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President's Remarks

Hello Friends and Lions.

The weather continues to challenge us all but I'm sure we are all experiencing the blue skies and beautiful sun sets as well as the football, tennis and cricket etc entertaining us on our screens.

Our Crafts Choirs Coffee and Cake event was a huge success - enjoyed by many. Beautiful crafts to be purchased and very talented choirs and musicians entertained us all for the day. Thank you to our cake providers who without fail enable a home made bake selection to look impressive.

The Handover lunch at Cumberwell was attended by 16 of us. Thank you to all who came and wished me well for another year as President. A beautiful book of photographs and words that have been shared throughout the year - show a detailed journey of events and experiences. I have learnt a great deal over this past year but only with the support from the Lions around me who day after day promote the Lions cause with warmth and encouragement.

A quieter summer but with preparations behind the scenes for the Dog Show on September 12th.

Bye for now. Lynn 🦁

MESSAGES

Raffle prize for July Meeting – Phil, please.

AGENDA

Introduction of Guests – Lion Mike.

Present

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 15th June 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 15th June 2026.

2. Attendance. There were 15 members present.

3. Apologies. Lions Janie, Keith and Peter.

4. Guest. None.

5. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 18th May 26. Approved.

6. Matters Arising from previous meeting

a) 8d – Young Peoples Award. Mike is awaiting responses from a number of organisations.

Ongoing.

Action Mike.

b) 13d – Clearing garage. Some items have been taken to the Trowbridge Recycling Centre.

Ongoing.

Action Phil.

c) 9a - Bowls Club Defibrillator cover. Ongoing.

Action Community Services.

d) 9j – Club Publicity. Complete.

e) 7d – Cash Flow Project Sheets. Ongoing.

Action Jon & Mark.

f) 10b4 – C.C.C. & C Event. Request for Cakes. Complete.

g) 11a – Social. Coffee Morning now on Friday 19th June at Timbrells Yard. Complete.

h) 12b – Correspondence. Brownie photos sent to Liz & Bob S. Complete.

i) 13c – Any other business. B.o.A. event in St Margarets Hall, Phil reported that 12 people showed an interest in possible Membership. However no follow up. Complete.

j) 13d Any other business. Volunteer required to take over as Club Secretary from Keith who is stepping down at the end of this month.

Action All Members.

7. Trustees.

a) The next Meeting will be held on 8th July at Phil's, Start time 2pm.

8. Treasurer.

a) Admin account £971.16. Charity/Activities account £8301.

b) Only donation this month was £30 from the Admin account To Holt Village Hall. room hire.

9. Community Services.

a) The following donations were approved by Members:-

L.C.I.F. £500, Dorothy House £500 & Julia's House £500.

b) Bowls Club Defibrillator and Bleed kits. Robert Beasley to be invited to provide more info at a future Club meeting.

Action Community Services.

c) World Scout Jamboree. Request for money to attend not approved. Complete.

d) Ashlee Renwick. Request for money to rent meeting place. Ongoing.

e) Grow for Life.

f) Young Persons Award. Ongoing.

10. Fun Day.

a) Phil thanked everybody for all their effort on again making the day a success, although he was slightly disappointed on the public attendance and consequently on the reduced income on the day. This could be as a result of the very hot day, but probably influenced by the Town Duck Race being rescheduled by the Council for the same day.

He has written to the Council expressing our dismay and is awaiting a response.

11. Fund Raising.

a) Fun Day.

- a1) Phil circulated a copy of income over expenditure for members information. This showed a profit on the day of £2857.
- b) CCC&C Event.
- b1) Phil stated that this showed a profit on the day of £809.
- c) Dog Show.
- c1) Jon said that he estimates that we should show a profit of £4k on this event.
- c2) He emphasised the need to keep on top of advertising from now until the date of the show.
- c3) Posters for the show and on line raffle are now on line.
- c4) Lions are required on the day to act as Marshals and/or helpers on some stalls. Please let Jon know if you are available to help. **Action All Members.**
- c5) Banners will be put up around the 25th August.**
- c6) Mark suggested using QR Code lanyards for taking donations.

12. Social.

- a) The next coffee morning is booked for Friday June 19th at Timbrells Yard at 10.30.
- b) The Summer Lunch is being held on August 2nd in Brian & Judith's garden. Details to follow.

13. Correspondence.

- a) The secretary has forwarded on all relevant correspondence by email.

14. Any other business.

- a) A volunteer required to produce the magazine for August, as Judith will be away.
- b) Trustees meeting has been cancelled until further notice.
- c) Community Service meeting now arranged for July 8th at Lynn's. **Action Committee.**
- d) Brian C suggested using voice recording at Club meetings to aid the Secretary. He will look into this further. **Action Brian C.**

15. Raffle.

- a) The raffle was won by Judith.
- b) Raffle prize for July meeting, Phil please.**

President Lynn closed the meeting at 8-50.

TRUSTEES

1. **Minutes** of meeting of the Trustees of the Lions Club of Bradford on Avon, held on Monday 13th July 2026.
2. **Present** – Lions Phil, Hilary, Bob F, Mike, Mark and Keith.
3. **Apologies** – Lions Lynn and Janie.
4. **Minutes** – Minutes of previous meeting held on 15th April 2026 were approved.
5. **Matters arising** –
 - a) 5a – New bench for Westbury Gardens, complete.
 - b) 5g – Future Charters, complete.
 - c) 9a4 – Rolls & cakes, complete.
 - d) 9a5 – Keys & codes, complete.
 - e) 9a6 – Van, complete.
 - f) 10a1 – Invite to Jon to join Trustees, rejected & complete.

6. Treasurer.

- a) Admin a/c £667.42, Charity & Activities a/c £6857
- b) All 1/2 yearly dues have been paid.
- c) Cumberwell did not invoice us for the two people who backed out of Handover at the last minute. Mark will repay the two people. **Action Mark.**
- d) A donation of £500, approved by the club for dementia, will now be paid. **Action Mark.**

7. Correspondence. The secretary has forwarded all relevant emails to members.

8. Membership. Robin Isaacs, who may be interested in membership, will join us for the July meeting.

9. Committees.

- a) Sadly, there has been no response to our appeal for entrants in the Young Persons Award competition. The committee are still investigating the reasons why and what we can do about it. **Action Community Services.**

10 Any other business.

- a) The Trustees discussed the possibility of having their meeting either just before or during the monthly club meeting. It was decided to discuss the matter with members at the July club meeting.

11. Date of the next meeting – TBA.

Signed

President of the Lions Club of Bradford on Avon.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Community Services Meeting 2pm 8th July 2026 16 Avonfield Avenue Bradford on Avon BA15 1JE

Present: Lynn Bob Mike and John

Apologies: Ken Janie and Jon

- 1. July 1 of 2 annual payments (June and December) to Dementia Support (locally) - £500 - **Action: to be voted upon.**
- 2. Grow for Life charity - director Dr Alex Eldridge to come to our July meeting to give an overview of the charity and potential monies required to enable their charity to develop further - **ongoing.**

3. Mr Robert Beesley (bowls club defibrillator cover and bleed kits) will attend September meeting to give an overview of how monies could support both of these requests - however this could be brought forward to August if he is available. Awaiting email response from him.

4. A request was for monies to pay rent on a room that could be used regularly to support carers of home schooled children - a room or a space has not been confirmed - Potential sites Mount Pleasant £16 per hour x 12 months £172 or Bearfield £52.50 for 10 weeks. As a committee the Mount Pleasant option was one that we felt we could support for one year with a review if successful for a second year with appropriate paperwork for rental costs.

Action: to be voted upon

5. Calne Lions club contacted us regarding giving a donation to Wiltshire Search and Rescue which is a voluntary organisation. **Action: Lynn** will research further to see what other Lions clubs are planning ie a collective donation or each club to respond separately. **Ongoing**

6. An unusual request regarding monies to support a person attending a conference in Glasgow requiring flight tickets and hotel costs. Lynn to reply to explain this is out of our normal remit and not something we would be supporting.

7. Young Persons' Award - Sadly - again this has not been successful and nominees have not been put forward. Next year expand age group 11-18yrs - circulate info Easter for a presentation in July 2027.

Meeting ended at 2.45 pm.

FUND RAISING

Lions Dog Show Fundraiser Report July 2026

Key developments are as follows

1. Digital roll out of posters began 15th June via Lions, BoA Town Council, sponsors and donors channels.
2. Online raffle take up is slow as expected at this stage. The raffle will be pushed from 8 to 6 weeks before the event using Facebook etc. A newsflow plan is in preparation to keep the FB posts and all communications fresh.
3. An Event Management Plan has been prepared and emergency services are being informed of the event
4. A detailed "running order" plan for the day itself has been prepared. The team will be asking for help for specific roles shortly.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Social Report for July 2026

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 2nd August: Summer Lunch

Once again this will be held in Judy and Brian's garden. It has now proved to be a popular event, with everyone contributing either salad, savoury or dessert.

Venue: Judy and Brian's garden (6 Piplar Ground)

Time: 12 for 1230 approx

Bring with you: Drinks, chairs, crockery, cutlery, glasses

Food: contribution of salad, savoury or dessert - if you have a preference let me know, otherwise we will allocate.

A relaxed informal get together, perhaps a game of boules - including the Lions Pairs' Championship! So join us if you can - friends and family welcome.

Please let me know by **26th July** if you can make it and we will allocate food contributions.

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Bradford on Avon Lions Club Charities Account 2025/26

Payments from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Recipient</u>
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<u>Total</u>	<u>£</u>	
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Club Diary July and August 2026

July	20	Club Meeting	1930hrs	Holt
August	2	Summer Lunch	1200hrs	Judith's
	17	Club Meeting	1930hrs	Holt

Dates to Remember

Dog Show - 12th September

Charter Lunch - 1st November

Magazine Deadlines

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

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					Total spent up to 13/7/26							
£ 17,390					£ 14,154							

Event marker: L Local N National I International

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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	14154					