



Lions Clubs International

# David Wilson

District Governor 105N

56 Scarborough Road, Filey, North Yorkshire, YO14 9NH

Tel: 01723 514529 e-mail: [davidwilson51@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:davidwilson51@hotmail.co.uk) (M) 07969 688379



Issue 6

December 2020

# District 105N Newsletter



## District Governor 105N

Dear Fellow Lions, Lionesses, Leos and partners



Christmas and the Christmas Season are going to be very different for us as Lions and Lionesses this year, usually it is the busiest time of the year for our Lions and Lionesses Clubs with our Christmas Sleighs out and about for many nights in December leading up to Christmas Day, providing assistance at our local Schools Christmas Festivities and supporting our local Community groups with donations and hands on assistance. We must also not forget our own Social events which are always a very important part of Lionism whether it is a Christmas Meal out together, a Christmas Party or a get together for a few drinks with our fellow Lions and their partners. Our Schools will still be very pleased to receive those donations towards the costs of trying to put on the best Christmas activities they can for our local children whilst our Community groups will equally be grateful to receive a donation whether you do it by cheque or Bacs with their own fund raising being a much reduced activity this last year. Our donation to that group might mean the difference to them continuing or folding.

We must remember even as we approach the Christmas Season Charitable Volunteers as Key Workers in the Government guidance is for specific hands on service activities mostly in the fields of health and social care and exemptions for gatherings also refers to hands on service and not to fundraising.

As Lions Clubs we do not only have to remember to follow HM Government guidelines with regards to the Covid 19 Pandemic and our Christmas Sleighs but we also have to ensure that we have permission from our local Police and our local Councils to take the sleighs around our towns and villages as we are very aware that in some areas the Police have refused permission to do so as to discourage groups gathering to watch the local Lions Club sleighs pass by. Insurance companies are also stating that Santa travelling on his sleigh is non-essential travel (tell that to a young child if you dare) and if a community is in Tier3 in the Government restrictions state that the Insurance policy if an accident were to occur would not be valid.

Thank you to those Lions Clubs who have already supported Christine's District Partners Appeal and please can those clubs who have not already donated make a donation however small. The Appeal to remind you is for a £1,000, 000 to provide a Lions Brain Tumour Research Laboratory. The Appeal is its second year and is for five years. If every Lions Club in the British Isles donated an average of £300 each every year for the 5 years of the Appeal the funding would be achieved. If the larger Clubs in our District wished to donate more that would be very gratefully received and this would allow our smaller clubs to donate a little less if necessary. Donations please to our District Treasurer with your cheques endorsed on the back Brain Tumour Appeal.

As we approach 2021 let us all look positively ahead with the news in the last couple of weeks that a number of vaccines are safely completing their trials with results far better than any expectation. Let us hope that in a few months' time we can start meeting again Face to Face, we can start planning our Summer Fund Raising activities, we can recommence fully our Service activities and once again attend out Conventions, Charter Lunches and Dinners. In the

Continued overleaf

Meantime please do keep in touch with one another whether it be by Christmas Card, Telephone, WhatsApp, Zoom, Teams or Skype or some similar on line method of communication.

On Saturday the 6th February we are holding our 1st On Line District Convention please put the date in your diaries now and full details will be with you in the January Edition of our Newsletter.

In the meantime Christine and I would like to wish you a Very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year and please do take care.

**Remember “We Serve because We Care”**

Lion David Wilson  
District Governor 105N



### Vice District Governor 105N

Fellow Lions, Lionesses, Leos and Partners

I hope that you are all well and keeping safe.

December, this year, is a strange time. We are unable to get out there and do our usual thing. Most Clubs' money that is used for the year is usually raised during activities during the Christmas period. Because of the lack of money raised the amount of welfare projects also need to be analysed and only those that are deemed important, by the Club, are contributed to. I understand that there are going to be some hard decisions made before we get back to normal, but we are Lions and we care enough to make the correct decision for our own communities.

The more worrying aspect of this report is the lack of volunteers for to be Vice District Governors. At the moment we only have one Lion standing for DG. We have nobody officially stand for either of the VDGs. The other Districts are able to find willing Lions to take on the roles in order to lead their Districts. Why is our District, 105N, having problems?

Have Lions been put off with the size of the District? If that is the case, we should feel lucky as ours is a small District as compared to other Districts in the world. District 105N has an area of 97,056 square kilometres. District 409, which consists of The Congo, Burundi and Rwanda, covers an area of 2,399,172 square kilometres.

Yes, I know that I am comparing apples with pears but at least we do not have to get round in aeroplanes.

On a serious note the role of DG has been made easier with the advent of online meetings be it with Zoom, Teams or whatever. We are more able to keep in touch with the District team. We do not have to make as many individual phone calls if we need to get a message out to, say, the Zone Chairs. Just one online meeting has the ability of giving out information with the bonus of those taking part being able to ask relevant questions at the time.

We are in a difficult situation now whereby we are unable to visit Club or the Clubs meet face to face themselves, but I know that a lot of Clubs are doing business in the brave new online world. There are Lions that will not use online meeting technology or do not have computers, smart phones etc. to enable them to do so. It is up to their fellow members to respect them for their stance.

I would like fellow Lions to take an interest in working with Clubs on a District level. I would like fellow Lions to consider in finding out more to be put forward to be a Vice District Governor. It is one of the best jobs, outside of the Club, that I have done.

Please I would ask you to contemplate in finding more about a role on District. It is not an onerous position in fact it is educating, illuminating and fulfilling.

May I wish you all a safe Merry Christmas and all the greetings for a safer more productive New Year

PDG Lion Nigel Ware  
1st Vice District Governor.105N



## The Face behind the Name

### David Wells District Treasurer and CIO Officer



Lion David became a member of Lions Clubs International in May 1993 when he joined the then Thirsk and District Lions Club. In the club at that time was the 1984-85 Council Chairman Henry Blakeston, who schooled David in the Lions ways. Over the years Lion David has held all officer positions in the club, and in 2015 the club awarded him a Melvyn Jones Fellowship. He was appointed as Zone Chairman by Lions Corinne Ashburner in 2002 and has been a member of Cabinet ever since.

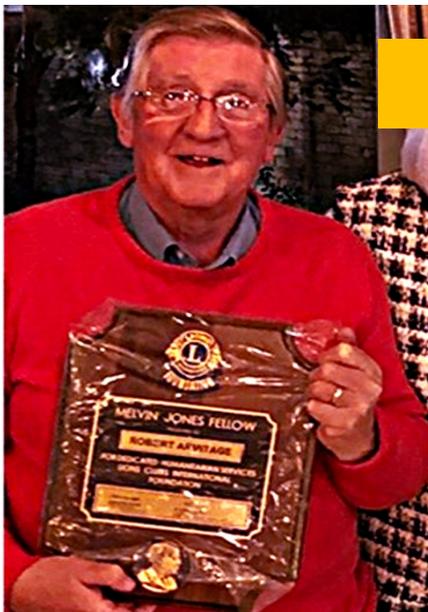
Within the District he has been Vulnerable Persons Officer (England), Almoner, and CNRO. He was District Governor in 2015/2016. In 2016 he took over as District Treasurer, a role he still maintains today. He has also served the Multiple District as the MD Vulnerable Persons Officer for three years, on the Magazine Committee for two years, and worked as part of the MD team helping clubs across England becoming CIO's, and Scotland becoming SCIO's.

Despite all the administrative tasks Lion David prefers being out and about. Lions has given him and his wife Margaret the opportunity to travel to places that they would not normally have gone. Travelling to clubs and cabinet meetings through the beautiful countryside of Yorkshire, Durham, Northumberland, and Scotland was an absolute dream. However, the opportunity to travel to Toronto and Hawaii were the undoubted highlights of those travels.

Club events, whether knocking on doors during the annual Santa sleigh collections or marshalling bike rides are what he enjoys most. A club highlight was meeting Prince Andrew when he visited a club stall in Bedale when David was dressed in his finest Jesters outfit.

Throughout his Lions journey he has had his wife Margaret by his side. Margaret became a Lion in 2016 and has used the experience she gained over the previous 14 years to support Lion David and other Lions.

### Huddersfield Lions Club



**Celebrating  
50 years service**

Huddersfield Lions Club is proud to announce that Lion member Bob Armitage has received his award for 50 years' service to Lions. Bob is an active and hardworking member of the club. The presentation was made during a Zoom Business Meeting He received his Melvyn Jones Award in November 2018 for his service to Lions

Lion Judith Richardson  
Secretary Huddersfield Lions Club

### Filey Lions Club



District Governor David Wilson very recently presented to Lion Edward Williamson of the Filey Lions Club a framed Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of his 50 years' service as a member of Lions Club International. The certificate being personally signed by our Patron HRH Sophie, The Countess of Wessex and by the Chairman of Council.

The Filey Lions Club presented him with a progressive Melvyn Jones Award. Both these awards had to be presented (socially distant) at Lions Edward's home as the Clubs 56th Charter Dinner was cancelled due to the current Covid 19 Pandemic.

Continues overleaf

Members throughout the District will know Edward as a very regular attender at District Conventions with his wife Jennifer and also for 20 years he was the Booking Officer of the Filey Lions Club Caravan. Edward has been fully supported in his years of service by his wife Jennifer and his two children.

Edward has recently made the decision to "retire" formally from LCI and Filey Lions Club and instead of being a member become an avid supporter and loyal friend

Lion David Wilson  
District Governor 105N

### Wetherby District Lions Club



With members of the public encouraged to observe the Remembrance Sunday two minutes' silence on their doorsteps, Wetherby was much quieter than usual on this solemn occasion. This was just one other aspect of the restrictions brought about by the pandemic.

However, it was permissible to lay wreaths at the war memorial and pictured here is Wetherby Lion President Tim Ritson paying respects on behalf of our organisation.

Other wreaths were laid at the cenotaph on behalf of the town by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire; Alex Shelbrooke, MP; Cllr Neil O'Byrne, Town Mayor of Wetherby; Edna Hilditch BEM, President of Wetherby & District Royal British Legion and Major Tom Smith, Chairman of Wetherby & District Royal British Legion.

Lion John Wardley  
Webmaster, Wetherby District Lions Club

### Aberdeen Lions Club

#### Food Parcel Distribution in Aberdeen

At Aberdeen & Westhill Branch Lions, we are working closely with CFine and Instant Neighbour, 2 charities involved in providing emergency food parcels to individuals in serious need for over twenty years.

Whenever someone requests a food parcel, they carry out a brief, informal assessment of their needs and provide a food parcel containing tinned and non-perishable food to last several meals.

At the onset of the pandemic earlier this year, rising demand for food parcels was driven not only by individuals facing financial difficulties but also ones who were shielding in isolation due to underlying health conditions. When we reached out to Instant Neighbour in June, we got an immediate response seeking our help in collection and distribution of food parcels around the city as they were short of drivers.

In July, a few members of our team started the endeavour by:

- (a) Buying provisions for the foodbank and donating it for distribution
- (b) Creating a rota of volunteers available to drive and distribute parcels around the city and turning up every week at their door ready to work



That rota has been in operation continuously over the last 5 months. We have distributed at least 260+ crates of food around the city and are continuing with this rewarding endeavour until the point when demand goes down to a manageable level or there is a surplus of willing volunteers to fill the rota.

Lion David Richie  
Aberdeen Lions Club

### Membership

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

- |                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Lion Tony Galbraith             | Haltemprice Lions Club       |
| Lion Dave Earnshaw              | Keighley Lions Club          |
| Lion Allan White                | Keighley Lions Club          |
| Lion Julia Clough               | Tickhill District Lions Club |
| Lion Marilyn Bennett            |                              |
| District 105N MLCI Co-ordinator |                              |

### District Almoner

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

Lion James Durrand	Aberdeen Lions Club
Lion Bob Norris	Harrogate Lions Club
Lion June Williams	Harrogate Lions Club
Lion David Owram MJF	Otley Lions Club
Lion Blanche Hodgson	Holderness Lions Club

Our thoughts are with all their families at this sad time.

DG Lion David Wilson  
District 105N Almoner

### District 105N Convention 2020

Convention 2021 will be an on line event and is to be sponsored by Yorkshire Water

Click on the badge below to register your delegates.

#### **Please note:**

**Manual forms cannot be accepted for this event.**

The form is also available on the District website.



**Delegate Registration Form**

[Click here](#)

**Sponsored By**



**YorkshireWater**

Lion Brian Ross  
District 105N Webmaster

### Keighley Lions Club

As the lock-down restrictions had the effect of cancelling the Remembrance Day parade and civic service, Keighley Lions held their own wreath laying at the war memorial.

The following picture shows Lion President Hazel Jiggins supported by members, as they prepare for the laying of the wreath.

Continued in next column



Keighley Lions Club have, for many years, enjoyed holding a Santa's Grotto at Stephen H Smith's Harden garden centre...bringing smiles to children's faces, and raising much needed funds for helping local charities.

This year however, even though the store is open, the Covid 19 virus has made it impossible, and with this in mind, here is a statement from the garden centre management...

***'It is with huge regret that we will be unable to offer our popular Santa's Grotto this year. Our charity grotto has raised thousands of pounds for the local Lions Club over the years. The company will instead be making a donation of £2500 this year to help with their valuable work in the community'***

As the Christmas collections form a large portion of the Lion's income, and our other fund raising activities have all been cancelled, we, the Keighley Lions, are immensely grateful for this wonderful donation...which ensures that we can continue to serve and assist wherever there is a local need.

Lion Harry Ambler  
Secretary and Communications Officer

### Thorne Rural Lions Club

Thorne Rural Lions latest project is to follow an article in the DG newsletter where Easingwold Lions Club had placed the Lions environmental books into various locations in their community.

So it was well done to them and we at Thorne Rural agreed set up a project headed by Lions Suzanne & Stephen Prime with Lions environmental books being placed in over 30 Primary & Special Schools & Libraries in our community who gratefully received them,

Continued overleaf

This is another most worthwhile Lions project & so many can benefit our environment by reading and acting on the information given in the books



The photo taken at Thorne Library with Lion Suzanne presenting a set of books to Geoff and Ross DMBC community officers.

Lion Barry Goforth  
Secretary, Thorne Rural Lions Club

### Huddersfield Lions Club

#### Hunger Relief Challenge

Huddersfield Lions Club have responded to the Lions Hunger Relief Challenge by collecting food from its members and donating it to the Hope Newsome Food Bank which distributes food parcels to those in need in the Huddersfield area.



We have since made a second donation to include special treats for Christmas.

Lion Judith Richardson  
Secretary Huddersfield Lions Club

### Obituaries

We remember those Lions, Lionesses and their partners of District N who have passed on to higher service



**Lion Hamish Durrand**  
17.05.1935 - 25.10.2020  
**Aberdeen Lions Club**

Aberdeen Lions regrets to share the news of the demise of one of its founding members, Lion Hamish Durrand.

A Lion for almost forty years, Hamish always an enthusiastic fund raiser and having attended every meeting with lifelong friends John Campbell and John Little.

After leaving school at sixteen, Hamish joined the Merchant Navy. He quickly rose through the ranks to become a Master Mariner going on to command a variety of large Cargo Vessels. During his Mariner career, his company Salvesen acquired several drill ships and Hamish became expert in this new venture working in Australian, Indian and Malaysian waters.

Unfortunately as a result of an offshore accident resulting in the loss of an eye brought his seagoing Career to an end. He then transferred his marine knowledge to working in the Marine Offshore Oil Exploration industry managing Safety Standby Vessels until retirement.

He kept up his seagoing connections and was a lifelong member of the Nautical Institute as well as other Maritime organization's. He will be much missed by his many friends in the other organization's such as the Caithness, Orkney and Shetland Association.

Hamish had a great memory, loved quiz games and was a straightforward and honest soul. He did not suffer fools gladly and let you know his views exactly.

On the family front, he has been a widower for seven years and is survived by his daughter Jacqui , son in law Frank and two grandchildren.

All of us at Aberdeen Lions Club miss him greatly.  
RIP Hamish

Fellow Lions, Lionesses

Can I please remind you not to send any photographs of cheque presentations to me for publication in the newsletter. I can put the story in the newsletter, but photos of the actual presentation should go on your club website or Facebook.

Lion George W Morgan  
District Newsletter Editor

Castleford & Pontefract District Lions Club CIO



We are pleased to be able to support Pontefract Community Kitchen with this donation of food purchased from The Real Junk Food Project in Wakefield.

Not only are we assisting the community kitchen to feed the homeless and families in need, but, by supporting the real junk food project we are also helping to reduce supermarket waste.

Pictured are some of the containers of food supplied

Letter from Pontefract Community Kitchen

A massive thank you to the members of Castleford & Pontefract District Lions Club for this latest amazing donation. As we are now finding more and more people requiring our help

V.P Lion Karen Heywood  
Castleford & Pontefract District Lions Club



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

**Sunday 20th December 2020**

Lion George W Morgan  
District Newsletter Editor  
[gmorgan343@btinternet.com](mailto:gmorgan343@btinternet.com)