



Lions Clubs International

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Acting District Governor 105N



Fellow Lions, Leos and Partners.

As I am sure the majority of you are aware by now Lion Nigel Ware who was elected in February as our District Governor for this Lionistic year decided for personal reasons, in the middle of September, to resign from the post of being our District Governor. As the Districts Immediate Past District Governor it falls upon myself to take the lead in our District until a new District Governor is appointed for the remaining part of this Lionistic year. As we have no Vice Governors in our District I have subsequently been appointed as Acting District Governor by Lions Club International and that provides me with the full role again and responsibilities of being a District Governor.

The procedure moving forward is that the Past District Governors of our District are responsible under my leadership in putting forward a name of a Lion who they have elected by at least a 50% majority to the International Board to be our District Governor until the end of June 2022. The International Board can accept the name put forward by our Past District Governors or, they are quite in their right to make their own appointment. It is unclear at this present time when the appointment by the International Board will actually be made and until that appointment is made I continue as your Acting District Governor. When I do know anything I will inform you all immediately.

As Christine and I have been on our travels again over the last few weeks it has been very good to hear that almost all clubs have returned to Face to Face meetings which is great news and secondly it has been very pleasing to have attended Charter Nights again which provide the opportunity for very good social contacting and the chance for myself to make presentations both to very long serving members (50 years service) to Clubs who are celebrating 50 and 60 year milestones and to presenting to a number of our very long serving and hardworking members a Melvin Jones Plaque and dress badge

The collection of spectacle's (glasses) is an activity carried out very successfully by the majority of Lions Club, such is the success of the project and to relieve the Lions of some of the pressure it has been set up that Lions Clubs from the 4 more northerly Districts including our own should in future send their glasses for recycling to MDHQ in Birmingham whilst Chichester Lions Club will look after the 4 more southerly Districts. Obviously if a member of your club is holidaying or visiting friends in the Chichester area they will still be very pleased to receive your donations of glasses. There has been no further progress in accessing free transportation

I ask now for all Lions to give great thought and consideration in suggesting names to be put forward for appropriately qualified Lions to be our nominees at our District Convention next February for the roles of District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor & 2nd Vice District Governor for the Lionistic year 2022 to 2023. I will be more than happy to provide further information and my wife Christine will be more than happy to talk with prospective District Governors partners to share with them their role within our great organisation. The advent of zoom and teams into our daily lives has certainly made the role a lot easier and less demanding. Please do give the matter some very serious thought as we look forward together to find and appoint our future leaders.

Please remember although Leadership is very important that Service to our communities is what we

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are known for and do best.

Lion David Wilson
Acting District Governor 105N

Acting District Governor's Diary for October 21021

01/10/2021	Whitby Lions Club	C.A	16/10/2021	Filey Lions Club	C.A
02/10/2021	Denby Dale Lions Club	C.A	21/10/2021	Filey Lions Club Meeting	
08/10/2021	Tynedale Lions Club	C.A	29-31/10/21	Council of Governor's	

Lions Competitions in District 105N

As you are aware, this last 18 Months has been very different to any time in the past. I am pleased to say that all Comps, with exception of Travelling Lion and Host Club, had been entered, and the results at the "Zoom Convention" in Feb were as follows:-

Travelling Lion.	Retained by Thorne Rural Lions Club.
Host Club.	Retained by Castleford & Pontefract LC.
Photograph.	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 last year's Competitions,
As you are aware, these comps run a full 12 Months, so please, carry on preparing for the next Final in February 2022. If you require any information with regards to Comps, please get in touch.

I 'm pleased to say that the Travelling Lion Competition. is up and running. When you go visiting, please fill in a Card, and then either post it to me or send me an e-mail with a copy of the card. The Host Club Competition. can be done in the same way. Photograph Competition,. entries can also be sent by e-mail,

Rookie of the Year. As our Convention is in February, anyone entering this Competition will have joined since the Pandemic raised it head, so the entries should be very interesting, and I look forward to receiving and learning about new Lions that I have not met.

Scrapbook. As I'm sure you are all aware, we no longer have a Lioness Club, therefore, I'm looking for a new recipient for this Trophy. I know that activities etc were not as many this last 12 Months, but I think we could have a few with something to show for their hard work.

Peter Shaw Award. I will be on the lookout for a Club which has gone that little bit further both at home or abroad.

And finally the Lions Club Web Page. I will give info. on how to enter early in the New Year.

As we start to cautiously get out and about, it means that we can visit some of our neighbouring Clubs, and re-kindle both old and new friendships. As of mid-September one Club has already started.

Travelling Lion Competition

Thorne Rural Lions Club 17.

If you require any information on any of the Competitions, please contact me on any of the following:-

E-mail rjafield58@gmail.com
Land Line, 0113 2535710.
Mob 07977350523.

Or my address is in the Directory, I don't mind how you get in touch

Lion Roy Field.
District 105N Competitions Officer



Young Leaders in Service



Fellow Lions, has your club signed anyone up for our Young Leaders in Service Award? It is voluntary work and allows everyone to help their communities, environment and local Lions clubs.

You can find suitable candidates by contacting Schools, Youth clubs, Scouts, Guides and other Youth organisations. Below is a few guidelines to assist you when talking to prospective candidates or their group leaders.

If you are between 8 and 18 then this could be for you – your chance to shine bright!

To gain the bronze award you must complete 25-49 hours, the silver award 50-99 hours and the gold award 100 hours or more. This project runs for a maximum of 12 months.

Some suggestions to earn these hours could be service for the elderly, service for children, public health and the environment. These are just a few ways to earn your hours and there are many, many more.

At the end of your YLIS you will be presented with a certificate and a metal or cloth badge of your choice.

This is a very rewarding project enabling you to help those less fortunate than ourselves, to be a part of the community and also help local Lions clubs.

The full guidelines and all information are now on our MD website.

If you are interested please contact me on

01302 536472 (24 hour answering service), 077319516554 mobile telephone or

musicline02@yahoo.co.uk

I will be more than willing to help you achieve this very worthwhile project.

Thanking you in anticipation

Lion Christine Whiteley

District 105N YLIS Officer

Morpeth Lions Club

At his first 'proper' meeting since Covid affected get togethers, Morpeth Lions President Les Sage was pleased to bring forward two members of the Club.

In order of seniority he announced that Lion Eddy Gebhard was about to celebrate his 90th birthday. This brought about congratulations from all present. Eddy is also the longest serving Club member having joined in 1976 – exactly half his lifetime! A popular member, he seems to know most of the population of Morpeth and beyond; which makes him an ideal candidate when it comes to street collections. Over the years, however, he has been involved in most of the Lions activities ; most recently as a member of the Early Birds Swimming team that regularly participates in the annual LionSwim.

His career spans many years as a partner in the Morpeth butchers business that bears the family name. He has also been a very keen horseman and is well known as such throughout the county.

The meeting was also an ideal opportunity to introduce new member Louise Blease. Louise is a carer, however she has for many years nurtured the desire to join a Lions Club. This partly came about; coincidentally in the year Eddy joined; when her father became a founder

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member of Mablethorpe, Sutton and District Lions Club in Lincolnshire. Almost inevitably Louise and her siblings were encouraged to join in with Lions activities there.



Lion President Les Sage with the Club's newest and oldest members Louise Blease and Eddy Gebhard.

Now that her son is no longer at home she decided the time was right for her to become a Lion and despite a substantial travel down to Morpeth she is looking forward to making her mark in the Club

Lion Simon Pringle

Morpeth Lions Publicity Officer

Darlington Lions Club

Members of Darlington Lions club recently visited Together 21, Newton Aycliffe, Darlington which is the local charity dedicated to providing training, therapy, resources, intervention, peer support and expert guidance to support children and young people with Down's Syndrome. This charity was previously ECCDS. Education Centre for children with Down's Syndrome a much favoured group supported in the past by the Darlington Lions Club . President Neil Anderson was very pleased to be able to donate a further £450 towards their funding.

Darlington Lions Club was chartered in 1961 and to mark the occasion District Governor Dave Wilson recently attended the club's Charter Dinner and presented the certificate of appreciation to the Darlington Lions.



Lion Neil Anderson has agreed to act as the club president for a third term and he recently entertained the club to a superb " At Home lunch " at the Devonport Hotel, Middleton one Row, Darlington which was followed by further hospitality at his nearby home. Extremely popular Lion Tom Peacock who has been a Lion in Darlington for over 50 years who had recently celebrated his 91st birthday was presented with a superb birthday cake which was enjoyed by all in Neil and Pamela's garden and afternoon sunshine.



Lion Hilary Robert
Darlington Lions Club

Wetherby District Lions Club

'All Bar One' at Festival for Wetherby Lions

Wetherby Lions were proud to support Wetherby Arts Festival with their presentation of 'Opera with Chips' on Friday 3rd September 2021 by supplying and staffing their bar with Lions Ken, John with supporter Jennie.



A great evening was had by all listening to two hours of lively popular opera music; this was the first event of this type to be held outdoors (for COVID-19 Safety).

Wetherby Lions also supported the Festival over the following Saturday and Sunday;

You can read more about the event here
<https://www.wetherbyfestival.co.uk/>

Lion John Wardley
Webmaster, Wetherby District Lions Club

Keighley Lions Club

Some members and friends enjoyed a social meal and natter...great to get together again.

Sadly though our charter dinner has had to be cancelled...the venue is not able to service the function due to staffing problems, and the prospect of more restrictions is making booking difficult. So...another year...but we have tentative plans to acknowledge the occasion, more information will be published in the very near future!

Thankfully our Christmas grotto at Stephen Smith's Harden garden centre is going ahead, unless of course, more 'rules' are imposed.

We have boxes of spectacles ready for sending, and awaiting more news of progress in that direction .Our twice monthly meetings are now well established, and at last plans can be made with some confidence!

Lion Harry Ambler
Keighley Lions Club PR & Marketing Officer

Membership

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

Lion Dan Hey	Allendale Lions Club
Lion Matt Walker	Knaresborough Lions Club
Lion Susy Jury	Knaresborough Lions Club
Lion Mark Flood	Knaresborough Lions Club
Lion Mike Baldwin	Knaresborough Lions Club

Transferred from Harrogate to Knaresborough Lions Club

Lion Bernadette Reid and Lion Stewart Reid

Lion Marilyn Bennett
District 105N MLCI Co-ordinator

District Almoner

Lions Who Have Passed on to Higher Service

Lion Len White MJF **Beverley Lions Club**

His funeral is on Wednesday 6th October at the Haltemprice Crematorium, Willerby at 2.30 pm

Lion David Foster **Teesdale Lions Club**

Our thoughts are with their families at this sad time.

DG Lion David Wilson
District 105N Almoner



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**



Following on from last month's newsletter. As a reminder, LCIF grants are mainly about Lions Helping Lions to run projects which are normally bigger than a Club, Zone or District could afford. Campaign100 is all about Empowering Service. Leaving Disasters out, the 7 main core pillars of focus, Youth, Sight, Hunger, Environment, Diabetes, Childhood Cancer, Humanitarian. Can you think of a project which your Club or Zone could run with the help of a grant, thereby providing a valuable service to your community.

To find out more about the opportunities a visit to LCIF website LCIF.org or search for [YouTube LCIF](#) where there are a series of stories. There may give a clue of a project your Club / Zone could run.

Once a project is identified, in the first instance, please contact me and I will obtain the necessary information to successfully obtain a grant.

If any Lion wants help with any LCIF matters, including obtaining your a Club's credits or obtaining grants. Please contact me.

Hot of the press.

Over the years Many Clubs have passed the comment to myself. "a commitment of \$500 (£360) per member donation during the length of the Campaign, is a step to far for the size of their Club."

LCIF have agreed for the deadline for Campaign100 Model Club commitment fulfilment has been extended. Over the next month I will be sending to all Club Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers the full details and where their Club stands regarding Model Clubs status.

PDG Lion Roy Chambers
LCIF District 105N Co-ordinator
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Obituaries

We remember those Lions,
and their partners of District 105N
who have passed on to higher service



Lion Len White MJF

1923–2021

Beverley Lions Club

(The English Dad)

It is with great sadness I have to report the death of Lion Len White MJF, Beverley Lions Club.

The club were pleased to be able to celebrate his 98th birthday at our July meeting

Len would say his age was but a number as he continued to take an active part in the clubs events and meetings and was looking forward to future events.

He served as a lion for more than 40 years, a founder member of Matlock Lions Club moving to Beverley on retirement and continued his service with the Beverley lions club.

This service was not confined to just the local community but also to a village in Kenya. He made annual visits and with the help of donations from the club he was proud to be able to watch and report the development of the village. He was adopted by the village and known as the "English Dad". These visits continued up to his 94th year.

He was a member of the Toll Gavel Methodist Church who Len always said gave him great strength from their support.

Lion Bill Gray MJF
On behalf of the Beverley Lions Club

Multiple District Symposium 2021

To be held at

Chesford Grange Hotel

Kenilworth
Warwick
CV 8 2LD

27th and 28th November 2021

The concept of this symposium is to address the challenges of succession planning and in particular difficulties with Club and District appointments.

Many of the graduates from the first four symposiums have successfully taken that important first step on the leadership ladder and have served their club and their District.

We are now seeking 5 members from each District to attend the symposium the cost of which will be paid by our Multiple District for accommodation and travel.

The Symposium is aimed at Lions with less than 5 years' service but in exceptional cases Lions with up to 8 years' service will be considered

Nominations and further details from Acting District Governor David Wilson by the closing date for applications which is

Sunday 10th October.

Thank you.

Lion David Wilson
Acting District Governor 105N

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

Sunday 24th October 2021

Could I also ask that you send your articles as word documents and photographs as separate Jpegs. Please do not send them in the body of an e-mail or as web pages as this can sometimes cause problems when downloading or editing.

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