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President's Remarks

Dear Friends and Fellow Lions.

Hello to everyone - time is galloping on it seems and already Autumn is showing its signs with falling leaves, grey skies and rain for which I am very thankful for as well as the cooler evenings. I even put the central heating on the other night!

A personal thank you again for your continued support of myself and my family whether its kind messages, harvest produce, biscuits and homemade scones. All very welcomed and very appreciated by my family. We go a day at a time and hour by hour but it is made so much more bearable with the kindnesses of lovely caring friends and thoughtful Lions.

The Dog Show took place on Saturday 12th September. A huge thank you to Jon and his team. A great deal of forward planning has been happening for many months. I am sure Jon will himself be in touch shortly with his own thanks to all who helped and with hopefully some profit being made. The weather stayed dry although a little windy I believe but for the people who did attend it was a very enjoyable community event. My friend's daughter won the junior award for agility with her dog and she was extremely pleased to not only have entered but to have won a prize too.

Look out for details from young Phil regarding our next community event at Holy Trinity Church - Some Enchanted Evening on Saturday 19th September 2026.

Bye for now.

Lynn 

MESSAGES

Raffle prize for September Meeting – Jon please.

AGENDA

Introduction of Guests – Lion Mike.

Present

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 17th August 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 17th August 2026.

2. Attendance. There were 11 members present.

3. Apologies. Lions Lynn, Pete, Hilary, Bob S, Betty, John, Ron and Ken.

4. Guests. District Governor Tim Hanton and Robert Beasley.

5. Introduction of Guests.

a) Lion Mike introduced our guests to the meeting.

b) Robert Beasley gave a short presentation about Bleed Kits. His idea is to have a number of kits situated at various venues so that there is a bleed kit in most areas of the town. The kits cost £110 each and he hopes that each kit would be fitted inside a red box costing £120, total cost £230. Community Services will consider Robert's request for financial help with this project.

Action Community Services.

6. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 20th July 2026. Approved.

7. Matters Arising from previous meeting.

a) 7i - Voice recording at meetings, Brian C said that his investigation shows that costs would be between £100 and £500. The DG said he thought Farnborough club used it and he would contact them for us. Ongoing, **Action Brian C.**

b) 9b – Young People's Award, Mike confirmed that we have 2 nominees. See the Community Services report for citations.

c) Calne Lions – more info needed, ongoing. See Community Services report.

d) 10a4 – Fun Day Management Plan to WCC, complete.

e) 10a5 - AI at Fun day, this has been considered and no further action will be taken.

f) 10a6 – Sponsorship for Fun day, Ongoing.

Action Keith.

g) 10a7 – feedback from helpers at Fun Day, ongoing.

Action Keith and Phil.

h) 10a8 – Fun Day 2027, both fields and pavilion booked.

8. Treasurer.

a) Admin account £692.58, Charity/Activities account £6540.

b) Income over past month – 2 x £500, sponsorship for Dog Show.

c) Donation over past month - £200 for skip hire.

d) Phil confirmed that we had purchased 8 x 6ft long and 6 x 4ft long folding tables. The tables are stored in the garage.

9. Community Services.

a) Young Peoples Award, Mike confirmed that there are 2 nominations for the award. The two citations were shown in the Newsletter and the members decided that the Gold Award would be presented to both nominees. The presentation date has yet to be decided but it will be either the September or October club meetings. **Action Mike.**

a1) Janie will buy the trophies and Keith will make the certificates. **Action Janie and Keith.**

d) Calne Lions, ongoing, more research needed. **Action Community Services.**

10. Fun Day.

a) See Minutes d) to h).

11. Fund Raising.

a) Dog Show,

a1) Banners will go on display 2 weeks before the event.

a2) Manning has been arranged for all stalls and Jon will issue information about who is doing what.

- a3) The event is now publicised on social media.
- a4) Jon has started a What's App group for the event.
- b) Choir Concert,
- b1) Phil had flyers for the event that he passed round for everyone to take.
- b2) Tickets are now on sale at £10 each.
- b3) Mike will buy the wine.

12. Social. The summer garden party was a great success with lovely food. After an intensely fought boules knockout competition, Betty and John were declared winners and will hopefully be back to defend their title next year.

13. Correspondence.

- a) The secretary has forwarded on all relevant correspondence by email.
- b) Keith had received a Thank You card from Amy Ford, the lady who needed to hire a skip.
- c) Phil had received a Thank You message from the Dementia group.

14. Any other business.

- a) Keith told the meeting about the GMS Charter date. Unfortunately, it clashes with the Dog Show.
- b) DG Tim Hanton gave a short speech. His theme for his year in office is Membership Growth and he challenged the club to have at least one more member at the end of his year, than when it started. Tim encouraged the club to use the Zone to generate ideas and to ask for help on problems. Traditionally, the DG's partner chooses a Charity for the year. Valery's choice is Sebastian's Action Trust, which supports children with life-limiting, life-threatening conditions in Hampshire and Berkshire. DG Tim encouraged members to attend the District Convention, which will be held at Cookham, near Maidenhead in March 2027. Finally, DG Tim presented Phil with his 10 year chevron award and Lynn (via Phil) with his year badge, and 2 coasters engraved with the DG's badge. He also presented Mark and Keith with engraved ball point pens.

15. Raffle. There was no raffle this month.

Raffle prize for September meeting, Jon please.

Phil, who chaired the meeting in Lynn's absence, closed the meeting at 9-00pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Report 13th September 2026

The balance on the Admin account is £733.15 (August £662.16)

We received a payment of £71.00 from JOTCHAM Trowbridge

The balance on the Charity and Activity account is £6048.44 (August £7040.55)

Incomings

Sponsorship for the dog show and initial payments from the raffle

Outgoings

Out goings in prep for the Dog show and also for the upcoming choir
And the donations below -

Donations this month

Skip payment £200.00

BoA Dementia £500.00

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

No meeting of Community Services Committee since July 8th. Several people unavailable or away and no new requests.

Grow for Life Charity. Dr. Eldridge spoke about this charity at the July Lions meeting. All members agreed we would support this. We now need to decide whether we give £500.00 or £1000.00.

Bleed Kits. Mr Robert Beesley spoke to us about Bleed Kits but has not got back to us since. Ongoing.

Budget. We will be reviewing the Charity Committee budget at our next meeting.

OYP Award. Award winners and their guests will be invited to the October meeting for the presentation of the awards.

FUND RAISING

Dog show

A verbal report will be given at the September meeting.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Social Report for September 2026

After a long hot summer – it's Charter time again! Our Charter lunch will be held on Sunday 1st November. As usual it will be at Cumberwell 12 for 1230.

A delightful venue; great food and service; a chance to meet other District Club members and entertainment by the talented Courage Choir. What's not to like?! So please support this event. Menu below.

Menu choices and payment by 16th October to Betty Rogers: rogerser@hotmail.co.uk
Preferred payment by Bacs: Bradford on Avon Lions Club
SC: 30-98-75 Acct: 01612856 (Reference Charter)

Sunday Lunch 1st November 2026

Starters

Sweet Potato and Red Pepper Soup with Croutons
Chicken Liver Pate with Caramelised Onion Marmalade and Toast
Classic Prawn Cocktail served with Wholemeal Bread
Creamy Garlic Mushrooms with Toasted Ciabatta

Mains

Traditional Roast Beef served with all the Trimmings
Roast Loin of Pork with Apple Sauce, Crackling, Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables
Salmon en Crouete topped with Spinach and served with a White Wine Cream Sauce, Gratin
Potato Seasonal Vegetables
Sweet Potato, Carrot and Chickpea Wellington served with Roast Potatoes and Seasonal
Vegetables

Desserts

Warm Apple & Blackberry Crumble with Custard
Chocolate Mousse served with Chantilly Cream & Mixed Berries
St. Clements Posset topped with a Strawberry Compote
Selection of Cheese and Biscuits

Tea, Coffee and Homemade Chocolates

2 Courses £33.00

3 Courses £38.00

Bradford on Avon Lions Club Charities Account 2026/27

Payments from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Recipient</u>
7/26	£500.00	Dementia Support
7/26	£500.00	Dorothy House
7/26	£500.00	Julia's House
7/26	£500.00	LCIF
7/26	£168.00	Holt Scout Storage
9/26	£200.00	Skip Hire
9/26	£500.00	B on A Dementia
<u>Total</u>	<u>£ 2868.00</u>	

Club Diary September and October 2026

September	12	Dog Show		
	19	Choir Concert	1900hrs	
	21	Club Meeting	1930hrs	Holt
October	19	Club Meeting	1930hrs	Holt

Dates to Remember

Charter Lunch - 1st November

Magazine Deadlines

Could you please ensure that all information for the monthly Newsletter reaches Judith by the next deadline: Monday 12th October

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		£ 17,390				Total spent up to	11th May 2	Total		£14,154		
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Running Total	12200	12670	13520	13870	15620	17270	
Running Total Spent	14154	14654	16322				
Total spent up to 13/9/26		£16322					