



Lions Clubs International

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## District 105N Newsletter

### District Governor 105N



Fellow Lions, Leos and Partners.

I would like to begin this months Newsletter by giving a very warm welcome to Lion Kevin Hunter from the Easingwold District Lions Club to the post of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor and subsequently moving on to be our District Governor in July. Kevin's appointment takes place with immediate effect, and I am very sure that like myself we thank Kevin and his wife Cynthia for stepping forward. Kevin has already attended his 1<sup>st</sup> Council of Governors Meeting and has been involved alongside the other 7 Vice District Governors in the selection and appointment of next years Chairman of Council.

He will very soon be starting to appoint his Cabinet and District Officer Team for the next Lionistic year and if approached please provide him with your support and even better give him a ring or email him and offer him your services. Although we have a District Governor for the next Lionistic year we are still seeking two Lions to take up the posts of Vice Governors and to give everyone thinking time it has been put forward that these appointments are not made until a Special Meeting is called of Past District Governors next July. The logic for this delay is that we had a meeting two weeks ago to consider the appointment of a second Vice District Governor and there were no nominations and leaving matters a few months will give time for members to be approached together with some thinking time.

I am sure that it will come as a relief to all members that the Covid 19 outbreak appears to become under control and that cases of the disease are overall milder. Please can I encourage those clubs who have not met Face to Face for nearly two years to start meeting again and those clubs who are meeting on zoom or Teams to consider meeting Face to Face again. Obviously note must be taken on the Covid 19 guidance, meeting in room that is ventilated and, in a room, where members can sit some distance apart and where appropriate continue with mask wearing. This meeting Face to Face will help bring some normality back in to our lives and will at the same time allow us to start planning for our Summer Fundraising, Service and Social activities.

Christine has asked me to remind all members her partners appeal is this year again the Lions Brain Tumour Appeal, and she would like to thank those Clubs who have already donated it is very much appreciated. Donations can be made by cheque or by BACS transfer into District funds from where our District Treasurer can forward on your contributions.

Please can I remind you all that we are currently seeking hosts for the 2023 District Convention, please come with your offers to this year's Convention or send me an email or give me a ring and if you do volunteer, please be assured that this year's team will be only too pleased to offer you advice and support should you require it.

And finally I am able to share with you that next year Chairman of Council is to be Lion Alastair Joel from Felham and Whiton Lions Club in District 105 A. Christine and I have known Alastair and his fiancé Lion Gemma and for a number of years and I know that they will do an excellent job leading our Multiple District. Take care and remember that We Serve because We Care

Lion David Wilson  
District Governor 105N

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### District Governor David's February Diary 2022

4th / 6th Feb. 2022	District 105N Convention Burn Hall, Huby, York	
17th Feb. 2022	Filey Lions Club Meeting	
19th Feb. 2022	Thorne Rural Lions Club Charter Night	C.A
20th Feb. 2022	MD 105 Council of Governor's	
27th Feb 2022	Beverley Lions Club Charter Lunch	C.A

#### Congratulations

The Clubs in Zone N3 have raised approx £10k from recent fundraising events and have now distributed approx £4K to individuals and groups in their own areas and will continue to identify and assist where a local need for assistance is required.

The events included Golf Tournaments, .Santa Sleigh, Christmas Window Competition and Raffle, Christmas Tree Sale etc.

Congratulations to all these Clubs who have managed to continue with the events in these difficult times.

John A MacColl  
Zone Chairman N3

#### Dumfries Lions Club

The Dumfries Lions Club's annual Christmas Tree sale was a great success again this year resulting in a profit of just over £5K. Some donations from the amount raised have already been made and further donations will be made this year.

This event is very popular with the public and especially the children who return each year with their parents to purchase their tree



The pictures show the members ready for the buyers and during the sale.

Lion John A MacColl  
Fundraising Chairman

#### Ryedale Lions Club

##### **Record-breaking year for Santa's Sleigh**

Ryedale Lions Club has announced a record-breaking year for its Santa Sleigh collections around the towns and villages of North Ryedale.

The big reveal was made live on Radio York with the total raised reaching £12,500 - £3,000 up on the previous record. This was despite the issues of COVID, Storm Arwen and cancellation of the switch-on of the Christmas lights in Pickering.



Radio York presenter Georgey Spanswick with Santa

Since putting out an appeal for volunteer collectors and sponsors to help with and support the sleigh in November, Radio York has worked with Ryedale Lions and broadcast from the sleigh on four nights. This included the night they lost Santa in Thornton le Dale and an interesting revelation about where Santa lives, also picked up on BBC TV's Have I Got News for You.

Some 40 volunteers have helped with collections with St Catherine's Hospice, SASH, Pickering Beavers and Kirkbymoorside Library sending out teams to work as elves along side Lions members. Sponsors came forward for many of the nights and benefited from publicity on social media and a scrolling display on the sleigh.

Feedback has been excellent, summed up by a resident in Nawton who said: "The children have had everything,  
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cancelled this year, school parties, the nativity play, carol concerts but Ryedale Lions brought Christmas to the village -thank you”.



Ryedale Lions President, Frank Hayward, said “ This is a tremendous result and we are so grateful for everyone who has worked with us to raise this sum which will all be donated to local good causes. We will be looking to build on the initiatives introduced this year to ensure Ryedale Lions continues to help Santa visit Ryedale.”

Sleigh coordinator, Ben Hayes, added: “Santa’s Sleigh is a traditional part of Christmas in Ryedale and the reaction in the towns and villages was fantastic. It is also great fun and many of our volunteers are already committed to help next year. Ryedale Lions feel working with Radio York has been a real boost and are delighted by the exposure it has given to the whole movement.

Press Officer Will Oxley said “ In addition to the live broadcasts we have done interviews and updates through December which all raises awareness of what Lions do.” Will went on “ The revelation that Santa has a home at Ryedale, picked up on national TV, should surprise no one, he probably lives next door to God”.

Lion Will Oxley  
Press Officer Ryedale Lions Club

### [Garforth & District Lions Club](#)

#### **Food Collection for the Trussell Trust**

Before Christmas a number of Lions helped over 4 days with a food collection at our local Tesco store for the Trussell Trust, for their Leeds South and East Food Bank.

Long life milk, tinned meat / fish, tinned fruit and vegetables as well as gravy granules, cooking sauces, chocolates, and selection boxes were donated.

We helped collect 221 cases of food and this was topped up by Tesco in cash by 20% of the sum collected.

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These donations helped the Food Bank feed over 1000 local adults and children struggling to put food on the table at Christmas.



We are very grateful to all of the Lions who helped out and to the wonderful staff and customers at Tesco.

#### **Helping to make Christmas happier for local refugees**

Helen, a local teacher was fund raising to be able to make a brighter Christmas for the 66 children who have been living at the Holiday Inn hotel in Garforth since September after having been evacuated from Afghanistan.

We were very happy to help her to achieve her goal and brought the funds up to £700, so that each child would receive a gift on Christmas Day.



Abby, Helen’s daughter who was super excited to be helping to give the presents to the children.

#### **Vaccination Centre volunteers**

Our Lions are still out in force volunteering at our local Covid vaccination centres,

Lion Gill and Lion President Jon are doing the Vaccinating and Administration work at Selby and Lions Jim and Dave have been on Marshalling duties at Kippax Medical Centre.

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We appreciate all their efforts for the local community, giving up their time so that more people can be vaccinated and freeing up resources for the NHS.

Lion Lorraine Darby  
Public Relations Officer, Garforth and District Lions Club

the very successful Virtual Duck Race which attracted entries from all over the world.



Belinda is pictured receiving the Trophy from past president Allison.

Lion John MacColl  
Dumfries Lions Club

### Dumfries Lions Club

Past District Governor Bill Walker is the only Chartered member remaining in the Dumfries Lions Club and he is pictured below with the Club Charter dated December 1981.



The 10 th of January this year was the 40 th Anniversary of the first business meeting and the Club which remains in a strong position currently has 22 members with a further 3 new members expected to be badged next month.

### Lion of the Year

Dumfries Lions Club member Belinda Thompson received the Lion of the Year Award from Past President Allison Muckersie for her outstanding contribution to the Club and particular for organising

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### Membership

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

Lion Jan Mitchison	Boroughbridge 98 Lions Club
Lion Andrea Thompson	
Lion Brian Watkinson	Withemsea Lions Club
Lion Marilyn Bennett	
District 105N MYLCI Co-ordinator	

### District Almoner

.Lions and Partners who have passed on to Higher Service

Lion Marian Wilson	Darlington Lions Club
Lion Alan Shaw	Tynedale Lions Club
PDG Lion Joan Elliot MJF	Thirsk & Northallerton Lions Club

Mr David Hartless, Husband of Lion Jaqueline and also Mr Robert Squire, Husband of Lion Wendy and father of Lion Maxine, members of Castleford & Pontefract District Lions Club

Our thought and prayers are with their loved ones at this sad time

DG Lion David Wilson  
District 105N Almoner

### Brighouse & District Lions Club

Just to stay in touch with what's happening at Brighouse & District.

With all our events in 2021 cancelled the Brighouse & District Group had two very short business meetings followed by a Bonfire Supper in November and our Christmas Party in December. Both socials included our former retired members so it was great to see them back with us as they remain Friends of Lions and very much in touch with planned events.

It is hoped that we can run our 21st Brighouse & District Lions Hymn Tune and Band Marches next July which is earmarked for Sunday July 3rd. We are hoping that we can invite the bands and arrange the road closures and street barriers, plus all the other items that we have to put in place but, of course, the forthcoming restrictions are unknown as yet. We did not meet in January but hope to have more information by our February meeting.

Lion President Pamela Lumb  
Brighouse & District Lions Club

**Elmet Lions  
Club CIO**

# Great Selby Bike Ride



## Sunday May 22nd 2022

10:00am Start from and finish at Barlby High School

**Choice of two rides - 45 miles or 25 miles**

- Refreshments available
- Memento to all completing the course

**Go to our website to enter**  
[greatselbybikeride.lionsclub.co/how-to-enter](https://greatselbybikeride.lionsclub.co/how-to-enter)  
Telephone enquiries (between 9-5:pm) to 07966 355054

**Entry prices**  
Solo rider - £10  
Family group - £25  
(2 Adults+2 children)  
Extra children - £5 each  
(Children =  
under 13)

You will be raising funds for:



### Great Selby Bike Ride resurrected for 2022

When Selby District Lions Club closed down it looked like a long-standing Lions event with a 30+ years history was going to cease too.

However neighbouring club Elmet Lions have taken over the event which will take place again on 22nd May, 2022. Comprising two cycle routes of 25 miles and 45 miles the Bike Ride starts and finishes at Barby High School with extensive car parking on site and the opportunity for tea, coffee and cake beforehand, provided by the school. This fundraiser will benefit four main charities; British Heart Foundation, Macmillan Nurses, St Leonard's Hospice and Martin House with cyclists able to raise sponsorship via our Justgiving page.

Running such an event is obviously labour intensive and so Elmet Lions are appealing for Lions in 105N to volunteer for this event on the day. Some will remember doing so for past events so your expertise will be very welcome.

You can get in touch via Lion Steve Cooper on (M) 07966 355054 or by email at [steve.cooper@elmet.lionsclub.co](mailto:steve.cooper@elmet.lionsclub.co)



MD Convention Chair  
CC Richard Williams MJF

## MD105 Convention - Birmingham 29<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022 **Lions It's a Kind of Magic**



MD Convention Host  
PDG Guch Manku PMJF

From the wonderful city of Birmingham, the heart of our MD  
A fantastic opportunity to 'really' meet up with friends old and new  
To celebrate our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in style

To Attend our AGM and have your say

With an inspirational line up including Past International President Lion Jim Ervin  
Creating a magical post digital get together for us all to remember

Convention Hotel is The Holiday Inn Birmingham City Centre

Call 0121 634 6200 to book rooms and quote Lions 'L28'

Convention Venue is next door at The Birmingham Conference & Events Centre



Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April - Evening

Host Night and Social to Celebrate our  
70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April - Morning / Afternoon

Convention - Our AGM

Partners visit the many local attractions

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April - Evening

Gala Dinner - Dress to Impress

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May - Morning

Convention - Meet the Council of Governors

**BOOK NOW at @**

**<https://www.md105convention.uk/booking>**

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

# Sunday 20th February 2022

Lion George W Morgan  
District 105N Newsletter Editor