



# PRIDE of the NORTH

NEWSLETTER for 105N District

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## Front Page Tales!



As always, our newsletter is **jam-packed with excellent examples of service**. For example, Consett Lions have been **fundraising for Marie Curie** in their local Morrisons. This great charitable endeavour has also been done by **Maltby and Rother Valley** who even met **Elvis!**

Meanwhile, up in Scotland, a huge collection of around **20,000 spectacles** have been collated from **Clubs in Zone N3** by Zone Chair Jock and Stuart. This has included donations from the former **Ayr & Prestwick Lions**. **See more stories from our Lions on pages 11-14.**

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# Editor's Page



Dear all,

I hope you have had a great March and thank you all, as always, for your **great contributions** for this issue.

We received **so many stories** that some have even ended up on the front page which I really like as an idea. Whilst there has to be some restriction to space in the newsletter (it can't be 100s of pages long), new ways of presenting our stories should always be trialled.

We have had a lot of highlights in this issue including some **event posters** on page 7, **Leadership opportunities** on pages 9-10 as well as a certain **Club's 70th Charter Anniversary**. On top of this, we have our **Governor reports** and lots more - **enjoy and see you in April**.

*Luke Maunsell*

**District Newsletter Editor**



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## District Governor's Photo

As you will read on the next page, our District Governor Gill has been **incredibly busy!** Here are just of a few of the visits she has made.

### Quotes from Montalbo Primary, Barnard Castle, County Durham

- "ROAR totally exceeded my expectations and I am so proud of what it has enabled my pupils to achieve".  
Chris Minikin – Headmaster
- "I used ROAR as a theme for the first half term, to augment other subjects. Thank you to the Lions Club for this fantastic opportunity. We can't wait to be a part of this next year"  
Sarah Channell – Class Teacher
- "I was blown away with what I witnessed"  
Mr John Blissett – School Governor and Judging panelist
- "I would say, hand on heart, that ROAR was the best experience I have had in 33 years of being a Lion and I have had many good ones!"  
Bob Garton, MJF, VP Teesdale & District Lions Club

Roar offers so much to young people and their schools - **why not get your Club involved?**

### An award winning night in Goole!



Our incredible **Peace Poster winner** in the Mother of all Parliaments!



# District Governor's Message

Dear fellow Lions,

AGMs are looming for most of us and now is the time to **refresh your leadership teams** and perhaps consider stepping into a mentorship role so that someone new can try an Officer role. To help you on this journey, do have a look at the opportunities listed by **Leadership Lion Michelle in the Development Portfolio**. Keep **your eye out for those new members** and find projects that use their talents.

I am **grateful to DGE John** who wasn't tempted to stay in Chicago after his training and with **1VDGe Allan we have had a planning meeting** to support DGE John as he recruits his team for the next Lionistic year.

## Youth

Our **Peace Poster winner had a presentation at UN day in the Palace of Westminster**, where we had an excellent speaker on AI...I've only just mastered WhatsApp!

**Goole had presentations** to their Lions Club and other Goole causes hosted by **our winning Young Ambassador Shelby** who has been invited to be present at our Multiple District Convention. It's a bit closer this year in Llandudno, North Wales on May 10th and next year it will be back in Newcastle.

The ROAR programme Zoom sessions reminded us, that **now is the time to ask your school contacts** if they would like to get involved for the next round in September 2025. This six lesson plan around STEM projects can be sponsored by your club and is welcomed by teachers as their own planning work is largely reduced.

My travels have included a **quick dash to Ellesmere Port** to support DG Ian in 105CN. Another trip to Scotland last week was followed by a ride to visit **Darlington Lions**. In the second week of April, it's back to Scotland to visit **Oban and Lorn Lions and Dumbarton Lions**.

**Childsight training on the Vision Camera** commenced this week at my own club Garforth and District. Remember, this can be rolled out for your area if you let me have a venue and date – it takes about 90 mins to go through the materials.

I have had a busy month of **Charter celebrations**, a most enjoyable part of this role and chance to meet and make friends. To continue our Convention theme of **making connections please look at other Lions webpages and Facebook pages** for ideas, and then go to visit other Lion in your area or further afield to get fresh ideas for service and fundraising

If you are having an end of term break in April then have a good one!

*Lion Gillian Swan*

**District Governor**



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# Membership News

Since the last newsletter, we have had **7** 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.

## Elmet Lions

- Alison Oliver
- Debra Mattison

## Holderness Lions

- Joanne Stallard

## Ryedale Lions

- Paul Robinson

## Beverley Lions

- Mike Wilson

## In Memoriam

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

## Durham Lions

- George O'Donnell

Deepest thanks to **Lion David Wilson**, District Almoner and **Lion Marilyn Bennett**, MLCY Co-ordinator 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).



## Withernsea Lions

- Emmarose Robertson

## Huddersfield Lions

- Ray Milne



# 1st Vice Governor's Message

Fellow Lions, Leos and Partners,

Since my last report I have had a **very busy month** in March.

My Club visits included 9 members of my **Home Club, Filey, visiting our near neighbours Bridlington**. This is a club with plenty going on and an increasingly younger membership - **well done, Bridlington!** My official Club visits kicked off this month with **Doncaster Went Valley**, followed by a lovely evening with **Bramley and Wickersley**.



The week after, I had a great weekend attending **Keighley Lions Club's 70th Charter evening**, and I feel sure a report will be in this issue. Two days later, I was off again to **Thorne Rural Lions'** meeting, and, the next night, to **Doncaster Lions**.

It's good to be able to see what everyone is doing, **put faces to names, and see how Clubs are coping with the difficulties** we all face, and believe me, we all have the same issues. However, we shouldn't be downbeat as **everyone's overcoming them** in their own ways and serving their communities as always.

And that's another month gone - **Keep up the good work everyone**, and keep the new members coming. Remember, **the more members we have the more service we provide. Together we can, together we do.**

## My Calendar for April:

**1st** - Keighley Lions - Club visit  
**5th** - North Wolds Lions – Charter dinner  
**8th** - Huddersfield Lions - Club visit  
**9th** - Holme Valley Lions – Club visit  
**12th** - Vice Council zoom with CCE Lion Stu Young

**12th** - Easingwold Lions – Charter dinner  
**14th** - Barnsley Lions - Club visit  
**22nd** - Tickhill Lions – Club visit  
**23rd** - District Trustees meeting on Zoom  
**25th – 27th** - DGE training weekend in Redditch.

*Lion John Sellers*

**District Governor - Elect**



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# 2nd Vice Governor's Message

**Dear fellow Lions, Leos and partners,**

It was my great pleasure to have been invited to a **Rotary event on the 5th March**, where I was privileged to meet with their **International President**. Following this, I attended the **Bradford Soup** fundraiser alongside the Rotary and Lions Clubs who were there together with In-Churches. There were **three pitches by local worthy causes** followed by soup and networking. Keighley Lions had pitched previously and got some funding for their recent PSA Testing.



A few days later, a number of Keighley Lions assisted Huddersfield with their recent **Membership drive** in a shopping centre. That event was followed by attending **Keighley Lions 70th Charter**, which was a good evening. On the 10th, I was present at a meeting in Beverley where we **badged our first 'New' member, Lion Mike Wilson**. Upon posting this on Facebook, we then got an **enquiry about possibly joining Lions** so Mike might not be the newest member for too long!

The following evening, I gave a talk to the **Oakworth Village Society on the history and future of Lions Clubs Intentional**. Simultaneously, at **Huddersfield Lions' meeting**, **Lion President Hannah Lee** badged up new member, **Lion Ray Milne** whilst a prospective member was also present.

The day after, I popped over to see our **Knaresborough Lions** where they did the draw for their famous Bed Race on the 14th June. There were 90 teams drawn with 124 entered. At the meeting they also badged up a new member which now takes their **membership to 38**. I thoroughly enjoyed the meeting and, before leaving, **presented the Club of the Year trophy** which Keighley had the year before. As you read this, I will have **attended and received my PSA test at the event being run by Keighley Club**.

In the immediate future, I am looking forward to my next club visit in **Rothwell on the 1st April** followed by **Harrogate on the 3rd April**.

## My upcoming Club visits:

**Wetherby Lions - 7th April**

**Boroughbridge Lions - 8th April**

**Beverley Lions - 7th April (4:30pm)**

**Elmet Lions - 14th April (6:30pm)**

**Morley Lions - 16th April**

**Derwent Lions - 29th April**

**Leeds & Skyrack Lions - 8th May**

**Otley Lions - 12th May**

**C & Pontefract Lions - 19th May**

**Minster Lions - 27th May**

**Garforth Lions - 2nd June**

*Lion Allan Clark MJF*

**1st District Governor Elect  
GET Officer 2024/2025**



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# Calendar Dates

## Thorne Rural

### Midsummer Charity Walk

Sunday 11th May, registration from 9am  
Town Fields Pavillion, Thorne Rd,  
Doncaster DN1 2JR

**Email Christine Whiteley on:**

[musicline02yahoo.co.uk](mailto:musicline02yahoo.co.uk) or visit:  
[www.thornerurallions.com](http://www.thornerurallions.com)

## Elmet Lions

### Great Selby Bike Ride

18th May 2025 from 10am  
Barlby High School, YO8 5JP

**Find out more:**

<https://greatselbybikeride.lionsclub.co/>

## Filey Lions

### Filey 10k Beach Race

8th June 2025 from 10am  
Arndale Way, YO14 9EW

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

## Activity Alliance National Junior Para Athletics Championship

5th and 6th July 2025

Coventry Godiva Stadium, Kirby  
Corner Road, CV4 7AL.

**Email:** [tregillus@hotmail.com](mailto:tregillus@hotmail.com)

## Filey Lions

### Golf Day

11th July 2025 from 9am  
West Ave, YO14 9BQ

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

## 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

Saturday 16th August 2025 at  
Parklands SSC, Doncaster

Email Lion Auriol Henton:

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

## Elmet Lions

### PSA Testing

Thursday 25th September from 2:30pm  
The Motorist, Lennerton Lane,  
Sherburn, LS25 6JE

## District Convention

### 6th to 8th February 2026

Scotch Corner, Darlington, DL10 6NR  
Hosted with thanks by Thirsk and  
Northallerton and Easingwold District  
Lions Club

## District Convention

### 5th to 7th February 2027

Scotch Corner, Darlington, DL10 6NR  
Hosted with thanks by Garforth District  
Lions Club





## Consett Lions Club Quiz Night

Join Consett Lions for a Quiz Night  
in  
The Steel Club Consett

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025 @ 7 pm

£2 Entry Per Player  
Max of 6 players per team

Cash Prize for 1<sup>st</sup> and last Teams.



Help the Lions to raise money to  
support our community.



## Charity Golf Day at Moffat Golf Club

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025 9am Shotgun Start

Teams of 4

3 Drives each plus 1 Tee shot at Par 3  
(i.e 4 Tee Shots each)

Nearest the Pin @ the 9<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>

Nearest the Line on the 15<sup>th</sup> Hole

\*\*\*\*\*

£120 Per Team

Includes Coffee , Soup, Sandwich and Chips

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### Support Options for Lions Charity Day

- 1 . Hole Sponsor £50.00
2. Donate Prize for Raffle
3. Donation
4. Enter a Team

Our Clubs make some cracking  
posters for their events - have a  
look at these and add them to  
your diaries!



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**THORNE RURAL LIONS**  
In Association With:  
Doncaster Lions, Tickhill Lions  
& Went Valley Lions

All Proceeds to go towards  
**Doncaster Children's  
Hospital**

**SUNDAY 11TH MAY 2025**  
5 MILE ROUTE STARTING AT 10AM

Town Fields Pavilion to Lakeside,  
Around the Lake and Returning to the Start

Book in at the pavilion from 9am

For more information, or to request a registration form  
[www.thornerurallions.com](http://www.thornerurallions.com)  
or email  
[musicline02@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:musicline02@yahoo.co.uk)

Thorne Rural Lions will take reasonable precaution to ensure safety but  
cannot be held responsible for any personal injury or loss however caused\*



# Charter Dinner Dates

## Tickhill & District Lions

### 47th Charter Dinner

Saturday 5th April 2025 from 7pm  
Wheatley Golf Club, Doncaster, DN2 5QB

**Contact:** [r2day2@sky.com](mailto:r2day2@sky.com)

## North Wolds Lions

### 40th Charter Dinner

Saturday 5th April 2025 from 7pm  
Manor Court Hotel & Restaurant,  
Carnaby, Bridlington, YO16 4UJ

**Contact:** [anna.belle89@icloud.com](mailto:anna.belle89@icloud.com)

## Castleford and Pontefract District Lions

### Charter Lunch

Sunday 6th April, from 12:30pm  
The White Horse, Sharlston, Wakefield,  
WF4 1EP

**Contact:** [Jinty71@btinternet.com](mailto:Jinty71@btinternet.com)

## Easingwold District Lions

### 46th Charter Anniversary

12th April 2025

Burn Hall Hotel, Easingwold, YO61 1JB

**Contact:** [katewebster178@btinternet.com](mailto:katewebster178@btinternet.com)

## Holderness Lions

### 2025 Charter Dinner

Sunday 13th April, 12:00 for 12:30  
The Masonic Hall, Beverley Road, Hull  
HU3 1XL

**Contact:** [c.w.railton@gmail.com](mailto:c.w.railton@gmail.com)

## Doncaster Lions

### 67th Charter Dinner

Sunday 27th April 2025, 12:30 for 1pm  
Earl of Doncaster Hotel, Bennetthorpe, DN2  
6AD

**Contact:** [info@doncasterlions.co.uk](mailto:info@doncasterlions.co.uk)

## Peterlee Lions Club

### 40th Charter Dinner

Monday 19th May 2025, 6:30pm for 7pm  
Lucianos, Bar and Bistro, Durham Way, SR8  
1QB

**Contact Lion President Roy Clark on:**  
07801321328



**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 Webinar

## Guiding Lion

**Date:** 5th April

**Time :** 10am

**Location:** Scotch Corner Hotel, Darlington

**Want to make a real difference in the Lions community? Become a Guiding Lion!**

This **rewarding learning program empowers experienced Lions** to mentor and support newly chartered, established, or rebuilding clubs. As a Guiding Lion, you'll **provide vital guidance, helping clubs thrive by orienting members, training officers, fostering growth, and connecting them with essential resources.**

Help shape the future of Lionism – **become a Guiding Lion and ignite the passion in others!** For further information about becoming a Guiding Lion, contact the **District Leadership Officer.**

## Members Orientation

**Date:** 9th April

**Time:** 7.30pm

**Location:** Online

**New member orientation is crucial for building a strong and engaged Lions Club.** It provides the **essential foundation for understanding our organisation**, from Club operations and individual roles to the broader district and international association.



**A well-informed member is a comfortable member**, and a comfortable member is more likely to become an active participant, contributing their skills and passion to our service projects and leadership initiatives. **Attending new member orientation is an investment** in the future of your club, ensuring long-term engagement and a vibrant membership for years to come. Join us for this vital session and discover how you can make a lasting impact as a Lion.

Registration details will be circulated to all clubs, or can be obtained from the **District Leadership Officer** – see email address below.



# Mental Health Awareness

**Date :** 7th May

**Time :** 7.30pm

**Location :** Online



## Let's talk about mental health.

It's just as important as physical health, yet often overlooked. Our **Mental Health Awareness program is designed to empower Lions members** with the knowledge and tools to understand, address, and support mental well-being – both for themselves and others.

This vital program **covers a range of essential topics**, including: defining mental health, recognising warning signs in ourselves and others, effective strategies for seeking and offering support, the importance of open communication, and practical tips for maintaining positive mental health.

Join us to learn how **we can break the stigma surrounding mental health**, create a more supportive community, and make a real difference in the lives of those around us. Together, **we can prioritise mental wellness and build a stronger, healthier Lions family.**

**Register here:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/o0ZPRsB2SUaPZWfoVz49sg>

## Strengthening Our Clubs: Addressing Challenges, Driving Growth, Serving Communities

**Date:** 1st June

**Time :** 10.00am

**Location:** Scotch Corner Hotel, Darlington

**We'll tackle the challenges facing Lions Clubs today**, explore effective strategies for membership growth and retention, provide important updates on health and safety, and showcase inspiring Lions service projects making a real difference in our communities. Plus, **our open Q&A session** will give you the chance to address your specific questions and concerns. **Full details to follow soon.**

If you would like a **copy of the full list of development opportunities for 2025**, email [michelle.mcarthur@jigsawatwork.com](mailto:michelle.mcarthur@jigsawatwork.com)



# Tales from our Clubs

## Holme Valley Lions



Starting this month's Club contribution page are the **cracking team at Holme Valley** who, during February, have been utilising the Santa Sleigh proceeds to help worthy causes both locally and internationally.

The main recipients of this financial boost have been the **Kirkwood Hospice and the Forget Me Not Children's Hospice** who received donations of **£1000 each to assist** with their ongoing financial struggles. The Club also contributed **overnight emergency packs to the Huddersfield Royal Infirmary** for patients brought in without the basic

hygiene essentials. Internationally, they funded **four generators for Ukraine** through the Lions' request and contributed to LCIF.

Going forward, the Club will start on their **Annual Raffle** which will be drawn at Spring Bank in **aid of the Hollybank Trust** with the proceeds going towards **new equipment in the sensory room at Holmfirth branch**.

## Otley Lions

In Otley, the Lions continued their local service success with a **huge bucket collection in Waitrose** which **raised some £1,400** and will be further boosted by gift aid contributions. Added to this, their extremely popular **Lions Bookshop** continues to attract many customers as well as generous donations of books. All of this means that the Club will keep **backing local people** and charities such as contributing to the **stoves for Ukraine appeal** and collecting books for the **Library in a Box scheme for Sri Lanka**, managed by Minster Lions of York.



This year, the Lions are still planning to have a stall at the **annual Otley Carnival** again, including a Hook-a-Bag game, despite the total wash-out in 2024. Meanwhile, they are also looking forward to **repeating last year's Crown Green Bowling event** and have seen **one new member join plus one reinstatement**.

## Beverly Lions



**Gaining new members** is a keen mission for our Clubs and Beverly Lions is taking this on with a new joinee. At their recent meeting, they saw **Mike Wilson** add to their growing ranks..

Sponsoring him, in an act of unity, was **Lion Cameron Peel** from Keighley Lions who has been helping out at the Club after recent difficulties. Further welcoming him was **1st Vice District Elect Allan Clark**.

We welcome **Lion Mike** and must admit to be delighted that **he has already started to reach out** to potential new members and supporters. **Good luck Lion Mike and well done Lion Cameron** - we hope this is only the start of an upwards trend in Beverly.



## Darlington Lions

In Darlington, the Lions have been supporting their local community via a **£250 donation to GOLD** (Growing Older Living in Darlington) to support its **annual Tea Dance**.

The organisation is an incredible one which actively works towards a **brighter, active and more positive future for people over 50** and towards **improving the quality of life for all** and is part of Citizens Advice Darlington. Above all, they want to help **everyone become respected** in the Town.



Therefore, **Club President Pat De Martino** (left) and **Lion Tony Gent** (right) were happy to present the cheque to **GOLD chair Audrey Lax** before a GOLD board meeting. The supported, upcoming Tea Dance will be held in **Darlington Market Square on the 16th July**. Anyone interested in finding out more about GOLD can email: [gold@darlingtoncab.co.uk](mailto:gold@darlingtoncab.co.uk).

## Tynedale Lions



**Serving our community is what Lionism is all about.** It's what drives us and, most of the time, this work is done without parade or fanfare. However, there is nothing wrong with celebrating our successes and, in Tynedale, they have been rightly embracing the service of **Lion Jonathan Hill**.

At the Beaumont Hotel in Hexham, Lion Jonathan was presented with the **Honorary Steward and Bailiff of Hexham Award 2025**. Hosted by **Mayor of Hexham Cllr Derek Kennedy**, this ceremony is one of the most prestigious as it honours those who have gone the extra mile in community service.

It goes without saying that Lion Jonathan was certainly a **worthy winner** in this category after being nominated for the award by Cllr Suzanne Fairless Aitken for his services to the Community. Of particular note is his work for **The West Northumberland Food Bank, The Hexham Community Project, Hexham Youth Forum and other local groups**. **Congrats to Lion Jonathan - keep up the amazing work!**

## Dumfries Lions

The Dumfries Lions Club has been donating a lot of money to some good causes in their area. This huge funding initiative has seen **£2000 being distributed to five, local organisations** for a wide range of projects

Lucky recipients included **Heston Rovers AFC Belles and the Young Curlers** who were given **£500** towards their travel expenses to compete in a football and a curling tournament in Barcelona and Germany respectively.



An additional **£1000** was shared by **Blood Bikes, Malory House Nursery and Guild of Gaming** who provide support and opportunities for local young people. Marking this milestone was **Lion John MacColl of the Lions Club** who said, "we are **grateful to all those who support** our fundraising events which enables us to make these donations to help local groups, organisations and individuals."



## Keighley Lions



Keighley Lions has marked its **70th Anniversary Charter Dinner** at the beautiful Mercure Hotel in Bingley. Joining them at this landmark event were **83 guests** including, **District Governor-Elect Lion John Sellers (MJF)**, **1st Vice District Governor Elect - Allan Clark, Robbie Moore MP, Club President Lion Roy Hallahan, Keighley Deputy Mayor Chris Herd and existing Charter member Lion Keith Hardwick Trott (MJF)**.

The Club was blown away by the turnout and would like to thank everyone who attended and made this night possible especially **Lion Secretary Sue Peel and Lucie Peel, MC Lion Edward Walters and Tombola expert Lion Julie Walters. 70 years is an unbelievable length of time** to be serving and they are so proud of their Lions, past and present, who continue to make a **positive difference to their community**. Here's to **70 years more!**

A service project can be any size and, a few months back, Filey Lions received a request for help which was way **too big for them to do alone**. Their local infant school needed assistance in **clearing a section of their field** that was overgrown as they wanted to reclaim their Outdoor Story Area and put in a meadow garden.

Thankfully, the Club received some assistance from **Jackson's Civil Engineering Company** which has been working on repairing Filey's seawall. With this in hand, and after two days of hard work, the **garden was completely cleared** and a donation of 6 tons of topsoil soil was put down. After this fab effort, the **garden is now resting** awaiting the time to sow some grass and for the children to finally **throw their wild flower seed bombs into the Meadow Garden**.



## Filey Lions

It goes without saying that everyone at the school is **looking forward to the better weather** and being able to use their Outdoor Story Area again. An added bonus will be the reusing of the **giant story telling chair** which had been donated to them from the Lions years ago!

## Elmet Lions



Elmet Lions continues to be working closely with **STARMAT Multi Academy Trust** who oversee 9 primary schools and 2 secondary schools in the area. Recently, Vice President John Brettel and Lion Ken Taylor spoke about Lionism at an **Environmental Conference** where each school sent representatives to take part in discussion of how the schools could **decrease their carbon footprint and also make themselves more green**. Added to this, Elmet Lions also donated a series of the **Wild Tribe Heroes books** to each primary school for them to enjoy the challenges of climate change.

As mentioned in the last issue, the Club are also gearing up for their PSA testing event which will be held at **The Motorist on Lennerton Lane** on Thursday 25th September from 2:30pm. They are very thankful to local company **Kingspan** who have helped sponsor the event with **£1000 which has enabled them to add 40 spaces** to the session. This now brings the total to be tested to **125. Well done Elmet Lions.**



## Maltby and Rother Valley Lions

Our **Lions do an awesome job** in all our Clubs at making a positive difference. Some do so for a short while; others for a longer time but **all their contributions are valuable**.

In Maltby and Rother Valley, they have honoured their longest serving member who has decided to retire after **26 stunning years** as a Lion. During her time, Lion Pat Harker has been a dedicated public servant who has been a huge advocate of “**Message in a bottle**” and constantly promoted it during fundraising events.



To honour her commitment, Pat was given a **glorious farewell** where President Lynn Reaney presented Pat with a **personalised card, engraved vase, flowers and a cake**. The Club, and the Pride of the North, wish Pat a **great retirement and sends a huge THANK YOU** for everything she has done for her community.

## Denby Dale District Lions



Denby Dale District Lions have once again enjoyed a fantastic turnout at their **annual Charity Beer Festival** over the weekend of 14th-16th March.

This event has been held for well **over 30 years** and it continues to be one of their most popular fundraising events of the year. Held at the Denby Dale Pie Hall in the village, the festival offered around **20 real ales, live music and the coverage of the final matches** of the Six Nations rugby tournament.

As a special treat, the coverage of the rugby was shown on a **brand new 55” TV** which was raffled at the end of the event to one lucky winner!

As we all know, Lions believe in **serving their community and raising vital funds** for good causes locally and beyond. This Beer Festival is a great example of this in practice both metaphorically and quite literally! **We'll drink to that!**

## Upcoming Deadline

Thank you all for your contributions this month. The next deadline is the **20th April 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)

