



Friends of Bradford on Avon Lions Club

Newsletter No 53 November 2023

Introduction

Dear 'Friends'. This Newsletter covers the period from the beginning of August 2023 until the end of November 2023.

Our Membership now stands at 20.

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.

We have moved our Club Meeting place from Cumberwell Park Golf Club to the Village Hall at Holt. Our Meetings are now held on the first Monday of the month commencing at 07.30.

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

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.

At our May Club Meeting we were given a presentation by Emma Bennett from Monkton Farleigh School covering their plans for a new outdoor learning centre for which they are trying to raise funds. As a result the Club made a donation of £350.

After a request from Wilts County Council Housing Displacement Officer, the Club provided funding to cover the purchase of a Mobile Phone for a homeless person.

A donation was made to Stepping Stones, Trowbridge to help them upgrade their Outdoor Garden Space.

The Presentation of our 2023 Young Person of the Year Award took place at our November Club, when the winners were presented with a Trophy and a cash prize.

Our President laid a Poppy Wreath on behalf of the Club at the War Memorial in Westbury Gardens on Remembrance Sunday.

Purchased a Hob at a cost of £150 for a local family.

Provided the Town Christmas Tree in Westbury Gardens at a cost of £750.

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.

Fun Run and Toddler Walk. This took place on Sunday 17th September in the Culver Close Field. It was well supported, with 119 entrants in the 2k Run, Walk, Toddle and Push, and 31 runners taking part in the 5k run. All the children in the 2k event were given medals and goodie bags, with the Fastest Boys

and Girls at under 8, 10 and 12 also presented with a trophy. In the 5k event trophies were awarded to the first 3 Men and Women, plus a couple of "Veteran" awards to the over 40s. Thanks to some local sponsorship, we were able to show a profit on the event of £793.

Comedy Evening. Due to have taken place at St Margaret's Hall on 7th October unfortunately had to be cancelled due to unavailability of the main act.

Social.

Coffee Mornings. Members have held a number of coffee mornings at local restaurants.

Summer Lunch. This was held in one of our Member's (Ken & Barbara Giles) garden on Sunday 20th August. It took the form of an American Lunch. A very enjoyable couple of hours was had. Even the sun shone on us that day.

53rd Charter Lunch. This was held on 5th November at Cumberwell Golf Club. It was very well attended, with Lions from 6 local Clubs, together with our District Governor, and the Town Mayor, joining Members over an excellent Lunch. After the meal we were entertained over coffee by "The Courage Choir".

Donations

The following Donations/Payments were made over this period from our Charity Account: -
£300 Donation to Stepping Stones Trowbridge, £23 cost of Mobile Phone, £100 Wiltshire Cares, £100 B.o.A. Hub Xmas Raffle, £200 to L.C.I.F. for Libya and Moroccan Disasters, £300 Donation to Brain Tumour Research, £275 Young People Awards, £750 to purchase the Town Christmas tree, £700 cost of Christmas Vouchers & £150 to purchase a Hob for a local family

Future Events.

Fund Raising.

Santa Float. This will be touring the Town and the villages of Monkton Farleigh, South Wraxall, Westwood and Winsley during December starting on Thursday 7th and finishing on Monday 18th. The Float will commence at 5.15pm and finish around 7pm. There will also be a collection at Sainsbury's on Saturday 9th from 10am until 3pm, and in The Shambles from 10am until 3pm on Friday 15th.
All routes are shown on the Club Website and will also appear in The Wiltshire Times.

Social

The Club Christmas Meal. This will take place at The Boathouse Bradford Marina on Wednesday 20th December. Full details have been sent to all Friends by Email dated 21 November.

Community Services.

Trinity Church Tree Festival. The Club will have a Christmas Tree at the Tree Festival in Trinity Church from the 4th December.

Carols around the Tree. This will take place on Christmas Eve in Westbury Gardens. Start time 6pm. Finish around 6.45. Father Christmas has said he will be dropping in to say hello to all the children. Come along, bring friends and children, and have an enjoyable sing along

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Regards,
Brian Hersee