



Friends of Bradford on Avon Lions Club

Newsletter No 54 April 2024

Introduction

Dear 'Friends'. This Newsletter covers the period from the beginning of December 2023 until the end of April 2024.

Our Membership now stands at 19.

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 December Club Meeting, we were given a presentation by Dr Stuart Farrimond on living with a brain tumour. He told of the difficulties that he has faced and how he has coped. He told us about a number of books that he has written on "Living Science!". He also described his fund raising cycle ride from Kent to Weston Super Mare which he undertook this year on the longest day, in aid of Brain Tumour Research. This Charity is supported by Lions Clubs throughout the UK.

The Club Placed a decorated Christmas Tree in Trinity Church as part of their Tree Festival.

Despite another wet Christmas Eve, our "Carols around the Tree" in Westbury Gardens was again well supported. Father Xmas managed to arrive despite the rain.

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 in Bradford on Avon.

In March, after finally getting the go ahead from the Town Council, Members planted 20 Apple Trees in celebration of our Club's 50th year, in the field beyond the Sewerage Works at Barton Farm.

On Easter Monday morning, we held our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bonnet competition in Culver Close Field. The Bonnet competition attracted 35 entrants, which were judged by the Deputy Mayor Emma Franklin. The 3 "Best" were awarded large Easter Eggs, book tokens, and Certificates. All other entrants were given boxed Easter Eggs.

After the Bonnet competition, around 100 children searched the field for 3 tokens to exchange for 3 cream eggs.

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

Santa Float.

In December we were again out with our Christmas Float around the Town and local villages with our collection buckets. As a result of residents "digging deep", and Gift Aid, we were able to raise the magnificent sum of nearly £6000 for our Charitable Account.

Social.

The Club Christmas Meal. This was held at The Boathouse Bradford Marina in December. Around 25 attended. A very enjoyable evening with some very nice food.

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

Donations

The following Donations/Payments were made over this period from our Charity Account :-
£350 Churchfield School, £251 St Laurence School, £100 R.U.H. Bath Appeal, £100 L.C.I.F. Disaster Appeal, £400 Christmas Panto Tickets for Ukranian Children, £100 Avonleigh Orchard, £100 Alabare, £50 for Mobile Phone for local mother, £300 Water Aid, £350 Medic Alert, £250 St Laurence SEND, £200 Splash, £200 Lions International Disaster Fund, £500 to Duncan Wylie, £100 L.C.I.F. Japan Disaster Fund, £200 Julia's House, £500 to B.O.A. Rugby Club Junior Tour, & £1080 to supply Apple Trees for B.O. A. Tree Project.

Future Events.

Fund Raising.

Fun Day and Car Boot Sale.

Being held on May 27th in the Victory and Culver Close Fields. The Boot Sale will be open from 7.30am until 4.30pm. The Fun Day will be open from 10am until 5pm. Free entry, but donations gratefully received via collecting buckets.

Choirs, Coffee and Cakes.

This is being held in Trinity Church on 13th July., from 10.30.a.m until 4.30.p.m.

5K Fun Run and 1K Toddler Walk.

This is being held in early September in the Culver Close Field. The Toddler Walk will start at 10.a.m. The 5k event will start at 11.am from the Culver Close Field, then go via Barton Farm to Avoncliffe, and back along the canal towpath to finish in Culver Close Field. Details on entry etc to follow later.

Social

The Club Handover.

This will take place at The Boathouse Bradford Marina on Sunday 30th June. 12 for 12.30. Full details will be sent to all Friends by Email.

Coffee Morning.

The next Coffee Morning will be on Friday 3rd May at Timbrell's Yard. The Bakers Van will be available for delicious cakes etc.

Summer Lunch.

This will take place on Sunday 11th August in Judy and Brian Hersee's Garden at Southway Park. Gather around Midday. Bring along a dish to share. Bring your own drink. Tea and coffee will be available. Contact Hilary Spence on hilaryspence@hotmail.uk for more details etc.

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Regards,
Brian Hersee