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District Convention 2025 Special

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District 105N had an **excellent Convention** at Scotch Corner earlier this month.

With a range of **special guests, speeches and the appointment of District Governor Officers** for the upcoming Lionistic Year - it was an **unmissable event**.

Find more pictures and information on pages 4-5.

Connecting members in Yorkshire, the North East and Scotland

Find out more inside!

Editor's Page

Dear all,

It was great to be at the **District Convention** once again and you can see some of the fab pictures taken by **PDG John Sutherland** on both the Front Page and pages 4-5. It was a really **inspirational time with great contributions and lighthearted moments.**

As always, this issue includes our **Governors reports** (pp.2-3 and p.7) and our **Events and Charter Dinner Dates** (pp.8-9).

Don't forget to steal **some ideas from other Clubs** via their stories on pages (pp.12-15).

Have a **great March**, I look forward to seeing what your Clubs get up to over the next month!

Luke Maunsell

District Newsletter Editor



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World Cancer Day 2025

Lion Clubs across the world **make a huge difference** in the fight against cancer. From **raising money** for great causes to assisting in **promoting/enabling early diagnosis** are some of the ways our Lion Family help those in need.

With this in mind, two of our Clubs, very recently have announced their own **PSA testing** for prostate cancer. **Elmet Lions** will again be putting on testing for **40 men** thanks to their supporters.

This has included a **fantastic donation from local company Kingspan**, who has given £1000. This testing will be held at **The Motorist, Lennerton Lane, Sherburn, LS25 6JE on Thursday 25th September 2025** from 2:30pm.

Keighley Lions will also be holding their own tests, for up to **60 men**, at the **Airedale Centre on Saturday 29th March 2025** from 11:00 to 16:00. They are **thankful to their sponsors**, G.A.S (General Anesthetic Services), McDowell (Intelligent Logistics), Mick Dowd and Cllr Andrew Judson.



District Governor's Message

Dear fellow Lions,

I must start with **THANK YOU** to all who took part in our Convention this year – some of you have **gone above and beyond** the norm expected of Lions service. There was a degree of levity that may have been previously missing as we now recover from our pandemic years and the anxiety of re-districting – thank you especially to our **2 VDG Lion Allan and our host team from Thorne Rural Lions Club** for their part in the fun



Making Connections was our Convention theme this year and with other speakers I developed that theme by talking about our communications.

POTN and Facebook are fabulous ways of connecting when we have a moment to catch up but true communication involves speaking or writing in a language that is seen or heard and listening for confirmation that the message was received and understood.

I also suggested that at **least one copy of POTN is printed** for Club discussion and or those Lions that do not readily access online materials. All too often we hear of new Lions who are happy to join the club because they wish to help but with **no real understanding of the opportunity offered by belonging to an international community**. It is up to us to **talk about our wider scope**.

For example, this month we achieved a total target of gifts of **100 stoves for the 'Winter Is Coming To Ukraine 3' (WICTU3) appeal**. I thank Lion Bjorn Hagerstrand for the below photo (*bottom left*).



I was also happy to support our international efforts by introducing Lion friends to a Lion penpal in Perth, Australia. As a result, they were able to **visit the Lions Eye Institute in Perth**; a health facility and staff completely funded by Western Australia Lions (*top right photo provided by Lion Colin Joyce*). But easier still is to **visit a nearby Club** to see how they arrange their meetings, fundraising and grants.

Added to this, this month we have **launched an appeal to equip a 'Den'** for teenagers who attend **Martin House Childrens Hospice** – our target is **£23,000 that we hope to have match funded**. If you have another, different project in mind please let a member of the DG team know

Do your schools have sight testing?

Our newest national **Lions' Campaign 'Childsight'** will be to offer screening for 'lazy eye', with a special camera, for children aged 4/5 in Primary schools which do not have routine visits for sight testing, a vision problem that is more easily rectified earlier than when it is often spotted after 8 years old.

If you wish to be involved:

- please ask your Zone Chairman if you think that this is needed in your area,
- please ask if you would like to be part of the team following training.

Finally, this is where you will find me in the coming weeks.

From the 21st to 23rd Feb, I will be at the **Young Ambassador weekend** with our finalist Shelby, followed, on the 27th, with my own **Club's Zone Meeting**. In March, I will be at **Thorne's Charter Night** (on the 1st) and at the **UN day in the Palace of Westminster** with our Peace poster winner Reuben on the 11th. After this, on the 14th March, I am looking forward to **Maltby and Rother Valley's Charter night** and then, on the 15th, I have both the **105CN Convention** and **Rothwell's Charter Night** with Council as well as Zoom meetings most weeks and Scotland later in the month.



Lion Gillian Swan

District Governor



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District 105N Convention 2025

Our District Convention was a brilliant opportunity for Lions from across Yorkshire, Scotland and the North East to **get together and learn from each other**. During this Lionistic extravaganza, there were a number of key speeches and interesting topics discussed.

Special Guest, **International Director, Marcel Daniëls** explained the incredible impact of Lionism around the world including in how we have **helped those in Ukraine** via our donated stoves and other means.



Our **DG Gill** also gave an **impassioned talk** on the need to not only **'think outside the box'** but to avoid the box at all cost.

She also gave a very **'eyeopening' demonstration on Youth activities** in the District aided by a naughty child (1st District Governor Elect, Allan Clark).



Additionally, **Lion Jonathan Reay** educated everyone on how to make Facebook posting a success whilst **Lion Michelle** explained the **training opportunities** for all Lions to partake in.

There were also great contributions from a number of other Lions including Lion **Kavaljit Dev**, Council Chair for MD105 British Isles, **PDG Kevin Hunter**, speeches from our **incoming Governor Lion John** and a hilarious **Health and Safety announcement from Host Club Thorne Rural**.



One of the extra highlights came at the end of the Convention as a series of awards and special mentions were handed out to members of our Lion family.

The biggest haul of these went to the incredible **Thorne Rural** who received both the Host Club and Travelling Lion award. **Hornsea Lions'** Scrapbook was picked as the best whilst **Consett** were acknowledged for the largest % gain of members. On top of that, **Lion Alan Ashburner** was anointed as the Secretary of the Year and **Lion Susan Peel** (Keighley Lions) was chosen as the Rookie of the Year. Finally, the biggest prize went to the awesome **Knaresborough Lions** who were named the **Club of the Year!**



First Time Thoughts

After 5 years of being a Lion, I attended the **105N Convention** and **It didn't disappoint!**

There were **interesting presentations, informative stands and half time entertainment** - think Biggles and Easy Jet cabin crew combined .

Highlights were listening to **International Guest Marcel** describe his work delivering equipment to Ukraine, the **hospitality of the Host Club** which included providing their own DJ for the evening entertainment and spending a bit of **quality time with Lion members** and partners.

I am already **looking forward to the next one** - thank you Thorne Rural Lions.

Lion Belinda Thomson

President, Dumfries Lions



Membership News

Since the last newsletter, we have had **11** join our 105N pride. **Let's welcome them and wish them all the best** in their future service. Unfortunately, **3** Lions has moved to Higher Service. We send our **deepest sympathies** to their nearest and dearest.

Denby Dale Lions

- Norman Fitzpatrick-Tim
- Samuel Hudson
- Neil Murphy
- Elisabeth Roberts

Knaresborough Lions

- Andrew Holmes

Morley Lions

- Melanie Craig

Otley Lions

- Kate Ling

In Memoriam

Always treasured, your actions live on in our hearts.

Alnwick Lions

- Eric Telford (former member)
- Martin Tuckwell (former member)

Ryedale Lions

- Raymond Cordery

Deepest thanks to **Lion David Wilson**, District Almoner and **Lion Marilyn Bennett**, MLCY Co-ordinator for contributing to this page. They can be reached on davidwilson51@hotmail.co.uk and lions.geomar@gmail.com.



Ponteland Lions

- Stephen Dawes

Teesdale Lions

- Victoria Beere
- Iain Brown
- Suzanne Hunter



1st Vice Governor's Message

Fellow Lions, Leos and Partners,

I hope you are well rested now after the Christmas busy period and your own festivities and **ready to tackle another year of Lionism** which will be filled with **fun and friendship, fundraising and service**. Remember, wherever and whenever you are out and about, every visual presence of Lions doing something is a **recruitment opportunity**. This is so important as the more members we **recruit the more service we can do**.



Of late, it has been **very hectic** for me. Immediately after being voted in unanimously as District Governor-Elect at Convention, **I jetted off to Chicago** for the intense 3 Day Training programme. During this important opportunity, I was given lots to take in and absorb, but I also had a **fabulous time meeting with 750 other DGEs** from across the world. It was useful to be with so many fellow Lions who are on exactly the same journey as myself and mostly having exactly the same issues as we do. The cultural differences were very apparent but not difficult to overcome **when we are all there for the same reasons and singing from the same hymn sheet**.

In the coming month to six weeks, I have visits planned to **Keighley, Doncaster, Thorne Rural and others** in the south of our District. This will include **Charter Nights at North Wolds, Easingwold and Keighley**. In particular, I must send my deepest congratulations to **Keighley for celebrating 70 years of service**.

Briefly coming back to Convention, it was **good to meet those of you I haven't met before**, as I feel it is important as DG to know as many of the members as possible. I look forward to **meeting more of you** before my official term starts in July.

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

Lion John Sellers

1st Vice District Governor



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Calendar Dates

Elmet Lions

Easter Egg 100 numbers

March/April 2025

Various pubs, clubs, schools and organisations

Find out more: <https://elmet.lionsclub.co/>

Elmet Lions

Great Selby Bike Ride

18th May 2025 from 10am
Barlby High School, YO8 5JP

Find out more:

<https://greatselbybikeride.lionsclub.co/>

Denby Dale District Lions

Annual Beer Festival

Friday 14th to Sunday 16th March

Denby Dale Pie Hall, 297 Wakefield Rd,
HD8 8RX

Thorne Rural

Midsummer Charity Walk

Sunday 11th May, registration from 9am

Town Fields Parvillion, Thorne Rd,
Doncaster DN1 2JR

Email Christine Whiteley on:

musicline02yahoo.co.uk or visit the Club's
website: www.thornerurallions.com

Activity Alliance National Junior Para Athletics Championship

5th and 6th July 2025

Coventry Godiva Stadium, Kirby Corner
Road, CV4 7AL.

Email: tregillus@hotmail.com

Lions Fun & Sports Day for people with Disabilities

Saturday 16th August 2025 at Parklands
SSC, Doncaster

Email Lion Auriol Henton:

auriolandjoe@hotmail.co.uk



Charter Dinner Dates

Thorne Rural Lions

54th Charter Dinner

Saturday 1st March 2025 from 7pm
Wheatley Golf Club, Doncaster DN2 5QB

Contact: bjg48goforth@outlook.com

Keighley Lions

70th Charter Dinner

Saturday 8th March 2025, from 6pm

Mercure Bankfield Hotel, Bradford Road, BD16 1TU

Contact: secretary@keighleylions.org.uk

Maltby and Rother Valley Lions

47th Charter Dinner

Friday 14th March 2025, 7pm for 7.30pm

Hellaby Hall Hotel, Old Hellaby Lane, S66 8SN

Contact: janice.maskill@maltbylions.org.uk

Rothwell District Lions

56th Charter Dinner

Saturday 15th March 2025 7pm for 7:30pm

Garforth Golf Club, Long Lane, Leeds, LS25 2DS

Contact: yvonne_beck@hotmail.co.uk

Tickhill & District Lions

47th Charter Dinner

Saturday 5th April 2025 from 7pm

Wheatley Golf Club, Doncaster, DN2 5QB

Contact: r2day2@sky.com

North Wolds Lions

40th Charter Dinner

Saturday 5th April 2025 from 7pm

Manor Court Hotel & Restaurant,
Carnaby, Bridlington, YO16 4UJ

Contact: anna.belle89@icloud.com

Castleford and Pontefract District Lions

Charter Lunch

Sunday 6th April, from 12:30pm

The White Horse, Sharlston, Wakefield,
WF4 1EP

Contact: Jinty71@btinternet.com

Easingwold District Lions

46th Charter Anniversary

12th April 2025

Burn Hall Hotel, Easingwold, YO61 1JB

Contact: katewebster178@btinternet.com

Holderness Lions

2025 Charter Dinner

Sunday 13th April, 12:00 for 12:30

The Masonic Hall, Beverley Road, Hull
HU3 1XL

Contact: c.w.railton@gmail.com

Doncaster Lions

67th Charter Dinner

Sunday 27th April 2025, 12:30 for 1pm

Earl of Doncaster Hotel, Bennetthorpe, DN2
6AD

Contact: info@doncasterlions.co.uk

**Have an upcoming event
or Charter Dinner?**

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

media@keighleylions.org.uk



Development Workshops and Webinar

Managing Safely is an online training course, specifically designed to provide step by step guidance explaining how to create effective risk assessments for your club activities and events. The courses are being delivered by **IOSH qualified Lions, Ann Gent and Keith McDonald**. In order to fulfil our obligations to our insurers and the legal requirements of carrying out activities and events, all **Clubs are being asked to send 2 – 3 members** to one of the online training courses.

Register using the link below:

27th March

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/O3MX54MNT0aiD2OCDdGYZg>

31st March

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/lfrH3g3S7qeCuUCq6s2oQ>

Beyond the Den: Roar into District Leadership

Date: 8th March

Time: 10am

Location: Online

Ready to roar into leadership? Are you a Lion with untapped talents and skills? Your District needs you!

Join our informative webinar, "**Beyond the Den: Roar into**

District Leadership!" We'll **demystify District roles** – from Specialist Officer to Zone Chairman to District Governor – and address any hesitations you might have. Learn what each role entails, the level of commitment required, and how you can make a real difference. Our **experienced District Officers** will share their insights and answer your burning questions. Discover the opportunities available and how you can step up to lead the pride!

Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/b_koJpThR2et2GtDAhoajw



Guiding Lion

Date: 5th April

Time : 10am

Location: Scotch Corner Hotel, Darlington

Want to make a real difference in the Lions community? Become a Guiding Lion!

This **rewarding learning program empowers experienced Lions** to mentor and support newly chartered, established, or rebuilding clubs. As a Guiding Lion, you'll **provide vital guidance, helping clubs thrive by orienting members, training officers, fostering growth, and connecting them with essential resources.**

Help shape the future of Lionism – **become a Guiding Lion and ignite the passion in others!** For further information or to register your interest in becoming a Guiding Lion, contact the **District Leadership Officer.**

Members Orientation

Date: 9th April

Time: 7.30pm

Location: Online

New member orientation is crucial for building a strong and engaged Lions Club. It provides the **essential foundation for understanding our organisation**, from Club operations and individual roles to the broader district and international association.

A well-informed member is a comfortable member, and a comfortable member is more likely to become an active participant, contributing their skills and passion to our service projects and leadership initiatives. **Attending new member orientation is an investment** in the future of your club, ensuring long-term engagement and a vibrant membership for years to come. Join us for this vital session and discover how you can make a lasting impact as a Lion.

Registration details will be circulated to all clubs, or can be obtained from the **District Leadership Officer** – see email address below.

If you would like a copy of the full list of **Development Opportunities for 2025**, email michelle.mcarthur@jigsawatwork.com



Tales from our Clubs

Tickhill and District Lions



Tickhill and District Lions have recently hosted a resoundingly successful, **second annual Burns Night** event in January with well over 100 attendees.

The celebration brought together representatives from **Lion Clubs across Doncaster and beyond** and featured traditional Burns' Night elements, including a **piper, the ceremonial haggis, and heartfelt speeches honouring Scottish heritage.**

Adding a unique twist to the festivities was a **Dolly Parton tribute performer who created** a lively and enjoyable atmosphere which combined tradition and entertainment. Special thanks is extended to **Club President Mike Byrne** for his exceptional organisation and leadership.

Teesdale and District Lions

Another Club which has been marking Burns' Night is Teesdale and District who held their **30th Annual Celebration** at the GlaxoSmithKline Club in Barnard Castle.

This special night included the formal **ceremonials of piping in, and toasting of the haggis** as well as a menu of **cock-a-leekie soup, haggis and cranachan was served** (or steak pie and veggie options for those not brave enough to tackle the Haggis!). After dinner, a light-hearted "**Immortal Memory**" **speech and toast to Robert Burns was given by Bob Garton.** The rest of the night was then **spent dancing or listening to the excellent local ceilidh band, Fiadh.**



Ending the **festivities on a high**, the quiz answers were revealed, the prizes were issued and the raffle results were declared. **A lot of joy was had and an impressive sum of money was also raised** for the Club's charity account.

Wetherby District Lions



Our final Club who has been enjoying some festive fun are the Lions in Wetherby who held a well attended **Midwinter Lunch.**

The night saw a delicious meal of chicken 'Lionnaise' with seasonal vegetables and baked potatoes accompanied by a vanilla sponge with home made custard which was very much appreciated by the **150 guests.** After lunch, all guests were entertained by '**Tandem**' with musicians **Phil and Ross** and all the guests received a 'goodie bag' on leaving.

The Club would like to **thank their helpers** including chefs Alan Lamb and Ian Giddings, Linda Richards, Natalya, Lion President Martin Doxey, Bingo Caller Connor Mulhall (Deputy Mayor), Bon Bon's Confectionery, St. John Ambulance, Mark at AV Matrix for the excellent sound system; young people from the Explorers, Tammy at 'Zoom-In-Photography and Wetherby's Events and Communication officer, Helena.



Clubs should get together as often as possible as it's a great chance to get to know each other and share some ideas too!

For **Rothwell District Lions**, they were happy to get in touch with their friends at **Windermere and Ambleside Lions** and invited them to join them on the Saturday during a weekend away in the Lake District.

They all **loved spending time together** and enjoyed the drinks and quiz on offer whilst also passing around different ideas on fundraising.



Knarborough Lions



Knarborough Lions have been celebrating a **recent haul of spectacles** which were donated by a local opticians. This follows many years of regular collections, led by Lion Malcolm Jennings, and all the specs given were **handed over at the recent District Conference by Lion Nigel Perry.**

The Club is also fully gearing up for June's Bed Race. A lot of work lies ahead including getting the permissions and teams in order. **Best of luck for another fab event!**

Consett Lions

Consett Lions, for this month's story would like to do a **huge shout out to one of their stalwart members.** Over the years, **Eleanor Glasgow** has helped strengthen the community of Consett. More recently she has **served both local and global causes** by her membership of Consett Lions Club.

Eleanor believes that, **“helping people doesn't just do good—it feels good and serving alongside others who want to make a difference in the world feels even better.”** This 'Roarsome' outlook on life fits in well with Lion Clubs International's mission of 'We Serve'.



Eleanor was married to Billy for almost 63 years and has 3 children, 8 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren. Born in Consett in a family of 9, Eleanor previously worked in various shops in Consett until she attended college prior to working as a Civil Servant. For over 33 years, she has **organised not-for-profit pilgrimages to Lourdes** in addition to **organising many charity events to help support terminally ill people.**

Eleanor is proud to be a part of Lions which not only includes helping the community but also helps her meet new people from all walks of life and different experiences. As Eleanor says, **“There's the satisfaction you get from being a Lion that you won't get from anything else. That's why I became a Lion.”**

If you like to find out more about Consett, Eleanor or their work, please do email the Club on: p.jarman@hotmail.com

Boroughbridge Lions



Supporting young people is a key focus for our Clubs and in Boroughbridge, they have been doing just that! In a series of donations, they have truly **gone above and beyond to help some local schools.**

For Dishforth Primary, **Club President John Alder dropped off some books** for their new Reading Area whilst the Club has also helped at Boroughbridge Primary **in the repair of school playground equipment.** In a similar way, the Club is assisting with the replacement of Great Ouseburn Primary's **IT equipment**, Marton cum Grafton Primary's **playground equipment** and Green Hammerton Primary School's **playground litter bin.** They also have backed Boroughbridge High School **in the purchasing of a girls' football kit.**

Supporting the next generation - **well done Lions!**

Bradford Central Lions

Over winter, Bradford Central Lions Club has been helping to **support the neediest** in the their community.

Working closely in partnership with fellow charity **Eternal Legacy Trust**, the Lions have been enabling the provision of **vital food parcels** in the Bradford area.

Enabling this further has been a number of locals including businesses, Lions and Councillors. Photoed are only a handful of these backers include **Cllr Riaz Ahmed, Harry Boota and Nazill Dada of the ELT.**



The Club would like to thank everyone who has supported this winter campaign - **it has truly made a difference.**

Denby Dale District Lions



Lion Clubs across District 105N are focused on **increasing their membership** as much as possible. As we know, we have our **global 'Target 1.5'** as well as the **MD105 aim of getting to 1000 members.**

In Denby Dale, they have been driven to do their bit and have recently **inducted not one but four new members** to their Club. Seen here with **Lion President Paul Rusby** (left to right) are **Neil Murphy, Sam Hudson, Lizzie Roberts and Norman Fitzpatrick-Tim** who have been warmly welcomed by their fellow members.

We wish these new Lions **all the best** as they serve the Denby Dale community and wish them well on their Lionsistic journey.



Dumfries Lions have **celebrated the winner of their annual Decorated Christmas Tree Competition** recently which saw local **Laura Riley** take the top prize.

The lucky recipient received a **voucher for a free Christmas tree at the next sale from President Belinda Thomson** and competition organiser and **judge Kaz Paszki**. The Club would like to thank **all those who entered this popular competition** and are looking forward to next Christmas.



The Club also extends a warm welcome to a **5th new member of late as Chris O'Toole** was welcomed by Club members Vice President Jim Nelson, Carolyn Brown, President Belinda Thomson and Past District Governor Bill Walker who conducted the induction Ceremony.

Well done Laura and welcome to the Lions family, Chris!

Keighley Lions



Keighley Lions was very active over January/February with a number of events and community activities.

One of these (as pictured) was to attend the **Tewitt Lane Memorial** in the village of Oakworth. This annual service honours a tragic plane crash which occurred on the hillside and saw **6 members of the Canadian Royal Air Force sadly lose their lives**. The local Village Society run this heartfelt tribute to these lost, brave men. **Lion President Roy and Lion Barry were happy to attend** whilst **Lion Ruth and Sue** provided the refreshments at the Village Hall.

Meanwhile, **Lions Pete and Cam** were happy to assist with the planting of a **mini-orchard at the Sue Belcher Centre** on the same weekend alongside a number of other volunteers and organisations. A great weekend of service for the community.

Anyone interest in find out more about the **Tewitt Lane Memorial** can visit: www.menofworth.org.uk/archives/war-memorials/tewitt-lane-canadian-memorial

Upcoming Deadline

Thank you all for your contributions this month. The next deadline is the **23rd March 2025**. I look forward to seeing what your Clubs have been doing so do email me on: media@keighleylions.org.uk

