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# District 105N Newsletter



## District Governor 105N

Fellow Lions, Leos and Partners.

I hope you are all well and getting back into the swing of things. Clubs are beginning to meet face to face but some individual Lions are not attending as they are still wary. I hope that you are starting to plan the activities that will enable us to serve our communities.

May I suggest that one of the activities that should be planned is on membership? No this is not about our numbers as a District, this is about members in a Club. If we are unable to find willing people to become full members then at some time we will fail to help our communities fully.

I have been to some Clubs who are low on numbers and the subject of membership is not even brought up. Some Clubs have even been antagonistic about talking on such matters whilst a district officer is present.

Please would you place membership on a higher level in your meetings? Please discuss on how you can achieve an increase. Please contact the membership chairs for further advice.

Remember it does matter to have numbers to run a Club, to raise money for the activities and it requires members to help those people worse off than ourselves.

Lion Nigel Ware  
District Governor 105N



Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**



Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Clubs who made a donation to LCIF during the last very tough Lion's year.

In my role as LCIF Coordinator I get asked many questions. What is LCIF? Why do we make donations? What happens to these donations? .

Our Clubs form District 105N, part of Lions Clubs International (LCI) a Service Organisation. LCI has a Charity Arm, LCIF, Our Foundation..

LCIF have 8 main core pillars of focus, Youth, Sight, Hunger, Environment, Diabetes, Childhood Cancer, Humanitarian and Disaster Relief. Our donations are used to build the grants which a make major impact on saving lives and helping reduce misery mainly in the Focus areas..

We are all saddened seeing people's lives ripped apart by major disasters which results in generous donations from many Clubs.

### Who can apply for a Grant?

To make most impact in some of the focus areas, LCIF works with their many trusted Partners.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/footer/partner-with-us>

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An example, Working with the Carter (PGG Lion Jimmy Carter) Foundation, eliminating River Blindness in South America.

Or, Grants are made to Lions at MD, District or Club level on application to enable running Projects bigger than individually they could afford.

When the horrific flood hit the Continent and the Haitian Earthquake. LCIF immediately made \$300,000 available to Countries Lions at MD level to use. But, the grants come with strict criteria and with strict controls in place. LCIF are conscious in controlling our Donations.

In the first 46 days of this Lions year LCIF have made various grants totalling \$966,693 to the Lions in the affected area. Or to Lions, where it is LIONS helping LIONS.

If any Lion wants help with any LCIF matters, including obtaining MJF's or a Club's credits. Please contact me.

PDG Lion Roy Chambers

LCIF District Co-ordinator

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### Supporting Children With Cancer

As we embarked on the new Lionistic year it was my hope that all clubs within the District would contribute to a very worthwhile project to help and support the really brave children and young people with cancer and their families.

I have not had the opportunity as yet to contact all zones and clubs in the District but already I have not been disappointed.

As fund raising has been really difficult because of COVID, I am suggesting to Zone Chairmen that they could have this as a zone project.

If all clubs within the zone make a minimal contribution of £50.00, the substantial amount of money combined could then be used to help these children.

All children with cancer are treated in a specialist centre and I have approached these centre's to ask them to send a "wish list" so that the money would be spent on a definite need.

Zones 4 and 5 who are in the Newcastle area have been doing a remarkable job and I have been overwhelmed by the work that ZC Richard Nash and Sue Barron have done in coordinating this project and the success they have had with the clubs within their zones. The Royal Victoria Infirmary is also very impressed with the help that the Lions are giving to their unit and obviously directly towards the children.

I do hope that other Zone Chairmen in the District will follow their lead.

If there is any further information needed please do not hesitate to contact me on 01482 632162.

Lion Margaret Riley MJF

District 105N Childhood Cancer Officer

### Morpeth Lions Club

At long last, the Lions Club of Morpeth is beginning to get back to a degree of normality. Covid 19 has meant that Club Meetings were conducted by Zoom and the opportunities to meet were very limited.

Nevertheless, the first social get together took place recently at Eshott Hall. It was here that a number of members and wives/partners were able to enjoy a delicious Afternoon Tea together with the opportunity to catch up on news in a relaxed atmosphere.

This meeting also enabled a postponed Presidents Handover to take place when past Lion President Peter Crook handed over the Chain of Office to Lion Les Sage. Les is no stranger to this role having been Club President from 1984-85 and 2000-01. Having joined the Club as a 'youngster' he still has great energy to preside over what will be the Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year.



Past President Peter Crook (R) hands over to Lion Les Sage in the company of Club members and their wives/partners.

Les said 'It is a great honor to take on this leading role and I must pay tribute to Peter who has kept the Club going over a very difficult 12 months. We have been

able to help meet local needs as funds permitted and for many of us, myself included, adopt the technology that never existed when I joined the Club in the 1970's. I have a few ideas for the coming year and hopefully we can resurrect the 'old' favorites. As ever, the Club is indebted to the community that supports us and to our wives/partners who are often called upon to lend a hand.'

Lion Simon Pringle  
Publicity Officer, Morpeth Lions Club

### Keighley Lions Club



Following an enquiry from Morrison's supermarket in Skipton, Keighley Lions Club President Hazel Jiggins and Secretary Harry Ambler met with the store's Community Champion, Clare Reed, to collect spectacles which had been left by customers over the past few months. We had a discussion about how they could help us in various ways, and they published a photo and brief article on their company Facebook page.

We, as a club, are slowly moving onward with projects, and planning our delayed charter dinner...(Oct 30th)...plus a catch up dinner and social evening, later perhaps a beetle drive with Christmas theme.

Eldwick Village Gala gave us an opportunity to get out into the community, raising much needed funds, and a fly past by a vintage Spitfire.

Hopefully we are now permanently back to our usual meeting place at Sight Airedale, Keighley, with attendance getting back to normal after the 'Zoom' meetings.

Lion Harry Ambler  
PR and Marketing Officer

### Morpeth Lions Club

It is over 10 years since a handful of members from the Lions Club of Morpeth founded an Environmental group.

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It started when the Club agreed to tidy up the banks on either side of the steps in the William Turner garden in Carlisle Park. Since then fruiting trees and shrubs have been planted in line with Turners Herbal book. On a regular basis these enthusiasts have maintained the area with occasional help in grass cutting from Park staff.

Other initiatives include providing bug gardens and litter picking on a regular basis. It recently came to light that the Northumberland County Blind Association (NCBA) garden at Reiver House, Morpeth could do with some tidying up. There has been no gardener for 4 years and volunteer activity has suffered, in part due to Covid.

Fortunately Ruth Speirs of NCBA found a new volunteer in Dorothy Cowans who in turn asked her friend Cathy Cushnahan to help. Ruth also knew that the Lions Club has, for almost 100 years, specifically aimed to help the blind.

Accordingly Lions Chris Offord, Richard Nash and Geoff Bushell recently met up with Cathy. Together they made a good start and have made access around the building much safer and in doing so got rid of two bins of garden rubbish. Another visit was planned for the following week and thereafter a regular maintenance programme. This will include the paths and the shrub and flower borders



Lions Chris, Richard & Geoff with volunteer Cathy.

Lion Simon Pringle  
Publicity Officer, Morpeth Lions Club

### Wetherby District Lions Club



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### **No the Lions did not win £1,000 !**

Instead we were proud to present £1,000 to a wonderful charity

#### **Young Lives vs Cancer.**

When a child is diagnosed with cancer then it threatens everything for them and their family. At a time when they should be busy being children, enjoying their roller coaster teenage years or finding their feet at uni., life becomes full of fear. Fear of treatment, but also of families torn apart, of overwhelming money worries, mental health stretched to breaking point, of having nowhere to turn, no one to talk to.

At Young Lives vs. Cancer, they get that. They are the charity that helps children and young people (0-25) and their families find the strength to face whatever cancer throws at them.

Lion John Wardley  
Wetherby Lions Club Webmaster

### **Garforth & District Lions Club**

Lion Trevor Kell was presented with a Membership Advancement Key award for successfully opening the door of Lionism to at least two individuals. This was presented by Lion President Jon Lines.

After the last year of uncertainty, it has been lovely to share this achievement. We can look forward to serving more in our local community, building our Lions Club and making a difference to people's lives.



Lion Lorraine Darby,  
Public Relations Officer Garforth and District Lions

### **District Governor's Wife's Appeal 2021-2022**

Hello everyone.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce to you all the charity that I will be supporting this year.

I would like it to be linked to young people as I have worked alongside just about all my life, whether as a parent, professionally as a teacher or through Guiding, Scouting.

So, I have decided to support several small charities throughout the district, all focussing on young carers.

Young carers are someone under 18 who cares for another person. It might mean that they pick up mum's prescription, dress their dad or take their little sister to school. Their extra responsibilities often mean they miss out on school and hanging out with friends. It can sideline their whole childhood.

So, with your help, I would like to help them find a balance, give them space to enjoy being young and support them into adulthood so they can pursue their dreams outside of caring.

I look forward to working with you over the next year Let's make sure young carers get the same opportunities in life as those who don't have to care for someone.

**Caring shouldn't hold them back.**

Thank you.

Mrs Elizabeth Ware  
District Governor' Lady





## Lions Youth Projects in District 105N.



Due to some unforeseen circumstances within the District plus Lions moving over to other aspects of their Lionistic endeavours there are currently a couple of Youth Projects without a specific point of contact here in 105N. I am delighted to be continuing as your Youth Team Chair and as such I would encourage you to come to me direct for both Young Ambassador and Peace Poster/ Essay Competitions.

**NOW** is the time to be seeking entries to the **Lions International Peace Poster Competition or the Peace Essay Competition for Visually Impaired Young People.** Both are targeted at students aged 11 to 13 years as at 15 November 2021 so local schools and youth groups are ideal places to begin.

This year the theme for both Posters and Essays is **"We are all connected"** which provides entrants to express their visions of peace through being involved with one another.

Clubs wishing to take this Competition forward should first seek a Peace Poster Competition Pack from Lions HQ in Birmingham at a cost of £15.95 which includes all the information required to involve organisations and young people plus details of when and where completed entries should be submitted.

**Please advise me by e mail as soon as it is known that you intend to submit an entry to the District Finals. The vital date is 5 November 2021 (not 15 November showing in the literature) which is the last postmarking date for submission** to MYSELF (PDG Corinne Ashburner) please. District finals will be held during November to ensure our District winner reached MDHQ by the next deadline of 1 December 2021.

Alongside this runs the **Young Ambassador Award Competition** which seeks to recognise, encourage and support young people aged 15 to 18 who are actively involved in helping others. Obvious sources of candidates are schools, youth organisations, Lions Young Leaders in Service participants or by seeing coverage of their efforts in local media/ social media.

Full information and Application Forms can be found within the Members Area of the Lions MD website or alternatively an e mail or phone call to me will produce the necessary paperwork.

Important date for this competition is also 5 November 2021 to enable a District Final to be arranged prior to the MD Finals weekend in Dudley, West Midlands in February 2022.

Officers for the other Youth Programmes appear in the District Directory recently circulated to all Club Presidents and Secretaries but, as always I am here to support and advise on "All Matters Youth" across the District. I can be contacted on either phone or e-mail, which are listed below.

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**e mail [lionsashburner-105ne@talktalk.net](mailto:lionsashburner-105ne@talktalk.net).**

PDG Corinne Ashburner  
District 105N Youth Chair.

### Membership

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

Lion Rebecca Cockram	Doncaster Lions Club
Lion Sam White	Homsea District Lions Club
Lion Angela Weatherall	Maltby Rother Valley Lions Club
Lion Philip Butler	Maltby Rother Valley Lions Club
Lion Jacqueline Taylor	Mexborough Lions Club
Lion Louise Blease	Morpeth Lions Club
Lion Marilyn Bennett	

District 105N MLCI Co-ordinator

### District Almoner

#### Lions Who Have Passed on to Higher Service

Lion Brian Maud                      Norton & Malton Lions Club

Our thoughts are with his family at this sad time.

I have been notified that Lion Roy Field has recently been in St James Hospital, Leeds. We send him our Best Wishes for a speedy recovery.

DG Lion David Wilson  
District 105N Almoner

### MD Lioness Reunion Celebrations

The former Lionesses of MD 105 held a reunion dinner to celebrate 44 years of service to LCI. It was a sparkling and most enjoyable evening with many former Lionesses wearing Tiaras. Castleford & Pontefract Lion/Lionesses were presented with the Travelling Lioness Trophy because they had won it most years and Lion Jeanne Morgan (Almoner) was given the Memorial Candle Holder presented to the Lionesses by PID Phil Nathan. She was also presented with a figurine of a Lioness and two cubs. Lioness Chairman thanked all those present for their attendance.



Lion Jeannette Morgan and Lion Doreen Holmes



Former Lioness Chairman Sandie Briault, Deputy Chairman Amanda Cale with Lions Jeanne and George Morgan



Lion Jeanne holding the Figurine



DG 105CE David Pope, PDG 105N George Morgan and IPDG 105CE Ujjal Kular



Lion Jeannette with the Travelling Lioness Trophy

Although most of the Former Lionesses have now become part of the new Global Services Organisation set up by the former Lioness Clubs of the world everyone present expressed a wish to keep the reunion of the former MD 105 Lioness Clubs going in order not to lose contact and friendship with one another.

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

# Friday 24th September 2021

Could I also ask that you send your articles as word documents and photographs as separate Jpegs. Please do not send them in the body of an e-mail or as web pages as this can sometimes cause problems when downloading or editing.

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**Lions Clubs International**  
**British Isles**

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**Lions Clubs provide vital assistance where it is needed.**

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