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District 105N Newsletter



District Governor 105N

Fellow Lions, Leos and Partners

I would like to start my article in this the first newsletter of a new Lions year by wishing all Club and District Officers and all members, extremely successful and happy times in our continued efforts to give our communities far and wide, all the support we can.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of our new Vice District Governor Team !!

First Vice District Governor - Gillian Swan from Garforth Club

Second Vice District Governor - John Sellers from Filey Club

I am really excited to be working alongside these very two experienced Lions and together we will be in a position to give you as members and clubs, more support in your endeavors to drive forward.

The new District Team appointments are coming together and clubs will be receiving the latest directory of officers very soon. There are definitely a few District Officer roles that we need to fill and I would ask that anyone who is interested in taking on these fulfilling roles, please contact either myself or Andrew Kerr Sutherland District GST Coordinator :-

District Hunger Relief Officer

District Speech & Hearing Officer

District Mental Health 1st Aider

Hopefully, you will have seen the recent circular from PDG Lion Corinne Ashburner asking for members help and input to reinvigorate Youth programs within our District. There is so much that we can achieve together and we must make sure we have a coordinated approach to our drive to engage the younger population within our communities. Please consider joining the team to help shape our program to be an envy of charitable organizations.

We ended the year with our membership level being down slightly on last year. However, we did successfully recruit 137 new members into our organization and we warmly welcome each and every one of you.

I have just received the latest update on our contributions to LCIF over the last year. You have contributed over £74,000 - the third highest contributing District !! As a total across the UK, we contributed a magnificent £554,000 !! Sincere thanks to all for your generous ongoing support to LCIF.

My wife, Lion Cynthia, has asked me to express her warm thanks for the contributions that clubs have made to her chosen charity - Make a Wish. The total for the year reached £4,036.50 !!! and that will deliver many wishes to deserving children.

Be proud, be bold, be successful

Lion Kevin Hunter MJF
District Governor 105N 2023 / 21024

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District Governor's Diary for July 2023

01 July 2023	Darlington Lion Club	C.A	24 July 2023	Haltemprice Lions Club	C.A
5-14 July 2023	International Convention, Boston		26 July 2023	District 105N Trustees Meeting	
17 July 2023	Pocklington District Lions Club	O.V			

C.A Charter Anniversary

O.V Official Club Visit

I look forward to starting visiting clubs again in August with the clubs on the east coast of Scotland being a priority as I was unable to visit them in the last year.

Future Date for your Diary District Cabinet Meeting at Scorch Corner Hotel 6th August 2023

1st District Vice Governor 2023 / 2024



"I was tempted to introduce myself with a picture of Julia Roberts or Keira Knightly but the discerning Lion will realise that I look like neither of these lovely ladies.

My name is Gillian Swan and I have been a President of Garforth and District Lions and more recently chair of Zone 10. In the past I gained my Brownie Emergency Helper badge and I think the habit stuck. I'm a retired nurse though most of my work has been in training Resuscitation skills, research into Remote and Rural Health services when based with the University of Aberdeen on the Inverness campus, and before retirement I worked at the University of Leeds on the medical students curriculum.

I am supposed to say that 'I am looking forward to my new role as 1st Vice District Governor' and I know that I am going to need help from all of you as we take forward the work begun by my predecessors. I am proud to serve, I will work hard and confess to being a little bit excited!"

Lion Gillian Swan
1st VDG 105N 2023 / 2024

2nd Vice District Governor 2023 / 2024



Fellow Lions, Leo's and partners, please allow me to introduce myself to you all as I enter this Lionistic year as 2nd Vice District Governor.

My name is John Sellers, a member of Filey Lions Club since April 2008. Married to Kairen, with grown up children and grandchildren, my background is in horticulture with the local authority, being head gardener in Filey for 25 years before my retirement in 2014. My hobbies are amateur entertainment including singing and pantomime, tennis and golf.

During my time with Filey Lions Club, I have been chairman of all our club committees, President three times and chair of trustees, and during the last year, Club Secretary for the first time. Visiting district conventions over the last six or seven years gave me an interest in the work of the district team and in the last 12 months I have been zone chairman for zone N6.

Seeing the DG struggling to fill the posts of 1st and 2nd vice, I chatted with Gill Swann of Garforth Lions Club, and along with the DG we hatched a plan to fill up his team this year and make life a little easier for him. It will be a steep learning curve for me, but I will endeavour to do my best for the district and the clubs within, and look forward to working with you all to do the best for our communities.

Remember we are all volunteers together, and together we can. I have committed to visit the clubs in Zones N7, N10, N14 and N15 on behalf of the DG's team, and look forward to meeting you all. I will be making contact with the clubs in those zones in the near future to arrange a visit.

Lion John Sellers
2nd VDG 105N 2023 / 2024

Ayr & Prestwick Lions Club

Recent weeks have been busy for members of Ayr & Prestwick Lions Club. Collection of spectacles has continued apace. Following the dispatch of 3,600 glasses last November a further 5,590 had been collected by the end of May. As a zone initiative with our good friends in Dumfries Lions Club, these 20 boxes were collected by Jock Carlyle for later transportation to MD HQ in Birmingham. Lion Robin White had boxed all the glasses for collection as shown in the photographs.



At an event organised by Voluntary Action South Ayrshire to celebrate the work of volunteers in the community, Lion Robin White was presented with a gold award for achieving more than 10 years of volunteering. Later in June Robin was presented with the Lion of the Year award by District Governor Kevin Hunter at the club's Charter Lunch. Sadly for all at Ayr & Prestwick Lions Club, Robin has decided to retire from the club on health grounds.



At the last business meeting a cheque was presented to two brothers, Gregor and Ross Brown, to assist with costs involved as they seek to achieve the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award. Lion President Gordon Macdonald and Lion Robin White are in the photograph presenting the cheque to the boys.

The club's most recent fundraising event was on 17 June at Ayr's Low Green when we had a stall with games at the town's annual Holy Fair / Armed Forces Day.

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Our stall was popular with the many families enjoying the occasion.

Lion Alec Mooney

Ayr & Prestwick Lions Club

Elmet Lions Club

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. who collects quality goods to provide for those who need it and since January 2023 they have sent out 4000 clothing packs. The feminine products went out to families with teenage girls and also young ladies who came for help.



Delighted to help. The picture shows Gillian from Garforth Lions, Maggie from Elmet Lions and Sally and Sue from the Clothing Bank

Boroughbridge Family Cycle Day 14 th May, 2023



Lions Ann and Maggie Marshalling at Family Cycle Day

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Boroughbridge Family Cycle Day 14 th May, 2023 The week before the Great Selby Bike Ride, 4 of Elmet Lions (Maggie, Ann, Anne and Steve) went to marshal this event The ride was 12 miles (or as far as you wanted to ride) and attracted experienced cyclists to novices still using balance bikes and families to tandems! Everyone was happy and smiling and even the little tots seemed to relish the pedalling up the hills (not that they were very steep).

Helping other Lions Clubs shows the breadth of clubs and also the variety of events they put on and the team work they generate. Elmet Lions will always look to work with other clubs – as other Lions Clubs helped with the Great Selby Bike Ride – namely Boroughbridge, Derwent, Castleford and Pontefract and Garforth. – long may this continue.

Lion Margaret Hartley
Elmet Lions Club

Dumfries Lions Club

The Dumfries Lions Club were invited to judge the Parade entries in this year's Dumfries Guid Nychburris Festival. The Club have a good relationship with the organising Committee who arrange this popular annual event which attracts a large number of entries and is enjoyed by the public who turn out to see the this colourful parade as it makes it way through the town.



The photographs show the Lion members during a break in the judging.

Lion John MacColl
Dumfries Lions Club

Filey Lions Club

Due to the great success of our June 10k Beach Race, on Tuesday 20th June, we were able to visit Martin House Children's Hospice and present them with the money we raised .. £1,500.00 !. all of which is going towards the planned Serenity Garden.

Whilst there, we were invited on a walk round the grounds by Michelle (Regional Fundraiser N&E Yorkshire), during which she explained how the hospice operates and the planned modifications.

A humbling and moving experience and we're just happy to do our part in supporting the great work they do.



Lion Claire Browning
Filey Lions Marketing & Social Media Officer

Denby Dale District Lions Club

Lions Help Others Serve

Denby Dale District Lions Club were again happy to help the Ossett Beer Cart Committee by lending them our bars and bar equipment for their annual Beer Cart Festival.



This long running event attracts hundreds of ale lovers to Ossett with the warm June weather ensuring a bumper turnout for the Beer Cart procession which goes around the town to the Town Hall where the beer festival begins with a ceremonial carrying in of the first barrel.

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Crowds lined the streets to see the beer cart laden with beer barrels being pulled along by an army of volunteers and accompanied by groups of Morris Dancers from all around the region who entertained the crowds with their dance routines.



The weekend was a terrific success with all proceeds going to Wakefield Hospice. Cheers!!

Lion David Absolon
Denby Dale District Lions Club

District 105N Competitions

Travelling Lion Competition

Thorne Rural Lions Club	47
Filey Lions Club	36
Morley & District Lions Club	10

Host Club Competition

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

As we come to the end of another Lions Year, it is time to start collecting material for your entries in the following Competitions.

Scrapbook and best club project, (Peter Shaw as was).

If you require any info. on any of our Comps ,please don't be afraid to call me.

Lion Roy Field
District 105N Competitions Officer

Morpeth Lions Club

Pegswood Community Hub

Pegswood Hub is a community centre serving a former mining village north of Morpeth, Northumberland It hosts a series of weekly activities including arts and crafts, a youth group, dancing, exercise classes and computer skills. There is a community foodbank and lunches and breakfasts are available in the cafe certain days of the week. It is run as a completely voluntary organisation.

Morpeth Lions became involved through its Community Food Share scheme. The Lions were looking at going a step further and providing a site to establish a community garden for vegetables and herbs. They did not have to look far as the Hub has space and a number of raised beds ready for a new lease of life.



Chris and Joy Offord, Morpeth Lions and Tom Graham, Secretary of Pegswood Hub.

Lion Chris Offord explained 'An approach was made to Dobbies Garden Centre, who were delighted to provide both plants and compost for the scheme. Thanks to Dobbies generosity the garden is up and running and some of the early tomatoes have already appeared on the Community Café menu.'

Lion Simon Pringle
PR Officer Morpeth Lions Club

Boroughbridge 98 Lions

Boroughbridge Lions held its annual Family Bike Ride in May and, boy, what a fantastic event it turned out to be! Blessed with a lovely dry and sunny day, a record 160 parents and young children gathered at both Boroughbridge Primary and Great Ouseburn Primary schools to cycle the 12 mile, in total, country road route between the two venues and back again.

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Our club was ably supported by both schools, who offered catering at each end and used the event to raise their own funds, a local bike company, the town mayor, two warm up artists, and 22 marshals most of whom were from other Lions clubs in the district.



The Bike Ride has truly turned into a joyous event, enjoyed by riders and all the supporters in equal measures. So many smiling faces of young children waving at marshals as they ride past. Further grins when each child receives their certificate and medal for completing the ride. They were totally 'made up.'



It's so much fun to see families cycling together in the countryside in a safe and secure environment.



The success of the day was summed up by the organizers at Great Ouseburn school who said, "Just wanted to say thank you again for your support yesterday."

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There is a real buzz on our mums WhatsApp group about what a great day it was and how supportive, encouraging and fun the Lions were. Thanks again "

Collaboration is the key to these events. We are now speaking to Boroughbridge School about organizing a town fete on their land next Summer.

Role on next year

Lion John Alder

Boroughbridge 98 Lions Club.

Holme Valley Lions Club

Our club were presented with a community champion award by Holme Valley Council for taking Santa and sleigh around the villages in the area for many years and they thought we should receive recognition for this which we were very proud to receive.

We don't have many members but those we have give their all to this event. It puts Lions on the map as everyone knows the Lions and Santa!! Challenge is to get Lions known for all other work we do.



The picture shows Vice President Ken collecting the award.

During February to Easter we sold raffle tickets outside local supermarkets/farm shops and garden centres in aid of Kirkwood Hospice and sold all 2000 tickets raising for them £2000.



Presentation to Kirkwood Hospice

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Some of the selling period coincided with the Turkey/Syria earthquake situation and whilst we could not put buckets out to collect for this ourselves (due to many locations having collection points of their own) people still wanted to give donations to us for this which we kept separate and it amounted to over £300 which we sent to LCIF.

The public's generosity is good when they see lions in tabards.

Lion Malcolm Howlett
Secretary, Holme Valley Lions Club

Keighley Lions Club

Keighley Lions have had a busy May and June. We have held two live race nights one for Children's Literacy and one for The Turkey Earthquake Recovery fund.

Bucket collections at our local supermarket. Lion President Carole was asked to be a judge at a local fun dog show which we also took our Treasure Island game to.



We attended the Bronte Vintage Gathering over two days with an information stall and Treasure Island game.



We held our 68th Charter Dinner with 50 guests of fellow Lions and friends.

We put up a window display in our local shopping centre. Then last of all, our Santa's sleigh along with Santa has started his summer tour, he is appearing at local galas.

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Lion Julie Walters
Secretary, Keighley Lions Club

Brighouse & District Lions Club

Brass band March & Hymn Tune Competition 2023

We are hosting our twenty second band marches and have an entry of twenty bands coming through from 12.30 on Sunday July 2nd. We have a youth bands category then bands from the Championship Section, First, Second and Third Sections but no lower sections so the standard will be high. For the non brass banders the sections are similar to football divisions. We have had an offer of help from Denby Dale Lions but that was after we co-opted Nivin Milne and her small team from Huddersfield Lions so we are operating as a joint venture.

The highlight of the day will be that the event is being opened by The British Open Champions, The Brighouse & Rastrick Band, who are to start the proceedings with a march down followed by a performance of a hymn tune and contest march. This will precede the competing bands.

Brighouse & Rastrick are also reigning champions of Brass in Concert and also 4bars best band of the year, so we are thrilled that they are honouring our day with this amazing gesture

Lion Pamela Lumb
President, Brighouse & District Lions Club

The Tickhill & District Lions Classic Car Show at Rossington Sunday 11th June 2023.

Our team of Lions has pulled it out of the bag once more to host a fantastic event. We would like to say a big thank you to the catering team together with our traffic and crowd control teams who all did a such great job, also Lion Ralph Buckingham from Maltby & Rother Valley Lions who spent all day cooking in all that heat, we would certainly welcome him back anytime. His wife Lion Kath Buckingham also from Maltby & Rother Valley Lions did a fantastic job looking after our information centre and toy stand. This is yet another example of Lions clubs working together.

Further thanks to our Club President Lion Mike Byrne and Lion Steve Hattersley our Marketing & Communications officer and all the members of our Classic Car Committee for organising it all and putting in so much effort. All the Lions from Rossington who went one step beyond and for all the Lions who put in a hell of a lot of effort today. We did a cracking job today, working as a team....it's what being a Lion is all about. A total of twenty Tickhill & District Lions together with family and friends worked extremely hard to stage this event

The event was organised as part of our annual programme of events to raise funds for local charities. We formulated a comprehensive event management plan to document the planning and implementation of this event and ensure it's success. The event is part of a wider initiative to work with other local Lions Clubs to raise sufficient funds to allow the possibility of applying for a matching grant from LCIF.

The club starting planning for this event back in March to ensure that we were able to organise the event and maximise the potential income while ensuring that we ensure the safety of those that attended. We rallied support from local businesses by way of sponsorship, and advertising in the event programme. First Bus, VC Classics, B&W Autocentre and Burrows Toyota sponsored us to the tune of £2000. Local business advertising in our event programme, raised a further £1000. This provided us with the opportunity to have live music to entertain the crowd from the Armthorpe and Elmfield Brass Band and GP Entertainment with a Mama Mia tribute, although both acts were gate-crashed by our very own Lenny the Lion. We were also supported by locally owned Tuckers Fun Fair, and other local businesses who paid to exhibit at the event and support us. We promoted the event on social media, and this year we focused on building relationships with vendors, car clubs and other businesses to promote our event and take our club further into the public eye.

The results were amazing, with over 120 classic car entries from far and wide, and 2000 members of the public attending throughout the day. The feedback we have received is very positive with praise and appreciation to all those who worked tirelessly in very challenging hot weather conditions. Together with the support of our communities, We serve.



Lion Steve Hattersley
Tickhill & District Lions Club

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Elmet Lions Club

Great Selby Bike Ride

We had a great entrant into the Great Selby Bike Ride including Ada Jobling. Here's what her Dad had to say

Thanks for highlighting Ada & her fundraising - we have started to collect the money in her school playground. Ada took her time with a steady pace of 7mph, but eventually made it in 3h 30m.

It's her first fundraising event and at only 7 years old she made her dad proud. The charities are very dear to her as her friend died last year of cancer in St Leonard's Hospice.



Here's Ada and her Dad and little sister (in the buggy)

To date Ada has raised £1147.00 and her Dad's company is going to match the amount she raises.

Amazing Ada – thank you!



BBC's Christine Talbot who started the race



All ready and waiting to go

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Sherburn Wombles

Elmet Lions donated 12 litter pickers to Sherburn Wombles this month. The pickers are strong and sturdy and will be used time and time again. Paul Walker who started the Wombles was there to make the first 'pick' and Craig Midgley who had put the plea out on Facebook was also there to look on. Lions Anne and Steve Snowdon and John Brettell joined President Maggie Hartley to make the presentation (Maggie took the picture).



Spectacle cases find a home

One of the side effects of recycling spectacles is that you often get spectacle cases. Normally we would throw these away, however after putting a post on Facebook seeing if someone could use them we had a taker! Bernie from SCRAP and Open Arms (Open Arms is a small business striving to provide the best available care and service to the learning disability and dementia community) said she would like them for her clients. They were going to use them for ladybird houses (the ladybirds being coffee beans painted red and black) with little furniture and beds.

Here's Bernie taking receipt of themwe can't wait to see what they look like after being transformed!



Margaret Hartley
President Elmet Lions Club

District105N Presentation to Martin House Hospice

Some time ago we promised you news about one of our Hospice donations.

Lions Clubs in this District have collected £22,000, made a bid to the Lions Club International Foundation and attracted match funding, doubling our money!

With this we are very pleased to be able to fund a new £44,000 secluded Sanctuary Garden at Martin House



Further development of the location will provide a multi faith centre for reflection and counselling

Lion Frank Hayward from Ryedale Lions initiated a cross zones project to collect donations for Martin House Hospice. Thank You Lions of District 105N

PDG Lion Roy Chambers MJF
District 105N LCIF Officer

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

24th July 2023

PDG Lion George W Morgan
District 105N Newsletter Editor