



Lions Clubs International

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## District 105N Newsletter



### District Governor 105N

Dear Fellow Lions, Lionesses, Leos and partners

As we move into the second half of the Lionistic year we move into a period of time that none of us have ever known before, with the Covid 19 pandemic numbers of people being infected, hospitalised and dying continuing to rise on daily basis.. I very much hope that you, your families and friends are keeping well and those of you who are suffering from this terrible virus are soon feeling a lot better.

The very good news however is that the vaccines are now being rolled out at a pace across the country. The delivery of the vaccines to our local communities does provide the opportunity for Lions Clubs and their members to offer themselves for service. I am very pleased to see on social media that some Lions clubs and their members with appropriate vis vests and personal protective equipment on are already providing this service at some of our Covid 19 Vaccination Clinics. This service is taking the form of being car parking marshals and being the stewards on the reception areas of the vaccination centres to direct recipients to the correct vaccination areas etc. and after the patients have been vaccinated assisting them to get to their transport home. Members please do consider giving this service and approach your local GP's surgery or vaccination hub for further information if you feel you can assist either as a club or as an individual member. I personally felt the need to assist and give service and as a Registered General Nurse I have come out of retirement to be a nurse vaccinator which is proving to be a very rewarding role as all recipients of the vaccine are so pleased to have been called up. If any Registered Healthcare professional or recently retired Healthcare professional wish to offer their services I will be only too pleased to direct them in the right direction if required.

It is now time fellow Lions to be giving thought to and appointing your Club Officers for the coming Lionistic year. Officers for the coming Lionistic year should be appointed by April at the very latest which is only 2/3 months away and by appointing your incoming officers now the opportunity is there for the new Club Officers to orientate themselves to the role that they are taking on and it provides the present incumbent time to perform a well-planned and thought out handover.

**Saturday the 6th February at 930am sees the start of our Annual District Convention. It will be a much slimmed down event this year due to the present Covid 19 pandemic and the requirement for the meeting to be on line via zoom only.**

**If you intend attending the District Convention either as a delegate or a non-delegate there is a requirement to register with the District Secretary Alan Ashburner in order that he can provide you with the appropriate links.**

It is planned that the first part on the Convention will be completed within the hour and this will be followed by a half hour break to allow delegates to vote on line and of course get a welcome cup of coffee, the meeting will reconvene at 11am and the results of the voting will be announced. Attendees at the District Convention will find it extremely useful if they ask their Club Secretary to email to them copies of the agenda, resolutions, nominations and club officer reports before the day in order that there is time to read them and come prepared to the meeting to vote.

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**Please Remember “We Serve because We Care” especially in these very difficult times.**

Take Care

Lion David Wilson  
District Governor 105N

**District Governor’s Diary for February 2021**

01 Feb 2021	District Governor’s on-line Team Meeting
04 Feb 2021	District 105N on-line Cabinet Meeting
06 Feb 2021	District 105N Convention on-line meeting
18 Feb 2021	Filey Lions Club on-line meeting
21 Feb 2021	Council of Governor’s on-line meeting



**Vice District Governor 105N**

Fellow Lions, Lionesses, Leos and Partners

Welcome to the early February Newsletter.

I have had an interesting conversation with a member recently. He said that all Conventions and Cabinets are is a gathering of ‘old boys’ in their little cliques.

I thought about this and whilst I agree, up to a point, it is a gathering of longer serving Lions who have been there for, what seems like, years. Whose fault is that? Where are the Lions who want to take our places?

Now don’t get me wrong there are some Lions who like doing a job and do not want to leave it. This is a problem worldwide and not just in Lionism either?

However how did those Lions get to be the old boys? Every old boy had to be the new kid on the block sometime. I remember my first taste of a Cabinet meeting as a pimply faced youth back in 1992. I was scared rigid of what was going on. How do I report? Am I allowed to ask a question and so on but, as the song says, “I learned how to get along.” I asked questions and showed an interest.

Back in the olden days the structure was a little more inflexible. But things have changed. We now have ladies as members who give as good as they get, the younger members are being given a voice and both being listened to

Times have also changed in communications. Back then it was all paperwork and telephones. Today it is reports by computer and the cloud. One of the downsides is that a lot of people rely on emails and texts to ‘speak’ with each other instead of actually speaking to people, but that is a topic for a different day.

A good planner needs to plan for everything including where they want to go. I want this district to go and do what we do best and that is to help those less fortunate than ourselves. To do that we need good members in fantastic Clubs. We also need a top-notch support system for those Clubs and that is where the District comes in.

We need good leaders to help and guide the Clubs over a myriad of issues. We have the knowledge of many Lions that could be utilised to ensure the members fill their potential. If you wish to help beyond the Club but don’t know how to go about it please call me, or any of the current District team, and we will answer your questions

I hope you all turn up for Convention. It will be a little tricky this year with it being an online meeting, but we will get there.

PDG Lion Nigel Ware  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor.105N

### The Face behind the Name



#### **John Sutherland JP MJF District 105N MedicAlert Officer**

John has been a member since 1983 when he was invited by the late David Moorhouse to join the Scarborough Lions club and in 1988 transferred to Easingwold Lions club due to moving from Scarborough to York for an Ambulance Service promotion. It was during his ambulance service career when he first became aware of the valuable lifesaving work of the MedicAlert foundation.

Across the two clubs he has been president a number of times and chaired every committee, also has served the district as training officer, Zone Chairman and Regional Chairman on a number of occasions as well as GMT and GLT coordinator and District Governor in 2012/13.

He currently chairs the club Community Welfare committee and enjoys playing Santa on the sleigh and at schools.

John is also the MD MedicAlert liaison officer and served 3 years as Lions representative on the MedicAlert board of trustees, director of the Yorkshire air ambulance and county officer for the British Red Cross and served as a Justice of the Peace for 31 years.

Along with his wife Denise they enjoy caravanning and walking and often use the caravan to visit Lions clubs around the UK, making many Lions friends across the country, as well as attending international conventions which they both enjoy very much.

### Holme Valley Lions CIO take Santa to The Holme Valley

Holme Valley Lions CIO (based in West Yorkshire) were delighted to be able to assist Santa again this year on his trip through the Holme Valley and nearby villages during the December run up to Christmas. In this year of the awful Covid pandemic we really thought that our usual jaunt through the neighbourhoods with Santa on his sleigh would not be possible. However, after careful construction of our Risk Assessment and having cleared this with the Local Authority, the local Police Force and the Lions Insurance company we were given the go-head to proceed, but with certain strict conditions.



We were not able to carry out our usual cash collections, we were not allowed to stop en-route, unless it was for  
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traffic reasons, we were not allowed to encourage groups of people to congregate and we were only allowed a limited number of helpers (2 elves and a driver).

We advertised our plans and routes very carefully and made it very clear that Santa would not be doing his usual interaction with the children by stopping and chatting and that we could not collect cash, but Santa would really love to see as many people as possible waving from their gardens and doorsteps.

We did set up a text donation system and made sure that signs detailing this were visible on the sleigh and the two assisting elves wore a banner with the details around their neck. This all worked very well indeed and we were able to safely bring some much needed Christmas cheer to many people, especially the young children. All in all we completed the mobile routes in 10 Villages and manned static events.

Our Holme Valley community are always very supportive of the Santa Sleigh and this year was no exception, with many people cheering and waving from their gardens and windows. We had some fantastic feedback on our Facebook page, which we appreciate. We were proud of the way that the community respected the tight conditions that we had to adhere to and we felt that not only were we safe, but that all of the people who came out to see us behaved responsibly. A big thanks to the Holme Valley.

The text donation system worked very well and has now given us some good experience and insight into how we may be able to use that process for future events.

Lion Steve O'Leary  
Holme Valley Lions Club CIO

## Keighley Lions Club

### Christmas 2020

As with so many Lions Clubs around the country, Keighley Lions were unable to take our sleigh out around the town and surrounding villages (for the first time in over 40 years), nor were we able to host Santa in the Grotto at Stephen Smith's Garden Centre in Harden, near Bingley. All our other fundraising activities are on hold. We did, however, manage to do some bucket collections at the Garden Centre, ...observing all Covid requirements... plus Stephen Smith's very generous donation of £2,500 to make up for not doing the Grotto.

Being ever resilient, we did manage to carry out some Lionistic work, supporting the local 'Healthy Growth Initiative' run by a wonderful lady, Rachel Neild. She was working through the last half term before Christmas, cooking and distributing hot food and food boxes on the streets around Keighley aimed at kids and struggling families. She mentioned that she was going to be based at the Hainworth Wood Community Centre during Christmas and New Year (including Christmas Day and New Years Day) cooking food and making up food boxes for local families, which gave us an opportunity to offer our help.



So during both weeks members of Keighley Lions and also The Lion's Den Shed, were busy helping out. Members are also still doing some deliveries of food parcels for Salvation Army.

### **A special note!**

During January we celebrated the 90th birthday of our life member, Lion Keith Trott...charter member and the longest serving Lion in the U.K.

That's some achievement!

Lion Harry Ambler  
Secretary, Communications Officer  
Keighley Lions Club

## Wetherby District Lions Club

### Lions have COVID-19 covered with their Jabezos !!

Wetherby District Lions, with their usual efficiency, quickly erected two of their gazebos outside Wetherby Health Centre on Thursday evening. It was all 'paws on deck' and not a moment too soon as shelter is needed given the snow this morning (*Friday 8th*) !!



Lion members also worked in the car park helping the elderly with walking or standing during their visit, Lions have provided their wheelchairs for people to use.

Wetherby District Lion members are pleased to support the above community activity and wish you all a Happy New Year !!

John Wardley  
Lion Webmaster

## Derwent Lions Club

### Derwent Lions – the Masked Tree Collectors

During the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> January 2021, Derwent Lions 'gathered apart' for their annual Christmas Tree recycling project in aid of our local hospice, St Leonards Hospice. Through little more than word of mouth and social media, our local semi-rural communities came together to book their trees online in advance of the big weekend. Then, armed with huge collection routes, our small army of family bubbles of van drivers headed out collecting the trees bringing them back to base where a superb local volunteer tree surgeon (Toby H Johnson Ltd) awaited with his trustee chipper.

This year, under the shadow of COV19 and lockdown 3, we were particularly pleased that we were able to adjust our plans to comply with government guidelines and do so with the blessing of our 2 local councils. Also, our creative crew were able to arrange to supply all the chippings to local nurseries who would use them for eco-friendly path making, in return for a small donation!.

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With almost 400 trees recycled and almost £3000 raised for St Leonards Hospice, 2021 has been a record breaking start for Derwent Lions. Here's hoping this continues, even during these difficult times.

Thanks to our local community and all volunteers, without whom this project wouldn't be possible.

Lion Tony Feasby  
Derwent Lions Club

### District 105N Convention 2021

#### **Fellow Lions**

**There are currently no nominations for the posts of First Vice and Second Vice District Governors for the Lionistic Year 2021 to 2022.**

**The constitutional position is that nominations can be received on the day of the District Convention, which is on Saturday 6th February, from the floor.**

**As you will no doubt be aware this year's District Convention is totally on line including the voting.**

**It would be very helpful that if you intend either standing yourself on the day for one of the two Vice Governor positions or proposing a Lion for one of the Vice Governor positions if you could advise me by Thursday 4th February, any names submitted would of course remain confidential to myself.**

**This requirement still does not prevent any nominations actually being put forward for the vacant positions on the day.**

**If further information or any clarification are required on the two roles, please do not hesitate to contact me for a confidential discussion.**

**Thank you**

**Lion David Wilson  
District Governor 105N**

### Membership

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

Lion Barbara Auty	Morley & District Lions Club
Lion Louisa Weir	Morley & District Lions Club

Lion Marilyn Bennett  
District 105N MLCI Co-ordinator

### District Almoner

#### Lions Who Have Passed on to Higher Service

Lion Brownlee Armour	Aberdeen Lions Club
Lion Eric Booth MJF	Otley Lions Club
Lion Colin Abbishaw	Rothwell District Lions Club

Our thoughts are with all their families at this sad time.

DG Lion David Wilson  
District 105N Almoner

### Lions Competitions in District 105N.

As you are aware, this last 12 Months has been very different to any Year in the past. I am pleased to say that all Competitions with exception of Travelling Lion and Host Club, have been entered the results are as follows:-

#### Travelling Lion.

Retained by Thorne Rural Lions Club.

#### Host Club.

Retained by Castleford & Pontefract LC.

#### Photographic

Lion Keith Smalley, C & P LC.

#### Rookie of the Year.

Lion Dan Franks, Morley & District LC.

#### Scrapbook.

Pontefract Lioness Club.

#### Peter Shaw. Award.

Filey Lions Club.

#### Website.

Filey Lions Club.

Thank you to all the Clubs who took part in this year's Competitions,

As you are aware, these competitions run a full 12 Months, so please, carry on preparing for the next Final in a year's time. If you require any information with regards to Competitions please get in touch.

Lion Roy Field MJF.  
District 105N Competitions Officer

### Obituaries

We remember those Lions,  
Lionesses and their partners of District N  
who have passed on to higher service



#### **Lion Bob Norris Harrogate Lions Club**

Harrogate Lions sadly announce the sudden passing to higher service of Lion Bob Norris at Harrogate Hospital on 25th November 2020 aged 92 years.

Lion Bob and his wife, Lion Joan were introduced to Harrogate Lions in 2008. Throughout his membership Bob took on roles such as Tail Twister & he supported his wife Joan in leading the Welfare Committee for a number of years.

Lion Bob worked as a Civil Engineer with Richard Costains. Working on projects in the UK & abroad in places such as Cyprus & Turkey, before retirement & moving with Joan to Harrogate.

A devoted family man, a loving husband, father to Joanna & Stephen, and grandfather to four grandchildren. He was an avid football fan & supporter of Tottenham Hotspurs. The couple would have been celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in 2021.

Harrogate Lions extend their deep sympathy to Lion Joan and family and will continue to support her now and in the future.

#### **Lion Julie Williams Harrogate Lions Club**

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you all of the passing to higher service of Lion Julie Williams of Harrogate Lions club.

Julie was an active member at club level who enjoyed club activities. Regularly Performing Newspaper Duties at Harrogate District Hospital, which she was very passionate about. Persuading her husband David to accompany her on the rounds. Julie enjoyed attending Lions events such as the Christmas collections, with husband David as Santa. She was known & loved for her enthusiasm & her quirky headgear.

Julie Worked as Activities organiser in a Care Home in Harrogate & laterally as Transport helper for NYCC. She also Managed Fab Club in Harrogate for people with Special needs, organising several trips with the group to Lions Doncaster Sports and Fun day

Julie joined Harrogate Lions Club in May 2015. After a break of 2yrs, she re-joined in 2019.

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#### **Lion Eric Booth MJF Otley Lions Club**

Otley Lions are saddened to advise of the passing to higher service of Lion Eric Booth MJF who, after 23 years' service, was the club's longest-serving member.

Lion Eric served as President for two separate terms but also gave sterling service as Treasurer over many years and revolutionised the club's finances. The official record will not however record Eric's tireless commitment to the club's activities and practical service as well as his enthusiasm for club and zone social events.

We extend condolences to Eric's wife Jennifer, sons Jonathan, Chris and Nick and grandchildren Timothy and Victoria.

#### **Lion Colin Abbishaw MJF Rothwell & District Lions Club**

Members of Rothwell Lions Club are extremely sad to hear of the passing to Higher Service of their friend and Lion colleague Colin Abbishaw on the 19th January 2021.

Colin was a member of the Lions on two separate occasions, the last one being from 1997 to the present day.

As a well respected member he took an active part in their events and will be particularly remembered for his efforts with driving the Santa sleigh and the organising of the Wild Boar challenge.

He was a retired painter and decorator who, on behalf of the Lions, undertook single-handedly to repaint much of the Ground Floor of the Oulton Institute.

More recently Colin was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship for his services, both to his club and Lions Clubs International

#### **Wetherby District Lions would like to go 'virtual'! Can you help us please?**

our treasurer is concerned, as we all are, about the lack of real opportunities to organise events and to raise money for our local community and various charities. This year we have been unable to organise our 'Beer Festival', the 'Duck Race', our famous 'Dickensian Christmas Market', regular bucket collections and now we learn just this week that the 'Great Yorkshire Bike Ride 2021' has been cancelled!

We would very much appreciate advice and guidance from other Lions who have organised 'virtual' events to keep the local community engaged. If you can help would you please contact our events coordinator at [events.wetherbylions@gmail.com](mailto:events.wetherbylions@gmail.com) or through our website [www.wetherbylions.org/contact](http://www.wetherbylions.org/contact)

Childhood and Cancer Awareness Project

Dear Fellow Lions

Looking forward to what we all hope will be a much brighter Spring, I would like you all to be aware that District "N" Childhood Cancer month will be APRIL 2021.

As a District project I hope that each Club will support children and young people who are having treatment for cancer or who are undergoing palliative care, in whatever way they can.

Suggestions may be:

Supporting children locally

Supporting their local hospital by buying a piece of equipment, buying toys, books or games for the playroom, providing the Children's ward with Easter Eggs or whatever other ideas you may have.

Supporting their Regional Paediatric Oncology Unit in the same ways as above.

Supporting "Supershoes"

[www.supershoes.org.uk](http://www.supershoes.org.uk)

Face book. [Supershoes@supershoesUK](https://www.facebook.com/supershoesUK)

*This is a registered Charity who provide unique customised shoes, hand painted and personalised for those incredibly brave children and young people who are receiving treatment or palliative care.*

*Each pair of shoes is hand painted by a volunteer Super Artist to capture the child and their favourite things like games, music, animals, tv programmes etc.*

*It costs £70.00 to produce and deliver each pair of supershoes and each pair is guaranteed to brighten the day of any child with cancer.*

*All Super Artists are volunteers and offer their time and talent free.*

*Facebook .*

I would be more than happy to help you with information, contact names or numbers or in any way I can.

PLEASE do take part in this project and I would really appreciate you letting me know what your club has done or achieved.

Thank you very much indeed in anticipation.

Kindest regards

Lion Margaret Riley

District 105N Childhood Cancer Officer

Fellow Lions, Lionesses

My apologies if your articles for the newsletter arrived too late for inclusion in this month's edition, but I will include them in next month's newsletter.

I was requested by District Governor David to send the newsletter out early in order for club members to see the information regarding booking in for Convention.

PDG Lion George W Morgan

Newsletter Editor

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

**Sunday 21st February 2021**

**Lion George W Morgan**

**District Newsletter Editor**