

Yeo Valley Lions Club

2022

Christmas Programme



Look inside to see when Santa Claus will be on your street.



December 2022

Enclosed are the details of when the Lions Carol Float, with Father Christmas aboard, is visiting your road in Yatton, Congresbury, Wrington, Langford, Cleeve and Claverham.

**Do listen for him as the elves will not be knocking on doors
You can track him each evening at www.yeovalleylions.org.uk/rota**

...don't forget to really get into the Christmas spirit by coming along to our Carol Service. It is on Saturday 17th December at 5pm in the Precinct, Yatton. We will be supported by Spotlight Sparklers — so make the effort, come along and join in.



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Dear Friends

Despite COVID still loitering around, the Lions Club is back to normal and endeavouring to deliver all you expect this Christmas and indeed, for all the rest of the year too.

The Santa Float will be coming round Yatton, Cleeve Claverham, Langford and Wrington. We have agreed that we will no longer knock on your doors, but ask you to check this programme to see which evening we will be in your street, and then hopefully you can follow Santa on his tracker to ensure you can come out to meet him

The calls on our minibus are increasing as the folk in our villages cope with the loss of all our bus services. Your Lions Club is trying to represent these concerns to North Somerset Council and First Bus, as we cannot extend our minibus runs further than we are currently doing.

Our regular monthly lunch club and coffee mornings are proving very popular, and the Food Bank runs connecting us with Clevedon are still working well. We hear great things about our Playground in Kingston Seymour from the comments in our visitors' book and SENDCAS stay and play days are proving popular.

Thanks to our wonderful club members and the Friends of Lions we continue with our popular fund- raisers including the Beer Festival, Golf Day and the Strawberry Line Walk. We are also running more BBQs linked with Claverham Cricket Club and Claverham Village Hall. The funds raised from these events are important to our local community charities and are boosted by the Christmas Collection. You will find a Gift Aid donation envelope enclosed with this programme, and although I know that money is getting tighter for all of us what with increases in cost of living and energy bills, I do hope that you will do your best to be generous and help us to help others in the Community

On behalf of the members of Yeo Valley Lions Club, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year



Message from Lesley Farrall President of Yeo Valley Lions Club



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A Christmas Message

Rev. Jill Flowers



Dear Friends,

There's a story of two Americans who went to work in a Russian Orphanage in 1994. As it was Christmas they told the children about Mary and Joseph arriving at Bethlehem. Finding no room at the inn, the couple went to the stable, where the baby Jesus was born and placed in a manger. Throughout the story, the children and orphanage staff sat in amazement as they listened. Completing the story, they gave the children three small pieces cardboard to make a crude manger. Each child was given a small paper square, cut from yellow napkins.

Following instructions, the children tore the paper and carefully laid strips in the manger for straw. Small squares of flannel were used for the baby's blanket. A doll-like baby was cut from the tan felt they had brought from the United States. The orphans were busy assembling their manger as they walked among them to see if they needed any help. Suddenly they saw little Misha, who was about 6 years old and had finished his project. As they looked at the little boy's manger, they were startled to see not one, but two babies in the manger and they asked him about it.

For such a young boy, who had only heard the Christmas story once, he related the happenings accurately... until he came to the part where Mary put the baby Jesus in the manger. Then Misha started to ad-lib. He made up his own story as he said, "And when Maria laid the baby in the manger, Jesus looked up at me and asked me if I had a place to stay. I told Him I have no mamma and I have no papa, so I don't have any place to stay. Then Jesus told me I could stay with him. But I told him couldn't because I have no gift to give him like everyone else did. But I wanted to stay with Jesus so much, so I thought about what I had that maybe I could use for a gift. I thought maybe if I could keep him warm, that would be a good gift. So I asked Jesus, "If I keep you warm, will that be a good enough gift?" And Jesus told me, "If you keep me warm, that will be the best gift anybody ever gave me." "So I got into the manger, and then Jesus looked at me and he told me I could stay with him for always."

As Misha finished his story, his eyes brimmed full of tears that they splashed down his cheeks. Putting his hand over his face, his head dropped to the table and his shoulders shook as he sobbed and sobbed. The little orphan had found someone who would never abandon him nor abuse him, someone who would stay with him FOR ALWAYS. May we know the love and presence of Jesus with us, not just this Christmas, but for always.

Happy Christmas, Jill



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A Letter From Santa



Hello Boys and Girls

I hope you have had a good time this year, as life has been getting more back to normal after the upset caused by Covid. The hot summer seems a long time ago now, and that contributed to the very colourful autumn we have just enjoyed.

Thanks to the help I receive from my friends in Yeo Valley Lions Club, I'm pleased to tell you that I will be visiting you in the weeks running up to Christmas. We're going to be out and about every almost evening from the first Sunday in December, up to and including Christmas Eve, and it would be great to see as many of you as possible!

You can find out when I'll be in your area elsewhere in this programme, please make a note of the date so you won't miss our visit. Unfortunately, my elves won't be able knock on your individual doors, so please listen out for the music and watch out for my float on the evening I'm due with you. But do you know your parents can watch where I actually am on your visit evening by tracking me on their phone. See page 13 of this programme.

Also, because of all of the new houses in our area we're busier than ever, so the float will have to keep moving - which means there will be no time allow anyone on the sleigh with me! Sorry about that.

Something else to look out for in this programme is the Lions collection envelope. Any money you and your parents can donate in this envelope will go to enable Lions to assist people living in the local area who aren't as fortunate as others, so please do what you can to help.



Oh, I almost forgot to mention that if you have any letters or Christmas lists for me, please put those in the envelopes as well so I can read them later.

I'm writing this note a few weeks before the start of December, so I will have rest now then get ready for the busy time ahead!

Ho ho ho and bye bye for now!

Father Christmas.

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Dementia is a progressive disease of the brain and currently over 850,000 people are living with the condition, and this is predicted to increase to over a million by 2025.

In May 2017, Yeo Valley Lions was recognised by the Alzheimer's Society as a Dementia Friendly Organisation and we have progressively developed our support for the local branch of the Alzheimer's Society. Our support takes the form of Yeo Valley Lions sponsoring a monthly Information Hub in Wrington, a monthly Coffee Morning at the Youth Club in Yatton and a major Singing for the Brain Project.

Before the COVID pandemic, all of these services were well attended and we were looking to extend Singing for the Brain into a weekly event. Sadly, COVID restrictions put paid to this and all three of these activities had to cease. With COVID restrictions lifted, all three projects resumed. Progress towards pre-pandemic attendance levels has been slow. Vulnerable people were, understandably, reticent about group meetings. Also, sadly, some of those originally attending these groups have passed away. On the positive side, the vaccine started to give people confidence. We have been working with the Alzheimer's Society on changes that can be made to encourage greater participation.

The Yatton Coffee Morning Yatton Youth Club (last Tuesday in the month 10.30 to noon) has now, successfully reached and gone beyond, pre-pandemic levels and has some new members. This is a very informal drop-in group.

The Singing for the Brain Project struggled with numbers. After discussions with families the Alzheimer's Society suggested a change of venue. In October, Singing for the Brain moved from Wrington to the Old School Rooms in Congresbury. This immediately saw a fivefold increase in numbers and this trend seems to be continuing – helped by a new song book with input from the group members. This Group meets every other Thursday.

The original project from 2017, the Wrington Information and Activities Hub, has been the slowest to recover. This is an important group because it provides professional advice and also a range of activities that stimulate the brain. Base on the success of moving the Singing for the Brain Project, from February, the Information and Activities Hub will meet at Yatton Youth Club on the first Tuesday of the month (10am to noon). The annual Dementia Friendly Carol Service at All Saints Church in Wrington is on 6th December at 11.30am. Favourite carols and refreshments after the service.

For information on Singing for the Brain and the other services, call Alison Heath at the Alzheimer's Society on 0300 1234589.

Yeo Valley Lions will continue to encourage other Lions Clubs to become Dementia Friendly Organisations

John Oldham - Lion Member



PLAYGROUND



For many years, our playground at Kingston Seymour has been much used by the local families who have children with special needs and by organisations for those who support them. The COVID pandemic resulted in restrictions on the use of the Playground over the past couple of years. With those restrictions lifted, we were able to open fully in 2022.

As promised last year, we carried out some work at the entrance area, in order to overcome parking issues. This fenced off area provides some privacy and a safe area for getting children into, and out of, vehicles.

It's been good to see children and families coming back and enjoying time at the Playground. We have had many new members join and it has been particularly pleasing this year to see school groups using the Playground. I hope this will increase next year.

The Stay & Play Days organised by SENDCAS on Tuesdays of the school holidays have been well attended and, judging by the laughter of children, thoroughly enjoyed. These days have also introduced new members to the Playground. I am grateful for the help of my Fellow Lions for the inevitable repair work they do to the various toys etc, due to the enthusiastic use by children, and for the daily maintenance routines they carry out (particularly getting sand back into the sandpit following some impressive digging by the children!). We are also grateful to those families who anonymously donate equipment and help in other ways. You know who you are!

The Playground offers a safe haven for children with special needs and their families. It is designed to enable children to let off steam and have social interaction between each other in a way not possible in a traditional playground. Facilities include specially designed playground equipment that allows a carer to accompany a child on a swing or down a slide and a wheelchair swing where the child and their wheelchair can be accommodated. It also has a sandpit, a playhouse, a fort, a boat, tubular bells, various other field equipment, toys, bikes and tractors. A waterfall and a movement sensitive water feature make a calming corner of the garden. There are picnic tables, a large sun umbrella, a rain shelter and a toilet facility. Because it is a safe place, children can play safely and use their imagination, whilst adults relax.

Although the Playground is now closed for the winter, we plan to open on 1st April 2023. As always, we will keep everyone informed through our website. Over the winter, we will be carrying out work to keep the Playground in good order.

We are grateful for the positive comments made by those who use the Playground. There are seventeen pages of lovely comments in our Visitors Book, with well over a hundred comments. A selection of those comments is reproduced below. These comments are shown exactly as written in the Visitors Book:

"Hooray, open again. The boys have had lots of fun. Thank you for keeping it going and immaculate."

"I went on the swing and swung my way to the stars and I didn't even have to get out of my chair. I love your swing, thank you xxx from R"

"Fantastic to be back here. Thank you!!!"

"Such a super park. First visit and had a blast."

"Again another peaceful hour at the park this afternoon. Not only do the kids love the freedom of the park, I also enjoy some quiet time with a cup of tea, whilst the 3 boys play. This place is a godsend for us as a family."

"Amazing as always. So wonderful to have somewhere to go where there is not judgement."

"Absolutely lovely park, to be able to play freely with my little grandson has been wonderful. Thank you."

"Our first visit, O was so excited! It's wonderful. Thanks so much for having this here for our boy."

"Ravenswood pupils have had a fabulous time using ALL! The equipment. Thank you!"

"Thank you so much for such a great space for families. We will let the families we support know all about it." (SENDCAS Stay & Play Team)

If you know of a child with special needs who could benefit from joining the playground then contact playground@yeovalleylions.org.uk

John Oldham - Lion Member



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Santa's Float

Please note the following:

- Check the list further on in this Programme for the date of your street
- We will not be knocking on doors during the round, We will be very pleased to see you and the children, listen out for our music.
- We will be making regular stops on the street, any donations gratefully received.
- Enclosed in this programme is an envelope which can be used for cash or an online credit card or a bank transfer. Also if the children have a letter for Santa, please add it
- Please fill in the details requested so we can also claim gift aid to add to the donation.
- The envelope can be returned to the float or if you miss that, dropped off at any of the following locations

AB Motorcare, High St., Yatton

Co-op Welcome, The Precinct, Brinsea Rd.,
Congresbury

Buglers Stores, High St, Wrington

Bishops Stores, 5 Bishops Rd, Cleeve

**YOU CAN TRACK SANTA EACH EVENING AT
www.yeovalleylions.org.uk/rota**

Membership

All the events and projects you can read about in this programme (and a lot more "behind the scenes" work) are undertaken by the members of Yeo Valley Lions Club.

We're local volunteers trying to make a positive difference to the lives of other locals who maybe need a bit of help for whatever reason, and our help is irrespective of age, colour, disability or religion.

Becoming a Lion means you're directly helping local people, thereby making our community a better place for everyone. You'll also make new friends, have a few laughs along the way and enjoy a great social life. We're part of Lions Clubs International, the largest service organisation in the world with roots dating back over 100 years, and clubs in over 200 countries.

If this article - and the others in this programme - have interested you in learning more about us and whether Lions membership is for you, please get in touch through our website www.yeovalleylions.org.uk, then click on the blue Get Involved button on the left-hand side or call me on 01934 876131. Tell us a bit about yourself and I'll arrange a completely 'no obligation, no commitment' chat at a time and place to suit you, to let you know more about what membership involves.



Lions Christmas Carol Service

5pm on Saturday 17th December in Yatton Precinct

Supported by Spotlight Sparklers

SILENT NIGHT

Silent night! holy night!
All is calm all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child
Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace!
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night! holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia
Christ the Saviour is born
Christ the Saviour is born!

Silent night! holy night!
Son of God love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth
Jesus, Lord at thy birth

OH COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

Oh come, all ye faithful, joyful and
triumphant,
Oh come ye, Oh come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him,
born the King of Angels

[Chorus]

*Oh come, let us adore Him,
Oh come, let us adore Him
Oh come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.*

HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim
' Christ is born in Bethlehem'
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of peace!
Hail the Son of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
*Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation
Oh Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God in the highest
[Chorus]

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
born this happy morning
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giving
Word of the Father now in flesh
appearing
[Chorus]

THE FIRST NOEL

The first Noel the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields
as they lay:

In fields where they lay keeping their
sheep

On a cold winter's night that was so
deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel

Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far:
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night.

[Chorus]

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from the country
far;

To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.

[Chorus]

This star drew nigh to the north-west;
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

[Chorus]

Then entered in those wise men three,
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

[Chorus]

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of
nought,
And with his blood mankind has
bought.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel

Born is the King of Israel.

SEE HIM LYING

See Him lying on a bed of straw
A draughty stable with an open door
Mary cradling the Babe she bore
The Prince of Glory is His name
*O now carry me to Bethlehem
To see the Lord appear to men
Just as poor as was the stable then
The Prince of Glory when He came*

Star of silver, sweep across the skies
Show where Jesus in the manger lies
Shepherds swiftly from your stupor rise
To see the Saviour of the world

Chorus

Angels, sing again the song you sang
Bring God's glory to the heart of man
Sing, "Bethlehem's little baby can
Be salvation to the soul."

Chorus

Mine are riches from Your poverty
From Your innocence, eternity
Mine forgiveness by Your death for me
Child of sorrow for my joy

Chorus

AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a manger no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down his
sweet head

The stars in the bright sky looked
down where he lay

The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing the baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you Lord Jesus; look down
from the sky

And stay by my side until morning is
nigh.

Be near me Lord Jesus I ask you to stay
Close by me for ever, and love me, I
pray.

Bless all the dear children in your
tender care,

And fit us for heaven, to live with you
there.

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep,
The silent stars go by.
Yet in the dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.
For Christ is born of Mary;
And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love;

How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear his coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still,
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel.

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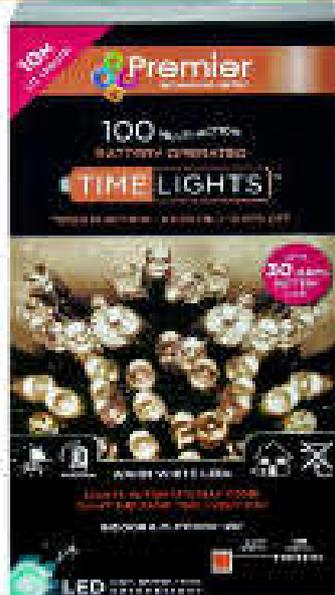


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The leaders have spoken.
We've all had our boosters,
Our 'flu jabs as well,
Antlers are polished,
As shiny as our bell.



The new route map is planned,
Santa Tracker is up to date,
We'll visit some new estates,
Hope we're not late!
We'll stop where we can,
To pick up your Gift Aid,
4th December is the start,
By then, sweets will be made.



Buckets in some shops
Will collect all your money,
If you miss us in the road,
There's no need to worry.
The donations we will use,
For those most in need,
Our community we support,
Transport, welfare and feed.



Write your present list now,
Some toys are delayed,
Containers stuck in ports,
In China where some toys are made.
Fear not though, we're ready!
The workshop is manned,
The elves have their visas,
Making toys all by hand.



So from us in the North,
We wish you all the best,
Peace, love, health and happiness
And a jolly good festive rest!



YEO VALLEY LIONS CLUB AND FATHER CHRISTMAS WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY AND HOPEFUL NEW YEAR.



Santa's sleigh starts each evening soon after 6pm and finishes about 8.30pm. Sundays & Christmas Eve start at 5pm. The timetable will be as printed where possible but may be altered or cancelled as required at the time.

Please note that his elves will not be knocking on doors, so do listen out for his cheerful music.

[TRACK SANTA EACH EVENING - see page 13](#)

Sun 4 Dec – CONGRESBURY SOUTHLANDS

Sheppey's Mill, Southlands Way, South Side, Well Park, Millennium Mews, Kent Road, Wrington Lane, Wrington Mead, Cobthorn Way, Cadbury Fields, Weetwood Road, Verlands, Gooseham Mead,

Mon 5 Dec - WRINGTON BROAD STREET

Broad Street, The Triangle, Ladywell, Station Road, Brooklyn, Wiltons, Westward Close, The Glebe, Old Station Close, Kings Road, Butt's Batch, Butt's Orchard.

Wed 7 Dec - YATTON WEMBERHAM

Wemberham Lane & side roads, Wemberham Crescent, Horsecastle Close, Horsecastle Farm Road & side roads, Wakedean Gardens. Jones Close.

Thur 8 Dec - YATTON HIGH STREET (1)

Westaway Park, Henley Lodge, High Street to Chescombe Road, Westaway Close, Rock Road, Henley Park, Rectory Way, Church Close, Rectory Drive.

Fri 9 Dec - CLEEVE AND CLAVERHAM

Warners Close, Cleeve Drive, Woodview Drive, Millier Road, Bishops Road, Graitney Close, Bishops Mead, Mayors Road and side roads in Newlands Development, Broadcroft Avenue, Dunsters Road, Chestnut Drive, Streamcross.

Sun 11 Dec - CONGRESBURY PARK ROAD

Mill Lane, Mill Leg, St Congar's Way, Park Road, The Leys, Weir Road, Homefield, Dickensons Grove, Cadbury Square, Bramley Square, Mulberry Road, Venus Street, Nomis Park, Potter's View.

Mon 12 Dec - YATTON MENDIP ROAD

Mendip Road from Chescombe Road, Elm Close, Mendip Gardens, West Road, The Batch, Marsh Road, Lodge Close, Grace Close, Dysons Close, Shiners Elms, Ashleigh Crescent, Ashleigh Road, Grassmere Road.



Wed 14 Dec - YATTON CHESCOMBE ROAD/ FROST HILL

Church Road, Chescombe Road, Court Avenue, Mendip Close, Mendip Road (from Chescombe Road to Frost Hill), Alexander Road, Binhay Road, Bramley Close, Cadbury Farm Road, Frost Hill.

Thur 15 Dec - YATTON CHESTNUT PARK

Wheatear Road and all roads in the Chestnut Park Development. Eaton Park development.

Fri 16 Dec - WRINGTON HIGH STREET

West Hay Road, Albury's, High Street, School Road, Orchard Close, Home Close, Roper's Lane, Yeomans Orchard, Wrington Road.

Sun 18 Dec - LANGFORD

Stock Lane, Pudding Pie Lane, Stockmead, Pudding Pie Close, Hillmead, Rowan Way, Larch Close, Birch Drive, Broadoak Road, Langford Fields Development.

Mon 19 Dec - WRINGTON SILVER STREET

Silver Street, Lawders Orchard, Garstons, Garstons Close, Garstons Orchard, Rickyard Road, South Meadows, Lawrence Road.

Tue 20 Dec - YATTON High Street (2)

Derham Park, Derham Close, High Street from Derham Park to the Railway Bridge, Myrtle Gardens, Elborough Avenue, Heathgate, The Eagles, The Ridge, The Avenue, Barberry Farm Road, Durban Way, Atlay Court, Park Avenue, The Park.

Wed 21 Dec - CONGRESBURY SILVER STREET

Silver Street, Silver Mead, Silverstone Way. Yew Tree Park, Stonewell Lane, Stonewell Park Road, Stonewell Grove, Stonewell Drive, The Causeway, Broad Street, Bridge Farm Square, Paul's Causeway, Walnut Tree Court.

Thur 22 Dec - YATTON TO CLAVERHAM

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LIONS CLAVERHAM



BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL 2022

This year's Yeo Valley Lions Beer and Cider Festival was held on the 8th and 9th of July, at Claverham Village Hall. Along with providing a very enjoyable weekend it also raises funds for local organisations and good causes.

Backing up the interesting and extensive list of Beers, Ciders and Gins this year's festival again had a full programme of entertainment with the JD Experience rocking Friday night and the Salvage Crew filling the dance floor on Saturday evening. As usual the Saturday afternoon session was again blessed with good weather with the Punch and Judy making a welcome return proving to be, again, a major draw for the children and adults. The Note Warehouse in Yatton also had some of their students performing which was very well received contributing to an enjoyable and sociable atmosphere.



This year, two young ladies decided they wanted to help with the Lions fund raising efforts and made several colourful loom bands which were offered to attendees in return for a donation of 10p to the Lions cause. They managed to raise the sum of over £17 which they presented to Lion President Lesley.

Thanks must go to our many sponsors who support this event, notably our headline sponsors Bell and Stenton, silver sponsors Urban Flooring Services and Paul Reilly Building Services Ltd., along with the many other sponsors without whose support this event would not take place. Information on next years event can be found at: <https://www.yeovalleylions.org.uk>

The Beer Festival proceeds giveaway Presentation Evening

The superb sum of £ 6000+ was raised this year and we held a social evening in September for the presentation of cheques to several local good causes.



The evening started with a presentation of a certificate of appreciation to Ann Humphries, for her contribution over the years on the Strawberry Lion Walk. Letters of thanks were also given to two Brownies who did really well this year with their sponsorship.

A cheque for £1100 from funds raised from the Strawberry Lion Walk will be sent to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) specifically for Lions Clubs in Ukraine.

Cheques were presented to; **Chestnut Park Primary School:** For playground equipment; **Bristol Children's Help Society/ Barton Camp:** which supports disadvantaged children living in the region, at Winscombe ; **Claverham Cricket Club:** for youth development and equipment; **Lions Brass 4 Youth** – A local Lions project providing musical tuition and performing opportunities for children from the age of 6 up to young adults; **All Aboard Watersports** – Based in Bristol Docks providing activities for disadvantaged and special needs children. **Donation to Yatton Junior School, Wrington Cof E Primary School, Court De Wyck Primary School Claverham & Churchill C of E Primary School** for the provision of sports equipment.

As part of the Strawberry Line event **Lucy Kehoe** was given back the extra £200 she raised on the walk, and gave to the Lions, to be added to her original contribution for the motor neurone, 'My Name's Doddie Foundation'

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2022 Yeo Valley Lions Golf Day



With Covid still rife, we seem to have learned how to live with it, albeit the vaccinations are now proving more effective in preventing serious illness, and therefore we are now back (fingers crossed) to some normality, allowing us to organise more events with some certainty.

So, back in May of this year our golf day gave us a bumper/record donation which went to the Great Western Air Ambulance. Now back to our regular Spring event, and although not yet at full strength an entry of 34 teams showed that the appetite is still there to raise money for a worthy cause, and have a bit of fun on the golf course at the same time. The air ambulance respond by air and road to people in urgent need. They save lives across Bristol, Gloucestershire, Bath & NES, North Somerset and South Glos, our donation of £6,000 is enough to fund 3 sorties, which was gratefully received by GWAAC.

Next year we will be supporting Donald McDonald House Charity, which believes that when a child is sick, the entire family needs comfort and support. Ronald McDonald House Charities UK has been operating for 30 years since construction began on the first House in 1989. Their houses provide a place to stay when the partnering NHS hospitals whilst seriously sick children are being treated. Families staying with them can cook, play, rest and be together, all the time knowing that they are only moments away from their child in hospital. They also run activities so families and children staying with them can have a break away from the hospital ward.

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This year – 2022

The winners of this year's event came from Southampton (HCE kitchen equipment), we are lucky enough to attract teams from all over the UK, but are keen to encourage local teams to take part, which is held at Tall Pines Golf Course (adjacent to Bristol Airport)

Next year – 2023

We have already saved a date for next year's golf day which is Thursday 27th April, when we are expecting our normal amount of entries, so please if you think you would like to enter a team of 4, please visit our website for entry form details, or contact Derek White on 07973 640415, book early as we are expecting a bumper year (entry forms will be available from 1st week of December)

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Yatton Foodbank which is a branch of Clevedon Foodbank has now been open for over 2 years in that time it has helped many people from Yatton and surrounding villages feed their families with essential bags of food and during the School Holidays extra food bags for their children.

We are open from 9.30am – 12pm every Thursday morning at Yatton Youth Club Rock Road Yatton BS49 4JE and will welcome anyone who needs a bit of help in these difficult times.

All you need is a voucher from your School a Doctor / Social Service or Church Minister, you can also contact Citizens Advice national help line on 0808 208 21338.

We are now accepting donations of Food and Toiletries at The Youth Club at Rock Road between 9.30am and 12pm every Thursday morning every donation, helps us to help your local community.

The Lions have supported The Foodbank in Yatton and Clevedon over the last 2 years to move stock and donations in our minibus and help deliver to local families in need. It has given us an opportunity to help those who have found times difficult through Covid and beyond and it is one of the many ways that we can give back to the local community.

So if you need a little help do not hesitate to get in touch.



Geoff Gibbs - Lion Member

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SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Lunch clubs organised by the Yeo Valley Lions is a great way to catch up with friends or to meet new people for a friendly chat.

The lunch club is held on the third Wednesday of every month, 12.30 for 1pm., at the Yatton Rugby Club, North End. The cost is £5 for a two course meal - **All welcome**

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STRAWBERRY LION WALK 2022

Almost 60 entrants set off in showery conditions from Yatton Station on 15th May to compete in our 11th Strawberry Lion Challenge. This year the Lions chosen beneficiary was Yatton GirlGuiding but following the humanitarian crisis caused by the invasion of Ukraine, it was agreed that the funds raised should be sent to Lions Clubs bordering the war zone to assist with relief for refugees. We were delighted to be able to send £1100 to this appeal in September.

Allan Burn (007) who has supported us every year raised £120 and the Yatton WI ladies added £310. Ann Humphries lead the 3rd Yatton Brownies team and she was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation at our Presentation Evening in September, in recognition of her support over 10 years. Kate Fox and Isabella Nicholson raised £45 and £50 respectively and received letters of



thanks from

Court de Wyck PGA
Lion President Lesley Farrall.

A large team from Court de Wyck PTA raised almost £160 in total, £80 for Ukraine and £80 for their own uses.

This year's champion fundraisers were Lucy Kehoe who along with Lee, Katelyn and Lydia made a fantastic total of £400 for the Motor

Yatton W.I.
Neurone Disease Charity, My Name's Doddy. Not to be left out our own Lion John Oldham walked in 35 degree temperatures in Madeira to raise £160 which just goes to show what can be achieved virtually. The total sum raised for all charities this year was a little over £1600.

Yeo Valley Lions are extremely grateful for the generosity of their sponsors Stowell Concrete Ltd., Cheddar Water, Tesco, Griggs Goodrum and Ommec Direct.

Next year's walk is scheduled for 14th May so if you fancy raising funds for Yatton Girlguiding and your own good cause, we would love to see you. All details will be on the Lions website early in the New Year.

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LIONS MINIBUS SCHEDULE



Yeo Valley Lions 'Big Yellow' Minibus

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How does the Lions Bus benefit the elderly?

One of the most significant benefits offered is several local shopping trips. Below shows our current trip schedule

- Every Tuesday morning, pickup from Yatton/Claverham/ Cleeve to either Clevedon Tesco or Nailsea Waitrose.
- Every Thursday morning pickups from Yatton/Claverham/Cleeve to Yatton Precinct (Co-op & Post Office)
- Alternate Friday mornings: from Yatton/Claverham/Cleeve to Weston-Super-Mare Sovereign Centre

Wherever possible the minibus will come to your front gate, so there's no need to struggle to a bus stop. There is no charge for these shopping trips, but donations are of course always welcome to help cover the running costs!

Additionally, we provide a pickup service on the first Wednesday of each month for attendance at the Lions Coffee morning at the Youth Club in Rock Road, Yatton and on the third Wednesday of each month to attend the Lions Lunch Club at Yatton Rugby Club.

I would like to use the bus but...

Many folks are unsure if they are entitled to use the bus. Anyone is welcome on the regular shopping trips, as long as there is space. If you are interested in being a regular passenger, call 07551 610514 for further details

Who else can use the minibus?

Any local organisation or group can use the minibus, with 15 seats including the driver, many villages' youth groups, sports teams have found the bus easy and convenient to use. There is no hire charge, but we do ask that the bus is returned in a clean and tidy condition and the tank has been refilled with fuel, but donations are of course always welcome

Volunteering

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