



PRIDE of the NORTH

NEWSLETTER for 105N District

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New Year, More Service!



Our Clubs have already been **starting 2026 off strong** with a lot of different service activities. Using our District 105N Facebook page, I have compiled just a few of them here!

In **Scarborough**, the Club hosted their **26th New Year's Day Dip**. The well attended beach event saw a **high turnout and a great deal of positive energy**. Meanwhile, **Garforth and District Lions** have been busy with a **collection of clothes** for the charity - **'The Clothing Bank'**. People donated all afternoon and they were able to fill **2 vans and a number of cars**. Finally, members of **Tickhill & District Lions**, Tickhill Countryside Group and other volunteers were out in the sunshine for a lovely litter-pick. They did extremely well and collected **25 bags of rubbish** on Worksop Road (A60).

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Editor's Comments



Dear all,

I do hope you have all had an **absolutely fantastic Christmas period and New Year**. In the last issue, I was amazed by the **incredible scale** of what we offer over this most important time of the year and it is good to see some of these tales appearing in this issue too.

As you will have seen, this issue is **substantially smaller than normal**. This is to be expected though, our Clubs are quite rightly resting after such a heavy time and this is well deserved. Saying that, it was great fun scrolling through our Facebook page and finding some **little gems for the Front Page**.

Whilst January's POTN might be tiny, there is still some good content to enjoy from our **Governors' messages (pp.2-3)** to some **brilliant training** on offer from our **Leadership Lead Michelle (p.5)**.

Luke Maunsell

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Competition Corner

Scores on the Door Travelling Lion:

Thorne Rural - 97

Garforth - 14

Keighley - 5



Host Club:

Thorne Rural - 45

Don't forget that our District has some **great, creative competitions** which include: **The Photo Comp, The Peter Shaw Award, Rookie of the Year and the Best Web Page Award**. They are all fun and help build comradeship between us all. If you would like to find out more, **please contact Lion Roy Field** at: rjafield58@gmail.com.



District Governor's Message

Fellow Lions, Leos and Partners,

I hope you have all had a restful time since the busy December we all had, and are **looking readily forward to the Spring, some better weather, and another season of busy Lionism.**



I haven't had a lot of time to recover, though we did have a nice quiet family Christmas and New Year. Since the turn of the year, I was straight back into duties with **preparation for Convention** still ongoing, as well as a **trip to Castleford to present the District Peace Poster winner** with her prize. Kairen and I also enjoyed a wonderful evening at **Zone 12's Burns Night Supper** at Wheatley Golf Club in Doncaster last weekend. A very enjoyable event, with **11 Clubs joining in and a total of 86 attendees.** Well done to **Mike Byrne and the Lions of Tickhill** for your organisation of this annual event.

Alongside that, my own Club has been prepping for **our first PSA testing event** at the end of the month. Despite **100 places being available,** we are pleased to say **it was fully subscribed within 48 hours.** As you can imagine, this is an event we are looking forward to hosting. It is a **great Service project which more Clubs are taking on.** You can get details from our **District Prostate Cancer Officer Jon Lines** if you want to hold an event.

In terms of my upcoming travels – this week is the **Council of Governors meeting** in Birmingham which will culminate on Sunday morning with the election of next year's Chair of Council. After this, we move on to **Convention, which will be an excellent weekend** and attendance numbers are looking reasonable. Towards the **end of February, the Young Ambassador finals take place in Dudley** and I will be attending. Looking ahead, I have a couple of **Charter Dinner invites to look forward to.**

Membership-wise we had our usual drop in December. However, in January, **Clubs are reporting new recruits** and I am hopeful that we can build up again in the next 2 or 3 months to finish the year in positive growth.

Keep up the good work fellow Lions and keep supporting your communities. **The grassroots Lions are the most important within the organisation.**

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District Governor



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1st Vice Governor's Message

Dear fellow Lions, Leos and partners,

I am not sure what you would call a pride of rested Lions, but **you all deserved the short break after the Christmas Campaign**. Having said that, there is already a **tide of activity washing ashore, with fresh ideas, new members and planning for events** in the near future.



By the time you read this edition, I will have attended the **District Trustee Meeting, Zone 9 Meeting and will be in Birmingham** as a member of the Shadow Council, learning from Council. Then, Sunday I will be interviewing and deciding on a new Chair of Council for my year in office (2026/2027) as your District Governor (of course, subject to me being elected at Convention). In addition, I will have **sat in on a webinar on Orientation**, put together wonderfully by Lion Michelle McArthur. These are **really helpful** in assisting new Lions in understanding more about our Organisation as well as helping those more experienced Lions to look at the responsibilities and more. **I really recommend these.**

Going forward, **Clubs I am visiting over the next 5 months** will now be getting emails requesting a time and date for me to see them. Meanwhile, **The District Convention** is running on the weekend of the 6th to 8th February at Scotch Corner. This should be interesting and I am **looking forward to attending**, along with fellow Lions from Huddersfield. It is hoped that following Convention there will be a 2nd VDG in post. (I do hope so!)

Beyond this, February is going to take its toll on the 'old' brain, as I will be having **two training sessions each week of the month** on Zoom with my VDG colleagues. It would also be remiss of me not to mention the **Multi District Convention in Newcastle** at the back end of May. It would be **great to see a big 105N turn out** as it is in our District.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Allan Clark, MJF

1st Vice District Governor
2025/2026



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Membership News

Since the last newsletter, we have had **10** join our 105N pride. **Let's welcome them and wish them all the best** in their future service

Darlington Lions

- Gill Metcalfe

Dumbarton Lions

- Luca Notini

Scarborough Lions

- Julia Hamilton

Hornsea District Lions

- Pam Jones

Bridlington Lions

- James Lyle

Dalbeattie Lions

- Maxine Camochan

Maltby Rother Valley Lions

- Riley Lowe

Colne Valley Lions

- Gary Titler

Pocklington District Lions

- Elizabeth Colbrook

Easingwold Lions

- Gordon Jack



In Memoriam

Always treasured, your actions live on in our hearts.

Boroughbridge Lions

- Barry Walker

Former Member of Boroughbridge Lions

- John Sheepey

Dalbeattie Lions Club

- Charles Robertson

Deepest thanks to **Lion Marilyn Bennett**, MLCY Co-ordinator and **Lion David Wilson**, District Almoner for contributing to this page. They can be reached on davidwilson51@hotmail.co.uk and lions.geomar@gmail.com.



Leadership Matters

Are you ready to make a lasting impact in your Club and community? Don't miss these essential events designed to empower every Lion—whether you're a seasoned Lion or just starting your journey! Let's nurture our new Lions for life, welcome every new member and make sure every Lion has a voice, feels valued and is able to contribute fully in Club activities and service.

Making Room for Everyone: Creating a Safe and Authentic Experience in Your Lions Club
Wednesday, 25th February 2026, 7:30 PM (Online)

Harness the true power of your Club's diversity! Whilst bringing together multiple generations and diverse backgrounds is a tremendous strength, it also presents unique challenges in communication, commitment, and leadership. Enrol in this new webinar to learn actionable strategies for inclusive leadership. We will equip Club officers and members with practical tools to successfully bridge generational gaps and establish a safe environment so that every Lion feels genuinely welcome, valued, and empowered. Don't miss this opportunity to boost engagement and retention.

Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/c4ONTVjITreo5JOILuwi0w>

Managing Conflict and Valuing Diversity within a Lions Club
Monday 23rd March 2026, 7.30pm (Online)

Is internal conflict or communication breakdown draining energy from your Club's vital service mission? Join our focused 75-minute webinar which is designed specifically for members and leaders navigating volunteer dynamics. We'll explore the root causes of fallout—from unclear roles to competing service priorities—and reveal the hidden cost of inaction on member retention and public reputation. Crucially, you'll gain practical tools and learn how to leverage differing opinions to ensure disagreements lead to stronger projects, not fractured relationships. Equip your Club to transform internal tension into a powerful external impact.

Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/auK6jPuXTdirFLV7mAACnA>

Generative AI for Lions: Your New Co-Pilot for Service
Tuesday 31st March 2026, 7.30pm (Online)

A beginner-friendly webinar designed for all members. Discover how simple, free tools like ChatGPT and Google Gemini can become powerful assistants, saving your Club valuable time. You'll learn practical, actionable ways to draft news articles in seconds, create engaging social media posts, and brainstorm fresh fundraising ideas. Attend this session to gain the confidence to use AI responsibly and efficiently, allowing your Club to amplify its service impact and focus on what matters most: serving the community. **Note:** This webinar is not designed for Lions who are already familiar with and using Generative AI, it is designed for those who are curious and would like to learn about some of the basics.

Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/h7qVQMjwTqmCOqarfU9RaQ>

Please email Lion Michelle on: Michelle.McArthur@jigsawatwork.com to request your application and/or if you would like a copy of the full list of development opportunities for 2025/2026.



Calendar Dates

District 105N - Training Opportunity Sponsor Success – Nurturing a Lion for Life

Thursday, 29th January 2026, 7:30 PM
(Online)

Learn practical strategies—like intentional introductions and effective “5-Minute Check-ins”—to build rapport, guarantee every new Lion feels welcome, and ensure every voice is valued.

Register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/j8scK9xC5RLmGQuZc5poP9Q>

Filey Lions

Free PSA testing

30th January 2026, from 10am
Filey Evron Centre, 1a John Street,
YO14 9DW

Find out more:

www.fileylionsclub.org

District Convention

6th to 8th February 2026

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

Knaresborough Lions

39th Annual Charter Dinner

Hold the Date - 7th March 2026

Easingwold District Lions

47th Anniversary Charter Dinner

Saturday 21st March 2026, 7.00pm
for 7.30pm

Burn Hall Hotel, Tollerton Road,
YO61 1JB

Email Lion Kate:

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Thorne Rural Lions

45th Charter Dinner

Saturday 14th March 2026
Wheatley Golf Club, Doncaster,
DN2 5QB

Doncaster Lions

Charter Dinner

Friday 3rd July 2026, 7pm for
7:30pm

The Earl Of Doncaster Hotel,
Bennetthorpe, Doncaster,
DN2 6AD

Find out more:

www.doncasterlions.co.uk

Have an upcoming event or Charter Dinner?

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

Boroughbridge Lions



Whilst many of our Clubs reported on their Festive Service last issue, there are still a few of these **amazing Christmas acts to be shared!**

In Boroughbridge, their '**Santa & his Sleigh**' program was completed on schedule with house to house collections being carried out in **Boroughbridge and 10 local villages** alongside **static collections at local supermarkets**. Added to this, the Club also arranged a **Tombola at Boroughbridge Late Night Shopping evening**.

All went really well but 3 evenings were unfortunately postponed due to wet weather. Furthermore, the Club also did have to recruit stand-in Santas due to illness. However, despite this, the Lions are pleased to report that **everyone was very generous and the events were successful**. The Club now has **significant funds to support local needy causes**.

Holme Valley Lions

Holme Valley Lions were very busy over Christmas as they took part in a number of **static sleighs at key locations**. Over the Christmas period, they did 2 stints at 3 locations and raised an **approx. £2500** which the Club was very happy with. Even though the Club was saddened that they weren't able to do their normal sleigh routes/routine, **they are proud of the total received** which will be bolstered by Gift Aid.



Further to this, the Lions were able to apply for a grant once again for monies to **help 3 local foodbanks as well as for girls' hygiene poverty packs, vouchers and sanitary products**. All the recipients were extremely happy with the donations and this led to some positive reviews on Facebook. The **Lions encourage other Clubs to apply for such grants** to support their community and make that real difference to vulnerable people who we serve.

Knaresborough Lions



Continuing the Christmas theme, **Knaresborough Lions** have been reflecting on their **annual Christmas Party for elderly folk** in the town which was held in mid-December.

Photographed is **Lion Bernadette Reid** who is shown with the display of delicious food which was on offer. For the event, Lions transported people to and from the venue, managed the afternoon and arranged both the catering and entertainment. The latter of which was provided by the **Knaresborough**

Choral Society and accordionist Bobby Grieve.

As you can imagine, the **Lions absolutely love putting on this fantastic event** especially as it is fast becoming a **collaborative venture with other community groups, which the Club welcomes**.



Thorne Rural Lions

Like most Lions Clubs, December for Thorne Rural Lions means **Santa's Sleigh, Christmas events and Good Cheer**. It also, rather importantly, means raising a lot of opportunities to raise money for good causes. This year was no exception for the Lions. Overall, their **Sleigh activity raised over £11k** which the Club will look to distribute over 2026 to local causes. Their **Toy Appeal was also a big success** and exceeded their expectations as well as the outcomes from previous years.



Putting their best charitable paw forward, the local Lions have been able to **fund play equipment for the local respite children's home - Oaklands**. Despite it being cold and wet, it is being utilised daily by the children (and staff apparently). Meanwhile, the Club's first event of the year was **Burns Night**, held in conjunction with the neighbouring Lion Clubs at Wheatley Golf Club. **It was a good start for 2026 with plenty of food, drink and dancing.**

Keighley Lions



In the first week or so of January, Lions across the world were marking **'Hunger' week**. During these special 7 days, Clubs focused their efforts on highlighting the **plight of hunger in our society** and doing what they could to make a local impact.

In Keighley, the Club made a big push on encouraging their community to **reduce food waste**. Via social media, they posted a series of top tips and also some tasty recipes to help people utilise food which might otherwise have been chucked away. Further to this, they were proud to promote their local Salvation Army who host a **'Victory Programme'** which advises people on how to cook on a budget.

The largest piece of service for the Club though was a super afternoon at their local, All Nation's Church. Working closely with the Church, the Lions put on a **Mad Hatter's Tea Party** where some specially Invited (and vulnerable) guests were given some free food and refreshments. Music was provided by a local artist called **Songbirde (Anna Mitchell)** who performed beautifully and added so much to the afternoon. Meanwhile, a very enjoyable game of Bingo was played which was run by **Lions Julie and Edward Walters**.

The Club thanks the Church who funded the afternoon as well as all their Lions: **Ruth Payne, Robert Payne, Hazel Jiggins, (myself), the Bingo duo and Sue Peel (a Friend of Lions)** who helped to provide the catering. **A perfect way to end Hunger week!**

Upcoming POTN Deadline

Thank you all for your contributions this month. The next deadline is the **15th February 2026**. I look forward to seeing what your Clubs have been doing so email me on: [**media@keighleylions.uk**](mailto:media@keighleylions.uk)

