

Coronavirus (Covid19) Update

Divisions, Regions, Centres, Club Band, Singers and Groupings



17 March 2020

Update from the Governance Office

The current outbreak of the Coronavirus (Covid-19) is an unprecedented situation that the Club is closely monitoring and following the advice given by the UK Government and Public Health England.

Please find the latest guidance for Divisions, Regions and Centres that are due to run events, rallies and gatherings.

(Please note that this guidance is under regular review and will be subject to change as developments progress. Take note of the date and time stamps at the bottom of the page).

- 1 **Rallies** - the Club's site network remains open at this time, and therefore we are not currently advising that all rallies should be cancelled. All units on a rally field must follow the spacing guidelines as set out in Centre Guidance to ensure adequate social distancing. Any social events associated with a rally should not proceed.
- 2 The decision about whether a rally should proceed needs to take place locally based on the personnel available to marshal the event and whether your Centre feels that it is able to run the rally, mindful of Government advice about the over 70s age group, and those with underlying health issues. Attendance numbers also need to be taken into account, and if they fall below the level which would make a rally viable, then the advice would be that the rally should not proceed. A refund should be offered if a rally is postponed or if the member chooses to cancel their attendance at a rally because of the guidance around coronavirus.
- 3 If your Division, Region or Centre is about to hold a **social event**, eg dinner dance, or other form of social gathering, then you are advised to either cancel or postpone to a later date.
- 4 **Division, Region and Centre meetings** that are held in enclosed spaces, eg in homes or halls are not essential and should be postponed for the time being.

However, this is an opportunity for Committees to look into alternative methods of holding meetings, eg Zoom Cloud meetings, or other applications, that allow you to hold a meeting remotely. These applications can be downloaded onto a phone or tablet, or used on a PC and are worth looking into. Committees could utilise messaging groups to share information.

- 5 In light of Government guidance about social gatherings, all **Question Time Events** that are in the calendar between now and June should not take place - this includes Welsh Division (already cancelled), South East Region, Anglia Region, South West Region, Northern Region and West Central Region.

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The Club will be able to alert the members who received an email invitation. Please put notices on your websites and Facebook pages to this effect, and advise any members who have confirmed their attendance. If you are able to rearrange the event for a date later in the year or in 2021, then please do so, particularly if this enables you to avoid any cancellation penalties from the venue.

- 6 Ultimately, members should be mindful and make appropriate decisions based on their own circumstances and for their own wellbeing. The Club is providing regular updates on the Club website - www.camc.com/whats-on/caravan-club-news/novel-coronavirus-advice/ or alternatively follow the Club's Facebook page.

Thank you for your cooperation, and please stay safe.