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President's Remarks

Hello to our fellow Lions and Friends of Lions.

I sincerely hope you have been enjoying this wonderful summer of warmth and lighter evenings. It's certainly been good for the fruits of the garden. We have been constantly picking our apples and bagging them up in small bags and leaving them out for neighbours and anyone walking by encouraging them to help themselves. This is the third week of picking and still there is plenty on the tree. I arrived home this evening to find a little note on the table where the apples have been left - thanking us for our kindness. As Lions and friends of Lions that seems to be our main role too.

Kindness indeed at the Craft Coffee Choirs and Cakes event in July. This was again a huge success and couldn't have been achieved without the kindnesses of so many people behind the scenes and on the day ensuring our day was successful. The choirs and musicians are of course the main event so our heartfelt thanks goes to everyone involved on the day. Wonderful to see so many children, singers, musicians of a wide age range. Two of the craft owners at the back of the church commented on the quality of the singing and music and how this was the best craft day in their calendar and positive for their bank accounts too! (I have booked them for next year.)

In my new role as President I will be attending my very first zone meeting in Warminster at the end of August with two very trusty Lions - Keith and Mike - I do believe skittles is on the agenda so I better get practising out in the garden with a few bruised apples!

On September 6th at Bath Spa University there is a 'Parkinson's Fundraising Day - families will be walking around the grounds to raise monies and greater awareness for the Parkinson's charity. Myself, Mike and Keith have currently volunteered to help on the day. If anyone else is interested you will need to enrol yourself as a volunteer on the Parkinson's website.

Up and coming events include the launch of our Outstanding Young Persons Award. Publicity leaflets will soon be on display in the library and on the council notice board in Westbury Gardens. They are also being sent to the Guides, Scouts, Cadets and to St. Laurence School. We have had outstanding nominees in recent years and I feel confident this year will be no different. The awards will be presented at our club meeting in November 2025. If you know someone who works and interacts with young people age 11-18 yrs it might be worth mentioning to them our award and to get in touch with Mike Sullivan for more details.

Finally our next fund raiser will be held at Holy Trinity Church on the 13th September 2025 at 7pm - £10 per ticket - alcoholic drinks/snacks and a raffle will be available. If you have any spare unwanted gifts or bottles that we could use as a raffle prize - they will be well received. Thank you in advance for any donations to be made. As you know all monies raised goes to our local and wider community as well as supporting global events through our international Lions.

Bye for now and hope to see you soon. Lynn

MESSAGES

Raffle prize for August Meeting – Lynn, please.

AGENDA

Introduction of Guests – Lion Mike.

Present

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 21st July 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 21st July 2025.

2. Attendance. There were 13 members present.

3. Apologies. Lions Judith, Brian, Pete, Janie, Bob F, Trish and Brian C.

4. Guest. Malcolm Crucifix.

4a. Malcolm was welcomed by the membership.

5. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 16th June 2025. Approved.

6. Matters Arising from previous meeting.

a) 6a – Benches, Phil is still in touch with the town council, but still waiting for action from the council. **Action Phil.**

b) 6f – Fund Raising Through Buying, Jon asked the members to go to our website and click on Buy on line. This will give instruction how to join this way of raising money for the club. More investigation needed. **Action Brian C and Jon.**

c) 8g – Walk for Parkinson's, see Community Services report.

d) 9a – Therapy dog, ongoing. **Action Community Services Committee.**

e) 9b – Christchurch School, see Community Services report.

f) 9c – Wiltshire Young Carers, ongoing. **Action Community Services Committee.**

g) 9d – Kindwaves, see Community Services report.

h) 11b – Dog Show, see Fund Raising report.

i) 14a- MIAB, Mike will confirm our interest in buying in bulk at the forthcoming Zone meeting. **Action Mike.**

j) 14b – Cheque presentation to Dorothy House, complete.

7. Treasurer.

a) Admin account £399.64, dues to USA have been paid. Charity/Activities account £13695.31.

b) Mark told the meeting that Lloyds Bank are now charging us for their services. It is estimated that the monthly cost will be around £20. Mark will look into whether the Co-Op or The Coventry Building Society, have accounts that are non-chargeable. **Action Mark.**

8. Community Services .

- a) Mike had received a thank you letter from LCIF for our £500 donation.
- b) The Texas Flood Appeal will be considered at the next Community Services meeting.
- c) Youth Adventure Trust request will be considered at the next committee meeting.
- d) Kindwaves, a representative from the charity will speak at our October meeting. Their web site is up and running and shows the Lions logo.
- e) Christchurch School project, a representative from the school will speak to us at our September meeting. **Action Mike to arrange details.**
- f) Roald Dahl glasses, no further action.
- g) Outstanding Young Persons Award, application details to be sent out soon. Deadline dates needed to be shown on website. **Action Mike.**

9. Fun Day. Nothing to report.

10. Fund Raising.

- a) Choir event on 13th September to be called Some Enchanted Evening. Ticket price will be £10. Donations for raffle prizes will be greatly received. Advertising poster is now being designed and an electronic version will be available for display on social media. Bob S has agreed to advertise the event on the West Wilts Radio Station.
- b) Dog Show, Jon and Mark have spoken to the Town Council about putting on a dog show. A Risk Assessment will be needed for this event. More discussion needed. **Action Jon and Mark.**

11. Social. The next event is the Summer Garden Lunch on Sunday 10th August at Brian and Judith's. Please let Hilary know that you intend to attend before 4th August. Hilary to email all members about this event. **Action Hilary.**

12. Correspondence. The secretary has forwarded on all relevant correspondence by email.

13. Any other business. Keith reported that 2nd Vice District Governor Lion Mark Cooper of Fleet Lions Club will attend our October meeting as part of the District Governor's team.

14. Raffle.

- a) The raffle was won by Mike.
- b) Raffle prize for August meeting Lynn please.**

Lion President Lynn closed the meeting at 8-27pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Report 13th August 2025

The balance on the Admin account is £350.00

The balance on the Charity and Activity account is £13450.00

Outgoings

Payments to Town Council, £277 for field hire for Fun Day and final payment of £325 for Fun Day donkeys.

Incomings

We received a donation of £32 from Mrs Jean Waylen, a supporter of Bradford on Avon Lions, income from the sale of handmade cards.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Social Report for August 2025

Last Sunday 10 of us enjoyed a very relaxing summer lunch in Judy and Brian's garden. The weather was perfect and, as before, it worked very well with each couple contributing to the food. Brian organised a fun game of boules afterwards. Just a shame there weren't more of us.

Charter Lunch on 2nd November.

Please make sure this important date is in your diary. It seems a long way off but the Social Committee are planning for it now and invitations will shortly go out to the other Clubs. The menu is attached – our club members' choices to Betty please: rogerser@hotmail.co.uk (01225 984842) by 19th October.

Preferred payment by Bacs: Bradford on Avon Lions Club

SC: 30-98-75 Acct: 01612856

Sunday Lunch 2nd November 2025

Starters

Roasted Tomato and Basil Soup with Croutons
Chicken Caesar Salad with Parmesan Shavings
Classic Prawn Cocktail with Wholemeal Bread
Heritage Tomato, Basil and Mozzarella Tart with Mixed Leaves

Mains

Traditional Roast Beef served with all the Trimmings
Chicken Supreme served with Sage & Onion Stuffing and Roast Potatoes
Salmon en Croute topped with Spinach and served with Gratin Potatoes and Greens
Homemade Lentil, Aubergine and Mushroom Pie with Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

Desserts

Sticky Toffee Pudding with Caramel Sauce and Vanilla Ice Cream
Chocolate Brownie served with Belgian Chocolate Sauce and Vanilla Ice Cream
Lemon Posset with Raspberry Coulis and Homemade Shortbread
Selection of Cheese and Biscuits

Tea & Coffee

2 Courses - £30

3 Courses - £38

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 August & September 2025

August	10	Summer Lunch	1200hrs	Judy's
	18	Club Meeting	1930hrs	Holt
September	10	Trustees Meeting	1400hrs	
	13	Choir Concert	1900hrs	Trinity Church
	15	Club Meeting	1930hrs	Holt
	17	Comm Serv Meeting	1400hrs	

Dates to Remember

2nd November – Charter Lunch

Magazine Deadlines

Could you please ensure that all information for the monthly Newsletter reaches Judith by the next deadline: Monday 8th September

COMMUNITY SERVICES BUDGET FORECAST 2025/2026

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	1550	1550										
Total Budget	£9,070				Total spent up to 13/8/25 £ 1,550							

Event marker: L Local N National I International