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Fellow Lions, Leos and Partners

I am sure November has been a very busy month for us all !! Having completed eight club visits and attended four Charter Dinner / Lunches in the month, my attention is now drawn to my own club, Easingwold District, in helping get our Santa Sleigh around as many villages in our area as possible. A full December schedule awaits us and we hope the weather will be kind to at least keep us dry !

It has been great hearing from our Clubs, their plans for Christmas - Santa Sleighs, Santa Grottos, Boxing Day Dips , Christmas Parties, School visits, Christmas Tree sales, Food parcel Deliveries, Carol Concerts and many more. It really is the time of year when as Lions we put on our very best for our communities and as is often said - when lions start their Christmas activities, we know Christmas is really on the way ! I wish all of our clubs the very best of success in your programs - plenty of cheer, plenty of laughs and plenty of good weather.

It has been a pleasure in meeting a number of new Lions who have joined us since July. To date, we have 53 new members - all of whom will be a great asset to their clubs. We thank you all for choosing to join our great organization. Plans are well underway to hopefully launch two new Branch Clubs in early 2023. These will be in Middlesbrough as a branch of Darlington Club and York University Campus as a branch of Derwent Club.

The program and plans for our District Convention at the beginning of February in Bridlington are well under way. Updates will be issued shortly by the organizing committee. If you are planning to join us for the weekend or just the Saturday business day, please let us know - it's only 9 weeks away !!

No diary updates for December, but I will publish January and February activities and club visits in the next issue.

On behalf of Cynthia, myself and your Cabinet, we would like to wish you and your families, a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year.

Lion Kevin Hunter
District Governor 105N



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All Clubs have Stories on the success or Pride in a particular project. Some Clubs submit them to this Newsletter.

Please take time to look at the following links and see some of the stories of Pride that have benefited from LCIF Grants. Of all the areas of LCIF focus, look for the ones that you would support. There maybe some ideas for you to follow.

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<https://lcifpride.org/>

<https://www.youtube.com/c/lionsclubs/featured>

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Ayr & Prestwick Lions Club

Due to communication difficulties it has been some time since we were able to report activities. Although we are now few in number, Ayr & Prestwick Lions Club members are enthusiastic and work hard at helping the local community.

Spectacle recycling



On the day of making these notes the club invited representatives of the five opticians in Ayr who have our collection boxes to attend a publicity photoshoot. A magnificent total of eleven boxes were packed ready for dispatch to Birmingham HQ. Each box contained 360 spectacles so, with a few left over, there were 4,000 collected. Earlier in the year the club sent 2,880 glasses for recycling so this has been a tremendous achievement. Thanks go not only to Lion Robin White for sorting and boxing these but also to Boots, Lesley Dobbie, Orr & Simpson, Urquhart's and 20/20.

The photograph shows Lion President Gordon Macdonald with Lion Robin White along with representatives of the five companies.

Ellie Jackson Books

A set of these books was presented to Alloway Primary School in front of the morning assembly. Head Teacher Fiona Meney had been given an opportunity to have an advance look at them and spoke very enthusiastically about them when addressing the children. The following day the club received enquiries from three other local primary schools. These requests will be considered at the club's next business meeting.

Awards

Following a visit from a young Scout to the club members were pleased to make an award towards the cost of two Scouts attending next year's World Jamboree in South Korea.

Belleisle Conservatory in Ayr has been beautifully restored but the charity which cares for it has running costs exceeding £40,000 p.a. An award was made to pay for the replacement of some large pots.

Other Activities

Dobbies Garden Centre gave permission for a bucket collection for club finds and a total of £277 was raised. Members attended a charity awareness day in Ayr's Grain Exchange but footfall was disappointing. Three members participated in the Poppy Scotland Appeal at Morrisons.

October's business meeting was on Hallowe'en. To mark the occasion a former member prepared a pumpkin with a Rabbie Burns theme (Tam O' Shanter).



Lion Alec Mooney
Secretary Ayr & Prestwick Lions Club

Knaresborough Lions Club

Knaresborough Lions planted 150 oak tree whips in mid November in Horseshoe Fields, opposite where Bed Race starts and finishes. This was a follow on from the 2022 Great Knaresborough Bed Race, which is organised by the club.

The event this year had as its theme – the Environment and it was promised by RHC Harlow Carr that the club could have 150 free oak tree whips to plant.



Lion Stewart Reid and Mark Flood from Knaresborough Lions planting oak tree whips as part of the club's environmental campaign. This follows on from the 2022 Great Knaresborough Bed Race, which is organised by the club, and which took as its theme 'Environment and Recycling'.



Part of the Knaresborough Lions' team out to plant 150 oak tree whips with assistance from Harrogate Borough Council officials. The whips were presented to the Lions in respect of the club's initiative in promoting environmental causes by Royal Horticultural Centre at Harlow Carr.

Lion Nigel Perry
Secretary Knaresborough Lions

Dumfries Lions Club



Lion Kaz Paszki of the Dumfries Lions Club pictured laying a wreath at the War Memorial in Dumfries during the Armistice Service on the 13th November.

Lion John Maccoll
Dumfries Lions Club

Competitions

Due to circumstances beyond my control, I have to inform you that the MD Photo Comp. has, this year been cancelled, but, the district one will go ahead. There is a change to the closing date for your entries, which will now be **15th January 2023**.

Please remember to send them to me by Royal Mail ("snail mail").

There will still be a new trophy for the winner to keep as promised at last years Convention.

Thorne Rural are still ahead in the Travelling Lion Comp., with Filey catching up. This year's comp finishes 31st December, then next year's starts.

Have you completed your scrapbook for your last year's President?

Please bring them to Convention for Judging

Have you chosen a "Rookie of the year". Or entered that special project for consideration? Please let me have your information for judging .

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If you are having problems, or you have any questions about Comps, please get in touch, by any means at your disposal, including :

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Lion Roy Field MJF.
District 105N Competitions Officer

Wetherby District Lions Club

Certificate of Appreciation for Printworks Ltd

Wetherby District Lions presented Printworks Ltd with a 'Certificate of Appreciation' for their past and continuing support of the work of Wetherby Lions.

Paul is always happy to produce posters and flyers for the Lions and nothing is too much trouble! He and his partner will be taking part in the 'Big Biz Quiz' organised by Wetherby Lions and Morrisons Supermarkets – not only taking part but very generously providing the half-time snack of pizzas!!



Paul Johnson, Managing Director of Printworks Ltd (left) and Lion Ken Campbell

Delivering Leeds City of Culture 2023 to Wetherby

Wetherby District Lions Club (CIO) have agreed to act as an 'Anchor Organisation' to help develop and deliver local activities in Wetherby and the surrounding villages as part of Leeds City of Culture 2023.

We are supporting our Wetherby Ward Host, Kazia Knight, who is working to make things happen around the Town. More will follow on the Lions News website

<https://www.wetherbylions.org/news> and on <https://twitter.com/Wetherbyhost23>

Please follow the above links to see the exciting new activities as they emerge. In the meantime you have an opportunity to obtain FREE tickets to a major event.

'The Awakening of the Year of Culture 2023'

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be held at Headingley Stadium on 7th January 2023. -

see here for more details

<https://leeds2023.co.uk/whats-on/the-awakening>

Lion John Wardley

Webmaster, Wetherby District Lions Club

Elmet Lions Club

'What is the tiny piece at the end of a shoelace called?'

This was the first question read out at the Elmet Lions Inter Pub Quiz on 21st October, 2022 13 readers asked exactly the same question in 13 pubs around the Sherburn area to 13 eagerly awaiting teams. This annual quiz has challenged quiz teams to answer 100 questions in 30 minutes.

The team that answers the most correct questions in the shortest time wins a certificate and the pub that raises the most money also wins a certificate. This fabulous event which creates a lot of competition raised £540 for the local community and allowed Elmet Lions to explain what they do.



The winners this year (and last year!) was The Swan at Sherburn with 82 correct questions in 28.49 minutes

The pub that collected the most money was the Boot and Shoe at Barkston Ash who collected £126 from their team



Lion Margaret Hartley
Elmet Lions Club

Denby Dale District Lions Club

Denby Dale District Lions Club were delighted to welcome Lion District Governor Kevin to their November Business meeting. He helped us celebrate the long service of three Club members who have clocked up an amazing 85 years service between them! The awards went to Lion Peter Reeve (20 years service), Lion Ian Everett (30 years service) and Lion George Berry (35 years service).



Lion Peter Reeve receives his 20 years certificate



Lion Ian Everett receives his 30 years certificate



Lion George Berry receives his 35 year certificate

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District Governor Kevin also made a special award to Lion Club member Rebecca Fowler who is the only Lion Student member in the whole of District 105N. Rebecca, 19, became a full member of Lions earlier this year after joining the Denby Dale Leos Club three years ago. She is studying for a qualification in Special Education Needs at Leeds Beckett University.

Lions and Rotary Clubs Raise the Bar

Denby Dale District Lions Club have been holding an annual Beer Festival for the last 30 years to raise funds so when we were approached by Stainborough Rotary Club for help in arranging their very first beer festival we were more than happy to help. A team of Lions took our bar equipment over to Worsborough Miners Welfare Club and set it up for them ahead of their event which took place over the weekend of 18th-20th November.



The festival raised a fantastic £2,500 which is pretty good for a first event with the proceeds going to Barnsley Hospice and the Ukraine Appeal which are good causes which both Clubs support.

Lion David Absolon
Denby Dale Lions Club

Morpeth Lions Club

When Ashington Town Council asked the Lions Club of Morpeth to add a bit of magic to the lights switch on, the Lions didn't realise what a major part of the event that would turn out to be.

The Switch on would feature stalls lining Station Road, music from Coast Radio and Santa's sleigh which was the Lions input.

Unfortunately, inclement weather plus high winds on the day meant that the traders' stalls had to be dismantled on Health & Safety concerns.

Nevertheless the Lions were determined that the children of Ashington would not be disappointed. Santa appeared on time next to his sleigh whilst the
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Lions distributed sweets to the many children who arrived when school was finished. The children were thrilled and the street was filled with their happy laughter and the music from Koast Radio.



Lion President Peter Crook said 'It was marvellous to be able to avoid disappointing the children and gave us a great feeling of accomplishment. The Town Council has expressed its gratitude that the show did indeed go on!.'

At the end of the event Peter took the opportunity to present 3 cheques of £500 each to local organisations who work to help needy residents through the current hard times. They are Stobhill Link in Morpeth, Pegswood Community Link and Real Deal in Ashington. These contributions form only part of the Lions policy of helping at Christmas.

Lion Simon Pringle
Morpeth Lions Club

Ryedale Lions Club

Ryedale Lions Club is proud to be supporting the Filey based charity Smiles to Tanzania. The Club has approved an annual donation, in July, of £500.

Smiles to Tanzania was formed following a visit by the founders of the charity, Derek and Diane Edwards, to Ukerewe Island in the middle of Lake Victoria, Tanzania. They saw how the Lake Victoria Children's Society was struggling to educate and feed the local children.

All donations to Smiles to Tanzania are 100% allocated to charity initiatives with no administrative costs. All those involved in the charity do so on a voluntary basis.

Currently the main projects are providing funds for the supply of school uniforms, exercise books, pencils and pens that enables disadvantaged/orphaned children to attend school. Without a school uniform the children are not permitted to attend school. £5 is all that it takes to provide a school uniform for a child on Ukerewe Island.

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The charity also provides solar lights that are used in homes that do not have electricity. These lights replace the traditional Kerosene lamps that are both a health and fire hazard. The solar lights enable the children to do their homework and provide the family with clean light whilst saving the family from having to purchase Kerosene.

Lion Frank Hayward
Ryedale Lions Club

Membership

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

Lion Paul Halligan	Colne Valley Lions Club
Lion Linda Halligan	Colne Valley Lions Club
Lion Beth Halligan	Colne Valley Lions Club
Lion Cynthia Hunter	Easingwold District Lions Club
Lion Ian Tordoff	Filey Lions Club
Lion Julie Brown	Filey Lions Club
Lion David Reason	Harrogate Lions Club
Lion Helen Reason	Harrogate Lions Club
Lion Charles Henderson	Homsea District Lions Club
Lion Mel Thompson	Keighley Lions Club
Lion Pete Hagg	Keighley Lions Club
Lion Anthony (Dave) Harrison	Pocklington District Lions Club
Lion Robert Carrack	Ryedale Lions Club
Lion Graham Downes	Thorne Rural Lions Club
Lion Vanessa Downes	Thorne Rural Lions Club

Transfers

Lion Firas Kamel Soudani	Darlington Lions Club from Yarm Lions Club
Lion Marilyn Bennett	
District 105N MLCY Co-ordinator	

Obituaries

Lion John Little MJF. Aberdeen Lions Club



Aberdeen Lions regrets to share the news of the demise of one of its founding members, Lion John Little MJF.

A Lion for more than forty years, John was always an enthusiastic fund raiser and attended every meeting with lifelong friends Lion John Campbell and the late Lion Hamish Durrand.

John was born in Bearsden, Glasgow in 1937. Having attended local schools he then went onto an apprenticeship in the drawing office of Charles Connell Scotstoun Shipyard in Glasgow as a trainee ships draughtman. Within his time there he trained and qualified as a naval architect which resulted in moving to Basingstoke to work at Burgess Corlett and Partners.

In 1969 John moved to Aberdeen with his young family to work for the Shipbuilding Industry Training Board followed by management positions within John Wood Group and Grampian Regional Council. Upon retiring aged 65 John then worked at B&Q in Aberdeen for 15 years, finally retiring completely at age 80.

Jam making was Johns greatest delight, especially picking the wild raspberries to then turn into Jam which he gave to family and friends. Gardening was another of Johns great passions and he was the founder Chairman of the Aberdeen Fuchsia society, a prize winner in several flower shows and an active member of the Royal Horticulture Society Aberdeen.

Stamp collecting for over 70 years, John had given many talks and displays to various clubs and displayed at the Royal Philatelic Society in London, winning national awards.

John was a Boys Brigade officer in Bearsden, Basingstoke and Aberdeen. Mannofield church was where the family worshipped and John was a member of session and elder for over 40 years.

John is survived by his 3 children, John, Marie, Fiona and his 5 grandchildren.

All of us at Aberdeen Lions Club will miss him greatly

Keighley Lions Club

Been all change this year...we have had to arrange a new venue for our grotto this Christmas. Our usual,
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which we have had for many years at Stephen Smiths garden centre, is not available due to a buy out, leaving us with very short notice to find a new location...but we will still be there rattling our buckets! Fortunately Morrisons supermarket in Keighley came to our rescue with space in the store, and somewhere to park our sleigh...now we are in the throes of re-organising everything. Finding toys, advertising etc. some details still to sort!! Santa's sleigh was looking a bit tired, so is being refurbished, with a new paint job, lighting and music.

To start the season we had a Christmas themed beetle drive with many friends joining the merriment, not to mention the pie and pea supper, mince pies and so on.



Now we have toys to wrap, rotas to compile and all the nuts and bolts necessary to make Christmas special for all those wide eyed children. Fortunately our new grotto is in the town centre, so we're hoping to see more local children and families. All hands on deck!

Lion Harry Ambler
PR & Marketing Officer Keighley Lions Club

District 105N Convention 2023

On behalf of the District Convention Committee, I would like to advise all Clubs and their members that as well as the District Convention Hotel being fully booked for overnight stays, we are also now full to capacity for the Banquet and Ball.

I am aware that some members are going to be disappointed but it was very hard to estimate last February how successfully bookings were going to be for the 2023 District Convention. We have doubled the numbers staying overnight and doubled the numbers booked in for the Banquet and Ball on the Saturday evening than we had last February.

Thank you for your support

IPDG David Wilson MJF
District N Convention Chairman

Knaresborough Lions Club



Knaresborough Lions sold mulled wine from their purpose-made wagon at this year's Knaresborough Christmas Market over the first weekend in December. Also on sale were home-made mince pies. Cold weather helped record sales of both.

In the foreground of the photo are Lion Stewart and Lion Suzy; behind left to right are Lion Carole, Lion Alistair, Lion Nigel and Lion Jon.

Lion Nigel Perry
Secretary, Knaresborough Lions Club



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

21st December 2022

Lion George W Morgan
District 105N Newsletter Editor