



Lions Clubs International

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Dear Fellow Lions, Lionesses, Leos and partners

As we are all slowly coming out of lock down and life is becoming a little bit more like normal, now is very much the time to start planning our activities for the coming months whether they be a Fund raising event, a Club Service activity or a Club Social event to celebrate (all obviously still abiding the rules and guidance surrounding the Covid 19 Pandemic) our precious time together.

As your District Governor I was not until the last few years a big devotee of Social Media. I would like to share with you all an easy way to get your clubs presence further known in your local community whether it be for recognising a Club Service activity or advertising a Club forthcoming event.

If you go onto your Club's Facebook page (the vast majority of clubs have one these days) and look who is already following your Lions Club and below that you will find the box invite friends if you then go down that box and tick all your local friends and family who think would like to follow your Lions Club you will find that your own Clubs followers will soon dramatically increase. We have followed this practice in my own Club Filey and we have some 2422 followers not bad for a Club that serves a local community of some 12,000 persons!! By using Social media your club will get better known and supported in your local community at no cost, it will get better publicity than the local media can provide and it is not greatly time consuming to set up. Go on please give it a try.

It has been very pleasing to be invited and to attend the online meetings in the last month of Hornsea District, Morpeth and North Wolds Lions Clubs. If you would like me to attend your own clubs monthly meeting please do not hesitate to contact me.

I would like this month to pay tribute and thank two of our long standing members who will celebrate 50 years membership of our organisation shortly namely Lion Jeff Williams of the Tynedale Lions Club who will have been a Lion for 50 years next month and PDG David Edward Homewood of the Leeds Skyrack Lions Club who will have been a Lion for 50 years at the beginning of June. I plan, Covid 19 permitting, to make presentations to both these Lions before the end of this Lionistic year, Covid 19 restrictions permitting and also to make a presentation to Lion Robin Wray of the Ryedale Lions Club who first became a lion in July 1970 who we have previously recognised but I have not yet been able to make a presentation to him due to the Covid 19 restrictions.

And finally three reminders from last month which are still very relevant this month.

1. Please may I remind you that if you have not appointed your Club officers for the forth coming Lionistic year please arrange that the appointments are made this month (April) and that form PU101 is completed with the names and contact details of all your club officers and is forwarded on without delay.

If a post is not filled the usual fall-back position is that it is assumed that the President will be taking on those additional responsibilities!

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2. A reminder for your diaries is the Multiple District Convention will again this year be totally On Line it is on Saturday 1st May, please register as soon as possible and secondly if you have not already appointed and completed your delegates form please do so as soon as possible.

3. A reminder and an encouragement to recruit new members the \$35 joining fee has been suspended until the 30th June 2021 so what no better time than to increase membership by asking a member of your family or a friend or an acquaintance to join your Club and Lions Club International.

Take great care.

Please Remember “We Serve because We Care”

Lion David Wilson
District Governor 105N

District Governor's Diary for April 2021

15 April 2021	Filey Lions Club on line meeting
20 April 2021	Brain Tumour Appeal, Trustees on line meeting
24 April 2021	Council of Governor's on line meeting
01 May 2021	Multiple District Convention on line convention



District Governor Elect 105N

Fellow Lions, Lionesses, Leos and Partners

I hope that you are all well and keeping safe.

I would like to thank you all for placing your trust in me to lead the District as DG for 2021-2022.

I am really sad that no one had the courage, confidence or wherewithal to volunteer for a leadership role. I thank 1st VDGE Lion Clive for stepping up to the mark but he only did so to ensure that I had someone on the DGT.

In reality, Fellow Lions, we will be two Vice District Governors short going forward.

What really saddens me is that at 105A's recent Convention they had candidates for DG, 1st VDG and two candidates for 2nd VDG, which actually caused an election. They are a similar size in membership to our district but are able to field candidates. According to DGE Karanjeet her Cabinet is ready to put into place when she takes office, but I am still forming mine.

I am told that we in the North are far better than those Southerners. **Well my fellow Lions .. Prove IT!**

Volunteer to find out more about 'The District', volunteer to take on roles to help your fellow District Lions and, most of all, consider taking office for Vice District Governor. I will be holding a special meeting to elect a 2nd VDG in July. If anyone is interested in helping your District, please contact me.

On a brighter note it looks as though we will be starting to get back to normal soon. The Prime Minister has said that he hopes that all remaining restrictions will be lifted on the 21st June. Hopefully we will be able restart doing what we do best ... Helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

Thank You

PDG Lion Nigel Ware
District Governor.Elect105N

Lions Brain Tumour Research Appeal

Times remain very difficult and the demands on Clubs money remain high and difficult to raise.

I would like to thank all those Lions Clubs and all the individuals who have already supported the Lions Brain Tumour Research Appeal as part of this year's District Governors Partners Appeal. My hope at the beginning of the year was not the amount that we raised more that as we all came together as a District that all clubs could donate whatever amount that they were able and this is still very much my target and it is still very achievable.

Research is so very much needed as my very close friend continues her struggle living with a brain tumour which continues to grow and it needs treatment that could have serious side effects for her but if we had not had research she would have not got this far.

Please if your club is able to consider donating to this National Lions project could you please send you donations via David Wells our District Treasurer with the cheque endorsed on the back Lions Brain Tumour Research Appeal. Thank you again to those Lions Clubs who have already donated, for the personal donations received and to all of you for considering this Appeal

Christine

District Governors Wife/District Brain Tumour Officer

Teesdale District Lions Club



Working in Partnership

Early in 2021 we were contacted by GlaxoSmithKline, who have one of their factories in Barnard Castle.

Our club normally meet in their social club. and they were offering us **a donation of £20,000** from the money that they would normally use for the staff Christmas Parties.

They wanted Teesdale Lions Club to handle the donation as they knew that we would give the funds to those in need in the local community.

The club members were asked to nominate local groups who they felt would benefit from the money, and after a Zoom meeting, it was agreed to give £1,000 to each of the 15 State schools in Teesdale to help with COVID-19 related expenses.

We also agreed to donate £500 each to the Upper Teesdale Agricultural Support Services, Teesdale and Weardale Mountain Rescue, and Kim Clark who has prepared hot meals throughout the lockdowns for those in need in the local area. That totalled £16,500 donated to date.

The balance of £3,500 will be distributed to other organisations in Teesdale once they are open after lockdown.

Lion Sue Barron

Secretary, Teesdale District Lions Club

Wetherby District Lions Club

"Wetherby District Lions are saying 'thank you!' to **Claire Wiggins** and supporting her in her fundraising.

Lions in partnership with Morrison's are helping Claire to fill hampers and if you are inspired by Claire's story and her determination and would like to support her, please contact Wetherby District Lions at:

secretary.wetherbylions@gmail.com



Claire, despite having severe disabilities, raises money for charity and in lockdown is making 'Pamper Hampers' for members of the community, for GPs, nurses and even carers, full of handmade items and a range of useful products. She has done many events over the years, walks, coffee mornings, Race Nights, a head shave, Discos, BBQ, walked half marathon with help of my mum and a wheelchair, zipline of Tyne bridge and walk over the O2 arena in London. She was Yorkshire community hero 2010 and I also carried the Olympic torch in Tadcaster in 2012.

Lion John Wardley

Webmaster, Wetherby District Lions Club

Morpeth Lions Club

The Lions Club of Morpeth has recently started a new community project as a result of a chance conversation. Lion President Peter Crook and his wife Janice were speaking with the Assistant Manager of the Loansdean Co-op store in connection with the Club's Christmas activities.

It came to light that the Co-op was willing to donate surplus fresh and other foodstuffs to a deserving cause but could not undertake deliveries. This takes place under the Co-op Food Share Scheme. So Peter raised this at a Club Zoom meeting and asked for suggestions as to where to deliver food to and also for transport volunteers.

Lion member Margaret Trewick who chairs the Community Services committee immediately thought of Ashington Life Centre as she has had a long association with it.

Ashington Life Centre is a community facility based in Ashington's former Police Station and is part of the Real Deal Plus Charity. It is run by Davy and Kath Falcus and local volunteers. The Centre is able to supply food parcels and furniture for the needy.

It also helps out with shopping and delivery of medication, supports the homeless and provides welfare advice. In normal times it runs a Teen Bar and also a café where good value meals can be obtained.

As a charity it relies on donations and has been pleased to receive help from many local businesses including the Co-op.



Lion President Peter & Lion Margaret collecting some of the food donated by the Co-op

With regard to delivering the food, the Lions quickly drew up a rota of members who take it in turn to provide transport each week. Lion President Peter said 'We are

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delighted to forge this connection with the Co-op and Ashington Life Centre. There is much need in the community; particularly in these Covid restricted times. I am pleased that the Club members have willingly given of their time to help out.'



Lion Simon Pringle
Publicity Officer, Morpeth Lions Club

Garforth & District Lions Club CIO

Like many clubs we have members shielding, others concerned and strictly cohering to lockdown measures.

In the first lockdown we as a club delivered over 2000 parcels from a local food bank however this has not required such a concentrated effort in the current lockdown. So although as a club we have not undertaken much organised service in these difficult times, individual Lions have been volunteering as inoculators, administration and marshalling staff in Covid vaccination centres in Garforth, Kippax, Rothwell and Selby whilst other Lions have continued distributing food parcels and others have been collecting litter within our towns and villages.

Lion Jon Lines
VP Garforth & District Lions Club CIO

Keighley Lions Club

Well, we are still here! Zoom meetings and phones keeping us in touch, but increasingly frustrated.

Fortunately, things appear to be moving in the right direction, but, as they say, 'many a slip 'tween cup and lip'.

Still making tentative plans for the festive season, and tidying up some administrative matters does give some focus to our existence. I love quotations, here's one." Gird up your lions (loins really), there are still needs out there and we will be ready at the first opportunity!

We have some members who are not 'online'...as do many other clubs, iPads, tablets, mobile phones and smart phones are all different animals, some merely

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make and receive calls and texts, the others mails, some are miniature computers capable of many things. But none can replace our face to face-to-face meetings.

Zoom meetings are limited to those who have the equipment. We must be prepared to distribute hard copy to members who feel cut off from the day to day running of our clubs.

This of course leads to expense, but little or no income to support it. I don't pretend that the Keighley Club is any different to the majority of others... so we soldier on. Hope springs eternal etc!

Lion Harry Ambler
Secretary & Communications Officer Keighley Lions Club

Membership

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

Lion Penelope Bradley	Tickhill & district Lions Club
Lion Anthony Archer	Tickhill & District Lions Club

Lion Marilyn Bennett
District 105N MLCI Co-ordinator

Obituaries

We remember those Lions,
Lionesses and their partners of District N
who have passed on to higher service



Lion Tom Ellis MJF
Hornsea District Lions Club

Tom Passed away peacefully on 18th February 2021

He had been a Lion for more than 45 years. The majority of that time was spent in Hornsea District Club

In 2003, along with a couple of other members, he moved to Holderness, which at the time was a Branch Club of Hornsea. They needed additional members in order to qualify for Chartered Club Status.

He returned to Hornsea in 2009.

During his service, Tom was a highly active member. He was the District Sergeant at Arms for several years. Also served as President on two occasions, 82 / 83 and 93 / 94. He was the first member of Hornsea District to be awarded the MJF.

Due to Covid restrictions, only a few Lions were able to participate in the Funeral Service in St Nicholas Church. However, all members formed a "Guard of Honour" as his coffin was carried in covered with the Lions Funeral Drape.

Bridlington Lions Club

Bridlington Lions will, subject to the Government regulations, be welcoming the return of the Annual Carnival Fun Day this Summer!



It will be held on the Lime Kiln Lane Cliff Top on
Sunday 1st August from 10am to 4pm
which is also **Yorkshire Day** - so a double reason to celebrate!

As usual, the event will have amusements, rides, entertainment and bar facilities and refreshments. There will also be a Giant Car Boot and Car Parking.

This last year has been a difficult one for fundraising so as a goodwill gesture to the many local charities and branches of major ones, the Lions are offering as a one off gesture, a stall rental charge of just £15!

This event is expected to attract many hundreds of local people and visitors which should help raise much needed funds. Charities and any other commercial stall holders need to book space by downloading an application form from the Lions website

www.bridlingtonlions.org.uk

In order to publish the May edition on time please ensure your articles are with me no later than

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