



Lions Clubs International

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Fellow Lions, Leos and Partners.

As I am sure that most of you will be aware that I have been appointed by the Executive Committee of the International Board as your District Governor for the remaining part of this Lionistic year following the resignation of Lion Nigel Ware. I very much look forward to your support now having taken on the role for a third time in four years.

As a District we still have vacancies for a Zone Chairman in South and West Yorkshire plus we still need District Leads for Leadership and Development and for Membership. I would be very pleased to discuss these vacancies with any interested Lion who would like to be considered to take on these very important roles.

To help all clubs recruit more members the International Board has made the decision to continue the suspension of new members joining fee (35\$) now until the 30th of June 2022, whilst your District Cabinet has made the decision not to charge clubs a District levy of £4 per member for the next 6 months. This is all very good news as we try to fully re establish our clubs after a period of a year not being able to have face to face meetings.

Christmas is fast approaching and as we try to return to some form of normality as we learn to live with Covid 19 I wish you all the very best in your Christmas activities whether they be taking out your Christmas Sleigh, hosting Carol Singer Concerts or providing financial help to schools and young person's groups for their Christmas activities or for your own Christmas meal and parties.

Please whatever your event is social, fund raising, or Community Service do keep safe and remember that although it is Christmas, Covid 19 is still around us 24 hours a day 7 days a week with no Christmas or New Year break.

My wife Christine has asked me to inform you that her partners appeal will once again be for the Lions Brain Tumour Appeal which during the last Lionistic year brought in donations of over £6000, let us see this year if we can beat that total and this year have every club in our District making at least one donation.

As you will all be aware District Convention is fast approaching the 4th to the 6th of February at the Burn Hall Hotel just north of York. Full details of how to book for the District Convention are on our District Web page or are available from your Club Secretary or from the Convention Booking Officer Lion Kevin Hunter at kandchunter@btinternet.com.

We have as our International Guest, Past International Guests Elisabeth Harderer from Holland who is always a very good and interesting speaker. We also have some very interesting speakers from our own country arranged for you covering topics such as the Environmental projects, Leadership, and Sight. District Convention is an opportunity to meet up with friends old and new.

This year's District Convention is being jointly organised by the Easingwold District and Thirsk and Northallerton Lions Clubs. The Friday evening this year is going to be very informal with an opportunity to meet up with friends, making your own bookings directly with the hotel if you wish to dine whilst the Saturday Evening will be the traditional Banquet and Ball with a live band.

We are currently seeking hosts for the 2023 District Convention, please come with your offers to this years Convention and 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, Christine and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the service that you carry out in your local communities, We wish you all a very peaceful Christmas and all the very best for the New Year.

District Governor David's December Diary 2021

01/Dec/2021	Selling raffle tickets at Tesco		15/Dec/2021	Filey Lions Club Christmas Float	
07/Dec/2021	Filey Lions Club Christmas Meal		16/Dec/2021	Filey Lions Club Meeting	
10/Dec/2021	Filey Lions Club Christmas Float		17/Dec/2021	Filey Lions Club Christmas Float	
13/Dec/2021	Bridlington Lions Carol Concert				

Lion David Wilson
District Governor 105N

District 105N Convention February 2022

Please find an amended Invitation Letter – the amendments are that the price for double occupancy which should be £140.00 and not £130.00 and the telephone includes the missing digit

Slight misunderstanding between us and the hotel

**Saturday Daily Convention rate excluding lunch = £15.00 pp
(morning coffees & afternoon teas and refreshments)**

**Saturday Daily Convention rate including lunch = £25.00 pp
(morning coffees & afternoon teas and refreshments & two course buffet lunch)**

**Full Convention rate = £57.00 pp
(morning coffees & afternoon teas and refreshments , two course buffet lunch, convention dinner dance)**

Room Rates (including breakfast)

Single occupancy 1 night = £70.00

Double occupancy 1 night = £80.00

Single occupancy 2 nights = £120.00

Double occupancy 2 nights = £140.00

Rooms must be booked and paid for direct with the Burn Hall Hotel and any special dietary requirements should also be notified direct to the hotel by 1st January 2022.

www.burnhallhotelyork.com

Tel No : 01347 825400

**Lion David Wells MAAT
PDG and District N Treasurer
Thirsk and Northallerton Lions Club**

Garforth & District Lions Club

Halloween walk 31st Oct 21

On a very wet Halloween evening we supported our local Councillors on the Garforth Halloween Walk. Residents on the route decorated their homes and gardens with ghosts, ghouls and all things scary.

Huge numbers of families attended on the route and 600 goody bags were handed out to the children. Thanks to Lions Jim, Ruth, Sarah, Paula and Lion President Jon, who braved the elements to help out.

The weather didn't dampen their spirits and everyone have a frightfully good time.



Sophie Archer – New Garforth and District Lion

On Monday 1st November we were delighted to welcome a new member, Sophie Archer. She had been patiently waiting since the lockdown started to become a Lion. We are looking forward to working with her in the near future.



Bonfire Night 5th Nov 21

The long awaited return of our local community bonfire was a great success. Very happy children and parents watched a fantastic firework display

We are very grateful for all the support given by local
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volunteers, Garforth Scouts and the West Yorkshire Police. Working together with our local community is great and it is something everyone has missed over the last year.

We are happy to announce that we raised over £3700.00 from donations on the evening. We are looking forward to serving the community over the upcoming festive period.



Remembrance Sunday 14th Nov 21

A number of Garforth and District Lion's attended Remembrance services in our district and laid wreaths to remember the Armed Forces, and their families, from Britain and the Commonwealth, also the vital role played by the emergency services and those that have lost their lives as a result of conflict or terrorism.



Lion Lorraine Darby
Garforth & District Lions Club PR Officer

Morpeth Lions Club

With Remembrance Sunday almost upon us, Lion President Les Sage was in a quandary as to how to distribute the 40 boxes of poppies only just received from the organisers at RAF Boulmer.

His solution was to summon his granddaughters as his 'troops'. It did not take too long for them to hand the boxes over to sympathetic shopkeepers who appreciated the assistance given by the youngsters. Les said 'I was delighted that the girls agreed so willingly to help out. Not only did this solve an urgent logistical problem but it also gave my granddaughters a taste for helping out in the community.'

British Legion fulfils such a valuable service to all former military personnel and I, as a Lion, together with my 'cubs' was delighted to help.'



PHOTO: (L-R) Marley, Piper & Lola with Grandad Lion President Les Sage.

Lion Simon Pringle
Morpeth Lions Publicity Officer

Minster Lions Club of York

Back in December 2020, a plan was brought to the attention of Minster Lions. We were approached by Lord Deramore's Primary School in Heslington, York, asking for help with funding to develop outside activities within the school grounds. The plan was discussed by Minster Lions and immediately approved.

The school is described as a "Forest" school which places emphasis on outdoor learning. On investigation, our Lions discovered the most outgoing, positive teacher, Helen Smith ("Teacher Helen"), one could imagine and immediately a project for the future onward development of outdoor activities and learning was launched. Within days Minster Lions were given photographs of all the initial developments activated, which was amazing.

The children have been involved with changing the
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gardens around the school. Shrubs, plants and flowers had been donated, hedges were re-designed and moved, seven large planters have been built and gradually the whole grounds are being tidied and different areas designated for new ideas. For instance, the children have built a bug hotel and a whole range of hedgehog burrows and homes, along with a whole host of other outdoor structures.

The most prominent item that Teacher Helen really wanted was a large greenhouse where children could develop their plant-growing skills. Our Lions became involved very early on in assisting manually where possible and learning where we as Minster Lions could help the school. Lions Ian Pybus and Marilyn Bennett quickly realised that by investing in the greenhouse purchase, it would immediately help the children and their teacher with her ambition to expand their knowledge of seeding, planting and nurturing.

Minster Lions were so impressed with the project's plans that £5,031 was invested. A few weeks ago, the new greenhouse arrived and was built on site. Teacher Helen was quick to realise that following our investment other grants could follow, and sure enough a number of other companies have helped by supplying equipment and plants. There is no doubt, however, that the cooperation and coordination of Minster Lions with the school has made an enormous contribution to the children's outdoor knowledge and development.



Library In A Box - Reignited!

"It's good news week!" Library in a Box Project administered by **Minster Lions Club of York** has reopened in a **more limited way**.

Lions Clubs throughout the 105N District have been magnificent in collecting and packing books for us in the past and we are wondering if you would search your areas for quantities of unwanted **children's books** again.

We appreciate the potential logistical problems of delivery and or collection to us, but please call and we will organise a collection.

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Over the years since inception in 2006, Minster Lions have packed and sent over 153,000 books to Sri Lanka.

The project has been an incredible success story and was started by PDG Lion George Bennett, who is sadly deceased, following a visit to Sri Lanka to witness the recovery work after the tsunami and noticing that there were no readable books within the schools as they had been destroyed in the floods.

The Lions Clubs in Sri Lanka have been overjoyed and extremely thankful for the books received which have been distributed to Lions Clubs throughout the country.

Sri Lankan Lions Clubs have initiated a fantastic new project by converting old buses to mobile libraries and are anxious to receive more books. We are about to send another shipment but more wanted please!

Would you please note, however, that we are requesting **only children's books and not adult.**

Please get in touch with Lion Rob James MJF on
Tel. 01904 693586 (Voicemail)

Boroughbridge 98 Lions Club

After all these months of doing almost nothing due to lockdown, Boroughbridge Lions have been making up for lost time! November has been really busy for us.

Just like last year we had a request from the GP Surgery to do car park marshalling for the 'flu clinics.



We have also been marshalling the car park at Ripon Race Course for the Covid booster programme.

Our club was really happy to have 2 new members join and they're not wasting any time in getting involved: one has been forging links with the activities managers in the local care homes and is putting together a programme of events including story readings to the residents via zoom; the other has made contact with local schools and has identified a potential environmental project with one of the primary schools. Continued in next column



Some of lady members knitted approximately 260 poppies in answer to a plea from St Andrew's Church, Aldborough, who wanted to have a cascade of them down the Church tower in order to commemorate the British Legion's Centenary. One of our longest standing members, Eric Clark, laid a wreath at the war memorial on Remembrance Sunday.



We have also been doing collections for the Marie Curie Ripon & District Support Group.



Now we are putting the final touches to Santa's Sleigh ready for his visits to the local villages in December which, as will be the case for most clubs, is our busiest time of the year.

Lion Sue Johnson
Boroughbridge 98 Lions Club

Thorne Rural Lions Club

Lions Auriol, Pat, Christine & Chris doing our Lions clubs Christmas shopping for our Toy appeal, where last year more than 700 new toys were also donated to us and we pass them on to DMBC Children's services to give to needy families across the Doncaster area.



Also shopping has been collected from B&M at Thorne where we get goodies for the Lions Disable party with normally up to 150 attending this Christmas event



We also give out Christmas hampers & goodies which keeps 95 years young Lion Reg busy, along with the 30 to 40 tubs of lollies as well as chocolates Santa gives out on his rounds.

We know that most Lions will be doing similar activities at Christmas so from Thorne Rural Lions, may we wish all Lions & their families season greetings & take care.

Lion Barry Goforth
Secretary, Thorne Rural Lions Club

Dalbeattie and District Lions Club

Dalbeattie Lions Club presented Burn St Box with a cheque for £1000 for funds to help develop the project.

Burn St Box was started, and is run by Dalbeattie businessman Paul Widdowson, to give youngsters an opportunity for free to use sporting equipment after school

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Initially started as a response to a small amount of antisocial behaviour the project has been very successful in creating a spirited response between the youngsters who can now go to the Box situated on Burn St to use the equipment anytime they want.

The project has been taken up by Dalbeattie Community Initiative who are helping Paul with moving forward in the future.

Lion President Linda Burns
Dalbeattie & District Lions Club

Keighley Lions Club

Lion President Hazel Jiggins has been working tirelessly organising Santa rotas etc. and our sleigh team preparing their tour details, licenses, insurance. Then suddenly, it's here!

New venture this year, besides our usual grotto at Stephen Smiths Harden garden centre...Morrison's Keighley supermarket invited us to place our sleigh and have a grotto for a few dates over Christmas.

A secondary function of our Lions activities seems to be eating! We had a well attended meal at a local eatery when it was good to get together and socialise.

More recently, we held a Christmas themed beetle drive organised by Lions Carole and David Ogden, which raised much needed funds and set the scene for our Christmas efforts, again with a pie and pea supper, kindly provided by our friendly butcher.



'Beetles Galore'

As my old granny used to say..."I'll be gad when I've had enough"!

Lion Harry Ambler
Marketing & Communications Officer
Keighley Lions Club

Membership

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

Lion Kevin Winkworth	Darlington Lions Club
Lion Christine Coggrave	Homsea District Lions Club
Lion Karen Harper	Homsea District Lions Club
Lion Ann Speak	Homsea District Lions Club
Lion Dick Lloyd	Knaresborough Lions Club
Lion Richard Worthington	Knaresborough Lions Club
Lion Rhys Kidd-Scannell	Morpeth Lions Club
Lion Lance Moffat	Ayr & Prestwick Lions Club

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Lion Sonia Kay	Tickhill & District Lions Club
Lion Marilyn Bennett	
District 105N MYLCI Co-ordinator	

District Almoner

Lions Who Have Passed on to Higher Service

Lion Jim West MJF	Leeds & Skyrack Lions Club
PP Lion Peter Hawkins MJF	Filey Lions Club

I have also sent a card to Lion Jacqueline Hartless of the Castleford & Pontefract District Lions Club following the passing on of her Husband, Mr David Hartless.

Our thoughts are with their families at this sad time.

DG Lion David Wilson
District 105N Almoner

Apologies for not putting photographs of any cheque presentations in the newsletter, but it was agreed by cabinet that clubs should put these on their websites and Facebook etc.



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

Monday 20th December 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.

Lion George W Morgan
District 105N Newsletter Editor