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President's Remarks

Dear Members and Friends.

At our final meeting of the year on December 16th, we opened with the Outstanding Young Persons Award ceremony when the four winners received their awards and commemorative plaques. We had the pleasure of welcoming ten guests to celebrate the occasion including award winners, parents, siblings and the nominators who read out their citations. There were two gold award winners, one silver and one bronze. All have made valuable contributions to local and international causes and charities and all richly deserved their awards. They really are outstanding members of our community and it was a pleasure to meet them and their families!

As you are all aware, we were all very much “out and about” before Christmas. Thanks to Phil and all the volunteers, many of whom are not actually Lions members, the Santa Float was a great success. Also thanks to the generosity of the people of Bradford on Avon we managed to raise £4600.00, an amount we can all be proud of! While this was going on, Lynn was putting together the Christmas cards, plants and vouchers we deliver each year. These were really well received and as one elderly gentleman in Holt said to me “Thank you so much! I really look forward to you coming each year.” Equally well received were the Christmas hampers that Lynn put together, on our behalf, for the victims of the floods. It is going to take many weeks or even months for properties to dry out and for people to get back to normality. There was surprise and a genuine sense of gratitude towards the Lions from all the people receiving the hampers and we have subsequently received many emails expressing people's thanks and appreciation.

Christmas lunch at the Cumberwell Golf Club was a very pleasant occasion attended by many members, friends and guests. I always feel we get a genuinely warm welcome from Cumberwell! The food and service were excellent and thanks once again to Hilary for organising the event and to Judith for painstakingly writing out all the place settings and putting them out on the tables.

Finally, Christmas trees! The Lions tree made a great impression in Trinity Church as our contribution to the Tree Festival, thanks to Lynn and Janie. The Christmas tree we give to Bradford each year looked magnificent in Westbury Gardens and the ‘Carols Round the Tree’ on Christmas Eve was amazing! We had so many people there and they listened, sang beautifully and gave generously to the collection buckets (£315.00 generous!). Many thanks go to Kate Courage for her wonderful playing on the keyboard to accompany the singing and to Andy and Kelvin for setting up a sound system that actually worked this year. I must say that the carol the children sing - Away In A Manger – is well chosen. I realised this when two little girls said to me that this is the very, very, very, very, VERY best carol!!!

I wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year! Mike.

MESSAGES

Raffle prize for January Meeting – Keith, please

AGENDA

Introduction of Guests – Lion Phil

Present

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 21st December

For Action or Decision: Trustees
Treasurer
Community Services
Fun Day
Fund Raising
Social

PR/Marketing

Correspondence

Any Other Relevant Business

MINUTES

1. Minutes of a meeting of the Lions Club of Bradford on Avon, held on 21st December 2024 at Holt Village Hall.

2. Attendance. There were 15 members present.

3. Apologies. Lions Janie and Mark.

4. Guests. Freddy White with his Dad and younger brother. Marianna Adams with her parents. Rachel Wallis, mother of Amelia Wallis who accepted the award on behalf of Amelia, who couldn't be at the meeting. Sadly, there was no one from Ray Phillips family to receive Ray's award. The sponsors for each recipient were present to read out each citation.

4b) Lion President Mike welcomed our guests and then Lion Phil explained the reasons for YPA, before Lion President Mike presented each award.

5. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 18th November 2024. Approved.

6. Matters Arising from previous meeting.

- a) 6 – 7k, Plaque for bench, still ongoing waiting for news from Town Council **Action Phil.**
- b) Bench on canal towpath, it is too expensive to put a bench on the canal towpath. Keith will speak to Rita Tappenden about putting the bench in another position. **Action Keith.**
- c) Possible new member, ongoing. **Action Mike.**
- d) Poulton Park Development, £1000 donation see Community Services report.
- e) Winsley School, see Community Services report.
- f) Wiltshire Young Musicians, Pick & Play project, see Community Services report.
- g) Single Mum in Bath. No action, complete.
- h) Extra Fun Day attractions, ongoing. See Fun Day report.
- i) New ideas for Fun Day. See Fun Day report.
- j) Advertising Car Boot sale, see Fun Day report.

7. Treasurer. a) Admin account £1818.12, charitable account £10013.84.

8. Community Services.

- a) Poulton Park Development donation complete.
- b) Winsley School, donation to be finalised in New Year.
- c) Unpaid Carers, donation of £200 will be paid in December. **Action Lynn and Mark.**
- d) Wilts Young Musicians, waiting for invoice before payment. **Action Lynn and Mark.**
- e) Christmas Tree Festival complete.
- f) Christchurch School Pond project, Mike will visit in New Year. **Action Mike.**

e) Unpaid Carers of Wiltshire, payment will be made in December, complete.

9. Fun Day.

- a) Extra Fun Day attractions still to be discussed. **Action Keith, Mark & Phil.**
- b) Judith put forward an idea to hold some sort of attraction like a static cycle marathon raising money to hit a set goal on the day. **Action Keith to consider.**
- c) Advertising for the Car Boot sale should begin in January. **Action Keith & Phil.**

10. Fund Raising.

- a) Post meeting Christmas Float figures, £4150.
- b) Bob S, said there had been problems with the tracker device not working properly. In future the device would be sited in the towing vehicle.
- c) The members agreed to donate £50 to Westbury Lions Club for their help in organising the tracker. **Action Keith to liaise with Mark for payment.**

11. Social.

- a) Christmas lunch all organised.
- b) The next Coffee Morning will be organised in January.

12. Correspondence.

- a) The secretary has forwarded on all relevant correspondence by email.
- b) Lion President Mike had received a letter of thanks from Jane Whelan.
- c) Brian had received a letter of thanks from the ATC regarding the Club's help in buying special kit bags.

13. Any other business.

- a) Bob F told the meeting that his son Stuart is doing well after treatment on his brain tumour.
- b) The social committee provided nibbles for the end of the meeting.

14. Raffle.

- a) There was no raffle this month.

b) Raffle prize for January meeting, Keith, please.

Lion President Mike closed the meeting at 8-20pm.

TRUSTEES

1. Minutes of the meeting of the Trustees of The Lions Club of Bradford on Avon, held on Wednesday 8th January 2025.

2. Present – Lions Mike, Lynn, Mark, Phil, Hilary, Janie, Bob F and Keith.

3. Apologies – None.

4. Minutes – Minutes of previous meeting dated 6th November 2024 were approved.

5. Matters Arising.

- a) 5- 8b, new member, see membership report.
- b) 6d - Bench on towpath, not viable, complete.
- c) 9a – Christmas Tree Festival, complete.
- d) 9b – Carols Round the Tree, complete.

e) 9c – Fun Day Ice Cream supplier, complete.

6. Treasurer.

a) Mark confirmed that the accounts were as shown below

Charity/Activities account £12,794.62

Admin account £1434.17

b) Mark pointed out that he would be messaging all members to remind them that the half yearly subs are now due.

c) Mark confirmed that the accounts and other documents have been submitted to the Charity Commission.

7. Correspondence.

a) The secretary has forwarded all relevant emails to members.

b) Mike had received a Thank You letter from Lynn's Mum.

c) Mike suggested that Thank You letters from recipients of Christmas and flood victim gifts, should be posted on our website.

d) Mike had a request from the Zone Chair asking for a date she could make a club visit.

Action Mike to reply.

e) Keith had received a Thank You letter for the Christmas plant from Rita Tappenden.

8. Membership.

a) Trish Hill and Brian Cole are to be badged up at the January Meeting.

b) Mike and Cheryl Roberts will be invited to the January meeting.

Action Phil to invite.

c) We have had an enquiry about membership from Jon Court. Jon will meet with Keith and Phil to establish his interest.

d) The potential member that Mike was chasing has been dropped.

9. Committees. a) The Community Services Committee feel they are organising some fund raising events.

10. Any other business.

a) It was suggested that the carol sheet should be shown on our website from November so that people can download their own sheets before the event on Christmas Eve.

b) An invitation should be sent to the Town Mayor and his wife to judge the Easter Bonnet competition.

Action Lynn.

11. Date of next meeting – 2-00pm on Wednesday 5th March 2025 at Phil's.

**Signed
Avon.**

President of the Lions Club of Bradford on

TREASURER'S REPORT

Report at 12th January 2025

The balance on the Admin account is £1045.81

We have paid our bi annual dues to HQ (£296.36) and District and MD (£433.50) and £162.00 to Holt Village Hall.

The subs are due, and we have received 12 contributions to date with 5 outstanding....

The balance on the Charity and Activity account is £12,844.62

Outgoings

We paid out in December
£150.00 for the Hyacinth baskets
£820.00 for the bags for the flood victims
£200.00 donation to Carer support

Incomings

We received £4,111.84 from the Santa float and well done to all those involved.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

The next Community Services meeting will be on Wednesday 15th January. The agenda will be as follows:

1. Xmas vouchers/ baskets update
2. Flood victims parcels - update
3. Winsley School request - ongoing
4. Wilts Young Musicians request - ongoing
5. New Request - B on A Rugby Club - Trip to Belfast - Northern Ireland - approx £500 per child
6. Next event Easter - update poster - discuss way forward and asking Mayor to present on the day. Booking field for April 21st via Council Office
7. Any other business.

Lynn

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Social Report for January 2025

Our Christmas Lunch at Cumberwell in December was very successful and seemed to be enjoyed by all. I think we might be back there in December 2025!

As January is a quiet time in the Lions calendar we are having a coffee morning on Friday 24th January. A table is reserved at 10.30am in the Sweetpea Kitchen/Weaving Shed in Lambs Yard. It will be good to try somewhere different and we look forward to seeing you there – weather permitting of course!

Bradford on Avon Lions Club Charities Account 2024/25

Payments from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Recipient</u>
7/24	£840.00	Bradford on Avon Air Cadets
10/24	£234.90	Cameras for St Laurence School
10/24	£60.69	EPI Pens
11/24	£200.00	Youth Adventure Trustees
11/24	£200.00	The Hub
11/24	£100.00	Courage Choirs
11/24	£250.00	Anaphylaxis UK
11/24	£100.00	British Legion
12/24	£700.00	Town Council for Christmas Tree
12/24	£620.00	Christmas Vouchers
12/24	£150.00	Christmas Plants
12/24	£820.00	Bags for Flood victims
12/24	£200.00	Carer Support
<u>Total</u>	<u>£4475.59</u>	

Club Diary January & February 2025

January	8	Trustees Meeting	1400hrs	Keith's
	15	Comm Serv Meeting	1400hrs	Lynn's
	20	Club Meeting	1930hrs	Holt
	24	Coffee Morning	1030hrs	Weaving Shed
February	17	Club Meeting	1930hrs	Holt

Dates to Remember

5th March – Trustees Meeting

Magazine Deadlines

Could you please ensure that all information for the monthly Newsletter reaches Judith by the next deadline: Monday 10th February

COMMUNITY SERVICES BUDGET FORECAST 2024/2025

Event	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Young Peoples Award L				400								
Christmas Tree L					750							
Christmas Parcels L						800						
Community Outings L				100		200						
Sight Savers I					300							
Poppy Wreath L					100							
Julia's House L										300		
Lions Youth Projects N		120										
Water Aid I							300					
LCIF I								500				
Medic Alert I							150					
SPLASH L								300				
Easter Egg Hunt L										250		
Brain Tumour Research N			300									
Other Causes	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350
Running Total	350	820	1470	2320	3820	5170	5970	7120	7470	8370	8720	9070
Running Total Spent	840	840	840	1136	1985	4476						
Total Budget	£ 9,070				Total spent up to £ 12/1/25 4,476							

Event marker: L Local N National I International