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President's Remarks

Dear Friends and Fellow Lions,

Well another year has flown by and now it's my turn as President to represent the Lions in our local and wider community. Our 'Handover Lunch' at Cumberwell was well supported with 21 of us in attendance. An opportunity for me to thank Mike for his reign as President and to all the Lions who I'm sure will keep me on track empowering me to do a thorough job. It was indeed a lovely meal and the speeches were kept to a minimum.

Within our Bradford on Avon Lions we have had many Presidents over the years - some who may be no longer with us but their names and their positive energies as Lions will carry on and will never be forgotten.

Within our current and recent memberships we have the familiar names of past Presidents - Richard Bloom (2), Ken Giles (1) Mike Evans (2), Brian Hersee (4), Judy Hersee (2), Keith Yates (4), Bob Farrimond (1) and Phil Courage (3) and now Mike Sullivan (1) to be added to this impressive list. Well done Judy for being the sole female to take on the role for two separate years. Now it's my turn to carry on the good work of these impressive Lions that have gone before me. I found this little nugget of information which I thought was very interesting.

'In 1987, Lions Clubs International amended its constitution to allow women to become members, ending a 70-year ban. This decision followed a vote at the organization's international convention in Taipei, with 77% of delegates voting in favor of the change. Prior to this, women were not permitted to join the all-male service organization. The first female members were officially granted full membership rights and privileges, including the right to vote and hold office.' (Source: Lions Club international)

So as President I shall not take for granted the journey that was before or now the one that will be ahead of me.

Finally, as Lions and Friends of Lions, most of us will have been involved with the Fun Day held in May and the CCCC (Crafts Choir Coffee and Cake) day in June held at Holy Trinity Church. Both events were extremely successful and well supported enabling our treasurer (Mark) to be kept busy keeping the accounts up to date with funds readily available for suitable requests in the future to be considered and agreed upon. Our next event is a Choirs Evening on Saturday 13th September at Holy Trinity Church with two separate choirs led by Kate Courage. Donations for a raffle and 'hands on' support for front of house and a team to run a small 'drinks bar' will be very welcomed.

Thank you all so much for your kind wishes and ongoing support particularly during this very challenging weather. Keep cool and keep up the water intake!

Bye for now.

Lynn

MESSAGES

Raffle prize for July Meeting – Judith, please.

AGENDA

Introduction of Guests – Lion Mike.

Present

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 16th June 2025.

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 June 2025.

2. Attendance. There were 16 members present.

3. Apologies. Lions Lynn and Keith.

4. Guest. No guests.

5. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 19th May 2025. Approved.

6. Matters Arising from previous Meeting:

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| a) 6a – Benches, still awaiting the town council action, ongoing. | Action Phil. |
| b) 8c – Poulton Park £1000 donation paid. | Action Complete. |
| c) 8e – Ukranian costumes donation paid. | Action Complete. |
| d) 8g - Parkinsons Walk. Comm Services to discuss possible donation. | Action ongoing. |
| e) 9g – Fun Day flyer designed by Jon. | Action Complete. |
| f) 13b – Fund Raising Through Buying, still being investigated by Brian C. | Action Brian C. |

7. Trustees.

Nothing to report. Next Meeting on 2nd July.

8. Treasurer.

Report at 16th June:

- a) Admin Account £1465.06.418.01, Charity/Activities Account £14898.73.
- b) Mark reminded Members that half yearly dues we re now required.
- c) Mark told Members that Fun Day income received from Traders was down this year, but as a result of the donation from Pegasus Homes, and increased income from Stalls and the Boot Sale, our overall profit this year was up on previous years. This means that the Charity Account has a healthy balance going into the second half of 2025.

9. Community Services.

- a) Therapy Dogs. Ongoing, **Action Lyn.**
- b) Christchurch School. £1k donation for pond/vegetable patch. Ongoing. **Action Mike.**
- c) Wiltshire Young Carers Project 2026. Awaiting more info from Melita Armitage. Ongoing.
Action Comms Services Committee.
- d) Kindwaves. Ongoing. **Action Committee.**

10. Fun Day.

- a) Phil gave a short resume of the day, and thanked everybody for all their efforts.
- b) He said we were unfortunately let down by a few of the booked traders not turning up, but we must be pleased with the overall financial outcome.
- c) Brian confirmed that Katie Hotspot said she will come again next year if asked.
- d) Phil confirmed that both fields have been booked for next year, for the last Monday in May, i.e. 25th.

11. Fund Raising.

- a) Phil reported that our latest Fund Raising event, the C.C.C. & C. held in Trinity Church was very well received. As a result we should make a considerable profit for the Charity Account.
- b) It was proposed by Jon that maybe we could hold a Dog Show to take the place of the Town Council event held recently in the Poulton playing field. Jon agreed to investigate further.
Action Jon.

12. Social.

- a) Handover is booked for Sunday 29th June at Cumberwell Park.
- b) A coffee morning has been arranged for Friday 11th July at the Weaving Shed.
- c) An American lunch is being arranged for Sunday 10th August in Brian and Judy's garden. Time 12. for 12.30.

13. Correspondence.

- a) The Secretary has forwarded on all relevant correspondence by email.
- b) President Mike has received an email from The District Youth Exchange Officer Stephen Sherring. regarding a forthcoming Youth Camp. He is looking for accommodation for a student over the period 1st to 11th August. There will be a donation of £250 towards any cost. Please contact our President if interested.

14. Any other business.

- a) Message in a Bottle. At the last Zone meeting, it was proposed by Warminster Lions that rather than purchase supplies of these items piecemeal, it would be cheaper and easier if a one off buy of a pallet was made. The cost per item would work out at 37.5p rather than 70p. It was agreed that we would go along with this proposal, and would take 5 boxes of 90 bottles.
Action Mike to inform Warminster Lions.
- b) Phil proposed that the Club make a donation of £1000 to a Charity/Charities of Bob and Maree's choice in memory of their son Dr Stuart Farrimond who sadly died recently. Bob said that they felt humbled by this decision and would be delighted if the donation was given to Dorothy House Hospice, where Stuart spent his last days. The Proposal was unanimously carried. **Action Phil & President to arrange for a cheque for £1000 to be presented to Dorothy House.**

15. Raffle.

- a) The raffle was won by Trish after Brian declined as winner.
- b) Raffle prize for July Meeting Judith please.**
Lion President Mike closed the meeting at 8-45pm.
p.s. After the Meeting Members celebrated Keith's 85th Birthday by eating his Birthday Cake over Tea/Coffee.

TRUSTEES

- **Minutes** of meeting of the Trustees of the Lions Club of Bradford on Avon, held on Wednesday 9th July 2025.
- **Present** – Lions Lynn, Mike, Phil, Bob F, Hilary, Mark and Keith.
- **Apologies** – Lion Janie.
- **Minutes** – Minutes of previous meeting held on 7th May 2025 were approved.
- **Matters arising** –
 - a) 5a – New bench for Westbury Gardens is still ongoing. **Action Phil.**
 - b) 7b – Letter to Mike’s boiler man, complete.
 - c) 9a – Invite to Jon, Trish and Brian to join Community Services committee, complete.
 - d) 10c – Fun Day candy floss and Pimms, ongoing. **Action Keith, Phil and Mark to discuss.**
- **Treasurer.**
 - a) Charity a/c £14,194, Admin £688.06.
 - b) Still to pay the USA side of subscription at around £300.
- **Correspondence.**
 - a) The secretary has forwarded all relevant emails to members.
 - b) Mike has received a letter from Kindwaves saying they would like to come to club in October to keep us informed as to what is happening in setting up their charity.
Action Lynn to reply after speaking to Liz.
 - c) Bob F has had a thank you letter from Dorothy House for our £1000 donation in memory of Stuart Farrimond.
 - d) Lynn has had a good response from the craft people who attended the CCC&C event.
 - e) It was suggested that we book Holy Trinity Church for the CCC&C event on 13th June 2026. **Action Keith.**
- **Membership.** No new prospective members at the moment.
- **Committees.**
 - a) Jon has joined the Community Services Committee.
 - b) The next Community Services committee meeting will be on the 10th September, 2-00pm at Lynn’s.
 - c) The summer lunch will be on Sunday 10th August, 12-00 for 12-30 at Brian and Judith’s. More details later.
 - d) The Charter is now advertised on the 105SC District Events Calendar and Hilary has invited the Town Mayor and the District Governor to attend.
- **Any other business.**
 - a) Phil said that the Choir event in Holy Trinity Church on 13th September would be priced at £10 per ticket. Two choirs will sing, West Wilts Young Singers and The Mendip Male Voice Choir. To help with income, wine will be on sale and there will be a raffle. More news nearer the event.
 - b) Mike said that the club will join in with other Zone clubs in buying MIAB in bulk. However, this will only happen if other Zone clubs decide to join in too.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Report 14th July 2025

The balance on the Admin account is £688.06 (June £1465.06)

We have paid the invoice for the handover lunch and the bi annual dues to District and Multi District. The dues to LCI will leave the account this week for £327.75. The balance will be approx £360.00.

The balance on the Charity and Activity account is £14,194.09 (June £14,898.73)

Outgoings

We had the regular outgoings along with the Donation to Dorothy House in memory of Stuart Farrimond.

Incomings

We received the takings from the CCCC event.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Our last meeting was on the 14th of May and the minutes of that meeting were part of last months agenda. We didn't have a meeting in June as there were no new requests at that time.

1. Our next meeting will be on September 17th when we will consider the following:
 - Request from LCIF for the flood victims in Texas.
 - Request from the Youth Adventure Trust of Swindon for help with providing young people with summer activities at seaside locations.
 - Request from Hannah Vischer – fundraiser for Hft Charity based in Bristol. Appears to be a charity helping young people with learning disabilities after they have left school.
2. There are also two requests from organisations we have already ring fenced or provided funding for:
 - c) Kindwaves whose request for help in setting up their website is now complete with £550.00 donated. They would like to come and talk to us at our September meeting so we can be better informed about their vision for this charity.
 - d) The Christchurch Primary School environmental corridor/pond/garden project. The Headteacher, Sue Tudge, would like to come and explain how the £1000.00 we have ringfenced to help with the project will be used to benefit the children.
3. We have had an offer of 150 Roald Dahl glasses frames for children (no lenses) from Sabrina Kent of Inspects of Bath. I have already explained to her we cannot do much with these, but I would ask at our next Club meeting if anyone has any inspired ideas of who might benefit from these.
4. We are already providing marshals for the “walk for Parkinsons” at Bath Spa University on Saturday September 6th. So far, myself and Lynn have volunteered but others would be very welcome!
5. We also need to get the Outstanding Young Persons Award under way. Presentation evening will hopefully be at our November meeting. Mike.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Social Report for July 2025

After a very enjoyable Handover Lunch at Cumberwell and an equally enjoyable coffee morning, we are now moving on to our next social event:

Sunday 10th August: Summer Lunch

This will be held in Judy and Brian's garden (6 Piplar Ground). This has now proved to be a popular event, with everyone contributing either salad, savoury or dessert. So please support again this year – friends and family welcome. Please bring your own drinks, chairs, crockery and cutlery. Glasses will be available and gazebos will give shade (or shelter).

Please let me know by 1st August if you can make it and we will allocate food contributions.
(hilaryspence@hotmail.co.uk)

Bradford on Avon Lions Club Charities Account 2025/26

Payments from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Recipient</u>
7/25	£1000.00	Dorothy House
7/25	£550.00	Kindwaves
<u>Total</u>	<u>£1550.00</u>	

Club Diary July & August 2025

July	2	Trustees Meeting	1400hrs	Phil's
	21	Club Meeting	1930hrs	Holt
August	10	Summer Lunch	1200hrs	Judy's
	18	Club Meeting	1930hrs	Holt

Dates to Remember

10th September – Trustees Meeting
 17th September – Community Services Meeting
 2nd November – Charter Lunch

Magazine Deadlines

Could you please ensure that all information for the monthly Newsletter reaches Judith by the next deadline: Monday 11th August