

**Children's Society Smartie Tubes**—Please drop filled Smartie Tubes, if you can, at Ron McLernon's (31, Quorn Gdns, L-O-S, front porch, back bin) and call him (558945) to let him know. If you can't, please call Steve (471191), to arrange if possible to collect from you.

**Southend Soroptomists** *collecting toiletries for local women's refuges: Donations needed: Shower-gel, Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant, Flannels, Hair brushes, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes. Please drop items off at Jill Healey's, or contact Jill to arrange collection.*

To donate food, clothing, toiletries etc to **HARP** please get in touch with Steve Hackett to arrange to collect from you. Leave a contact number if no reply. You can also leave these in Steve's porch - 24 Westleigh Ave. To make a monetary donation to HARP for food, etc, this may be done online, or Steve can collect it from you and deliver it to HARP.

### **Serving the Homeless (June 2020)**

We would like you to know that during this period of lockdown, although we can no longer organise events, we are continuing to help local groups that are working with the homeless. In April we gave £1,000 to Westcliff SVP society as they had taken on the task of cooking evening meals for the rough sleepers who had been put into bed and breakfast accommodation by the council.

In May we were able to give the SVP a further £1,500 and a member of our committee began to help with cooking the meals. Some 140-160 meals are provided each night. A £5,000 donation that we gave to Southend YMCA in December for their building fund, is now having to be used instead for emergency funding for their young clients.

We are also continuing to give £250 per month to HARP towards the cost of meals for their clients.

Without our charity fundraisers this year, we are only able to continue this with the very generous donations that we receive from you and the income from our 200 club.

If you would like to support us please contact our Treasurers Nina & Alastair Bridgeman. 01702 472536, to find out how to donate.

Thank you. Jo Ronan