



Spotlight on 105NE

District Governor 105NE newsletter

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So that's what District Convention is like when you're DG !

Our District Convention has 'been and gone' for another year. And what a wonderful weekend it was; from the Civic Reception in Malton's recently refurbished 'Old Town Hall' and the 'Dickensian' themed Host Night with the historic Milton Rooms decked out as the Oliver Twist workhouse including superb singing and dancing by a local theatre group; through the Business Session with its pageantry, excellent speakers from Marie Curie and the Wilf Ward Trust and our inspiring and entertaining keynote speaker, Past International Director Bud Wahl from Illinois; to the Banquet and Ball with everyone in their glad rags and dancing until late into the evening. Past District Governors had told me that the weekend would go by in a flash – and so it did – but it would not have gone by at all without the considerable planning and preparation of our hosts, the Malton, Norton & District Lions Club. They were everywhere when needed, driving mini-busses, organising catering, helping out in every possible way. They put on an amazing weekend for us all. So, my thanks one final time to them.



If you missed Convention – you missed a great weekend. Convention is not just the annual AGM of our District, it's also a fun weekend, a chance both to hear what Lions are doing outside of our own Clubs and to spend time and build friendships with other likeminded people; to share ideas with others who are as passionate about helping others as you are. So if you weren't there, why not? Seriously, why not? What could we do to make Convention relevant and appealing to you? Do let us know.

The Festive Season approaches and with it, Santa Sleighs, Boxing Day and New Years Dips, bucket collections and the multitude of other things that we do as Lions at this time of year. It's one of our best times for engaging with the public. So, while you are doing your fund raising or welfare activities, don't forget to promote Lions and your Club. Don't just shake the tin, take the time to talk to people about Lions and hand out leaflets - don't wait for them to ask. If any show interest, have other materials available, take names/contacts and then follow up and invite them to a meeting. Will you meet your next new member for the first time at one of your events this Xmas – you'll never know unless you take the time to find out! So, be proactive, be seen, be LIONS.



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Children in Need 2014

A number of Lions from Darlington, Teesdale and Yarm got together to collect for `Children In Need` on Friday 15 November at Teesside Shopping Park, Thornaby, Stockton on Tees.

A total of £574.89 was raised and Jane West, Assistant Park Manager, of the Teesside Shopping Park said that this was a fantastic total and thanked all Lions and their clubs for the support.

Robert Hillary commented that everyone had really enjoyed raising money for `Children In Need` and the general public had been very generous with their giving.



Adrian Lazenby, Mike Shepherd and John Millington of Yarm Lions Club with Robert Hillary, Darlington Lions Club President on one of the shifts.

Darlington's annual Christmas Fayre

Darlington Lions Club's annual Christmas Craft Fayre raised £1,392 for a north east children's charity on Sunday 17 November.

A total of 30 stalls were selling various craft and Christmas items and a meccano exhibition featuring numerous items, including an amazing self winding meccano clock.

All money will be going to Heel & Toe, a north east children's charity, helping children with cerebral palsy and dyspraxia. The main office is in Durham but they have an outreach centre in Darlington where a number of children go each week. For more information log on to <http://www.heelandtoe.org.uk>

Robert Hillary, Darlington Lions President said that a huge thank you must go to Pat and John DeMartino for their hard work and organisation along with the Lions who assisted with this annual event.



Three of Darlington's Craft Fayre team: Lion Vice President Pat DeMartino, Lion Treasurer John DeMartino and Lion Development and Fundraising Officer Amanda Tweedy.

Festive cheer

It was all singing and dancing at the Stonehaven and District Lions Club Annual Old Folks Concert.



Despite lower audience numbers compared to previous years the singers, musicians and dancers put on a fine display and toes were tapping in the aisles, aided just a little, by a wee sherry at the interval.

Skating along

The Solway Lightning Group of young skaters have received a donation of £200 from Dumfries Lions Club.



Community Services Chairman, Lion Lindsay Graham, is pictured presenting the cheque to young skaters Claire Latimer, Max Wilson, Amelia Haining and Kennedy Kirk along with Lions Alison Muckersie and Billy Simpson.

Welcome

Since our last membership update in November we are happy to welcome the following Lions with pride.

Darlington

Roy Johnson sponsored by **Catherine Johnson**

Peter Key sponsored by **Ian Barnes**

We look forward to welcoming further new Lions throughout the District in our forthcoming issues of *Spotlight* in 2014.

Stonehaven Lion of the Year

It was smiles all round from Gibby MacNaught of Stonehaven and District Lions Club. His fellow club members voted Gibby "Stonehaven Lion of the Year".



Despite Gibby moving away from Stonehaven he continues to support the Lions and local events, organising acts and playing music himself at many of the Stonehaven Lions organised events this year. Well done Gibby.

Good night's sleep from Filey Lions and Ladies

Filey Lions Club and Lady Lions presented two cheques to the Martin House Children's Hospice, towards their "Good Night's Sleep Appeal" being co-ordinated by Radio York across North Yorkshire.

Filey Lions Club donated £1,000 towards the appeal and Filey Lions' Ladies also donated £500.

The presentation took place at Scarborough's Radio York studio and was covered live on air in the station's breakfast show. The £1,500 brought the appeal total up to £30,000 in just over a month of its running, leaving a further £90,000 required to reach the £120,000 target.

Both the Children's Hospice and Radio York were delighted with the £1,500 donation from Filey Lions and their ladies.

The Children's Hospice is located near Tadcaster in North Yorkshire providing care for children and support for parents across the whole of North Yorkshire.

The picture shows from left to right: Filey Lion President David Wilson, Lion Presidents Lady Christine Wilson



presenting the two cheques to Becky Holder, Scarborough Fundraising Co-ordinator for Martin House Hospice and Adam Tomlinson, Radio York Breakfast show Host in the radio stations broadcasting studio.

Northallerton & District Lioness Club visit Phoenix House, Catterick

Northallerton & District Lioness President Beryl and seven lionesses were invited to Phoenix House Rehabilitation Centre at Catterick to present a cheque for £1000, raised by a grand Raffle at the WWII weekend.

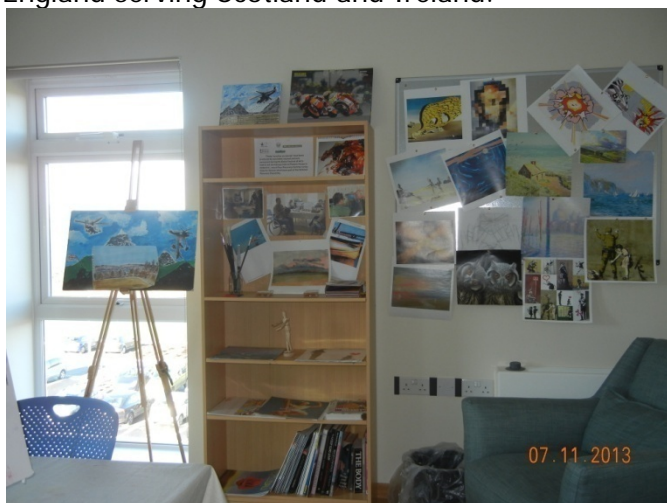


After a very emotional film and talk by the Administration manager Mark Whatley they were given a tour of the facilities.

The purpose built centre is a fast turn over for soldiers needing help getting back into normal life most have had trauma in war zones but it is open to any service personnel who need the help. Some have physical disabilities and the fantastic



gymnasium helps them build up body strength and confidence, some are needing time and space to be able to stand up to the problems they face , it also includes a place for their families to stay. The whole concept seems to be able to deal with all problems and if not actually required or carried out at the Centre they can be given the pathway to solving the problem. It is a very special well organised unit and as the only type in the north of England serving Scotland and Ireland.



It is hoped Lions clubs will help keep donating to keep it sustained, money given is and will be spent on Phoenix, we don't need the pat on the back but they do.

Lioness Christine Carr

A message to Moffat

Dumfries Lions Club has donated 200 Message in a Bottle containers to Moffat First Responders.

The Club has now donated several hundred of these containers to various organisations in the

Dumfries and Galloway area as part of their ongoing project.

John MacColl of Dumfries Lions Club said "The Message in a Bottle is a very popular Lions Club project which encourages people to keep their basic personal and medical details in a bottle which is then kept in the fridge where the Emergency Services will expect to find it in the event of being called to their home. They will know that there is a bottle in the house as two labels will be apparent, one of which is fixed to the inside of the front door or the main entrance to the home, and the other on the door of the fridge. The bottles are supplied free of charge to individuals and organisations."

Pictured above receiving the bottles are Founders of Moffat First Responders Judith and Tony Few from Vice President John McColl of the Dumfries Lions Club.

Tony Few, Chairman of Moffat First Responders said "If all people who are on regular medication have one of these bottles in their fridge it will make the role of the First Responders much easier as we need to collate exactly this information prior to the arrival of the Ambulance and having it to hand will speed this process up. We hope in the not too distant future to supply one of these bottles to every household in the area".

The bottles were given out by Moffat First Responders from their stall at the Moffat Christmas Lights Festival on Sunday 1 December

Having a Dickens of a good time in Malton



This year's District 105NE Convention saw Lions from across Scotland and NE England descending on the picturesque market town of Malton in North Yorkshire between 15 to 17 November, for a weekend of fun, fellowship, enjoyment and inspiration.

Hosted by the Malton, Norton & District Lions Club, as part of their 50th Anniversary celebrations, the weekend started with a Civic Reception in the 17th Century 'Old Town Hall', where the Chair of Ryedale District Council, Councillor Janet Frank, along with the Mayor of Malton, Councillor Joan Lawrence and the Deputy Mayor of Norton, Councillor Di Keale, welcomed us to this beautiful area.



District Governor Chris in turn introduced our International Guest for the weekend, Past International Director, Lion

Bud Wahl and his wife Lion President Jama from Streator, Illinois, as well as Past International Director Howard Lee and Lion Claire, and Council Chair Phil Robinson and Lion Jackie.



Due to other commitments Past International Director Phil Nathan could not make the Friday events but joined us for the rest of the weekend.

The Host Night theme was 'Dickensian', celebrating the author's links to the town, so it was quite a sight as a throng of suitably attired Lions dandies, ne'er-do-wells and other miscreants promenaded across the town's market square to its 17th century Milton Rooms, for the Host Night party.



And what a sight that was too, decked-out as the Workhouse from Oliver Twist. But it was the entertainment that quite literally stole the limelight, with the Kirkham Henry Performing Arts Centre performing a Dickens-themed show supported by Mr Bumble and Fagin. Everyone was blown away by their performance.





It was then a mixed day of seriousness and fun (including the DG being fined for introducing everyone under the sun except his wife).



The Saturday business session, was opened by the Mayor of Malton followed by the flag ceremony



That things ran smoothly was thanks to the not inconsiderable help of Sergeant at Arms Lion Mike Rogers and Cabinet Secretary Lion Alan Ashburner.



(with the Harmonia Ladies Choir expressing relief that our International Guest's national anthem was in English).



An Open Forum (PIDs Bud, Howard, Phil and CC Phil) led to some interesting questions such as "What in Lions keeps you awake at night", while a light hearted exercise, that asked all Lions to stand and then, in successive groups to sit, had the final sobering effect of showing just how many newer Lions were in the hall.

Excellent external presentations were given by the Wilf Ward Trust (set up by a former Malton Lion) on disability action and social care, and Marie Curie Cancer Care on the Lions-Marie Curie partnership.



And the Business Session finally culminated in a motivational keynote speech from PID Bud.

The Convention weekend was brought to a close with the DGs Banquet and Ball. The rags and vagabonds of the previous night were replaced by elegant glad rags and the best of manners. Even the speeches were mercifully short and entertaining (DG Chris had kept saying he would get the word 'orgasm' into his – which he dutifully did!), so it wasn't long before everyone was boogieing down to 'Kirby Soul' an excellent live band.



And time to make up to Karen!

All in all, a wonderful weekend, full of fun and fellowship in a beautiful part of the country.



Thanks again to the Malton, Norton & District Lions Club. See you all next year in Dumfries.

DG Chris Southworth

Convention 2014

Cairndale Hotel, Dumfries - all under one roof from Friday 14 November to Saturday 15 November 2014. **Booking forms are available now on the 105NE website**, so don't delay. Enjoy one of Scotland's brilliant moments with Lions at Dumfries in November 2014.

Convention on Facebook

District Governor Lion Chris on his Facebook page wrote:

"Saturday at Convention was the Business Session with excellent external speakers from Wilf Ward Trust on disability action and social care, then from Marie Curie Cancer Care on the Lions-Marie Curie partnership. Very motivational key note speech from our International Guest, Past International Director Bud Wahl from Illinois.

A note from *Spotlight* Editor

Thank you to everyone who has supplied photographs of the 36th Convention of District 105NE and, in particular, PDG Geoff Leeder, a regular attendee at 105NE Conventions.

More photographs can be seen online at <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ct7npajv7e9mrdf/X2AWX5nE7W>

Malton & Norton District Lions also have a good selection at www.maltonnortonlions.co.uk

Malton, Norton & District Lions certainly put on a good show to Lions around the country with a good representation of District Lions and Lions from neighbouring Districts. A great 50th Anniversary year.

Three DGs on parade



District Governor John Hall from District C with District Governor Chris, NE and District Governor Simon Moss, M at the first Convention of the year.

International President's Certificate of Appreciation



Lion Andrew Kerr Sutherland receives the Lions Clubs International President's Certificate of Appreciation for his service as President of City of Edinburgh Lions Club, Zone 2B Chair and 2nd Vice District Governor of District 105NE Cabinet over the past year from Past International Director Bud Wahl and Immediate Past District Governor John Sutherland on behalf of International President Barry Palmer.

Ponteland Lions Peace Poster winner 2013

Thank you to all the Clubs who entered a school, group etc. into the Peace Poster Competition this year. Unfortunately, one entry was too small and two entries did not reach us on time to be judged.

This year's District Peace Poster competition was won by 11 years old Elyn Willsher from Ponteland Community Middle School and sponsored by Ponteland Lions Club.



The words on her poster were 'I wish everyone in the world looked after each other so that the world would be a Happy Peaceful Place'.

The next stage is to be judged at MD level in Birmingham, so good luck to Ponteland.

Lion Audrey Carey
Peace Poster Officer

Scrapbook winners



District Governor Liz Axten, 105BN and partner Roy thought they were in for a nice quiet weekend at 105 NE Convention until they found themselves having to make difficult

decisions with the result that Dumfries Lions Club received the 2013



Lions Scrapbook trophy, beating Teesdale into second place. Region Chair Stuart Armstrong received the trophy on behalf of the Dumfires members from Lion President Jama Wahl.

Down to a tee



Winner of this year's golf contest, surprise, surprise was PDG Lion Roy Chambers, Scarborough Lions Club.

Club of the Year 2012 / 13

Lion President Robert Hillary receives the Club of the Year Trophy for 2012/13 on behalf of Darlington Lions Club



Yomi Sobi Trophy



Lion Malcolm Hogg receives the Yomi Sobi trophy for the club with the highest net membership gain for Lions year

2012/13 on behalf of Aberdeen Bon Accord Lions Club.

International Certificates of appreciation

PDG Lion Corinne Ashburner for supporting youth and Lion David Leigh for supporting environment at both District and Multiple District level. Lion David's certificate was received by Lion President Mike Rogers on his behalf.



District Governor Certificates of Appreciation

Immediate Past District Governor John Sutherland thanked all members of District 105NE on behalf of himself and Denise for the warm welcome they had received throughout the District.

There then followed presentations to some fellow Lions in recognition of work throughout the year and years.



Lion Martin Calder, Aberdeen Lions Club for the Granite City

Convention 2012.

Lion Dave Wheeler, Morpeth Lions Club and Region 3 Chair for his promotion of Lionism



Lion Ray Thomas, Easingwold & District Lions Club for being DG John's right hand man.



PDG Lions Tony Campbell and Roy Chambers, Scarborough Lions Club, mentors to IPDG John.

So what was decided at Convention?

As with all Annual General Meetings several things must be agreed as a matter of routine.

- We have the continuity of a full **District Governor Team** for the **2014/15** Lions year... **Lion Andrew Kerr Sutherland** (City of Edinburgh) was elected as **District Governor (Elect)**, **Lion Dave Wells** (Thirsk and Northallerton) was elected as **First Vice District Governor** and **Lion Dave Wheeler** was elected as **Second Vice District Governor**. Congratulations to all three.
- A Resolution seeking acceptance of the Accounts for 2012/13 was passed as was a further Resolution maintaining District Dues for 2014/15 at their current level. (No change).
- A further Resolution regarding the Quorum required at Convention each year guaranteed that future Conventions will forever be quorate.

Presentations by the District GMT/GLT/Forward Planning Teams will be précised by the respective Chairmen and sent to the Lions of 105NE in due course.

PDG Lion Alan Ashburner
Cabinet Secretary.

Dalbeattie plants for growth

Dalbeattie and District Lions Club presenting a cheque to the parent of a lad with Asperger's Syndrome to help with his travel costs to Horticultural College.



A letter of grateful thanks was received from the lad with the promise of updates on his progress.

Also in the picture are 1st VDG Andrew Kerr Sutherland and Zone Chair John McColl.

Showing your Message in a Bottle throughout 105NE

They say that every picture tells a story, and a picture is worth a thousand words.

At the Lions convention at Malton our four Region Chairmen were given a pop up banner to advertise Message in a Bottle, MIAB.

Clubs within each region can use these banners when promoting MIAB. Please contact your Region Chairman to borrow it.

If clubs wish to purchase their own pop up banner with their own club details at the bottom of the banner, these can be purchased at a cost of £65 plus vat. For details please email me:
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District Message in a Bottle Officer

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The Young Ambassadors of 105NE

The Holiday Inn, Seaton Burn was awash with supporters of the 2013/2014 Young Ambassadors Final for 105NE.

It was decided that two prizes and responsibilities be awarded as this allowed for the personal development of the winners.



The overall winner Shaun Cuthbert was sponsored by City of Edinburgh Lions Club and supported by DG

(Elect) Lion Andrew Kerr Sutherland. He will take the District to the final in Birmingham where he will address about 400 people and receive his £500 bursary to support a Riding for the Disabled sensory area, the first of its kind in Scotland.

He received a personal £100 and a unique glass trophy with his attainment engraved. Shaun will be at UN day at Holyrood when he will address those present with his work, history and his personal validation about the need for community service by us all.

Jonathan Scott, the reserve, will visit all that Shaun cannot undertake. He received a personal trophy and £50. He will speak in Parliament about his school's work in Malawi. He was sponsored by Sunderland Lions Club and Sunderland High School Leos and supported by District Leo Officer Lion Peter Fielding.

The team of judges was chaired by PDG Lion Syd Cowan.

PDG Lion Corinne Ashburner wishes to thank all the clubs that showed their commitment to our Lions of the future by taking part. We wish the best of recoveries to the candidate from Easingwold & District who had to withdraw.

International Leo Advisory Panel.

PDG Lion Corinne Ashburner received direct from Oak Brook a trophy commending her for her work over two years on the International Leo Advisory

Panel which reports direct to the Lions International Board. At Corinne's request this was not presented by a Lion but by a Leo on whose behalf she had been working.

Leo Jonathan Scott of Sunderland High Leo Club was pleased to do this on behalf of Leos not only in MD105 but also across Europe.



Learning about Darlington Partnership

Tim Grant, Principal at Darlington College, gave an interesting talk on behalf of Darlington Partnership at a recent Darlington Lions Club meeting on child and family poverty in Darlington.

Tim said that some research on this subject had highlighted that the cost of food and fuel, electricity and gas, had increased by over 30% and 50% respectively over the last five years and that it is estimated by the Child Poverty Action Group that 5,680 children were now deemed to be living in poverty in Darlington. During the last five years salaries had only risen by an average of 1.5%. He also told the Lions that 66% of families living in poverty have at least one person working and this is a significant change from the past.

The college and many other schools in Darlington now offer free breakfasts to students and pupils who may have not eaten, or have no food, in the family home. The College also offer short courses to full time students to help them understand the high costs of pay day loans, and about debt and lending generally. Food banks in Darlington have now increased to five to try and meet the demand for families in crisis.

Tim commented that there has been a call to action via Darlington Partnership, where he is a board member, to tackle child and family poverty. This includes making access to food banks even more universal and tying this to high quality advice and access to affordable credit through the Credit Union.

Tim challenged the Lions to look at ways that they can use their skills and expertise to support the food banks, invest in the Credit Union and support organisations like the Citizens Advice Bureau.



Darlington Lion President Robert Hillary thanked Tim, seen here with new Lions Roy Johnson and Peter Key, for an excellent and informative speech. He said that he was not aware that child and family poverty was at such a level in Darlington. He also commented that 45 Christmas food parcels are due to be collected and donated by the Lions to the Salvation Army, who support the homeless and food banks in Darlington. A number of questions and answers ensued on how members might further assist with some of the calls to action.

Dundee recognition

Dundee and District Lions were recognised by Lord Provost Bob of the City of Dundee when he hosted a civic reception to honour their service over the years.



Lion President Carnie Fullerton is joined by Zone Chair Lion Cathie Scott, 1st Vice District Governor Lion Andrew Kerr Sutherland, District Governor Lion Chris Southworth in the company of Lord Provost and former Lord Provost Lion Helen Wright.



Lions, dignitaries, partners, friends and past Lions in Dundee City Chambers

DG Team's diary

This has been held back as the DG team is active with a number of meetings and Club events in December and will report back in January, while dates are still being confirmed for 2014.

Important date for your diary in 2014

Now is the time to book your place at another brilliant moment in Holyrood: **Lions 105NE UN Day 2014**, Wednesday 19 March, hosted by Colin Keir MSP. Contact andrew.tilton@tiscali.co.uk



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Thank you for all the news that keeps rolling in. Without it we couldn't help spread the word of what is being achieved across the District and beyond. Please continue to send in your news.

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Copy deadline for January 2014 is **Friday 20 December** to allow for compilation. This will hopefully allow for distribution in mid January after a **Happy New Year**.