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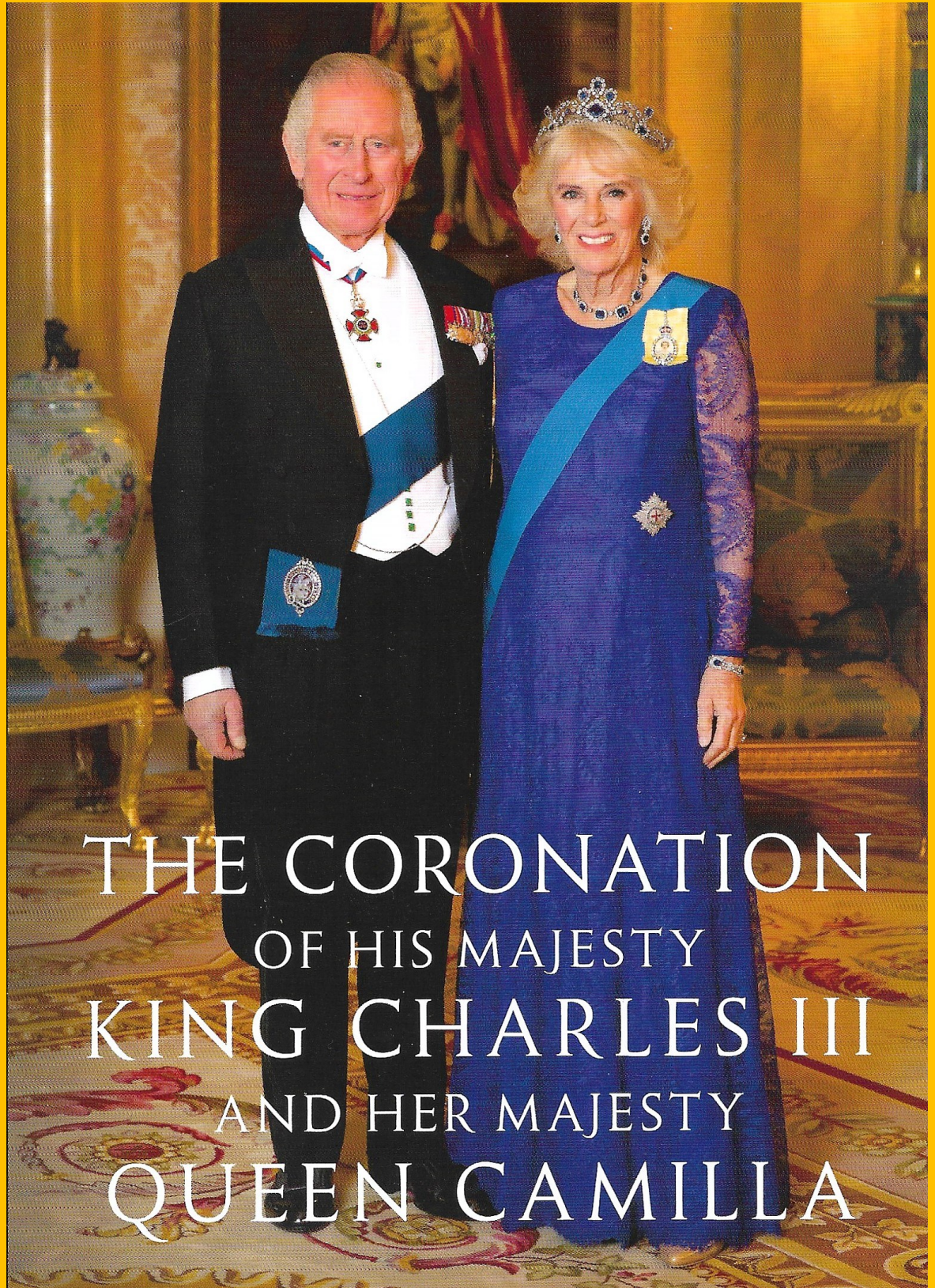


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District 105N Newsletter



THE CORONATION
OF HIS MAJESTY
KING CHARLES III
AND HER MAJESTY
QUEEN CAMILLA





District Governor 105N



Fellow Lions, Leos and Partners

A busy month completed with six clubs visited and four charter celebrations attended as well as supporting my own club activities. As always we were given a very warm welcome at all clubs and hearing the reports of their activities in supporting the needs of their local communities and Lions work worldwide, re-enforced the message that we are the greatest service organization in the world. The level of fun, fund raising activities over the coming months has taken another step forward with a huge amount of clubs organizing a wide range of activities, particularly around the Coronation weekend. Please make the most of it by sharing on Facebook etc. so we can all see what you have been up to !!

During the Charter Lunch of my own Club - Easingwold District Lions - I was left absolutely speechless and humbled by being presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Something I truly was not expecting and a moment I will treasure always. Totally lost for words (for once !!!)

Membership : I am delighted to report that we have now recruited 123 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 in the final two months and end the year in an even stronger position.

Appointments : Great news on two new appointments within the District : Judith Wild of Doncaster Went Club has taken on the role of GLT Coordinator, Joshua Spurr of Maltby Rother Valley Club has taken on the role of Zone Chair for zone 13 (Maltby, Barnsley, Bramley & Wickersley and Rotherham Clubs). Both are a great asset to the District and I am sure you will wish them both great success in their roles.

MD Convention - 6th to 7th May : We are only a week away from the biggest event in our calendar this year. I am pleased to say, that following my requests in the last newsletter, attendance from our District has improved greatly and I am informed that as a district, we will have the largest attendance at a MD Convention for quite a number of years !!

Remember - we have arranged for His Majesty's Coronation to be screened live so you will be able to make this a double memorable day !! Thanks must go to Zone Chair Richard Nash and his local team for the huge amount of effort and support in helping the MD Convention Committee put together a great program for the weekend.

District Governor's Diary for May 2023

4/5 May 2023	MD 105 Council Meeting, Newcastle		12 May 2023	Hornsea District Lions Club	C.A
6/7 May 2023	MD 105 Convention, Newcastle		15 May 2023	Haltemprice Lions Club	O.V
08 May 2023	Barnsley Lions Club	O.V	19 May 2023	Tickhill & District Lions Club	C.A
09 May '23	Beverley & Beverley Westwood Lions	O.V	21 May 2023	District 105N Cabinet Meeting	
10 May 2023	Ponteland Lions Club	O.V	27 May 2023	Keighley Lions Club	C.A

O.V Official Club Visit

C.A Charter Anniversary

Lion Kevin Hunter MJF
District Governor 105 N

Bramley & Wickersley Lions Club

Gambian project looks to the future

Following an enforced absence, due to the pandemic, Lion Lee Agus from Bramley & Wickersley has returned from another successful trip to Gambia. Lee was involved with the original trips to Gambia and has been a number of times, using his experience and contacts to support schools and hospitals in the West African country.

Anyone not familiar with the history of the project, it started with a former Lion visiting the country on holiday and was shocked by the fact many of the children didn't have shoes. Shoe collections were made in this country and then a group of people took them (as excess luggage) to distribute in the country. With the support of a number of people, trips have been made over about 15 years and it is now a District Project.

At the end of last year, a shipping container was filled with books, tables, hospital equipment and other vital supplies, which was then put on a ship for the port of Banjul. When it arrived, subject to the usual official paperwork and taxes, the contents were taken to a range of schools and hospitals that the Lions have assisted over the years. Making a difference to this country over a number of years was especially poignant for Lee, on his last trip. One school, which they had visited in previous years, had converted a store cupboard into the "Lions Library" complete with sign above the door, and shelves made from old pallets the team had used to transport some of the donations.

"Lee & fellow Doncaster lions have devoted many man hours to this project & more recently many pounds of their own money in flights, accommodation etc. They have taken the decision that this was our last container to taken. We have made many friends along the way & will certainly not be severing ties with these guys. We will continue to help & support where ever we can & visit this great country whenever we can.

We would like to thank all clubs that have supported us over the years both financially & physically , together we have made a big difference to education & welfare in The Gambia."



Lion Andrew Davies
Secretary Bramley & Wickersley Lions Club

Dumfries Lions Club

The Dumfries Lions Club continue to support various youth groups and the local Martial Arts Club have received a cheque for £500 to enable them to purchase equipment for their gymnasium.



John MacColl of the Lions Club said " We recognised the good work that they do in training young children between the age of six and eleven in safety, confidence building and competition preparation and we wish them well in the future"

Pictured with Kenneth Mckean the founder and chief instructor are the children and Lions Club members Belinda Thomson and Kaz Paszki.

Restoration of Hospital Plaque

The Dumfries Lions Club teamed up with Edward Layden (Monumental Masons) to carry out restoration work on the Plaque at the site of the original Dumfries Infirmary where the first anaesthetic operation in Europe was carried out by Dr William Scott in 1846.

John MacColl of the Club said "We thought that it was important to have the Plaque cleaned to make the inscription legible so that the public can view the information on this ground-breaking event in the medical world and we are grateful to Eddie Layden for carrying out the restoration work without charge.



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Recycled Spectacle Collection

The Dumfries Lions Club along with other Clubs throughout the UK collect unwanted and damaged spectacles which are sent to Chichester Lions Club which processes tens of thousands of recycled spectacles each year.

The spectacles are examined in the recycling workshop and then sent for grading and distribution by Medico France in Le Harve.

Spectacles are also sent to contacts who are running eye clinics in Papua New Guinea, Sri Lanka, Ghana, Nigeria and Nepal and volunteers from Unite for Sight charity are supplied with spectacles to take with them on missions to countries across the world.

The National Police Aid Charity also receive a supply which are sent to Gambia for eye clinics along with the Army working in Mali and other Independent charities operating in the area.

The local Lions Club have collected approximately 1500 pairs of spectacles through their 22 collection points so far and these have been sent to Chichester for processing.

Wendy Tremble the Club's coordinator for the project said "The response to requests for unused spectacles in the Dumfries and Moffatt area has been very successful and we hope that this will continue as the distribution of the recycled spectacles makes such a difference to those who are suffering from sight problems in the poorest countries of the world."



Pictured with spectacles which are to be sent to Chichester are Jock Carlyle, Wendy Tremble, Kaz Paszki and President Stuart Armstrong.

Lion John MacColl
Dumfries Lions Club

Morpeth Lions Club

It's that time of the year when various activities in Morpeth start blooming. Certain groups have found that since Covid, the number of volunteers they can call upon has diminished and appeals for help are issued.

Certain members of the Lions Club of Morpeth have, for many years, given support to the Morpeth Gathering and Marie Curie Cancer. This year, however, the timing of requests for help have come close to a major fund raising event – The Lions Club Spring Book Sale, that takes place on the Market Square from Friday April 21st to Sunday the 23rd.

Nevertheless a small number of Lions together with other supporters of the charity was able to help Marie Curie raise £1024 at its recent Street Collection whilst during the Gathering Weekend they added to the staffing needs at a variety of locations.



PHOTO:- (L-R) Linda Jenkinson, Lion Les Jenkinson, helper Denise, Lion Simon Pringle.



Lions Simon Pringle & Nigel Hedley collecting on behalf of Gathering

Lion Simon Pringle
PR Officer, Morpeth Lions Club

Ayr & Prestwick Lions Club

Now that some degree of normality has returned, Ayr & Prestwick Lions Club decided to take a week at the Maybole Charity Shop and was allocated the first week in April.

This shop is available to organisations for one week. The outgoing group must remove all remaining stock by midday Friday and the incoming organisation fills the shelves etc. that afternoon ready for opening the next morning.

In the weeks leading up to taking over the shop Lions Club members were busy collecting items suitable for sale. An article in a local publication called Alloway & Doonfoot's Going Out which is delivered to all households in those two areas of Ayr brought in lots of goods.

Ours is now numerically a small club but, fortunately, we had assistance from some former members and also from the local Inner Wheel to assist us manning the shop for a week. At the end of that week all remaining stock was removed. It was hectic, rewarding and the camaraderie was good.



Lion President Gordon Macdonald and Lion Miranda Kotnik in the shop.

Lion Alec Moomey
Secretary, Ayr & Prestwick Lions Club

District N Competitions

Travelling Lion Competition

Thorne Rural Lions Club	42
Filey Lions Club	18
Morley & District Lions Club	8

Host Club Competition

Castleford & Pontefract District Lions Club	11
Morley & District Lions Club	1

Come on clubs send in your entries for the competitions

Lion Roy Field
District N Competitions Officer

Boroughbridge 98 Lions Club

How time flies! Boroughbridge Community Larder celebrated its 1st birthday in April. The Larder is joint sponsored by Boroughbridge 98 Lions and Boroughbridge Community Care (BCC) with Lion Sue Johnson being its Project Co-ordinator.



Its aim is to reduce food waste and so help the environment by keeping edible food from going to landfill. However, we are acutely aware that it is also a lifeline for some of the people who visit, not just from the financial aspect but also for those who feel socially isolated. To quote just a few: "We could not manage without the food we get from the Larder"; "You have saved my life (both financially and mentally)"; "You have no idea what coming here means to me".

To date we have had 4127 visitors, representing 8986 household members and have kept 19.6 tons of food out of landfill.

The Larder is run entirely by volunteers: 22 have come forward from the community and some of whom were initially visitors; 6 from BCC and 10 from Boroughbridge 98 Lions. All of the volunteers love coming along on a Weds to help and get a real sense of satisfaction from it. In fact one said that her husband told her "you come home from the Larder absolutely buzzing!"



We never know what food we're going to have donated each week - one week we had 12,500 eggs; another 500 tins of baked beans and there's usually a mountain
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of bread! However, some weeks the shelves look quite empty so then we ask the visitors to be mindful and only take what they will use.

We are confident that Boroughbridge Community Larder will go from strength to strength. We are looking forward to another year when we can help both the environment by reducing food waste and also those families and individuals who need the services of the Larder.

(the photos show Lions Paul McDowell, Sue Johnson & John Alder; volunteers helping visitors choose their food;)

Easter Raffle

What an eggcited winner we had when Mrs Stacey Moon was recently presented with her bespoke Easter Egg from Boroughbridge 98 Lions! Stacey was one of ten lucky winners who bought tickets for our Easter raffle.



The photos show one of our eggcited winners Mrs Stacey Moon with her egg and the draw being made for one of the other eggs by Lion President John Boulton along with Lions James and Brenda.



Lion Sue Johnson
Boroughbridge 98 Lions Club

Elmet Lions Club

President Maggie Hartley inducted Elmet Lions' newest member – Ruth Batty last month. Sponsored by Lion John Brettell, Ruth brings fabulous skills to the Elmet Lions Team having worked for several charities previously and also a skilled press release writer. Lion Ann Hudson read the induction welcome and all members clapped to welcome Ruth to the group



Elmet Lions have an egg-citing time

Every year Elmet Lions place large, 1kg chocolate Easter eggs with pubs and restaurants in the area. This year's total was £1200 – exceeding last year's total. We also donated 5 eggs to local causes so that they could raffle them off for their own funds – all raised well over £150 for their cause. What a great way to help local organisations.

However the winner that captured our hearts was Annie (aged 6) who saw the egg in the Ulleskelf Arms Pub and was desperate to win it! She saved all her pocket money and counted it - coin by coin – over the counter to buy her number Surprise surprise! Annie won.



Here's a picture with her brother and the egg – not sure who's more excited!

Lion Maggie Hartley
Elmet Lions Club

Huddersfield Lions Club

Huddersfield have, over the past few years, been going through a very difficult time. With long standing Lions who have been active at club and Cabinet level, Getting to a point where, due to failing health and age, they made the decision to retire from the family of Lions

This situation is too often the case and unfortunately, one that has and is happening to a number of long established clubs.

In December last, the club saw most of the long standing members leave followed in February by the last of those. This left five members remaining and who, had never got the chance to see the Fun and Enjoyment that is a very important aspect of our service to our local communities and further afield.

Myself as Zone Chairman and colleague Lion Roy Hallahan volunteered to assist if possible, but by the first meeting in April, felt that it was probably time to close the club, however! We were both delighted, when attending that meeting to be greeted with smiling faces and an air of total optimism, when Lion President Nivin Milne, who at a previous meeting stated that she did not want to be president, suggested that as we start to publicise for more members and do some events around the area, she would continue as President and also look to get the finances in order so would take the Treasurers role also. Another member said she would take on the secretaries role and added that they had offered to help Brighouse with some of their events.

Keighley lions have also offered to hold a race night to assist with fundraising and networking, plus had previously invited them to Keighley Club for a social 'Dominoes' evening which they had enjoyed.

The evening ended with me presenting Lion President Nivin with her Two New Member Pin.

Both Lion Roy and myself have committed to attend and assist into the late summer with recruitment and events. New Members? Watch this Space!

ZC N9 Lion Allan Clark MJF
Keighley Lions Club

Filey Lions Club

Filey Lions Club still taking bookings for our Holiday Caravan which is available on the following dates **Saturday 6th May, 13 May, 30th September, 7th October, 14th October 2023**, all bookings being for 7 days starting on a Saturday at 3pm finishing at 10am the following Saturday, this allows cleaning to take place.

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The Caravan is centrally situated within the town and adjacent to the railway station at 1 Muston Road, Filey, YO14 0BT. It has a very pleasant sheltered and private garden. The caravan consists of one double en suite bedroom and one twin bedroom with some additional sleeping accommodation available on the bed settee in the lounge area. Access is by an aluminium ramp to the main front door. The caravan is suitable for those with reduced mobility but is not suitable for those who are wheelchair dependant. The caravan has a very spacious lounge with a very well equipped kitchen and dining area. There is ample free parking adjacent. Assistance dogs only allowed.

Lettings are available for Lions Clubs only at a charge of £280 per week with all utility services included in this charge.

Personal linen must be brought by your guests i.e. sheets, quilt covers, pillow cases, towels and tea towels. Please pass this on to your guests as on a number of occasions recently guests have arrived with no bedding.

Incoming visitors will find the caravan open, and the keys will be on the side in the kitchen and we ask that the keys are returned there when guests leave the caravan at the end of the week and that the caravan is left clean and tidy with all pots and pans washed up before they leave.

A Filey Lion is allocated on a weekly basis to be the caravan host and will call and see your guests and exchange mobile telephone numbers with them.

Guests must be sponsored by a Lions Club and the sponsoring club being responsible for their nominees and any damage they cause..

If you could let me have the names of your guests 2 weeks before their arrival and their mobile telephone number that would be very useful, so that I can pass their details on to the hosting Lion.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

PDG Lion David Wilson
Filey Lions Club

Castleford & Pontefract District Lions Club CIO

Guess who came to Castleford!

Visitors to Carlton Lanes shopping Centre in Castleford were in for a treat when the Easter Bunny paid them a visit.



In the two weeks leading up to Easter, shops in the centre allowed us to hide our Easter Bunny posters in their windows, each telling people something about the work we do as Lions and visitors were encouraged to complete a quiz sheet to enter into a prize draw for a basket of Easter goodies.



Winner of the quiz was Poppy Gawthorpe who sent her Mum to collect the prize from us.



At the same time, we also ran a Giant Easter Tombola taking over £1,000 and was so popular we ran out of prizes after the first weekend and had to re-stock very quickly.



Easter Bunny presenting Large Easter Egg to one Lucky Lady

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Save this Date

District N Convention 2024

Holiday Inn, Scotch Corner

2nd-4th February 2024

Hosted by Teasdale District & Darlington Lions Clubs
ZC Lion Sue Barron Convention Chairman

More information to follow shortly



Another winner who won three eggs

Charter Lunch

Castleford & Pontefract District Lions Club were joined by family, friends to celebrate their Charter Anniversary on Sunday 2nd April 2023. Members of nine different Clubs including six PDG's joined in our celebrations and came from as far away as Kirkham and Fylde and Bridlington. Local Police officer and Winner of the Lions Centennial Award in 2019, entertained us with stories and tales about the work he does with children and young people in the community and how he became involved with the Lions and Lionesses in Pontefract.

As District Governor Kevin and Lion Cynthia had joined us we were also pleased to present Lion Cynthia with a cheque for the District Governor's Lady Appeal.



Lion Jeannette Morgan
Secretary, Castleford & Pontefract District Lions Club

District Almoner

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

Lion Alice Mackin	Hornsea District Lions Club
Lion Richard Knill	Pocklington District Lions Club
Lion Geoffrey Burgess	Thorne Rural Lions Club

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

PDG Lion David Wilson
District 105N Almoner

Membership

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

Lion Cole Ibbotson	Bridlington Lions Club
Lion Luke Hurst	Darlington Lions Club
Lion Graham Hyde	Keighley Lions Club
Lion Tina Guest	Keighley Lions Club
Lion Robert Payne	Keighley Lions Club
Lion Graham Hodgson	Morpeth Lions Club
Lion Mathew Fish	Morley & District Lions Club
Lion Damilola Adagbada	Ponteland Lions Club
Lion Philip Ewing	Sunderland Lions Club
Lion Carolyn Ewing	Sunderland Lions Club
Lion John Ogden	Whitby District Lions Club

Transfers

Lion Malcolm Forbes From South Wolds Branch Club to Holderness Lions Club

Lion Marilyn Bennett
District 105N MLCY Co-ordinator

FOR SALE CHRISTMAS SLEIGH AND REINDEER (ex Beverley Lions)

Robust, well crafted and equipped sleigh on twin axle chassis, built 2015, towbar(+ extension) Fibre-glass reindeer (5ft tall) and reins, 18mm. exterior grade plywood base and runners. 15mm. exterior panels, double cushion seat, storage locker. 12v. High frequency P.A. system - suitable for music. LED lights, amplifier, speakers, battery and charger. Fire extinguisher. 3 new tyres. Shaped fitted tarpaulin cover with hooks. Recently painted and replaced reindeer base. Stored undercover.

Base size 2.65m x 1.4m (approx)
Overall size 3.65m x 1.9m (approx)

Well admired throughout the Christmas season.

Price: £1,200 ono

Contact: Lion Duncan Jack 07947 109006 or email grocerjack@grocerjack.karoo.co.uk





**Elmet Lions
Club CIO**





Great Selby Bike Ride

Sunday May 21st 2023

10:00am Start from and finish at Barlby High School

Choice of two rides - 45 miles or 25 miles

-  Refreshments available
-  Memento to all completing the course

Go to our website to enter

greatselbybikeride.lionsclub.co/how-to-enter

Telephone enquiries (between 9-5:pm) to 01757 490122

Entry prices

Solo rider - £10

Family group - £25
(2 Adults+2 children)

Extra children - £5 each

(Children =
under 13)

You will be raising funds for:



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

23rd May 2023

PDG Lion George W Morgan
District 105N Newsletter Editor