



## Friends of Bradford on Avon Lions Club

### Newsletter No 51 May 2023

#### Introduction

Dear 'Friends'. This Newsletter covers the period from the beginning of December 2022 until the end of April 2023.

Our Membership is now at 19. However, we will be badging up 3 new members next month.

We are always seeking new Members. Thus, if you know of anybody who would like to join us, then please contact our Membership Secretary Phil Courage on Tel. No. 01225/864154.

Without the assistance of partners and friends such as yourself, we would not be able to put on some of our Fund-Raising events. Our thanks go to those of you who have assisted in the past. Should you know of any people who would like to become one of our 'Friends' then please contact me on Tel. No 01225/865851 or by Email [judy.hersee@btinternet.com](mailto:judy.hersee@btinternet.com)

Remember you are always welcome to attend our Social events. We hope that if you attended any of our past events, you found them welcoming and enjoyable.

#### Community Service.

The Club provided the Town Council with a new Planter. This is now in position at the Town Bridge.

We held our Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bonnet competition in the Victory Field on Easter Monday, attended by the Mayor Cllr Katie Vigar who judged the Bonnet Competition. All entrants received a boxed Easter Egg, with the first three places also receiving book tokens. Despite the inclement weather, we had a record number of entries in the Bonnet Competition, and around 70 children hunting for rawl plugs to exchange for cream eggs in the Easter Egg Hunt.

Despite the weather being against us, we had a very good turnout for our "Carols around the Tree" in Westbury Gardens on Christmas Eve.

In December, Members distributed 70 plus Sainsbury's food vouchers and pot plants to local residents and a number of Ukrainians displaced as a result of war in their country and now staying Bradford on Avon.

At our March Club Meeting we were given a presentation by Dawn Whiting on how "SPLASH" helps the young community in Wiltshire.

We continue to collect used spectacles from 4 collection points within the Town as part of Lion's "Spectrek" campaign. For more info on this subject, or if you wish to donate used spectacles, please contact our "Spectrek" officer Lion Mike Sullivan on Tel. No. 01225/519857.

#### Fund Raising.

In December we once again paraded our Christmas Float around the Town and the villages of Holt, Monkton Farleigh, Westwood and Winsley. We also had one day in Lamb's Yard. As a result of public donations, we were able to increase our Charity Fund by £2270.

#### Donations.

The following Donations/Payments were made over this period from our Charity Account:-

£750 Donation to B. on A. Town Council for Christmas Tree in Westbury Gardens, £25 for Christmas Gift to Residents of "The Courts", £1106 Christmas Pot Plants and Vouchers, £300 Donation to Water Aid, £150 Donation to Medic Alert, £300 Donation to B. on A. Youth F.C. £438 to purchase new Plant Trough at Town Bridge, £25 Hire of Victory Field for Easter Egg Hunt, £200 Donation to L.C.I.F. Ukranian Appeal, £1000 Donation to B. on Avon Town Council re Skateboard Park, £300 Donation to Youth Action Wiltshire, £250 Donation to Holt Table Tennis Project and £300 Donation to Julia's House.

### **Social.**

The Club Christmas Meal was held at The Boathouse Bradford Marina on Sat 17<sup>th</sup> December. Around 25 Members and Friends enjoyed a very nice meal and kicked started the Christmas celebrations.

Members held a couple of coffee mornings at local restaurants.

### **Future Events.**

#### **1. Fund Raising.**

**a) Fun Day & Giant Car Boot Sale.** This will take place on Bank Holiday Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> May, in the Victory & Culver Close Fields. Free entry. The Boot Sale in the Victory Field is open from 7am until 4.30 pm. Boot plots cost £10/plot, bookable in advance from Mike Evans on Tel. No. 01373/461813. A number of plots will be available on the day. First come first served. The Fun Day takes place in the Culver Close Field from 11am. until 4.30. pm.

**b) Craft Event.** This will take place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July in Holy Trinity Church from 10.30am to 4pm. Free entry, donations accepted. There will be Refreshments available, and entertainment provided by a number of local choirs.

**c) Fun Run and Toddler Walk.** This will take place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September in the Culver Close Field. Commences at 10am. Hot drinks available. Contact Phil Courage on Tel. No. 01225/864154 for entry details etc.

#### **3. Social.**

**a) Handover.** This is being held on 25<sup>th</sup> June at Leigh Park Hotel. Time 12pm for 12.30pm. Please contact Hilary Spence on Tel. No. 01225/866509 for more details and to book a table.

**b) Charter Lunch.** This is being held on 5<sup>th</sup> November at Cumberwell Golf Club. More details to follow.

### **Useful Contacts**

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### **Please note**

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Regards,  
**Brian Hersee**