



Lions Clubs International

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## District 105N Newsletter



### District Governor 105N

Dear Fellow Lions, Lionesses, Leos and partners

Thank you to all the Lions and Lionesses who have registered and are attending our Online Multiple District Convention on Saturday the 1st May, it is certainly going to be a busy and jam packed day. Attendance is by registration on line, when you have registered you will then receive the appropriate link to join our MD Convention but not until.

As we are all slowly coming out of lock down and life is becoming a little bit more like normal, now is very much the time for clubs to start planning your activities for the coming months whether they be a Fund Raising event, a Club Service activity or a Club Social event to celebrate (all obviously still abiding the rules and guidance surrounding the Covid 19) the appointment of a new officer team or just using the opportunity as a chance to get together and to renew acquaintances.

I hope by now the vast majority of you and your partners have had your Covid 19 first vaccination and that many of you have had had your second vaccination in the last couple of weeks or at least are booked in to attend in early May. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those Lions Clubs and their Lions and partners who have assisted at their local vaccination clinic as marshals both outside and inside the vaccination centres or have been involved as a volunteer arranging appointments for the clinic attendees. I personally have found great satisfaction over the last 4 months actually vaccinating literally thousands of patients. I am sure that all of you that have assisted in any way with the vaccination programme have found like myself great satisfaction in providing this vaccination service and that everyone who receives the vaccine is so very grateful. If your club has not been involved in the 1st and 2nd Covid vaccination programme I am sure that there will be opportunities to assist and provide service in the future.

It has been very pleasing to be invited and to attend the online meetings in the last month of Dumfries Lions Club. If you would like me to attend one of your own clubs monthly meeting please do not hesitate to contact me as soon as possible as I now have only 2 months left serving as your District Governor.

Please may I once again remind you that if you have not appointed your Club officers for the forthcoming Lionistic year please arrange that these appointments as soon as possible and ensure that form PU-101 is completed with the names and contact details of all your club officers and is forwarded on without delay. If a post is not filled the usual fall-back position is that it is assumed that the President will be taking on those additional responsibilities! At the time of writing this report (24th April) 44 clubs out of 75 Clubs within our District have still to report which is disappointing and at the same time a worrying.

Secondly a reminder and an encouragement to recruit new members the \$35 joining fee has been suspended until the 30th June 2021 so what no better time than to increase membership by asking a member of your family or a friend or an acquaintance to join your Club and Lions Club International.

Take great care.

**Please Remember "We Serve because We Care"**

Lion David Wilson  
District Governor 105N

## District Governor's Diary for May 2021

01 May 2021	Multiple District 105 online Convention
16 May 2021	District 105N online Cabinet Meeting
16 May 2021	MD 105 Council of Governor's online Meeting
20 May 2021	Filey Lions Club online Meeting



### District Governor Elect 105N

Fellow Lions, Lionesses, Leos and Partners

I hope that you are all well and keeping safe.

With the re-opening of establishments on 12<sup>th</sup> April and hospitality venues re-opening for inside use on 17<sup>th</sup> May it looks as though we are getting back to some normality. I would advise that all Clubs do meet face-to-face as soon as possible (following whatever guidelines are applicable). This will start to bring us back together again. I know a lot of Clubs have been Zooming, Teamsing or whatever, but I know that some members would not use online meetings in any circumstance so it is very important that we start to re-include them within the family.

The good news (?) now is that I have training every Saturday until June via Zoom. I will be chatting to DGEs and FVDGs from Indonesia (where it will be around midnight), India (around 18.30), UK (14.00 BST) and USA (09.00)

Having just completed the course it was very interesting, suffice to say that the training supplied by our MD far outweighs the training provided by LCI. Well, this first one was playing with Zoom to ensure that everyone has a good grasp of it, which was a little below my knowledge level. However, the following few Saturdays look to be a little more interesting. I only hope the other Lions across the world are encouraged by it.

Thank you,

PDG Lion Nigel Ware  
District Governor.Elect105N



### The Face behind the Name

#### PDG Richard Williams MD 105 Council Chairman 2021-2022

##### **Q1- How Long Have I been a Lion ?**

I have been a Leo / Lion , over 30yrs, I met my wife through Leos & All the time I have been with my wife Lion Jackie, We have had Lions in our life

##### **Q2- Why Did I Become a Lion ?**

I returned from working abroad, in my early twenties, and although I had great friends, they were very narrow minded, worked all week, then spent all their wages at the pub at the weekend, I knew their was more to life than this & I realised that I wanted to give something back to my local community, I was also single at the time, & my social life as a Leo was great.

##### **Q3- What are the greatest Benefits of LCI Membership in my opinion ?**

Fellowship whilst doing something positive, I am very lucky through Lions I have friends all over the world, In fact one of my favourite sayings is " Definition of a Lion, a friend I don't know yet" & With my Lions friends we really can make a difference

**Q4- What was your memorable moment as a Lion until now ? Many , but I would like to tell you a true story, about twenty years ago**

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## MY PROMISE

This story goes back a few years, to when I was working in the same job I have now, but for a different boss. The Managing Director's PA was called Anne whose 19 year old daughter had terminal cancer. Anne asked me if I could help as I was a Lion. I told her that I would do all I could and asked what she had in mind. She told me her daughter had one last thing she wanted to do before she died. She wanted to go to New York to see the ballet. However, as a single parent, she was scared of going to such a big city without support. I told her to leave it with me and I would see what I could do.

I made contact with a Lions District Governor in New York, Lion Naseus Fret Moses who asked for Anne's details and said she would do the rest. Unfortunately, when Anne arrived in New York airport, the Lions weren't there to meet her because, what they hadn't realised, Anne had come in through another entrance as her daughter was in a wheelchair. However, when Anne arrived at her Hotel room with her daughter, she found a beautiful bunch of flowers, with two notes attached. The first one told her the Lions would take them out for a meal during their stay, which they did, and the second gave a 24 hour telephone number which she could ring for a Lion to be there within 30 minutes if help was needed. Anne didn't have cause to use the number, but felt comforted knowing she could call someone in that unfamiliar city who would be there quickly.

Unfortunately, Anne's daughter died soon after they returned home from their memorable trip. Anne contacted me some time later to thank me and told me that, although her daughter had since died, thanks to Lions, she had been able to have her last wish. I told her I had only done what Lions do; make a difference.

As I write this, I still feel very emotional but at the same time, so proud to be a Lion. You have, because of the power of Lionism, the promise "I will always be a Lion."

### **Q5- what was the greatest Service project that you have participated ?**

I have always tried, to do all I could do for our Young People, I was MD105 Youth Exchange officer for over 10yrs, & in fact my wife Lion Jackie is now the Youth Exchange officer for MD105 now, I have met young people from all over the world, Probably over 300, over the years I have loved being involved with this Lions project, I have found this experience truly magical, & the greatest gift we can give our Young People is support

### **Q6- What the greatest Challenges that your club or District faces today in my opinion ?**

To remember we lead by example, If we show our communities, how to serve their community, they will lead with us, But we must ask our new members their opinion, They are often over drowned with the voice of the Lions who think they know best, I have seen many Lions come & go, Why because they weren't respected, & not allowed to have their voice, We must also remember the new volunteer has to be felt valued, also we must allow the lion to have a Lions story, I say give me the tear of a Lion, doing something positive and we will have a Lion for Life

### **Q7- What are my suggestions or ideas about improving the overall quality of our Organisation ?**

We must build teams, I am a DG for MD 105 CW, but what am I a humble part of ~teamcw, If you allow lions to feel they belong to a team, they will work as a team, And remember no one knows all the answers, I am firm believer in working with other organisations especially when they have same ethics as ours, We will allow others to join us, Starting New clubs is a great way forward, as DG ~teamcw have started two new clubs, Many people want to join our organisation, But they need to have their own identity, We need more positive leaders

### **Q8- What are my thoughts of LCI ?**

I think generally LCI do a great job, I think they need to build think tanks more, With positive Lions coming together to build our future, I still feel there is a old Guard attitude. Which is sad, especially as there are so many great ideas out there

It is great to be a Lion

DG Lion Richard Williams  
Chairman of Council 2021-2022

## Morpeth Lions Club

Just because Covid19 has put an end to regular meetings does not mean that Morpeth Lions President Peter Crook is having an easy year. Meetings are still held by Zoom which also lends itself to committee meetings taking place.

Peter has been busy expressing the Club's appreciation for help given by local companies and to local charities. The *Morpeth Herald* recently reported on food delivery being undertaken by Lions who collect weekly from the Co-op, Loansdean for Ashington Life Centre. On a similar theme, the Club has been pleased to present a cheque for £500 to Wansbeck Food Bank which does such valuable work in the community.

Peter has also presented Certificates of Appreciation to Morrison's, Morpeth for assisting with the Christmas collection activities. Likewise to Robson & Cowans at Scots Gap who generously donated their Staff collection of over £100 to the Lions Christmas Giving Tree Appeal. This helped provide seasonal cheer to many children and families who would otherwise have received little.

Most recently he and fellow Lion Graham Tait delivered a second supply of toiletries for use by local hospitals patients and staff who, because of Covid19, are unable to take personal supplies into hospital. To date over £800 has been spent in this connection.

Peter said 'Despite the restrictions we all have to adhere to, I am honoured to be able to represent the Lions Club of Morpeth's members in doing what we can. Our contacts with the public and local organisations enable us to deliver on our motto 'We serve'.



Morpeth Lions President Peter Crook, Juliette Hunter from Robson & Cowan, Lion vice President Les Sage present a Certificate of Appreciation.

Lion Simon Pringle  
Publicity Officer Morpeth Lions Club

## Bridlington Lions Club

### Job Done

We've just completed Bridlington Lions Club's contribution to the Lions International project to plant a million trees.

Our club managed 280 plantings of 10 different species, including English Oak to Blackthorn and Hornbeam to Sycamore.

Another example of Lions serving their community and the planet

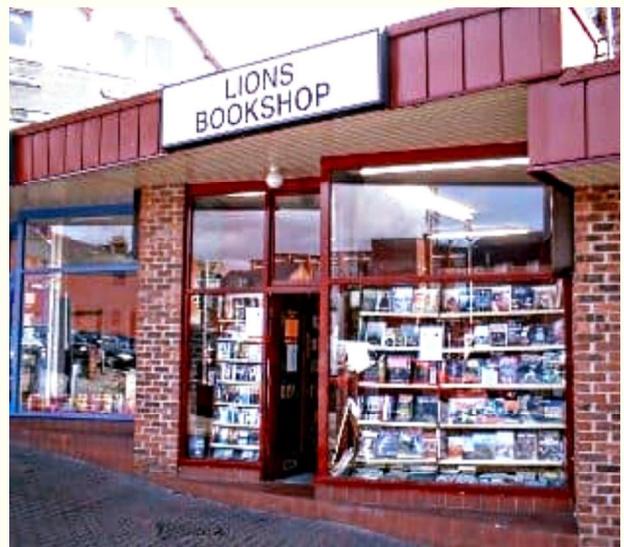


Club members planting the trees

### Bookshop

Following the lifting of Government restrictions, the Lions Bookshop has reopened with its usual opening hours:

◆ 10:30am - 3:30pm - SIX DAYS A WEEK ◆



All set out and ready to go.

Lion John Hall  
President Bridlington Lions Club

### District Almoner

#### Lions Who Have Passed on to Higher Service

PDG Lion Barry Collins Peterlee Lions Club

Our thoughts are with his wife and family at this sad time.

DG Lion David Wilson  
District 105N Almoner

### Membership

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

Lion Mathew Lawless Alnwick Lions Club

Lion Marilyn Bennett  
District 105N MLCI Co-ordinator

### Emergency Toiletries Packs

Also known as

**Hospital Packs**

Are available from

**Minster Lions Club of York CIO**

These packs comprise a paper towel, tablet of soap, shampoo and shower sachets, comb, toothbrush and toothpaste.

The principle of these packs is that they are donated by Lions Clubs for use in hospitals, hospices, disaster and flood emergencies, when parents, guardians, friends and colleagues accompany patients who, for instance, are admitted to hospital in an emergency, having had no time or means to provide their own toiletries.

The packs are priced to Lions Clubs at £1.30 per pack in quantities of 100 (£130.00) plus carriage

Also available is a Shaving Pack priced at £1.90 per pack in quantities of 10 (£19.00) plus carriage

Available to order from

Lion Rob James, President, Minster Lions Club of York CIO

Please make contact in the first instance before payment by either

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Telephone: York (01904) 693586 Voicemail



# LCIFday

EUROPA  
2021

A while ago, LCIF MD & District Coordinators throughout Constitutional Area IV (Europe) decided on a Lions Clubs International Foundation, LCIF, fund raising / awareness day.

As we Come out of lockdown we will once again be able to organise some fundraising and Lions awareness events Why not use the European Lions International Foundation Day as your starter event.

When the idea was first discussed, the 12 June was the date chosen. Obviously, this is not practical, now is the time to start planning your Club's event to take place as soon as it's safe and the law will allow.

Presidents and Secretaries have received some information on joining the Lions of the MD and Europe in promoting Lions and it's charity LCIF. No Matter how large or small your event is, now is the time to put Lions back on the Map.

Here is a link to the logos and information to be used about the day.

<https://lionsclubs.app.box.com/s/dcuh3bigwqrq0x7vyztuzy827qa4c39>

A website to give more information

<http://lcifday.eu/>

For any further information please contact me.

PDG Lion Roy Chambers  
District 105N LCIF Coordinator.

## MD105 Convention

### Saturday 1st May 2021

Fellow Lions, have you registered your interest in this unique Convention being held by Zoom? If not then I ask you do so immediately if you wish to attend.

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District Governor 105N

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

# Monday 24th May 2021

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