



Bradford on Avon Lions Club

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President's Remarks

Dear Members and Friends.

I would like to begin this month's Newsletter, by welcoming our two new members, Trish and Brian Cole. It was my pleasant duty to badge them both up at our meeting on January 20th, knowing they will be enthusiastic and committed members of our club. So a warm welcome to you both from all your fellow Lions!

As you all know, our mission is to offer help to people and organisations in our community. Recently we have helped a number of schools and youth groups with funding, and among them is the Wiltshire Young Musicians who operate from the Wiltshire Music Centre and who, thanks to Kate Courage, provide several of the choirs for our C.C.C.C. event in the summer. I visited them recently and I've invited Chris Turner, their Executive Director, to our February meeting to tell us about the work they do for our young people, and look forward to hearing about this charity.

I took part in the Zone C meeting by Zoom in January, with the five other local clubs, chaired by Paula Thorpe. I was able to report on our recent activities which bore a remarkable resemblance to my "President's Thoughts" in the January newsletter! The principal items we discussed were Message in a Bottle which I feel we are very much on top of; glasses collection, which I do every week and is going well and Vision Cameras. Trowbridge Lions wondered whether they could get together with us for the transport of glasses to Birmingham. Mark very kindly organised our last delivery to Birmingham, so I said we would have to look into this and that I'd get back to them. The Vision Cameras are used to test young children's eyes in primary schools. As Paula is coming to our March meeting I am going to ask her to explain these cameras to us and how they are operated, so we can decide how much we want to get involved in the project.

After the hectic activities of December, the months of January and February seem very quiet by comparison. Nevertheless there is a lot going on in the background so that our Spring and Summer events will run smoothly and be both enjoyable and successful. Venues have been booked for the Easter egg hunt and bonnet parade as well as for Fun Day and the car boot sale. This year the eggs for the Egg Hunt are a much healthier option than they have been previously. They will be chocolate shells, without the filling of vast quantities of sugar, masquerading as dairy crème, which can lead to hyperactivity and also harm teeth. I'm sure this will be seen as a positive move! Arrangements for Fun Day and the car boot are also under way and Keith has done an amazing job in securing sponsorship to the tune of £1500.00. Expect to see "Pegasus Homes" on all our promotions and advertising for the May event!

See you all on Monday 17th February.
Mike.

MESSAGES

Raffle prize for February Meeting – Phil, please

AGENDA

Introduction of Guests – Lion Phil

Present

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20th January

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

Correspondence

Any Other Relevant Business

MINUTES

1. Minutes of a meeting of the Lions Club of Bradford on Avon, held on 20th January 2025 at Holt Village Hall.

2. Attendance. There were 14 members present.

3. Apologies. Pete, Betty, John, Liz and Janie.

4. Guests. Trish Cole, Brian Cole (to be badged up during the meeting), Mike and Cheryl Roberts, Jon Court and Malcolm Crucifix.

4a) IPP Lion Phil introduced our guests to the meeting.

4b) Lion President Mike presented Trish and Brian Cole with their badge, certificate and welcome pack. The club members then welcomed Trish and Brian as new members.

5. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 16th December 2024. Approved.

6. Matters Arising from previous meeting.

a) 6a - Plaque for bench, still ongoing waiting for news from Town Council

Action Phil.

b) 6b - Bench on canal towpath, complete.

c) 6c – Possible new member, will not happen, complete.

d) 8c – Unpaid carers £200 donation, see Community Services report.

e) 8d – Wilts Young Musicians, see Community Services report.

f) 8f – Christchurch School pond, see Community Services report.

g) 9a – Extra Fun Day attractions, ongoing.

Action Keith, Phil and Mark.

h) 9b – New idea from Judith, ongoing.

Action Keith.

I) 9c - Advertising Car Boot sale, complete.

j) 10c - £50 donation to Westbury Lions, complete.

k) Trustees 7d – Zone Chair visit will be at the March meeting.

l) 8b – Invitation to Cheryl and Mike Roberts to January meeting, complete.

m) 10b – Invitation to Town Mayor to judge Easter Bonnet competition, complete.

7. Treasurer.

a) Admin account £1045.81, Charitable account £13023.00.

b) All members have paid their ½ yearly dues.

c) The Christmas float takings, including the takings from Carols Round the Tree were £4600.

Phil pointed out that we are still due to receive money from the QR code and Gift Aid, which will take the total past £5000.

8. Trustees. As read, with all actions complete.

9. Community Services.

- a) Christmas vouchers were all distributed. As usual, the list will need updating.
- b) Winsley School will send a photo of the shed which has now arrived at the school. We are waiting for proof of invoice before payment.
- c) Wilts Young Musicians – Mike has invited Chris Turner to speak at a club meeting to explain what they are doing. £1000 ring fenced for this project.
- d) Julia's House – donation of £500 agreed to be paid in April.
- e) Medic Alert – donation of £500 agreed.
- f) Water Aid – donation of £300 agreed.
- g) Bradford on Avon U14s rugby team visit to Northern Ireland - £1000 donation agreed. Someone from the rugby club will be happy to come to a club meeting and tell us about the trip.
- h) LA Fire Disaster Appeal – our annual LCIF donation of £500 will be paid in March.
- i) Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Bonnet competition – Culver Close has been booked at £55, including use of the pavilion. No reply yet from the Town Mayor. This year there will only be chocolate eggs as prizes, no book tokens.
- j) Christchurch School – Permission has been given to take photos of the pond project. Project cost is approximately £6000 and a donation of £1000 as already been agreed by the club.

10. Fun Day.

- a) Keith explained that he was negotiating with Pegasus Homes to get some sponsorship money.
Action Keith.
- b) Phil has booked the same medics as last year.
- c) Phil handed Brian the leaflets about the Car Boot Sale. **Action Brian to distribute.**
- d) Phil made a plea for soft toys which will be used as prizes on the Toy Bola stall. **Action club members to look for suitable soft toys.**
- e) Phil reminded members that we will need bottles and other prizes for the Bottle and Tombola stalls. **Action members to offer prizes.**
- f) There will be a Bric-a-Brac stall again this year. Brian will be happy to accept items. **Action members to look in their attics.**
- g) Phil confirmed that he already had 27 pitches booked.

11. Fund Raising.

- a) CCC&C 2025 event to be advertised in Snippets, **Action Keith.**
- a1) West Wilts Radio will want a stand at the CCC&C event. **Action Bob S. to organise.**

12. Social.

- a) The January coffee morning will be held at the Weaving Shed on the 24th January.
- b) Any ideas from members for a social event will be seriously considered.

13. Correspondence.

- a) The secretary has forwarded on all relevant correspondence by email.
- b) Lion President Mike has received a Thank You letter from Amelia Wallis, a recent YPA winner.

14. Any other business.

- a) President Mike showed the meeting the new sounding block, made by Phil to be used with the Presidential Gavel.
- b) Judith said she was about to update the club directory and enquired who was the 1st Vice President was. It was confirmed as Lynn.
- c) Keith said he had received a request from a charity in Bath who were asking if we would supply them with 20 Message in a Bottles. It was agreed that we could not help with this request.
Action Keith to reply.
- d) Post meeting note – Julia's House have invited us to their Open Day at the hospice on Wednesday 26th March. If you are interested in going, please speak to Lynn.

15. Raffle.

a) The raffle was won by Trish.

b) Raffle prize for February meeting Phil please.

Lion President Mike closed the meeting at 8-48pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Report at 10th February 2025

The balance on the Admin account is £549.31

This is lower than last month as 2 payments to Lions International were inadvertently paid from the Charity account rather than the Admin account. The new balance reflects our true position. (£392.00 Oct 24 and £336.00 Nov 23)

The balance on the Charity and Activity account is £12,929.92

Outgoings

We paid out in January 2025

£160.00 Message in a Bottle

£1,000 Bradford on Avon Rugby Club

£1,000 Winsley School contribution for the new shed.

Incomings

We received additional payments for the Car Boot.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Community Service Update

1. Xmas Vouchers and baskets - Main list needs to be updated and given to Judy -

Action LO'P

2. Winsley School - invoice now received. Mark our Treasurer has finalised our contribution. A photo and a 'thank you' to the Lions plus the other sponsors was in the School's Newsletter which went out last week.

"We are extremely grateful for three large donations from our local community for this and would like to profusely thank, The Bradford on Avon Lions Club, Bath Spa Macdonald Hotel and WiSCA for their very generous donations so that we could purchase this. We are now able to store all our PE equipment in it without it getting wet and it means that we can free up much needed space in our hall."

3. Wilts Young Musicians - Mike to visit the Music Centre before our club meeting. Still awaiting invoice of their purchases.

Action: Mike

4. Medic Alert - £150 for January was sent by our Treasurer. A positive appreciation of their contribution was received.

5. Water Aid - £300 for January - Paid by our Treasurer.

6. Request from Bradford on Avon Rugby Club to visit Northern Ireland. This was agreed at our last club meeting and our Treasurer has been finalising the right account to be paid into.
7. Easter Egg Hunt. Culver Close has been booked. Payment for field will be made in April as the start of the Councils new financial year. Mayor and Deputy of Local Council are available to present prizes to the winners of the bonnets. It was agreed that no book tokens would be given out this year considering it is the parents that do most of the work to create the bonnets. All entrants will receive a larger boxed egg. The 3 winners will receive an even bigger boxed egg.
8. A variety of new requests has been received over the past few weeks. These will be discussed further at our meeting in March:
- Stepping Stones - renovation of the family consultation room £1,500. (Previous donation £300 for an outdoor area update).
- A lonely local older man with health issues ie COPD in need of a replacement therapy dog (his last dog has died) requested by a Social Care Practitioner Wilts Council £295.
9. Date of Next Meeting . Wed 12th March 2025. 2pm 16 Avonfield Avenue.

FUN DAY REPORT

Fun Day Notes for February Newsletter

- a)** As you know we have secured a sponsorship for £1500 from Pegasus Homes Ltd. Their name will be prominently displayed on all our advertising material for the event.
- b)** Because we have some extra money available to us, the committee felt we should investigate some other attractions. It was decided that we would look at Falconry Displays and also a Brass Band.
- c)** We have, over a number of years, been given £200/£300 from Islington Motors to display a range of cars at Fun Day. It has been decided to investigate other possible outlets who might also be interested in displaying their goods on the day. Examples, mobility equipment, travel agents, lawn mower suppliers etc. If members have any other ideas along these lines, please contact Keith.
- d)** You may remember that last year there was an accident on the train ride, we may need to modify our Risk Assessment to cover us in case of future miss-haps occurring.
- e)** Getting a Face Painter for Fun Day is proving difficult. Face painting is so popular with the children that we would like to have one available on the day. If you know of anyone who does this please contact Phil.
- f)** Mark has been talking to the Fun Fair people about having some extra fun fair attractions. It has been pointed out to us that our event isn't big enough to take extra attractions but the attractions that will come have been updated and will appear fresh to the general public.
- g)** After the event, Keith will contact Pegasus Homes to ask about their impressions of the day and whether they might support us in 2026.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Social Report for February 2025

After our recent Social Committee meeting, please note the following dates for your diary:

Cumberwell is booked for our **Charter** event on Sunday **2nd November**. The lovely Courage Choir is also booked.

After much discussion on the venue/format for Handover, Cumberwell once again came up with the best offer. So our **Handover** lunch is booked for Sunday **29th June** in their Rushmead room.

A garden summer lunch is planned for August – date to be confirmed.
 Hopefully a walk/pub lunch somewhere on Sunday 13th April – how many would be interested?
 Discussion again about a Skittles evening – possibly at the Fleur de Lys in Norton St Philip – how many interested?
 We welcome any other suggestions for new social events.

The next coffee morning will be on **28th February** at Timbrells Yard.

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
1/25	£160.00	Message in a Bottle
1/25	£1000.00	Bradford on Avon Rugby Club
1/25	£1000.00	Winsley School Shed
<u>Total</u>	<u>£7075.59</u>	

Club Diary February & March 2025

February	17	Club Meeting	1930hrs	Holt
	28	Coffee Morning	1030hrs	Timbrells Yard
March	5	Trustees Meeting	1400hrs	Phil's
	12	Comm Serv Meeting	1400hrs	Lynn's
	17	Club Meeting	1930hrs	Holt

Dates to Remember

26th May – Fun Day
 14th June – CCCC Trinity Church
 29th June – Handover Lunch
 2nd November – Charter Lunch

Magazine Deadlines

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

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	7076					
Total Budget	£9,070				Total spent up to 10/2/25 £ 7,076							

Event marker: L Local N National I International