

Not quite all change for Lions and Lionesses

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SWAFFHAM and District Lions and Lionesses have held a joint changeover ceremony for their new presidents for the first time in recent memory.

They chose the town's revamped Assembly Rooms for the handover on Sunday, June 25, which was accompanied by a three-course lunch attended by 48 people.

Outgoing Lions president Keith Holmes presented the chain of office to his successor Dennis Tallon – but there was no need for anyone to present Lioness Club president Susan Ashford with her chain as she was carrying on for a second year.

Mrs Ashford, of Northwell Pool Road, said it was nice to have a joint inauguration.

Mr Tallon, of Lynn Road, recalled what former president Mr Robert Pollard, who was master of ceremonies at the lunch, had told him when he joined the Lions at Swaffham.

"He said that to be a good Lion it doesn't have to be the centre of your universe – it should be family, work and then Lions," he said.

A raffle raised 110 for Swaffham and Litcham Home Hospice Support.

Afterwards, Mrs Ashford explained that she had been asked to do a second year as the Lionesses had a lot of new and inexperienced members, who needed more time to familiarise themselves with the club's activities, meetings and rules.

She said she was still considering which charity would be the main beneficiary this time.