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NEWSLETTER for 105N District

Celebrate Good Times!



As Lions, we should always **celebrate people** from outside of our immediate organisation. It is vital that we always recognise those who **make our communities a brilliant place to live.**

IPDG **Jon Sellers** was very pleased to be back at **Martin House Children's Hospice** yesterday along with PDG **Lion Kevin** and LCIF officer **Lion Ron Lyndsay** to present an **MJF from Lions District 105N** to **Michelle Ford**. Michelle is a leading light and has been **pivotal in securing the match funding from LCIF** for Martin House. Back in February, many will recall her **heartfelt and very moving presentation** at Convention on behalf of the charity - **very well deserved indeed.**

Also praising amazing people are **Maltby and Rother Valley Lions Janice Maskill** and **Andrew Reaney** who proudly presented their '**Student of the Year Award**' to **Brad Holloway** from **Maltby Academy** recently. Well done **Brad** and best of luck in your ongoing studies!

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Editor's Comments



Dear all,

I have no doubt that we have all been extremely busy over the last month. With **changeovers, new Lions joining us, a new District Cabinet** in formation - things have been rather hectic. This likely explains why we have **fewer stories than normal** as Clubs will be in a state of flux - this is perfectly understandable! For those of you who are new to the media side of things or have just been given the role to send stories in - **I will give you a bit of guidance here!**

The newsletter is **published on the last Sunday of each month**. Any content (i.e. dates/announcements etc.) or stories you might like to include, need to be in **9 days before** (on the **second to last Friday** of the month). **Any content received after this date might not be included**. All deadlines (for the upcoming 6 months) are included in the monthly issuing email. The **next month's deadline** also appears at the end of each newsletter.

A story can be anything done by a Club/members/Officers from fundraising to a big event or even the welcoming of new members/giving awards. Where possible, I **try to include everything** you send in but **some content will need to be edited/not immediately included** to keep the newsletter efficient. Where edits do occur, the **fundamental meaning will not be altered**. Stories may also appear on the **Front Page and in special sections**. Please **do send your stories to me** with a relevant picture via the below email and if there are any **changes/improvements you would like to see**, don't hesitate to let me know.

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Competition Corner

Scores on the Door

Travelling Lion:

Thorne Rural - 63



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: cameron.d.peel@gmail.com



District Governor's Message

Dear fellow Lions, Leos and partners,

This will be my first report as **District Governor of a Strong and Growing District 105N**, this happened due to the **continued hard work carried out in our Clubs**, with special thanks going to our Immediate Past District Governor **Lion John Sellers**, his **Global Action Team and Cabinet**. He and they have **left me with a strong challenge to match and hopefully build on a very good year**.



I would like to thank all those Lions who have had faith in me being able to fulfil this role and in particular **Keighley Lions** who proposed me for **2nd Vice DG** and **Huddersfield** for my **DG proposal**.



Since the last Newsletter, I attended the **International Convention in Hong Kong** which was a once in a lifetime experience, culminating on the **last day with 752 DG Elects becoming this year's District Governors**, in front of **18,000 Lions/Leos and Families**.

I am now all fired up by the **people I met**, the **Workshops and Seminars attended** and the **powerful messages** of our outgoing **International President Lion A.P.Singh** and the new **I.P Lion Mark Lyons**.



A reminder that although I have a **new Cabinet made up of existing and new appointees**, we are **still in need of a 2nd VDG and 3 Zone Chairs, plus 1 or 2 more**. Hopefully, we can fill these in the near future.

I now look forward to serving you all, and helping continue the excellent work of the **2025/2026 Lionistic year**.

Lion Allan Clark, MJF

District Governor, 2026-2027



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Vice Governor's Message

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

Once again, another month passes and I am writing a report for the Monthly Magazine. By now you will have had your **Changeovers at your respective Clubs with a change of Officers and Presidents**. I have now stepped up to be **Vice District Governor and am looking forward to meeting many of you** in the coming year.



The **past month was very busy with 3 days away training, 4 Club visits and 2 Charters (Hornsea and Darlington** - who I thank for providing 2 enjoyable nights for my wife and myself). I attended a **Steam Rally Fair which Maltby Rother Valley Lions attended** with their gazebo and stocks with all the equipment buckets of water, wet sponges and water blasters. **I was grabbed and put into the Stocks**. Fortunately, it was a hot day **so I quite enjoyed the cold water**. Our climate at the moment is very unusual and **I hope you are all enjoying it**.

An **early date for your diary** - please do diarise the next **Zone N12 Burns Night** which will be held at **Wheatley Golf Club**, Doncaster, DN2 5QB on **Saturday 31st January 2027**. If you would like any further details, please do get in touch with me on: 07957144034 or **Elaine Prime** on: 07816272081.

Until next month, take care all of you.

Mike Byrne, MJF

**Vice District Governor,
2026-2027**



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Calendar Dates

Lions Fun & Sports Day

Saturday 8th August 2026, from
11am

Parklands Social Club, Wheatley Hall
Road, Doncaster, DN2 4LT

Filey Lions

Filey Ball Race

Wednesday 12th August 2026

Find out more:

www.fileylionsclub.org

Young Lives Versus Cancer

Yorkshire Wetherspoons Charity Run

Saturday 12th - Monday 28th September
2026

Multiple locations in District 105N

Find out more:

eliott@howdencoffee.co.uk

Thorne Rural Lions

Charity Golf Day

Friday 18th September 2026

Town Moor Golf Club

Email Lion Miles:

keeileymiles.thornerural@gmail.com

Durham Lions

Relaunch Event

Monday 28th September 2026, from 7pm
Alington House, 4 North Bailey, Durham,
DH1 3ET

Find out more:

secretarydurhamlions@gmail.com

Elmet Lions

PSA Testing

Thursday 24th September 2026

The Motorist, Sherburn in Elmet, LS25 6JE

Tynedale Lions

Charter Dinner

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

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, Stamford Bridge,
YO41 1DY

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**

Have an upcoming event or Charter Dinner?

If you have a date for the next
issue, please email me on:
media@keighleylions.uk



Special Notices



Huddersfield Lions have started a **Northern Sorting Centre** for used spectacles, to **ease the pressure on HQ in Birmingham** - who are fully supportive. They would now like to hear from other Clubs in the District if they would like to bring their spectacles to them instead of Birmingham which **could save on some transport costs**.

All **spectacles will be sorted to the same standard** as Birmingham and then shipped **to them in huge quantities** ready for onward transmission to Africa and France. **The next sorting will be on the 15th of September**. The storage centre is just a **few 100 yards off Junction 24 of the M62**.

If any Clubs are interested, **please contact Ray Milne** at treasurer@huddersfieldlions.org.uk - in case of very high demand it might have to be first come first served. **Another option is to give boxes of spectacles to DG Allan Clark** as he visits your Club as he is a Huddersfield Lion.

Durham Lions Club is to be relaunched and need your help. They will be **holding a relaunch event at 7pm on Monday 28 September** at Alington House, 4 North Bailey, Durham, DH1 3ET. Club meetings will then take place there on the **first Monday of the month** - with the first to be held at 7pm on Monday 12 October - **all are welcome**. Even if your family or friends in Durham do not wish to join, **please ask them to tell as many people as possible about it**.



City of Durham Lions Club has **raised hundreds of thousands of pounds for local good causes over the past 50 years** but its existing members were all forced to retire due to ill-health. **A group of Lions from Sunderland, Consett and Darlington Lions Clubs, led by Zone N5 Chair Jackie Robson**, have got together to get Durham Lions going once again. Lion Jackie said: "Durham Lions used to be a thriving club. With the large university and local government presence there is no reason why we should not succeed, but **we need all the help we can get** from our fellow Lions!" **More information about City of Durham Lions Club and the relaunch event** is available by emailing: secretarydurhamlions@gmail.com.

New Almoner for District 105N by Lion David Wells

PDG Lion David Wilson has retired from his post as District Almoner from the 30th June and, on behalf of the District, we **express our thanks** for the service he has given in this post.

Taking up the reins is **Lion Margaret Wells** from Thirsk and Northallerton Lions. She is an **experienced Lion and is familiar with the role**. To get in touch, **please contact her** on: 01845 526549 (tel), 07889 296860 (mob) or margaret07wells@btinternet.com (email).

Please remember that Lion Margaret cannot action anything unless you tell her about it.



Tales from our Clubs

Keighley Lions



It goes without saying that we have had rather a hot summer with 2 heatwaves in the UK. Despite this, **Lions across the District have been extremely busy** including the jolly man himself - **Santa!**

As a quirky change to the normal routine, the Club loves to take the Santa and his Sleigh to **local galas/events on his annual Summer Tour**. Decked out with an ice lolly, a Hawaiian shirt and some bubble guns - locals from

Oakworth, Cullingworth and Cross Roads responded with joy, surprise and wonder as Santa toured their community.

The Lions, at each event, also provided a stall which either contained their **Teddy Tombola** or their **Lion's Mane string game** both of which received a **very positive response**. The **Club thanks all those who have run these important community events as well as their Lions and volunteers** for making it all possible.

Santa is known for his fondness for a little tippie during his night-time travels and us Brits are no different! Demonstrating this is the **sheer popularity of the recent Beer Festival held by the Tynedale Lions**.

Celebrating its **25th anniversary**, a record breaking **5,500 tumblers** were handed out to **crowds over the 3-day extravaganza** organised by Tynedale Lions and Tynedale Rugby Club.

The festival has, so far, **raised over £1.1 million for local charities and good causes**. This year's beneficiaries included, **West Northumberland Food Bank, Calvert Kielder Trust, The Silverline Memories and the Rugby Club**. This money will help a range of people including **those with dementia and their carers, young sportspeople and those requiring accessible holidays and respite**.



Lion President Bernie Quinn was full of praise for the **240 volunteers** who organised and staffed the event - without whom the festival would not take place. **Well done all involved!**

Maltby and Rother Valley Lions



Summer fun has also been had by Maltby and Rother Valley Lions who have been spending time at both **Harthill Carnival and the Sheffield Steam and Vintage Rally**.

At the latter, our new **Vice District Govenor, Mike Byrne got an absolute soaking** in the Stocks whilst **Lion Andrew got drenched** with a bucket full of water - both administrated by Lion Sarah. Many more visitors, including **Air Cadets** had a great time with the **games, stocks, water or wine and mystery books**. **A superb and fun time for all involved**.



A superb summer has been had in Boroughbridge as the Lions held their **very popular Boroughbridge Summer Fete**. Aided by the great weather, the **Club brought together stalls from different organisations** as well as their own fun game in the form of the **'Human Fruit Machine'**. Further to this, **the Lions visited 3 local primary schools** with their Vision Screening Camera. In all, **27 children were screened** to check their sight and identify any issues. **Great service indeed!**



The Club would like to welcome their **new President Sue Johnson** who was recently appointed by their **outgoing President Peter Seymour**. They, alongside all of us, **wish Sue all the best for her new, exciting role** in the Club.

Denby Dale District Lions



As we serve our communities during the summer, we are often **blessed by the quirky traditions and traits** within them. One such event has been held in the **Denby Dale District** as the local Lions ran their **annual Scarecrow Trail**. This popular fundraising event proved to be a **fantastic weekend for all involved** with some **excellent designs on offer**.

This year the theme was **Food Glorious Food** with a **record 35 scarecrows** on display around Denby Dale. The **weather was kind and large numbers came out to follow the trail**, pick their winner and enjoy refreshments and live music at the **White Hart** in the village where **Lion Club members were busy with their always popular BBQ!**

The photo above shows the **winning Scarecrow which was armed and loaded with a water pistol** (very suitable considering the extremely warm weather). The victorious designer was **the Moody Clan** - for the 2nd year running. As always, the aim of the Trail is to raise money for charity. This year, the Club decided to donate **50% of the profits to the local food bank (The Pantry)** with **the remainder available to be distributed to other good causes**.

Outside of the sweltering Summer, **Darlington Lions has donated £5,000** to set up a **new free youth club** in one of Darlington's most deprived areas. **Tees Valley YMCA** will start the new youth club in Redhall in September after the funding guarantees a minimum of **18 months operation**. Designed to **provide young people with access to a safe space to socialise, take part in activities**, and hopefully **reduce anti-social behaviour** in the community as a result. The youth club will run **each week for 2 hours in Redhall Community Centre**.

Darlington Lions



Club President Denis Pinnegar said: "Supporting young people is **one of Lionism's key causes**. In addition to our donation to Tees Valley YMCA, **we are also major donors to The Listening Post** which provides a free, confidential listening and mentoring service for young people and to **The Viking Boat company's educational programme** which provides primary school children with a history lesson with a replica Viking longboat, alongside positive messages on mental health."

Bradford Lions



Further fabulous funding has been provided by our **Lions in Bradford** who were able to donate **£2000 to Dementia UK**. The Lions presented the cheque to the organisation at **Aldo's Italian Restaurant in the city**.

For those unaware, **Dementia UK** are a **specialist charity** focused on helping those with dementia and their families. They have a series of professionals called '**Admiral Nurses**' who provide free, expert advice via a range of means from virtual sessions to face-to-face clinics. Founded by **the family of Joseph Levy CBE BEM** (affectionately known as 'Admiral Joe' due to his love of sailing), Dementia UK **help 1000s** on a regular basis.

With this in mind, the Club was overjoyed to donate to such a great cause. All of the money provided was **raised by the Lions via collections at various supermarkets**. They would thus like to **thank the outstanding generosity of the residents of Bradford** who have made the donation possible.

Anyone interested in **finding out more about Dementia UK** (or require their support) should visit their website at: www.dementiauk.org

As you might have heard, **our District did quite well for members** last year and finished extremely strongly overall. Clubs up and down the District have been contributing to this including **Knaresborough Lions**.

During their meeting on the 24th June, the Club was very happy to welcome **Graham Richards** to their pride. The top picture shows **Lion Graham** alongside **Lion Martin Brock**, **outgoing President George Simpson** and **incoming President Matt Walker**.

The meeting also saw the Lions announce their '**Lion of the Year**' **award** which, this time, went to **Lion Jatinder Kalsi**. Meanwhile, **Lion Charlotte McEvoy** was the worthy recipient of a **Presidential Appreciation award**. Lion Jatinder Kalsi, outgoing President Lion George Simpson, and Lion Charlotte McEvoy are photographed.

Well done to all!

Knaresborough Lions



Upcoming POTN Deadline

Thank you all for your contributions this month. The next deadline is the **21st August 2026**. I look forward to seeing what your Clubs have been doing so email me on: media@keighleylions.uk

