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Lions Clubs International

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Fellow Lions, Leos and Partners

Another month completed with three clubs visited and four charter celebrations attended as well as supporting my own club activities. As we move into the last month of our current Lions year I think it is appropriate that we all take stock of what we have achieved in the year. Our District continues to deliver the best of what Lionism stands for with the highest level of service dedication in our local communities as well as giving support international disaster relief and global initiatives. Here are some of our successes as a District :

- Membership growth
- Branch club launched
- Club and district officer training
- Leadership and development training
- District Convention in Bridlington
- Improving attendance and contribution at District Cabinet meetings
- Hosted a very successful MD Convention in Newcastle
- Growing use of social media to engage our communities

Membership : I am delighted to report that we have now recruited 132 new members since the start of our Lions year. A very warm welcome to you all. This growth in new members continues to put us in positive growth territory - lets keep the momentum going !!

Sadly, we have lost a number of great Lions and friends who have passed on to higher service in the year. Their contributions to our organization will always be remembered and I am sure they will be pleased with the progress we are making.

It is particularly pleasing to see how we have progressed with our membership growth - 25 Clubs have increased their membership, 22 Clubs have maintained their membership level and 24 Clubs have reduced. A very positive picture compared to the trends of the last five years.

Following the successful launch of our latest Branch Club - Middlesbrough and East Cleveland, a number of clubs are currently exploring the possibilities of expansion via the Branch Club route. I really do believe that these branches will ultimately grow into full clubs in their own right.

Social Media : Continues to grow with more Clubs realizing the benefits of frequent posts. Please remember to follow other clubs activities by logging into our Lions 105 North Facebook page - many thanks to our District Media Officer, Claire Browning, for all her work in pushing this along.

MD Convention : A great successful weekend in Newcastle where delegates were welcomed to true northern hospitality, a great venue and very inspirational speakers. Again, look at all the posts on our Facebook pages and listen to the podcast by Douglas Alexander - you will be pleased !!! Thanks must go to Zone Chair Richard Nash and his local team and nearby zones for the huge amount of effort and support in making the weekend such a success.

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Lions Clubs British Isles A Coronation Convention to Celebrate



The 71st National Convention was held at The Grand Hotel Gosforth Park in Newcastle between 5th and 7th May.

A warm friendly welcome awaited all lions members, partners and guests to the North East, with a special thanks to the clubs of Allendale, Alnwick, Mid Tyne, Morpeth, Ponteland and Tynedale for their volunteering support over the weekend.



Immediate Past International President and Chair of the Lions Clubs International Foundation, Douglas Alexander opened convention and gave a moving speech.

Following on from the first part of the business session, members gathered round to watch the Coronation over lunchtime which was extended for everyone to enjoy.



Presentations were made to all International Guests by Council Chairman, Alistair Joel



Immediate Past International President and Chair of LCIF made presentations to Lions members for their service to Lions Clubs International and the LCIF.



There were more presentations from members given on Libra, the first Global Service Week, the Global Service, Global Membership and Global Leadership teams, New Voices, Public Relations, the Lions Brain Tumour Research, all of the Youth programmes, the Lions Brain Tumour Research Appeal, Recycling of Spectacles, the Lions Message in a Bottle, Lions Clubs International Foundation and much more.

Some further highlights from Convention were the presentations from visitors:

Ellie Jackson from Wild Tribe Heroes

Philipp Blobel on Ukraine

Amanda Simmister from the Great North Air Ambulance Service.

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Cheque presentation to the Great North Ambulance Service

Friday night, a red, white and blue – Kings and Queen's Coronation Cabaret,
entertainment by SA Performing Arts.



On the Saturday evening a formal celebration was enjoyed by everyone to celebrate our successes and the Coronation.

Lion Mandy Broadbent
Multiple District 105 PR & Marketing Officer
Photographs by Lion Richard Nash, 105N

Morpeth Lions Club

Throughout its existence, the Lions Club of Morpeth has adhered to a policy of donating funds raised from a generous public to mainly local causes in need.

Recently the 3 day book sale raised over £3800 for which the Club is extremely grateful. This is also a tribute to its members who put in the hours.

Accordingly, in line with Club policy, it has been able to meet or make promises in respect of a number of requests totalling over £5000. These have taken the form of providing Easter eggs for a local school and A Child's Wish, supplying 'Message in a Bottle' canisters, and helping local Food Centres. At the forthcoming National Convention to be held at the Gosforth Park Hotel, a cheque for £1000 will be handed over to the Great North Air Ambulance charity.

A further £1000 was presented to Louise Carroll from Tiny Lives, a local charity that provides support to families in Newcastle RVI whose baby has either been born prematurely or has serious medical problems.



Lion President Peter Cook, Louise Carroll,
Lion Margaret Trewick

At a Lions meeting, Louise explained how many families need support by way of special tiny clothing that includes miniature disposable nappies, a toy that holds the scents of parents and the child which can be left with the child when the parents have to leave and likewise for the parents...a great help with bonding. There is even a special babies 'nest' for the child to lie in comfortably which allows medical tubes to be inserted.



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Parents and siblings are not forgotten and bags of essentials for the parents plus an activities pack for siblings are given by the charity.

Less obvious forms of assistance include help for transport or parking costs, cards for special occasions and Apps for keeping in touch. The charity needs £350,000 each year to cover running costs and this comes mainly from donations. When presenting the cheque, Lion President Peter Crook paid tribute to the members of the Tiny Lives Charity and thanked Louise for her wonderfully descriptive presentation of their valuable work.

Lions Share Cost of Defibrillator

The Lions Club of Morpeth is always mindful of the fact that it could not undertake much of its community service without the support of a generous public and many local businesses.

It is therefore a pleasure to be able to give something back. For many years the Lions met at Morpeth Conservative Club. Two years ago the Conservative Club discussed the possibility of having a defibrillator on the outside of their building as there was no such facility in the area. On hearing of this the Lions offered to share the cost.

After obtaining the necessary planning permission, the defibrillator is in place. This has led to the current and past Lion Presidents paying the site a visit as both have been involved. They said that the Lions are delighted to have played a part in providing the community with this potentially lifesaving facility on Newgate Street.



Lions Les Sage and Peter Crook

Throughout Morpeth, the Lions have been able to distribute collecting tins to sympathetic businesses and over the years the contributions from these now exceeds £3000.

By way of thanking those businesses whose contributions exceed £100 in total, the Club presents a framed certificate.

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It was therefore with great pleasure that Lion President Peter Crook presented the certificate to a staff member from T&G Allan's on Newgate Street. Appropriately this took place below a hanging cardboard Lion placard.



Lion Simon Pringle, T&G Allan member of staff & Lion President Peter Crook

Morpeth Lions Club now meets at the Comrades Club on the Market Square. Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month starting at 7.30pm.. Anyone interested in helping out in the community by joining the Lions can telephone Peter Crook on 07743388488.

Lion Simon Pringle
Morpeth Lions PR Officer

Membership

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

Lion Graeme Leighton	Allendale Lions Club
Lion Yvonne Leighton	Allendale Lions Club
Lion Wyn Kidger	Morley & District Lions Club
Lion Kerrie Towell	Morley & District Lions Club
Lion Janet Walker	Rothwell District Lions Club
Lion Derek Walker	Rothwell District Lions Club
Lion Tiffany Bottomley	Stonehaven & District Lions Club
Lion Georgina Lowen	Stonehaven & District Lion Club

Transfers

Lion Janet Chesney	Dumbarton Lions Club
Lion Marilyn Bennett	
District 105N MLCY Co-ordinator	

District Almoner

Lions & Partner's who have passed on to Higher Service

Lion Harry Ambler	Keighley Lions Club
PDG Lion Ian Sagar	Beverley Westwood Lions Club

Our thoughts and prayers are with their families at this sad time

PDG Lion David Wilson
District 105N Almoner

Garforth & District Lions Club



Several civic buildings across Leeds were illuminated in yellow and blue, the colours of Lions Clubs International, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Garforth and District Lions Club. Leeds Civic Hall, Leeds Town Hall and the City Museum were lit up to mark half a century of exemplary service to the people of Garforth and the surrounding area.

Club President, Lion Mark Dobson said; " To be recognised by our city in our 50th anniversary year is really fantastic, and I am personally delighted that so many years of dedicated service to the community, by Lions past and present, has been recognised in this way. I suspect that we are the only club to have received this recognition.

We are all truly honoured and more determined than ever to continue delivering first class activities, events, and welfare support to local people".

Donated Delivery

Garforth and District Lions took a donated delivery of ladies sanitary wear that is valued at approximately £5000. This has been distributed to several clubs within the District who will forward to their own local causes.

Pictured are Garforth and District Lions creating packages that can be shared with food banks and refugee centres within our own local area.



ZC Lion Gillian Swan
PR Officer, Garforth & District Lions Club

Denby Dale District Lions Club

A Hat-Trick of Melvin Jones Awards

Denby Dale District Lions Club are delighted to recently honour the outstanding and dedicated service of not one but three Club members by awarding them the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship, the highest award achievable by Lion members. Lions Martyn Siddle, Peter Reeve and Lara Beech were all presented with the Awards by Club President Neil Milne in recognition of their outstanding contribution to Lions Clubs International..



Between them they have more than 50 years of service and have all at some point held senior roles within the Club as President, Secretary and/or Treasurer as well as other roles such as coordinating fund-raising activities, arranging publicity and organizing Santa's sleigh including over many years donning the red suit and beard to be the man himself!

The Club are extremely proud to have no less than three of their Club members awarded this honour simultaneously!

Lions Tie The Knot

When 18 year old Lauren Beech joined the Denby Dale District Lions Club, little did she know that her future husband Michael Moody was already in the room and a Lion Club mem-

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years later they have finally tied the knot at St. Johns Church in the village of Upper Denby. Many of their fellow Lions were present to join in the celebrations, to congratulate them and to wish them a long and happy life together.

The attached photo shows Michael at the Reception recreating the moment he proposed to his bride- to- be while their 4 year old son Isaac looks on wondering what all the fuss is about!



Congratulations to them both from all of your fellow Lions at Denby Dale District Lions Club.

Coronation Celebration

Denby Dale District Lions Club were pleased to team up with the Denby Dale Pie Hall to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III on 6 th May.



The marquee was put up and the bunting was out as the Lions provided a fund-raising BBQ throughout the afternoon. Despite the soggy weather our burgers and hotdogs went down well and complimented the activities put on by the Pie Hall Committee which included a bar, tea and cakes, bouncy castle, facepainting, raffle and a family disco in the evening.

Denby Dale is known far and wide as 'the Pie Village' and it was no surprise therefore that first class locally made pork pies were also on offer throughout the day including as a centrepiece, a 3-tier pork pie which was cut with a ceremonial sword! Delicious!!

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Lion David Absolon
PR Officer Denby Dale District Lions Club

Filey Lions Club

Filey Lions were asked by the Filey branch of the Royal British Legion if we could possibly assist Ken Keld (89 yrs.) a Korean War veteran and National Serviceman, by taking him to the National Arboretum in Staffordshire.

Of course we said yes, so on Tuesday 16th May, we took Ken, along with his friend Duncan Law, as his support, to the 60 year anniversary celebrating the end of National Service



Robert Powell the actor, presented the event but the special guest, who Ken had the chance to meet, was the HRH the Princess Royal, Princess Anne.



All in all a great day for everyone involved and it was very well attended.

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As a footnote, Ken has written a very moving book about his service and time in Korea. It is called "You'll go to Korea", it's a very moving, yet humorous look at those dark days of his life.

It is also important to note that out of the 2 million men who were called to serve between 1947 and 1963, 395 men died during active service. May they rest in peace and respect to all those who served.

Lion Claire Browning
Filey Lions Marketing & Social Media Officer

District N Competitions

Travelling Lion Competition

Thorne Rural Lions Club	42
Filey Lions Club	18
Morley & District Lions Club	10

Host Club Competition

Castleford & Pontefract District Lions Club	19
Morley & District Lions Club	1

Come on clubs send in your entries for the competitions

Lion Roy Field
District N Competitions Officer

Elmet Lions Club

What a fabulous day the Great Selby Bike Ride turned out to be!

The Bike Ride was opened by Christine Talbot of Calendar fame around 10am when 171 riders set off on the long route (45 miles) or short route (25 miles)

Over 100- had pre-registered for the ride and everyone else registered on the morning. The cyclists were a mix of members of cycling clubs, experienced cyclists of every age and families with young children.

We interviewed quite a few of the cyclists asking the following questions:

Question & Answers

Why are you taking part?

Fun, exercise and to help a few charities
Like the event
Support a local event

What will be your biggest challenge?

Cycling home!
Too much sun
Sunburn
40 miles
It's the furthest my son has cycled

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What would you say to encourage others to take part?

Health and well being

It's well organised and good atmosphere

Give it a go – the going is flat – nowt to lose!

It's a great funday for all ages

The financials are still to be worked out as expenses not fully come in, however it looks like it will be in excess of £2500 – and that will be divided between our nominated charities The British Heart Foundation, MacMillan, St Leonard's Hospice and Martin House Hospice

Watch this space!

Lions Clubs Working Together

District Governor's words 'working together' resonated through Elmet Lions and this month we have been helping two clubs in very different ways. When Garforth Lions were donated a gift of feminine products on the project Period Poverty and appealed to Elmet Lions for suitable organisations to donate to, Elmet Lions had no hesitation and introduced them to The Clothing Bank. The Clothing Bank collects good quality to provide for those who need it and since January 2023 they have sent out 4000 clothing packs. Continued in next column



The feminine products went out to families with teenage girls and also young ladies who came for help. Delighted to help.

The picture shows ZC Lion Gillian from Garforth Lions, Lion Maggie from Elmet Lions and Sally and Sue from the Clothing Bank.

Lion Margaret Hartley
President Elmet Lions Club

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Next years Convention dates and venues are already announced so get them in your diaries !

District Convention - 3rd & 4th February 2024 - Scotch Corner Hotel

MD Convention - 4th & 5th May 2024 - Weston super Mare

District Governor's Diary for June 2023

03 June 2023	Scarborough Lion Club	C.A	17 June 2023	Doncaster Went Valley Lions Club	C.A
04 June 2023	Barnsley District Lions Club	C.A	19/23 June	Holiday	
09 June 2023	Zoom Meeting to elect 1st & 2nd VGs		25 June 2023	District N Cabinet Zoom Meeting	
11 June 2023	Ayr & Prestwick Lions Club	C.A	26 June 2023	MD 105 Council Zoom Meeting	
12 June 2023	Pocklington District Lions Club	O.V			

Just six more visits to complete during June !!

Lion Kevin Hunter MJF
District Governor 105 N

In order to publish the July edition on time your articles must be with me at the latest by

24th June 2023

PDG Lion George W Morgan
District 105N Newsletter Editor



Whitby District Lion's Club is very excited to announce that The Whitby Beer Festival is back for 2023! After having to unfortunately cancel the festival for the last two years due to the pandemic. The Whitby Beer Festival is a charity beer festival held in aid of Whitby District Lion's Club. This year the festival is celebrating its 12th anniversary and the club intends to celebrate the growing reputation of the festival by serving over 30 of the very best artisan ales, boutique beers and scrumptious ciders from award-winning local and regional independent brewers and micro-breweries.

The festival is being held at its traditional venue at the Whitby Mission & Seafarers Centre, Haggarsgate in Whitby, which is ideally located in the centre of the town. The festival opens its doors from Thursday 27th July until Sunday 30th July. The opening times are from 12 Noon until 10 PM Thursday to Saturday and 12 Noon until 4 PM on Sunday. Entrance tickets cost just £5 which includes a commemorative festival tankard, which is yours to keep as a souvenir and one beer token (for one ½ pint measures). Entry tickets can then be purchased on the door by either cash or by debit/credit card or in advance at our website whitbylionsclub.org.uk/whitby-beer-festival/. Beer tokens can be purchased throughout the festival.

Last year the festival raised an amazing £5,000.00 for Whitby Lion's with 100% of this been donated to many local Whitby charities, that the club supports throughout the year. Whitby Lion's is part of Lions International which is the biggest voluntary charity network in the world with over 1.7 million members. All the money we raise from the festival and throughout the year from our other events is kept and spent locally. The club provides vital funding which can be difficult to access for small independent charities that we support. We also support many personal good causes, helping people with disability, learning or health needs. As a club, we also run our Disability Scooter Scheme which hires out mobility scooters (free of charge) to anyone who has difficulty getting out and about.

The festival boasts an excellent range of delicious traditional hand-crafted real ales ranging from pale ales, IPA's, bitters, blonds, golden, dark milds to porters which have all been brewed in small batches using locally sourced ingredients. All our real ales are served from traditional draught casks, this gives our real ales a fresher authentic taste. You will not find any mass-produced carbonated beer here. We also have an exceptional range of real ciders to enjoy from traditional scrumpy, dry, sweet or to the ever-popular fruity ciders such as mango and strawberry. All our ciders have been made from real apples and fruit by dedicated small producers, who use a natural production method of making deliciously mellow, aromatic or sweet great tasting ciders.

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Our festival warmly welcomes anyone who wants to sample our great produce from tourists, day-trippers, evening goers and real ale enthusiasts. Families are very welcome as soft drinks are available for children and all we ask is for children to be supervised by an adult. Every year the festival is friendly and has a relaxed atmosphere, especially when the sun is out, as we have outside seating. It's a great way to bring along some friends, family or just by yourself and enjoy our real ale and ciders.

The Whitby Mission Café which is located just next to the hall where the festival is been held, the café serves homemade food all day which will brilliantly complement your real ale or cider. Bar snacks are also available throughout the festival at the bar.

On behalf of Whitby & District Lions, we thank you for your past and continued support and we look forward to seeing you there, Cheers!