



Bradford on Avon Lions Club

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President's Remarks

Dear Friends and Fellow Lions.

At our March meeting on the 17th, it was good to see almost a full complement of members, as well as guests and it turned out to be a very full evening. After welcoming Lions Paula Thorpe, our Zone chair and her husband Mark, I had the pleasure of badging up Jon Court, who I know is going to be an enthusiastic member of Bradford Lions and I'm sure you all want to join me in giving him the warmest of welcomes! Thanks to an informative talk about the 'eye cameras', Paula has given us much needed information about their use, and the training required. We will shortly have to decide how much we want to be involved in the project; or perhaps we could offer a contribution towards the cost of a camera? After her visit, we received a thoroughly positive email from Paula about how much she and her husband had enjoyed their visit and how they were made to feel very welcome by everyone. She has also sent a very complimentary report to Sandra Manktelow, our District Governor, about her visit, our club and our great range of activities, so it is definitely "well done" all round!

As you know, we recently gave £1000.00 to Bradford on Avon Rugby Club to help support their youth team's Easter tour of Northern Ireland, where three matches have been scheduled against teams in the Belfast area. After they had received our donation, we were invited to one of their training sessions. Keith and I went along on 23rd March. Jon Court, our newest Lion, joined us, and we spent a very enjoyable couple of hours with them at the club in Winsley. We were given a really great welcome, and we met not just the boys, but also their trainers and support staff. They certainly have an impressive regime at the club, ensuring both the boys and the girls have every opportunity to progress, with the potential to play at County, Regional and even National level. As you can imagine, everyone was very excited about the tour and we explained the Lions were very pleased to be supporting them. We also have some great photos of the three of us with the team.

At the time of writing, there is less than three weeks before the Easter egg hunt and the Easter bonnet parade takes place. Everything is already organised, thanks to the efforts of Lynn and Janie. With this in mind, and more importantly, Fun Day in May, Phil has purchased several more gazebos ensuring there will be plenty of shelter for all the stalls and their operators. Let's hope they will be offering shade from the sun rather than shelter from the rain! Please keep the bottles coming in for the bottle stall and the tombola and Brian still needs items for the bric-a-brac stall.

After Christmas, we had our annual boiler check and service by our regular gas engineer who knows I belong to Bradford on Avon Lions Club. However, we didn't receive a bill for the work, so I contacted him. He said that this year he had decided he didn't want any money. The bill would have been £75.00 plus V.A.T. and could I give it to our Lions club as a donation instead. I expressed my sincere thanks on behalf of all of us and I will be passing £90.00 on to Mark to bolster our coffers.

I should be saying "Happy Easter" to you all, but it will probably be over by the time you read this! Mike.

MESSAGES

Raffle prize for April Meeting – Liz Foot, please

Fun Day Reminder - Please pass any gifts/prizes for the Tombola to Bob Farrimond, please.

AGENDA

Introduction of Guests – Lion Phil

Present

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 17th March

Election of Officers

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 Monday 17th March 2025.

2. Attendance. There were 16 members present.

3. Apologies. Pete, Ken and Janie.

4. Guest. Jon Court (to become a member), Zone Chair Lion Paula Thorpe and Hunger officer Lion Mark Thorpe (both from Warminster Lions Club).

a) IPP Phil introduced the guests to club members.

b) Zone Chair Paula and Lion Mark talked about the new idea of a camera for testing the back of young children's eyes. The general feeling was that we need more information before proceeding with the idea in BoA.

5. Badging Up of new member.

Lion President Mike presented Jon with his club badge, New Member Certificate and Welcome Pack. The club members welcomed Jon as a new member.

6. Presentation.

Keith explained to the meeting that, although being a member for 36 years, Lion Brian had never been given a New Member Welcome Certificate. Keith explained that he had gone to great expense and trouble to get a certificate and to get the certificate signed by the then President, Colin Brittain. Keith then presented Brian with his long lost certificate.

7. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 17th February 2025. Approved.

8. Matters Arising from previous meeting:

a) 6a – Benches, still awaiting the town council action, ongoing.

Action Phil.

b) 10e – Prizes for Tombola and Bottle Stall at Fun Day, see Fun Day report.

c) 10f – Bric a Brac Stall, see Fun Day report.

- d) 8b – Cheque for Wilts Young Musicians has been paid. Action Complete.
- e) 8c – BoA Rugby Club visit, see Community Services report.
- f) 8e – Therapy Dog, see Community Services report.
- g) 8g – Parkinson's Charity Walk, see Community Services report.
- h) 9h – Fun Day, local company sponsorship, no interest, complete.
- i) 13a – Zone Social, postponed until further notice.

9. Treasurer.

- a) Admin account £475.51, Charity/Activities account £11900.26
- b) The Treasurer reported that HM Revenue had rescinded our £200 fine.
- c) The Zone Chair asked Mark to email her with details about how the tax fine had come about.
Action Mark.
- d) Brian asked Mark if the payments for Medic Alert, Water Aid and LCIF had been paid. Lynn said she would investigate if the financial payment request had been passed to the Treasurer for payment.
Action Lynn.

10. Community Services .

- a) Stepping Stones requested help to decorate and re-furnish a consultation room. £250 donation approved.
- b) Walk for Parkinson's 21st September 2025 around Bath Spa University. Financial help needed and stewarding. Zone Chair felt that the Zone clubs may be interested in helping.
Action Lynn to email details to Paula for discussion at forthcoming Zone meeting.
- c) Therapy Dog for man in BoA. £295 donation approved.
- d) BoA Rugby Club visit. Mike and Keith to visit 23rd March.
- e) Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Bonnet competition, Poster is complete and Phil will email a copy to all members.
Action Phil.
- e1) Lynn to contact Richard Bloom for Hi Viz jackets.
Action Lynn.
- f) Janie is thinking about taking over the Community Services Chair when Lynn becomes President.
- g) Lynn and Janie will represent the club at the Julia's House Open Day.
- h) Ken has confirmed he has given away over 100 MIAB.

11. Fun Day.

- a) Phil confirmed that 83 pitches have been sold.
- b) The Fun Day poster has been submitted to Pegasus Homes Ltd for approval.
- c) We are still looking for prizes for the tombola, bottle and Bric a Brac stalls.
- d) There will be two new attractions on the Lions stalls. Velcro darts and target shooting.
- e) We still have to sort the timing for white lining on the Sunday morning.

12. Fund Raising.

A short discussion on new fund raising ideas will be held at the April meeting. **Action all club members for new ideas.**

13. Social.

- a) An enjoyable coffee morning was held at Timbrells Yard.
- b) A walk and pub lunch is planned for April.
- c) If we could get enough interest, the committee would organise a skittles evening.
- d) For information to our newer members, our social events are open to anyone, so you are welcome to bring partners and friends along.

14. Correspondence.

- a) The secretary has forwarded on all relevant correspondence by email.
- b) No other correspondence.

15. Any other business.

- a) Keith volunteered to publish the May Newsletter in Judith's absence.
- b) Election of club officers will be held at the April meeting. Anyone interested in a position should contact Keith.
- c) **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE APRIL CLUB MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY 28TH APRIL.**

16. Raffle.

- a) The raffle was won by Liz.
- b) Raffle prize for April meeting Liz please.**

Lion President Mike closed the meeting at 8-58pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Report at 20th April 2025

The balance on the Admin account is £371.01 (March £475.51)

We paid LCI for new membership and Holt Village Hall for rental of room

The balance on the Charity and Activity account is £12,073.42 (March £13,143.72)

Outgoings

Wiltshire Young Musicians £1000.00

Various expenses for Easter parade and Fun Day

Incomings

We received additional payments for the Car Boot on Fun Day.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Community Service Update

Community Services Meeting 2pm 16th April 2025 at 16 Avonfield Avenue B on Avon

Present: Lynn Janie Ken Bob. **Apologies:** John Mike.

1. We discussed missed February payments £500 to LCIF and £300 to Splash. To be agreed at club meeting - £500 - LCIF. £300 - Splash April payment: £500 - Julia's House. Elderly gentleman with COPD still seeks rescue dog - £295 agreed and ongoing £1000 to development of Poulton Park - agreed and still on going. Hire of Culver Close and Pavilion - £55 to be paid this month - awaiting invoice - ongoing Christchurch School - Wildlife corridor - £1,000 agreed and still ongoing.
2. Walk for Parkinsons Disease (PD) - Saturday 6th September at Bath Spa University Campus - Newton Park - Paula at Zone took this on to discuss. Not heard anything further. Volunteers required for on the day to help out or to fund raise. See Lynn for further info.
3. Successful visit to Bradford on Avon Rugby Club - Mike/Keith to share information.

4. Easter Egg Hunt - Richard/Sally bringing hi-viz jackets. Phil to bring raw plugs. I have many chocolate eggs - although storage an issue for me/Janie - any offers for next yr to store eggs at their home?

5. Handover of CS chair from June – ongoing.

6. New budget forecast to be created June 2025.

Requests.

a) Isabel Mills requested a donation for a veteran with PTSD £850 for one treatment (over 6 weeks). Their CEO did a presentation at the Lions Conference. Discussed but nothing agreed. Lynn to find out more information regarding where the veteran resides.

b) Andrew Larcombe requested a donation to take his distressed daughter on a holiday or to give him information as to where he may find a suitable donor. Lynn to find out more information from Andrew and also to refer him to Rotary Club of B on Avon as a potential donor.

c) Bath Philharmonic a local orchestra based in Bath who works with Primary/Secondary and Special Needs children to come together from 16 of their city schools to create and present their music. Some children may attend these schools who come from Bradford on Avon and surrounding villages. We considered £200 towards their request. They are hoping to raise £18,650 and have raised £2,650 to date. £200 to be agreed at club meeting.

d) Christchurch Garden requested a donation of £1,000. We felt at this time we are unable to contribute as we have already pledged £1,000 for the wildlife corridor that was being built.

e) A request to support a charity in its early stages - Kindwaves - created due to their daughter aged 13 who attended St Laurence School - committing suicide last year. They have consulted with many teachers, parents, families and friends - discussing the pressures and unkind interactions many children are living with due to social media and I phones. They are currently hoping to fundraise £30,000 gathering donations ie 'crowdfunding' to create pilot projects. They presented a very detailed layout of costs including consultation fees for project development and setting up of a website. We discussed this at great length and would like to donate £550 which covers their website development. We can ask for the Lions logo to be added to their website as a sponsor. £550 to be agreed at club meeting.

f) A request from Felicity Courage for £210 - Town Council will pay the other £210 for Ukranian costumes for their Svitlo Choir. This choir has already performed at events in Bradford on Avon and have a few more in the diary. We discussed this and agreed that this was worth supporting. £210 to be agreed at club meeting.

7. Next CS Meeting: Wed 14th May 2pm 16 Avonfield Avenue. Trustees - Wed 7th May Main Club Meeting Monday 28th April - Holt Meeting ended 3.25pm.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Social Report for April 2025

- 1 On Sunday 13th April 12 of us enjoyed a walk followed by a very good Sunday dinner at The Dog and Fox. We had a room to ourselves, the service and food was good and even the rain held off!
- 2 Skittles evening ongoing.
- 3 **Handover Lunch on Sunday 29th June.** 1200 for 1230 at Cumberwell. Please support our Presidents Mike and Lynn – so put this in your diary. The menu is below. I will need your choices by 14th June – a long way off now but it will come round quickly.

Menu choices to: hilaryspence@hotmail.co.uk

Preferred payment by Bacs into account: **01612856 S/C: 30-98-75**

Sunday Lunch

29th June 2025

Starters

Curried Parsnip Soup with Croutons
Mackerel Pate with Crostini and Dressed Rocket
Breaded Brie Bites with Cranberry Sauce and Dressed Leaves
Oriental Duck Noodle Salad

Mains

Traditional Roast Beef with all the Trimmings
Chicken Supreme with Creamy Mushroom Sauce, Gratin Potato and Seasonal Vegetables
Pan Fried Fillet of Seabass with Gratin Potato, Seasonal Vegetables and a White Wine Cream Sauce
Sweet Potato, Carrot and Chickpea Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

Desserts

Chocolate Brownie with Belgian Chocolate Sauce & Vanilla Ice Cream
Pear and Almond Frangipane Tart
Raspberry and White Chocolate Cheesecake
Selection of Cheese and Biscuits
Followed by Tea & Coffee

1 Course £20.00

2 Courses £27.50

3 Courses £35.00

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
4/25	£1000.00	Wiltshire Young Musicians
<u>Total</u>	<u>£8075.59</u>	

Club Diary April & May 2025

April	16	Comm Serv Meeting	1400hrs	Lynn's
	21	Easter Egg Hunt		Culver Close
	28	Club Meeting	1930hrs	Holt
May	7	Trustees Meeting	1400hrs	Keith's
	14	Comm Serv Meeting	1400hrs	Lynn's
	19	Club Meeting	1930hrs	Holt
	26	Fun Day		

Dates to Remember

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 Keith by the next deadline: Monday 12th May

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	7076	7076	8076		
Total Budget	£9,070				Total spent up to 20/4/25 £ 8,076							

Event marker: L Local N National I International