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NEWSLETTER for 105N District

A spectacular effort!



Sight is one of our core, global causes of Lionism and in Aberdeen, the Lions have been celebrating the Duncan and Todd Group in recognition of their exceptional commitment to the Lions Recycling for Sight initiative. This brilliant business has committed to sending donated spectacles directly from their 40-plus stores across Scotland to the Lions recycling centre in Birmingham, streamlining the process and increasing the volume of glasses that can be refurbished and redistributed.

The Aberdeen Lions Club subsequently presented a Certificate of Appreciation and Thanks to the Group - Richard Stage (Aberdeen Lions Club President) made the presentation to Cheryl Smith (Head of Brand at Duncan & Todd Group) - and noted how 1000s of individuals in developing countries will benefit from improved vision thanks to their generosity. The Duncan & Todd logo has also been added to the lionsrecycling.co.uk website. Together, this partnership continues to transform lives — one pair of spectacles at a time.

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Editor's Comments



Dear all,

I hope you have all had a **great month of service** and I **wish to thank those who are sending their content to my new email address**. As mentioned last month, **I know it will take a bit of time** for people to use it. To assist with the transition, I will be **sending email reminders of the new address when I receive your stories**.

On a **sombre note**, I need to focus on the **tragic passing to Higher Service of Hazel Jiggins** from my Club of Keighley. **Hazel was my sponsor and one of the most incredible people** I have ever met. She had **such warmth and love for her community**, **served tirelessly as a Lion and served as our Club President 6 times**.

Despite being in her 90s, she was still out there serving and **it was during a Service event when she passed away**. For those who read the email which this newsletter is sent on, you will also know that **she was one of my proof-readers and did a fantastic job**, month after month. Personally, I will miss her immensely and extend my thoughts and love to her family. **She was loved by our Club** and was rightly **awarded an MJF** earlier this year. **Thank you for your service Hazel - thank you for everything**.

Luke Maunsell

District Newsletter Editor



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Competition Corner

Scores on the Door

Travelling Lion:

Thorne Rural - 12
Huddersfield - 10



Don't forget that our District has some **great, creative competitions** which include: **The Photo Comp, The Peter Shaw Award, Scrapbook, Rookie of the Year and the Best Web Page Award**. They are all fun and help build comradeship between us all. If you would like to get involved in any of them, **please contact our new officer Lion Cameron Peel** at: competitions@lions105n.org.uk





DISTRICT 105N COMPETITIONS



TRAVELLING LIONS

VISIT ANOTHER LIONS CLUB OR LIONS EVENT TO EARN POINTS: 1 POINT FOR VISITS WITHIN DISTRICT 105 AND 5 POINTS FOR VISITS OUTSIDE DISTRICT 105. QUALIFYING VISITS INCLUDE MEETINGS, SOCIAL EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS. COMPLETE A VISITING LION CARD, GET IT SIGNED AND SUBMIT IT BY THE 15TH OF THE FOLLOWING MONTH. THE CLUB WITH THE MOST POINTS WINS!

SCRAPBOOK COMPETITION

CREATE A CLEARLY LABELLED SCRAPBOOK, NO LARGER THAN 60CM X 90CM, COVERING THE IPP'S YEAR. INCLUDE PHOTOS, PRESS CUTTINGS, CLUB ACTIVITIES, FUNDRAISING, SERVICE AND SOCIAL EVENTS. JUDGING IS 90% CONTENT AND 10% PRESENTATION. ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 9:30AM ON THE SATURDAY OF CONVENTION.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

OPEN TO LIONS WITH 18 MONTHS OR LESS MEMBERSHIP (EXCLUDING TRANSFERS). MEMBERS SHOULD REGULARLY ATTEND CLUB MEETINGS AND EVENTS AND TAKE PART IN WELFARE AND FUNDRAISING. ENTRIES MUST BE APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY AND SUBMITTED BY 20TH JANUARY.

PETER H SHAW TROPHY

AWARDED TO THE CLUB WITH THE BEST COMMUNITY-RELATED PROJECT IN THE DISTRICT. ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT COMPETITIONS OFFICER BY 20TH JANUARY, BEFORE CONVENTION. THE WINNER IS CHOSEN BY A PANEL APPOINTED BY THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR.

BEST HOST CLUB

CLUBS EARN 1 POINT FOR EACH LIONS CLUB THAT VISITS THEIR MEETINGS OR EVENTS, REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF LIONS ATTENDING. THE HOST CLUB SECRETARY MUST RECORD AND SIGN EACH VISIT AND SUBMIT THE REGISTER BY THE 20TH OF THE FOLLOWING MONTH. THE COMPETITION RUNS FROM 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER. N.

BEST WEBSITE

OPEN TO ALL LIONS AND LEO CLUBS IN DISTRICT 105N. WEBSITES ARE JUDGED BEFORE THE FEBRUARY CONVENTION ON CONTENT, RELEVANCE, UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION AND EASE OF USE. THE JUDGES' DECISION IS FINAL.

PHOTO COMPETITION

SUBMIT ONE NATURE PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN IN DISTRICT 105N DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR. NO PEOPLE. INCLUDE A TITLE AND SHORT DESCRIPTION (25 WORDS OR LESS). ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 20TH JANUARY.

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT COMPETITIONS OFFICER: CAMERON PEEL
COMPETITIONS@LIONS105N.ORG.UK

District Governor's Message

Dear fellow Lions, Leos and partners,

Another busy month almost over and a quarter of the way through my year as District Governor, times sure flies by!

I have been **visiting Clubs this month** and **would like to thank each and every member that I met**, for being honest and frank regarding their questions which I have tried to answer or find the answer to.

I have **also been delighted with the number of Chevrons presented for long service**, retention being key to the future, not just recruiting new Lions. The chevron I was most proud to present was to **Lion Jeanne Morgan MJF for 50 years of service**.



I am looking forward to attending the **public re-launch of Durham Lions Club on Monday 28th** and then **Tynedale Lions Charter on 2nd October**.

I would encourage Lions everywhere (fuel prices permitting) to visit other Clubs, they can be a **source of inspiration along with swapping ideas** for socials, fundraising and community projects.

Next month I will be visiting, **Maltby & Rother Valley (5th), Doncaster Went Valley (6th), Thorne Rural (12th), Doncaster (13th) and Elmet (19th)** then on the **31st the Council of Governors** will hold their second full meeting with DGs and 1VDGs present on Zoom.

Looking through the upcoming events calendar, **Lions are again busy and it won't be long before gearing up for the Christmas Campaigns**.

Finally, my thoughts are with the **Keighley Lions and Lion Hazel Jiggins' family** on their sad loss. Hazel was never one to give praise lightly but, at an event where I did a little singing, (Hazel taught choirs and Barbershop quartets) she came up and said, **"That was good, Wow!"** I thought, **"I will take that to the bank!"** - such fond memories.

Lion Allan Clark, MJF

District Governor



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Vice Governor's Message

Hi to you all, fellow Lions, Leos and Partners,

WOW - What a month!!! I feel as if I have gone back to college with all the online training, but nevertheless **it is enjoyable.**

The Clubs I have visited this month have certainly opened my eyes to **all the good work being done in the community** by our Lions. The **camaraderie and dedication you all have, is wonderful.** All Clubs are different, all have the enthusiasm and commitment and, more importantly, **give the service WE SERVE.**



I would like to thank all the Clubs that I have visited this month, sometimes along with my wife Sally, **your hospitality was second to none.** These visits included **Keighley, Denby Dale, Easingwold, Rotherham, Hornsea and Filey.**

During these visits, I presented **2 MJFs and also some Long Service Chevrons - 2 for 35 years of service, 2 for 25 years, 4 for 20 years, 4 for 15 years and 6 for 10 years .** Well that is a lot of service years - **well done to everyone!** There was also a **special presentation for John Briggs** from the members of **Hornsea Club for his dedication and commitment** to Lions. **I also presented him with a PMJF.** The Club pointed out that **John's Risk Assessments were second to none.**

I want to emphasise, which I have been mentioning on my Club visits, **watch for the quiet ones in the Club,** just sitting there, not feeling part of the Club. **These are people that need to be more involved and given jobs to do.** Those above with all those years of service, were not just sitting there.

I am looking forward to meeting more of you next month and presenting more Long Service Awards.

Mike Byrne, MJF

Vice District Governor



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Membership News

Since the last newsletter, we have had **6 Lions** join our 105N pride. Unfortunately, we also have had **2 Lions** move to **Higher Service**. We **wish our new joiners all the best** in their future service and remember those who have moved on with the **highest regard and love**.

Dundee Lions

- Felicita Oyata
- Innocent Oyata

North Wolds Lions

- Vicky Norton

Ryedale Lions

- Martin Williams

Stonehaven Lions

- Donald Clarke

Tickhill & District Lions

- Carl Pask



In Memoriam

Always treasured, your actions live on in our hearts.

City of Durham and Consett Lions

- Former Lion David Leigh

Keighley Lions

- Hazel Jiggins, MJF

Deepest thanks to **Lion Marilyn Bennett**, MLCY Co-ordinator and **Lion Margaret Wells**, District Almoner for contributing to this page. They can be reached on lions.geomar@gmail.com and almoner@lions105n.org.uk respectfully.



District News



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

Support for Flood Victims in Nepal and China

Devastating flooding in **Nepal and China**
resulting in catastrophic loss of hundreds of lives

THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES NEED HELP RIGHT NOW

Hundreds have lost their lives and thousands remain missing after catastrophic flash floods and a suspected glacier collapse devastated communities along the Nepal-China border.

A US\$200,000 Major Catastrophe Grant has been awarded to empower local Lions to deliver immediate relief and support long-term recovery efforts. Lions and LCIF stand ready to help communities facing disasters like this. When disaster strikes, help cannot wait. Help begins with you. Your support helps make humanitarian response possible when people need it most.

With 100% of donations going towards grants and programmes, LCIF empowers the compassionate service of Lions and those who need our help. Although those benefiting from your support may never know of your generosity, Lions Clubs International Foundation and our beneficiaries are grateful for your support.

**DONATE TO THE
DISASTER RELIEF FUND**

Remind all those donating or considering a donation that their gift will be administered and spent wisely and carefully by Lions Clubs - people who are volunteers, know their communities and do not take an administrative fee!

All donations to be made via your District Treasurer identifying where you want your donation(s) to go - LCIF (Nepal-China Appeal).

Together, we turn compassion into action.
#LCIFLions

If ever there was a time when we need to show Acts of Kindness it is now!

WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND LIONS CLUBS THAT WE PRODUCE EMERGENCY TOILETRY PACKS

ALSO KNOWN AS

HOSPITAL PACKS

These packs comprise a paper towel, tablet of soap, shampoo and shower sachets, comb, dental pack.

The principle of these packs is that they are donated by Lions Clubs for use in hospitals, hospices, nursing and care homes, disaster and flood emergencies, when parents, guardians, friends and colleagues accompany patients who, for instance, are admitted to hospital in an emergency, having had no time or means to provide their own toiletries.

The packs are priced to Lions Clubs at **£1.50 per pack** in quantities of 100 (£150.00) plus carriage

Also available is a Shaving Pack priced at **£1.90 per pack** in quantities of 10 (£19.00) plus carriage

They are available to order from

Minster Lions Club of York CIO

Lion Rob James, Hospital Pack Co-ordinator, Minster Lions Club of York CIO

Please make contact in the first instance before payment by either

Email: robert.james@zen.co.uk

Telephone: WhatsApp Robert James 07767 358754

This is another call for nominations to the Young Ambassador event.

Your nomination will be a **young person in your area aged 15-18** who is **engaged in community work/volunteering** and is **showing commitment to their choice of project** - someone who thinks about service like we do.

The District prize is £500 for the winner's project choice and this would be managed by the Sponsoring Club. I have heard of those helping in food banks, organising fairy trails, Easter trails, selling reindeer food as a fundraiser, running school uniform exchanges, helping disabled swimming or football, acting as a buddy at school, it goes on ...

I can set a District Final venue and date once I know where these youngsters are coming from - this is to help minimise travel costs. **I would like your nominations by the end of September** and if you are not sure about eligibility, **please give me a call on 07554 729272.**

Yours in Service,

PDG Gill Swan

Youth and Childsight Co-ordinator 105N



Calendar Dates

Tynedale Lions Charter Dinner

Friday 2nd October 2026, 7pm for 7:30pm
Tynedale Rugby Club, Corbridge, NE45 5AY

Contact Lion Roger on:
rogermarsh136@btinternet.com

Elmet Lions Charity Golf Day

Friday 2nd October 2026, from 11am
Tadcaster Golf Club, Scarthingwell, LS24 9PF

Find out more: elmetlions.golf@gmail.com

Filey Lions Charter Night

Friday 16th October 2026, from 7pm
White Lodge Hotel, The Crescent, YO14 9JX

Derwent Lions PSA Testing

Tuesday 20th October 2026 from 5:30pm
Stamford Bridge Village Hall, 4 Low Catton Road,
YO41 1DY

Pocklington Lions Charter Dinner

Saturday 24th October 2026 from 7pm
Pocklington Cricket Club, Burnby Lane, YO42 2QB

Email Lion Mel: melstork68@gmail.com

Dumfries Lions Club Charter Lunch

Sunday 1st November 2026
Casa Mia Restaurant, 53 Nunholm Road, DG1 1JW

Find out more: 07702 436478

Withernsea and District Lions 59th Annual Charter Dinner

Friday 13th November 2026, 7pm for 7:30
The Country Club, Patrington Haven Leisure
Park, HU12 0PT

Email Lion Ernie: j.oldfield451@btinternet.com

Dumfries Lions Club Fundraising Ceilidh for Maggie's Centre

Friday 27th November 2026, 7pm-11pm
Loreburn Hall, Newall Terrace, DG1 1LN

To buy tickets online:
www.ticketsource.com/loreburn-hall/

Tickhill & District Lions Charity Christmas Night

Saturday 28th November 2026

Rossington Welfare, West End Lane, DN11 0DU

Contact Lions Mandy or Carol on: 07970 298959 or
01302 865396

Zone N12 Burns Night

Saturday 30th January 2027

Wheatley Golf Club, Doncaster, DN2 5QB

Contact 1VDG Lion Mike Byrne on: 07957144034 or
Lion Elaine Prime on: 07816272081

District 105N

District Convention

Saturday 6th February 2027

Holiday Inn (Scotch Corner), Richmond, DL10 6NR

Thorne Rural Lions

56th Annual Charter Dinner

Saturday 20th February 2027

Save the Date

Maltby and Rother Valley and Bramley and Wickersley Lions

Joint Charter Dinner

Saturday 13th March 2027

Aston Hall Hotel, Worksop Road, S26 2EE

Contact Lion Janice: cjanice.maskill@maltbylions.org.uk

Easingwold Lions

Charter Dinner

Saturday 20th March 2027

Save the Date

Doncaster Went Valley Lions

Charter Dinner

Saturday 17th April 2027

Wheatley Golf Club, Doncaster, DN2 5QB

Young Lives Versus Cancer

Yorkshire Wetherspools Charity Run

Saturday 24th April - Friday 30th April 2027

Find out more: eliott@howdencoffee.co.uk

Have an upcoming event?

If you have a date for the next issue, please
email _____ me _____ on:

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Tales from our Clubs

Dumfries Lions



In Dumfries, **donations have been coming thick and fast** - all in aid of great, local causes.

Two of these donations have been for **£250 and have been gifted to the People's Project and the Kippford RNLI**. The former of these is a local charity which seeks to **make their community a great place to live via environmental and heritage projects**. The latter, as we know, are **heroic volunteers who risk their lives to save those stuck/at risk at sea/in our waterways**. In both instances, these charitable causes were selected by others - **Oakbank Waste Management Services Ltd and Rory Young of local firm, Christmas Trees Scotland** - who were allocated the money due to their ongoing support for the **Club's popular Christmas Tree Sale**. Finally, the **Dumfries Lions Club have made a donation of £150 to Dumfries Shine** to enable them to **purchase litter pickers and garden tools** to support their good work in the Town Centre.

Tickhill & District Lions

The **Tickhill & District Lions** recently brought their popular **Clutter Trail to Rossington**. The event is essentially a **village-wide jumble sale**, with residents and organisations hosting stalls selling unwanted items, bric-a-brac, clothes, toys and more. Visitors use a map to travel around the village, hunting for bargains while supporting the local community.

The event was a **great success** and allowed the Club to donate **£2,230 to four fantastic Rossington causes**. Donations were made to **The Ark Rossington Holmescarr Centre Community Café**, supporting initiatives including the Food Train; **the Doncaster Cancer Support Drop-In Centre**, which provides support and information to individuals and families affected by illness; **Soul Sisters Holistic Wellness CIC**, which delivers activities promoting positive mental health and wellbeing; and **Rossington Shedmasters**, which brings local men together through DIY projects, friendship and community.

The **Club thanks everyone who hosted a stall, volunteered their time and came along to support the event**. They thought it **fantastic to see the Rossington community come together**, and to know that a fun day of bargain hunting has helped make a real difference locally.



Ryedale Lions



In Ryedale, the Lions have donated **£750** to **Natalie Marriott of York and Scarborough Hospital Charity** towards their **‘Cuddle Bed’** initiative. This brilliant project **provides specialist, large beds so that terminally-ill patients can receive cuddles** from loved ones and pets - **adorable and vital service to get behind!**

The Club has also held their **annual Charity Golf Day at Kirkbymoorside Golf Club**. A full complement of **42 teams competed on a bright, sunny day** and a total of around **£9,000, a new record, was raised to help Ryedale Lions with their work**. Ryedale Lions President Will Oxley said, “A huge amount of effort goes into the day and this is an **amazing result**. Many **thanks to all the competitors, local businesses** who supported the event with sponsorship and raffle/auction prizes, **Kirkbymoorside Golf Club** for preparing the course and giving fantastic hospitality and **all our Lions and volunteers** who helped us in any way. **Special thanks go to Lion Andrew** and his committee who are already looking to next year’s event!”

Huddersfield Lions

Massive donations have also been coming into Huddersfield in the form of spectacles. More than **30 volunteers (including 11 Lions)** had **2 hours** to sort over **400kg of donated spectacles** in their biggest spectacle-sorting operation undertaken so far. All of this was held at the **LDS Church at Birchenclyffe**. This enormous quantity equated to nearly **half a ton and 17,000 pairs of spectacles** which will help children and adults in Africa and other countries, read and study. All glasses were sorted into several categories: including **reading glasses, sunglasses and even broken ones** which can still be recycled.



Club President Cameron Peel praised the effort stating, “We could not undertake a project of this size without the **tremendous support of local opticians and members of the community** who donate their unwanted spectacles. **A special thank you goes to the Church and its volunteers for their continued support and to our Lions members who always go out of their way** to serve the community. Sorting so many spectacles was a huge job, but the enthusiasm and teamwork of our Lions and volunteers made light work of it. **Every pair we recover has the potential to help someone and make a real difference.**”

The Lions Club of Huddersfield also thanks **all Lions Clubs, Rotary and Scroptimists, who have donated spectacles** across the North of England, **together with the opticians, businesses and community organisations that provide collection points**. As a gentle reminder, please note that, at present, **no glasses from Clubs will be accepted at HQ until the back end of October at earliest**. Huddersfield is the sorting hub for the North of England (105N and 105CN) and **DG Lion Allan Clark is still offering to pick up glasses when visiting Clubs**. Alternatively Clubs can arrange delivery to Huddersfield if preferred.



Celebrating Success!



As mentioned in the Vice District Governor's contribution, he has a **very busy period handing out awards to Lions in our District**. Two of these Clubs to receive such a visit were **Denby Dale District Lions and Keighley**.

At Denby Dale, **Dave Chappell was celebrated for his 10 years of service** as well as **Ben Pennock and Paul Rusby for 15 years** each. Meanwhile, **10 year Chevrons** were also presented, in their absence, to **Andrew Marwood and Kath**

Wood. All in all, **60 years of dedicated service** between them!

In Keighley, **Immediate Past President Ruth Payne and Secretary Julie Walters both received Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards** for their fantastic work in the community and to the Club. Similarly **Lion David Ogden** was given a **35 Year Chevron**. Keighley Lions Club is **so proud of all three worthy winners** and thanks them all for their ongoing commitment to those they serve.

Filey Lions

After a busy summer, **Filey Lions have been taking a well-earned rest** before their next busy period. In this spirit, **they had a great social evening with fellow Lions from Scarborough**, for a night of **10 Pin Bowling**. Apparently, they quickly found out that many of them were not very good at the game but had a **lot of fun and laughs all the same!**



Looking forward, the Club have both their **Charter Night on the 16th of October** as well as their **second, fully booked PSA testing session** alongside the Graham Fulford Charitable Trust. With these completed, their focus will be on planning and preparing their **Bonfire and Firework display on Saturday 7th November** and their **Over 85s Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 9th December**.

Another Club making friends (and waves) with other Lions are our friends in **Thorne Rural**. On the 13th of September, alongside **other Lion Clubs**, they enjoyed a wonderful time on a boat trip. The 3-hour journey took them through **Sprotbrough and Doncaster** as the Lions were joined by fellow members from **Maltby Went Valley, Doncaster and Tickhill & District**.

Going forward, the Club has a lot on as it continues to serve its community. One such event will be on the **31st October with a Coffee Morning at the Hatfield Library from 10am to noon**.

Thorne Rural Lions



Zone N5 - Fundraising Push



Lions can always achieve more when we work together and in **Zone N5**, that's what they have been proving and then some.

All 7 Lions Clubs in the **Zone** have chosen the **Great North Air Ambulance Service (GNAAS)** as their regional charity. This great effort will bring together together the fab Lions from **Yarm, Teesdale, Sunderland, Durham, Consett, Peterlee and Darlington** who will all raise funds for GNAAS over the next 12 months.

Not only does GNAAS need more than **£25,000 a day** to keep operating, it also **needs to raise £2.5 million to invest in new helicopters**. To raise as much as possible, the **Clubs will hold individual events and collections** whilst also working together to raise funds across the region. Some of this dedicated team are pictured above - (L-to-R) Yarm District President **Lion Ian Gilg**, GNAAS fundraiser **Emily**, Darlington Lion President **Ann Gent**, and **Lion Jackie Robson**, Zone Chair and President of Sunderland Lions Club. **We wish them all the best in their endeavours.**

Darlington Lions

In perfect unity with the last story, Zone N5 has already started their **big, fundraising push with a very enjoyable quiz.**

This large **Quiz Evening** saw more than **35 Lions from 6 Clubs** come together for **fun and money raising**, all boosted by **some delicious pies and peas**. During the contest, **one of the teams provided by Darlington Lions managed to triumph**. They can be seen here with **Lion Pat** picking up the cup for the winning team from **Zone Chair Jackie** and **Lion Bob**.



Whilst the quiz night was **mainly full of concentration and laughter**, it also served an important purpose - that of raising money. At the end of the night, the quiz (put together by **Lion Bob of Teesdale Lions**) had **not only managed to bring people together but also raise £270 for the Great North Air Ambulance Service.**

A great start to 12 months of fundraising!

Upcoming POTN Deadline

Thank you all for your contributions this month. The next deadline is the **16th October 2026**. I look forward to seeing what your Clubs have been doing so email me on: newslettereditor@lions105n.org.uk

