



PRIDE of the NORTH

NEWSLETTER for 105N District

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*Happy New
Year
from the Pride
of the North*



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Editor's Page

Dear all,

I hope you have all had a great New Year.

For me, I enjoyed spending a **few days off from service** and these sort of opportunities should always be cherished. Our members, as you will have seen in the last edition, **truly go above and beyond** for those they serve. Saying this, **taking time for yourself** and your family should still remain a priority.



In this issue, as you will see, we continue to get a **wide-range of contributions** from our members. This month, we have stories from **14 Clubs from all parts of the District** which is heartwarming. From Ryedale's festive hampers (**p.9**) to Boroughbridge helping to establish Forest Schools (**p.12**), our Lions are helping so many people. It is truly amazing how **District 105N is already taking 2025 by storm and our service levels remain as strong as ever.**

In other parts of this issue, we have **two important announcements** from Lions David Wilson and Jonathan Reay respectfully (**p.3**). These will be very important for those attending our Convention or those who run Club Facebook pages. We also have a **bumper crop of upcoming events and Charter Dinners** for you to put into your calendar (**pp.7-8**). As always, we have some interesting reports from our **DG team (p.2, pp.5-6)**.

Over the next month, I am looking forward to **attending Convention at Scotch Corner** and seeing you all there. Don't hesitate to come up and say, "Hi!" and make sure that you take lots **of photos as well**. I will be hoping to do a **special page (or two) in February's newsletter** and any and all contributions would be appreciated.

Beyond that, continue to work hard, enjoy your Lionism activities and keep making a difference.

Luke Maunsell

District Newsletter Editor



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District Governor's Message

Dear fellow Lions,

The great joy of Lions is the way it **extends your family of friends**. And they are not just there for the great social events but there is usually a **Lion or Club that will rise to the occasion** when you get 'stuck'.

It is said that '**stuckedness**' is based on **fear**, we over-analyse, overthink, over plan, over worry, to the point of never doing anything. The simple **solution is to take action**.



We have plenty of challenges facing Lions, and we hear lots about membership when in fact **we are in Lions to serve our communities**. It's our service that attracts the attention of like minded people, and this varies from environmental projects like food banks and recycling to running events for the elderly and lonely. So, I encourage you to **keep going, keep recording and keep being active**.

I was pleased to attend a meeting this week where a potential member was the only person with a laptop or computer. BINGO! **They were recruited and given a job as administrator, their first service for their new club**.

The other solution to 'stuckedness' is to **get curious**. Take time to **reflect on your resources and match your service to that**. Some clubs are cash rich and Lions poor - would a PSA screening event suit you? Lion rich and cash poor? Would an environmental project suit you?

So the next question is how to **find out about these activities**, well of course you could **become a Travelling Lion** and visit other clubs or you can **attend District Convention** and we look forward to seeing you at **Scotch Corner on 8th February**.

Have a great, curious, activity rich month!

Lion Gillian Swan

District Governor



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Special Announcements

2025 Convention Pin

This is a Convention pin which has been produced by **Lion John Legget** who many of you know from previous conventions as the **man with the pins!**

The idea of the pin is that **each year a bar is produced for each Convention** which will be much cheaper than a whole badge.

The **first pin will cost £3.00** and then, each year, the **bar will cost £1.50**. The quality of the **whole thing is excellent**.

You can **buy these from Lion John at the Convention**, he will be in the room with the display stands.

PDG Dave Wilson

Chairman, Convention Committee



Facebook Warning

If your club is using the **Lions International Logo** as the profile pic for its Facebook page (as pictured), then please consider changing it.

A number of clubs across the world are **having their Facebook accounts suspended** and the working theory is that Clubs using the Lions International Logo as their profile pic are being **targeted on the grounds of misrepresentation**.

In order to avoid this, the advice to Clubs is either to **use a completely different profile pic**, or to **include the name of their club along with the Lions International Logo** on their profile pic.

Jonathan Reay

District Facebook Page Manager



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**.

Bridlington Lions

- Matthew Fussey

Colne Valley Lions

- Annie Mitchell
- Graeme Mitchell

Dumfries Lions

- Norman Little
- Stewart McCutcheon
- Lisa Spratt

In Memoriam

Always treasured, your actions live on in our hearts.

Morpeth Lions

- Robin Cooper



Otley Lions

- Jonathon Kirkland

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 and lions.geomar@gmail.com.



1st Vice Governor's Message

Fellow Lions, Leos and Partners,

I will start by wishing you all a **happy and peaceful New Year**. Hopefully, 2025 will be a **fun filled one within your Lions Clubs**.

As we begin a new year, we must remember that the most important things within Lions are to have fun and to remember that we are all volunteers. There is **great pressure on us to do more** all the time, and particularly from LCI to go all out to increase our membership and thus increase our service. However, fellow Lions, **your family, your home life, and your health must come first. Enjoy your Lionism and, after that, you won't feel that it is a chore.**



I am looking forward to meeting some of you at convention in early February. This, I am sure will **prove to be a weekend of fun, fellowship and friendship**. Lion DG Gill wants the **emphasis to be on making connections, and hopefully I myself can make connections with new faces** from the far reaches of our District where I haven't yet travelled to meet you.

Immediately after the Convention, I am off to **Chicago for DG training**. At this event, I will meet many others on the same journey as myself, stepping up to DG in July and **intending to do the best that I can for our District, Clubs and members**.

When we get to March, I will be **resuming my Club visits** for this year. My targets for **March/April will be Clubs in Zones N9 and N12**, if I haven't been to see you already.

I am also looking forward to celebrating the **70th Anniversary of Keighley Lions Club** at their **Charter evening on March 8th**.

Keep doing what you are doing fellow Lions and let's look after our communities.

Remember, together we can, together we do.

Lion John Sellers

1st Vice District Governor



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2nd Vice Governor's Message

Dear fellow Lions, Leos and partners,

Firstly, may I add my best wishes for a **fun and prosperous 2025**. It looks set to be **very busy and hopefully fruitful**.

I am delighted to announce that following DG Gill, 1st VDG John and myself visiting **Beverley Lions** in November, we have been **busy creating an opportunity to save and grow the Club**.

In December, we launched a **new Facebook Page** thanks go to Lion Cameron Peel of Keighley) for the Club Then, in early January, I was privileged to **meet with the remaining three members, along with a former Beverley Minster Lion and his wife but also a prospective member**, who is very keen to help, work in the area and promote a **new revival of Beverley Lions**. He has made suggestions from **Church groups to 'fitmums' and 'Parkrun' members**, plus more. **Watch this space for more exciting developments**.

We also have the potential for the **creation of a Leos Club in West Yorkshire**, sparked by two Keighley Lions (Cameron Peel and Jordan McPhail) who went to the recent Symposium and came away **fired up with ideas and determination**. I wish them good luck in this endeavour.

I will be visiting Clubs in the very near future and will post dates in the next edition of POTN.

I have personally **transferred from Keighley Lions Club to Huddersfield Lions**, after a combined total of 19 years at Keighley, and 2 years attending Huddersfield. I felt that with **future District Duties, I could not be a full and active member at both Clubs**. So, with that in mind, **Huddersfield needs new members** and I feel I can be more use to them, as **Keighley is now a strong Club**.

I have put in **my application to become 1st Vice District Governor** with Keighley Proposing and Huddersfield Seconding the application.

One more task on the horizon, is the **re-instigation of Brighouse Lions Club**, which for many years hosted and arranged the 'Battle of the Bands' Concert in the town, currently being arranged with Huddersfield and help from Keighley.

I look forward to meeting with Clubs and members at the **Scotch Corner Convention between 7th and 9th February**.

Lion Allan Clark MJF

Second Vice Governor

GET Officer 2024/2025



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Calendar Dates

Wetherby Lions

Senior Citizens' Party

January 27th January 2025

Find more: www.wetherbylions.org

City of Dundee Lions

Quiz Night

Friday 7th February from 7pm

St Martins Community Resource Centre,
232 Dalry Rd, Edinburgh EH11 2JG

District Convention

7th to Sunday 9th February 2025

Scotch Corner Hotel, Darlington

Elmet Lions

Easter Egg 100 numbers

March/April 2025

Various pubs, clubs, schools and
organisations

Find out more: <https://elmet.lionsclub.co/>

Denby Dale District Lions

Annual Beer Festival

Friday 14th to Sunday 16th March

Denby Dale Pie Hall, 297 Wakefield Rd,
HD8 8RX

Thorne Rural

Lions Charity Walk at Doncaster Town Fields

Sunday 11th May 2025

Email Christine Whiteley on:

musicline02yahoo.co.uk

Elmet Lions

Great Selby Bike Ride

18th May 2025 from 10am

Barlby High School, YO8 5JP

Find out more:

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

Activity Alliance National Junior Para Athletics Championship

5th and 6th July 2025

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

Email: tregillus@hotmail.com

Lions Fun & Sports Day for people with Disabilities

Saturday 16th August 2025 at Parklands
SSC, Doncaster

Email Lion Auriol Henton:

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Charter Dinner Dates

Knaresborough Lions Club

Charter Dinner

Saturday 15th February at 7.00 for 7.30pm
Masonic Lodge off York Road, HG5 0AA

Contact: duchyboy@yahoo.com

Thorne Rural Lions

54th Charter Dinner

Saturday 1st March 2025 from 7pm
Wheatley Golf Club, Doncaster DN2 5QB

Contact: bjg48goforth@outlook.com

Keighley Lions

70th Charter Dinner

8th March 2025, from 6pm

Mercure Bankfield Hotel, Bradford Road, BD16 1TU

Contact: secretary@keighleylions.org.uk

Maltby and Rother Valley Lions

47th Annual Charter Dinner

Friday 14th March 2025, 7pm for 7.30pm
Hellaby Hall Hotel, Old Hellaby Lane, S66 8SN

Contact: janice.maskill@maltbylions.org.uk

Tickhill & District Lions

47th Charter Dinner

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

Contact: r2day2@sky.com

Easingwold District Lions

46th Charter Anniversary

12th April 2025

Burn Hall Hotel, Huby, Easingwold, YO61 1JB

Contact: 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

Doncaster Lions

67th Charter Dinner

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

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**Have an upcoming event
or Charter Dinner?**

If you have a date for the next issue,
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Tales from our Clubs

Ryedale Lions



Some of our Clubs are still reflecting on their **fantastic, festive work** and one of those are our Lions in Ryedale.

Over the Christmas period, the Club raised over **£12,000 from sponsorships and donations** from local businesses and local residents as a part of their **Santa Sleigh Campaign**. Leading from the front was the **Club's Sleigh organiser, Ben Hayes**, who was responsible for putting together a **seamless programme and schedule**.

Added to that, the Club also **supported those with very little** this Christmas by providing 28 hampers which were put together by **The Old Weigh** based in Pickering. The names and addresses of the recipients of these hampers were provided by Pickering Town Council, Kirkbymoorside Foodbank and the Pickering Foodshare. **A superb effort; Lions making a difference.**

Knaresborough Lions

In Knaresborough, the Lions also had such a **busy Christmas**.

From late November, their Santa's sleighs were out in the ever-expanding town. Supporting Santa was a **valiant team of volunteers as well as Piccadilly Motors** who provided a car to tow the sleigh and a place for storage and to give the batteries a charge for the sound system and lights.



The **Club's wine wagon also proved to be a money earner** at the town's lights switch-on and at Christmas market. Between the sleigh and the mulled wine sales, almost **£10K was added to the Club's charity account**.

A good number of Lions and partners/friends then had a **fabulous evening at Knaresborough's Golf Club** in early January. Those present enjoyed some excellent company, a three course meal, a raffle and a highly-competitive quiz.

Holme Valley Lions



In the Holme Valley, a **new social media routine** has been tested for the local Club's Santa Sleighs.

To save time on their runs, the Lions put their **Sleigh routes on social media with the locations and times** where they would be stopping. This helped maximise how long they spent in well-attended areas and lessen their time in other places. Overall, the new approach seems to have been **well received** and ensured that the Club could get around a number of local supermarkets/farm shops and villages in the area.

All of this helped make the **sleigh runs a huge success**, especially with some sponsorship and saw **£3880 being raised (around £5000 after Gift Aid)** which will be reinvested into local causes.



Darlington Lions

Darlington Lions Club has donated **£2,000 to Age UK (North Yorkshire and Darlington)** to fund an **additional day's Information and Advice service** for 16 weeks, helping to support older people in the region during the challenging winter months.

Age UK's regional branches are independent charities which do not get any funding from the national charity to run their free Information and Advice Services where they help people, their carers and their families.

Lion President Pat De Martino, (pictured with Age UK NYD CEO Fay Scullion) hopes that their contribution will enable more local pensioners claim the benefits they require to prevent them from having to choose "between heating and eating this winter."



Denby Dale District Lions



It was a **hectic start** to 2025 at Denby Dale District Lions Club as they welcomed their new Club mascot **Rory the Lion** to their January Business meeting.

This **wonderful, new member** had come a long way to join the West Yorkshire Club after travelling from **China via Ebay**. As the photo shows, he was **very excited** to meet his fellow members including **Club President Paul** and **Club Secretary Neil**.

Going forward, he will be partaking in the **various fundraising events** at the Club and we all know he will be a **roaring success!**

Teesdale and District Lions

The names of Teesdale and District Lions Club members **Paul and Jackie Beere** are synonymous with all that is good in the world of brass band music. For example, over the years, Paul and Jackie became instrumental in one of Britain's most **prestigious brass band competitions, Brass in Concert**.

Their hard work has seen the **competition expand** and now includes a Youth Championship at the famous Glasshouse venue in Gateshead and has just had its **47th anniversary**.

Since the early 1990's, members of **Teesdale Lions Club** have helped in the running of the event, from working back-stage, to programme selling and VIP reception etc. Sadly, in 2022, Lion Jackie passed away after a brave battle against pancreatic cancer. In memory of her **outstanding contribution** and after discussions with the family, the Teesdale Club subscribed to a **new annual trophy** to be awarded to the youngest participant of the weekend.



The picture shows Lion Paul (2024/5 club President), together with his daughter, Lion Victoria, and granddaughter, Edith, presenting the inaugural **Jacqueline Beere Trophy** to seven year-old **Benjamin Smith** in front of a packed 1600 audience.



Thorne Rural Lions

Thorne Rural Lions have started the New Year very strong with a **hefty donation to a great cause.**

Using funds raised from their recent Golf Day the Lions were able to contribute **£2000 to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance** who provide an emergency service to around 5 million people covering 3 million acres of land.



Additionally, the Club has been helping those in need over

Christmas through the purchase of **Warm Weather Packs** which have included thermos mugs, blankets and scarves. 20 such packs have been provided to vulnerable people. Furthermore, their **7th Annual Toy Appeal** was also a great success with many **hundreds of pounds worth of new toys** donated from the Thorne Rural community which were distributed to local children over December.

Tickhill and District Lions



Another Club which has been helping the needy is Tickhill and District Lions who have **handed out 100 hampers** to individuals in their community.

Over December, a total of **£5,000 was spent** on food items to ensure that all recipients had a **healthy, nutritious hamper**, along with some goodies. These incredible packs included **staples such as potatoes, rice, pasta and bread as well as treats such as mice pies and hot chocolates.**

Working with local churches, youth groups, Food Hubs and Food Trains to identify those who were to receive the hampers, the Lions have made a **huge difference** to their community this winter.

Rothwell District Lions

Back in October, the POTN was pleased to include a piece from Rothwell District Lions. Within this report, the Club explained how they had **used Facebook to advertise collection points for old or foreign coins/notes.** Now, a few months on, **this project has proven to be an amazing one.**

Since starting in September, the Club is proud to announce that many of these coins have **proven to be a real, money spinner.** Those which have been sold on **Ebay have made £221** whilst separate, **bulk sales have made £428.** The biggest single sale was **£20 for an 1847 Queen Victoria Silver Crown.**



Meanwhile, the oldest coin which has been obtained is a **Roman Denarius which shows Faustina** (the wife of Marcus Aurelius) and was **minted somewhere between 147 -175 (AD).** Currently, this remains unsold but I do know a **certain Editor who might want this one...**

Rothwell Lions would like to **encourage others to consider partaking in a similar effort** and further information can be obtained from Peter.davis@rothwell-lions.org.uk.



Keighley Lions



The **City of Culture** status is awarded to a local community every four years. Over a 12 month period, the chosen city/area is given funding to promote their **cultural heritage, events and build cohesion**. This designation can help regenerate deprived places and boost local economies. For 2025, **Bradford is the lucky recipient** of this title. As Keighley is a part of the Bradford District, they are taking part in the year-long celebration and our **Lions are at the forefront**.

During a special, Keighley-specific launch of Bradford 2025, the Lions held a stall in the Airedale Centre. At this stall, the members distributed flyers and had some fun games for the children such as **biscuit designing, colouring sheets and a T-Shirt creation task**.

Attending this one special launch was well worth the time as the Club saw a boost to their name recognition, social media profile and are **looking forward to joining in to future, City of Culture projects** going forward.

Boroughbridge Lions



Outside learning is an increasingly important consideration for schools as they seek to teach the children how to interact with the outside world.

In Boroughbridge, their High School has started work on establishing their own **Forest School** which is seeking to boost their **student's well being by helping them to connect with nature**. It will do this through opening them up to new experiences and support them to develop a number of key skills such as **woodcraft, cooking, nature identification and shelter building**

Helping them are Boroughbridge Lions who have **previously backed another Forest School** in the area. Their contribution has been **massively appreciated by Boroughbridge High School** as it has provided an opportunity which would otherwise be unavailable to its young people.

Another club which has been helping some **excellent young people** are Elmet Lions. A short while back, the Lions **donated some of their money to the Sherburn Community Gymnastics Club** and decided to 'jump' at the opportunity to see how it had been spent.

As a result, President Maggie and Vice President John went to a gymnastic practice session where they were shown an **unbelievably brilliant routine** which they will be taking to **Euro Disney in Paris in the Autumn of 2025**.

After this, the team posed for photographs in their **all weather jackets** with John and Maggie. Each jacket has the Lions logo on the right front chest to show how the jackets were funded. **Maggie even tried one on – but declined to join in the routine!** I bet Lion John was tempted too...

Elmet Lions



Filey Lions



In Filey, the local Lions Club has a **long track record of celebrating their community** and, in particular, some very special people.

As part of their commitment to those they serve, they like to acknowledge those who are **marking milestone birthdays**.

In order to do this, the Lions present flowers to those who have reached their **90th, 95th and 100th birthdays** and every year which follows. Gifts are also presented to couples on their **50th, 60th 65th, 70th and 75th Wedding Anniversaries**.

Their most recent donation saw a lovely bunch of flowers being presented to **resident Elsie on her 104th birthday**. Not only did she get such a lovely treat, she also **became a social media star!** This came about after the picture of her (as shown) received over **1000 reactions around 200 comments** within the first 24 hours.

Happy Birthday Elsie and well done Filey Lions for adding such joy to your community!

Dumfries Lions

The ever-growing Dumfries Lions have welcomed a brand new member to their ranks recently. **Louisa Spratt (second from the left) is the third new Lion** to join this year. A fourth is expected to join in February.



Like many other Clubs, Dumfries have been supporting the fire stove campaign for Ukraine. They have contributed £750 to provide five stoves for families in the Ukraine and this follows a donation made last year to provide three stoves.

The stoves, which are built and delivered by **Lions together with the Lions Foundation**, are necessary as the infrastructure has been destroyed in many areas. Subsequently, the Ukraine Prime Minister has urged all citizens to look for **alternative sources of heat and light**. Due to the work of our Lions worldwide, we have collectively been able to provide **£2.7 million pounds to provide generators and stoves** in the last two years and this assistance will continue until the infrastructure issues are resolved.

A fitting and pertinent end to this month's edition.

Upcoming Deadline

Thank you all for your contributions this month. The next deadline is the **16th February 2025**. I look forward to seeing what your Clubs have been doing so do email me on: media@keighleylions.org.uk

