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NEWSLETTER for 105N District

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Matching Grants Focus



One of the most exciting opportunities for our members and Clubs is a chance to get a **matching grant via the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF)**.

This funding is designed to support **major, long-term projects** which directly benefit a large part of the community. The scheme works by providing a **maximum of 50%** of an initiatives' costing with the Club(s) providing the remaining amount. With **£7500 to £112,000** being available, there are ample opportunities for making a difference.

In this issue, we focus on the over **£60,000** which has supported community projects in our District over 2022-2024. This will include the **£11.5k which went towards St John's Hospice in Doncaster** (as pictured) and the **redevelopment of housing facilities at Bluebell Hospice in Sheffield**.

To find out more, please turn to page 8.

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Special Announcement

Scarborough Lions are selling their handmade, table top casino. Asking price: £1700.00 All enquiries to **PDG Lion Alan Deacon MJF**, on **07710538875** or **aldeacon2004@yahoo.co.uk**.



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North East and Scotland

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inside!

Editor's Page

Dear all,

As always, I would like to extend my deepest thanks to all of the contributors to this month's issue.

I am overjoyed that **so many Clubs are now taking part and sending in their stories**. As you will see, I am working to ensure that as many stories as possible are featured. Saying that, I am keen on hearing from some of our Clubs in Scotland as I feel most of the stories are coming from the North East and Yorkshire. **So, no matter how small or big (and especially if you are in Scotland) – get your stories in!**

In this jam-packed issue, we have contributions from a lot of important Lions. From our **District Governors to our LCIF Coordinator**, we have a great many reports for you to read.

I must say that I am glad to have brought back one of my favourite sections, **Lions' Tales** this month. This has been an infrequent segment of the Newsletter which is a shame as it gives a chance to hear further, positive perspectives about being a Lion from our members. **If you would like to provide your own Tale from being a Lion i.e. a funny story, or a piece on why you joined or an inspirational tale, do email it to me with a relevant picture.**

Going forward, I am looking to think of future **Special Editions**. The next one will likely be the **Christmas Edition in December** but if you have any suggestions on what you would like to see in these newsletters do let me know. I will be seeking to create one around our **five key areas of Service** but this newsletter should also represent your wants as well.

In conclusion, I do hope you enjoy this issue. Remember that the next deadline for contributions is the **19th October**.

I would ask that you **get your stories in as soon as possible** as this gives me more time to work on the design side of the newsletter.

Also, don't forget to attach your picture separately from the text as it makes it easier to insert them into the newsletter and do provide as much detail as you can about the **who, what, why, where and how of your story**.

Luke Maunsell

District Newsletter Editor

Get in touch!

Have you a story to share or want to find out more about the District and our work? **Get in touch!**



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District Governor's Message

Dear fellow Lions,

Every now and then I am reminded what a privilege it is to have so many **friends and contacts through Lions**. This week I have been in touch with both of **Iceland's District Governors**, English speakers, who are giving telephone support to the family of one of our Lions who became ill whilst on holiday. I keep thinking how dreadful it must be to be in hospital with only basic communication skills to see you through.



On a brighter note I am sending **huge thanks to our Communications Team** for bringing the website up to date and for producing the first draft of the **District Directory**, those of you who are still learning to use our online Portal will understand the nature of the challenge this year. So it's big thanks to **Lion Peter Milburn for the website and to District Secretary Lion Alan Ashburner who will take any corrections that are needed in the next few days**.

As some quick reminders, one or two clubs have yet to put their **finances in order** but have no fear as **District Treasurer Lion David Wells is standing by to help** you. Our District Competitions include the **Photo Competition** and we would like to see your snaps from around the District, and the **Travelling Lion Competition** is still on and warming up.

The first news about our **revised insurance arrangement** has been shared with your club and the **Risk Assessment training** has begun – good attendance will help us to keep our premiums reasonable and our communities safe.

My own photo this month (**see p.3**) is from a store room in a stately home in Doncaster; a **letter of appreciation from Doncaster Lions** to the lady of the manor in 1985 and still on display. **If you spot our logo on your travels get it onto social media or send it to Editor Luke**.

I look forward to meeting some of you at the **Membership café style event in Scotch Corner on 28th September**

Lion Gillian Swan

District Governor



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Diary Dates

- 28th September** - Membership Forum at Scotch Corner
- 30th September** - Harlaw Academy Leos Club Vision event, Aberdeen
- 4th October** - Tynedale Charter Dinner
- 10th October** - Thirsk and Northallerton Lion Sightsaver event (to be confirmed)
- 10th October** - Bridlington Lions Club visit (to be confirmed)
- 15th October** - Trustees training zoom
- 18th October** - Withernsea Charter Dinner
- 19th October** - Full Council meeting by zoom
- 19th October** - Filey Charter Dinner
- 20th October** - Full Council Zoom meeting

A photo of thanks!

It's amazing that a piece of **Lionism history is on public display** for all to see at a stately home in Doncaster. If you catch any other example of Lions is the news/being acknowledged - **do email me; it may appear here next month.**



Competition Corner

Our District has some great, creative competitions which are fun and help build comradeship between us all - **find out the latest below!**

Scores on the Door

Travelling Lion:

Thorne Rural - 64
Garforth Lions - 24
Keighley - 23



Host Club:

Thorne Rural - 18

105N Visiting Lion Report Card	
(Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS)	
Visiting Club:	_____
Club Visited:	_____
Date of Visit:	_____
Type of Meeting:	_____
Name(s) of visiting Lions:	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____
Total number of visitors:	_____
Signature of Pres./ Sect. of visited club:	_____ _____

Want to get involved in our District competitions? Please, get in touch with Lion Roy at rjafield58@gmail.com.



Membership News

New Members

Since the last newsletter, we have have had some new members join our 105N pride. **Let's welcome them and wish them all the best** in their service to our clubs and communities.

Doncaster Went Valley Lions Club

- James Brownley
- Eileen Luckcuck

Huddersfield Lions Club

- Richard Lindsey

Scarborough Lions Club

- Babatunde Akin-Tepede
- Jenny Hurst
- Colin Relph

In Memoriam

Unfortunately, one member has moved to **Higher Service** over the last month. Let them, and their service, live on in our hearts and minds.

Morpeth Lions Club

- Eddie Gebhard

Deepest thanks to **Lion David Wilson**, District Almoner and **Lion Marilyn Bennett**, MLCY Co-ordinator for their contributions 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 hope you have enjoyed some of the lovely weather we had in early September.

After I returned from holiday on September 4th I picked up my **FVDG mantle**, and have commenced the training within the Learning centre on the portal. My **mentor is Jona Machaya**, a PCC and PMJF and Lions certified Instructor with 22 years of experience. I look forward to working with him, and the other Lions within group 30, whom I will meet in **Chicago in February**, if not on Zoom beforehand.



District-wise, I was pleased to attend **Easingwold Lions Club's** presentation night for their Community Grants, where they gave away some **£4,500.00 to local youth groups and schools for various projects**. Many clubs are going down this route now rather than wait for random applications for assistance, which, of course can be covered as well.

Beyond this, I will be looking to **organise visits to Clubs in Zone N12 in October**, so I will be contacting you within the next couple of weeks. I have no doubt you will all be preparing for the run up to Christmas, and for those who have **Santa Sleighs**, I am sure will be busy freshening them up and making them roadworthy for another year.

Keep up the good work and keep on spreading the word of what we do and how we serve within your communities. With any luck maybe someone will come forward to say, **"I like what you are doing - how do I join?"**

Don't hesitate to show them this newsletter whilst you're at it too!

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,

It has been an interesting month, the highlight of which was the **inaugural Zone Meeting (N9)** where the new **Zone Chair Lion Robert Payne** took over from me. The meeting was excellent and a lot of chat and sharing took place. It was also good to see **Lion Susan Daker** attend and thank everyone for their condolences.

During this time, I also helped my Club run a **Race Night for Morley Lions**, which was really good fun, and helped both Clubs raise funds.

I also have continued to enjoy online **MD Membership and 2nd VDG training and meetings**, where long range plans are being developed for MD105. I have just received training dates for every week in November for 2nd VDG's.

On a similar theme, and, by the time you are reading this, 105N will be having or indeed have had the **Membership Forum at Scotch Corner**, the results of which will inform the Cabinet on future planning and development.

Beyond this, I am looking forward to my trip to the **Oslo Summit** at the beginning of October and hope to bring back plenty of good ideas as well as pass some on.

With regard to my **GET duties**, I am planning to have some public consultation sessions in Skipton, with regard to the setting up of a Branch Club, and am looking into the virtues of a **virtual club for young mums who find time for Zoom and social media**, but aren't able to commit to attending meetings.

The research I have started is to look at towns where Lions had strong clubs in the past, but members got older and, with no new member recruitment, subsequently closed.

I also had my first official invite to attend a **Charter Dinner at Holme Valley Club** in October which I am looking forward to.

Lion Allan Clark MJF

Second Vice District Governor



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Calendar Dates

Rothwell District Lions

Wild Boar Off Road Cycle Ride Challenge

Sunday 6th October, from 7:00am

J45 - Skelton Lane services, Leeds, LS9 0AS

Register at: www.wildboar-challenge.co.uk/index.html

Hornsea District Lions

Annual Fashion Show

Wednesday 16th October, from 7:30pm

Hornsea Ex-Service Men's Club, HU18 1BA

Filey 60th Charter Night

Saturday 19th October, 7:00pm for 7:30pm

Expanse Hotel, Bridlington

£35 a head

Elmet Lions - Inter Pub Quiz

25th October, 2024

Various pubs in the local area

District Cabinet Meeting

Sunday 27th October, 9:30am for 10am

Scotch Corner Hotel, Darlington

Filey Bonfire Night and Fireworks Display

Saturday 2nd November, from 5:30pm

West Avenue Car Park

Consett Lions

St Johns Ambulance - First Aid Awareness

Thursday 7th November, from 7pm

The Steel Club, 36 Medomsley Rd, DH8 5HA

Book via: juddrichard1976@gmail.com

Consett Lions

Town Hall Raffle

Thursday 21st November

The Steel Club, 36 Medomsley Rd, DH8

5HA

Book via: juddrichard1976@gmail.com

Elmet Lions - Santa Sleigh

1st December to 22nd December 2024

Sherburn and surrounding villages

Aberdeen Lions Boxing Day Dip

26th December 2024 from 10am

Aberdeen Beach

District Convention

Friday 7th to Sunday 9th February 2025

Scotch Corner Hotel, Darlington

Easter Egg 100 numbers

March/April 2025

Various pubs, clubs, schools and organisations

Great Selby Bike Ride

18th May 2025 from 10am

Barlby High School, YO8 5JP

Add your event to the calendar!

If you have a date for the next issue, please email me on:

media@keighleylions.org.uk



Matching Grants

The Matching Grant scheme can bring thousands of pounds to **worthy causes** - we reflect on some of **them here**. If you want to find out more, please contact **Lion Ron Lindsay** - District LCIF Coordinator 105N on ron.lindsay7@talktalk.net.

Bluebell Wood Hospice



In 2022, a joint grant of **£8.4k** from **Tickhill & District** and the **LCIF** saw the renovation of seven of the Children's rooms at **Bluebell Wood Hospice** in Sheffield.

This included the installation of Smart TVs in the rooms, as well as special sink units for the children and hoists in the children's rooms and spa pool. **Great that £16.8k was put to such good use!**

Meanwhile, alongside other partners, **Thorne Rural and Tickhill & District Lions** managed to raise **£21.1k** for a new Serenity Suite at Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospital which was supported by a **£18.3k joint grant**.

This great project saw the creation of a **'home from home'** for bereaved families including a living area, a study area and a storeroom. **The fab suite was opened by Princess Anne.**

Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospital



St. John's Hospice, Doncaster



In nearby Doncaster, £23k was raised for much needed resources at St John's Hospice with **£11.5k** coming from **Tickhill and District, Thorne Rural, Doncaster, Mexborough and Doncaster Went Valley Lions**.

This has secured 12 Specialist Therapy Unit Chairs, a Patient Lifting Hoist for the Spa Room. 3 Bed & Chair Safety Sensor Systems and an Aqua Master Shower Unit Chair.

Martin House, Sanctuary Garden

Finally, a number of Clubs such as **Leeds & Skyrack, Witby District and Garforth and District** came together to raise **£22.3k** for a new, relaxing space for users of Martin House Hospice.

The **£44.6k overall collected**, with the other half by the Matching Grant programme, has changed the site, which provides care for young people and children with life ending conditions, for the better.



Leadership Matters

Learn, Grow, Serve - No matter where you are on your lions Journey, **District 105N offers training and development opportunities to keep you moving forward.**

Risk assessments make a real difference to the safety of carrying out an activity or event, not only that, they are a legal requirement and all clubs must complete a Risk Assessment and ensure that all members and helpers in attendance at an event are aware of any reasonable risks and the control measures in place.

Managing Safely is a new online training course, specifically designed to provide step by step guidance explaining how to create effective risk assessments for your club activities and events. The courses are being delivered by **IOSH qualified Lions, Ann Gent and Keith McDonald.**

In order to **fulfil our obligations to our insurers** and the legal requirements of carrying out activities and events, all clubs are being asked to send 2 – 3 members to one of the online training courses. It is recommended that club **Health & Safety Officers attend, along with the Club President plus one other member. Bookings are now open for the following dates:**

Date	Use the link below to book your place
Wednesday 23rd October	https://us02web.zoom.us/join/join?secret=ZsuE9WaiWGEJH7I7ztRSUWqGbE6
Thursday 24th October	https://us02web.zoom.us/join/join?secret=E9LkSZbCMO5svhgxGG61ngki
Monday 28th October	https://us02web.zoom.us/join/join?secret=ooG9eHZPsZ7Z5qe5uMEHTEy-ew
Tuesday 19th November	https://us02web.zoom.us/join/join?secret=jkvH9HtAicOM36X8zfW0cyXjjdc
Wednesday 20th November	https://us02web.zoom.us/join/join?secret=MrGNbQtI2TaB9tOn1sbRc6l4Zm
Thursday 28th November	https://us02web.zoom.us/join/join?secret=qGdZxxAPnubn7374bSVc6NjuW



Serve More and Do More for Your Community

Upcoming Events

October

October 17th - Safeguarding Webinar – presented by Lion Sandra Crompton, from District CN.

To book your place email: michelle.mcarthur@jigsawatwork.com

Thursday 31st - Managing Conflict and Fallout in your Club, 7.30pm

Situations arise which can lead to conflict and fallout between club members. This workshop is designed to assist you in identifying some of the causes of conflict, and to help you feel more confident and comfortable in managing conflict. We will explore different approaches to managing conflict and how to choose the right approach for the situation

Book your place here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/9tZwpf-6prD8sE9Ban017mcnxCyLRbkTNWZCb>

November

Tuesday 26th Leading and Belonging to a Multi-generational Lions Club

Many clubs are now finding that the age diversity of club members is the widest it has ever been. This poses new challenges for club leaders and members:

- There are likely to be communication issues and differences
- Members of different generation may not hold the same expectations of what they want from their membership, or the way that things should be done
- As with any type of diversity, it is natural that people will have preconceived ideas about the different generations which can lead to sweeping generalisations and stereotyping.

In these interactive events, we will discuss the expectations and needs of each generation and explore ways in which clubs can adapt and grow to enable everyone to be heard, feel valued and able to contribute at a level they are comfortable with.

Book your place here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/9tZUrcuyrqjwuHdVQ99g8HcgRORX-7HFewu4e>



Lions Portal Update – Service Reporting Just Got Easier

Two key functions have now been added to the Service Reporting functionality on the Lion Portal.

When reporting service, the **copy activity function** is now available – you will see a “Copy” button at the top right-hand corner of the service report screen. This will enable clubs who do a regular activity eg monthly bingo or Santa’s Sleigh runs throughout December to be able to enter the details once and then copy the event. You can then go into the activity and edit details such as dates, funds raised etc.

The second update is that you can now **add images for your service activities**. On the right-hand side of the service report there is an upload Images tab, click on the tab and you can either select an image from your files or you can drop and drag an image. You can upload multiple images per activity.

One of the questions I get asked when talking about reporting service on the portal is how do we decide how many people an activity has served. There is now a document “**Measuring Service Impact**” available to download from <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center/service/resources/service-journey/service-reporting>. **Scroll down the page to the section “How to measure service” to download the document.**

The Lion Portal group training sessions are coming to an end, however ongoing **help and support will be available, by emailing michelle.mcarthur@jigsawatwork.com.**

Remember, you are never alone.....

If you have concerns about your own or someone else’s mental wellbeing, you can contact Michelle Nicholson for a confidential conversation and guidance about where you can get professional help and support if required.

Lion Michelle Nicholson

District Leadership Officer

District 105N Wellbeing Officer

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Awards and Celebrations

Minster Lions Club of York



Minster Lions Club of York have been very busy over the autumn and Christmas periods. For example, during the spring, Club members have been active with the **Library in a Box, establishing 32 spectacle collecting bins** in supermarkets, surgeries, opticians and senior citizen help centres.

One of the stalwart Lions is **Lion Tony Woodcock** who has been heavily involved with all the projects, always proactive, enthusiastic, keen and energetic to carry out the job extraordinarily well and always with an element of fun.

As a result, **immediate Past District Governor Kevin Hunter presented him with a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award** for his outstanding dedication and commitment to Lions projects and activities within the Club.

He has always gone well beyond what is expected to help people in need and is an outstanding example to us all. **Congratulations and thank you, Lion Tony.**

Darlington Lions

In Darlington, a member of extra-ordinary service length has been rewarded for his commitment over **five decades**. **Fred Thompson (left)** was presented with a **Melvin Jones Fellowship** by **Zone Chair Jackie Robson** at Darlington Lions Club's first meeting of the Lionistic new year.

During his long period of service, Fred has been involved in so many projects, helped many and is currently the co-chair of the extremely successful Bookshop Committee. He is so deserving of acknowledgment - **half a century of service - what a legacy!**



Teesdale District Lions



Members of Teesdale District Club have paid a special visit to the Kings Court Care Residential Home in Barnard Castle, where **Club President Paul Beere presented Lion John Mutum with a well-deserved Melvin Jones Fellowship award.**

Lion John joined the Club in 1991 and has been President, Zone Chairman and held other cabinet posts. He has been a tremendous ambassador for Lions. In the Zone, he is probably best remembered for his legendary **Aid Trips to Polish orphanages** in the late 1990's,

bringing joy to countless children, and making lifelong friends along the way. He was also **instrumental in setting up a new Club** during these visits. Thanks must go to **Lion Sharon Walker** who liaised with staff at the home to ensure that **members of John's family as well as residents were present at the ceremony, and also in the provision of cakes and goodies and a few liquid accompaniments!**



Tales from our Clubs

Minster Lions Club of York

Minster Lions have been continuing their **Library in a Box** project which is now in its **19th year**, where we have been collecting children's books from a variety of sources to send to Lions Clubs in Sri Lanka.

Earlier this year, the Club dispatched **four pallets with 36 banana boxes on each which included almost 20,000 children's books**. This has added to an impressive total of almost **200,000** since the scheme came into existence due to the 2004 earthquake and tsunami in the Indian Ocean.



The transport of the precious cargo is funded by a **Lion Club businessman in Columbo**. On arrival, the boxes are unpacked, itemised and collated into inventories. Then, they are distributed into areas of high need including by a new scheme in which they have converted old buses into libraries which tour the poorest and **most deprived towns and villages**.

If you would like to donate to this project, please email **Lion Rob James** on robert.james@zen.co.uk. To note, only children's books are wanted, do not send any adult literature.

Darlington Lions



Darlington Lions has donated **£500 to Breathe Easy Darlington**, a charity supporting people with respiratory disease.

Run entirely by volunteers, Breathe Easy Darlington organises regular activities and social events to **help local people with respiratory ill health manage their condition to be able to live well**.

More than **25 people attend weekly exercise sessions** at Eastbourne Sports Complex with fortnightly Seated Yoga at Cockerton Band and

Music Institute and Walking Sports in Stockton-on-Tees, and monthly social events at the Copper Beech Pub in Darlington. Each activity session is led by a fully trained professional and more information is available from the charity's website - www.breatheeasydarlington.org.

Speaking after the donation, **Pat De Martino, President of Darlington Lions** said: "Breathe Easy performs a vital role helping people living with respiratory or lung disease, as well their family and carers. Because it is run by volunteers who have some form of lung disease themselves, the charity really understands the needs of its users."

Breathe Easy plans to use the donation from Darlington Lions to help fund the costs of its activity sessions - **champion work from our Lions!**



Dumfries Lions



Up in Scotland and in honour of the **750th Anniversary of Robert the Bruce**, Dumfries Lions including President Belinda Thomson, Wendy Tremble and Jock Carlyle assisted with a **clean up in their town**.

Pictured with **Anne Simpson** (second left) who is a member of the event organising committee, the Club has been proud to have backed the **many celebrations for the legendary Scottish hero** in recent months.

Added to this, during a holiday to Tuscany, Lion member John MacColl held out the **hand of friendship to Lions far across the ocean**. He took a visit to the Da Carlino restaurant in Castelnuovo where members of the **Garfagnana Lions Club** regularly hold their meetings. Whilst there, **he met with Vice President Ezio Pierotti** and spent some time exchanging bannerettes and talking about their respective Clubs. A fabulous diplomatic act which should get some points for the **Travelling Lions competition!**

Tynedale Lions

The impact of Lions can be local, national and global. In terms of the latter, **Tynedale Lions** have been doing a lot of service for a very worthy **international cause**.

The **Linda Community School in Livingstone (Zambia)** is a school for children in a disadvantaged area. Since 2017, The Trust have been constructing new purpose built facilities for the school including classrooms, toilet blocks and a water tower. This has enabled them to offer primary and secondary education as well.



Over the last few years, the Club has been proud to help the Trust with many of its projects such, as recently, a grant to help them **purchase laboratory equipment** for the secondary students to use. If any other club wishes to help them, please see their website at: www.zambezi-sunrise-trust.co.uk.

Elmet Lions



Building local links is a must for any Club as it enables us to find new people to support. For Elmet Lions, they have been doing just this with new organisations in **Sherburn in Elmet**.

One of these new organisations is **Kingspan** who have been creating the **fattenupper** shed for Milford Hedgehogs – where poorly hedgehogs go to be ‘fatted up’ before being let back into the wild. Elmet Lions bought the shed whilst Kingspan insulated it. Kingspan have also donated **£250 for 5 nights on the Santa Sleigh**.

The Club has also been supporting **Starmat** – an umbrella organisation for 9 schools within the area – 2 secondary and 7 primary schools - and are hoping to introduce the **Leadership in Service** programme to the schools. Finally, the Club is grateful for the **‘We are Sherburn’** group of businesses and charities who have donated over **£700 for the Sleigh**.



As Lions across our District know, the **'Message in a Bottle'** and **'Message in a Wallet'** schemes are so important. They are life-saving resources for so many people and members work hard to promote them.

Whilst attending a fete recently at a local care home, Morpeth Lions ensured that they took the opportunity to **share the benefits of both to those in attendance**. The response has been extremely positive with many thankful messages over social media.

The Club was also told that their work has already helped the emergency services enormously. **A brilliant act of service - well done Morpeth Lions!**



Keighley Lions



In Keighley, West Yorkshire Lions have been trialling some brand new games at their stall at the **Keighley Agriculture Show**.

This included a **Grab a Rat, the String Pull and Roll in the Hole** - the latter of which saw young and old throw some plastic poo in a replica toilet.

During the day, many people turned out to support the Lions and also the event at large. The Show is one of the most important events in

the town and frequently sees hundreds attending. As you can guess, lots were lining up to **throw poo, pull some strings and grab some rats** in the hope of winning some prizes. They also enjoyed finding out about the Message in the Bottle scheme and the hard work of their local club.

Not only did the **Lions raise a lot of money**, it was made all the better with a friendly donation of beer from local firm - **Tate Oil. We'll drink to that!**

Consett Lions have had a busy month with lots of service thanks to the generous people they represent.

First of all, they made a huge donation to the **Glenroyd House - Community Pantry** who provide food parcels for the most needy. Working alongside The Grey Horse pub, a large amount of food and money was collected during a busy Beer Festival Weekend. **This enormous contribution will prove life changing for those in the deepest of difficulties.**

During this period, the Club was delighted to be the first club visited by the new Zone Chair Jackie Robson who was impressed with the **range of exciting projects** under way in Consett and saw a great future ahead for new members. **An inspirational Club, filled with incredible members.**



Hornsea District Lions



A much loved, yearly event will be held once more by the wonderful Lions in Hornsea on the 16th October. Their excellent **'Fashion Show'** is performed at the local Ex Serviceman's Club and involves **Lions and Shop volunteer ladies** modelling the outfits.

The fashionable items come from **donations via the Club's shop** and are sold off at the end of the evening after a wonderful night of fun and frolics. This year's theme is Scotland. Anyone interested in supporting the event or buying tickets can find more information at: <https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/hornsea/calendar.php>.

Denby Dale District Lions

Despite a dreary summer, Denby Dale District Lions have been getting out and about **fundraising, providing a BBQ and having fun at various events** within their local community and beyond.

From the Club's **Scarecrow Trail** weekend in July to Coconut Shys at **Emley Show and school summer fairs** - the Club has been very busy. They also attended **Kirkwood (Hospice) Family Fun Day** where they presented them with a cheque for £1,000.



Adding to the list, the Lions also helped set up and marshal at the **Honley Agricultural Show** and got involved with the **Denby Dash, Shelley Pram Push and the Shelley B.O.L.T. (Best of Local Talent) Festival**. A very active summer which will now be followed by a **special 'Thank You' event** for their committed and caring volunteers.

Tickhill & District Lions



Despite overcast skies and occasional drizzle, Tickhill and District Lions Club's third annual **Classic Car Show and Family Fun Day** proved to be a resounding success for car lovers and families from far and wide. Held at the heart of Harworth and Bircotes, the event showcased a **dazzling line-up of vehicles** from vintage Bentleys to elegant Mercedes.

In addition to the spectacular cars, the **Family Fun Day** offered a wealth of activities for everyone. Thrilling rides and engaging stalls filled the grounds as well as local vendors with a mouth-watering selection of food and drink. **There truly was something for all!**

A standout aspect of the day was the remarkable effort from all **Lions Club members, who came together with dedication and enthusiasm to pull off this fantastic event**. Their teamwork and commitment were evident in every detail, from organizing the car displays to ensuring the safety and enjoyment of all guests. The event was not only a celebration of classic cars and community spirit but also a significant fundraiser which saw **thousands of pounds to support local initiatives and charities**.



In scenic Ryedale, their Lions have held another **highly successful Golf Day** at Kirkbymoorside Golf Club earlier this month **which raised £7000.**

Supported by fine weather and a course in a superb condition, **40 teams** took part in the competition which had the backing of **65 businesses who sponsored the event** and provided raffle prizes. Over the day, competitors enjoyed refreshments at the halfway house which bolstered the fantastic atmosphere throughout the day.



Speaking after the last ball was struck, Lion President Will Oxley reflected on the successful fundraiser by saying, "Everyone congratulated us on a **fabulous event** which just seems to get better each year. **Huge thanks** to all Lions, partners and friends who contributed in so many ways." **A hole in one indeed!**

Filey Lions



In **Filey**, a **mischievous Lion** has been causing a stir! Roary, the mascot of the the Filey Lions has been out and about this summer, taking lots of photographs in various parts of the town. He has posted a snippet of each photo on Facebook asking people to guess where he is. **He had great fun and lots of interaction on social media, he even made a TikTok video!** Both locals and visitors to the town have loved meeting Roary and taking selfies with him.

Local Lions have also been busy with a very successful **Teddy Tombola at Filey Food Festival** and their first ever **ROAR launch at Filey Junior School.**

Easingwold District Lions

BBQs are so much fun and such a tasty way to **bring the community together** and Easingwold District Lions have been doing just this!

Over the last month, they have provided a number of **BBQ's for their local elderly care facility** and their **Riding for the Disabled** organisation.

This has become a rather delicious tradition over several years, no matter the weather, and **everyone continues to have the best of times!**



The Club has also held its Annual Awards' Evening where a number of **grants of up to £500** were given to local, community causes. Hosted at a local cricket club, **Lions President Shelagh** distributed the cheques to several diverse and worthy projects including: a local Scout Troop, a theatre group, Primary Schools and a Youth Club.

From BBQs to grants - **Easingwold District Lions are here to serve!**

Lions' Tales

In a special report from 2nd Vice District Governor, Lion Allan Clark, we learn about the story of **Huddersfield Lions CIO and their journey from near closure to being a thriving Club once more!**

A tale of Optimism!

A couple of Years ago, as Zone 9 Chair, I was requested to attend a December Meeting of Huddersfield Lions Club, to **witness the closing of the club by the members**. However it transpired that whilst the long established members had made the decision, there were 5 newer members who didn't really want to leave Lions. The bank account had been cleared to local good causes, **so no funds, no succession training had taken place and the thoughts of those members had been disregarded.**



Despite this, the members decided to hang on in and give their best efforts to keep going. Since then, one member resigned due to ill health but a new member joined, then following a very similar situation at Brighouse, which unfortunately did close, one member did transfer to the Club. Following a messy transition from Trust to CIO (both accounts were still active and unresolved) **the Charity Commission removed the old Trust records and the CIO is now sorted along with the bank account.**

During this time, a younger Member has agreed to be President this year (**Lion Hannah Lee**), and Service activities have included **Hampers for Primary Schools** at Christmas and Easter and the amazing decision to rescue the **Brighouse Battle of the Bands**, which was due to close with the demise of the Lions Club there. This, with a little help from Keighley Lions was a **big success and members are already talking about next year's event.**

Lion Nivin Milne (Treasurer and IPP) was the only Lion in 105N to take part in the **Youth Exchange Programme**, hosting two young ladies (one from Bosnia and one from Hungary) and she entertained them with the club. Added to this, nearby Keighley Lions also took part by taking the students on the beautiful **Keighley and Worth Valley Railway and visited the Bronte Parsonage** (as pictured).

The latest from the club is the **Prostate Cancer Screening event on 28th September** where up to 60 men will have had blood tests paid for by the club, the venue being the liberal club in Lindley.

The moral of this, is that, **do not become complacent, carry out succession training and listen to newer members, involving them as soon as you can.**

Lion Allan Clark MJF

Second Vice District Governor

