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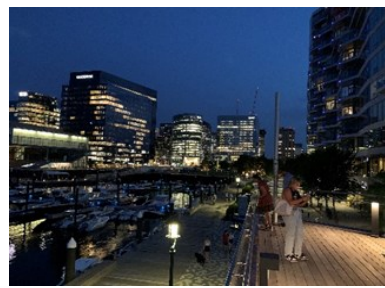


Fellow Lions, Leos and Partners

International Convention 2023 - Boston

What a specular event !! 12,000 Lions from all corners of the globe attended this years Convention in Boston and to see so many take part in the Parade of Nations was a sight to behold.

A busy schedule of presentations, forums and speeches made for a very enlightening time. We even found time to fit in some sightseeing in this beautiful city. The highlight of the last day was to witness the inauguration of our new International President, Patti Hill, who gave a superb speech on her thoughts and vision for the coming year. Her motto of 'Changing the World "was warmly welcomed by everyone. **Mission 1.5** was officially launched. This mission is to increase our Global membership level to 1.5million members within the next three years (an increase of approx 150,000 from where we stand today). You will see from the photograph below, contributions to LCIF in the year hit a new high of \$67.9m. An unbelievable amount that has helped our organization to respond to so many disasters and needs throughout the world. And last, but not least, the swearing in of new District Governors - nearly 750 of them.



Coming back to things a bit closer to home, we will hold our first District Cabinet meeting of the year on Sunday 6th August at the Scotch Corner Hotel - remember you can attend if you wish !! We will be discussing many things to try and make 2034/24 an even better year in our District. Objectives and goals for the year will be agreed and these will be communicated to all clubs via Zone Chairs.

Sadly, since our last newsletter we have seen the sudden decision for Mexborough Club to close. It is with deep regret that we are losing this club and I would like to thank all members for the years of dedicated service they have given to their communities. Some of the membership are looking to transfer to other clubs in the area and they will be warmly welcomed.

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Our membership levels have got off to a great start with 11 new members joining us to give a net increase of 7 in the first three weeks of the year. We welcome the new members into our pride.

The appointment of District Officers is almost complete but sadly there has not yet been a volunteer to take on the important role of District Hunger Relief Officer. Please give this some thought and if you wish to discuss further, do not hesitate to contact me.

Saturday 12th August will see the annual District Disabled Sports Day organized by Thorne Rural Club. This is a fantastic day in serving the needs of local communities and many other Lions Clubs serve on the committee and get involved with putting on fun stalls and games - why not come along and see for yourself !!

Talking of events - I have noticed that in some other District newsletters, Clubs notify their editor of upcoming events. I think this is a great way of sharing what we are doing and giving the opportunity of visiting and perhaps participating. I am sure our Editor, George, would be happy to include a section like this.

Diary for August looks a little light - but I am in the process of filling up with club visits :

Be proud, be bold, be successful

Lion Kevin Hunter
Acting District Governor District 105N

1st District Vice Governor 2023 / 2024



My first official duty as your Vice District Governor was to present a Melvin Jones Fellowship at Easingwold Lions awards night, and I always feel proud to be part of the same Lion family when I hear of the commitment of some of our fellows.

I'm looking forward to starting club visits once we are through the holiday season. Club meetings are always of interest to me and I recall hearing quite early on in Lion life that... 'its our club and we do what we want'

Its not quite as simple as that but I will be visiting clubs that meet once a month for business and once a month for a social evening. Other clubs meet twice a month for business meetings, with welfare and activity meetings held on separate nights depending on the season. I think the model I have enjoyed has been one where a group decision is made to pause any meeting when an expression is used that is unfamiliar to a prospective or new Lion so that explanations can be given; and a club that stops for a beer break and uses that time to break into its separate committees for example membership, welfare or activity, before coming together to iron out the wrinkles.

Most of all I enjoy seeing that the various duties and responsibilities are shared between established Lions and those new Lions bringing contemporary skills into our work.

How do you run your meetings? What is it like for a newcomer? Is there room for change?

Lion Gillian Swan
1st VDG 105N 2023 / 2024

2nd Vice District Governor 2023 / 2024



Fellow lions, Leos & partners, First of all may I congratulate Lion Kevin on being appointed District Governor for a second term, and I can assure him that he has my full support and I am sure that of Gillian too. Since the last newsletter I have commenced club visits as part of the DG's team .

In the last week of July I had the pleasure of visiting Derwent Lions, Minster of York Lions, where I witnessed the induction of 1 new member, Knaresborough Lions and Bridlington Lions and on the 1st August, Hornsea. I was made very welcome at all of them, and all clubs are performing well and getting on with their usual business of supporting their communities. The variation in ideas for fundraising and community support is good to see, and I would encourage all clubs to venture into club visits, if you are not already doing so, and share your ideas with others.

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This month my only confirmed visit at the moment is Boroughbridge on 8th August, though I am hoping to catch up with one or two more. I am encouraging my colleagues from Filey to come along with me where possible, under the leadership of our club visiting officer and IPDG Dave Wilson. Once again, keep doing what you are doing, together we are making a huge difference to our communities.

Lion John Sellers

2nd VDG 105N2023 / 2024

Rothwell District Lions Club

Pickleball comes to Rothwell.

Pickleball you say. What's that.? Never heard of it. Well neither had we at the Rothwell District Lions until Jane Beaumont, one of our local residents, asked if the Lions might be prepared to help with the funding of the marking out and some equipment for this on the existing tennis court 2.



Jane had seen the game and played it at the John Charles sports centre and was sure that if she could find the funding this would become very popular with a good many local residents. It is played on a much smaller court than a typical tennis one and using a plastic ball plus being played at a slower pace than tennis, it is ideal for the slightly older or less energetic competitor although Pickleball can be played by anyone.

After visiting the John Charles centre, seeing it being played, and speaking with Jane the Lions were quick to say yes and with matched funding from our local councillors and assistance from the council's parks department the court is now available and ready for use.



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Jane now offers taster sessions, initially for the over 50s which people will be able to find on

[Playtimescheduler.com](https://www.playtimescheduler.com)

Jane's perseverance with getting this off of the ground is to be commended and the Rothwell District Lions are pleased to assist in providing another amenity for the local community

Lion Wayne Hoyle
Rothwell District Lions Club

Martin House Children's Hospice.

The Sanctuary Garden.

"From little acorns mighty oaks do grow."

In 2022 Martin House Hospice embarked upon a project to raise £44,000 to create their new Sanctuary Garden. The Sanctuary Garden will be located outside of The Sanctuary (the Chapel) and will be a semi-private garden. Landscaped with a seating area and garden features it will provide an opportunity for the families to take some further time for reflection and remembrance. The design will evoke feelings of peace away from the practicality and associations inside the hospice.

What started out as a presentation in November 2022 to Ryedale Lions Club by Michelle Ford, Regional Fundraiser, North & East Yorkshire, Martin House Hospice, rapidly spread to become a cross Zones project involving 4 Zones and 21 Lions Clubs.

Within a short space of time the 21 Lions Clubs involved pledged £22,000 and the Matching Grant Application was approved by LCIF.



On 28 June 2023 a cheque presentation ceremony took

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took place at Martin House Hospice, Boston Spa, West Yorkshire attended by the MD105N District Governor, Kevin Hunter, the LCIF Coordinator, Roy Chambers, several Zone Chairmen and representatives of Lions Clubs within the District.

The cheque for £44,000 presented will allow Martin House Hospice to commence work on their Sanctuary Garden with completion at some time during 2024.

This cross-Zone collaboration epitomises what can be achieved when Lions Clubs work together.

Lion Frank Heywood
Ryedale Lions Club

Easingwold District Lions Club

Easingwold District Lions meet the Lions and Awards Evening

The Lions of Easingwold District Lions Club celebrated their president's changeover meeting at the Alne Cricket club on Wednesday 12th July, the Lions also used this event to distribute funds to 16 local groups, grants were awarded to bodies ranging from Easingwold Football Association, Easingwold Town Band, Tollerton Allotments Society, four local Primary Schools also Galtres Rainbows, Brownies, scouts and other community groups, towards their own projects.

The evening was attended by 50 people including representatives of the groups and other guests from Minster Lions Club and the Lions Vice District Governor a member of Garforth Lions Club.

Lion President John Sutherland welcomed everyone to the evening and spoke about the activities of the Easingwold District Lions Club and said that most people would recognise the Lions as the people who bring Santa at Christmas he explained that they do much more than this, he spoke about the work of lions around the world, in relation to projects supporting vision, youth, environment and disaster response.

He also mentioned that like many organisations membership is becoming an issue and if the good work the Lions do is to continue we will need people to come forward and join us.

Vice president Lion Shelagh Kenny presented the awards.

Lion president John asked Vice District Gill Swan to present a Melvin Jones Fellowship award on behalf of Easingwold lions members, to Lion Frank Johnston-Banks, one of the Easingwold Lions members. The Melvin Jones Fellowship is the highest award a lion's club can give to a member.

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Frank was awarded this for his voluntary work with the lions and also for his other charitable work within the Town and surrounding area, John said if you want something doing then Frank is the man to go to.

Finally, the lions collar was handed over to Lion Shelagh Kenny and John wished her a very successful year as president.



PDG Lion John Sutherland
IPP Easingwold District Lions Club

Knaresborough Lions Club



Knaresborough club has made Jim Somerville its Lion of the Year. He is on the left in our photo with former club president Richard Hall.

Lion Jim has been a Lion for over 20 years and is responsible for infrastructure, equipment and materials used in the staging of Knaresborough's major events –

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Bed Race, Beer Festival, Santa's Sleigh and the various markets held in the town. During the past year he had been prominent in the work undertaken by Lions in rebuilding and refurbishing the centre for Girl Guides at Birk Crag.

Lion Nigel Perry
PR Officer, Knaresborough Lions Club

Tickhill & District Lions Club

Tickhill and District Lions have been delighted to support two Food Hubs in Harworth and Bircotes.

Food Hubs are a unique way of tackling food insecurity at a local level. These Hubs sell food at a heavily discounted rate. Unlike traditional Food Banks, any individual or family can access a Food Hub without a referral note, at any time. This helps people who are temporarily struggling, and removes some perceived stigma from the process.



We got involved with these fantastic Hubs, and this brilliant cause, to help those in need, but also to support the environment because the food would otherwise be destined for landfill.

With our financial support, the Food Hubs have been able to:

1. Widen the variety of food available: often the Hubs are given carbohydrates and vegetables only. The Hubs have used our donations to purchase additional protein to allow people to access more nutritious meals.
2. Improve the logistics of the Hubs: one needed a plug socket fitting, and another needed more shelving.

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3. Subsidise the cost: some people were unable to afford the £3 donation, so we have given Hubs the ability to pay on their clients' behalfs.

We are proud that our support has enabled around 60 people per week to access high-quality support via these Hubs, and that we are contributing towards the incredible community work that the volunteers at these Hubs undertake.

Lion Dominic Carlin
Tickhill & District Lions Club

Filey Lions Club



Through the good folk of Filey and surrounding areas we were able to raise the necessary funds to purchase our 'new to us' minibus.

Many people helped; the Woodsmith Foundation and Tesco 'blue token' Grant scheme, those who sold tomato plants, held swimming events and contributed in our collection buckets, or donated on Just Giving.. we thank them all for making it possible.

Lion Claire Browning
Marketing & Social Media, Filey Lions Club

District 105N Competitions

Travelling Lion Competition

Thorne Rural Lions Club	71
Filey Lions Club	36
Morley & District Lions Club	11
Garforth & District Lions Club	6

Host Club Competition

Castleford & Pontefract District Lions Club	19
Morley & District Lions Club	1

As we start another Lions Year, it is time to start collecting material for your entries in the following Competitions.

Scrapbook and best club project, (Peter Shaw as was).

If you require any info. on any of our Comps ,please don't be afraid to call me.

Lion Roy Field
District 105N Competitions Officer

Bridlington Lions Club

Bridlington Lions Club started their Clubs 60th Anniversary Year with the presentation of Melvin Jones Fellowship awards, acknowledging the service, fund raising and promotion of the Lions Organisation they had carried out. Jointly they have given Bridlington Lions Club almost 100 years service.



In the photo receiving their awards are, from left to right.

Lions Jasmine May, John Rycroft, Gary Hedges, Les Taylor, Derek Boyland and Roger Davies

Lion Ken Taylor
Secretary Bridlington Lions Club

Membership

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

Lion Jodie Galloway	Aberdeen Bon Acord Lions Club
Lion Sydney Brangenburg	Aberdeen Bon Acord Lions Club
Lion Andrew Graham	Ayr & Prestwick Lions Club
Lion Kenneth Toward	Consett Lions Club
Lion Carolyn Brown	Dumfries Lions Club
Lion Helen Beevers	Filey Lions Club
Lion Debbie Joyce	Garforth & District Lions Club
Lion Colin Joyce	Garforth & District Lions Club
Lion Jenny Burdett	Holderness Lions Club
Lion Valerie Andrews	Homsea District Lions Club
Lion Richard Johnson	Homsea District Lions Club
Lion Kian Tscherniga	Keighley Lions Club
Lion Edward Walters	Keighley Lions Club
Lion Elizabeth Wilson	Rothwell District Lions Club
Lion Dylan Watkins	Thirsk & Northallerton Lions Club

Transfers

Lion Clifford Pollard	Morpeth Lions Club
Lion Marilyn Bennett	
District 105N MLCY Co-ordinator	

Dumfries Lions Club



The Lions Club were impressed with the good work being done by the volunteers who coach the Inter Galloway AFC youngsters when they visited one of their training sessions at the North West Community Campus this week to present them with a cheque for £500 to assist them in purchasing training equipment.

Lions Club members Jock Carlyle and Sandra Potts are pictured with Maza Edgar Chairman and Head Coach William Currie of Inter Galloway AFC and the youngsters who are ready for their training session.

John MacColl
Dumfries Lions Club

Royal Garden Party

Immediate Past District Governor Lion David Wilson and his wife Christine were greatly honoured and delighted to be invited by Immediate Past Chairman of Council Lion Alaister Joel to represent him, his partner Gemma and the Multiple District at this years Royal Coronation Garden Party at Holyrood House in Edinburgh on the 4th July 2023.



Although it was a very wet afternoon (it rained solidly for 6 hours) the event was a very memorable occasion which was attended by not only King Charles but also by Queen Camilla and HRH Princess Anne.



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We were very fortunate when the Royal party split up to meet their guests that King Charles came across to our part of the gardens and we were delighted to have a few words with him and Christine even received a shake of the royal hand with King Charles.

Although it was raining very heavily HRH still managed to hold his top hat and umbrella in one hand, shake guests with the other hand and hold conversation at the Same time.

A day we will long remember

IPDG David Wilson
District 105N

Morpeth Lions Club

Members of the Lions Club of Morpeth recently witnessed an early handover of Presidents when the current President Peter Crook passed the Chain of Office to Lion Chris Offord. If Chris's name sounds familiar it may well be that this 'glutton for punishment' has already been Club President on three previous occasions. So it is safe to say that he knows the job.



Chris paid tribute to Peter who, during his year, has overseen welcome increases in membership as well as assisting many local causes to the tune of over £25000. In reply, Peter paid tribute to the support he has had from Club Officers and members, not forgetting the valuable input from member's partners, who made it all possible. He wished Chris success in guiding the Club over the next 12 months.

Most recently Peter was absent for a meeting; however he had a good excuse because he underwent a knee replacement. Nevertheless he made the effort to officially honour his successor Chris.

The Club will shortly be having a brief break; starting again in Morpeth Comrades Club on Tuesday August 22nd.

Lion Simon Pringle
PR Officer, Morpeth Lions Club

Dumfries Lions Club

The Dumfries Lions Club continue to increase their membership and welcomed new member Carolyn Brown to the Club at their July meeting.

This is the first time the Club have had a father and daughter as members and long serving Lions member Lindsay Graham was proud to induct his daughter into the Club along with Past District Governor Bill Walker.



Pictured during the badging ceremony are Bill Walker, Carolyn Brown and Lindsay Graham.

John MacColl of the Club said "we are delighted that Carolyn has decided to join us and she will make a considerable contribution to the Club."

Lion John MacColl
Dumfries Lions Club

Darlington Lions Club

Heel & Toe Children's Charity

Outgoing Lion President Tony has supported Heel and Toe Children's Charity for many years. They provide free and subsidised therapies to children with cerebral palsy and other physical disabilities and complex needs providing over 200 therapy sessions each week. Children attend to access their wide range of therapies.

Heel & Toe is the only charity in the North East to provide this service and receive no government funding, so rely on support from local community groups, businesses and individuals. They need to raise £1 million every year. Tony was delighted to present a cheque for £4,000 to Amanda Tweedy, the Deputy Chief Executive when he visited the Charity at Pelton.

Amanda Tweedy, Deputy Chief Executive said:

"I really was overwhelmed when Tony presented me with a cheque for £4,000 from the Darlington Lions. It is a huge amount for us to receive and I know how hard the members work to continue fundraising throughout the year, so we are so very grateful to them all.

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"Tony has been President of the Darlington Lions Club three times now, and has chosen Heel & Toe as his charity each time. It means the world to have his continued support and to be able to show him how the funds make a difference to so many disabled children across the North East, as well as how the charity has grown over the years."

The photo below shows Tony presenting the cheque with Emilia and Jo.



Tony also was delighted to present a cheque for £2000 to the Chairman of the Northumbria Blood Bikes, Mick Redpath.



Northumbria Blood Bikes is a charitable organisation by local volunteers to deliver essential blood and other urgent medical supplies out of hours between hospitals and healthcare sites in North East England. Northumbria Blood Bikes will join a network of Blood Bikes or Blood Runners covering almost all of the UK.

Chairman Mick Redpath said: *"Northumbria Blood Bikes were extremely pleased to have been nominated as one of Tony's charities to benefit from his presidential year with Darlington Lions. It was such a generous donation of £2000 and we are extremely grateful. NBB running costs are approximately £5.5K per month so this donation will be of considerable help to us in keeping our fleet on the road. This helps us to maintain our services to the NHS which is delivered free of charge, allowing the NHS to use the money saved in more effective ways.*

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Tony is also one of our volunteer riders helping us to deliver our service along with the myriad of other good causes he is involved in so we were particularly pleased when he presented us with this fantastic donation."

Lion Ann Gent
PR Officer, Darlington Lions Club

Rothwell District Lions Club

Rob Burrow Motor Neurone Centre

Early in 2022 the Rothwell District Lions were contacted by The Leeds Hospitals Charity to ask if we could give a donation towards the building of a centre, to be based at Seacroft Hospital in Leeds, for the treatment of patients suffering from Motor Neurone disease (MND). The centre would treat patients with MND not just in Leeds but in the wider area.

The charity was seeking to raise in excess of £6m and we were told that any donation, however small would be gratefully received. It was to be built in honour of Rob Burrow who had played rugby league both for the Leeds Rhinos and for England. Rob had been a great favourite of both teams and news of his difficulties hit the rugby league community very hard. Sadly Rob had been struck down at a very early age with this terrible disease for which there is currently no known cure.

It was very quickly decided that rather than giving an immediate donation the club would over a period of a year designate a number of its fund raising efforts specifically towards giving a more substantial donation in the future. These events included an off road cycle ride, The Wild Boar Challenge, a fashion show, a joint event with our local Carnival Committee plus various raffles etc. In the event the club raised a total of £5000 which was duly presented to the hospital charity in June 2023.



Lion President Harry Boyle & Welfare Chairman Wayne Hoyle present cheque to Dr Agum Jung, doctor in charge of the MND unit at Seacroft Hospital.

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In addition to the £5000 our newly installed Lions president has designated this charity to be one of the two that the club will support during his coming year in office which means it is aiming to give a further £2500.

Lion Wayne Hoyle
Rothwell District Lions Club

Elmet Lions Club

Community Engagement

Elmet Lions attended 2 'fun day's during June. With the demise of Selby Lions, Elmet Lions is always conscious to keep a presence in Selby with a view to helping Selby and always with the hope of the Club being re-formed.

The fun day run by Selby Town Council had a theme of 'The Seaside' so Elmet Lions took this to wire and did a hula hula theme plus a treasure hunt to win 60 bags of Haribo sweets

Here's Lions Ken and Ruth ready to take guesses and the treasure chest of sweets



Sherburn White Rose Football Club

Run on the car park of White Rose Football Club, this is one of Elmet Lions favourite fun days – great for raising funds and great for recruiting new members!

However, we didn't anticipate the Labour candidate (now MP for Selby and Ainsty) stopping at the stall where we had a 50:50 raffle, guess the sweets in a jar and the brilliant selling mini teddies!



Tee-ing off to a Great Donation!

When Scarthingwell Golf course became Tadcaster Golf course, the change of management did not want the

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Scarthingwell Golf Academy to continue.

The Academy had raised money at a Race Night during June and wondered what to do with the money they had raised. They wanted it to go to local organisations who needed money – however they were not sure how to access them. Someone suggested that Elmet Lions helped local organisations so the cheque was presented to Elmet Lions!



Here's President Maggie and Lion Ruth with the mega big cheque!

Thank you Scarthingwell Academy, we will use it wisely

Lion Margaret Hartley
Elmet Lions Club

Tickhill & District Lions Club

Tickhill and District Lions has had a busy year, and in recognition of the hard work and dedication of our members for their hard work, commitment and support for our club and our communities we have presented some very prestigious and well-deserved awards.



Lion Penny Bradley and Lion Julia Clough awarded the Presidents Badge from International President Brian E Sheehan.
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This was for their presentation at the District Convention in Bridlington on the matching grant application for the Bluebell Wood and Serenity Suite projects.



Lion President presenting Lion Rob Uney with a Melvin Jones Fellowship



Lions Ken Garner, Martin Harper, Duncan Donald, Ken Green, Brian Kilvington, John Hill presented with PMJF's



On the 4th July President Mal Miles handed over the reins to our new President Lion Mike Byrne.

Lion Steve Hattersley
Tickhill & District Lions

In order to publish the September edition on time your articles must be with me at the latest by

24th August 2023

PDG Lion George W Morgan
District 105N Newsletter Editor