

FRIENDS OF IRONBRIDGE LIONS MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR APRIL 2023

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The monthly bulletin is designed to update our community of Friends on recent events plus upcoming activities and to identify areas in which we would welcome help or support. You can find our programme of events and activities for the next few months on our website [HERE](#).

Prostate testing



take around 10 minutes of your afternoon and it could just save your life.

Last month we reported on our very successful first PSA test session of 2023 and we are now looking forward to our second event, to be held at the Haberdashers Abraham Darby Academy Madeley on Saturday 17th June. As for February this is an appointment-only event, and you can book a slot online at <https://myspatests.org.uk>. Testing is free of charge, but we will invite you to make a voluntary donation to help us to meet the £5,000 estimated event costs. If you are a male over 40 years of age and you haven't had a prostate test in the past 12 months, do consider making an appointment; it will

Silver Over the Bridge



Easter Sunday generally marks the start of our Silver Over the Bridge (SOB) season and so it was this year. On 9th April we laid our sticky tape across the iron bridge and invited passers-by to donate in support the [Ironbridge Coracle Trust](#). We were supported by members of the Trust plus the Broseley bellringers, and our own tame lion was a great hit with the children. By close of play we had raised around £315 and, at the monthly meeting on 12th April, Members agreed to round this up to a donation of £350.

Our SOB programme continues through to the August Bank Holiday weekend with our next event will be held on Sunday 30th April when we will be collecting for the [Telford First Responders](#). Thereafter, the target groups for SOB events will include the [Buildwas Players](#), the [Broseley Bellringers](#), [Cuan Wildlife Rescue](#), [Madeley](#) & [Stirchley Scout & Guides](#), and [Haycock Nature Reserve](#)



Donations in April



Food poverty continues to be a major issue and both local foodbanks and relief agencies report difficulty in obtaining sufficient food items to meet demand. Against that background, at our monthly meeting on 12th April, members voted to make a donations of £500 to [Telford crisis support](#) and £200 each to local charities [Maninplace](#) and [Stay](#).

We are grateful to our friends who support this programme with donations of food and/or cash.

In additions to these food-related donations, members also voted to donate £250 to the [Friends of Holmer Lake](#), £300 to the [Shrewsbury Ark](#) and £96 to the UK Lions Youth Trust appeal.

All change at the top

Ironbridge Lions will have a new top team from the start of the next Lions year on 1st July. The club changes its President each year but this year both Jo Dolan the Treasurer and Colin Thompson the Secretary are also standing down. At the Annual General meeting on 12th April, Vice President John Foley was elected to take over from current President Graham Powell while David Pritchard and Andrew Pilsbury were elected as the new Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

And Finally.....



A reminder that we are currently part of the Tesco Community Grant scheme. The project is open to customer vote until the end of June, alongside two other projects. The project gaining most votes will receive £1500, second place gets £1000 and third place £500. Whatever we win will be used to support our prostate testing programme so, if you are buying anything in the Madeley store or in any of the local Tesco Express stores, do please take an appropriate number of voting counters and put them into the Lions voting pot.

How you can help

- Organise a food collection among your family, friends, neighbours or work colleagues. Just give us a call when the collection is complete, and we will arrange pick up.
- Pass this bulletin on to any friends you think might be interested. We are always happy to add others to our distribution list.
- Follow us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/ironlions>) or Twitter (<https://twitter.com/IronbridgeLions>)
- Come and have a chat to us at one of the Silver over the Bridge Sessions shown above. We are always happy to see those in the community who support our work.
- Vote for ironbridge Lions in the Tesco Community Grant scheme if you are shopping in one of the local Tesco stores.
- Let us know of an individual or group needing support to solve a problem or to realise an ambition. We can't undertake always to give a positive response, but we do promise that we will consider carefully any request received.
- If you like what we do, why not consider joining us. You will find us a very friendly bunch. Current subscriptions are just £6 per month - we won't ask you to give more than that nor will we ask you to give more of your time than you are able to give. If you need more information or if you would like to come along to one of our monthly meetings as a guest to get a better feel for what we do, just send us an email or give us a call.

Thank you for your support and if you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Colin Thompson
Secretary Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions
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