

CATERHAM, OXTED & GODSTONE LIONS CLUB

DISTRICT 105SE England

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Godstone Parish Council AGM 30th May 2022

The Lions year starts on the 1st July each year and following various lockdowns etc. the Lions Club of Caterham, Oxted and Godstone only returned to normal activities in time to provide our regular supply of burgers and hot dogs at Godstone Fete on Bank Holiday Monday. Since then, the club has engaged in a number of fund raising events including A Trivia Quiz in September, a Dinner evening in November and of course touring the streets of Godstone and South Godstone with Father Christmas and his sleigh in December. Since the turn of the year we have run a Trivia Quiz in March an Elton John tribute concert at Caterham School in April and most recently a Swimathon at De Stafford School where thirteen teams took part. Later this week we will be on Godstone Green and n South Godstone before striking out to Bletchfest at the start of July when we start fund raising once again.

All the money raised at the above events, less expenses, are given away to worthy causes in the Tandridge area and to support wider Lions charities. At Christmas we gave support to Caterham Food Bank to assist with their festive donations. We have also supported Godstone Fete Committee, Royal British Legion, Message in a Bottle, Robert Bouffler Trust, The Orpheus Centre, 1st Godstone Scouts, Bletchingley Skills Centre, several local families and individuals with particular needs, Sight for Surrey, 1st Lagham Scouts, Crossroads Care, Young Lives V Cancer, Head-to-Head Sensory Theatre, Lions Sight Savers and Lions Clubs International Foundation.

In February the world changed with the invasion of Ukraine and the Club responded by donating money raised at our March Quiz and from bucket collections from outside Sainsburys in Warlingham and Morrisons Oxted. The Club channelled funds through the Lions Refugee Appeal that send money direct to Lions Clubs in the surrounding countries such as Poland and Romania. That is the benefit of a world-wide organisation, the money gets to people on the ground where the need is greatest.

Membership is key to any organisation and the Club is always on the lookout for more members who are committed to the service of others while having fun in the process. If you would like to know more about our Club or the wider Lions world, please contact our membership Chairman, Tony, on 01883 741809

Lion John Quincey Secretary