



# PRIDE of the NORTH

NEWSLETTER for 105N District

## Lions Teeing Up!



Many of our Clubs have been getting into the swing with golf tournaments recently.

In Filey, their tournament & raffle saw **37 teams** taking part. For one team, the event was particularly special as they were playing in memory of longtime supporter, Michael Dawson. The was followed by a **buffet and award presentation** which collectively raised **£4000**.

Similarly, **Dumfries Lions** held their tournament at the Moffat Golf Club with **17 teams** competing. This year, the winning team consisted of Ryan Clark, Logan Hamilton, Bob Murray and Declan Farrow. **A fantastic £2700 was raised**.

Consett Lions also supported a group from Learning for Life to attend a **Golf Day** hosted by Durham Lions. All had a good time and thank all their supporters and sponsors.

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# Editor's Comments



Dear all,

A new **Lionistic year has begun** and our Clubs have already started the next 12 months of service with gusto. As you will see on **pages 8-12**, Lions from across our great 105N District have already started to **help their communities**. Be it from **grant giving to event hosting to helping to distribute Prostate Cancer - our** Lions are already doing what they do best; helping people.

Beyond our Clubs, **our new Governor is already hard at work** serving us and preparing for his new role (pp.2-3). Not to be left out, our **specialist officers** are also cracking on. As you will see, **Lion Michelle** continues to develop new ways to grow our skill sets whilst **Lion Marilyn Bennett** keeps an important grasp on the comings and goings of our District Membership.

I sense it is going to be another **great year for our District** and look forward to continuing to highlight all the **good and brilliance of District 105N over 2025/2026**.

*Luke Maunsell*

**District Newsletter Editor**



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## Competition Corner

### Scores on the Door

#### Travelling Lion:

Thorne Rural - 35

Garforth - 14

Keighley - 5



#### Host Club:

Thorne Rural - 12

Don't forget that our District has some **great, creative competitions** which include: **The Photo Comp, The Peter Shaw Award, 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, by the **closing date of 31/12/2025**, please contact **Lion Roy Field** at: [rjafield58@gmail.com](mailto:rjafield58@gmail.com).



# District Governor's Message

**Fellow Lions, Leos and Partners,**

Well, what an amazing experience I have had attending the **107th International Convention in Orlando, Florida!**

The **plenary sessions, exhibitions, and everything else was amazing.** The **Parade of Nations had to be seen to be believed,** and making this all the more stunning was the fact that we received a 3rd place award for **“precision demonstration.”** This was the result of around 50 of us from MD105, all in the same outfits and holding Union Flag umbrellas, in excellent unity. **Not a bad result out of 159 nations** especially as a lot of them looked fantastic in their national costumes.



The real highlight, however, was being able to finally take the **International President's Oath** and being **formally inducted as your District Governor 2025-2026.** As you can imagine, this was a **very emotional moment for me and all the other incoming DGs.** I **look forward to serving and supporting you** all to the very best of my abilities, with the help of a **great team on Cabinet this year.**

With this in mind, I would like to give a **huge thanks to all those who have stepped into roles** which were vacant. I know it's not easy for most Lions contemplating a move up in to a District role, but **sometimes you have to challenge yourself, step out of your comfort zone, and go for it.** Whilst this can be nerve-wracking, I can tell you, from my own personal experience, it **does make you a better person** whilst also giving you a great sense of satisfaction to go with it.





The International President's motto this year is '**Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead**' and that is what we must all aim to do. Our priorities must be to **add to our membership this year and change the way we do things. Look to the future and be the change, don't wait for the change to come to us.**

Let's **move forward together as a District with all Clubs and Club Presidents** involved. Let's aim for **an additional 2 members per Club by the end of June 2026**. That would be a great achievement, and you will have some good help with that with our new **Global Membership team Lead past DG Lion Kevin Hunter**. He will be happy to assist you with that, as well as looking at where we could potentially have a new Club or a Branch Club. Your new **Youth Lead is Immediate Past DG Gillian** who is very enthused by what we achieved last year with Peace Poster and Young Ambassador and **wants to drive the whole youth portfolio forward**.



In the next couple of weeks, I will be contacting Clubs, as will FVDG Allan Clark, to start arranging your DG Team Club visits. We look forward to **meeting those of you we have not met before**, seeing what you are all achieving, and working with you and for you. In my immediate diary, I have the **Zone Chair training at Scotch Corner on 26th July**, followed immediately by **Darlington Lions Club Charter Dinner**. I am also looking forward to the **Doncaster Fun and Sports day for the Disabled on 16th August**, where I am hoping it will be FVDG Allan who gets a doused in the stocks this year. It will be a great event anyway as usual.

Finally, I have to say a **huge thanks to my wife Kairen** for her continued support. It was quite a challenge for her to go to the US in the first place but she shone the whole time and was my continuing rock. **Her chosen charity for this year is Prostate Cancer UK**, which is close to her heart, and any donations for that cause will be much appreciated.

Have a **good year fellow Lions** and don't forget to keep our membership recruitment and retention high on our agendas.

*Lion John Sellers, MJF*

**District Governor**



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# Membership News

Since the last newsletter, we have had **9** join our 105N pride. **Let's welcome them and wish them all the best** in their future service. Unfortunately, **1** Lion has moved to **Higher Service**. We send our **deepest sympathies** to their nearest and dearest.

## Castleford & Pontefract Lions

- Julie Mayhew

## Dalbeattie & District Lions

- Denise McDonald

## Darlington Lions

- Alan MacNab
- Andy Rutherford
- David Simmons



## North Wolds Lions

- Sue Kirvin
- Michele Room

## Rothwell District Lions

- Benjamin Telford

## Tynedale Lions

- David Kittle

## In Memoriam

*Always treasured, your actions live on in our hearts.*

## Hornsea Lions

- Olive Dale

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



# Calendar Dates

## Filey Lions

### Annual Ball Race

6th August 2025 from 7pm

Cargate Hill, Filey

Find out more: [www.fileylionsclub.org](http://www.fileylionsclub.org)

## Lions Fun & Sports Day for people with Disabilities

16th August 2025

Parklands SSC, Doncaster

Email Lion Auriol Henton:

[auriolandjoe@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:auriolandjoe@hotmail.co.uk)

## Allendale Lions

### Cowgate! The Show Game.

16th August 2025

Allendale Agriculture show, The Showfield,

Riding Haughs, NE47 9EE

Contact David Humes on: 07969 592616

## Ryedale Lions Charity Golf Day

5th September 2025

Kirkbymoorside Golf Club, Manor Vale Ln,

YO62 6EG

Email: [mansfield\\_glaisdale@btinternet.com](mailto:mansfield_glaisdale@btinternet.com)

## Elmet Lions

### Golf day

19th September 2025

Scalm Park Leisure, Wistow Common,

YO8 3RD

Register at: [golfday.lionsclub.co](http://golfday.lionsclub.co)

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## Filey Lions Club

### 61st Charter Anniversary Dinner and Dance

18th October 7pm for 7:30pm

The Glasshouse, 40 Belle Vue St,

YO14 9HY

Email Lion Vicky Buckle:

[victoriapbuckle@aol.com](mailto:victoriapbuckle@aol.com)

## District Convention

### 6th to 8th February 2026

Scotch Corner, Darlington, DL10 6NR

Hosted by Thirsk and Northallerton  
and Easingwold District Lions Club

## District Convention

### 5th to 7th February 2027

Scotch Corner, Darlington, DL10 6NR

Hosted by Garforth District Lions Club

## Have an upcoming event or Charter Dinner?

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

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# Development Workshops and Webinars

**Have you been a Lion for 5 years or less?**

**Would you like to meet younger in-service Lions from around the UK, to discuss, learn and share ideas?**

**Would you like to be part of the future of Lions in the UK, helping to shape our thinking to ensure Clubs remain relevant to today's society?**

## **Lions MD105 Symposium**

We are looking for Lions of any age, with five or less years' service as a lion, who are interested in and would benefit from attending this thought-provoking, informative and inspirational weekend.

### **Where and When:**

28th, 29th & 30th November 2025

### **Venue:**

Chesford Grange Hotel, Chesford Bridge, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 2LD

### **Purpose:**

The main aim is to bring together younger/younger in-service members for a wide-ranging discussion, encourage lateral thinking, to obtain the views of the next generation of leaders within MD105, to inform our strategic planning and thinking. We need to ensure that what we do in our MD is relevant to today's society.

This may be first entry level experience of leadership topics and for many, Club level responsibility may be the next step. Depending on length of service, a District role may be more appropriate and will be very much down to every individual, local needs, and development opportunities.

### **Who should attend:**

Lions of any age, with ideally five or less years' service as a Lion.



## **Symposium:**

The symposium will run from 10.00 on Saturday through to 15.30 (latest) on Sunday. Attendees will be expected to attend all sessions including evening dinners.

**MD105 will be providing accommodation, meals, and refreshments for the duration of the Symposium,** Saturday and Sunday – Friday dinner, bed and breakfast for those wishing to travel on Friday.

## **Programme:**

There is no formal agenda as the programme is very much driven by the needs of the attendees.

### **During previous events there has been a steer towards:**

- Strengths & how weaknesses/weakness can become an opportunity
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Difficult people and conflicts - discussion on strategies and needs of newer younger lions
- Communication (introduction to AI)
- What happens when things go wrong
- How to maximise results
- Protocol & politics - necessary evils (?)
- Leadership opportunities and next steps
- Service Journey
- Our Core Projects
- MD105 Major Projects
- Club and/or District Projects - new and established (attendees asked to share)
- Brand Identity
- Marketing our organisation - resources available National HQ/ Lions International
- Marketing ourselves
- Marketing events

If you would like to know more about the symposium or would like to submit an application to attend, **please email me your name and email address and I will send out the full information and application form.**

**Places are limited, so please get in contact with me ASAP**

**Please email [leadership@lionsdistrict105n.org](mailto:leadership@lionsdistrict105n.org) to request your application and/or if you would like a copy of the full list of development opportunities for 2025.**





# Tales from our Clubs

## Dumfries Lions



Dumfries Lions started their activities this month with a big donation to an important group of people. The popular senior citizens organisation - **Harmony Club in Moffat**, were the lucky recipients of a **£250 donation**. The Club, which meets on a Friday in the Town Hall regularly get together to enjoy a meal, entertainment and a quiz. As can be seen, they were delighted to be supported as shown by the smiley faces of **Margaret Hall, June Porter, Julie Armstrong (centre) and Lion President Belinda Thomson**.

Another smile was put on the face of **recent graduate Maya Johnston** of the University of Glasgow, all thanks to their local Lions. Not only has Maya received a **First Class Honours degree but also the much treasured Lions Bowl Academic Achievement Award** for her resilience and professionalism. This special recognition was presented to her by John MacColl on behalf of the **Lions who have all wished her well** in her future career. **Best of luck Maya in your next journey and well done to the Dumfries Lions for making her day all the more special!**

## Easingwold District Lions

Another Club which has been **celebrating their grant funding** is that of Easingwold District Lions who have recently held a **night of celebration for this at Alne Cricket Club!**



During this special evening, **President Shelagh Kenny** proudly presented cheques which totalled a **brilliant £5,465** to local groups who were successful in their applications to the Lions 2025 Grants Scheme. A range of **great causes** have been supported this year which has included **schools, Scouts, drumming groups and local playgrounds** and the Club is overjoyed to have supported all of these and more. **Easingwold District Lions send their heartiest congratulations** to all the recipients and **love honouring the amazing work** they do for the community!

## Derwent Lions



**Publicity is priceless for our Clubs.** Getting in the local press, on TV or in the papers gives us an opportunity to spread our message of service and encourage new people to get involved. In Derwent, our Lions have been taking advantage of an often untapped resource - **local radio**.

President Ken Hardgrave recently contacted local **York radio station YO1 Radio regarding advertising for Derwent Lions**. YO1 radio run a lot of adverts for local organisations, men's sheds, food banks etc. and with little encouragement, they were delighted for the Club to record a **30 second advert to encourage people to join or volunteer for Derwent Lions**. After a few months to get organised, the recording took place on the **30th June with President Ken, past President Brian and Treasurer Tony** attending and supporting the effort. If you want to listen to the recording, do visit the Club's **[Facebook page](#)**.



## Tickhill & District Lions

With the lovely weather, many of our Lions have been enjoying the sunshine at a wide variety of events including those in Tickhill & District Club who were **very pleased to attend the Wellbeing Weekender in Harworth and Bircotes.**



This brilliant community-led event is a **great showcase of local clubs and groups such as tennis clubs, archers and skateboarders as well as a great opportunity for the Lions to speak with residents about the work they do.**

It was great to hear that the **Lions found the whole get together an inspiring and positive experience which fully embodied the community spirit** which the Tickhill area is known for. **T&D Lions - flying the flag in style!**

## Darlington Lions



In Darlington, the Lions have continued to focus on Prostate Cancer by delivering **25 A4 and 25 A3 Prostate Cancer UK posters** to places where there are high concentrations of men, such as the trade counters of building material suppliers, sports clubs and men's sheds. In around 6 hours, the Club visited **13 trade centres, 8 sports clubs, 4 community centres and Darlington Men's Shed** with all but one being able to take a poster.

In around half of the centres, Lions met staff who either had prostate cancer, knew someone who had prostate cancer, had tried to get a test at their GPs and were refused, or were worried about prostate cancer and interested in getting a test.

**Darlington Lions extends their thanks to Prostate Cancer UK for providing the posters and postcards.** If your Club wishes to run a similar project, please visit - <https://shop.prostatecanceruk.org/awareness>, register as an event facilitator and then email [shop@prostatecanceruk.org](mailto:shop@prostatecanceruk.org) to request the desired resources.

## Consett Lions

In the lovely Consett, their local Lions **attended the local Cycle Festival** which has returned to the area after a 6 year absence. The popular event saw many take part including **European Cyclocross Champion Jente Michels.**



During this lovely day, the Lions spent their time raising much needed funds for their **Lions Tombola** which featured *(as pictured)* lots of **soft toy Lions and community building festivities.**

The Club has also announced the launch of this year's **Town Raffle with the draw having been planned in November at the Steel Club.** Tickets are on sale for £1 each or a book for £5 which **local groups and organisations can sell on a 70/30 basis.** Anyone who is interested in supporting this effort either to buy tickets or find out more information, is encouraged to **email Lions Secretary, Richard** on: [juddrichard1976@gmail.com](mailto:juddrichard1976@gmail.com).





# Wetherby District Lions

In late June, the West Yorkshire market town Wetherby came together for its annual **'Drovers' Day'** which remembers the times when, **for over 200 years, 10s of 1000s of cattle were walked by drovers** from Scotland to southern markets via Wetherby by its crossing of the river Wharfe.

This year, the sun shone and the crowds, 1000 strong or more, were entertained by 20 brass bands from the north of England who marched and played through the town for over 4 hours, competing in **'The Drovers' Brass Band Hymn and Marching Contest'**. The Scottish connection was played by the **City of York Pipe Band** who performed whilst the crowd raised a glass of 'Drovers Return' Ale.

The event also saw an **indoor and outdoor market with street musical entertainers and the 'Feast of Folk'** where 3 folk bands pleased the crowd at the 'Engine Shed' concert venue.

The Lions remain proud to work closely with **The Wetherby Bandstand Trust** to bring this day to their community and remain grateful for the **wonderful support by the public; local businesses; Leeds City Council; Wetherby Town Council and Geneva Instruments** who provide superb prizes. **Next year's event is planned for Sunday 14th June 2026**



## Colne Valley Lions



**Visiting and organising events is a must** for any Club and Colne Valley Lions have been doing their fair share. In early June, they held their **annual Marsden 10 miler race**, in conjunction with **Stadium Runners Club**. A very impressive number of runners took part, which **exceeded 100**, all of whom admired the **gorgeous scenery** en route as well as the even more **spectacular cake table** when they got back to Race HQ!

After this, the Lions had a **successful, summer concert in St James' Church, Slaithwaite** where they were treated by **pianist Patrick Townsend, Two Gates Junior School choir, Slaithwaite Brass Band and Colne Valley Male Voice choir**. Not only was it a musical night, it also **managed to raise £595** from the retiring collection.

Once in July, the Club's **first PSA blood testing session** saw the **60 places** being fully booked up within **48 hours**. The Club is thankful to the **funeral collection from PDG John N Daker** and last year's **Beer Festival** which made it financially possible. **An additional £270 from a voluntary collection was also raised**. Lastly, despite some, slightly soggy weather, the Club enjoyed the **classic car show, arranged by Slaithwaite Classic Car Club** where **10 cars and a tractor** braved the elements!

Consett Lions also wants to make everyone aware that they have had to **create a new Facebook page** after their old one was taken down without warning. For all those who used to follow them, or wishes to do so - please do so [@ConsettLions](#)



# Denby Dale District Lions



Another Club which has had a **hectic month with a number of events** is the Denby Dale District Lions. At the end of June, the Lions teamed up with the **neighbouring Holme Valley Lions** at the well established **agricultural, Honley Show**. The joint Lions stand offered a **coconut shy, a tombola and 'splat the rat'**. This creative offering proved to be popular and ensured a great day of fundraising for both Clubs.

After this, the Club held their annual **Scarecrow Trail** which was run with the theme of 'Animal Adventures'. The trail saw a **massive 35 scarecrows** put on display around the village as well as a **BBQ, kids tombola, face-painting, raffle and live music**. This fantastic weekend was a big hit which **brought people from far and wide** and **smashed last year's fundraising effort**. During the event, the Club even managed to do a **cheque presentation to the Denby Dale Men's Shed** who are moving into the disused village church and need funds to help make it watertight.

Last but not least, the Club also ran its first ever **Grant Funding Programme** which **attracted 17 applications from local charities and community groups** and enrolled **2 local schools into the Lions Roar 2025 programme**. **A busy month indeed!**

## Elmet Lions

Also working closely with the community are the Elmet Lions who have been **helping Sherburn Town Council collect charitable funds during their recent Party in the Park**. Armed with their collection buckets and card readers, this big effort was all for two excellent causes – **Sherburn Larder** (which serves around 180 families per week) and **Emilia's Run** (a pupil at a local school had passed away with all the funds raised going towards her chosen charity of **Therapy Dogs Nationwide**).

The Club has also been focused on **collecting empty blister packs** for over 3 years and have been carrying on despite Lions HO in Birmingham saying that they no longer had a recycling partner. Not to be deterred, Immediate Past President Maggie and the Lions were **determined to ensure that the highly disposable packs could still be recycled**.



Fortunately, two companies **MY Group** (formerly Mytum and Selby) recycle empty blister packs whilst **Kingspan** helped fund the recycling by paying for the delivery and collection of the pallet. Overall, **14 large bags** have been collected over the last year with these being substantial enough to **fill up a pallet box** which was taken away for recycling. Elmet Lions will continue to collect these empty blister packs for a long time yet, saving them from going to landfill or being burnt.

**This doesn't half show what sheer determination, creative thinking and a 'can do' attitude can achieve.**





Lions are **incredible people who selflessly dedicate** themselves to helping others. Often, this is done without celebration but it is so important to recognise our efforts. One Lion who is rightly in receipt of well deserved praise, is that of **Sue Johnson** who recently was presented with a '**Certificate of Appreciation**' award from the District.



Sue has been a **Lion for 6 years** and in that time has become a **trustee of the District and her Club**. Beyond this, she was **instrumental in setting up Boroughbridge Community Larder** which she now runs and she **also organises the Boroughbridge Summer Fête, the Club Easter Egg Raffle and the Christmas Tombola**. Additionally, she proudly **serves as the Club Membership and Social Officer**.

Upon receiving the award, Lion Sue said: "I was surprised and felt very honoured to receive the "District Governor's Certificate of Appreciation" and badge for the work I've done with Boroughbridge Community Larder whilst also supporting the Club and District. Thank you Gill." **Well done to Lion Sue and all you have achieved over your service so far - we look forward to seeing where your Lionistic journey takes you next!**

## Thorne Rural Lions



Finally, Thorne Rural Lions have also been **celebrating their Lions** during their recent Changeover Evening. During this special night, Lion Auriol passed the **President's role to Lion Trish Wraith**. Lion Trish is wished all the best for the next 12 months.

The fun evening also saw **Lion Miles Akery received the Kindness Matters award** for his continuing assistance to Lion Steve in organising the Club's Golf tournament whilst **Young Lion, Jack**

**Theyers obtained his Silver award, and Lion of the Year was presented to Lion Vanessa.**

The **Club has also continued their support for the local community** which has included a significant donation to the local Scouts. Funded by last year's **Golf Day money, £2000 was provided to the Doncaster District Scout Canoeing** to purchase 5 sit on kayaks. A **brilliant initiative, well received and has already worked to develop skills and bring the Scouts together.**

With such a great start to the year, the Club are now preparing for the **Lions Clubs Fun and Sports Day due to be held on the 16th August 2025 at Parklands SSC in Doncaster.**

## Upcoming POTN Deadline

Thank you all for your contributions this month. The next deadline is the **24<sup>th</sup> August 2025**. I look forward to seeing what your Clubs have been doing so do email me on: [\*\*media@keighleylions.org.uk\*\*](mailto:media@keighleylions.org.uk)