill, County Durham, a group of people with learning difficulties whom we have supported for a number of years. Also supplied were four bird boxes and some gardening equipment, all for under £400.

The park, which is ongoing, was opened on 27th April by the High Sheriff of the Palatinate of Durham, Mr Robert Harle.

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Darlington Lions Club



Darlington Lions Club bookshop has recently reopened for business following the pandemic and the club is extremely pleased to be able to welcome back customers old and new to their Covid-19 safe premises. All government safety guidelines have been closely followed and also inspected by the Local Health Authority.

The club is most grateful to Mac International Darlington, Co-op Darlington, and Asda Darlington for their generous donations of face masks, face shields, hand sanitizers and kitchen rolls etc. to ensure shop and customer safety

The bookshop opens Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays 10am till 4pm.

A huge selection of books is available at 50 pence each and to encourage children with their reading, books for the younger readers are sold at just 20 pence each.

Donations of children's books would be greatly appreciated.

All profits from book sales are donated to mainly local charities - the main 2021 club charity is prostate health screening with the club providing free home testing kits.

Lion Pat De Martino collecting further donations from Asda Darlington

For more information, please visit our website www.darlingtonlionsclub.co.uk

Lion Sandy Duncan
Darlington Lions Club

Wetherby Lions Club

Townsperson of the Year Award



Despite the restrictions around COVID-19 and being almost five months late, Lion Tim Ritson, President of Wetherby and District Lions was finally able to personally present this Wetherby Lions' prestigious award to a very deserving recipient

Councillor
Norma Harrington!

Norma's name will be added to the board in the Town Hall. As this is an annual award usually presented at the Lions

'Dickensian Christmas Market' in December.

Lion John Wardley
Wetherby & District Lions Webmaster

some of the wettest weather seen in over 20 years of holding the event. Due to Covid 19 the event did not take place last year.

The weather forecast however did not impact on the number of anglers attending with 68 hardy adult regulars and 29 Juniors suitably clothed for the conditions and catching some nice bags of quality Rainbow Trout.

Nearly 240lb of trout were weighed in, for which the Fontburn Ranger Team are to be congratulated on their quality.

The heaviest senior bag in the competition was won by Craig Eley with a bag weighing 21lb 2oz., and Robert Marshall taking second prize with 19lb 08oz. The heaviest fish was also caught by Craig Eley weighing 7lb 14oz. with runner up Mark Gofton's catch 4lb 6oz.

In the Junior competition, Nathan Smith triumphed with a lovely bag of fish weighing 19lb. Robyne McMutrie was runner up, and Leon Reed caught the Heaviest Fish weighing 4lb 2oz.

Lions Club event organiser, Graham Tait said "Despite the exceedingly difficult conditions, anglers still had a fantastic day's fishing, and it was very pleasing to see so many happy faces.

We are grateful to Northumbrian Water (Waterside Parks) for their continued generous support and the use of their excellent facilities. We would also like to

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Morpeth Lions Club

The Lions Club of Morpeth held its annual Fontburn Charity Fishing Competition on Saturday 8th May in

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Durham Lion President Peter Oakley, the High Sheriff of Palatinate of Durham Mr Robert Harle, Mr Ian Dowson (whose vision the Wetlands was), Consett Past President Mike Rogers and Consett Lions Secretary Les Story



Mrs Ann Rogers, Mrs Vivienne Hoggarth, The High Sheriff, Mrs Eunice Dawson and Mrs Shiela James

Lion Peter Oakley
President, City of Durham Lions Club

Dalbeattie & District Lions Club

We have just completed a community service project to refurbish the benches on the Kippford to Rockcliffe Jubilee Path which were in a bad state of repair.

The Jubilee Path is the boundary for the National Trust and The Forrestry Commission. While the National Trust will install benches on the walk, donators are obliged to thereafter care for them. As many have been installed many years ago some are in poor condition and have started to disintegrate. These benches are extremely popular with local residents and holiday walkers and Dalbeattie Lions thought it would be a good idea to bring them back to life for the benefit of our community.

Hire and Supplies in Dumfries loaned us 2 sets of tools Free of Charge to enable us to complete the task and after cleaning them up we gave them a couple of coats

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of stain. Passers-by were delighted by our efforts and thanked us for our tremendous efforts.



Lion President Lynda Burns making a start



Lions Brian McGinily and Bob Lennon restoring the benches



Lion Ken Neilson finishing the benches

The unreadable worn plaques are to be replaced free of charge by Dalbeattie Lions with new stainless-steel ones. National Trust have also been delighted with our efforts. We are to have a meeting with them on the path when everything is finished so we can meet everyone involved.

It was hard work as Dalbeattie Lions have few members and only 4 of us could work on the project but it was very satisfying to see the end result.

Lion Lynda Burns
President, Dalbeattie & District Lines Club

our other main sponsors, Frasers Angling and Outdoors (Gateshead), The Barbour Foundation and other private donations for their valuable contributions. Additionally, we are indebted to the Wansbeck Angling Association for their services monitoring the event and conducting the "weigh-in".



A 'bubble' of young anglers display their hauls.



Event organiser Lion Graham Tait (right) with the prize winners (all socially distanced) and Lion President Peter Crook.

The money raised from the event will assist The Lions Club of Morpeth meet some of the many local requests for help that it receives".

Lion Simon Pringle
Publicity Officer, Morpeth Lions Club

Wetherby District Lions Club

Lions on the slide ?

No - we are in great health and given half a chance we would be on all of the equipment!!

Last year Wetherby District Lions supported East Keswick Parish Council with its plans to refurbish the children's playground and what a great job they have made of it!;

- The gate has been altered to enable wider access;
 - The two toddler cradle swings have been replaced;
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- the old rotten timber tower has been removed and replaced with a larger version which now provides a larger play area for the younger age group.

This has helped promote play and physical activity in the younger age range therefore completed the aim of providing play facilities to all ages of children within the village.



"On behalf of East Keswick Parish Council, I would like to say we are extremely grateful for your support of our playground and as you can see from the photos attached this has improved our playground facilities and we have already received lots of positive feedback from residents. Thank you once again for your support."
Clerk to the Council

Despite the loss of all the Lions events over the past year and with nothing on the calendar until our famous 'Dickensian Christmas Market & Craft Fair' on 12th December 2021, the Lions continue to support local people and projects.

Lion John Wardley
Wetherby & District Lions Webmaster

Membership

We welcome the following members into District 105N and into Lions Clubs International

Lion Shirley Lenton

Holderness Lions Club

Lion Barry Rojohn

Holderness Lions Club

Lion Dominic Carlin

Tickhill & District Lions Club

Lion Marilyn Bennett

District 105N MLCI Co-ordinator

Pontefract Lioness Club



Charter Presentation 1977



Registration Disabled Sports



40 Certification 2017



Help for Heroes

Pontefract Lioness Club are pleased to say that as of June we shall be becoming members of Castleford & Pontefract District Lions Club and will continue to serve our community as we have done for the past 44 years..

Over the years we have had three Lions Clubs sponsor us, (two of which have closed down) but we have always had a good relationship and our two clubs have supported one another in various projects including Massage in a Bottle and the Annual Lantern Festival which we hope will be going ahead in person this year as it will be the 10th anniversary of this event.

12 of our existing 16 members will become Lions and another 2 have expressed an interest in remaining friends of the organisation and they will support us whenever required.

Although we are sad that Lionesses are being closed down by International we are pleased to be able to use our logo alongside the Lions and we shall wear our joint logo badge with pride.

We have an exciting opportunity in the pipeline which hopefully give us a permanent home for our Annual Lantern Festival and also a possible hub from which we can serve our local community. We shall continue to serve as much as we can once we are able to get out and about once again

Since the start of the pandemic, both ourselves and our sponsoring



Lantern Festival



Lions Centennial Celebration



Marie Curie Collection



Victorian Christmas Market

Lion Club have been very limited in our activities, but we are holding our one and only official event on the 27th June when we shall be bringing both clubs together to celebrate the past 44 years of Lionesses and to officially induct us into the Castleford & Pontefract District Lions Club so we can continue to serve our community and Lions Clubs International.

Lioness Karen Heywood
President Pontefract Lioness Clubs

In order to publish the July edition on time please ensure your articles are with me no later than

Tuesday 22nd June 2021

Lion George W Morgan
District Newsletter Editor