

# The Lions Bulletin

LIONS DISTRICT 105CE

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## DG UJJAL'S MESSAGE:

Its been a busy week regarding the rapid changes in rule and regulations re: covid19. Some districts have been affected due to Lock Downs. Please keep an eye on your local conditions and act accordingly; any new information will be communicated to you as soon as we get it. Heather Leavons, the compliance officer, has been working very hard in the absence of H&S officer to meet the demands from Clubs.

We have had a healthy response to the Symposium to be held in November, I wish success to all who applied and have asked for all candidates to be accepted.

The European Lions Virtual Symposium is taking place on the 3rd October, have a good time and enjoy. There is always something to learn from these occasions.

This week we had two Twinning meeting, with Germany 111NH and Netherlands 110 CO. Our District along with Germany will be supporting a project in Malawi. Talks are in process with Netherlands to proceed with the Twinning. More details from your Twinning Officer.

I am looking forward to have a zoom meeting with the Lionesses and discuss the future of our precious members. Please let me know if you are having a Zone or Club meeting, I would be delighted to join you since I cannot visit you and meet you face to face.

I would like you to look around your Communities and other organisations; Parish personnel, Clubs, Scouts or any individual who has been outstanding in their deeds and actions and need recognising. Lions have Certificates of Appreciation to be given by you and your Club to those you think are worthy. It will enhance the Lions profile in your Community and who knows they might come along to join us.

Have a Good Week and Keep Safe with your Families and Clubs.

DG Ujjal



# Chelmsford Lions



Today, Sunday 27th September, six members of Chelmsford Lions Club will be walking 11 miles to raise funds for Diabetes UK, fingers crossed that the weather isn't too bad and dodgy ankles hold up! Please help us to reach our target of £350 to reach the end of the walk.

# Southwell Lions



A very fruity affair!! Sarah Holey (Strawberry of the Year) and 26 other Lions and friends helped The Lions Gleaning Hub 105CE rescue 2 tons of apples and pears at Starkeys Fruit farm in Southwell, home of the world famous Bramley apple. Approximately 17,000 pieces of fruit were distributed throughout the U.K. enough for 5 a day for 3,400 people!! I managed a bit of scrumping and the resulting apple crumble will be enjoyed as much as the work done in helping to feed the hungry. Well done Southwell Lions for organising the Fruit Fest!!



## **Subject: Governmental guidance on social and other gatherings**

The situation is constantly changing as the guidance is clarified by U.K. Gov. and by each of the devolved governments.

We have specific clarification from the Cabinet Office that the provision of voluntary charitable service activities and meetings planning for those activities is exempt from the 6 maximum for gatherings in England, BUT there is no present exemption for fundraising (I am trying very hard to get clarification) and absolutely no exemption for any form of social interaction for gatherings of 6 plus attending a meeting and must be no 'mingling' between groups.

The U.K. Gov guidance further update this week (beginning Monday 21st Sept. 2020) also advised that in general, meetings of clubs and Societies would not be exempt and so would not be legal.

So, to be sure to be within the law, if more than 6 of the Club meets face to face to discuss the planning of service activities, there should be no discussion whatever of any other matters either fundraising or concerning social fellowship. I appreciate the difficulty which this poses. I am trying to get further clarification from the authorities as I know that Clubs are trying to do the right thing.



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Dear MDO / Clubs

Following a meeting on Sunday 13th September your Council of Governors have decided to work together and share the duties of the Council Chairman role for the remainder of this Lions year.

Council have elected three of their number to be the focal point for each Council meeting and any duties that would normally be handled by the Council Chairman.

From Today to the 31st December 2020 – DG Alastair Joel Email: [alastairjoel@lionsclubs.co.uk](mailto:alastairjoel@lionsclubs.co.uk)

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I am sure you will all wish them every success in taking on these additional duties and do your utmost to support them over the coming months. Normal elections for the next Council Chairman 2021-22 will be conducted in January as per normal, to appoint a Council Chairman for the next Lions year in July. Much is still to be sorted out, so any queries please direct these initially to Council Secretary Phil Robinson Email: [secretary@lionsclubs.co.uk](mailto:secretary@lionsclubs.co.uk)