



PRIDE of the NORTH

NEWSLETTER for 105N District

Christmas Special



Our Clubs have been going above and beyond this Christmas and we should be **very proud of our work**. This is just a small snapshot of our great efforts. (Top left) Keighley Lions on a Sleigh ride, (Top Right) Denby Dale Sleigh and (bottom) Maltby and Rother Valley Lions at a local Carol Concert!

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Editor's Page

Dear all,

Well, here we are at last, the best time of service of the Year - Christmas. It also, as will be shown by the **Christmas contributions on pp.9-11**, one of the busiest as well.

In my own Club of **Keighley**, we have been utterly snowed under by **Sleigh runs**, an incredibly successful **Grotto** (we saw over **430 children** over two weekends) on top of **lots of other great events**.

District-wide it is clear that all our Clubs go the extra mile during December. From **stunning sleighs to Carol Concerts** - we should be proud of all the work our members do and I hope this newsletter does our **community contributions justice**.

One of the things, this month, which struck me are the inventive ways which some Clubs are using **traditional and modern methods to reach out to their residents**. In Elmet, for example, they are using **bucket collections and QR codes** to raise money. On top of that, they are also using **specially designed postcards** for households where no-one is in. By merging these techs, our **service range can improve** and we can **spread all the more joy** and messages from our work!

Beyond the festivities, we have our usual reports from our Governor Teams including **District Governor Gill (p.2)**, **1st Vice Governor John (p.5)** and **2nd Vice Governor Allan (p.6)**, Included in this, is the wonderful news which has come from **Roar and the Peace Poster Competition** - do read all about it in DG Gill's report. Our **District Calendar continues to be very full** with upcoming service (**p.7**) whilst our **Membership numbers** have had a bit of a boost (**p.4**). Our **Club stories** (outside Christmas based tales) can then be read on **pp.12-14**.

Overall, I hope all of you have had a **great Christmas and are looking forward to 2025**.

No matter what might happen over the next 12 months on a local, national or international basis - **Lions will be there to serve and the POTN will be here celebrating our work**.

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District Governor's Message

Dear fellow Lions,

You have been cold and wet, you have juggled schedules and volunteers and you have completed another **Christmas fundraiser seeing the joy on the faces of the hundreds of children** visited on your Santa Sleighs and in Grottos.



It's been a **great pleasure to see all the fabulous Christmas service activities** too from **Carol Concerts to Christmas meals, and coach trips**. You have even come to terms with Risk assessment and Insurance changes - **Well done Lions!**

The **Lions ROAR project** in 105N **welcomed 11 schools** this year and I joined **Robert Wilkinson School sponsored by York Minster Lions**, to sit with the children as their name came up on the Zoom link and they realised that they had won the District competition, the **response was deafening**. Their entry was a model for a **(dream) machine that filters and cleans the atmosphere and extracts carbon** to create building materials.

In other excellent news, we learned that a **young man from Hornsea Speech and Language Centre won the District Peace poster competition** and then went on to **beat off 7 other Districts to win the Multiple District Competition**. His poster has now been sent to America for the International final. **We hope his Spaceman makes it to the top, his is a wonderful talent.**

All of this activity is an opportunity to **showcase Lions to community minded people in you own area** who might never have heard or considered Lions as an active service hobby before.

Please invite them to your meetings and ask them to join us.

Lion Gillian Swan

District Governor



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ROAR and Peace Poster Competition 2024



Robert Wilkinson School in York, were overjoyed to discover that they had won the ROAR competition with their **inventive idea of filters for industrial chimneys** to extract and freeze gas emissions to await safe disposal. They demonstrated their design via a model and showed confidence with their research and planning.

Minster Lions Club of York's ROAR team have aided schools around York for the last four years. This is the **second time** that pupils at Robert Wilkinson School have won the competition for the North. **Lion President Ian Pybus** has been instrumental in helping schools throughout the area.



Artist Ruben from Hornsea won the **District Peace Poster** competition. Ruben received his prize from Hornsea Lions club and supported by **District Youth funds**. His entry now goes through to **International Peace Poster Finals**. He is pictured with LP Mick from Hornsea and there are high hopes for **his stunning spaceman**.



Membership News

Since the last newsletter, we have had six members join our 105N pride. **Let's welcome them and wish them all the best** in their future service. Unfortunately, **four Lions has moved to Higher Service**. We send our **deepest sympathies to their nearest and dearest**.

Bridlington Lions

- Ashleigh Smales

Easingwold Lions

- Dave Dutton
- Rosie Dutton

Whitby Lions

- Lisa O'Brien
- Hero Sumner



Withernsea Lions

- Susan Trueman

In Memoriam

Always treasured, your actions live on in our hearts.

Hornsea Lions

- Joan Gales

Leeds & Skeyrack

- Joseph Foster

North Wolds Lions Club

- Peter Kalesnikovs MJF

Pocklington District Lions

- Enid Gospel

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,

Seasons' Greetings to you all.

I'm sure you are all in the throes of your **Santa Sleigh and festive events** as I write, though hopefully all completed successfully by the time the newsletter is published and you are all taking **a well earned rest and enjoying your Christmas** at home. It's that time of year when we make a **positive impact** on the younger ones in our communities, and hopefully in a few years time **they will remember how we made it a magic time** for them and have a desire to get involved for themselves.



Since the last newsletter, I have been **busy with my own club as well as with my District duties**. We are in the process of **trying to rescue a couple of clubs** who feel as if they have no alternative but to close as their membership has dwindled to a low ebb. Hopefully, we can come up with some solutions, work with them and **rejuvenate them to continue supporting their communities** for years to come. One of these has been **serving their community for 65 years and we don't want to lose that experience**.

I look forward to seeing many of you at **District Convention in February at Scotch Corner**, whether you are joining us for the weekend, or just for the business day on Saturday 8th February. Please come and say, "Hello" and make yourselves known, **I would like to get to know as many of our District members as possible**.

Just an alteration to a comment in last month's POTN when it was said that I received an International Presidents Award. I actually **accepted the award on behalf of Scarborough Lions Club**, as they had no representative at the Cabinet Meeting. It was a **Posthumous International President's medal awarded to the family of the late PDG Lion Roy Chambers BMHA PMJF**, for the donation to LCIF from Roy's funeral. **It has been passed on to Scarborough Lions Club**.

Hope you have had a **Happy Christmas**, and I wish you a **peaceful New Year**.

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,

As planned, I have been working with my own Club of **Keighley on the Christmas Campaign**. Over this wonderful period, I have attended **Primary Schools, Children's Discos, Wetherspools, our Sleigh Runs and Grotto**. All of this was topped off by a heart-warming visit to the **Children's Ward at our local Airedale Hospital**.



On the other hand, I have had a **difficult month with the Lions' Shed**. Unfortunately, we have suffered from **continued vandalism** and **multiple break-ins** which has seen the **theft of some tools, laptops and Petty Cash**.

Consequently, all of this has had an impact on my District Duties which I have not been able to carry out in the normal way. Saying that, with **Lion Cameron Peel, we have managed to launch a new Facebook page for Beverley Lions**. On top of this, I am hoping to **visit them in early January** to discuss recent and archive material for loading onto their new page. Going forward, I do feel **rejuvenated now and ready to make up for lost time** to give my full attention to District Duties as 2nd Vice Governor and GET Officer.

With this in mind, I am happy that **plans are coming together for a Branch Club** and we are looking at a **re-instating of a Club** which closed last year. Furthermore, I will be getting in touch over the coming weeks to **arrange my upcoming Club Visits**. I am very much looking forward to meeting more **amazing Lions from District 105N**.

In closing, I hope all of you have had a **wonderful Christmas** and are excited about our **upcoming busy and fruitful Lionistic 2025**.

Lion Allan Clark MJF

Second Vice Governor
GET Officer 2024/2025



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Calendar Dates

District 105N

Young Ambassador Entry Deadline

11th January 2025

Email: gmswanis@gmail.com

District 105N

Competition Deadlines

15th January 2025

Email: rjafield58@gmail.com

Wetherby Lions

Senior Citizens' Party

January 27th January 2025

Find more: www.wetherbylions.org

Aberdeen Lions

Boxing Day Dip

26th December 2024 from 10am

Aberdeen Beach

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/>

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

Thorne Rural Lions

54th Charter Dinner

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

Contact: bjg48goforth@outlook.com



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

Contact katewebster178@btinternet.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

Have an upcoming event or Charter Dinner?

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

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Just some Winter Tales



Boroughbridge Lions



After a lot of work and repairs, Boroughbridge Lions' **stunning Santa's Sleigh** has had a **very busy season**. Over multiple trips, Santa has ventured to various places in the town and beyond. This has included, Ripon, its Morrisons and 12 surrounding villages.

Making this money-spinning, joy-creating event possible has been a range of **members, volunteers, Kirby Hill Guides, Boroughbridge Scouts & Young Farmers** who put in countless hours of service.



Keighley Lions have also been **helping Santa** with a touching, heartfelt project

As we know, Santa needs to receive a **special letter from all the good boys and girls** so he can get the right presents to the right person. However, for those in Hospital, it can be difficult to get these letters to the Big Man himself.

Because of this, members of **Keighley Lions and the Lions Den** created a special post-box for the **Children's Ward at Airedale Hospital**. This was **well received** by staff and children alike as was a visit by **Santa himself on Christmas Eve**.

Keighley Lions



Dumfries Lions



The Dumfries Lions Club has had a **'treemendous' Christmas** with a phenomenally successful Christmas Tree Sale. Over two wonderful weekends, the Club was able to raise **just over £6000** from their efforts as the trees were distributed to **local individuals, groups and organisations** where a need is requested or identified.

They also teamed up with the **Queen of the South FC Trust** at their Christmas Fayre to **promote the Club and its work**.



Maltby and Rother Valley Lions

Santa Sleighs in South Yorkshire have been **going down a storm** all thanks to Maltby and Rother Valley Lions.

The Club has made multiple journeys with Santa including **Static Sleighs** at local hotspots such as **Dinnington Tesco** as well as traditional ventures around their communities. From **Braithwell to Throapham**, **Santa has been spreading joy**. He also, with support from the Club, enjoyed visits **Bright Skies Nursery** and **KiddiWinks Nursery at Dinnington**.

A who-who-whole lot of fun!



Consett Lions



A lot of **great, festive work** has been done in County Durham as Lions have been partaking in a number of community events.

The Club made a **sparkling contribution to the Annual Tree Festival** at Christ Church whilst also holding its Christmas Party for the many volunteers who help the Lions with their work.

Topping this off, **Club President Ken Toward dropped off a cash donation** to help the **Glenroyd House Christmas Appeal** who act as a central hub for the Town.



Filey Lions

Filey Lions have been spreading the **Christmas spirit at their Over 85s Christmas Lunch** which remains one of their favourite events. This year **88 people joined them** for lunch including **101 year old, Betty**.

The lunch was held at **Filey School** who very kindly **delayed the start of their building work** to allow the use of their hall. The students, the catering team and school staff all massively contributed to the event's success. Entertainment was provided by the **school choir and the U3A choir**.

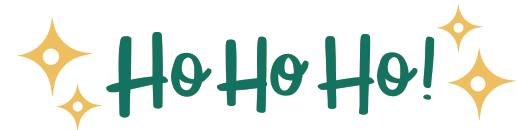


Minster Lions have been taking their **Rocking Rudolph** sleigh around their community from **Monks Cross Shopping Centre** to **Vangarde Shopping Park**.



It has also travelled to **Haxby for their lights switch-on** whilst Santa has also been popping round to lots of places including a wide-variety of **schools, play groups and ASDA**. Each time, **being well embraced** by local people and children in particular.

Despite fairly terrible weather, it **hasn't dampened the Lions' mood** as the team have **remained enthusiastic to the end with fun and laughter**, which seemed to help collection totals which **exceeded expectations**.



Allendale Lions



It has been a very busy period for Allendale Lions who ran **three events over 11 days** during Christmas.

On December 7th, they collected items for **Newcastle's rough sleepers** following an appeal by the **People's Kitchen**. On a cold and rainy day, **two car loads of warm clothing, sleeping bags, back packs and food, plus £100 in cash and food vouchers were donated**.

A week later, the Club ran a fancy dress **Xmas Disco Party** featuring dance tracks from the 70s/80s. A **photo booth, raffle and prize draw** were also available.

Capping off this hard work, was their **Carol's in the Square** on the 17th with some hearty singing accompanied by The **Backworth Colliery Band**. Meanwhile, at **Emma's Coffee & Sweets**, **Santa was handing out small gifts** to the many children there.



Denby Dales District Lions

Denby Dale District Lions Club are proud to have helped Santa attend a **huge number of events** this Christmas. For example, Santa, his elves and his sleigh have been out on **16 evenings** during December around the local villages in their area but also at a further **31 other events**.



He has presided over the **switching on of the Christmas lights** in 4 villages, as well as visits to a number of schools, Christmas Fairs,

Care Homes, Social Clubs, facilities for children with special needs, party venues, a Golf Club and even a Horse Sanctuary! The Club has also worked with their **local food bank 'The Pantry'** in providing some **56 food hampers** for people and families suffering severe hardship this Christmas.

Tales from our Clubs

Colne Valley Lions



There has been lots of suitable merriment in the Colne Valley in recent months as our Lions held their annual **Slaithwaite Moonraker Beer Festival at The Commercial Pub**. During the event, **12 real ales and a cider** were on offer at a separate bar within the pub.

A fabulous total of around **£2080** was made which will fund the Club's **prostate cancer screening event in Spring 2025** - it was a **complete success!**

Making this all possible was the high levels of sponsorship received, for example, Clubs such as **Keighley Lions** helped to keep the beer flowing through their financial backing.

We'll drink to that!

Darlington Lions

Darlington Lions has signed up to sponsor a **unique talent show** featuring performers with dementia.

The **Dementia's Got Talent** contest will take place at **Darlington Hippodrome** on January 21st next year and will feature a variety of acts, all starring people who have been diagnosed with dementia. Organised by **Dementia Friendly Darlington**, the show **aims to raise thousands** for **Alzheimer's Society** and local dementia groups.



To support this great project, Darlington Lions have donated **£750 to help cover the show's running costs**, so that every pound raised on the evening will go to charity. The cheque was proudly presented to **Robbie Jones** of Dementia Friendly Darling (left) by **President Pat De Martino** (right) on the Hippodrome stage.

Bradford Lions



An **international effort** has been supported by our friends at Bradford Lions recently. Earlier this year, **Kenya was devastated** by heavy rains and devastating floods in Kenya which led to over **350 lives being lost and 1000s being displaced**.

In order to help and do their bit, Bradford Lions joined forces with the **Lions Club of Wembley and Kenya**, led by **PID Dr. Manoj Shah**, to provide much-needed relief to affected communities, such as the **Mathare Slums**.

Through this concerted efforts, more than **350 individuals have received vital food supplies**, whilst over **200 blankets and mattresses** have also been distributed. It goes without saying that this incredible project has been a success and the **Club would like to thank all those involved** from the organisers to the donors.



Dumfries Lions have been celebrating their membership of late as they have seen a substantial growth at consecutive meetings.

Joining their Club recently have been **Norman Little and Stewart McCutcheon** who were inducted by **Past District Governor Bill Walker**. Our members are our lifeblood and it's great to see Dumfries expanding the numbers in their ranks.



Added to this, the Club has also presented the **Lion of the Year Trophy** to honour one of their members who has moved on to **Higher Service**. This most precious of accolades was awarded posthumously to Lion Lindsay Graham for his considerable **contributions to service** over many years and he will be missed by his Club colleagues and friends in the community with whom he was involved. Lindsay's daughter Lion Carolyn Brown received the trophy at their recent meeting. **Rest in Peace Lion Lindsay Graham - thank you for all you did.**

Thorne Rural Lions



Our incredible Thorne Rural Lions have been reflecting on a **long-standing piece of service** which, sadly, will be coming to an end.

The Lions have long supported the **Memory Tree**, housed at the Frenchgate Shopping Centre, which raises funds for the **Doncaster Cancer Detection Trust**. The tree provides an opportunity for members of the public to **place a love heart message** on the tree to remember those they had lost and in return **they gave a donation** to Cancer Detection.

Over many years, Lions from Thorne Rural and beyond have supported this project and the charity to secure £1000s of pounds of funding for a variety of projects. This has included enabling the purchasing of a **CT Scanner, a Fibroscanne for Doncaster Royal Infirmary** and helping to build and start **St John's Hospice**.

Sadly, after **52 years the committee/trustees of the Charity have decided to close the Trust**. Whilst this might be disappointing, we must **celebrate the great achievements of the Trust and our Lions** in making such positive change for the people they serve.

Consett Lions

Lions believe in working with **lots of different partners** and other organisations to support those who we serve,

In Consett, their local Lions had a visit from the group, **The Biking Vikings Northeast** who attended one of their meetings to give a talk about the fundraising work that they do in aid of **Brain Tumour Research**. This great group travel the North East **motorcycle riding, stilt walking, pipe and drum playing**.



The Lions really enjoyed learning so much about this **fantastic cause** and even got to join in with the entertainment from piper Terry afterwards. **Music to our Ears!**

Elmet Lions

Elmet Lions attended the Co-op post-community grant bash where every organisation that had benefitted from the Community Grant was represented. The **Sherburn Co-Op had raised over £2000 for the Club's PSA testing** which was run in September 2024 and will run again in September 2025. They were happy to say a big **'thank you'** to them for allowing them to test over 400 men.



Added to this, Elmet Lions also donated the range of **Wild Tribe Hero** books to a local nursery. **Kim's Kiddicare Kabin** were delighted to receive the books – especially as they **are about the environment** which the Principal felt was very appropriate for the immediately pre-school children.

Ryedale Lions



As part of their ongoing support for the **Lake Victoria Children**, Ryedale Lions Club has provided a donation of **£250 to support the Sickle Cell Project** for the children on Ukerewe Island, Tanzania in Eastern Africa.

This donation follows **previous contributions of £250** to Ukerewe Island to provide the children with school uniforms. The children are not permitted to attend school unless they have a uniform. **For just £5, a school uniform can be provided.** Some of the donation has also been used to provide solar lighting to

allow the children to complete their homework. The **solar lighting is replacing the original kerosene lamps** which are not particularly environmentally friendly.

The Club are proud to keep supporting this great initiative and recently received **a letter of thanks from Alex Magaga who is the Chairman of the organisation.**

Scores on the Door

Travelling Lion:

Thorne Rural - 122
Garforth Lions - 24
Keighley - 23



Host Club:

Thorne Rural - 18

Upcoming deadline

Thank you all for your contributions this month. The next deadline is the **19th January 2025**. I look forward to seeing what your Clubs have been doing so do email _____ me _____ on:

media@keighleylions.org.uk

The final deadline for all competitions is the **15th January**. Please, get in touch with Lion Roy on **rjafiield58@gmail.com**. Also, please repost to Lion Roy if you have sent anything to mail due to postal difficulties.

