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# District 105N Newsletter



## District Governor 105N

Fellow Lions, Leos and Partners

I hope that you are all now fully recovered from the rigors of all the Christmas activities that you and your Clubs have undertaken. Seeing the hundreds of postings and comments on Facebook from around the District clearly shows that we are 'back to normal' in getting the spirit and service of Christmas back into our communities. Judging from the reactions that my own club received, our presence with our Santa sleigh was truly welcomed and brought joy to hundreds of faces both young and old !!

During January I have made two club visits - Holderness and Scarborough - and planning for more in the coming months. I have also attended the launch of a three zone project to raise monies for a significant renovation project at Martin House Children's Hospice in Boston Spa. Many thanks go to Lion President Frank Hayward of Ryedale Club for taking the lead on this project which aims to raise, with match funding from LCIF, £44,000. Following on from visits to two multi club projects in South Yorkshire at the end of last year, this clearly shows to me what can be achieved when clubs find a common need and dedicate themselves to making it happen.

As I write this article, our District Convention in Bridlington is only eight days away !! Our thanks must go to the convention organizing team, led by PDG Dave Wilson, for all of their hard work in bringing this event together and will give us a great weekend of opportunity to meet up with friends, make new acquaintances, hear some stories of the great things happening in our district and to have some fun. I am delighted to say that we are fully booked for the Convention day and B&B on the Saturday evening. We look forward to seeing you there. We are also seeking offers from any club who would like to 'host' our 2024 convention - please let us know !

It would be remiss of not to mention our Editor in Chief, George Morgan who celebrates his 90th birthday on 25th January - happy birthday George from everyone in our District and thank you for all of your hard work.

Over the next week or so, please look out for adverts for some District Officer vacancies :- District Leadership Lead, Speech & Hearing Officer, Mental Health 1st aiders. should any of these be of interest to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

### District Governor's Diary for February

01 Feb 23	Holme Valley Lions Club	O.V	08 Feb 23	Thirsk & Northallerton Lions	O.V
02 Feb 23	District N Trusteed Meeting		11 Feb 23	Knaresborough Lions Club	C.A
03 Feb 23	District N Cabinet Meeting		13 Feb 23	Colne Valley Lions Club	O.V
4-5 Feb 23	District N Convention		14 Feb 23	Doncaster Lions Club	O.V
06 Feb 23	Allendale Lions Club	O.V	23 Feb 23	Peterlee Lions Club	O.V
07 Feb 23	Doncaster Went Valley Lions	O.V	27 Feb 23	Alnwick /lions Club	O.V

Lion Kevin Hunter  
District Governor 105N

## District Governor's Lady's Appeal

Hello Everyone !!

At the start of the year I happily launched our Charity for this year - **Make a Wish UK** - and I am delighted to say that so far you have very kindly donated £1,160

Why did I chose this particular children charity? As grandparents we all know the joy and happiness that children get from unexpected surprises and making dreams come true and I feel that this charity offers such simple help to thousands of children in bringing happiness to them during times of pain, critical illnesses and hospitalization.

These wishes for children between the ages of 3 and 17 years are believe it or not, relatively small - being a princess or ghostbuster for day, wanting a gaming PC, a trip to the Shard in London, wanting a cabin bed so I can reach the stars - and many more.

A wish empowers a child with choice ,when so much else is decided for them. It gives them something positive to look forward to, enjoy and look back on during tough times. In doing so, it builds their resilience and provides precious time with their family to create memories they can all treasure for ever.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs. Cynthia Hunter  
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## Morpeth Lions Club

The Lions Club of Morpeth is always gratified when its charitable work in communities is acknowledged by means of allowing it to raise funds.

Two recent examples of this came when, over one weekend, the Club was allowed to collect money from the public in Asda's Store in Ashington and Morrison's in Morpeth.



Lions Collecting at Morrisons at Morpeth  
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Lions Collecting at Asda in Ashington

Whilst never taking the public's generosity for granted, a total of almost £1450 was raised. Lion President Peter Crook said 'The Club is grateful to the Stores managements and shoppers in the stores in Morpeth and Ashington for helping us make Christmas more special for those in the community who might otherwise receive little.

Donations to foodbanks Have been made together with the distribution of gifts for children. This has involved the full support of Lion Club members and their partners and gives us great pleasure knowing we might make a difference. However, without the public helping us it would not be possible to the same extent. I should like to take this opportunity to wish all readers a very Happy Christmas and New Year'.

Lion Simon Pringle  
PR Officer Morpeth Lions Club

## Thorne Rural Lions Club

From toys & gifts donated & collected for our 2022 Toy appeal with 173 deserving children receiving presents & knowing Santa had not forgotten them.



Santa with some of the toys Donated  
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More Donated Toys

*Some quotes from families that benefited from presents you donated*

“We can't thank you enough , this has made our Christmas, after so much / pain and sorrow prior to Christmas ,due to the loss of one of our twin babies who passed away“

“Thank you , this is very helpful , due to our families financial crisis, this restores faith in people / community“.

“Your help and support is very much appreciated, making this Christmas special for our children, as we are struggling finically“

“Words cannot express how greatfull we are for your help and support , thank you “

“The gifts you gave our children made their Christmas, without them things would be very different .

“I cannot thank you enough for the gifts you gave my children , it made their Christmas, knowing Santa hadn't forgotten them “

“Thank you for your help of getting gifts for my children , even though I work there just isn't enough money to pay the bills and buy my children all they want for Christmas which has been such a worry , you made it the best Christmas ever“

“financially, I struggle even though I work , there just isn't enough money to go around with rising energy costs , your help with the gifts has helped so much “

Lion Barry Goforth  
Secretary Thorne Rural Lions Club

**Brighouse & District Lions Club**

Because we are a very small group now we had to have sixteen friends to help us to man our catering caravan doing the hot dogs and hot drinks etc alongside our gazebo doing the tombola and crafts and special thanks went to lion Steve O'Leary at Holme Valley as he

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arranged for his daughter Becky and her husband to help us over the weekend when Steve was indisposed. The result was around the £1,200 mark and we have since been able to help several local causes.

Donations have been given to five local causes: Cromwell Bottom Wildlife Group who are a local group of volunteers running classrooms and the reserve with a cafe and they were very grateful as they were burgled over the Christmas Holiday. Our dues were paid to the rest centre where we meet. We also donated to Highbury Special School and Sheffield Children's' Hospital who had approached us for help.

The other recipient will be Heartbeat which is a charity run to help people with various conditions to exercise within their limitations. This group s also run by volunteers and has no funding.

Our 22<sup>nd</sup> Band Marches is planned for Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023 and is in the early planning stages.

Lion President Pam Lumb  
Brighouse & District Lions Club

**Morpeth Lions Club**

For many years a small number of Morpeth Lions have been undertaking various environmental projects. Some of these are ongoing; such as the Carlisle Park Lions garden, the NCBA Garden and together with Rotarians the Railway Station garden. They have also been regularly involved with litter picks and bulb planting.



Lions Chris Offord & Les Brindley with Frances Povey of Northumberland County Council planting the oak tree

To celebrate Morpeth Lions 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, a native oak tree has been planted in Carlisle Park. This was sourced by Northumberland County Council which also helped with the installation

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Vice President, Chris Offord, who leads the Environment Committee said 'Whilst as Lions our primary concern is helping to meet local needs, we also undertake environmental improvements in order to bring pleasure to the town's residents. We are grateful to the County Council for their assistance with our latest project and look forward to watching the oak grow over time.'

Lion Simon Pringle  
PR Officer Morpeth Lions Club

### Darlington Lion Club

Darlington Lions Club recently launched an initiative to give men free prostate cancer tests and in so doing so saved the lives of two of their own members who took the tests and were later told by specialists that if they hadn't done so the outcome could have been very different for them.

The project started with the club raising £6,000. to stage an event at the town's Masonic Hall where men could get a free prostate - specific antigen blood test to spot early signs of cancer.

When the event was cancelled because of the pandemic, the club wasn't put off - instead it used the money to buy home test kits ... and the rest as they say is history.

The club was awarded the winning prestigious Northern Echo County Durham Health & Wellbeing award which is also sponsored by Durham County Council and the NHS Darlington.



Lion Dave Simmons and Club president Neil Anderson of the Darlington Lions Club winner of the Health and Wellbeing award, with Prof. Paul Keane OBE of award sponsor Co. Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust

Accepting the award the Darlington Lions Club president Neil Anderson said " We don't know exactly how many lives we have saved with the kits, but in the first batch 12 were positive and 17 were at risk. New club member

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Dave Simmons saw the advert for the event in the Northern Echo and within a week he found out that he had prostate cancer and definitely thinks that this saved his life.

Lion Hillary Robert  
Darlington Lions Club

### Easingwold District Lions Club

The Easingwold District Lions Club again this year transported Father Christmas across our district, which was well received by the residents of Easingwold and the surrounding villages with tremendous support.

Father Christmas received some interesting letters and stories from children throughout the month of December, all letters were taken by Santa to the North Pole where he could read them in comfort.

The sleigh began its journey at the beginning of December and continued nearly every evening visiting the area plus weekends in supermarket carparks.



The sleigh covered around 400miles with 60 helpers both Lions and friends resulting in nearly 600 people hours.



Through the generosity of the community we estimated that if the collections were converted to pennies, it would stretch for 14 miles. An amazing sum considering the difficult time we are all going through.

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We were assisted by the local ATC squadron and those other none Lions who helped by collecting, Marshalling and Santa's

In addition to the Sleigh activity, we visited Schools, St. Monica's hospital and elderly groups. Prepared and delivered to the local food bank 25 festive food hampers. Our Carols in the Market Place event on Saturday 17th December with mince pies, and baked potatoes, proved to be as popular as ever.

A new twist this year, involved creating a Nativity theme to the usual Christmas community sing song with a cradle and a couple of Donkeys, who stole the show. The Easingwold Community Singers led us in the singing, the Easingwold town band provided the music and added that bit of Yorkshire brass to the evening and Santa arrived on time to ensure we all got home in time for Strictly.

Our Lions Club have been bringing Santa to the town and surrounding villages for 25 years, every December come Rain, Snow or Frost and the Carols in the Market place for much longer.

PDG Lion John Sutherland  
President Easingwold Lions Club

### Keighley Lions Club

We held our Santa's Grotto, Sleigh and Bucket collection's which were once again a success. we also inducted one new member and we have two more waiting to be inducted.



Lion Elizabeth Dodd's and her sponsor David Earnshaw at her induction by Lion President Carol Ogden

Some of our members enjoyed a out followed by a brass band concerto start the all rolling during December and now we are busy planning our events for the year ahead

Lion Harry Ambler  
Secretary Keighley Lions Club

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### Membership

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

Lion Jean Hodgson	Bridlington Lions Club
Lion Elizabeth Dodds	Keighley Lions Club
Lion Lynn Nudds	Knaresborough Lions Club
Lion Alistair Ward	Knaresborough Lions Club
Lion Ben Comer	Malton Norton Lions Club
Lion Greg Pearson	Malton Norton Lions Club
Lion Gill Pycock	Malton Norton Lions Club
Lion David Walsh	Malton Norton Lions Club
Lion Anthony Dodd	Stonehaven & Amp District Lions Club
Lion Kate Webster	Easingwold Lions Club
Lion Juanita Hanney	Filey Lions Club
Lion Debbie White	Filey Lions Club
Lion Nigel Hedley	Morpeth Lions Club
Lion Alan Kirkham	Otley Lions Club
Lion Sandra Bentley	Pocklington District Lions Club
Lion Muhammet Yilmaz	South Wolds Branch Club
Lion Joanna Duggan	Scarborough Lions Club
Lion Alan Banks	Scarborough Lions Club
Lion Mohamad Ayach	East Cleveland Branch Club
Lion Carl Blake	East Cleveland Branch Club
Lion Ann Gent	East Cleveland Branch Club
Lion Joanne Murphy	East Cleveland Branch Club
Lion Suvodeep Paul	East Cleveland Branch Club
Lion Veerie Van Tricht	East Cleveland Branch Club

Lion Marilyn Bennett  
District 105N MLCY Co-ordinator

### District Almoner

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

Lion Richard Hall	Alnwick Lion Club
Lion Richard Chatworthy	Beverley Lions Club
Lion Jeff Williams	Tyneside Lions Club
Lion John Hubbard	Wetherby District Lions Club
Lion David Duncan	Drifffield Lions Club

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

IPDG Lion David Wilson  
District 105N Almoner

In order to publish the March edition on time please ensure your articles are with me by

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