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President's Remarks

Dear Friends and Fellow Lions.

Well! What a few weeks of extreme weather - noticeably affecting our Fun Day in numbers and of course funds raised. Nevertheless, it was a successful day once we acclimatised to the heat. The amazing Air Cadets were on hand to support us too. Many thanks to you all for your hard work and endurance during the day.

Our CCCC day is our next big fundraiser on Saturday 13th June. A few Lions have committed to a bake and a session to make teas and coffees etc. with 6 tables for crafts and 1 for local radio.

On Saturday the 6th of June the Lions of Bradford on Avon were represented as part of the St Margaret's Hall event showing a great many clubs and groups who do great work in the town. The free raffle was a huge success although some people did want to pay for their ticket. Maybe next year …we can sell them instead!

Bye for now and I look forward to seeing you very soon. Lynn

MESSAGES

Raffle prize for June Meeting – Brian Cole please.

AGENDA

Introduction of Guests – Lion Mike.
Present
Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 18th May 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 18th May 2026.

2. Attendance. There were 17 members present.
3. Apologies. Lions Janie and Pete.
4. Guest. None.

5. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 20th April 2026. Approved.

6. Matters Arising from previous meeting
a) 8d – Young Peoples Award, Mike has spoken to the town council who have agreed to give him a list of youth organisations in the town. The invitation forms for the event should be ready for distribution by the end of June. **Action Mike.**
b) 9c – Bob F reported that prizes for the Tombola were going well with nearly 200 prizes.
c) 13c – Snippets to advertise CCC&C event, complete.
d) 13d – Clearing garage – ongoing. **Action Phil.**
e) Trustees 7a – Contact town council, complete.
f) Trustees 7b – Order van, complete.
g) Trustees 7c – Jon has not agreed to join the Trustees.
h) Community Services 9a – Bowles Club, ongoing, **Action Community Services.**
i) Any other business 14a – Contact Trevor Porter, complete.
j) Any other business 14b – Club Publicity, Liz has an idea for publicity using member's length of service with the club. Ongoing, **Action Lynn.**

7. Treasurer.
a) Admin account £800, Charity/Activities account £5962.
b) No donations were made during the last month.
c) The accounts have been checked and approved by our accountant. They have now been submitted to the Charity Commission.
d) Jon and Mark are working on Cash Flow Project Sheets for each fund-raising event. Brian C suggested that the information should be available on the club web site. Ongoing,
Action Jon & Mark.
e) Mark reminded members that the ½ yearly dues of £40 are due before the end of June.

8. Community Services.
a) No report.

9. Fun Day.
a) Phil reported that 143 pitches have already been booked.
b) Bottle stall, Betty suggested that next year we should contact suppliers much earlier than we have in the past.

10. Fund Raising.
a) Dog Show,
a1) Poster and banner nearly ready, going live in mid-June.
a2) Now finalising the stalls and dog demonstrations.
a3) On line raffle going live in mid-June.
b) CCC&C
b1) Bob S confirmed that West Wilts Radio would like a table at the event, making 6 tables booked in total.

b2) Poster for the event has been shown on line and will be shown again on 27th May.
b3) The choirs have be booked.
b4) A request for cakes will be sent to Friends. **Action Brian.**

11. Social.
a) The date of the next coffee morning has yet to be confirmed. Members will be informed by email. **Action Hilary**
b) Handover is on Sunday 28th June at Cumberwell. Please send your menu requirements to Hilary by 12th June. Menu details are shown in the May Newsletter.

12. Correspondence.
a) The secretary has forwarded on all relevant correspondence by email.
b) Lynn said that she has been sent some photos of Brownies after our recent donation. Lynn will send the pics to Liz and Bob S. **Action Lynn.**

13. Any other business.
a) The club members wished Ken's wife Barbara a speedy recovery.
b) Election of officers, the meeting agreed that the present officers would serve another year.
c) Join in BoA event, the table for the event will have photos, message in a bottle and a hamper raffle. Betty has a lovely soft toy lion too display. Volunteers will be given a time later.
Action Keith and Phil.
d) Keith explained to the meeting that sadly, he had decided to step down from his role has secretary. He asked for a volunteer to take his place. **Action club members.**

14. Raffle.
a) The raffle was won by Ron.
b) Raffle prize for June meeting, Brian Cole please.

President Lynn closed the meeting at 8-47pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Report 10th June 2026

The balance on the Admin account is £1971.16 (May £808.66)
Subs came in for the half year as did payments for the charter lunch.

The balance on the Charity and Activity account is £7771.29 (May £5962.71)
We received monies from the very hot Fun Day! And paid for the various expenses that went with it (Loo hire, field hire, entertainers etc)

No donations were made since the last meeting.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Community Services Meeting – 03/06/2026 16 Avonfield Avenue 2pm

Present: Lynn O'Pray (Chair), Mike Sullivan, Jon Court, Bob Farrimond and John Rogers

Monies available for distribution.
Sadly the take at Funday(25/05/26) was lower than expected because of reduced footfall due to the Duck Race being held concurrently. Thanks to Mark (Treasurer) for his spreadsheet showing details and specific longer-term forecast which gives more confidence in decision making ie £4k is available after Fun Day.

Annual Donations/New Requests
LCIF
Dorothy House
Julia House
To be voted on at main club meeting.

Bowls Club. Defibrillator cover and bleed kits - Ongoing. £575 requested.
Grow for Life. Garden development adjacent to Dorothy House supporting grieving families for their wellbeing. More information requested.
£500 recommended
World Scout Jamboree Gdansk 2027. Local, travel expenses. Refusal recommended.
Ashlee Renwick. Meeting place (ie rent) for home educated local children.
Supported but not yet fully costed. Bob to e-mail for further info. Reconsider in future recommended.

Young Persons Award.
Mike Sullivan frustrated by lack of progress at St. Laurence but now has a new route in via the husband of an optician who teaches at St. Laurence and wants to help our cause - Mike to send paperwork to emails for distribution - ongoing.

Any other Business.
Community Services Committee feel that all the above has been fully discussed and invite the Main Meeting to approve their recommendations.

FUND RAISING

Lions Dog Show Fundraiser Report June 2026

Key developments are as follows:

Draft budget indicates a target of £4000 profit is reasonable with a following wind.
- The online raffle has been set up and tested. As tickets are purchased the money will go straight into Lions bank account
- Digital posters for the Dog Show and online raffle have been finalized.

•An advertising plan is in place. Digital roll out will begin circa 12th June via Lions, BoA Town Council, sponsors and donors' channels. All Lions will receive digital copies of the Dog Show and online Raffle posters via email, please share with as many people as possible. This will open the online raffle for purchase of tickets.
•A draft site plan prepared. Where possible work for Lions with respect to stalls etc on the day has been minimized. Food and drink offering will be kept simple
•Next steps include working up a detailed plan for the day itself from set up through to clearing up.

Fun Day Report June 2026

Please find below a report on Fun Day
a) a big thank you to everyone who helped on the day. I don't remember a more difficult day.
b) early calculations indicate a profit of around £3000 but I am sure Phil and Mark will have an up to date
figure by the meeting.
c) as usual, there were one or two traffic problems in Pound Lane and we are going to look into the problem because Wiltshire County Council have been made aware this year.
d) I will arrange a Wash Up meeting shortly so if you have any thoughts on improvement or any other ideas, please drop me a line.
Keith.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Social Report for June 2026

Last reminder for the Handover Lunch on Sunday 28th June.
1200 for 1230 at Cumberwell. Please support our President Lynn – always an enjoyable relaxed event.

I (Cumberwell) need your choices by 12th June (menu attached).
Menu choices to: hilaryspence@hotmail.co.uk
Preferred payment by Bacs into account:
01612856 S/C: 30-98-75

At our recent Social meeting:
Charter pricing agreed with the help of our guest, Brian H.
Coffee morning planned for Friday 19th June, Timbrells at 1030.
Summer Lunch planned for Sunday 2nd August.

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 June and July 2026

June	3	Comm Serv Meeting	14.00hrs	Lynn's
	13	CCC&C	1000hrs	Trinity Church
	15	Club Meeting	1930hrs	Holt
	19	Coffee Morning	1030hrs	Timbrells
	28	Handover Lunch	1200hrs	Cumberwell
July	20	Club Meeting	1930hrs	Holt

Dates to Remember

Summer Lunch - 2nd August
Dog Show - 12th September
Charter Lunch - 1st November

Magazine Deadlines

Could you please ensure that all information for the monthly Newsletter reaches Judith by the next deadline: Monday 13th July

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**	**14154**	**14154**
Total Budget Jul 25 to Dec 26	**17390**				**Total spent up to 10/6/26**				**£ 14,154**			

Event marker: L Local N National I International

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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						
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						