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NEWSLETTER for 105N District

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Honouring a hero!



Our Lions are always supporting our community and this can take many forms. In Thorne Rural, for example, the local Club have been **helping to honour a community stalwart and Lion** who sadly passed away earlier this year.

Lion Bryan Kilvington was a big supporter of **Thorne Road SMILE** (which provides support to those with learning difficulties and additional needs) and always helped out on their health walks around the town fields. His sudden progression to Higher Service devastated so many in the local area and provoked a determined desire to mark his superb commitment to those he served. Therefore, **SMILE, Thorne Rural Lions, Tickhill and District Lions and Doncaster Council** came together to create a special bench for him. **Not only that but the walk has now been named after him too.**

Alongside **Bryan's family, Lions, Mencap members and the elected Mayor of Doncaster, Ros Jones** came together to unveil the bench and enjoy some refreshments. **A fitting tribute for a great Lion.**

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Editor's Comments



Dear all,

We are rather **quickly progressing through 2026 and Christmas is coming into sight**. I am already gearing up for this period in my own Club. In fact, by the next newsletter, Keighley **will have already held our first grottos of the season** and will only **be a day away from the start of our Santa Sleighs**.

In terms of the newsletter, **everything seems to be ticking on nicely**. Contributions are mostly on time and increasingly Clubs are now consistently sending their contributions to the new email address. If you are one of the few who are still using the old ones, **I would politely encourage you to transfer as soon as possible**.

This edition is rather shorter than expected but, nonetheless, **filled with good stories from across the District** (pp.8-10). Our **Governor reports are positive** and it **is great to hear of all the Lions who are being rewarded for their fantastic service** to Lionism and their communities (pp.3-4). Meanwhile, **our Calendar remains quite full** (it will be bursting at the seams next issue I am sure) (p.7).

See you next month!

Luke Maunsell

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Competition Corner

Scores on the Door

Travelling Lion:

Huddersfield - 17
Thorne Rural - 15
Hornsea - 1
Went Valley - 1
Doncaster - 1



Don't forget that our District has some **great, creative competitions** which include: **The Photo Comp, The Peter Shaw Award, Scrapbook, 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, **please contact our new officer Lion Cameron Peel** at: **competitions@lions105n.org.uk**



DISTRICT 105N COMPETITIONS



TRAVELLING LIONS

VISIT ANOTHER LIONS CLUB OR LIONS EVENT TO EARN POINTS: 1 POINT FOR VISITS WITHIN DISTRICT 105 AND 5 POINTS FOR VISITS OUTSIDE DISTRICT 105. QUALIFYING VISITS INCLUDE MEETINGS, SOCIAL EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS. COMPLETE A VISITING LION CARD, GET IT SIGNED AND SUBMIT IT BY THE 15TH OF THE FOLLOWING MONTH. THE CLUB WITH THE MOST POINTS WINS!

SCRAPBOOK COMPETITION

CREATE A CLEARLY LABELLED SCRAPBOOK, NO LARGER THAN 60CM X 90CM, COVERING THE IPP'S YEAR. INCLUDE PHOTOS, PRESS CUTTINGS, CLUB ACTIVITIES, FUNDRAISING, SERVICE AND SOCIAL EVENTS. JUDGING IS 90% CONTENT AND 10% PRESENTATION. ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 9:30AM ON THE SATURDAY OF CONVENTION.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

OPEN TO LIONS WITH 18 MONTHS OR LESS MEMBERSHIP (EXCLUDING TRANSFERS). MEMBERS SHOULD REGULARLY ATTEND CLUB MEETINGS AND EVENTS AND TAKE PART IN WELFARE AND FUNDRAISING. ENTRIES MUST BE APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY AND SUBMITTED BY 20TH JANUARY.

PETER H SHAW TROPHY

AWARDED TO THE CLUB WITH THE BEST COMMUNITY-RELATED PROJECT IN THE DISTRICT. ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT COMPETITIONS OFFICER BY 20TH JANUARY, BEFORE CONVENTION. THE WINNER IS CHOSEN BY A PANEL APPOINTED BY THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR.

BEST HOST CLUB

CLUBS EARN 1 POINT FOR EACH LIONS CLUB THAT VISITS THEIR MEETINGS OR EVENTS, REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF LIONS ATTENDING. THE HOST CLUB SECRETARY MUST RECORD AND SIGN EACH VISIT AND SUBMIT THE REGISTER BY THE 20TH OF THE FOLLOWING MONTH. THE COMPETITION RUNS FROM 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER. N.

BEST WEBSITE

OPEN TO ALL LIONS AND LEO CLUBS IN DISTRICT 105N. WEBSITES ARE JUDGED BEFORE THE FEBRUARY CONVENTION ON CONTENT, RELEVANCE, UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION AND EASE OF USE. THE JUDGES' DECISION IS FINAL.

PHOTO COMPETITION

SUBMIT ONE NATURE PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN IN DISTRICT 105N DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR. NO PEOPLE. INCLUDE A TITLE AND SHORT DESCRIPTION (25 WORDS OR LESS). ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 20TH JANUARY.

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT COMPETITIONS OFFICER: CAMERON PEEL

COMPETITIONS@LIONS105N.ORG.UK

District Governor's Message

Dear fellow Lions, Leos and partners,



This has been a **busy period** since the last newsletter but so very enjoyable, **visiting six Clubs** plus a Public meeting to gain interest in the **re-launch of Durham City Lions Club**, a **Charter invitation to Tynedale Lions**, then a **Council of Governors meeting** and a **105N Global Action Team meeting**.

I was also the **MC at the Huddersfield/RSPCA racenight** where we were racing 8 different breeds of dogs, including a Dachshund who won two races, made and supplied by the Keighley Lions Den Shed, and we helped raise over **£600 for the RSPCA**.

During my Club visits, it is my duty to have done some prior **due diligence on items such as 'Charity Commission', Portal, Website and Facebook entries** to check for up to date information. This follows a discussion on Governance by MD Council of Governors, where one club not only had out of date information but that some of their 'Current' Trustees had actually died some time ago but Charity Commission pages had not been updated. **I am pleased to say the majority of Clubs visited had only very minor items to update, if any.** However, on a more pleasant note it **has been an honour and privilege to present many 'Chevrons' for years of service.** At 1 visit, the recipients had **a total of 180 years worth of service between them.**

We have had a **slow start to the year for new members** joining our Clubs of 105N. Although, following visits **there seems to be a positivity in these figures improving.** So, please **be on the lookout for prospective members and also for those who might wish to start Branch, Virtual and/or Leos Clubs**. This **District should be very proud of the service given and the help to those in peril** throughout the world, with your donations to LCIF. My own Club of **Huddersfield has just inducted 3 members and we have 2 prospective members on the cards**, figures will be provided for next month's POTN.

And whilst mentioning Huddersfield, I have been asked to remind Clubs to **please get prior approval before delivering Spectacles.** We have taken on a storage space so Father Richard will still be able to receive them, not forgetting that I can collect whilst visiting Clubs.

Finally, I am a ¼ **of the way through my term of office and it has flown by** but I am **really looking forward to my remaining time with the 105N (the best District)**.

Thank you so much.

Lion Allan Clark, MJF

District Governor districtgovernor@lions105n.org.uk

Vice Governor's Message

Hi to you all, fellow Lions, Leos and Partners,



I have had **another busy month with virtual training programmes and Club visits**. I attended the **first evening for the relaunch of Durham Lions** and will be at the next meeting on 2nd November. **Excellent evening and thanks to Jackie Robinson Zone Chair N5**.

Added to this, I have had **many great evenings with members of Darlington and various other Clubs**. Thanks for the hospitality from all the Clubs I have visited such as **Wetherby, Withernsea, Holderness, Knaresborough, Garforth, Malton Norton and Ryedale**.

There is no denying that **these Clubs do an excellent job**. Making it all the more special is that **I was able to present Service Chevrons** to all the above Clubs. **One for 35 years , two for 30 years, two for 25 years, four for 20, four for 15 years and three for 10 years**. That is a **lot of years of service and a lot of work in the Community**. **Well done to you all!** Furthermore, I **attended Filey Lions Charter,** a great evening, **Sally and myself enjoyed it immensely**. Looking forward to my Club visits next month to **meet more brilliant Lions**.

Finally, we have **Zone Chair vacancies in certain areas** in the District. I consider it to be one of the best jobs in Lions. If any of you would like to consider stepping into this important role, please do check with myself or Alan and we may be able to help you on your way.

Take care all of you Christmas is just around the corner.

Mike Byrne, MJF

Vice District Governor

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Membership News

Since the last newsletter, we have had **4 Lions** join our 105N pride. Unfortunately, we also have had **3 Lions** move to **Higher Service**. We **wish our new joiners all the best** in their future service and remember those who have moved on with the **highest regard and love.**

Colne Valley Lions

- Kenneth Batten

Tickhill & District Lions

- Breedon Beveridge

Sunderland Lions

- Kevin Rooney
- Claire Rooney



In Memoriam

Always treasured, your actions live on in our hearts.

Darlington Lions

- Tom Peacock MJF

Ryedale Lions

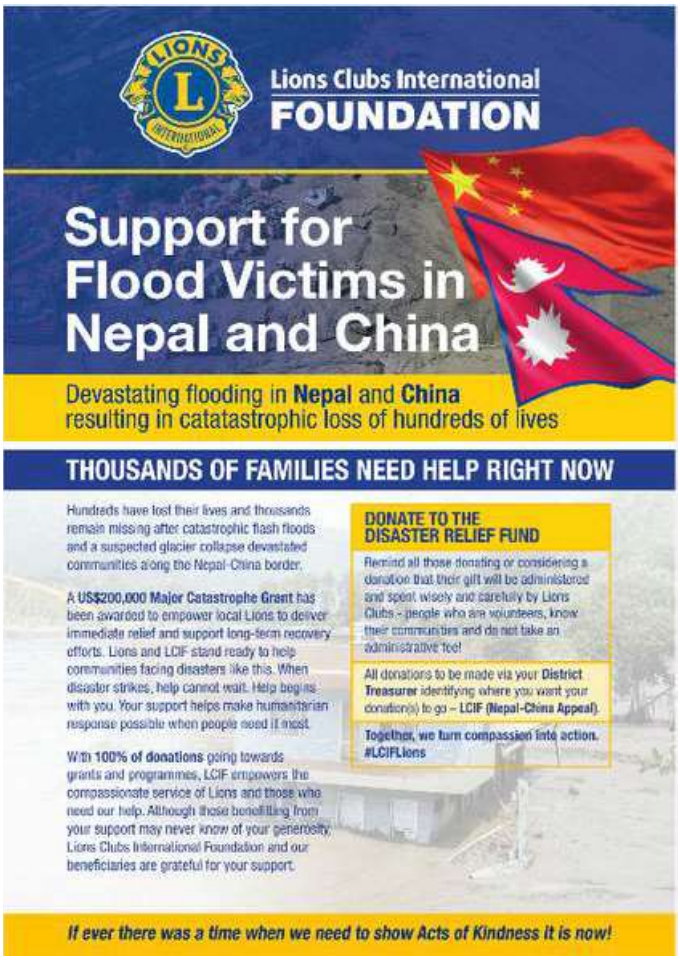
- Brian Johnson

Minster Lions Club of York

- Ian Pybus MJF

Deepest thanks to **Lion Marilyn Bennett,** MLCY Co-ordinator and **Lion Margaret Wells**, District Almoner for contributing to this page. They can be reached on **lions.geomar@gmail.com** and **almoner@lions105n.org.uk** respectively.

District News



WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND LIONS CLUBS THAT WE PRODUCE EMERGENCY TOILETRY PACKS

ALSO KNOWN AS

HOSPITAL PACKS

These packs comprise a paper towel, tablet of soap, shampoo and shower sachets, comb, dental pack.

The principle of these packs is that they are donated by Lions Clubs for use in hospitals, hospices, nursing and care homes, disaster and flood emergencies, when parents, guardians, friends and colleagues accompany patients who, for instance, are admitted to hospital in an emergency, having had no time or means to provide their own toiletries.

The packs are priced to Lions Clubs at £1.50 per pack in quantities of 100 (£150.00) plus carriage

Also available is a Shaving Pack priced at £1.90 per pack in quantities of 10 (£19.00) plus carriage

They are available to order from

Minster Lions Club of York CIO

Lion Rob James, Hospital Pack Co-ordinator, Minster Lions Club of York CIO

Please make contact in the first instance before payment by either

Email: robert.james@zen.co.uk

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Last Call for Peace Poster/Peace Essay Competition

The deadline for the **District-wide Peace Poster Competition** is fast approaching. The contest is open to **pupils aged between 11 and 13** with a deadline of the **15th of November 2026.** It is aimed at **fostering international co-operation and inspiring young people** to express their vision of peace. This year's theme is **'Harmony in Humanity'**, which challenges entrants to picture a world where people from diverse cultures and backgrounds coexist peacefully. A **Peace Poster Pack can still be purchased from the Birmingham HQ or downloaded online.** For more information, **please contact Lion Anne-Marie Holmes** (Peace Poster/Peace Essay Co-ordinator) at **ramh47@yahoo.com** or at: 07722193221.

75th Annual Convention - Official Convention Call

The **75th Annual Multi District Convention (2026/2027)** has officially been called and will be held on the **8th May 2027 at the Leonardo Hotel, Southampton.** Any Club or District wishing to **submit Resolutions for consideration** must submit them, in writing, by the **closing date of Thursday 31st December 2026.** All submissions need to be sent to **MD105 Constitutions, Nominations and Resolutions Officer Trevor Kell** at 19 The Avenue, South Milford, Leeds LS25 5BB or by email: **trevorkell@hotmail.com**

Calendar Dates

Dumfries Lions Club
Charter Lunch
Sunday 1st November 2026
Casa Mia Restaurant, 53 Nunholm Road, DG1 1JW
Find out more: 07702 436478

Withernsea and District Lions
59th Annual Charter Dinner
Friday 13th November 2026, 7pm for 7:30
The Country Club, Patrington Haven Leisure Park, HU12 0PT
Email Lion Ernie:
j.oldfield451@btinternet.com

Garforth and District Lions
54th Charter Lunch
Saturday 14th November 2026,
1:30pm for 2pm
Garforth Golf Club, Long Lane,
Leeds, LS25 2DS

Dumfries Lions Club
Fundraising Ceilidh for Maggie's Centre
Friday 27th November 2026, 7pm-11pm
Loreburn Hall, Newall Terrace, DG1 1LN
To buy tickets online:
www.ticketsource.com/loreburn-hall/

Tickhill & District Lions
Charity Christmas Night
Saturday 28th November 2026
Rossington Welfare, West End Lane, DN11 0DU
Contact Lions Mandy or Carol on: 07970 298959 or 01302 865396

Zone N12
Burns Night
Saturday 30th January 2027
Wheatley Golf Club, Doncaster, DN2 5QB
Contact 1VDG Lion Mike Byrne on: 07957144034 or **Lion Elaine Prime on:** 07816272081

District 105N
District Convention
Saturday 6th February 2027
Holiday Inn (Scotch Corner), Richmond, DL10 6NR

Thorne Rural Lions
56th Annual Charter Dinner
Saturday 20th February 2027
Save the Date

Maltby and Rother Valley and Bramley and Wickersley Lions
Joint Charter Dinner
Saturday 13th March 2027
Aston Hall Hotel, Worksop Road, S26 2EE
Contact Lion Janice:
janice.maskill@maltbylions.org.uk

Easingwold Lions
Charter Dinner
Saturday 20th March 2027
Save the Date

Doncaster Went Valley Lions
Charter Dinner
Saturday 17th April 2027
Wheatley Golf Club, Doncaster, DN2 5QB

Young Lives Versus Cancer
Yorkshire Wetherspoons Charity Run
Saturday 24th April - Friday 30th April 2027
Find out more: eliott@howdencoffee.co.uk

Have an upcoming event?

If you have a date for the next issue, please email me on: **newslettereditor@lions105n.org.uk**

Tales from our Clubs

Dumfries Lions



Sports are a great way to build deep friendships and playful rivalries. In **Dumfries, the Lions have been taking to the ice** as they held their **annual Curling Bonspiel at the Ice Bowl.** This popular event **attracted 16 teams** which included local Clubs and those further afield including from the Borders and a group who travelled all the way from Wales. Although its main focus is on everyone having fun, there is a **competitive side** to it as well.

This year, 4 teams won trophies which were presented by President Stewart McCutcheon. Winning teams included **Team Robbies** and **New Abbey Curling Club** (winner and runner up of the High Road category) and the **Welsh Dragons** and **Team McRobert** (who saw victories in the Low Road category). Overall, the **Club is grateful to those who took part as well all their volunteers and the staff at the Ice Bowl (led by Graham Sloan) for all their support.**

Elmet Lions



The sporty theme continues in Elmet where **Tadcaster Golf Club hosted the Club's Charity Golf Day.** As in Dumfries, 16 teams took part as they sought to **complete 18 holes and win some fabulous prizes**. Some fun names brought much frivolity to the day including, **'Average at Best', 'Compost Bins'** and **'Sultans of Swing'.** However, the **winning team was led by President John** and was simply called **'Lions Roar'.** The magazine, **'On Your Doorstep'** sponsored the day whilst a **raffle** was run by the **ChildSight ladies of Elmet Lions.** All in all, **£1611.43 was raised.**

For the 4th year running, the Lions also conducted some **PSA testing** in partnership with **Kingspan** (a local business and sponsor) and **Prostate Cancer UK**. Provided with a free, large, function room at the Motorist - **114 men were tested** on the day and a further test was conducted at home. **Well done Elmet Lions - keep it up!**

Keighley Lions



Keighley Lions have been **proud to work with the Rotarians** as they supported their **Accessible Games held at Woodhouse Grove School in Bradford**. Bringing together people of all ages, the **event was nothing short of heartwarming and incredible**. Some **stunning skills** were on display by the competitors who thoroughly enjoyed learning archery with the Lions. Many of them **developed their techniques** as they took part in one of the more popular games on offer. The **Club remains grateful to the Rotarians** for putting on the annual event and **supporting so many people to flourish**.

Maltby and Rother Valley Lions



Maltby and Rother Valley Lions have been helping out many great causes over the last month. One visit took them to **Hilltop School in Maltby** which is a designated 2-19 special day school for pupils with severe and profound and/or multiple learning difficulties across the Rotherham area. Representing the Club was **Vice President Jim** who presented a cheque to the school to help them with their **Spooky Halloween Disco,**

Vice President Jim and Lions Kath and Ralph also attended a **Charity Golf Match at Styrrup Golf Club to raise funds for Firefly,** who provide free transport from all over the area to Weston Park Hospital. A cheque of £500 was given. Finally, **Bramley and Wickersley Lions** and **Maltby and Rother Valley Lions** joined forces again to to **give a cheque for £1500 to sponsor Rotherham Hospital and Community Charity's Winter Raffle**. **All great causes, all great examples of service.**

City of Dundee Lions



Great generosity has been on display in **Dundee as £300 was given to the Blairgowrie & Rattray Freedom Coach** by the Lions. The Freedom Coach is used to **provide transportation of elderly locals** on various outing and shopping trips free of charge and a well worthy cause to support.

Recently, The City of Dundee Lions also had the opportunity to **raise some money in a rather unique way.** They were able to take part in a **'pick your own blueberries' event in Blairgowrie** where a local, fruit farmer opened up his fields to support the community. He allows local pickers to visit, pick the blueberries and then they financially contribute to the groups involved. This year, **the Lions managed to get over £650 whilst the farmer has raised £100,000 over the 4 years** of running the scheme. **Brilliant idea and greeat that it has benefitted so many!**

Ryedale Lions



Fundraising has been conducted by Ryedale Lions too as they took their **tombola to the recent 1940s weekend in Pickering.** Very fortunately, the Lions were aided by **some shining sunshine whilst a positive and supportive atmosphere prevailed**. By the end of the day, the **Club was able to generate £433 making it all a successful endeavour**. Not only that, their **stall was primarily manned by new and prospective members** who really enjoyed the experience and interaction. So, **not only a money making day but a membership making one too!**

Furthermore, the Club held their **1st Child Sight event at Gillamoor C of E Primary School with 35 children taking part.** Seemingly, it went really well as **Lion Paul Robinson** has reported that it all went **very smoothly and that the school had been very helpful.**

Denby Dale District Lions



An **MJF is the highest honour a Lion can receive** and Denby Dale District Lions Club were delighted to have one awarded to a member of theirs. Joined by **Zone Chair Tim Lewis at their October Business Meeting, Lion Drew Atkins** was the lucky recipient. He was **awarded for his outstanding service to Lions and the wider community.**

As well as **twice being a Club President and Vice President,** Lion Drew has hosted the Club's annual **Scarecrow Trail** outside the White Hart in the village, where he is the Landlord, which has **facilitated match funding for 5 defibrillators**, helped the **setting up of the bars at the Club's annual Beer Festival, helped the local food bank with regular collections and Christmas Hampers** and **hosted a number of fundraising quizzes.** On top of all of that, **he serves as Santa at Christmas** venturing out in all weathers. **A very well deserved accolade for outstanding service to Club and community!**

Filey Lions



Filey Lions have been very busy of late with a series of events taking place. One of these was their **62nd Charter Anniversary** which took place at The White Lodge in Filey. At this dinner, a **very special presentation was made to Lion David Wilson**, who was presented with the **Progressive Melvyn Jones Fellowship award** for his **unwavering work for Filey Lions, the District and Lions Club International**. David's wife Christine and daughter Claire attended the event alongside David to witness this well-deserved award.

David Wilson joined Filey Lions aged 27 in January 1978 following in his father's footsteps; his father being a Charter member in 1964. **David has chaired every committee within the Club, been Club secretary a number of times, President 5 times and has sponsored 5 new members.** He stepped up to District roles as **Zone Chair for 6 years, Regional chair for 2 years and then 2nd Vice, 1st Vice and finally District Governor.** He was the **last District Governor of the old 105NE and steered everyone through re-districting in 2019.** He was then **District Governor of the new 105N for 2 years**. David **continued in District as GST, District Almoner and Events and Convention officer**; he finally stepped down in June this year after **27 years as a District Officer.** His **48 years with Filey Lions have been spent serving the community and supporting the wider Lions family and organisation. What an incredible man - well done!**

Upcoming POTN Deadline

Thank you all for your contributions this month. The next deadline is the **20th November 2026.** I look forward to seeing what your Clubs have been doing so email me on: **newslettereditor@lions105n.org.uk**