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NEWSLETTER for 105N District

Issue 4 - April 2024

Environmental Special



Find out how some of our clubs are making the planet a better place!

Also, inside:

- Meet our new Second District Governor Elect
- Stories from our Clubs
- Training opportunities for officers

And a lot, lot more!

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Governor's Message

Hello Fellow Lions, Leos and Partners,

Another busy month completed with a number of Club Visits, Charters and Zoom meetings attended.

One of those meetings was with Past District Governors, and current 1st and 2nd Vice DG's to discuss and accept a nomination for the position of 2nd Vice District Governor for 2024/25. I am delighted to inform you that **Lion Allan Clark**, Zone Chair and President of Keighley Club has been appointed into the role by a unanimous vote. It is extremely pleasing to see that we will have such a **strong leadership team in place** for the next 2/3 years and I wish them every success in their roles in this great District of ours.



During the last month, I have also sent out a couple of important communications to our clubs.

The first of these related to the **Uganda Orphanage Appeal**. I would ask that clubs consider contributing towards this appeal to save a number of children in Uganda from a life of poverty and starvation. If any club would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Secondly, Clubs have been advised of the timetable for the long awaited **new Lions Portal**. I would encourage all Club Officers (and members) to view the training and explanation videos as highlighted in the circulated document. Can I please emphasise to all club secretaries the importance of ensuring member details on the existing MyLCI Portal are up to date and correct?

Finally, to end my comments on a real high point - I want to highlight some of the **brilliant fundraising** which our Clubs have contributed to. In respect to the **Stoves for Uganda** appeal, I am delighted to say that to date, we have, as a District, donated **£8,000 to purchase 53 stoves**. Our District Treasurer has also informed me that this year, so far, we have donated a total of **£34,000 to LCIF** - an absolutely fantastic achievement. Indeed, we have received grants of nearly **£80,000 back into our District** over the last three years to support clubs raising funds for local hospitals and hospices. **It is not all one way traffic!**

Kevin Hunter

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Governor's News

Membership

Regrettably, we have had to say goodbye to two clubs this month - Ayr & Prestwick Club and Brighthouse & District Club. It is always sad to see a club close but we thank our fellow members for their many years of dedicated service to our organisation and their local communities.

MD Convention

A reminder that our Multi District Convention to be held in Weston super Mare is only five weeks away (4-5th May) but it is not too late to make your booking. **It will be great to see you there and that District 105N is well represented.**

District Media Officer

We still have a vacancy for the important role of District Media Officer to help and support clubs in their development of using social media as a vehicle to engage with our communities and other clubs. If you are interested in discussing this role further, **please contact me or DG Elect, Gillian Swan.**

Club Competitions

Lion Roy Field, our Competition's Officer is still collecting points for our District-wide competitions. So far, the scores remain unchanged from last month.

Travelling Lion: Garforth Lions - 20
Thorne Rural Lions - 20

Host Club: Thorne Rural - 4

Want to get involved and start building your own points?

Get in touch with **Lion Roy** on:
rjafield58@gmail.com

Diary for March

**4th April - Easingwold Volunteers
"Thank You" evening**

**7th April - Castleford & Pontefract
Charter Lunch**

**14th April - Holderness Charter
Lunch**

**17th April - District Trustees Zoom
Meeting**

20th April - Tickhill Charter Dinner

24th April - Oban Club Visit

**28th April - District Cabinet Zoom
Meeting**



Membership

Doreen Bullivant, Boroughbridge 98 Lions Club

Alan Boddy, Easingwold District Lions Club

Richard Crankshaw, Holme Valley Lions Club

Olive Dale, Hornsea District Lions Club

Susan Walker, Maltby Rother Valley Lions Club

Leanne Gilbert, Morley & District Lions Club

Roger Dale, Otley Lions Club

Steve Gillott, Tickhill & District Lions Club

Helen Dolder, Tynedale Lions Club



We are all delighted that you have joined us! Let's support our new members as they start on their Lionism journey.

List provided with thanks by **Lion Marilyn Bennett**, District 105N MLCY Co-ordinator

In Memoriam

Those who have moved to Higher Service...

Robert Hilary MJF, Darlington Lions Club

Malcolm Miles, Tickhill & District Lions Club

John Boasman, Withernsea & District Lions Club

May they live on in our hearts

Deepest thanks to **Lion David Wilson**, District Almoner and **Lion Marilyn Bennett**, District 105N MLCY Co-ordinator for contributing to this list.



Vice Governors' Comments

Aha!...A full day of sunshine for some and it was just in time for the Easter break.

Club visits continue and I have been to **Thirsk** and **Northallerton**, and **Ryedale's** club nights. Easingwold made me welcome at their charter and I'm looking forward to **Holderness charter** in a couple of weeks time.



Martin House Children's Hospice looks after children from the more southerly parts of our District and they are again looking for funding for the ambitious **renovation of the clinical area**. Perhaps, more exciting to us is that they are looking for marshals for the **Big Zip event** 17th, 18th, 19th May at Junction 32 of the M62. **Please let me know if you want to help out.**

In the background, Zoom meetings continue with the **Vice Council, Cabinet and full Council** as we draft plans for the next **Lionistic year**. Ideas for the future are being interpreted as sensitively as only Northerners and Scots know how, so you'll be chuffed to know that it'll all be reight, we'll gan canny like, the quines and loons on the next cabinet will be bonnie, we're banning all stooshies and everything will be pure dead brilliant!

Some dates for the future Lionistic year - Four Cabinet meetings in Scotch Corner, all on a Sunday, will be held on **4th August 2024, 27th October 2024, 7th February 2025 and 18th May 2025**. This is your chance to ask Zone and other chairpersons to represent your clubs, bring us your puzzles and suggest solutions that work for you.

I hope you've had a lovely holiday weekend and you are now ready to get out there doing what we do best, **servng our communities**.

Lion Gillian Swan

First Vice District Governor and District Governor Elect



Fellow Lions, Leo's and partners,

I have had a busy time since my last report with both Club and District.

In the run up to Easter, my club, Filey, sold tickets for an **Easter Trolley Dash** at our local Tesco, which ran at 7.00 a.m. on Easter Monday. We were selling tickets for the whole week beforehand 8 hours per day split into 4 shifts. The same weekend, we also had our **Teddy Tombola** out at the Filey Food Festival, a great event and an excellent fundraising week for us altogether.



District wise, I was very pleased to meet all the members during my club visits to **Withernsea, Holderness, Otley and Morley**. It's a joy to see the diversity in your fundraising ideas and events. My good wishes must go to **Lion President Roy Field of Otley**, who was going into hospital for some major surgery, and may take some recovery time, and I'm sure the members of Otley will keep the wheels turning during Roy's recovery.

This month, I plan to visit **Leeds and Skyrack** and **Castleford and Pontefract** and look forward to meeting you all there.

I have continued also with my **2nd VDG training**, having had two sessions with past chair of council **Lion Alistair Joel**, with two more to come before the end of this fiscal year.

Keep up the good work everyone, together we can, together we do.

Lion John Sellers

Second Vice District Governor and 1st District Governor Elect



Dear fellow Lions, Leos and friends from across our District,

It is the greatest privilege of my life to be taking on the role of **Second Vice District Governor** for the 2024/2025 year.

Over my many years of service, I have only ever been interested in supporting our club and my community.

Because of this, it is beyond my wildest dreams and aspirations to be taking on such an important role for our Pride of Lions and I am **looking forward to working with you** all, especially our District Governor and 1st Vice Governor, over the next year.

I would also like to thank my beloved club for proposing to me and for all the support which they have given to me over the past two years as their Vice President and now President.

In my view, my club has become a real power for good in the **Keighley District** only thanks to the efforts put in by its ever expanding membership.

I am proud and humbled by how we have developed and look forward to doing what I can to support our Lion Club family across Yorkshire, the North East and Scotland

Thank you again!

Lion Allan Clarke

Keighley Lions Club President and Second Vice District Governor Elect



Editor's comments



Dear all,

What a **packed newsletter**, this month's edition is.

As you will have read, we have had some great reports from our Governor team including from our new **Second Vice Governor Elect**, Allan Clarke (p.6). On a personal note, I want to give Lion Allan my deepest and most sincere congratulations on his election to this new post.

Since joining the Keighley Lion Family, Lion Allan has been a huge personal support and has constantly believed in me. I am delighted that he can now support other Lions across our District to **push themselves forward and achieve the impossible!**

Following on from this, I want to acknowledge the **amazing Lions** who have contributed to this newsletter. As you will see from the remaining pages, we have had an influx of stories from all parts of the District. The **positivity** around this newsletter is fantastic and the willingness and drive to submit stories on behalf of your clubs is heartening (pp.10-14).

in particular, thanks must also go to **District Governor Elect, Lion Gillian Swan** for coordinating the collation of the environmental stories. I am keen to have themed newsletters in the future which will be focused on the differing aspects of our service. I am hopeful, this can be the start of bigger things for the Pride of the North.

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Training

Your Club, Your Way

Saturday 18th May, 2024

Scotch Corner Hotel

10.00am – 3.30pm

Effective leadership is the linchpin of the service we provide as Lions within our communities. It is where the vision begins and compassion and hope is given to others. Which is why in response to your requests for support and development, we are holding a development day for all incoming club officers.

The day's programme has something for **all incoming officers**, if you are new into the role and looking for guidance and support to help you ease into your new role.

If you are an experienced club officer, not only will we value your input and sharing of your knowledge and experience, but the event will provide you with an opportunity to find out what is working for other clubs, how clubs are overcoming the challenges they face and keep up to date with the latest resources available, to help you and your members continue with your service in the community.

Full details, will be circulated to clubs and incoming officers in due course, but in the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact the **District Leadership Development Officer – Michelle Nicholson** at: michelle.mcarthur@jigsawatwork.com



Environmental News

In this issue, I have compiled some of the environmental projects which our clubs have been leading the way on. **Our planet needs us and these Lions have headed the call!**



Our first environmental heroes are the members of **Garforth and District Lions** who are working with the **Brotherton Clothing Bank** to redistribute used clothes to people all over the Yorkshire area and beyond.

With the help of Tesco, a local pub and four local primary schools, they have already filled **five cars and two transit vans** with around **5000** items. These are also being sent out in parcels to individuals and families in need. **What a start with more to come.**

In **Elmet**, our friendly neighbourhood Lions have been collecting their own items with a plea for as many tin cans as possible. All the cans collated will be recycled to the **benefit of Thorpe Willoughby Scouts and the planet** (of course).

Utilising already established recycling point at **The Maltings Tea Rooms** (where they currently collect: spectacles, hearing aids, empty blister packs and plastic tops), they are hoping to **stop record numbers of cans** from going to landfill whilst also helping the Scouts arrange an adventure camp. **The project will last until Christmas - so start eating your beans now!**



Meanwhile, **Thirsk and Northallerton Lion Phillip Craig** has set himself a new challenge over lent.

The challenge was to fill a bag of litter for each of the 46 days of Lent – but Phillip exceeded this in half the time! During his mission, he came across some interesting items such as a **Seabrooks Prawn Cocktail crisp packet and a can of Fanta from April 1994**. Phillip has been charting his litter picking routes on Facebook and donations to this challenge can be made at www.justgiving.com/page/phillip-craig-1704624122040.

Finally, **Keighley Lions** have been planting some more trees - this time over 150 in partnership with local Community Interest Company, **Yorgreen and their friends in the Lions' Shed and Rotary Club**.

Based in the Shed's new home of **Whins Wood**, the range of fruit trees, which were planted in an environmentally friendly way to limit the use of non-recycled materials, have **certainly 'spruced' up this area**.



Club News

A good read!



In these difficult times, people are constantly looking for an escape and **what better way than reading a good book?**

Whilst I love my Kindle, even I look forward to opening a paperback book and **being transported to a magical world.**

Helping people with this are the cracking teams at **Rothwell District Lions** (*bottom right*) and **Morpeth Lions** (*top left*) who have been holding book sales in their towns.

For Morpeth Lions their **three day sale** managed to net them **over £3700** in return whilst Rothwell District made so many happy with their children's books and jigsaws.

As you can see from the pictures, our impressive prides of Lions have worked really hard and **I bet they looked forward to putting their feet up** (*and having a read themselves*) after such a busy stint!

A great way to raise money and bring some literary joy to those we serve.



Bridlington Lions

Carrying on the book theme, over the past few weeks Bridlington Lions Clubs have been visiting their local primary schools to present them with a set of books from the **Wild Tribe Heroes** series.

This seven book series, which are endorsed by **Sir David Attenborough and King Charles II**, shows what damage is being done to various wildlife around the world and offers suggestions as to what can be done by the children at school to help in improving the environment.

By taking these positive steps in their own schools, they will become the Wild Tribe Heroes. The books have received nothing but praise from the schools and children alike.

Currently, **almost two million children** around the UK are now in receipt of these books - **Bridlington Lions are doing what they can to boost these numbers further!**



Hilderthorpe Primary School



Filey and District Lions

The pride of Lions in Filey and District Lions are celebrating their **60th anniversary** this year. As a result, they have decided to reach out to some future Lions. Over the last month, they have visited four schools and presented ten, short assemblies **detailing the history and work of Lions** both internationally and locally.

In the local primary schools, their naughty lion Roary took part in a “**The Masked Singer**” style reveal. The children also create some posters summarising the club’s work.

Meanwhile, the Secondary School students made a birthday logo for the club which will be used through the year. **Inspiring the next generation has never been so rewarding!**



Thorne Rural Lions

Recently, Thorne Rural have celebrated their **54th Anniversary** as a Club.

During a glitzy Charter Dinner, attended by all three of our District Governors, a number of awards were presented. In particular, some very special young people were honoured for their work as role models.

Natalie Smith (left) and Jack Theyers (right) both received their **Bronze Award** for being ‘Young Leaders in Service’. They have clocked up over **50 hours** of service collectively and should be immensely proud.

Congratulations to both!



Dumfries Lions



The Dumfries Lions Club have shown their appreciation to **George Moffat** (the Manager of the Dumfries & Galloway Payback Team) who assisted with their annual and popular **Christmas Tree Sale** last year.

Club president, John MacColl said, “The Teams involvement at the sale was much appreciated and shows that local organisations coming together in fundraising events of this type can be very successful and enables the Club to raise funds which are donated locally to individuals, organisations and groups where a need is identified or requested.”

They also celebrated **Susan Hardy**, the winner of their **Decorated Tree Competition**. She received a voucher for the free tree for this year. **Here’s hoping the success continues to branch out!**



Darlington Lions

Darlington Lions Club have been helping out at a very successful prostate testing day in their town.

Over **150 males** attended during the day, supported by Lions Members, which involved a quick blood test undertaken by NHS Nurses.

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer for men in the UK and the Prostate-specific antigen (PSA) test measures the levels of PSA in the blood.

The Club would like to thank all those involved; **Prostate Cancer Support**, who contributed, along with the Lions, to the cost of carrying out the tests; the **nurses** for their excellent work and **Lions Neil Anderson and David Simmons** (*pictured*) who were instrumental in organising it.



Denby Dale Lions



A popular, **Charity Beer Festival** has been held by our pride of Lions at the Denby Dale Pie Hall. The long-running fundraiser is now over **30 years old** and remains a well-loved and lucrative event.

During the three day extravaganza, over **20 ales and ciders** were on offer as well as live music. The 6 Nations rugby games was also shown on a brand new **55" Smart TV** which was raffled at the end of the weekend.

Despite the enormous turnout, the **drinks kept flowing** and there were more than enough **commemorative glasses** for their guests before the weekend came to a close. Making this all the better is that it seems that Denby Dale Lions have **smashed all previous records** (*although hopefully not any of the glasses*) in terms of attendance and money raised.

Multi Club Fundraising

Working together is one of the best ways to make positive change in the areas we represent and five Doncaster based clubs have been doing just that!

Lions in **Tickhill and District, Thorne Rural, Doncaster, Mexborough and Went Valley** have joined together to raise an unbelievable **£22,943 for St John's Hospice** based in the city.



This extraordinary amount was achieved through hard work and a range of events such as race nights, car shows, golf days and an ever-popular Christmas Santa sleighs. Aiding them along was match funding by the **Lions Clubs International Foundation**.

The money will make a huge difference to the hospice, which provides specialist palliative and end of life care for local patients and their families. It will enable them to purchase **twelve brand new rise and recliner chairs, a state-of-the-art bath hoist and three sensor mat kits**.



Our local pride of Lions in Ryedale have been carrying on a rather delicious tradition this year.

In conjunction with Birdgate Chocolatiers, **Ryedale Lions have provided each of their twelve schools with a giant Easter Egg..**

By doing so, the schools can **use the eggs to raise funds** for whatever initiative they care the most about. This empowers them to follow their own ideas; a great thing to encourage.

As you would expect, our creative youngsters must **share their fundraising brilliance with Ryedale Lions -** hopefully this will **help the club themselves for their next 'eggcellent' project.**



Scarborough Lions



Auctions can raise a lot of money and be a lot of fun and, for the Scarborough Lions, both these facts have been proven true.

In late March, they held a very successful **Promise Auction** at the North Cliff Golf club with a range of donated prizes from businesses and individuals alike. Around **80 people** attended, bet and enjoyed a pie and peas served by the golf club's catering staff.

On the night, the Lions raised a fantastic **£1750** which will go to local causes. **Going, going - Go On guys!**

Castleford and Pontefract Lions

Castleford and Pontefract Lions have had a very busy month!

As shown in the picture, they took part in **Pontefract Civic Society Community Showcase** which promotes all the great work carried out in the town and surrounding areas by voluntary groups and associations. As well as publicising Lions as an organisation, they also gave away approximately **50 Message in a Bottle** throughout the day.

On top of this, they supported the annual **Marie Curie Daffodil Day** at their local Morrisons and, rather deliciously in a **food tasting** with the Joe Bickner Associates and the British Frozen Food Federation

Over the day, they ate a vast array of foods including anything from smoothies, to joints of meat and delicious Ice-creams and desserts. A panel of 12 have to judge each item put in front of them against a specified criteria and their responses are used for the final judging for the Frozen Food Awards. **Divine!**



Easingwold District Lions



Easingwold District Lions have had some big moments in the last few weeks.

Kicking this off was their **40th Charter Dinner** held at Burn Hall. Also celebrating 40 years of service is their last surviving Charter Club Member **Peter Coomer** (photographed with President Shelagh Kenny) who has been awarded for his commitment to the Club.

Beyond this, the Lions have collected over **230 spectacles** during a stall at their local market and are seeking to raise **£2000** from an Easter Egg raffle.

Goole District Lions

Growing our clubs is so important especially with our **Mission 1.5** target! However, Goole District is well on the journey with this with **two brand new members** join their family of Lions.

Patrick Williams, Lion President was the lucky person who handed out the certificates to **Diane Barker** (photographed) and **Keith Rhodes**.

This dynamic duo has now seen the membership in the club **grow by four** in less than a year.

Welcome to the family you two, I look forward to seeing your contributions to Lionism in future issues of the newsletter!



Charter Dinner Dates

Ryedale Lions

Friday 3rd May 2024, 6.30 for 7.00 pm.
Forest & Vale Hotel, Pickering, YO18 7DL



Hornsea Lions Club

Saturday 11th May 2024
Hornsea Golf Club, HU18 1XG

All dinners start at 7pm for 7:30. unless otherwise stated



Club Events



**Elmet Lions
Club CIO**



Great Selby Bike Ride

Sunday May 19th 2024

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
Telephone enquiries (between 9-5:pm) to 01757 490122



Entry prices

- Solo rider - £13 on day
(£12 paid in advance)
- Family group - £27
(2 Adults+2 children)
- Extra children - £5 each
(Children =
under 13)

You will be raising funds for:



Dear fellow Lions,

Following on from last month's article, the **Fun and Sports Day for the Disabled is now in its 44th year.**

We have moved to the fabulous new venue to ensure that this event runs for many years to come. Last year's event was a great success. we are planning and even better event this year. **However, we can't do it without the help of other Lions Clubs.**

If you can bring competitors that's fantastic, if you can bring a game that's amazing, but we also need funds. Whether you are able to attend or not, we would be grateful for any contribution to this event. Normally, **we would ask for £150** but we appreciate that some clubs may struggle with this. As a result, **any amount is more than acceptable** to enable us to keep this wonderful event running.

You can register or get more information about donating via the dedicated website www.lionsfunandsports.co.uk.

If you need more information please contact us. You can download the poster from the website or here: www.lionsfunandsports.co.uk/poster.pdf and you can also download the header to go on your website or on your Communications here: www.lionsfunandsports.co.uk/images/cover.jpg.

Could we ask you all to share this on social media this is a FREE event for anyone with disabilities. People with any type of disability are welcome.

Lion President Brian Ross MJF

Doncaster Lions Club

