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President's Remarks

Dear Friends and Fellow Lions.

The Easter Bonnet and Egg Hunt was a huge success due to the gorgeous weather on the actual day and from the wonderful support of our lions, friends and families. A huge thank you to everyone who supported this event. You may not have had a huge role to play but nevertheless it was good to see so many of us at our first event of the year. Janie purchasing the eggs, Brian and Judy collecting the rope and flags from the garage; Phil putting up the posters and leaving good instructions before he left for his well earned holiday with his family. The sun shone and the bonneted children with their families arrived from Frome and Trowbridge. Just over 30 bonnets this year and enough eggs for everyone. Please thank Poppy and George as well as Rose and Marie for their contributions for this event. Mike's role to inform and gather everyone together worked well and we saw many happy children and families leave with their tightly guarded (possibly melting) eggs by this point! Mayor Jack arrived with his growing family and newborn son Wilfred. Jack was in good form and ensured every participant felt their efforts were valued and appreciated. Jack, I felt was more measured this year with his judging - the hardest job and he did it admirably! Jack also wrote to tell us how much he has enjoyed supporting our Lions events but now passes that baton on to his replacement next month - who I have been assured will also be keen to support us. It takes a village to raise a child - well it takes a team of Lions to put on a good free event and spread fun and chocolate everywhere!

The next big event will be Fun Day - 25th May 2026, so looking forward to another positive day with many volunteers supporting our biggest fund raiser event to date. I am sure young Phil will be in touch to co-ordinate his happy band of supporters for everything needed on the big day. Freshly made rolls, cakes, cookies and muffins are all very welcome and I will be in touch very soon to see who is available to provide some homemade goodies for Fun Day. Alternatively, if you could let me know what you are willing to provide - that also would be very welcomed.

The Crafts Choirs Coffee and Cake event - 13th June 2026 will also be looking for home made produce. To date we have bookings for 6 craft tables. I am hoping to have an 'Everything £1' table which will sell small plants and books. More details will follow after Fun Day - all proceeds to the Lions of course!

The Dog Show also gathers pace for our event on 12th September 2026. More detailed information available after Fun Day. We have enjoyed a very quiet few months but now begins our busy season of events. Again, we can't do these things without the support and kindness of so many. So a huge thank you to everyone in advance - ensuring all our events will be positive, successful but more importantly …. fun! Bye for now - Lynn

MESSAGES

Raffle prize for April Meeting – Mike, please.

AGENDA

Introduction of Guests – Lion Mike.
Present
Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 16th March 2026.
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 16th March 2026.
2. Attendance. There were 15 members present.
3. Apologies. Lions Liz, Ken, Brian C and Pete.
4. Guest. None.
5. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 16th February 2026. Approved.

6. Matters Arising from previous meeting.
a) 6a – Phil said that the bench has been ordered and we now await delivery from the town council.
b) 7a – Inspecs, Mike said that he didn't think this possible sponsorship would go any further. Consider dead.
c) 7b – Membership, Mike stated that the two people he was pursuing don't appear to be all that interested. Consider dead.
d) 9f – Risk Assessment for Fun Day, complete.
e) 9g – Brian now has his car boot team.
f) 13f – Donation of £50 for Bob Cook Games has been paid.

7. Treasurer.
a) Admin account £841, Charity/Activities account £5735.
b) On the treasurer's suggestion, it was agreed that no uncommitted donations would be sanctioned until after Fun Day 2026.

8. Community Services.
a) Lynn said that two tables have been sold for the CCC & C event.
b) The annual £1000 donation to LCIF will be paid in June.
c) The Lions Youth Project donation will be scrapped.
d) Young Persons Award, entry forms will be distributed to the St. Laurence School before the Easter Holiday. **Action Mike.**

9. Fun Day.
a) Phil reported that 68 pitches have already been booked.
b) Keith reported that the Lions Insurance for the event had now been sorted and there will be no extra payment.
c) Bob F asked for tombola prizes to be given to him at the April meeting. **Action club members.**

10. Fund Raising.
a) Dog Show,
a1) Jon said he has negotiated £1100 towards his target of £1500 sponsorship.
a2) There are now 30 raffle prizes ranging in value from £30 to £200 for the on-line lottery. The lottery will be launched in July.
a3) Jon said that ¾ of the anticipated stalls that will surround the judging area, have already boon booked.
a4) Jon requested that the club buy some extra card readers.
a5) The main expenditure will be on the hire of toilets and advertising.

11. Social.
Brian said that he felt that the Charter cost was too high and would put people off from attending. He also felt that if the club invite the town mayor and partner, he would be willing to pay for their meal. The committee will re-look at the costing figures.

12. Correspondence.
a) The secretary has forwarded on all relevant correspondence by email.
b) Phil asked for volunteers to attend the Christchurch School Fete as last year. Betty, John, Mike and Lynn, volunteered.
c) There were Thank You letters from Water Aid and Chippenham Lions club.

13. Any other business.
a) Phil will not be attending the Easter Egg Hunt. Brian said he would get the rope and banner from the garage.
b) Keith volunteered to publish the May Newsletter whilst Judith is away.
c) Lynn asked Keith to contact Snippets to advertise the CCC&C event on 13th June. **Action Keith.**
d) President Lynn asked if the garage could be cleared of unwanted equipment. **Action Phil to organise a team.**
e) Brian agreed to write the Minutes for the April club meeting whilst Keith is away. **Action Brian.**

14. Raffle.
a) The raffle was won by Brian.
b) Raffle prize for April meeting, Mike please.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Report 12th April 2026

The balance on the Admin account is £826.89 (March £841.34)
The balance on the Charity and Activity account is £5,877.90 (March £6,785.48)

Outgoings
As was noted at the last meeting we were due to pay £1050.00 for the Bobcats tour. This left the account on 11/3/26. The only other outgoings since last meeting are the rent (£85.02) and small bank charges.
Incomings
Some more bookings for the Fun Day (9*£12.50) and 2 bookings for the craft tables (2*£30.00) £250.00 sponsorship for the dog show

No donations were made since the last meeting.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

FUND RAISING

Dog Show Report April 2026

1. Sponsorship now stands at £1450. Our target was £1500

2. Launch of the on line raffle and Dog Show advertising is now planned to begin mid June

3. Focus is now on food and drink offering plus finalizing stalls. A proforma for use with stall holders has been developed. This will serve a simple contract of who does what plus our requirements etc.

4. Finally logistics e.g. electricity supply, payment/card readers etc are being worked up.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Social Report for April 2026

Handover Lunch on Sunday 28th June. 1200 for 1230 at Cumberwell. Please support our President Lynn – always an enjoyable relaxed event. So put this in your diary. The menu is below. I will need your choices by 12th 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 28th June 2026

Starters

Creamy Mushroom Soup with Croutons
Oriental Duck Noodle Salad
Salmon and Dill Fishcake with Dressed Rocket and Tartare Sauce
Classic Caprese Salad with Mozzarella, Beef Tomato and Basil

Mains

Traditional Roast Beef with all the Trimmings
Chicken Supreme served with Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables
Oven Baked Herb Crusted Fillet of Salmon served with a Parsley, Lemon and Dill Cream Sauce, Roasted New Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables
Spinach, Mushroom and Leek Vegan Loaf with Roast Potatoes

Desserts

Rich Chocolate and Salted Caramel Torte , Mascarpone Cream and Fresh Strawberries
Lemon Meringue Pie
White Chocolate and Raspberry Panna Cotta served with a Lemon Shortbread Crumb

Selection of Cheese and Biscuits
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Tea, Coffee and Homemade Chocolates

3 Courses £36.00
2 Courses £30.00
1 Course £21.00

Bradford on Avon Lions Club Charities Account 2025/26

Payments from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026

Date	Amount	Recipient
7/25	£1000.00	Dorothy House
7/25	£550.00	Kindwaves
10/25	£500.00	Brain Tumour Research
11/25	£1185.60	Wiltshire Young Musicians
11/25	£1000.00	Winsley Acorn Pre School
11/25	£500.00	BoA Dementia Action Alliance
12/25	£300.00	MS
12/25	£875.00	Christmas Vouchers
12/25	£250.00	The Hub
12/25	£250.00	Carer Support Wiltshire
12/25	£800.00	Christmas Tree
1/26	£500.00	Water Aid
1/26	£160.00	Holt Parish Council
1/26	£200.00	Poly Tunnel for School
1/26	£150.00	Medic Alert
1/26	£140.00	MIAB
1/26	£1000.00	Sports Equipment – St Laurence School
2/26	£500.00	Sightsavers
2/26	£600.00	Wiltshire Scouts
2/26	£200.00	Scout Pegasus
2/26	£180.00	Read Easy
2/26	£800.00	1st Holt Brownies
2/26	£300.00	Community First/Splash
2/26	£1163.19	Town Council/Bench
3/26	£1050.00	BobCats Tour
Total	**£14153.79**	

Club Diary April & May 2026

April	1	Comm Serv Meeting	14.00hrs	Lynn's
	6	Easter Egg Hunt		
	15	Trustees Meeting	14.00hrs	Lynn's
	20	Club Meeting	1930hrs	Holt
May	18	Club Meeting	1930hrs	Holt
	25	Fun Day		

Dates to Remember

CCC & C (Trinity Church) - 13th June
Handover Lunch - 28th June
Dog Show - 12th September
Charter Lunch - 1st November

Magazine Deadlines

Could you please ensure that all information for the monthly Newsletter reaches <u>Keith</u> by the next deadline: Monday 11th May

COMMUNITY SERVICES BUDGET FORECAST 2025/2026

Event	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Young Peoples Award L	100											
Christmas Tree L					800							
Christmas Parcels L						800						
Dementia Support L	500					500						
Sight Savers I					500							
British Legion L					100							
Julia's House L										500		
Water Aid I							500					
LCIF I												1000
Medic Alert I							150					
SPLASH L								300				
Easter Egg Hunt L										300		
Brain Tumour Research N			500									
Dorothy House												500
Other Causes	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350
Running Total	950	1300	2150	2500	4250	5900	6900	7550	7900	9050	9400	11250
Running Total Spent	**1550**	**1550**	**1550**	**2050**	**4736**	**6410**	**7210**	**9360**	**13104**	**14154**		
Total Budget Jul 25 to Dec 26	**£17,390**				**Total spent up to 12/4/26**			**£**	**14,154**			

Event marker: L Local N National I Internatioal

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Christmas Tree L					800	
Christmas Parcels L						800
Dementia Support L	500					500
Sight Savers I					500	
British Legion L					100	
Julia's House L						
Water Aid I						
LCIF I						
Medic Alert I						
SPLASH L						
Easter Egg Hunt L						
Brain Tumour Research N			500			
Dorothy House						
Other Causes	350	350	350	350	350	350
Running Total	12200	12670	13520	13870	15620	17270
Running Total Spent						