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District 105N Newsletter

District 105N Almoner

Our previous Almoner Lion Anne Kelly has resigned from her post District Almoner and with immediate effect the role of District Almoner will be carried out by myself as 1st Vice District Governor and from the 1st July 2020 as District Governor.

If clubs require cards sending to fellow members who are either ill in hospital or ill at home, please let me have their details. Secondly if a member or their partner has passed to Higher Service and a Sympathy Card is required to be sent on behalf of the District please again advise me, this time with the name of the deceased and with the name and address of the deceased next of Kin.

Lion Dave Wilson

1st Vice District Governor 105N

District Officers

Lions that are interested and have knowledge in any of the following 4 areas are being sought for the forthcoming Lionistic year to take up the post of District Officer for the relevant role. The role involves being the source of information for other Lions and Clubs in our District, producing 4 short reports during the year which go first to the District Cabinet and then out to all members. There is no requirement to attend District Cabinet Meetings unless specifically invited. Further information available from myself.

District Diabetic Officer

District Hunger Relief Officer

District Social Media Officer

District Message in a Bottle Officer.

These are all important areas of Service. I very much look forward to hearing from you.

Lion David Wilson

1st Vice District Governor 105N

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1st Vice District Governor's Diary for February 2020

07-09 Feb 2020	District 105N Convention at Scotch Corner	
09 Feb 2020	North Wolds Lions Club Charter Anniversary Lunch	
10-15 Feb 2020	District Governor Elect Training School, Chicago, Illinois	
20 Feb 2020	Filey Lions Club Meeting	
23 Feb 2020	Beverly Lions Club 60th Charter Anniversary	
25 Feb 2020	Yarm District Lions Club	O.V

District Governor 105N



Fellow Lions, Lionesses, Leos and Partners

I am looking forward to seeing as many members as possible at our Convention weekend at Scotch Corner. Our International Guest, 3VP Dr. Patti Hill is looking forward to meeting the members of 105N over that weekend, then on Sunday morning there will be a question and answer session with VP Patti in the Convention hotel. This will be a great opportunity to meet our International Guest and ask questions.

I would like to thank clubs who have donated to LCIF so far this year and to the Australian Fires appeal. It really is important that we support the MD Disaster fund in this way as some of our Clubs have benefited from the generosity of others during the recent floods in our District.

I am aware that clubs have been having difficulties with reporting service projects and I have circulated a Power Point presentation on MyLion to support clubs with further information. We all know of amazing service projects in the District and we need to share these with wider Lions and the world!

May I also remind clubs that my District Governor appeal to support The Yard project in Edinburgh is still open! Any donations will make a difference to the lives of the young people they support and help them deliver the service.

In these difficult times for membership it is heartening to know that some clubs are going the extra mile in membership drives, with amazing results. Thank you to all those who work to keep membership high on the agenda and build on our legacy of service to local communities. Through service we can increase our membership!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Convention team who have been working behind the scenes to put together an interesting and fun weekend for us all. I look forward to meeting you all there.

Lion Andrew
District Governor 105N

District Governor's Diary for February 2020

03 Feb 2020	Castleford & Pontefract District Lions Club	O.V
04 Feb 2020	Warmsworth & Edlington Lions Club	O.V
05 Feb 2020	Holme Valley Lions Club	O.V
07-09 Feb 2020	District 105N Convention at Holiday Inn, Scotch Corner	
10 Feb 2020	Visit to the Men's Shed Project at Tynedale Lions Club	
12 Feb 2020	Dalbeattie & District Lions Club	O.V
13 Feb 2020	City of Edinburgh Lions Club Meeting	
22 Feb 2020	Sunderland Lions Club	O.V

District Governor's Project for 2019-2020



The DG Project for 2019-20 is **The Yard** which is based in Edinburgh. The City of Edinburgh Lions Club have supported them with fundraising for many years, but I would be really grateful if Lions across the District could support the project for this year.

The Yard is in need of funds to update equipment and especially art materials. Local government funding has been cut and in order to continue they need to raise funds to continue their inspiring work.

All donations should be sent to our District Treasurer, PDG David Wells marked "The Yard" project.

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The Yard is an award-winning charity running adventure play services for disabled and autistic children, young people and their families in the east of Scotland. They offer disabled children and their siblings the chance to experience creative, adventurous indoor and outdoor play in a well-supported environment.

Since they opened in 1986, their services have grown significantly, but they retain the holistic approach and ethos of a child-centred and child-led play service.

The role of **The Yard** in the lives of children and families is an ambitious one. Their single purpose is to provide care, support, and opportunities for fun and friendship for disabled children and young people. They also encourage families to let go, promoting challenge, personal growth and supported independence for their children. None of what they do at **The Yard** contains risk for its own sake, but they are there to promote physical development and social communication, and to give children a vibrant experience and sense of achievement. There are few places where children with visual impairments can experience building and lighting fires, cooking their own food, or build dens, ropes bridges or simple spaces to enjoy their own time.



The Yard is about emotional as well as practical support for families. Besides offering informal respite, meeting other parents who face similar challenges gives them the chance to build a network of support and understanding that helps ease the difficulties they often face.

The flagship centre in Edinburgh was refurbished by BBC's DIY SOS *The Big Build* for Children in Need in 2012. Our vision is one of safe and adventurous play opportunities for all disabled children and young people, and so the work of **The Yard** continues to grow.

Your support will make a difference to young lives.

Lion Andrew Kerr-Sutherland
District Governor 105N

PDG Lion Pete Dilloway

has been voted in as the Council Chairman 2020-21



We are delighted to announce that the incoming Council of Governors for 2020-21 have elected PDG Lion Pete Dilloway from District 105SE to be their Council Chairman.

A member of the 2018-19 Council of Governors Lion Pete brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the role and will I'm sure have an enjoyable and successful year working with the incoming Council.

A experienced former Public Sector professional with a proven track record of leading effective delivery of projects and change within the public and voluntary sectors. An effective leader with excellent project management skills and extensive experience of managing change, adopting an inclusive approach which enables him to effectively engage with stakeholders and team members alike to achieve results. A calm and diplomatic self starter with a common sense attitude who is able to use initiative working independently or as part of a team.

Around the Clubs of District 105N

Huddersfield Lions Club

Huddersfield Lions Club has had a very successful Christmas organising our annual Santa Dash around Huddersfield Town Centre and selling raffle tickets for our Grand Christmas Draw.



The Santa Dash attracted runners and walkers, young and old to Huddersfield Town Centre. The adults were dressed as Santa and the children wore reindeer antlers. The participants were raising money for their chosen charity and a total of £1,350 was pledged.

We sold raffle tickets at a Supermarket, Shopping Centre and a Garden Centre and our Grand Christmas Draw raised £1,500 for local charities.



Lion President Ken Batten preparing for the Grand Draw

Lion Martin Richardson
Secretary Huddersfield Lions Club

Darlington Lions Club

The beautiful Darlington South Park is the setting every Saturday morning for the free weekly park run when several hundred runners of all strengths and ages run the 5K course around the South Park lake starting and finishing by the bowling green.

This very popular weekly event starting at 9am. is organised entirely by volunteers

Darlington Lions Club was one of the original sponsors of the event when it was formed in Darlington in 2013 and each year the Darlington Lions Club trophy is presented to the volunteer of the year as chosen by the parkrun committee,

This year's winner volunteer Mike Whelan was presented with the trophy on Saturday morning.



Mike Whelan receiving the Volunteer of the Year Trophy from Darlington Lions Club President Neil Anderson.

Mike travels into Darlington early every Saturday morning and usually by public transport to help steward the course and the parkrun committee acknowledged his community spirit, commitment and ever present attendance by presenting him with the volunteer of the year trophy 2019.

Lion Hillary Robert
Darlington Lions Club

Sunderland Lions Club

Sunderland Lions Club held their 45th Annual Boxing Day Dip when some 230 dippers took to the cold North Sea. The atmosphere was wonderful, the fancy dress amazing and good support from the people of Sunderland. The estimated amount raised for charitable causes was £28,000.

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The event also gave wonderful publicity for the Lions club including Look North on BBC Television.



Many of the dippers are looking forward to the next Dip!

Lion Anne Fielding
President, Sunderland Lions Club

Keighley Lions Club

Keighley lions hosted a zone meeting on January 23rd at a somewhat different venue...the Lion's Den (Shed) which is based at Cliffe Castle, Keighley. In true Yorkshire style we started the proceedings with a fish and chip supper, before the usual reports and discussions.



The Keighley club had a successful Christmas campaign, the sleigh and grotto raising a goodly amount with many
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thanks to Stephen Smiths Harden garden centre for hosting our grotto, and the whole 'Santa' team.



We are now making plans for the coming year, with new ventures and ideas...always looking forwards to raising our local profile by various means.

During January, club members celebrated the 90th birthday of Eric Acomb, a long standing member, with a cake and drinks...and welcomed a new member...David Earnshaw

Watch out for news of our charter dinner!

Lion H W Ambler
Keighley Lions Club Marketing Officer

Ayr & Prestwick Lions Club

On 13 December judging of the annual Christmas shop window display in Ayr town centre was carried out by representatives of Ayr Rotary, the local community council and Ayr & Prestwick Lions Club. Lion President Alec Mooney was pleased to attend as one of the judges.

It was notable that this year many of the locally owned businesses had made a special effort with many hairdressers doing their bit to add some Christmas cheer to their premises. After a comprehensive tour of the town centre on a dry day a coffee shop stop was next on the agenda where unanimous agreement was reached on selecting the winning and runner up displays.



At that point Depute Provost William Grant of South Ayrshire Council joined the company. After which they all
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Made their way to witness Mr. Grant presenting the trophy to Rotherwood whose window display was quite outstanding and a credit to the staff who had spent a great deal of time designing and creating a real eye catching scene that will have given much pleasure to many people. Needless to say, the Rotherwood staff were delighted to receive the trophy.



Lion Alec Mooney
President Ayr & Prestwick Lions Club

Ayr & Prestwick Lions

Each year Ayr & Prestwick Lions Club has a post Christmas lunch at a local hotel. Lion Miranda Kotnik organises this and the raffle. Family and friends of members join in and it is a convivial occasion.

This year was rather special as Immediate Past President Phiroze Mehta was presented with the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award by current Lion President Alec Mooney.



Lion Phiroze is a long serving member of the club and recently completed his second two year term as Lion President. It was fitting that Phiroze's wife, Margaret, was present to enjoy the occasion.

Lion Alec Mooney
President Ayr & Prestwick Lions Club

Membership

We welcome the following members into District 105N and into Lions Clubs International

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| Lion Mike Jenkins | Colne Valley Lions Club |
| Lion Phillip Wilding | Easingwold Lions Club |
| Lion Tina Wilding | Easingwold Lions Club |
| Lion Jane Oxenforth | Garforth & District Lions Club |
| Lion Marilyn Bennett | |
| District 105N MLCI Officer | |

District Almoner

Sadly I have to report the passing on to higher service of four of our Fellow Lions, they are: Lion William Hardman, Lion Malcolm Ward, both of Ryedale Lions Club, Lion Norman Robinson of Goole District Lions Club and PDG Lion Janet Weatherill, wife of PDG Peter Weatherill and a member of Hull Kingston Lions Club.

Message's of condolences were sent to all families on behalf of the District.

PDG David Wilson
District 105N Almoner

Please note:

Anyone requiring the funeral drape please contact
PDG Lion George W Morgan
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Zone Chairman Required

**Fellow Lions of Zone 15 East Yorkshire
(Bridlington, North Wolds, Hornsea, Withernsea, Driffield and Holderness Lions Clubs)**

There is currently a vacancy for a Zone Chairman in the above Zone for the year 2020-2021, I would therefore invite any suitably qualified Lion who would be willing to undertake this position contact me so that we can discuss just what this position entails and what is required of the officer.

Any Lions interested in Becoming Zone Chairman of Zone 15, Please contact:

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Saturday 8th February 2020

District 105N A.G.M.

Fellow Lions

Even if you are unable to come for the whole of Convention Weekend do come along on Saturday 8th February for the first Annual General Meeting of District 105N.

This is your chance to have your say and help shape the future of our district. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Lion Andrew
District Governor 105N

In order to publish the March edition on time please ensure your articles are with me no later than

Friday 21st February 2020

Lion George W Morgan
District 105N Newsletter Editor