



## Friends of Bradford on Avon Lions Club

### Newsletter No 56 November 2024

#### **Introduction.**

Dear 'Friends'. This Newsletter covers the period from the beginning of August 2024 until the end of November 2024.

Our Membership now stands at 18. Unfortunately we have lost a couple of Members recently for personal reasons. However glad to report that they have decided to become "Friends of Lions", and we will be badging up a couple of new Members after Christmas.

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](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.**

Past President Phil Courage laid a Poppy Wreath at the War Memorial in Westbury Gardens on Remembrance Sunday.

The Club provided the Town Christmas Tree in Westbury Gardens at a cost of £700.

Donation made to St Laurence School for the purchase of Photographic Equipment.

Donation made to the B.o.A, Air Cadets for the purchase of Training Equipment.

Donation made to Christchurch School for the purchase of Epi Pens.

Donation to Bradford Hub for the purchase of food vouchers.

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 President Mike Sullivan on Tel. No. 01225/519857.

#### **Fund Raising.**

##### **5K Fun Run and 1K Toddler Walk.**

This event planned for September, unfortunately had to be cancelled due to a potential financial loss as a result of a large increase in overheads.

#### **Social.**

##### **1. Summer Lunch**

This was held in one of our Member's (Brian & Judith Hersee) garden on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August. It took the form of an American Lunch. A very enjoyable couple of hours was had in the sunshine.

## **2. Lunch.**

This was held on Sunday 5th November at The Cumberwell Golf Club. It was very well attended, with Lions and Partners from 6 local Clubs, The Town Mayor and his wife, joining Club Members, Partners and Friends over an excellent lunch. After the meal we were entertained by "The Courage Choir"

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

## **Donations.**

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

£840 B.o.A Air Cadets, £234 Cameras for St Laurence School, £60 EPI Pens for Christchurch School, £200 Youth Adventure Trust, £200 B,o,A. Hub, £100 Courage Choir, £250 Anaphylaxis UK & £100 Royal British Legion.

## **Future Events.**

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

#### **a) Christmas Float.**

Our Float will again tour the Town and local villages of Monkton Farleigh, South Wraxall, Broughton Gifford, Holt, Westwood, and Winsley, between Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December, & Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup>. The float will commence at 5.15pm and finish around 7pm.

All routes are shown on the Club Website and Facebook.

#### **b) Fun Day & Car Boot Sale.**

This will again be held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025 in the Culver Close & Victory Fields.

#### **c) Crafts, Choirs, Cakes & Coffee.**

This will be held in Trinity Church on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

### **2. Social.**

#### **a) Christmas Lunch.**

This will take place at Cumberwell Park Golf Club on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm.

**Please Note:- This year we have a limited number of places. ALL HAVE NOW BEEN TAKEN UP.**

#### **b) Choir Concert.**

This will be held in September 2025 in St Margaret's Hall. Performing will be The Mendip Male Voice Choir & The Wiltshire Singers. More details to follow.

### **3. Community Services.**

#### **a) Christmas Tree Festival in Trinity Church.**

This will take place from 10<sup>th</sup> December onwards. The Club will have a decorated tree at this event.

#### **b) "Carols around the Tree. "**

In Westbury Gardens on Christmas Eve. Starting at 6pm.

#### **c) Distribution of Food Vouchers and Pot Plants.**

Members will deliver these to needy families and our elder residents in early December.

## **Contacts**

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**Please note**

If you received this Friends Newsletter via e-mail you can access the Friends area of the Website using your surname as the username with the password "friend". A second menu bar will appear at the top of the page.

Regards,  
**Brian Hersee**