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NEWSLETTER for 105N District

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Scottish Highlights!



Our District Governor Gill has been spending some time in the lovely **West of Scotland**.

One of her first jobs was to visit the wonderful **Oban and Lorn Lions Club** where a **35 year Service Chevron** was accepted by the Club's Vice President for a later presentation.

Gill then visited **Dumbarton Lions Club** where she presented a **30 year Service Chevron**, collected a zillion used specs and met a **visiting Lion from Galt-Cambridge Lions Club Canada**.

Find out more about DG Gill's recent work on p.2.

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Editor's Page



Dear all,

I hope you all had a **fantastic Easter filled with chocolate, family time and reflection**. It has also been a great time for service with lots of donations of eggs and creative tasks in our Clubs. See all of our **Club Tales on pages 13-18**.

In this issue, we have some special reports from **Lion Malcolm Hogg, p.10** about the environment and on the recent **LCIF visit to Doncaster Royal Infirmary's Serenity Suite on pages 3-4**.

I am also glad to see that our **Competition Maestro Lion Roy** has an update on recent **Club scores on page 18** and also that we have had so many events that I have reformatted the whole **Calendar Dates** to incorporate this (**find out how on pages 8-9**).

I also want to announce that myself and a team will be doing the **Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge for Martin House Hospice**. This will be done via my Club in the hope of receiving matched funding from LCIF. If you would like to **support this cause**, please donate via <https://donate.stripe.com/9AQbKcfcWcbzb6gcMM> or email me to arrange a bank transfer.

Luke Maunsell

District Newsletter Editor



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District Governor's Photo

As always, **DG Gill** has been working hard! Photos show the lovely Oban in the sunshine, new members at Darlington and a vision camera training session.



District Governor's Message

Dear fellow Lions,

I've had another **busy month with Club visits** and especially enjoyed the welcome and the weather in Scotland.

Three **Youth** projects are getting underway to prepare for our Autumn events.

- If you would like to **celebrate an amazing young person under 18** that is doing great community work on one of our Global causes let me know. **Can we win the Young Ambassador competition again?**
- For the younger children the **Peace posters can be started** ready for District judging in the Autumn. **Can we win the Peace poster again?**
- If your schools are interested in **the six free STEM lessons that are part of the ROAR programme** then they need to be talking to us now.



It is always a pleasure to visit clubs with new members and there are Lions in our District who are investigating starting **Leo Clubs and Specialist Clubs** – please get in touch if that sounds like a good fit for your community.

And if your club is getting tired, have a look for a **new service project** – there are lots of ideas online and via our social media pages. **Service is our 'shop window' and it's what attracts new members.**

MD Convention is just days away in Llandudno – please join us.

We were very pleased to welcome the Chair of LCIF Dr Patti Hill to visit one of our LCIF match funded projects – she was impressed (**see pages 3-4**)

And finally, the **Childsight programme** of vision screening for 'lazy eye' is gathering **pace**, some training has taken place and funds are now being identified for purchase of vision screening cameras. **Please talk to me or your Zone Chair for more detail.**

Lion Gillian Swan

District Governor



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LCIF visit to Doncaster Royal Infirmary's Serenity Suite

The **Serenity Suite**, a charitably funded maternity bereavement space at Doncaster Royal Infirmary (DRI) has received a special **international visit from the Chairperson of the Lions Clubs International Foundation**.

Dr Patti Hill, former International President of Lions Clubs International and current Chairperson of the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF), visited the suite on **1st April 2025** as part of a tour of the projects supported by the LCIF.



Joining her for this landmark attendance were **Lions Club members from across the UK** such as **Lion Paramjit Dev, Lion Barry Goforth, District LCIF Officer Lion Ron Lindsay, PCC Lion David Pope, DG Lion Stu Young, MD Secretary Lion Andy Pemberton and PCC Lion Stewart Sherman-Khan**. Other, distinguished guests included **DG Gillian Swan, Paul Steele, Regional Development Manager for Europe and Africa; Kavaljit Dev, Council Chair Multiple District British Isles and** .

During the visit, Dr Hill awarded the **bereavement team with a special LCIF pin badge and Honorary Lions flag** in recognition of their dedication to **supporting families during the most difficult of times**.

Dr Hill said, "It is a **privilege to see first-hand one of the wonderful projects** that District 105N has been a major part of and Lions Clubs International Foundation are also **proud to support a very worthwhile and much needed facility**."



This incredible project started in **March 2022** when Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals (DBTH) Charity launched the **Serenity Appeal, hoping to raise £100,000** to bolster maternity bereavement services across their hospital sites.

Thorne Rural Lions and Tickhill and District Lions made an initial donation of approximately £15,000 which was matched **by the LCIF**. With additional contributions, the **Lions collectively raised an incredible £40,000 for the appeal**, over a third of the entire fundraising goal.

The suite officially opened in June 2023 and has already provided **comfort and solace** for families experiencing the heartache of baby loss. **The suite filled a vital gap, as no private or specialised space previously existed** to support families through this deeply sensitive experience.

Rhian Morris, Specialist Bereavement Midwife at DBTH, said: "The Suite has **already provided so many families with a more comfortable, private environment** to stay in, giving them the time to say hello, whilst saying goodbye." **Lois Mellor, Director of Midwifery** at DBTH, said: "It was a **privilege to welcome Dr. Hill and fellow Lions Club members** to see the Serenity Suite. Their generosity has made a **significant impact on our families, and we are deeply grateful** for their continued support."

Further to this, the **DBTH Charity extends heartfelt thanks** to Dr. Hill and all members of the Lions Clubs International for their **compassion, commitment, and outstanding contribution** to the Serenity Appeal.



Membership News

Since the last newsletter, we have had **6** 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.

Doncaster Lions

- Kerris Prendergast

Doncaster Went Valley Lions

- Nine Clement
- David Frankland



Maltby and Rother Valley Lions

- Colin Lowe
- Karen Lowe

Morpeth Lions

- Ken Stait

In Memoriam

Always treasured, your actions live on in our hearts.

Dundee Lions

- William (Bill) Kydd

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,

Since the last newsletter, I have had some **excellent Club visits**, and met lots of new members. I was very pleased to be at **Holme Valley Lions Club** presenting Long Service Awards to three members, of 25, 35 and 45 years. I also enjoyed two charter dinners at **North Wolds celebrating 40 years and Easingwold's 45 years**. Thank you both for your hospitality.



This week, whilst publication is going on, I have been to **Tickhill Lions**, just leaving me **Denby Dale and Rotherham** from my allocated list

to visit in June. Unfortunately, **Bradford**, who I should have been visiting on 7th May, are clashed with my travel to MD convention in Llandudno, but **I have promised to visit them early into my DG year**.

This last weekend of April, we have, as DG Elects **our last training sessions with PCC Alistair Joel**, before we make our plans for International Convention in Orlando in July, where we officially become District Governors. As a group, of course, we also become the **Council of Governors for the British Isles**, and have the responsibility that goes along with that. I am pleased that, within my District, I have so many experienced PDG's whose brains I am sure I will be picking. **My thanks go to current DG Gillian and IPDG Lion Kevin for their help** getting me to this point.

It has been very pleasing during my Club visits this year to see **how much work our members are getting through** in support of their communities.

Keep it up please, after all, this is exactly why we joined Lions in the first place.

Remember, together we can, together we do.

Lion John Sellers, MJF

District Governor - Elect



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2nd Vice Governor's Message

Dear fellow Lions, Leos and partners,

It was my great pleasure to **visit 7 clubs this month** (Rothwell, Harrogate, Wetherby, Boroughbridge, Beverley, Elmet and Morley). They are all so different yet **each strives to meet the needs of their local community** as well as global causes. Travelling to these clubs was a joy and as they say, Learn something new every day!

I was honoured to present a **MJF Award to Elmet Lions President Lion Margaret Hartley**, who was completely surprised by her club members who arranged this.

I did the **training at Scotch Corner with a number of other Lions for 'Guiding Lion' Certification**, delivered admirably by **Lion Michelle McArthur**, a big thank you to her for her patience and skill.

I again met Lion Michelle at the **Castleford and Pontefract Charter Lunch**, taking some fellow Lions with me and arriving at the usual hotel half an hour early, arguing with the Manager then realising we were not at the correct hotel, then arriving with minutes to spare, therein lies a lesson - **read all the pages, do not stop half way through and assume.**

I along with **members of Huddersfield and Keighley Lions did a litter pick in Bradley Woods** area of Huddersfield, separating out as we went aluminium cans which our Zone are saving to weigh in for Guide Dogs. Then, I was invited to join my old Club for a showcase evening at **Keighley Civic Centre where Lion President Roy Hallahan** was presented with an award from the Town Council.

Finally, I attended the **District 105N Trustee Meeting**. I do still feel like a bit of a fraud sitting on Zoom with the great and good, **I will get used to it, won't I?**

It's great to **still be working with Huddersfield and Beverley Lions in trying to grow both Clubs' membership** and was delighted that **Beverley's newest member has hit the ground running**. Lion Mike Wilson has already **arranged a Bucket collection and membership drive in May** and has just been on the radio, doing himself and Lions proud, **Well Done Mike!!**

I am now chomping at the bit, getting ready to make more visits and attend Charters in May.

Lion Allan Clark, MJF

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



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Calendar Dates

Thorne Rural

Midsummer Charity Walk

11th May 2025, registration from 9am
Town Fields Pavillion, Thorne Rd, Doncaster
DN1 2JR

Email Christine Whiteley on:
musicline02@yahoo.co.uk or visit:
www.thornerurallions.com

Boroughbridge Lions

Family Cycle Ride

11th May, from 10am
Boroughbridge Primary School/Great
Ouseburn Village Hall

Find out more: bbrlions@hotmail.com

Elmet Lions

Great Selby Bike Ride

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

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

Peterlee Lions Club

40th Charter Dinner

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

Contact Lion President Roy Clark on:
07801321328

Boroughbridge Lions

Summer Fête

26th May from 10.00
Sports Association Field, Aldborough
road, YO51 9EA

Find out more: bbrlions@hotmail.com

Filey Lions

Filey 10k Beach Race

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

Find out more: www.fileylionsclub.org

Wetherby Lions

Drovers' Day - Cultural Gala and Brass Band Marching Contest

29th June, from 11am
Wetherby Highstreet/Bandstand

Find out more:
www.wetherbylions.org/droversday

Activity Alliance National Junior Para Athletics Championship

5th and 6th July 2025
Coventry Godiva Stadium, Kirby
Corner Road, CV4 7AL.

Email: tregillus@hotmail.com

Filey Lions

Golf Day

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

Find out more: www.fileylionsclub.org



Filey Lions

Annual Ball Race

6th August 2025 from 7pm

Cargate Hill, Filey

Find out more: www.fileylionsclub.org

Lions Fun & Sports Day for people with Disabilities

16th August 2025

Parklands SSC, Doncaster

Email Lion Auriol Henton:

auriolandjoe@hotmail.co.uk

Elmet Lions

PSA Testing

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

Have an upcoming event or Charter Dinner?

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

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Re- **AUTO SHOW**
SPRINGHEAD PARK, ROTHWELL, LEEDS
SUNDAY 8TH JUNE 2025
10am until 3.30pm

**We have now received sponsorship
Which means vehicles will not be
charged for attending**



**PARK LANE
LS26 0EP**

Applications for vehicle/stall holders should be made to
contact@rothwell-lions.org.uk

EXHIBITORS £5 PER VEHICLE : STALL HOLDERS £20

Entry for exhibitors /stall holders from 8 am
Stall holders must book in advance,
Car owners preferably pre book but you can pay the day
Bookings taken from 1st April
Free entry to public from 10am.
Bucket donations will be appreciated with all money collected going to good causes



Charity Golf Day at Moffat Golf Club

Saturday 5th 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 9th & 13th

Nearest the Line on the 15th Hole

£120 Per Team

Includes Coffee , Soup, Sandwich and Chips

Support Options for Lions Charity Day

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



Recycling and the Law

As some of you may be aware, the **legislation governing recycling has now changed**. Businesses and organisations are **now required to implement recycling strategies** in line with quite prescriptive guidelines. **Smaller groups (fewer than 10 employees) have until April 2027 to comply.**

The implications for Clubs within our District are, in the short term, relatively small, as the **“employees” does NOT include volunteers**. Nonetheless, there are implications for many of the activities which are planned and undertaken by Lions Clubs as well as **being good practice and preparation for further changes in the future.**



When planning events, we should include planning for the **three R's. Re-use, Re-purpose and Re-cycle**. Legislation, inevitably, **focuses on recycling and the separation of different types of material.**

A “real life” made up scenario:

Ennyold Lions Club is a small club, with 8 members who have a tombola at the town fair. The prizes include plastic toys and soft drinks. Members take their own lunches to the event. Lion Marjorie left her egg sandwiches in her car and after being in the sun for a couple of hours they had become quite “ripe” and she did not feel inclined to eat them.

Good planning would have to **include disposal of uneaten food**. However, if Marjorie’s sandwiches were wrapped in Clingfilm, the **wrapper would have to be disposed of separately**. Although not an issue at present, for us, having **provision for recycling waste food may have to be incorporated into an event plan** along with rigid plastics and paper recycling or rubbish for materials deemed unsuitable for recycling.

Annuva Lions Club is the organiser of a fete which incorporates a mix of charities and commercial stalls.

As organisers, the **Club would have to ensure that there is appropriate provision for recycling and that stalls were compliant with requirements.**

A more complete account will be given in the June, **“Environment Matters”**. Please also let me know if you are undertaking any Environment projects so I can include them in the issue as well.

The **Charity Commission’s** **Guidance** is **available** **at:**
charitycommissioncomms@notifications.service.gov.uk

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Development Workshops and Webinars

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

Join with lions from across our District to:

- Discuss the challenges facing Lions Clubs today,
- Explore effective strategies for membership growth and retention
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- Learn about some of the inspiring Lions service projects taking place in our District
- Discover how your club can increase it's community profile with Lions Youth projects
- Find out how your club can reduce the burden of membership fees on individuals
- Receive 1:1 coaching with the Lion Portal and Social Media
- Get your questions answered by our panel of experienced Lions
- There are also breakout sessions for Incoming Club Officers, to help you prepare for the year ahead

Please email Michelle.mcarthur@jigsawatwork.com for more information.



Be Prepared for 2025-2026

Are you an incoming Club Officer?

Specifically designed for:

- **New Club Officers:** If you're stepping into a club officer role for the first time, this training will provide the foundational knowledge and resources you need to succeed.
- **Experienced Club Officers:** Seasoned officers will benefit from this update, gaining insights into the latest opportunities, resources, and best practices available to support clubs and enhance community service.
- **Aspiring Club Officers:** Thinking about taking on a leadership role in your Club? This training is the perfect opportunity to learn more about the responsibilities involved and discover if a club officer position is right for you.

Incoming Presidents and Vice Presidents – 24th June - Online

Register to attend here: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/P04Ab1t2T4udwSnt-3ajag_

Incoming Secretaries – 26th June - Online

Register to attend here: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/SGAxAeBtSpuNvbyqTK6oVg_

Lions Portal Training – Brush Up Your Skills

Date: 19th June

Time: 7.30pm

Location: Online

Do you have unanswered questions about the Lion Portal?

Would you like some help with reporting your club service activities?

Are your club details up to date or do you need help in editing them?

During the portal training we will look at how to:

- update your membership figures
- report service
- access the learning centre
- update your club officer information
- print membership cards
- edit your club details
- pull off a summary of your members clubs awards and service achievements
- plus access many more resources and information including, marketing and PR, membership resources

Register to attend here: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/V9PjkwZyRmucfb0nop4aNg_

If you would like a copy of the full list of development opportunities for 2025, email michelle.mcarthur@jigsawatwork.com



Tales from our Clubs

Maltby and Rother Valley Lions



With a whole range of Charter Dinners occurring recently, members have been coming together to **celebrate their Clubs' longevity and unity**. One such example of this, is in Maltby and Rother Valley who, on the 14th March, held their **47th Anniversary Charter Evening** at Hellaby Hall Hotel.

They were joined by a host of special guests including, **Lord and Lady Scarbrough, District Governor Gillian Swan and Jonathan Lines MDO**. They also welcomed sponsors **Jeremy Neal - Funeral Directors and Maltby Town Council** as well as guests from Lions Clubs in **Bramley & Wickersley, Doncaster, Thorne Rural, Tickhill and Doncaster Went Valley**.

After the formalities and meal, the Club enjoyed a **fun raffle and played 'Shove a Coin'**, which was won by Lion Jean Fletcher. Ending the evening on a high was singer **Nicola Cutts and a Disco by her husband Steve Cutts**. A fun night for all especially **Secretary Janice Maskill** (pictured surrounded by balloons).

Morpeth Lions

When **Lion Robin Cooper** passed to Higher Service earlier this year, he had been a valued member of the Club for over 36 years. In that time, he had fulfilled many Club positions including President and Secretary. He and his wife Joan were also the Club's **main link with Northumberland County Council's Social Services** team. This involved them **collecting household goods and furniture that were donated for the benefit of needy families** as well as Christmas gifts for children who would otherwise receive little. **Their house and garage were often not their own!**

They readily acknowledged this would not have been possible without the support of **Lion members, the congregation of St. George's URC and many other community contacts**. It was in recognition of this constant service that, some years ago, the Club presented Robin with a **Bert Mason Humanitarian Award - UK Lions' highest award**.



Morpeth Lions, however, acknowledge that **Joan was always involved and supportive** of all that Robin achieved within the Club. Therefore, it was Club President Richard Short's pleasure to award **Joan a Lifetime Honorary Membership** and to hear that she intends continuing the invaluable service she and Robin gave to the community.

Well done to Joan and thank you to the late Lion Robin Cooper for everything they have done for the great community of Morpeth.



Darlington Lions



In Darlington, another long serving activist has been acknowledged after the Club celebrated one member's more than **half a century of Service**.

94-year-old Lion Tom Peacock marked 55 years as a member of Darlington Lions Club when **Club President Pat De Martino presented him with his Chevron Award** and a letter from LCIF President Dr Patti Hill.

The **great-grandfather of five joined Darlington Lions in 1969** and has held all the **key positions in the Club, including being President twice**. He was instrumental in helping to set up Darlington Lions' Bookshop which is still the Club's main source of funds. Although he no longer attends business meetings, **Lion Tom Peacock visits the bookshop occasionally and takes part in some of the Club's social activities**.

We are so happy that Lion Tom's long service has been rewarded and we completely support CP Pat's comments - **"Tom is an outstanding example to us all. All Lions strive to do what they can, for as long as they can and provide great service, just like Tom."**

Ryedale Lions

Easter is such a cracking time filled with **sugar, rabbits, religious reflection and family**. It is a perfect time to **share the love and lots of eggs** just like Ryedale Lions Club.

Over the last month, the Lions have been out and about **delivering 12 giant Easter eggs to Infant and Junior schools** within their area. One giant Easter egg was also delivered to **Carers Plus**. These donated eggs, superbly crafted by **Birdgate Chocolatiers of Pickering**, will be raffled by their recipients to raise much needed funds for current projects.



Ryedale Lions wish to thank local residents for their **ongoing generosity** that has allowed this initiative to become an annual event. **A truly sweet story - well done all"**

Tickhill and District Lions



Tickhill and District Lions have also been providing eggs and donated **over 100 of them to local schools and care homes** to spread joy over the upcoming holiday. This has included such organisations as **All Saints' Church, Harworth and Bircotes and Brailsford House Residential Care Home**.

In addition to this, members ran another **highly successful and enjoyable Race Night at the Tickhill Cricket Club** which raised over £1,000. **A great night was had by all!**



London, Paris, Milan.....Wetherby! A fashion evening with Wetherby District Lions has been a runaway success for the local team. At the well attended event, **60 ladies** joined their local Lions at the **Annual Fashion Show at The Engine Shed**.

The evening started with an **excellent meal followed by some turns on the catwalk!** The ladies' outfits were provided by **online retailer cabi** and were superbly modelled by **staff and members from Gymophobics in Wetherby**.

The special get together was not only **fun and fashionable but a fundraising triumph** as well. After the night concluded, **an impressive £1000** had been raised for the Club. **A huge 'thank you'** is extended to all those who supported it by the Lions.



Boroughbridge Lions



One of the greatest things about being a Lion is **getting to help people** in a variety of exciting and interesting ways. In Boroughbridge, the Lions have been doing just this.

Recently, they were very pleased to announce that they have given a **substantial donation to local resident Allie** for the purchase of a mobility wheelchair. Allie has degenerative osteoarthritis and fibromyalgia which makes walking almost impossible. Fortunately, the wheelchair has given Allie greater **independence and enables her to access places which have been impossible in the past**.

This is such a great piece of service and **Boroughbridge Lions should be immensely proud** of their work and contribution to Allie's welfare!

Denby Dale District Lions

Denby Dale District Lions were once again **delighted to be able to support their local Hospices** by making donations of **£1,000 each** to **The Kirkwood, Barnsley Hospice, Forget Me Not Children's Hospice and Wakefield Hospice**.

The photo shows their recent cheque presentation at The Kirkwood at the invitation of the **Chief Executive who is shown here with Club President Paul Rusby, Club PR Officer David Absolon, Club Secretary Neil Milne and a member of the Kirkwood Team**.



This has been made possible by the **generous donations from their community** who continue to support their fundraising events particularly the **Santa Sleigh runs and their recent Charity Beer Festival** both of which raised significant funds. **Brilliant!**

Filey Lions



Filey Lions have had a **successful craft, information & story day** which was achieved in partnership with the **National Literacy Trust**. This collaborative effort was held on the **8 April, at St John's Church**, and saw several local organisations attend to provide crafts and give out information about the services they offer.

Visitors of all ages **enjoyed their afternoon partaking in painting, sticking and listening to stories**. The National Literacy Trust also gifted books to children & young people. **A huge thank you** is passed to those who gave up their time to make this event a success.

The Club has also been focused on the **Filey Food Festival, their Teddy Tombola, 10k Beach Race and The Filey Lions Golf Day**. *Please see the Calendar Dates page for more information about these amazing events.*

Elmet Lions

Clubs are always looking for new members and in Elmet, they have launched a **Lions' Den to bring some fresh blood** into their team. They hold this regular meet and greet **on a Tuesday morning at a local café in Sherburn in Elmet**. The Lions take it in turns to attend and chat to people about what Lions do.



The Den is advertised on Facebook and has become so popular that they advertise many of their **fantastic future events such as The Great Selby Bike Ride (18th May), Elmet Lions Golf Day (19th September) PSA testing for men over 40 (25th September) and the Santa Sleighs**.

Who'd of thought that **sitting with a large, stuffed Lion with a banner outside dismissing all rumours about the Lions, could be so so successful?** Well it is as! **People love engaging with the Elmet Lions** and this has yielded **one new member plus several Bike Race marshalls**.

Castleford and Pontefract District Lions



Community events are important for our Clubs and Castleford and Pontefract Lions have been partaking in them. To start, they attended the **Community Showcase – hosted by Pontefract Civic Society**, which brings together local **community groups and organisations** and provides the ideal opportunity for members of the public to find out more about what they do and how they can get involved. At this event, the Lions were very happy to be promoting the **Message in a Bottle scheme** as well as sharing all the **other great work** they do. A great opportunity indeed!

As well as this, the Club were involved in the **Annual Food Tasting** – Working alongside JBA Marketing, this is one of the many fun events the Club does to raise funds for the Club. **Lion Helen and her partner Jim, host a panel of 12 judges** who come along and **taste a multitude of frozen foods and judge them** against a given set of criteria. Finally, with spring having sprung, **Lion Jacqueline** has been busy replanting the Club's flower trough for **Pontefract In Bloom**.



Tynedale Lions recently held their **Youth Excellence Awards** night at the County Hotel, Hexham. The Awards have been part of the Lions' Youth Programme for over 3 years and are open to anyone aged between 11-18 who **aspire to excellence** in one of four categories. Each category has a **bursary of £500** which has been established with funds raised locally and is a unique opportunity for any young person to benefit from funding towards realising a **particular ambition or taking a step further on the road to fulfilling their potential**.



The winner of the **Service to the Community category** was **Katie Robson (14+)** for her involvement with Wylam Rangers, Wylam Brownies and other local organisations. She has also been selected by Girl Guiding North East to attend a guide convention in Iceland and part of her award will help her travel costs.

William Dixon (14+) was a **Sport's Category winner** for his rising status in horseback archery going from beginner to British Grassroots Champion in 13 months. He is currently completing his Bronze Equestrian Leader Award and his award will help fund further training and some new equipment. Meanwhile, **Tryna Gryga (16+)** was **acknowledged for her volleyball prowess** as a Team member for the Tynedale Marauders in Northern Counties League Division 1 and also for Newcastle Panthers. Back home in Ukraine her father plays volleyball and she wanted to follow in his footsteps. Her award will help her progress further and also help her create her own youth volleyball team.

Finally, **Ella Varty (17+)** is a **Choral Scholar** at Hexham Abbey as well as singing in both Durham and Newcastle Cathedral Choirs. She also sang at the Hexham Lights Switch-On. She will use her award to have professional singing lessons (for the first time) so she can continue choral work when at University. She wins the **Creative Arts and Music bursary**.

Well done to all these young people and huge applause to Tynedale Lions for supporting them!

Consett Lions



Consett Lions have had a busy few weeks which started with a **collection for Marie Curie UK** at Morrisons. The final amount collected is to be confirmed. The Club is looking forward to receiving a presentation from local Marie Curie contacts at their next meeting who will be talking about their charity.

After this, local Lions attended a **Coffee Morning in Stanley** raising **£70 via a Lion Tombola** to support their activities in the local community.

The Club also had a recent, **inspiring visit and talk by a representative of the 'If You Care Share Foundation'** about its work with suicide prevention and the aftermath of suicide itself. A donation of £100 was made to the Foundation. Consett Lions Club are to hold a **'Come and try bowls' evening** at Consett Park Bowls Club on Thursday 15th May. Two Club members also enjoyed a lovely evening with the **City of Durham Lions Club** and their guests at the Bowburn Hall Hotel in celebration of that **Club's Charter Anniversary**.

PSA tests have become a frequent piece of service for our Clubs and Keighley Lions were so immensely proud to hold their own **Prostate Cancer screening event** recently.

Led by **Lion Barry Peel**, a cancer survivor himself, **70 men** were given the opportunity to be tested with 60 of these being free and provided by the Club itself. Supporting the event on the day, were a **number of Lions** as well as representatives from **Prostate Cancer UK** and the **Yorkshire Cancer Community**.



The Club passes on its thanks to **The Graham Fulford Charitable Trust** who facilitated the testing as well as the event's sponsors: **G.A.S (General Anesthetic Services)**, **McDowell (Intelligent Logistics)**, **Bradford Soup**, **Cllr Mick Dowse** and **Cllr Andrew Judson**.

Competition Corner

Our District has some **great, creative competitions** which are fun and help build comradeship between us all

Please note that due to a **Comp malfunction**, there may be a few more outstanding points, If any Club have missing points, please **let Lion Roy know** and send him a copy of your entry form.

With **better days on the horizon**, it is hoped that more visiting cards will be forthcoming. Don't forget, if you make a visit to **ANY Lions function**, please **send Lion Roy a form** at: rjafield58@gmail.com.

Scores on the Door

Travelling Lion:

Thorne Rural - 16
Garforth - 13
Keighley - 5



Host Club:

Thorne Rural - 12

Upcoming Deadline

Thank you all for your contributions this month. The next deadline is the **18th May 2025**. I look forward to seeing what your Clubs have been doing so do email me on: media@keighleylions.org.uk

